## January 15, 2005 Orlando A. Somers Camp #1 Sons of Unions Veterans of the Civil War Meeting Minutes Richard's Restaurant

Jon Ayers, Camp Commander, opened the meeting at 12:45 PM.

Randy McNally read the Treasurer's report. He showed a balance of \$2437.01. The Secretary's report for Dec. 18, 2004 was approved as written on a motion by Noel Reen second by Russ Kirchner, PDC, passed.

Twelve members and guests were present. The guests were Lee Ann Teller and Dan Dunn. Members present were Ned Baker, PCC, Alan Teller, PDC, Russ Kirchner, PDC, Seth Kirchner, Allen Moore, PC-in-C, Jon Ayers, CC, Randy McNally, Tom Crawford, PDC, Noel Reen, and Kent Smith.

Alan Teller reported on the Department Midwinter Encampment to be held in Huntington on next Saturday, Jan 22, 2005. All were invited to attend. Also the Lincoln Day Program is to be held at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in Southern Indiana on Feb. 6, 2005 at 2:00 PM CST. The SUVCW and the SVR will again play a prominent roll. All are encouraged to participate in this event. It was Alan's turn to clean the cannon this month. He learned from Dan Smith, at the Parks Department, the cannon was moved shortly before Christmas to the garage in Highland Park. He will call Dan next week to view and clean the cannon. Russ wanted a follow-up call on the status of the cannon before he cleans it next month. Dan is formulating plans to display the cannon near the Visitors Center in Highland Park. He will keep us informed. We need to stay involved in this project.

Tom Crawford talked about the Crown Point Cemetery Project, replacing gravestones in the Soldiers Circle. Currently, nine stone are being addressed. He made a motion: After approaching Dan Smith about making us a deal on the cost of setting the stones; the camp will pledge half the cost and R. Kirchner, T. Crawford, and A. Teller will cover the other half of the cost. The camp funds for this project are to come from the general fund. Seconded by Allen Moore; Passed.

Russ Kirchner passed out discs containing the names and locations of 11,000 Civil War Veterans buried in Indiana. He still has \$200 available to pay for entering additional names. Lee Ann Teller stated she would visit Russ and see if she could help this effort. The book raffle was won by Russ Kirchner (2), Seth Kirchner (1) and Kent Smith (1). Alan Teller presented the program on current badges of the order and how to wear them. Allen Moore and Noel Reen aided him.

Camp Commander, Jon Ayers, closed the meeting at 2:20 PM.

Alan Teller, Secretary

