

**Department of Kansas**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**Minutes of the Fall Council Meeting**  
**January 14, 2012**

1. Meeting was called to order at the Senior Center in Emporia, Kansas, at 10:05 AM, by Department Commander Roy A. Lafferty, PDC. This was immediately following the Winter Training Session. The council meeting had been rescheduled from its original October 15, 2011, date because of family situations of several voting members preventing the presence of a quorum.
2. Roll call of officers was conducted by Secretary Alan L. Russ, PDC.
  - a. The following voting members were present:
    - Department Commander Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Camp 4
    - Senior Vice Department Commander Robert L. Wandel, PCC, Camp 4
    - Junior Vice Department Commander Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC, Camp 16
    - Secretary/Treasurer Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16
    - Council Member Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Camp 1
    - Council Member Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16
    - Immediate Past Department Commander James R. Knopke, PDC, Camp 5
  - b. The following voting members were absent:
    - Council Member Randal L. Durbin, PDC, Camp 16
  - c. The following brothers were also present:
    - Richard Bennett, Camp Commander, Camp 1
    - Mark Britton, PCC, Camp 1
    - Paul Jefferson, Camp 4
    - Lane Smith, Camp Commander, Camp 5
    - Kirk Nystrom, Camp Commander, Camp 16
    - Kent Melcher, PCC, Camp 16
    - Roger Lester, Camp 16
  - d. With seven of the eight voting members of the Council present, a quorum was declared present.
3. Commander Lafferty asked each camp commander or camp representative to present a brief report of the activities of their camps.
4. There were no pending actions for the Department Bylaws Committee.
5. The upcoming Department Encampment is scheduled to be held on April 28, 2012, at the Emporia Senior Center. All were reminded that the facility will be open from 9 AM to 5 PM with the meeting scheduled from 10 AM to 4 PM. The host camp is Old Abe Camp, Topeka. It was reported by Old Abe Camp Commander Nystrom that he had been in contact with a representative from the LGAR regarding the noon meal. All were in agreement that the previous arrangements where the LGAR provided sandwiches and such had been very successful. It is anticipated that this will be the arrangement again this year.
6. Secretary Russ advised the Council PCinC Brad Schall will be attending the encampment as the representative for CinC Donald Palmer. PCinC Schall attended the 2011 Department Encampment in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief.

7. Secretary Russ moved the Council approve the expenditure of up to \$250.00 to cover the cost of two nights of lodging for PCinC Schall in Emporia for April 27 and 28. Motion carried. (ACTION: RUSS)
8. Council Member Schmidt reminded the Council we had not yet presented PCinC Schall with a framed "Charge at Mine Creek" print. He moved we approve the expenditure of up to \$200.00 to purchase the print, have it framed, and pay the shipping charges to ship it to PCinC Schall. Motion carried. (ACTION: SCHMIDT)
9. Secretary Russ recommended we again plan on a Friday or Saturday evening dinner with PCinC Schall and his wife, Patti. After a brief discussion it was moved to hold the dinner on Saturday evening and invite the LGAR to attend with us. Motion carried. (ACTION: RUSS)
10. Secretary Russ moved the Council approve making a donation of \$150.00 to the Emporia Senior Center for their generosity in making the building available to us for the Council meetings and the Department Encampment. Motion carried. (ACTION: RUSS)
11. Old Abe Camp 16 presented information concerning a grave marker dedication for a Civil War veteran who is buried in the Lincoln, Kansas, area. The camp is handling the coordination on this. It is anticipated it will be on the Memorial Day weekend. Other camps are encouraged to attend, as is a Department presence. (ACTION: BARTLOW)
12. Council Member Schmidt presented information concerning the pavilion at the Maple Grove Cemetery. The restoration is finally being completed, and it is planned to have the dedication ceremony this Memorial Day weekend on May 26, 2012. A Department presence was requested. Commander Lafferty encouraged participation in this. (ACTION: SCHMIDT)
13. Secretary Russ brought up possible changes to the Department Bylaws, the request that brothers would give thought to these and bring their recommendations to the Spring Council Meeting. (ACTION: ALL)
14. Secretary Russ discussed use of an electronic boardroom. It was agreed this should be pursued. (ACTION: RUSS)
15. Secretary Russ provided a "hand-out" on the proper wearing of SUVCW badges.
16. The next meeting of the Department Council will be on Saturday, March 10, 2012, at 9 AM in the Senior Center, Emporia.
17. Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 AM.

These minutes are submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

*/s/Alan L. Russ*  
Alan L. Russ, PDC  
Secretary