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WITH ADDRESSES OF

COMRADE SAMUEL R. VAN SANT, representing the Commander-in-Chief  
GEORGE L. HOLMES, Department Commander

REPORTS OF OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICERS,  
GENERAL ORDERS, ETC.

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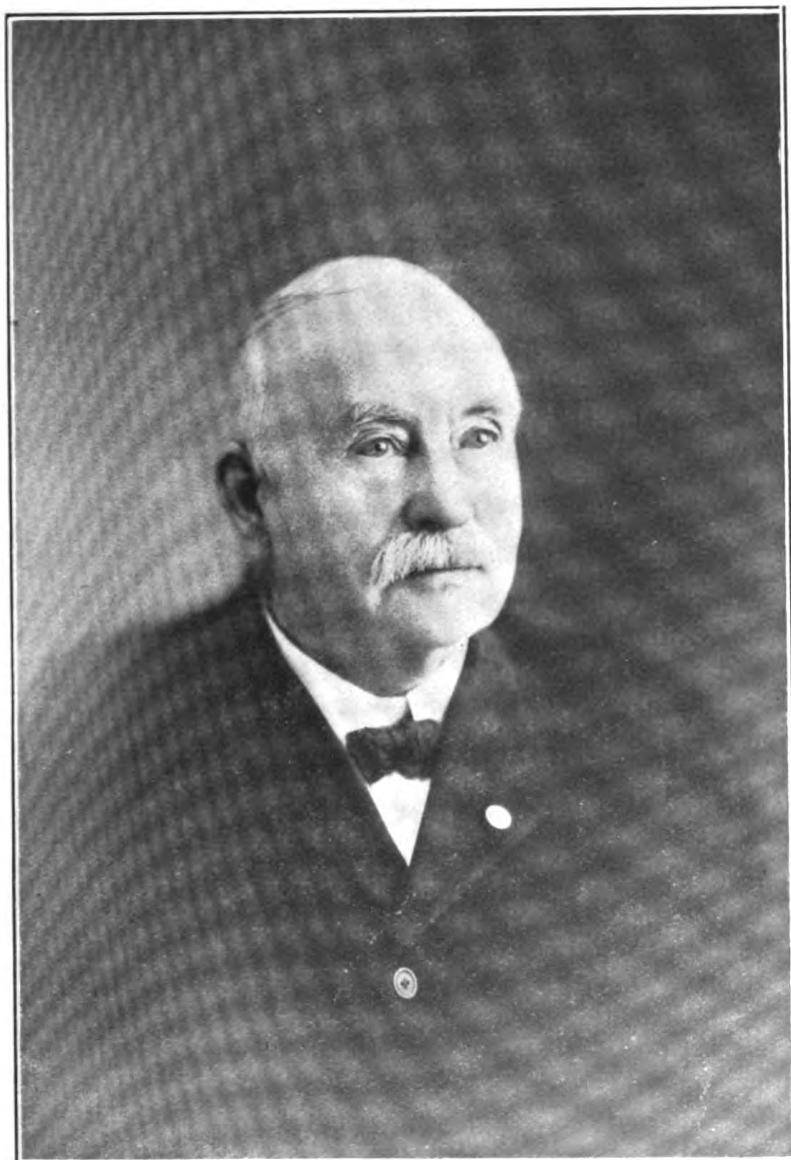
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.  
LANSING, JUNE 30, 1909.

HON. FRED M. WARNER, Governor of the State of Michigan:

Sir—I have the honor, in compliance with law, to transmit to you such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic as have taken place in this Department during my administration as its Commander from June 24, 1908, to June 24, 1909, as I deem of interest to that organization and the people of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully yours in F. C. and L.,  
GEO. L. HOLMES,  
Department Commander.





C. E. FOOTE  
Department Commander  
Died June 5, 1909





## OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE THIRTY-FIRST ENCAMP- MENT FOR YEARS 1909-1910.

Department Commander.....James M. Greenfield, Post 89, Flushing  
 Senior Vice Department Commander.....Henry P. Shutt, Post 79, Kalamazoo  
 Junior Vice Department Commander.....Albert Dunham, Post 48, Jackson  
 Medical Director.....John C. Salmon, Post 252, Howard City  
 Department Chaplain.....Rev. Wm. Putnam, Post 42, Lansing

### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Henry A. Clute.....Post 166, Marshall  
 O. Tomlinson.....Post 269, Plainwell  
 Geo. Raab.....Post 145, Flint  
 M. D. Richardson.....Post 365, Lake City  
 D. C. Spears.....Post 10, Dundee

### STAFF OFFICERS

Assistant Adjutant General.....Fayette Wyckoff, Lansing  
 Assistant Quartermaster General.....Wm. B. Bostock, Grand Rapids  
 Judge Advocate.....Samuel W. Burroughs, Detroit  
 Chief Mustering Officer.....D. K. Halsey, Saginaw  
 Patriotic Instructor.....M. C. Barney, Flint  
 Department Inspector.....Chas. Hamilton, Bronson  
 Chief of Staff.....L. H. Ives, Mason  
 Senior Aide.....John W. Burns, Port Huron

### REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Wm. Davey (At Large).....Post 17, Detroit, 87 Euclid Ave.  
 John L. Wild.....Post 17, Detroit, 117 Avery Ave.  
 James Knowles.....Post 10, Dundee  
 J. J. Holmes.....Post 111, Eaton Rapids  
 Geo. A. B. Cook.....Post 72, Three Rivers  
 Robert Finch.....Post 5, Grand Rapids  
 M. C. Barney.....Post 145, Flint  
 Alfred J. West.....Post 98, Port Huron  
 E. Howard.....Post 214, Millington, R. F. D. 3  
 R. C. Norris.....Post 461, Cadillac  
 J. G. Berry.....Post 263, Vanderbilt  
 Flexton Ludington.....Post 141, Howard City, R. F. D. 3  
 Ira Carley.....Post 300, Engles  
 W. D. Frost.....Post 5, Grand Rapids  
 Henry Spaulding.....Post 20, Hartford  
 A. L. Bryant.....Post 255, Mayville  
 Daniel L. Mevis.....Post 42, Lansing  
 Hope Welch.....Post 45, Adrian  
 H. A. Chapin.....Post 31, Paw Paw  
 W. H. Beasley.....Post 101, Ithaca  
 Griffin Lewis.....Post 67, Bay City

## THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

## ALTERNATES.

Francis McElroy (At Large)	Post 144, Lapeer
Geo. H. Maxwell	Post 17, Royal Oak
Matt Burt	Post 110, Hudson
Henry Gilbert	Post 210, Albion
Wm. E. Dunn	Post 46, Ganges
Wm. Bomartel	Post 262, Holland
Frank W. Thayer	Post 197, Holly
David R. Lang	Post 144, Lapeer
Riley L. Jones	Post 38, Saginaw
G. W. Wheeler	Post 461, Boon
Wm. Barrett	Post 378, West Bay City
James Donaldson	Post 101, Ithaca
P. C. Beanston	Post 300, Marquette
James Armstrong	Post 89, Flushing
R. M. Ballenger	Post 32, Battle Creek
D. C. Spears	Post 10, Azalia
William A. Baker	Post 364, Coleman
O. F. Kaywood	Post 48, Jackson
William Wells	Post 286, Fife Lake
Wm. Walter	Post 101, Ithaca
H. H. Collins	Post 120, Howell

## THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

### UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan G. A. R., held at Kalamazoo, Mich., June 22-24, 1909, was an event long to be remembered by all who participated; a sadness was cast over the proceedings of the encampment by the unexpected death of Department Commander Chas. E. Foote, which occurred at his home in Kalamazoo, June 5, 1909. A little more than two weeks before the assembling of the encampment.

