

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE
Pewaukee, Wisconsin - 1982

The Central Region Conference of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary was held on October 9 & 10, 1982 at Steeplechase Inn, Pewaukee, Wisconsin.

The Conference was called to order by the Commander, Brother William C. Reed, Jr. at 2:30P.M. The Bible was opened and the Invocation was given by Brother Roy Smith, Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance, led by Patr. Instr. Helen Huff was given.

The following National Officers were introduced:

Past Commander-in-Chief George Cashman - Illinois
Past National President Ellinore K. Johnson - Wisconsin

The roll call of officers was taken with the following officers responding:

Commander - William C. Reed, Jr. - Illinois -----	Present
Sr. Vice Commander - Rhoda Lamanski - Wisconsin -----	Present
Jr. Vice Commander - Thomas W. Graham - Ohio -----	Absent
Secretary - Robert M. Graham - Illinois -----	Present
Treasurer - Ellinore K. Johnson - Wisconsin -----	Present
Patr. Inst. - Helen Huff - Wisconsin -----	Present
Chaplain - Roy Smith - Ohio -----	Present
Guide - Lillian Sutton - Ohio -----	Absent

The roll call of States was taken with the following representations:

Colorado-Wyoming -----	0
Illinois -----	6
Indiana -----	4
Iowa -----	0
Kansas -----	0
Michigan -----	0
Minnesota -----	0
Missouri -----	0
Nebraska -----	0
Ohio -----	2
Oklahoma -----	0
Wisconsin -----	20
Total	32

(The above was taken from the registration roster)

The minutes of the 1981 Conference was read and approved.

Communications from those unable to be present were read:

Brother Thomas L.W. Johnson read a letter from Brother Thomas W. Graham.

Sister Ellinore K. Johnson read a letter from Sister Marie Doran.

The Secretary read letters from the following:

Richard C. Schlenker - Commander-in-Chief- S.U.V.C.W.

Dorris W. Schlenker - National President - Auxiliary S.U.V.C.W.

Richard L. Greenwalt - Past Commander-in-Chief S.U.V.C.W.

Lillian Sutton of Ohio

A letter was read from Mrs. Rosella Vanac of Missouri stating that the Department of Missouri could no longer pay the dues to the Central Region Conference.

A letter was read from David A. Geraldson, Chairman, Advisory Board, Salvation Army, of Waukesha, Wisconsin, expressing his gratitude for our donation of \$20.00 in the name of Brother Grover Huff.

The Treasurer, Sister Ellinore K. Johnson, read the financial report for the year 1981-1982, which was approved and accepted. This report is made a part of these minutes.

Commander Reed asked for committee reports, none were submitted.

Commander Reed appointed the following committees with instructions to report at the second session.

Auditing Committee:	Evelyn C. Jung Edward Coltrin George Cashman
Resolutions Committee:	Russ Dunlap Marlene Carnduff Burton Kannenberg
Nominating Committee:	Thomas L.W. Johnson Betty King Roy Smith

At this point the Conference recessed. Moderator, Thomas L.W. Johnson requested that each state delegation meet individually to discuss the material to be presented, "The Confederacy." At the end of twenty minutes the members reassembled. Brother Johnson called on each state alphabetically and reports were given by the following individuals:

Illinois -----	George L. Cashman G. Edward Coltrin William C. Reed, Jr.
Ohio -----	Marjorie M. Smith
Wisconsin -----	Grover Huff Rhoda Lemanski Ellinore K. Johnson Burton Kannenberg Shirley Schwarz George Nuoffer Russ Dunlap

At this point a motion was made to recess and continue the discussion at our Sunday session. The Conference was recessed at 4:20 P.M. to resume at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday, October 10, 1982.

SECOND SESSION
October 10, 1982

The second session of the Conference was opened at 9:45 A.M. by Commander Reed. Chaplain Roy Smith opened the Bible and gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Patr. Instr. Helen Huff.

