



**Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4
Department of California and Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



**Meeting Minutes
Camp Meeting
Saturday, February 11, 2023**

Denny's Restaurant, 1015 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, California

Camp No. 4 Members Present (8):

Frank C. Avila (DC), Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Thomas T. Graham (PDC), Robert J. Kadlec (PCC), Rick T. LaRosa (CC), Paul E. Lavrischeff (PCC), Donald E. Menzies, John E. Stolp (PCC)

Guests Present (0):

None.

Meeting called to order by CC Rick LaRosa at 10:55 am.

The draft minutes for the meeting of January 21, 2023 were distributed by email prior to the meeting. It was moved (Graham) and seconded (Stolp) that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Camp Secretary Tad Campbell was absent and had nothing to report.

Camp Treasurer Linn W. Malaznik was absent. On his behalf, Daniel Earl reported that as of January 31, 2023 the treasury had a balance of \$7,673.29.

Camp Commander Rick LaRosa reported the following:

- Rick contacted Laurie Amaro, editor of the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society (SCCHGS) Newsletter, and she will give the Camp the lead article for the October 2023 issue on the GAR Plot and Remembrance Day event.
- Rick contacted the general manager at the Madronia Cemetery in Saratoga, California for assistance on setting up for our April 15th meeting and the Mary Brown presentation. He replied that this was not a problem, but that the staff office is closed on Saturday, so they would not be able to supply chairs and tables for our meeting that day.
- Rick related issues with the planning of Memorial Day from the planning committee at Oak Hill Memorial Park and the question of whether the Camp wishes to participate and having "a wait and see" attitude.
- The search is still on for future Camp meeting sites/rooms, etc.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

- New Member - Thomas B. Hammer: On behalf of the Membership Committee, Daniel Earl moved that Brothers approve Thomas Benton Hammer for membership in our Camp. The motion passed unanimously.
- Membership Dues and Fees: It was moved (Earl) and seconded (Lavrischeff) that, pursuant to § 3 of Art. VIII of the Camp Bylaws, late fees for annual Camp dues not paid by February 1, 2023, be waived by the Camp. The Motion passed unanimously.
- Camp Bylaws Proposals: On behalf of the Camp Bylaws Committee, Daniel Earl moved that the proposed amendments as presented be adopted as part of the Camp Bylaws. The motion passed unanimously. *[Note: The proposed amendments were distributed via email to the entire Camp on January 2, 2023 and again on February 8, 2023.]*

Good of the Order:

- Paul Lavrischeff related an anecdote about Abraham Lincoln.
- Frank Avila announced that there would be a living history event with re-enactors at Fort Point in San Francisco on February 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.
- Frank Avila reminded Brothers that the Department Encampment will take place at the Four Points by Sheraton in Bakersfield, California on March 17-18, 2023 and if going they should get their room reservation and register for the Encampment before February 18th to get the discounted prices. The forms are available on the Department website.
- In celebration of Lincoln's birthday, Daniel Earl presented the Brothers with "Lincoln Chocolate Chip Cookies" made by his wife, Debbie.
- Rick LaRosa talked about the Fort Point Garrison Band. They would like to give a concert to the Camp. There was discussion about possibly using them at the ceremony at the GAR plot on May 29, 2023. A question was asked to verify if they are a 501(c) charitable group.

Meeting was duly closed at 12:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Camp Secretary Tad D. Campbell, PCinC from notes compiled by Donald Menzies, Daniel Earl, and Rick LaRosa.