The success of the encampment was due to the untiring effort of commander Foote who had given much of his time in planing and arranging the details of the encampment, assisted by many of the prominent citizens of Kalamazoo, notably the members of the Auxiliary Association and the Commercial Club. That Commander Foote was not spared to see the fruition of his labors only an all-wise Providence can tell.

The work of the local committees was not abated. The son of Commander Foote, George E. Foote took up the detail work where his father had left it with dutiful zeal. The encampment was the largest for years and the enthusiasm of the comrades unbounded. Many interesting events engaged the attention of the comrades from morn till night. The illness of Commander-in-Chief Henry M. Nevius prevented his being present but his place was well and acceptably filled by his representative, Ex-Gov. Samuel R. Van Sant of Minneapolis.

Senior Vice Department Commander George L. Holmes succeeded to the Command of the Department and successfully completed the term and the work of Comrade Foote.

Among the many interesting features of the encampment, we may mention the presence of the old Battle Flags carried by the Michigan regiments during the great struggle. This was probably the last time the torn and war scared flags will appear in a G. A. R. parade.

A new inovation was a camp-fire especially for the school children, (adults being excluded). This camp-fire was the suggestion of Department Patriotic Instructor M. C. Barney, and under the inspiring leadership of Col. James E. White as chairman, was a pronounced success. The opera house was crowded to its capacity and not a pupil but what gave his or her most earnest attention to all that was said and done.

### PARADE.

The Parade was probably the most interesting event of the encampment in which thousands of the comrades participated. The parade was under the command of Comrade W. P. Shutt, chief of staff, most ably assisted by Comrade Aaron Miller as chief aide.

The presence of two battalions of cavalry and one company of Michigan National Guards, acting as escort to Major General Fred Grant and Gov. Warner and staff. Then followed the old battle flags borne by comrades of Chas. T. Foster Post No. 42 of Lansing, with many of the old color bearers assisting. These were greeted with cheers and tears as they were borne through the streets.

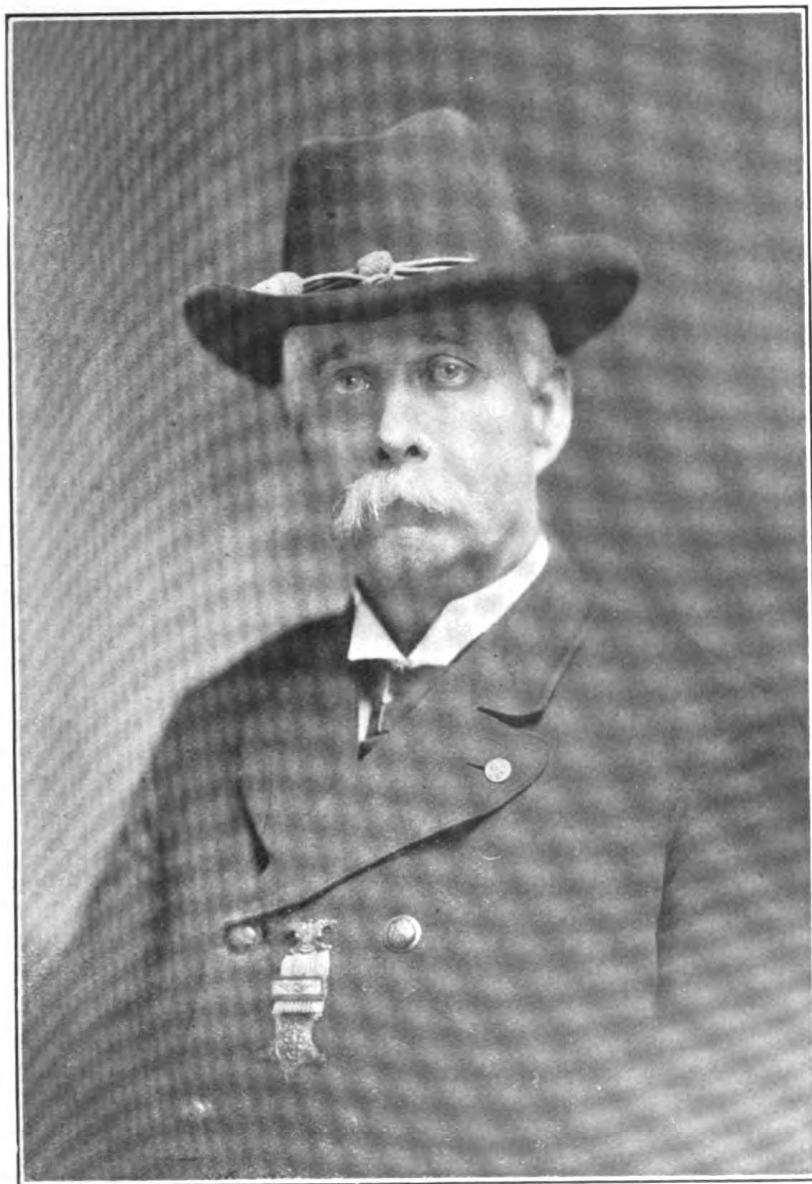
The marching "Living Flag" composed of eight hundred school children in charge of S. O. Hartwell, superintendent of schools, ably assisted by an efficient corps of teachers, brought forth the unbounded cheers of the old comrades and the thousands of spectators who thronged the streets. The Veteran Drum Corps, composed exclusively of civil war veterans was in evidence everywhere, there being seventy present, and wherever they appeared created the greatest enthusiasm.

The reception tendered Gen. Grant and Gov. Warner at the close of the parade was a most notable event, many of the comrades had fought under his father's command and all had a warm spot in their hearts for the son of so worthy a sire.

The camp-fires on Wednesday evening were of such enthusiastic nature as to keep all interested to the close. There were two camp-fires and the large halls were crowded to overflowing. Col. O. A. Janes presided at the opera house and Hon. Washington Gardner at the Assembly Hall. Among the speakers were ex-Gov. Van Sant of Minnesota, Gen. Fred Grant of Chicago, Gov. Fred M. Warner, Comrades James H. Kidd, Edward P. Allen and others.

