

**Council of Administration Meeting
Springfield, IL
April 15, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 8:03 PM.

Commander in Chief Bruce Frail began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain Jerry Kowalski opened with an invocation.

Secretary did roll call of Officers:

Commander-in-Chief	Bruce D. Frail
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Kevin L. Martin
National Secretary	Daniel W. Murray
National Treasurer	Michael Beard
National Quartermaster	James L. Lyon
Council of Administration Member	Robert Payne, PDC
Council of Administration Member	Christopher Workman PDC
Council of Administration Member	Shane Milburn
Council of Administration Member	Kevin P. Tucker
Council of Administration Member	Joseph Hall
Council of Administration Member and Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief	Michael Paquette, PCinC

Brothers Hritsko and Workman have excused absences. Brothers David Demmy, Robert Petrovic, James Pahl, Jerry Kowalski and Rod Fraser were also present.

The Commander in Chief had the Council go into executive session. All Brother's who were not members of the Council were asked to leave the room.:

Commander Frail brought the Council out of executive session at 8:23 PM and said that Brother Chris Workman is unable to temporarily discharge the duties of his office and under Chapter 3 Article 6 Section 4 of the National Regulations Item D that Chris Workman a duly elected member of the Council of Administration has declared to me that he is unable to discharge the duties of his office at this time. Such duties shall be discharged by the appointment of a temporary officer serving in an acting capacity in the Council of Administration until Brother Workman declares that he can resume his duties. A motion was made by Brother Michael Paquette to appoint Brother Brian Pierson to replace Brother Workman until he is able to fulfill his obligations. It was seconded by Kevin Tucker. Brother Pierson said he would accept the appointment if approved. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Report from the National Graves Registration Officer was read and there were no recommendations.

One copy of Adobe was given to the Secretary and the other copy is to be given to Brother Martin as he will be the next Senior Vice Commander in on the P&P committee. Now that we

belong to tech soup they have a deal where we can get Microsoft 360 licenses 10 for \$10 a month. The Treasurer will buy the licenses.

The National Committee on Encampment Credentials recommends a meeting be set up to discuss such issues as the timely submission of Forms and Reports with Department Commanders and Secretary. Brother Pahl and Brother Demmy will work on this and report back to the Council Of administer of Administration at the pre-Encampment meeting.

The committee assigned to look at pricing for the new life membership program will refer it to the C&R committee.

Commander Frail responded to the GSA and wrote to them that we are working under the assumption that the GAR did not own the monument, that it was a bailment and that they were taking care of it. There is nothing to show that there was ever ownership but there is plenty of verbiage between newspaper reports and officials during the day that the post was given care and custody of the Kit Carson monument. That would not be done if the GAR post owned the monument. They were also notified that to make things easier Commander Frail has been authorized by the 141st National Encampment to do a quitclaim deed. Nothing further has been heard from the GSA.

The National Park Service would charge us upwards of \$1000 a year to do this flagging at Gettysburg National Military Cemetery. They want to charge us for rental of the flags and to help cover the cost of the flags that get ruined, and they want the SUVCW to cover the cost of their employees to watch us pick up the flags, clean them and roll them. The ratio would be 5:1. Discussion ensued. The motion was made by Brother Pierson and seconded by Brother Paquette to walk away from flagging at Gettysburg and not pay the \$1000 a year. After some discussion Brother Pierson offered a substitute motion to retract the vote that was made at Gettysburg in 2021 because of the new requirements from the National Park Service which makes our position untenable. It was seconded by Brother Paquette. The motion passed unanimously.

Brother Pierson offered another motion that we contact the appropriate legislative body to express our concerns about the new policies of the National Park Service which will make it impossible to carry out our mission. It was seconded by Joel Hall and after some discussion the motion was defeated with one yes vote and 10 no votes.

The Treasurer has a recommendation asking the Council to approve the purchase of QuickBooks from tech soup for \$100. The motion was made by Brother Pierson and seconded by Brother Hall. There was no discussion. The vote was unanimous to pass.

The Quartermaster has recommendations for a new computer and a written handbook for the quartermaster. Discussion ensued and the laptop will be brought up at the pre-Encampment Council of Administration meeting.

The National Encampment Site Committee has submitted a resolution for the restructuring and duties of the National Encampment Site Committee. After discussion it was sent to the C&R Committee for their recommendations.

Brother Rod Fraser from the National Committee on Promotions and Marketing submitted a proposal to sponsor the podcast “ The Civil War 1861 – 1865 a History Podcast “. Discussion ensued and a motion for the Council of Administration to approve our official sponsorship of the podcast was made by Brother Hall and seconded by Brother Payne. There was more discussion and a procedural motion to refer back to the committee for clarification was made by Brother Payne and seconded by Brother Pierson. There were 10 yeas and one nay vote.

There is a recommendation from the Fundraising Committee that \$2000 be added to this fiscal year’s budget year financial year ending June 30, 2023 for the committee’s project. This is to get polo shirts for the 1881 club members. This will also put a mailer in the banner advertising the 1881 club. Brother Pierson made a motion to approve the \$2000 for the 1881 club and it was seconded by Brother Tucker. They were 10 yeas and one abstention. The motion passed.

Commander Frail presented the recommendations to purchase the equipment needed to complete the audio and video recordings of the National Encampments in all of the Council of Administration meeting not to exceed \$3500. Discussion ensued about whether or not we needed this equipment. Brother Paquette moved that we approve the dollar amount not to exceed \$4000 to this request to purchase this equipment and seconded by Brother Pierson. There was an amendment to the motion to add “for transcription only “ by Brother Paquette and seconded by Brother Pierson. The vote for the amendment must 10 yeas and one nay. The motion now reads that we approve a dollar amount not to exceed \$4000 to purchase equipment to be used for transcription only. The vote on the main motion was 10 yea and one nay, the motion passed.

Brother Paquette said that we have a situation with our Camp in England. They had welcomed an individual who had an interest in the Civil War into the organization and shared things with them, such as documents and private photographs. The Camp had planned to erect a monument to the soldiers and sailors buried in England that served in the Union Army. The individual, who was a member of the DUVCW, formed her own organization and approached the DUVCW for approval of a ceremony in the spring. The DUVCW turned her down. A member of the SUVCW Stuart Stefani of Illinois is working for that nonprofit as an artist and is planning to apply for a Memorial grant. He was told it is highly unlikely the grant will be approved because of the current circumstances unless the 2 organizations can work together.

Brother Petrovic addressed the Council about the contract with the hotel for the Lincoln tomb ceremonies. The cost of the luncheon was discussed along with what else could be done for lodging in rooms and meeting rooms. We have one year left on the contract with this hotel. Whatever we are going to do needs to be discussed with MOLLUS because of the memorandum of understanding.

Our contract with Drupal will have the maintenance of the website start in May.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 PM

Respectfully submitted

Daniel Murray

National Secretary

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War