



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



**Meeting Minutes
Camp Meeting & Historical Program
Saturday, April 15, 2023**

Madronia Cemetery, 14766 Oak Street, Saratoga, California

Camp No. 4 Members Present (6):

Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Robert J. Kadlec (PCC), Rick T. LaRosa (PCC), Paul E. Lavrischeff (PCC), Gregory L. Mast, John E. Stolp (PCC)

Guests Present (1):

Bruce Mickelson (neighbor of CC LaRosa).

Meeting called to order by CC Rick LaRosa at approximately 10:00 am.

The draft minutes for the meeting of February 11, 2023 were distributed by email prior to the meeting. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion passed.

Officer and Committee Reports:

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

Camp Treasurer Linn W. Malaznik was absent and had nothing to report.

Camp Commander Rick LaRosa gave a review of the Department Encampment that took place in Bakersfield, California on March 17-19, 2023.

No other officers nor committees had anything to report.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

- The membership was informed of the Civil War monument challenge presented at the Department Encampment by Department Patriotic Instructor Kyle Jones.
- Regarding Memorial Day activities, CC LaRosa presented his arguments as to why the Camp should not participate at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José this year. After some discussion and feedback, it was decided that the Camp would participate in Memorial Day observances at a new location, preferably the GAR plot at Los Gatos Memorial Park in San Jose.

Good of the Order:

- Brother Gregory Mast was presented with his certificate of membership.

Meeting was duly closed at approximately 11:00 am.

Program:

Immediately after the conclusion of the business meeting, Camp Historian John Stolp, PCC delivered a history presentation near the headstone of Mary Brown. She was the second wife of John Brown who led the raid on Harper's Ferry before the Civil War. Brother Stolp gave an informative talk on Mary Brown's life and trials from the execution of her husband in 1859 to bringing her family out west to California. The Camp extends its appreciate to Brother Stolp for conducting the program.

Minutes submitted by Camp Secretary Tad D. Campbell, PCinC from notes compiled by Rick LaRosa.