Too much praise cannot be given to the patriotic and public spirited citizens of Kalamazoo for the unexcelled manner in which they entertained this the Thirty-first Department Encampment.

Through the kindness and efforts of Assistant Adjutant General, J. N. Cox of the National Guards, this encampment was favored with the presence of two battalions of cavalry equipped for active service and one company of infantry, heretofore mentioned, which added much to the interest of the occasion, here is hoping they will favor us with their presence at the next encampment.



GEO. L. HOLMES  
Department Commander  
Succeeding Commander  
C. E. FOOTE



## ROLL OF THE THIRTY-FIRST ENCAMPMENT.

\*Comrades whose names are preceded by an asterisk thus (\*) were present.

### DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

†Geo. L. Holmes, Detroit	- - - - -	Department Commander
*Jay J. Drake, St. Joseph	- - - - -	Senior Vice Department Commander
*Geo. W. Wheeler, Boon	- - - - -	Junior Vice Department Commander
*John C. Salmon, Howard City	- - - - -	Medical Director
*Rev. Wm. Putnam, Lansing	- - - - -	Department Chaplain

NOTE.—Department Commander Chas. E. Foote died June 5, 1909. He was succeeded in office by Senior Vice Department Commander Geo. L. Holmes. Jay J. Drake, Junior Vice Department Commander, succeeded to the office of Senior Vice Department Commander. The *Council of Administration* elected Comrade Geo. W. Wheeler, of Boon, Junior Vice Department Commander to fill vacancy.

### OFFICIAL STAFF.

*Fayette Wyckoff, Lansing	- - - - -	Assistant Adjutant General
*James E. White, Kalamazoo	- - - - -	Assistant Quartermaster General
*R. R. Pealer, Three Rivers	- - - - -	Judge Advocate
*Jos. O. Bellaire, Grand Rapids	- - - - -	Department Inspector
*James M. Greenfield, Flushing	- - - - -	Chief Mustering Officer
*M. C. Barney, Flint	- - - - -	Department Patriotic Instructor
*Henry P. Shutt, Kalamazoo	- - - - -	Chief of Staff
*Aaron Miller, Kalamazoo	- - - - -	Senior Aide-de Camp

### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

*M. D. Richardson	- - - - -	Lake City
*Geo. Raab	- - - - -	Flint
*W. W. Cook	- - - - -	Lansing
*D. C. Spears	- - - - -	Dundee
*H. A. Clute	- - - - -	Marshall

### PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Russell A. Alger, deceased	.....	Detroit, 1868
William Humphrey, deceased	.....	Adrian, 1870
*C. V. R. Pond	.....	Lansing, 1878-9
A. T. Reynolds, deceased	.....	Grand Rapids, 1880
*Byron R. Pierce	.....	Grand Rapids, 1881-2
*Oscar A. Janes	.....	Detroit, 1883
Rush J. Shank, deceased	.....	Lansing, 1884
Charles D. Long, deceased	.....	Lansing, 1885
*John Northwood	.....	New Lathrop, 1886
L. G. Rutherford, deceased	.....	Hart, 1887
*Washington Gardner	.....	Albion, 1888
Michael Brown	.....	Big Rapids, 1889
*Henry M. Duffield	.....	Detroit, 1890

† Filled vacancy came by death of Commander Chas. E. Foote.

Chas. L. Eaton, deceased.....	Paw Paw, 1891
*Henry S. Dean.....	Ann Arbor, 1892-3
*James H. Kidd.....	Ionia, 1893-4
*Louis Kanitz.....	Muskegon, 1894-5
S. B. Daboll.....	St. Johns, 1895-6
Wm. Shakespeare, deceased.....	Kalamazoo, 1896-7
Aaron T. Bliss, deceased.....	Saginaw, 1897-8
Alex. L. Patrick, deceased.....	Detroit, 1898-9
*Russell R. Pealer.....	Three Rivers, 1899-1900
Ethel M. Allen.....	Portland, 1900-1
*James Van Kleeck.....	Bay City, 1901-2
*Edward C. Anthony.....	Negaunee, 1902-3
*D. B. K. Van Raalte.....	Holland, 1903-4
Geo. H. Hopkins, deceased.....	Detroit, 1904-5
*E. C. Cannon.....	Ewart, 1905-6
*Joseph B. Griswold.....	Grand Rapids, 1906-7
*Wm. Jibb.....	Adrian, 1907-8
†Chas. E. Foote, deceased.....	Kalamazoo, 1908-9

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

H. M. Bigelow.....	Montague, 1878-9
	No record 1880
	No record 1881
G. R. Wright.....	Benton Harbor, 1882-3
M. A. Merrifield, (Deceased).....	Union City, 1884
Geo. L. Fisher.....	Fowlerville, 1885
S. A. Hosmer.....	1886
W. W. Cook.....	Leslie, 1887
True Hart.....	Midland, 1888
Wm. H. Russell.....	Clio, 1889
E. L. Negus.....	Chelsea, 1890
C. L. Brundage, (Deceased).....	Muskegon, 1891
Jas. A. Crozer.....	Menominee, 1892
L. M. Ward.....	Benton Harbor, 1893
Herman C. Fricseke.....	Owosso, 1894
Norm. G. Cooper.....	Sturgis, 1895
Lucian W. Lyon.....	Saginaw, 1896
L. W. Sprague.....	Greenville, 1897
Moses F. Carlton.....	Port Huron, 1898
J. C. Bontecon, (Deceased).....	Petoskey, 1900
Theo. C. Putnam.....	Grand Rapids, 1901
M. C. Barney.....	Flint, 1902
L. D. Van Kleeck.....	Pontiac, 1903
S. A. Aldrich.....	Muskegon, 1904
John J. Cornwill.....	Battle Creek, 1905
M. D. Morgan.....	Traverse City, 1906
Riley L. Jones.....	Saginaw, 1907
Edward B. Nugent.....	Bay City, 1908
*Jay J. Drake.....	St. Joseph, 1909

## PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

S. B. Kitchell.....	Coldwater, 1878
W. A. Palmer.....	Grand Rapids, 1879
	No record 1880
Dallas Johnson.....	Montague, 1881
O. A. Janes.....	Hillsdale, 1882
J. M. Keller.....	Saginaw, 1883
M. H. Bumphrey.....	Three Rivers, 1884
H. F. Higgins.....	Petoskey, 1885
August Goebel.....	Detroit, 1886
Thos. H. Williams.....	Jackson, 1887
Loren Roberts.....	Traverse City, 1888

†Died during term of office.



