



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
General Pleasonton Camp #24

MINUTES OF THE CAMP MEETING
October 10, 2020

Meeting of the camp via Zoom was called to order by Commander Robert Mayer at 10:04 a.m.

Members in attendance: Brothers Robert Mayer, Ken Felton, Steve Johnson, Gary Hormel, Dale Smith, Mark Wilson, Jeff Nibert, Glenn Martin, and Greg LaFramboise

The minutes of the last meeting were read; motion to approve by Brother Gary and seconded by Brother Glenn. approved.

Treasurer's Report: Brother Johnson reported that the camp as of September 1 has \$865.03 in our account with Union Bank. Of this total, \$200 is in the Braden Schall Memorial Fund.

Brother Ken reported no new membership applications.

The results of the camp elections for 2021 were as follows:

Commander — Robert Mayer
Senior Vice-commander — Ken Felton
Junior Vice-commander — Glenn Martin
Secretary/Treasurer — Steve Johnson
Council member 1 — Jeff Nibert
Council Member 2 — Dale Smith
Council Member 3 — Greg LaFramboise

Brother Robert has asked for members to consider assuming one of the vacant camp positions: camp chaplain (reads the prayer at the beginning and end of the meetings) and camp patriotic instructor (reaches out to ROTC, scout and school groups to inform them of our awards program and classroom visits).

Camp Business:

- Brother Steve reported that Alcatraz and Fort Point are open to the public with safety protocols in place (no gathering for formal programs, no going inside buildings, masks requested). Volunteers can come to the island but must undergo training and are limited to roving the island and answering questions at tent stations. Fort Point is still working out roles for volunteers.
- Brother Steve announced a plan for the Camp to produce a series of videos that can be offered to school and community groups about the Civil War in the Bay Area. Topics can include: life as a garrison soldier, armaments around the Bay, the post on Angel Island, etc. He will put together a list of more topics and how each member can

be involved. This will be sent out within a week. Brothers Glenn and Jeff have already indicated in interest in helping with this project.

- Brother Steve is going through the bureaucracy to find out if it is possible for us to give brief talks about notable Civil War soldiers at the Golden Gate National Cemetery on Veterans Day. If permission is granted he will send out the details about time, place, and the individuals we will talk about. Perhaps a socially-distanced picnic could take place afterward at the Presidio. Rain (remember the rain?) would cancel.
- There has been no response by the San Francisco Arts Commission to the letter that Brother Steve wrote regarding the disposition of the statue of U.S. Grant, which was removed from Golden Gate Park this summer. They are perhaps waiting for the storm to blow over before deciding anything. This could be months or even years from now.
- Brother Robert announced that awards will be given out to this year's officers in appreciation of their service to the camp. These officers will be receiving their awards in the mail next month. He also announced that he is awarding the Officer of the Year Award to Brother Gary Hormel for the many things he has done for the camp, quietly and dependably.
- Brother Steve mentioned that the members of the camp will receive the beautiful certificate of membership in the SUVCW, suitable for framing, with their information done in calligraphy and mailed to their home. He will start with those who regularly come to our meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Johnson
Secretary/Treasurer, Camp 24