

MINUTES  
CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 2, 1999  
LANSING, MICHIGAN

The Central Region Conference, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was opened at 2:05 P.M. in the Best Western Hotel on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of October 1999 by Michigan Department Commander Kent Armstrong introducing the head table and starting introductions around the room.

Kent then introduced Jim Lyons of Michigan to speak on the Sunfield G.A.R. Hall which we will visit tomorrow morning.

Kent then introduced the Central Region Conference Program Chairman Steve Michaels of Wisconsin who thanked the Department of Michigan for hosting the conference and for the program earlier in the day on the Michigan Civil War Battle Flags.

Steve introduced Jack Grothe of Missouri who spoke on recruiting and retention of troops during the Civil War 1861 to 1865.

CRC Commander, Danielle Michaels recessed for 10 minutes. Upon returning Commander Michaels proceeded with a program talk on recruitment into the Civil War community (current time.)

After that and a short 5 minute recess, Steve Michaels spoke on retention of members in present day.

CRC Commander, Danielle Michaels opened the business meeting at 4:50P.M.

Roll Call of Officers was taken:

Commander	Danielle Michaels	Wisconsin	Present
Senior Vice Commander	Ron Aronis	Wisconsin	Absent
Junior Vice Commander	Kent Armstrong	Michigan	Present
Secretary/Treasurer	Edward Krieser	Indiana	Present
Patriotic Instructor	John Myers	Illinois	Absent
Guide	Mark Rayburn		Absent
Chaplain	Ron Gill	Indiana	Present
Color Bearer	Doug Armstrong	Michigan	Present

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Communication from CRC Sr. Vice Commander Ron Aronis was read.

Department of Illinois volunteered for the 2000 Central Region Conference.

Kent Armstrong moved and Bob Lowe seconded to accept offer from Department of Illinois with timely notice of meeting date to be contingent on Illinois Department getting it set. Accepted.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Nominating Committee

Ed Krieser  
Gary Gibson  
Ron Gill  
Nancy Findley

Resolutions

Richard Lee  
Margaret Grothe  
Tom Crawford  
Bob Lowe

After a brief recess the committees gave their reports.

**Resolutions Committee Report:**

1. To commend the Department of Michigan for hosting the 1999 Central Region Conference.
2. To commend Kerry Chartkoff for her fine presentation of Michigan Civil War Flags.
3. To commend the Best Western Midway Hotel for there hospitality during our stay in Lansing, Michigan.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was approved.

**The Nominations Committee report:**

CRC Commander	Ron Aronis	Wisconsin
Senior Vice Commander	Kent Armstrong	Michigan
Junior Vice Commander	Russell Kirchner	Indiana
Secretary/Treasurer	Jack Grothe	Missouri

The Patriotic Instructor, Guide, Chaplain and Color Bearer to be appointed by CRC Commander.

The report of the Nominations Committee was accepted. Keith Harrison Moved, Gary Gibson second there being no further nominations these members be the newly elected officers of the Central Region Conference. Passed.

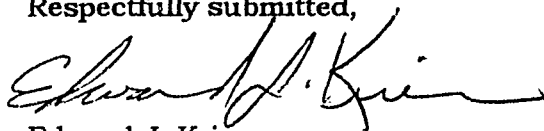
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Kent Armstrong handed out flyers used by Michigan for flag presentation accepted procedures.

Past C-in-C Keith Harrison installed the newly elected officers of the Central Region Conference.

The Closing Ceremony was then held to bring the conference to an end.

Respectfully submitted,



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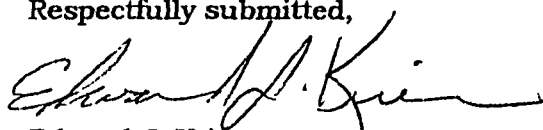
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