Geo. W. Stone.....	Harrison, 1889
William Jibb.....	Adrian, 1890
Wm. H. Marston.....	Grand Rapids, 1891
Thomas M. Wiley.....	Owosso, 1892
E. C. Anthony.....	Negaunee, 1893
James M. Greenfield.....	Flushing, 1894
Oscar Palmer.....	Grayling, 1895
Jas. O. Bellaire.....	Grand Rapids, 1896
Ren Barker.....	Reed City, 1897
D. C. Spears.....	Azalia, 1898
S. H. Mallery.....	Lake Odessa, 1900
Sam. H. Lawrane.....	Wyandotte, 1901
H. H. Backus.....	Detroit, 1902
M. D. Richardson.....	Lake City, 1903
E. S. Jameson.....	Marine City, 1904
Dan J. Willson.....	Jackson, 1905
S. M. Kent.....	Grand Rapids, 1906
O. Palmer.....	Grayling, 1907
Henry Spaulding.....	Hartford, 1908
*Geo. W. Wheeler.....	Boon, 1909

\*To fill vacancy.

## MEMBERS OF THIRTY-FIRST ENCAMPMENT—Continued.

\*Comrades whose names are preceded by an asterisk thus (\*) were present

**JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 1, SOLDIERS' HOME.**

Chartered December 9, 1887.

Membership 41.

\*Commander, Elnathan George.

*Delegate.*

\*Judson Palmer.

*Alternate.*

Chas. F. Giradin.

*Past Commanders.*

W. W. Fowle.

John Heeny.

\*O. W. Hodges.

James Wood.

\*Roda O'Mara.

**C. O. LOOMIS POST NO. 2, QUINCY.**

Chartered January 22, 1876.

Membership 58.

\*Commander, Chas. F. Potter.

*Delegate.*

C. W. Lake.

*Alternate.*

K. B. Etheridge.

*Past Commanders.*

Wm. G. Whitney.

A. J. Warner.

E. T. Hoyt.

O. D. Curtis.

K. B. Etheridge.

\*L. D. Reynolds.

\*C. V. R. Pond.

E. C. Chase.

A. F. Turpening.

D. H. Wood.

Wm. H. Thurber.

Wm. Wimer.

C. D. Skinner.

**N. H. FERRY POST NO. 3, WHITEHALL.**

Chartered May 27, 1877.

Membership 34.

\*Commander, John C. Dean.

*Delegate.*

\*Eli M. Ruggles.

*Alternate.*

Robert Nesbit.

*Past Commanders.*

John C. Dean.

James Dellabaugh.

Frederick Norman.

Dallis Johnson.

Allen F. Casselman.

\*Francis Hiscutt.

Girard A. Whitbeck.

\*Chas. H. Smith.

**PHIL SHERIDAN POST NO. 4, READING.**

Chartered June 12, 1878.

Membership 20.

Commander, H. H. Weaver.

*Delegates.*

R. D. Lane.

*Alternate.*

Zeladee Culver.

Gabriel See.

**CUSTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.**

Chartered September 27, 1878.

Membership 170.

\*Commander, Robert Finch.

*Delegates.*

\*Francis La Lone.

*Alternates.*

A. K. Conklin.

\*E. J. Horton

T. J. Odell.

\*Wm. Moerdyk.

Jno. Barrett.

*Past Commanders.*

*Byron R. Pierce.	John Schmidt.
*Wm. D. Frost.	E. H. Cummings.
Chas. P. Coffin.	G. B. Schwab.
*Jos. O. Bellaire.	Solon W. Baxter.
*W. B. Bostock.	Theo. C. Putnam.
C. W. Depple.	*Jas. R. Stephenson.
*G. H. Chappel.	*Chas. S. Smith.
J. S. A. Verdier.	L. C. Read.
*Jos. B. Griswold.	Thomas Peacock.
E. P. Everett.	*G. H. Sherman.
*Allen C. Adsit.	E. B. Taylor.
J. W. McCrath.	

**C. J. DICKERSON POST NO. 6, HILLSDALE.**

Chartered February 26, 1879.

Membership 58.

Commander, Nelson R. Masters.

*Delegate.*

L. B. Wolcott.

*Alternate.*

\*B. Dirtrich.

*Past Commanders.*

F. K. Proctor.	C. H. Fairbanks.
Geo. E. Porter.	O. Hancock.
D. F. Austin.	Mark W. Taylor.
J. M. Fink.	O. C. Nash.
W. M. Taylor.	A. F. Thomas.
Nathan J. Randall.	A. Riker.

**PHIL KEARNEY POST NO. 7, MUSKEGON.**

Chartered July 31, 1879.

Membership 108.

Commander, John W. Sprague.

*Delegates.*

\*Alexander Eckerman.  
\*Porter P. Wisner.

*Alternates.*

Chas. P. Rose.  
W. H. Ashley.

*Past Commanders.*

William R. Jones.	John R. Bennett.
*John Sturgeon.	*Howard C. Bond.
Wm. Reynolds.	*Henry G. Bigelow.
*William H. Wiselogel.	*Louis Kanitz.
Chas. B. Mann.	*John W. Eddy.
James Dean.	*John G. Allport.
*S. A. Aldrich.	E. P. Watson.
*Chas. Miller.	August Flint.
*C. P. Rose.	Horace Lovejoy.

**CHAS. H. TOWNE POST NO. 8, ISHPEMING.**

Chartered September 17, 1889.

Membership 20.

Commander, John Scott.

*Delegate.*

James B. Wilbur.

*Alternate.*

Thos. D. Nelson.

*Past Commanders.*

O. B. Robinson.	Francis V. Sauer.
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**JOHN A. DIX POST NO. 9, HESPERIA.**

Chartered September 12, 1879.

Membership 36.

Commander, Richard Gaskill.

*Delegate.*

Harmon Smith.

*Alternate.*

\*A. L. Cobb.

## THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

*Past Commanders.*

Chas. Robbins.	W. H. Potter.
A. H. Deitz.	C. R. Reynolds.
Chas. Wilber.	John Hamblin.
*A. S. Muliken.	H. E. Waterman.
W. I. Bulson.	

**WILLIAM BELL POST NO. 10, DUNDEE.**

Chartered October 16, 1879.

Membership 64.

Commander, Francis H. Miller.

*Delegate.*

Truman Gee.

*Alternate.*

H. T. Hecock.

*Past Commanders.*

*D. C. Spears.	Joseph S. Hilton.
R. B. Davis.	M. V. Fox.
*Wm. Laffin.	Geo. W. Jackson.
H. T. Roach.	H. C. Spaulding.
*Geo. W. Hurd.	N. Newell.
Horace Pulver.	Stephen Rawson.
*James Knowles.	Chas. M. Duston.

**ROBERT'S POST NO. 11, BANCROFT.**

Chartered March 16, 1880.

Membership 18.

Commander, R. Gorton.

*Delegate.*

Geo. Pearsoll.

*Alternate.*

L. Brigham.

*Past Commanders.*

W. W. Hunt.	H. P. Wimble.
H. H. Williams.	C. F. Cole.
J. H. Lyman.	E. J. Ewing.

**RYDER POST NO. 12, DEERFIELD.**

Chartered April 9, 1880.

Membership 28.

Commander, E. E. Burnham.

*Delegate.*

Gilbert Akley.

