

**MINUTES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
POST ENCAMPMENT COUNCIL MEETING**

JANUARY 11, 2014 – EMPORIA, KANSAS

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM by Department Commander Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC.
2. Officers present were:
 - Department Commander Rocky L. Barlow, PDC
 - SVDC Kent M. Melcher, PCC
 - JVDC 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
 - PCinC D. Brad Schall attended as a guest.
3. The first order of business was for the three elected council members to elect their chairman. James R. Knopke, PDC, was elected as such, and the Department Secretary will act as secretary for the council members.
4. Brother Russ moved the proposed budget for 2014 be adopted. Motion was seconded and passed.
5. Brother Russ moved the department purchase a set of station banners from the National Quartermaster for \$120.00, including shipping. This shall be an unbudgeted expense with the funds coming from the general fund of the department. He stated the National Quartermaster confirmed the price last week and has three sets in stock. Motion was seconded, and, after a brief discussion, the motion carried.
6. Brother Russ then discussed the current department seal embosser. The current embosser was donated almost ten years ago and has not produced clear impressions for some time. He recommended the department go with a seal using a milled brass die. The vendor would be Southwest Rubber Stamp Company, Albuquerque, New Mexico, which is the same vendor used for the embosser for the National seal. It was moved to spend up to \$250.00 from the general fund for the purchase of a new seal embosser. Motion was seconded and carried.
7. PCinC Schall requested to address the council. He desires to donate money to the Department for the purpose of placing a bench at the G.A.R. section at the Eastside Cemetery in Hutchinson, Kansas. The proposal and proposed artwork for the bench were discussed. Brother Melcher moved the Department accept the proposal. Motion was seconded and carried.
8. An offer was discussed for obtaining private funding to place memorial wreaths at the following locations for Memorial Day each year: G.A.R. section, Eastside Cemetery, Hutchinson, Kansas; Lincoln Monument in downtown Hutchinson, Kansas; G.A.R. section in Maple Grove Cemetery, Wichita, Kansas; and the G.A.R. section in Oak Hill Cemetery, Lawrence, Kansas. The offer includes an annual donation of funds over the next five years, with the intention the fund will be self-sufficient from that time on. The Department would need to

commit to place the wreaths and arrange for their storage between Memorial Days. The wreaths would indicate on them “Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War” and “Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic” or similar wording. Brother Melcher moved the Department accept the proposal with specifics to be determined and reviewed. Motion was seconded and carried.

9. Brother Russ presented a proposal for the establishment of a Department Encampment Committee for the purpose of providing for and ensuring the requirements for Department Encampments are met. The committee membership would be appointed by the incoming Department Commander and provide representation for all of the Department camps. Additionally, the Kansas LGAR president would be invited to appoint a representative on the committee. The proposal was discussed. The Council was in agreement with the proposal; however, a formal motion was not made, as it is within the authority of the Department Commander to appoint a special committee. Commander Bartlow indicated he intended to appoint the committee.

10. Brother Knopke moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded and carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

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

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

APPROVED: February 2, 2014