

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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1. During the course of investigating the situation with the G.A.R. Hall in Gettysburg, Penna., it has become painfully clear that certain members and former members of Gettysburg Camp 112 did act in a manner inconsistent with the well-being of Gettysburg Camp 112, Pennsylvania Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the members of Corporal Skelly Post 9, Pennsylvania Department, Grand Army of the Republic.
2. These certain individuals did negotiate the sale of the G.A.R. Hall to Historic Gettysburg-Adams County, Incorporated (HGAC) with full knowledge of their personal conflict of interest. That these individuals represented the SUVCW while at the same time serving HGAC as either a member of the HGAC Board of Directors or as a member of the HGAC Building Committee.
3. These individuals did fail to perform their fiduciary responsibility to Gettysburg Camp 112 in a manner which best served the interest of the Camp.
4. That two of these individuals did conspire to deprive the SUVCW and the G.A.R. of their rights as specified in the Deed of the property know as the Corporal Skelly Post 9 G.A.R. Hall and further they conspired to bring about the demise of Gettysburg Camp 112.
5. Based upon the foregoing information provided by members of Gettysburg Camp 112, contemporaneous notes of meetings taken by a member of Camp 112, examination of the records, actions of one of the individuals mentioned below, comments from one of those individuals, the recommendation of the Pennsylvania Department Commander, the recommendation of an Assistant National Counselor, the recommendation of an independent legal scholar and pursuant to the authority invested in me by Chapter V, Article VI, Section 6 the following actions are ordered:
 - A. Dr. Walter Powell, formerly Secretary-Treasurer and a member of the Camp council of Camp 112, is hereby prohibited from ever again holding membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He shall be borne upon the rolls of this Order as having been dishonorably discharged,
 - B. Abner Rainbow, formerly a member of Camp 112, is hereby prohibited from ever again holding membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He shall be borne upon the rolls of this Order as having been dishonorably discharged, and
 - C. Lavern Louey, formerly member of the Camp council of Camp 112 and currently a member of Camp 112, is hereby expelled from the Order and prohibited from ever again holding membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He shall be borne upon the rolls of this Order as having been dishonorably discharged.

6. Pursuant to the requirements of Chapter V, Article VI, Section 6, Brother Charles Kuhn, Jr. Vice Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania is hereby appointed Trial Commissioner to take written and/or verbal testimony relative to the above items and to ascertain if further action is required by this office.

By Order of
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief

Attested:
David Hann
National Secretary

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