*Alternate.*

F. J. Pettie.

*Past Commanders.*

Byron Stanbry.	William Rusling.
N. A. McQuarie.	M. H. Kellogg.
Morrice Long.	S. T. McNair.
Richard Tappan.	Oscar Bliss.

**I. B. RICHARDSON POST NO. 13, HARBOR SPRINGS.**

Chartered May 11, 1880.

Membership 33.

Commander, Fred. F. Main.

*Delegate.*

\*Nicholas Therry.

*Alternate.*

Chas. Tanner.

*Past Commanders.*

Charles E. Judd.	Eri D. Babcock.
Geo. W. Dickinson.	Chas. C. Newkirk.
Stephen Manchester.	Lorenzo A. Clark.
Geo. O. Richardson.	Jos. N. Bradley.
Wm. H. Lee.	Horace Eastman.
Fred F. Main.	Chas. Tanner.

**GEO. H. THOMAS POST NO. 14, BENTON HARBOR.**

Chartered May 24, 1880.

Membership 91.

\*Commander, A. H. Rowe.

*Delegates.*\*O. J. Bradley.  
Geo. W. Price.*Alternates.*A. B. Howes.  
Chas. Godfrey.

*Past Commanders.*

L. M. Ward.	W. F. Kimball.
*L. Hemingway.	John Clark.
Henry Skelley.	M. J. Vincent.
*Chas. A. Warner.	*A. A. Covell.
*John Seel.	S. B. Kimball.
A. H. Rowe.	*Ira A. Rice.

**PAP WILLIAMS POST NO. 15, LUDINGTON.**

Chartered May 26, 1880. Membership 48.

Commander, C. G. Wing.

*Delegate.*

Theron Dewitt.

*Alternate.*

John E. Smith.

*Past Commanders.*

Wm. G. Hudson.	A. C. Hawley.
H. C. Ransom.	G. M. Chase.
J. E. Smith.	S. H. Gleason.
J. Shackelton.	Pelig Ewing.
Wm. H. Kimball.	H. B. Smith.
M. Brayman.	R. P. Bishop.
*F. J. Dowland.	*R. B. Patterson.

**SEDWICK POST NO. 16, EVART.**

Chartered August 24, 1880. Membership 40.

Commander, Charles Coppins.

*Delegate.*

W. H. Vroman.

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

Orin Button.	W. J. Manley.
Ed. Cox.	A. A. Smith.
G. W. Gardner.	Chas. Coppins.
W. S. Lewis.	J. R. Foster.
*S. E. Skutt.	H. S. Keath.
O. M. Bush.	*Jos. H. Powell.
*E. C. Cannon.	D. E. Wait.
S. E. Kerby.	Jos. H. Foster.
*Dan'l Farrington.	William Rogers.

**FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.**

Chartered May 9, 1881. Membership 319.

\*Commander, John L. Wild.

*Delegates.*

Harland R. Strong.  
Sam B. Dixon.  
Chas. A. Bartlett.  
L. J. Downey.  
\*Henry Altfelts.  
W. Miles Stevens.

*Alternates.*

\*Robert McKinstry.  
Wm. F. Lyons.  
\*E. Muffat.  
\*C. B. Randolph.  
Fred R. Bruner.  
\*Richard R. Williams.

*Past Commanders.*

E. O. Durfee.	*D. G. Crotty.
W. P. Sumner.	*A. L. Sawyer.
*Wm. Davey.	*M. Green.
W. Hart.	*Carl Engle.
H. B. Eggman.	M. P. Thatcher.
*G. L. Holmes.	J. Renton.
*A. V. Phister.	*J. Reid.
*C. K. Radcliff.	J. T. Spillane.
J. Gill.	J. A. Lane.
B. R. Finlayson.	*C. J. Pierce.
T. Davey.	A. C. Blair.
W. C. Claxton.	C. W. Yates.
D. S. Kimball.	Edward E. Thayer.
E. F. Lamb.	H. B. White.
O. D. Kingsley.	

**M'PHERSON POST NO. 18, TRAVERSE CITY.**

Chartered May 21, 1881.

Membership 71.

Commander, Walter W. Dean.

*Delegates.*\*Wm. Core.  
G. A. Stearns.*Alternates.*\*Frank Colby.  
L. K. Cleveland.*Past Commanders.*M. D. Morgan.  
C. S. Vader.  
D. G. Shorter.  
F. D. Marvin.  
W. W. Sackett.  
J. W. Hilliker.Levi Soule.  
O. P. Carver.  
L. W. Lyon.  
Chas. H. Johnson.  
A. J. McHenry.**A. LINCOLN POST NO. 19, BANGOR.**

Chartered May 20, 1881.

Membership 58.

\*Commander, J. G. Tood.

*Delegate.*

\*W. L. Zook.

*Alternate.*

W. H. Ashley.

*Past Commanders.*C. C. Phillips.  
\*Thomas Horton.  
\*B. M. Merriman.  
J. G. Todd.  
Alvin Chapman.\*O. A. Reynolds.  
A. M. Harrison.  
A. M. Harvey.  
D. W. Hall.  
C. H. Schermerhorn.**ELLSWORTH POST NO. 20, HARTFORD.**

Chartered June 20, 1881.

Membership 41.

Commander, Chas. H. Mather.

*Delegate.*

\*John Carter.

*Alternate.*

Wm. N. Worth.

*Past Commanders.*\*Henry Spaulding.  
\*Eber Hart.  
William Bennett.  
A. P. Shaw.  
\*R. G. Burlingame.  
\*Wm. N. Worth.\*H. L. Stratton.  
Allen Olds.  
\*Daniel Pool.  
John S. Heald.  
W. A. Palmer.**A. W. CHAPMAN POST NO. 21, ST. JOSEPH.**

Chartered July 18, 1881.

Membership 57.

\*Commander, W. A. Preston.

*Delegate.*

R. F. Stratton.

*Alternate.*

\*James Nassow.

*Past Commanders.*\*J. J. Drake.  
\*Chas. Moulton.  
Frank Morlock.  
\*J. E. L. Miller.  
\*W. A. Preston.\*John Lane.  
\*Albert S. Roe.  
Milo Clock.  
\*L. J. Merchant.  
Fred Minners.**WILLIAM PERROTT POST NO. 22, BUCHANAN.**

Chartered July 11, 1881.

Membership 24.

Commander, Chas. E. Sabin.

*Delegate.*

\*John S. Curtis.

*Alternate.*

John F. Peck.

*Past Commanders.*\*M. B. Gardner.  
\*John W. Beistle.  
John Perrott.  
\*O. F. Richmond.  
Steve Scott.  
\*Theo. W. Thomas.  
H. A. Richardson.\*W. P. Wood.  
John E. Barmore.  
\*I. N. Bachelor.  
John Graham.  
John Shook.  
John C. Dick.  
Chas. Snyder.

**EDWIN COLWELL POST NO. 23, BLOOMINGDALE.**

Chartered August 29, 1881. Membership 13.  
 Commander, James McDowell.