Commander Reed asked Brother Thomas L.W. Johnson to continue with the discussion.

The Auditing Committee reported that the Treasurer's books were in excellent condition. This report was accepted and approved. A copy of this report is part of these minutes.

The Resolutions Committee submitted no report.

A report from the Legislative Committee was given by Brother Thomas L.W. Johnson.

The Nominating Committee presented the following report:

Commander -----	Rhoda Lemanski - Wisconsin
Sr. V. Commander -----	Thomas W. Graham - Ohio
Jr. V. Commander -----	Marlene Carnduff - Illinois
Secretary -----	Robert M. Graham - Illinois
Treasurer -----	Ellinore K. Johnson - Wisconsin
Patr. Instr. -----	Clara Reed - Indiana
Chaplain -----	Roy Smith - Ohio
Guide -----	Burton E. Kannenberg - Wisconsin

Motion was made by Brother Grover Huff and seconded by Brother David Reed that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the above named slate of officers. Motion carried.

Commander William C. Reed, Jr. turned the remainder of the meeting over to the newly elected Commander Rhoda Lemanski.

Commander Lemanski asked Brother Thomas L.W. Johnson if he would act as installing officer which he accepted.

The roll of officers was called and were duly installed.

Commander Lemanski asked for an invitation for next years Conference. Brother Roy Smith, extended an invitation for the 1983 Central Region Conference to be held in Ohio, date and place to be announced later. Motion made by Thomas L.W. Johnson and seconded by Evelyn C. Jung that we accept the invitation. Motion Carried.

A number of possible themes for the 1983 Conference were suggested. The theme "Battles and Leaders of the Confederacy" was accepted.

Commander Lemanski asked if there were any bills to be paid. A list of bills was read by treasurer Sister Ellinore K. Johnson. A motion was made by William C. Reed, Jr. and seconded by Sister Louise Hernke that said bills be paid. Motion Carried.

Commander Lemanski appointed the following to the "Outstanding Achievement Award" committee: Ellinor K. Johnson, Marlene Carnduff, and Orval King.

Brother Thomas L.W. Johnson made a motion and seconded by Brother William C. Reed, Jr. that the Central Region Conference gave a \$15.00 donation to the charity of Brother Grover Huff's choice for his donation of the "Outstanding Achievement" plaque. Motion Carried.

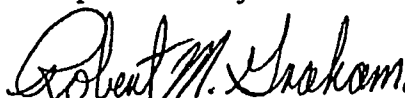
A motion was made by Brother David Reed and seconded that a rising vote of thanks be given to the Central Region Conference officers for an outstanding job. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Brother Thomas L.W. Johnson and seconded by Brother G. Edward Coltrin that the secretary write a letter of appreciation to the Steeplechase Inn for the many courtesies extended in our behalf. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Brother G. Edward Coltrin and seconded by Sister Ellinore K. Johnson that the secretary write a letter to the Wisconsin Department of the Sons and Auxiliary for the splendid reception given to all the delegates at this Conference. Motion Carried.

Motion made and seconded that the Conference be adjourned. Motion Carried. Conference adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.



ROBERT M. GRAHAM
1982 Secretary

P.S. At the banquet Saturday evening, Sister Betty King of Indiana was the recipient of the "Outstanding Achievement Award" for her many years of faithful service to the Central Region Conference.

Commander Lemanski asked Brother Thomas L.W. Johnson to act as moderator next year. Which he accepted.

October, 1982

To the Regional Commander, Officers and Members of the Central Region Conference.

