

Brigadier General Joseph Bailey Camp #5 Bill Elliott: Secretary /Treasurer

Minutes of the February 8th, 2023 Camp 5 meeting. Zoom ID #833-1149-8294

Meeting held at Caddo Parish Coroner's Office, 2900 Hearne Ave., Shreveport, LA. Meeting called to Order at 6:05PM by Commander John A. Prime

Attending: In person: Brothers Prime, Heller, Elliott, Henigan, Reynolds, Tony and Bo Vets. Diamond. Brother Matt Spears logged on through Zoom but it was not working properly. Opening Ceremonies were conducted. Opening prayer by Chaplain Heller.

<u>Commanders Report:</u> Commander Prime did not bring a report.

Sec. / Tres. Report: The minutes of the January 11th meeting were emailed out to all. Brother Reynolds moved the minutes be accepted as published, Brother Tony Vets seconded the motion. Approved by vote. Brother Heller moved to accept the report of the Treasurer, motion seconded by Brother Bo Vets, approved by vote. Brother Elliott then explained he had mailed out the dues notices for the New Year starting in May and all dues are due by April. Brother Elliott reported the Form 22 was completed and ready to send in and the Form 27 annual Camp report is completed and ready to submit at the end of March we would owe the Texas Department \$85 and the National \$561 for a total Per Capita of \$646.00 if all Brother stay renewal their dues. He also reported the IRS form 990N was filed on 2/6/23. Brother Hines Vaughan had contacted Brother Elliott wishing to resign due to health reasons so he would not be renewing. Brother Elliott replied asking him to reconsider as the Camp was here to help him.

Unfinished Business: Brother Elliott asked the Commander about last month discussion on increasing membership and if a different meeting place had been looked into. Nothing about a location had been done other than Brother Cox had been contact with Waskom, TX. about using their new Community Center. Discussion held and questions asked since the City of Waskom's website shows a deposit of \$200 and \$75 per hour for outside Waskom residents and \$50 per hour for residents of Waskom. Brother Cox was not present so this was tabled until the March meeting. Brother Diamond discussed recruitment activities conducted by his PA. Camp.

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New Business: Open discussion on recruiting held.

Program: Brother Prime presented on the Black Union Troops who occupied Shreveport after the close of the war and reconstruction and the GAR Camp they founded in Shreveport. Brother Diamond brought in a 1863 Springfield he has for sale for \$1200 and 2 signed and numbered prints by Don Troiani for \$400 and \$300. Brother Diamond was trying to downsize some.

<u>Good of the Order</u>: We prayed for Brother Gary Joiner, as he had taken a fall at his house and seriously injured his shoulder. We prayed for the people of Ukraine and world peace. Brother Heller gave the benediction.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM Next Meeting March, 8th, 2023

Submitted for approval at the February 9th, meeting by Bill Elliott

Fin. Report: Balance 2/1/23 Balance 3/1/23

\$647.55 \$1,113.55

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Located at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Bert Kouns @W. 70th St.



When it was New



Eagle Scout Travis Bister