<i>Delegate.</i> *J. E. Culver.	<i>Alternate.</i> C. B. Clark.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*James McDowell. Stephen Martin. Frank Cooley. *G. W. Lewis.	*J. N. Edwards. Geo. Wilson. J. T. Robinson.

**COL. FENTON POST NO. 24, FENTON.**

Chartered August 19, 1881. Membership 57.  
 Commander, S. K. Freeman.

<i>Delegate.</i> Ira C. Ford.	<i>Alternate.</i> E. H. Slocum.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
L. V. Curry. A. H. Marsh. J. M. Ripley. E. Winters.	V. C. Smith. William Butcher. Chas. W. Sadden.

**DAVID BECKER POST NO. 25, OGDEN CENTER.**

Chartered August 20, 1881. Membership 40.  
 Commander, John W. Heckert.

<i>Delegate.</i> W. H. Henricks.	<i>Alternate.</i> David Piper.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. F. Wotring. G. W. Scott. *L. E. Fry. C. T. Cheney. Amos Wilt. C. L. Blake. J. M. Robb. Geo. W. Wilt.	Robt. Service. Geo. W. Dickerson. A. J. Hodges. G. W. Hecket. William Emmons. A. S. Beardsley. W. C. B. Smith. A. A. Barnes.

**JOE HOOKER POST NO. 26, HART.**

Chartered August 16, 1881. Membership 57.  
 Commander, Jas. H. Slater.

<i>Delegate.</i> *Jesse Miller.	<i>Alternate.</i> D. L. Kelley.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. A. Collier. Casper Rechter. H. A. Waldron. J. H. Slater. Wm. Flosy. S. D. Young. *Jasper G. Price.	Geo. F. Dennison. B. F. Archer. W. J. McRae. J. W. Montgomery. P. Caster. Alex. Fletcher.

**BURNSIDE POST NO. 27, DECATUR.**

Chartered September 19, 1881. Membership 38.  
 \*Commander, R. Colbetzor.

<i>Delegate.</i> *O. M. Pritchard.	<i>Alternate.</i> G. B. Mead.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*G. W. Lusk. *W. H. White. R. Colbetzor. *S. M. Rawson.	L. D. Roberts. C. W. Willson. H. B. Myers. *J. H. Van Camp.

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**A. L. CARVER POST NO. 28, HEMLOCK.**

Chartered August 2, 1894.

Membership 20.

Commander, Jedd Bennett.

*Delegate.* Fred Ediker. *Alternate.* A. Whitmore.

*Past Commanders.*

T. M. Champlin.	*Calvin Sylvester.
Charles Burnham.	Jedd Bennett.
A. T. Cooper.	J. D. Smith.

**CHAMPLIN POST NO. 29, GRAND RAPIDS.**

Chartered September 9, 1881.

Membership 42.

Commander, Wm. H. Stokes.

*Delegate.* *Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

*Eber Rice.	Hiram Madden.
Samuel White.	*Alvin D. Porter.
E. F. Covell.	

**GARFIELD POST NO. 30, COLOMA.**

Chartered October 10, 1881.

Membership 16.

Commander, W. A. Baker.

*Delegate.* *Alternate.*

\*P. O. Bowe. Chester Chorplening.

*Past Commanders.*

W. A. Baker.	J. A. Brown.
*L. Clark.	*Geo. W. Garrett.
*A. Newton.	*N. Wood.
A. S. McCuen.	

**BROADHEAD POST NO. 31, PAW PAW.**

Chartered October 21, 1881.

Membership 43.

\*Commander, W. R. Serrine.

*Delegate.* *Alternate.*

\*O. A. Rice. A. J. Romdy.

*Past Commanders.*

*H. A. Chapin.	*B. F. Heckert.
*J. F. Bullard.	*Daniel Spicer.
*O. W. Rowland.	*John Reed.
*Ira W. Hulbert.	A. C. Warner.
*Barney O'Dell.	A. DeHaven.

**FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.**

Chartered November 31 1881.

Membership 90.

\*Commander, Lewis Flint.

*Delegates.* *Alternates.*

Steven Cooper. W. B. Duffey.

\*Geo. M. Knowles. John Easey.

*Past Commanders.*

*A. W. Alvord.	*R. M. Bellinger.
*A. Griswold.	S. S. French.
*J. W. Taylor.	*G. M. Hodges.
*Wm. A. Vickery.	*A. B. Simpson.
J. G. Bohnett.	R. J. Kelley.
*S. M. Holton.	*W. R. Wickham.
Austin S. Parker.	*Chas. H. Browning.
J. J. Cornwell.	*E. Cunningham.
Wm. Dowsett.	*H. B. Hayes.
C. J. Shoemaker.	



**COL. MYRON BAKER POST NO. 33, MORENCI.**

Chartered December 29, 1881. Membership 36.  
 Commander, Wm. H. Chappell.

<i>Delegate.</i> John Sheffield.	<i>Alternate.</i> L. W. Chapin.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
U. Smith. Fred Denson. Oliver J. Converse. Roswell R. Walker.	*James N. Chappell. Fred B. Sheffield. Wm. Onweller.

**W. G. EATON POST NO. 34, OTSEGO.**

Chartered November 10, 1881. Membership 28.  
 Commander, Oliver Wise.

<i>Delegate.</i> *John R. Bice.	<i>Alternate.</i> H. J. Knowles.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
John D. Kelley. David Y. Cook. *Geo. W. Taylor.	Oliver Wise. *James Roff.

**ZACH. CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.**

Chartered November 30, 1881. Membership 87.  
 \*Commander, G. L. Green.

<i>Delegates.</i> *W. T. Piper. *R. F. Dean.	<i>Alternates.</i> A. Hannis. J. Chapman.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*T. Biddle. Herrick Hodges. L. K. Jillson. *J. S. Donahue. *W. S. Bradley. H. W. Hillyard. A. W. Earle.	*J. S. Hicks. Geo. O. Chapman. *A. H. Cook. *H. J. Dodge. *James Martin. C. A. Butterfield. *Geo. W. Watkins.

**GEORGE L. MEAD POST NO. 36, BERRIEN CENTER.**

Chartered December 29, 1881. Membership 8.  
 Commander, B. H. Rutter.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*B. H. Rutter. M. J. Nelson. *S. L. Snaveley. *P. E. O'Brien.	M. A. Hand. J. K. P. McCullough. J. H. Booth.

**STANTON POST NO. 37, STANTON.**

Chartered November 30, 1881. Membership 28.  
 \*Commander, J. A. Crocker.

<i>Delegate.</i> Wm. Roller.	<i>Alternate.</i> A. J. Capen.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
H. H. Hinds. J. A. Crocker. J. T. Pickard. T. M. Smith. T. S. Finch.	Edson Pickell. J. A. Kellogg. H. V. Hallett. John Lorson. *Thos. Low.

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**SAGINAW POST NO. 38, SAGINAW.**

Chartered December 14, 1881.