Greetings:

I wish to submit to you my report for the year 1981-1982. It is as follows:

Balance on hand September 30, 1981..... \$ 412.86

Receipts: Dues 1981-1982:

Wisconsin Sons.....	\$ 5.00	
Iowa Auxiliary.....	5.00	
Wisconsin Auxiliary.....	5.00	
Ohio Sons.....	5.00	
Illinois Sons.....	5.00	
Ohio Auxiliary.....	5.00	
Indiana Sons.....	5.00	
Iowa Sons - 1982-83.....	5.00	
Illinois Auxiliary.....	5.00	
Oklahoma - Fort Chickamauga.....	5.00	
Indiana Auxiliary.....	5.00	
Missouri - Curtis Warner.....	<u>5.00</u>	60.00

Other Receipts:

Registration - Peoria, Ill.....	42.00	
Ck. #137 Lost - redeposited.....	10.00	<u>52.00</u>
TOTAL.....		\$524.86

Disbursements:

Banquet ticket - Regional Com...	10.00	
Illinois Sons - Flag.....	15.00	
Illinois Auxiliary - #9, Mem....	10.00	
Regional Secretary - Postage....	12.00	
Regional Treas., Postage & Sup..	5.35	
Donation to N. P. I. Fund.....	10.00	
Donation to Salvation Army (contribution for plaque).....	<u>20.00</u>	<u>82.35</u>

Balance on hand as of September 30, 1982... \$442.51

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.
ELLINORE K. JOHNSON
Regional Treasurer

We, the Auditing Committee, examined
the books of the Treasurer Ellipse & Johnson
and found them to be correct.

Erlyn C. Jones
Ed. T. Johnson
Ed. Coltrin

Report of Nominating Committee

Officers for 1982-83

Commander - Rhoda Lemanski - Wisconsin

Sr. Vice Commander - Thomas W. Graham - Ohio

Jr. Vice Commander - Marlene Cornduff - Illinois

Secretary - Robert M. Graham - Illinois

Treasurer - Ellinore K. Pluron - Wisconsin

Patr. Instr. - Clara Reed - Indiana

Chaplain - Roy Smith - Ohio

Guide - Burton E. Kennenberg - Wisconsin

Respectfully submitted,
Betty King
Roy Smith
Thomas L. W. Pluron

THE CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE
October 9 & 10, 1982

Friends:

Strange as it may seem in an SUV group meeting, I was born and grew up in the backwoods of North Central Alabama.

This is the story of Aunt Mollie's "Yankee Grave". This was a bit of the South, untouched by the "War" until the last year of the war. The most of the people were small farmholders with no slaves. They were sympathetic to the Confederacy but were not anxious to fight.

During General Wilson's raid through Alabama, a troop of U.S. cavalry came through the Valley below Auntie Mollie's mountain home to burn the coke ovens which supplied coke to the iron furnaces over near Trussville, and had with them a trooper who had been injured. Not expecting him to recover or be able to travel, his commanding officer left him with Aunt Mollie "to nurse back to health or to bury." As expected, he died and was buried beneath a peach tree in her yard.

The War ended and her husband came home to live with her, but was crippled. Both of their families were destitute and came to live with her and her husband. Children came to bless them and their "row" was hard.

Sometime during the early 1870's when the days were the darkest, the mountain people began to visit Aunt Mollie's "Yankee grave" to throw a dime onto it and make a wish. Aunt Mollie made very good use of the offerings!

When I first knew Aunt Mollie, I was around seven or eight years old, and she was our nearest neighbor, about two miles away. Of course we had heard the story and Mother and Dad, both Yankees, had to ask Aunt Mollie about the grave. Her answer--"Laws, No. He was buried here but when John came home (He was her husband) from the war, he--the Yankee was reburied in our plot over at the church."

Shortly after this, Mother, while talking to the old minister, asked him about the story, etc. The old minister drew upright and answered her thusly, "Mrs. Huff you are from the North and well-educated so you will understand what I tell you. The people on the mountain are a very proud and independent group. They would rather starve than take their neighbor's charity. The wishing on the Yankee grave was the idea of Old Brother Amos, a former minister of the church, to help Aunt Mollie without hurting her feelings."

In conclusion: the wish on the Yankees grave is still being used to raise money for the church.

Thank you, Grover R. Huff. Wis. Dept. Cmdr.