

**MINUTES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
FALL COUNCIL MEETING**

OCTOBER 19, 2013 – EMPORIA, KANSAS

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by Department Commander Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC. Patriotic Instructor William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC, led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, gave the invocation.
2. Secretary Alan L. Russ, PDC, called the roll of the officers.
 - a. Officers present were:
 - Department Commander Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC *
 - Senior Vice Department Commander Kent M. Melcher, PCC *
 - Junior Vice Department Commander Mark A. Britton, PCC *
 - Secretary/Treasurer Alan L. Russ, PDC *
 - Council Member James R. Knopke, PDC *
 - Council Member William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC *
 - Council Member Roger D. Lester *
 - Immediate Past Department Commander Roy A. Lafferty, PDC *
 - b. Voting members absent: None.
 - c. Guests present were:
 - Conrad M. Fisher, Camp Commander, Old Abe Camp 16
 - Lane D. Smith, PCC, Franklin Camp 5
 - William F. Riedell, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1

** Voting officers of the Council.*
 - d. Five voting officers are required to be present for a quorum to exist. Eight voting offices were present, therefore, the requirements for a quorum were met.
3. Commander Bartlow gave opening remarks to the Council.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Secretary Russ led a discussion about the remaining 2013 Department Encampment medals. The Department still has 55 medals on hand. Larger sales of the medals as commemorative medals at the 2013 Encampment had been anticipated, but did not happen. Another 25 medals need to be sold to break even on the cost of the 2013 medal. It was agreed to pass out some of the medals to representatives who were present so they could take them back to their camps and try to sell them for the Department. Nine medals were sent to Camp 1, with six medals each being sent to Camps 4, 5, and 16.
5. There being no more old business to come before the Council, Commander Barlow opened the discussion to “New Business.”
 - a. The budget for 2014 was discussed, with Brother Russ raising the question as to what the Council’s wishes were concerning whether or not to continue with a detailed budget on the level with the 2013 budget. Brother Melcher moved the current budget process be continued. Motion was seconded and passed.
 - b. General Order Number 3 and the Department of Kansas directive concerning child protection were discussed. General Order Number 3 and the Department of Kansas

directive concerning child protection were discussed. In order to see what additional guidance may come from the Council of Administration meeting on November 24, 2013, no further changes will be made until after that time.

c. Brother Russ moved for the approval of up to \$300.00 for hotel and meal expenses for the Commander-in-Chief or his representative at the Department Encampment. Brother Russ stated that if the Commander-in-Chief could not attend, he would designate a National officer to attend in his place. If, by chance, Brother Russ is the designated officer, he would not be accepting the reimbursement, as he would have to attend anyway.

d. The issue of a Department Encampment medal for 2014 was discussed. Brother Fischer moved the Department order 60 medals, with one medal per attendee to be sold at \$7.00 each. Additional medals will be sold at \$10.00 to attendees or other brothers of the Department, subject to availability. Motion was seconded and passed.

e. Brother Russ discussed progress he has made so far on the establishment of a camp in Saint Francis. Forms 51 and 52 were submitted to the Department Commander for his authorization and signature. The tentative name for the camp is Old Glory Camp No. 7, based upon the original SUVCW camp in Saint Francis, which was Old Glory Camp No. 46.

f. Upcoming National Encampments were discussed.

2014 – Marietta, Georgia, August 7-10, 2014

2015 – Richmond, Virginia, August 13-16, 2015

2016 – Springfield, Illinois, August 11-14, 2016

g. There was a discussion about insurance, including the availability of insurance through the National policy. Information will be provided at a later date.

h. Lunch at the Department Encampment will, again, be made available through the Kansas Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for \$10.00. Additional information will be provided at a later date.

6. Chaplain Lafferty gave the closing prayer.

7. Commander Bartlow declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

8. The next meeting of the Department Council shall be on Saturday, January 11, 2014, immediately following the Department Encampment.

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

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary

APPROVED: _____