Membership 77.

\*Commander, Chas. Zeim.

*Delegates.*\*F. C. Crowell.  
W. J. Cantwell.*Alternates.*Moses Matureau.  
Robt. F. Dobson.*Past Commanders.*W. G. Gage.  
E. F. Guild.  
H. Coleman.  
\*C. H. Peters.  
\*D. K. Halsey.  
James T. Hale.  
T. T. Hubbard.  
\*Riley L. Jones.  
Wm. H. Presser.  
Robert Dederick.  
\*Henry Fiege.  
D. W. Osborne.  
\*V. D. Starr.D. F. Leonard.  
Hugh McLean.  
\*Gordon T. Converse.  
\*Wm. W. Morgan.  
M. E. Keller.  
\*Fayette Wyckoff.  
\*O. S. Bishop.  
Chas. P. Colvin.  
\*P. J. Sensabaugh.  
C. F. Schuetler.  
\*Jos. Seeman.  
B. A. Osborne.  
John Morean.**KILPATRICK POST NO. 39, BERRIEN SPRINGS.**

Chartered February 15, 1882.

Membership 31.

Commander, John Latta.

*Delegate.*

\*Harrison Newton.

*Alternate.*

R. Shriber.

*Past Commanders.*Rosco D. Dix.  
D. G. W. Ganzler.  
\*J. Hallenbeck.  
A. W. Harkins.\*W. H. Miller.  
\*S. E. Hadlock.  
Mendell Wells.**A. S. WILLIAMS POST NO. 40, CHARLOTTE.**

Chartered February 8, 1882.

Membership 111.

\*Commander, Fred G. Warren.

*Delegates.*\*C. W. Pangler.  
Henry Brouse.*Alternates.*Daniel F. Vickery.  
W. P. Faulkner.*Past Commanders.*D. B. Ainger.  
Wm. Jordan.  
Lewis A. Snell.  
\*J. D. Butler.  
\*James Umbarger.  
Albert T. Nye.\*S. W. Harmon.  
\*Joseph Shaw.  
\*Wm. M. Beckman.  
Thos. J. Snow.  
G. B. Allen.**E. P. CARPENTER POST NO. 41, CHELSEA.**

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 35.

\*Commander, G. J. Crowell.

*Delegate.*

\*U. H. Streeter.

*Alternate.*

John Strabley.

*Past Commanders.*T. E. Wood.  
J. F. Harrington.  
E. Gorman.  
Rush Green.  
J. F. Wattrous.\*E. L. Negus.  
L. Reilly.  
A. Steger.  
Wm. Yocum.

**CHAS. T. FOSTER POST NO. 42, LANSING.**

Chartered February 2, 1882.

Membership 235.

\*Commander, Lester J. Kenney.

*Delegates.*

\*Daniel S. Mevis.  
 \*Chas. T. Miller.  
 \*Eugene S. Humphrey.  
 \*John A. Wardell.  
 \*John Oatley.

*Alternates.*

Geo. Graham.  
 Edwin A. Scutt.  
 John K. Holt.  
 Geo. W. Smalley.  
 John C. Kennedy.

*Past Commanders.*

Wm. L. Reed.  
 \*Frederick Schneider.  
 Theo. E. Potter.  
 Edwin R. Havens.  
 \*James M. Slocum.  
 Frank M. Howe.  
 \*Wm. C. Nesen.  
 \*Addison S. Boyce.  
 W. P. Treadway.  
 Thos. B. Blossom.

I. N. Ashley.  
 \*Allen S. Shattuck.  
 \*Wm. W. Cook.  
 Geo. J. Foster.  
 Seymour Foster.  
 \*Geo. W. Stone.  
 \*Lewis A. Miller.  
 John A. Marvin.  
 Sidney Edson.  
 \*W. A. Bolter.

**SCOTT POST NO. 43, BLISSFIELD.**

Chartered February 16, 1882.

Membership 56.

Commander, Byron Tripp.

*Delegate.*

David Lamley.

*Alternate.*

Samuel Smith.

*Past Commanders.*

John Rentz.  
 Peter Fisher.  
 Frank A. Sperry.  
 Geo. F. Ford.  
 \*W. H. Colyer.  
 H. H. Wilber.  
 Dayton Parker.

Jas. K. Crane.  
 Horace R. Wood.  
 Wm. Ten Eyck.  
 Edwin Youngs.  
 N. T. Stoner.  
 A. C. Bartholomew.

**ANSON SANFORD POST NO. 44, SANFORD.**

Chartered September 23, 1889.

Membership 9.

Commander, John M. Howe.

*Delegate.*

Gerdon Longenbarger.

*Alternate.*

Edward Francis.

*Past Commanders.*

John W. H. Brooks.  
 H. G. Thorington.  
 John W. Howe.

Leonard Pawling.  
 John F. Briggs.

**WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.**

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 42.

\*Commander, Clark W. Decker.

*Delegates.*

\*Asa W. Aldrich.  
 \*Geo. G. Mame.  
 Murry L. Robinson.

*Alternates.*

Geo. Durfee.  
 \*Wm. Gimbert.  
 H. C. Cunningham.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. R. Cochrane.  
 Geo. W. Westerman.  
 \*B. F. Mattern.  
 Samuel Patten.  
 Stewart Ballon.  
 B. F. Graves.  
 Fred J. Buck.  
 Geo. Irwin.  
 \*Hope Welch.  
 John Britten.

S. E. Graves.  
 D. B. Morgan.  
 \*W. T. Bradley.  
 \*Geo. Austin.  
 John B. Allen.  
 \*L. O. Salsbury.  
 \*Henry Mickley.  
 \*Wm. Jibb.  
 \*Sam. W. Hamilton.

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**JACOB G. FOY POST NO. 46, GANGES.**

Chartered \_\_\_\_\_ Membership 11.  
 \*Commander, Wm. H. Dunn.  
*Delegate.* Geo. G. Dean. *Alternate.* C. W. Holmes.  
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*Past Commanders.* E. J. King.  
 \*Wm. H. Dunn. Geo. G. Dean.  
 \*H. H. Goodrich. \*J. P. Eddy.  
 \*Geo. T. Clapp.

**W. C. GILBERT POST NO. 47, DOWAGIAC.**

Chartered March 11, 1882. \_\_\_\_\_ Membership 35.  
 \*Commander, J. R. Edwards.  
*Delegate.* Williss M. Farr. *Alternate.* Edward Henwood.  
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*Past Commanders.* T. J. Edwards.  
 Wm. H. Brown. John Bilderback.  
 \*J. R. Edwards.

**EDWARD POMEROY POST NO. 48, JACKSON.**

Chartered March 9, 1882. \_\_\_\_\_ Membership 183.  
 \*Commander, Albert W. Martin.  
*Delegates.* \_\_\_\_\_ *Alternates.* W. W. Crocker.  
 \*Cyrus Pierce. \*Levi Jones.  
 \*Lewis Pelton. Oscar Driscoll. \*C. P. Realtor.  
 John W. Allen. \*Theo. P. Butcher.  
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*Past Commanders.* \*J. L. Sample.  
 \*T. H. Williams. \*S. B. Davis.  
 \*A. D. Welling. D. J. Willson.  
 \*O. F. Kaywood. \*J. D. Jewell.  
 \*Albert Dunham. Henry Dilno. \*Geo. Cottrill.  
 \*M. S. Redfield. \*H. H. Allen.  
 \*W. W. Hitchcock. \*Wm. H. Porter.  
 \*C. H. Haskin. \*Thos. Daniels.

**WADSWORTH POST NO. 49, LAWRENCE.**

Chartered March 16, 1882. \_\_\_\_\_ Membership 25.  
 \*Commander, Thos. C. Tyner.  
*Delegate.* \*Elmer Hardman. *Alternate.* John Ridlon.  
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*Past Commanders.* Amos Dopp.  
 Geo. A. Cross. \*John W. Shoemaker.  
 John Huff. \*Francis Branch.  
 \*Thomas C. Tyner.  
 Charles Cook.

**JOHN T. REYNOLDS POST NO. 52, PENTWATER.**

Chartered November 18, 1887. \_\_\_\_\_ Membership 19.  
 \*Commander, T. O. Gardner.  
*Delegate.* \*J. H. Beach. *Alternate.* Geo. Tate.  
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*Past Commanders.* O. M. Inman.  
 \*T. O. Gardner. E. Nickerson.  
 W. A. Clark.  
 J. Beckwith.

**PHIL M'KERNAN POST NO. 53, MASON.**

Chartered April 8, 1882.

Membership 33.

Commander, Hugh Blakely.	
<i>Delegate.</i> *W. J. Adams.	<i>Alternate.</i> G. L. Barnaby.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
T. M. Saraw. Hugh Blakely. *G. L. Barnaby. S. C. Parker.	E. S. Baldwin. H. C. Freeland. W. J. Adams.

**O. P. MORTON POST NO. 54, MANTON.**

Chartered April 15, 1882.

Membership 15.

Commander, R. A. Cora.	
<i>Delegate.</i> J. Goldsmith.	<i>Alternate.</i> J. Berry.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Xera Ellsworth. D. B. Averill.	Edward Morgan. A. A. Clawson.

**CAPT. H. BARROWS POST NO. 55, ARMADA.**

Chartered June 4, 1895.

Membership 18.

Commander, E. S. Sibley.	
<i>Delegate.</i> A. B. Watson.	<i>Alternate.</i> Marion Bates.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Peter B. Cade. Homer A. Sperry. Marion Bates. *L. J. Compton. S. S. Hathaway.	Frederick Klusendorf. Amos Finch. William Hamlin. Wm. B. Hamilton. Ashel B. Watson.

**C. J. BASSETT POST NO. 56, ALLEGAN.**

Chartered April 25, 1882.

Membership 68.

Commander, J. C. Leggett.	
<i>Delegate.</i> *Henry L. Green.	<i>Alternate.</i> Hiram Myers.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*W. W. Warner. *N. W. Houser. Geo. W. Cady. J. W. Eley. John S. Curtis.	A. C. Esterbrook. *L. W. Belinger. Parley Main. *Geo. B. Myers. M. A. Powell.

**THOMAS MANNING POST NO. 57, MARCELLUS.**

Chartered May 19, 1882.

Membership 77.

*Commander, Frank T. Wolf.	
<i>Delegate.</i> *Bruce Levy.	<i>Alternate.</i> Sam Reigles.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*W. J. Kellogg. *J. B. Gortner. Peter Shall. *G. I. Nash. Clarence Lamson.	*W. R. Sinder. H. W. Notingham. Ray T. Streeter. Levi Dennis.

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**A. COLVIN POST NO. 59, GOBLEVILLE.**

Chartered May 22, 1882.

Membership 24.

*Delegate.* \*Commander, M. J. Blakeman.  
W. Upson. *Alternate.*  
\*J. C. Parsons.

*Past Commanders.*  
L. S. Lee. E. M. Brown.  
Phil Bush. Geo. Meyers.  
Bradley Randall.

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**DEWEY POST NO. 60, LESLIE.**

Chartered May 25, 1882.

Membership 40.

*Delegate.* Commander, A. H. Larbatoux.  
*Alternate.*  
\*M. L. Ackley.

*Past Commanders.*  
L. S. Rice. \*W. D. Longyear.  
\*A. H. Laberteaux. R. C. Bishop.  
J. B. Seovel. \*A. A. Lombard.

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**C. F. DOOBE POST NO. 61, GAYLORD.**

Chartered May 19, 1882.

Membership 15.

*Delegate.* Commander, N. L. Parmeter.  
Geo. H. Smith. *Alternate.*  
J. W. F. Newsome.

*Past Commanders.*  
\*Wm. H. Smith. L. W. Lyon.  
Orson Higley. Benj. F. Ordway.  
Phillip Sparr.

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**JEWELL POST NO. 62, CEDAR SPRINGS.**

Chartered June 3, 1882.

Membership 31.

*Delegate.* \*Commander, Miles Mulford.  
\*Philo Borst. *Alternate.*  
Silas T. Church.

*Past Commanders.*  
D. G. Dove. J. D. Jackson.  
L. Bearss. Miles Mulford.  
\*J. T. Pomeroy.

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**G. K. WARNER POST NO. 63, EAST TAWAS. 1**

Chartered June 20, 1882.

Membership 36.

*Delegate.* Commander, F. E. Hayes.  
*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*  
L. B. Smith. Wardwell Chase.  
J. E. Hill. J. M. Walker.  
Theo. Hills. S. C. Williams.  
\*B. F. Oakes. Wm. Youngs.  
F. E. Hayes. C. F. Adams.

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**FRANK GRAVES POST NO. 64, NILES.**

Chartered June 19, 1882.

Membership 28.

*Delegate.* Commander, Alexander Winborn.  
James Hardee. *Alternate.*  
A. C. Judson.

*Past Commanders.*  
H. C. Beswick. A. E. Dodge.

**W. J. MAY POST NO. 65, JONES.**

Chartered July 24, 1882. Membership 23.

Commander, S. P. King.

*Delegate.* David Houser. *Alternate.* Charles Carpenter.

*Past Commanders.*

Luther Kinney.	I. S. Pound.
D. Trattels.	L. H. Scott.
A. P. Beeman.	H. H. Bowen.
T. P. Ayers.	N. G. Stanard.

**STEVENS POST NO. 66, EAST JORDAN.**

Chartered December 4, 1882. Membership 24.

Commander, Geo. W. Haner.

*Delegate.* Alexander Bush. *Alternate.* Wm. Harrington.

*Past Commanders.*

J. W. Rogers.	Geo. J. Bowen.
L. C. Madison.	J. H. Kocker.

**U. S. GRANT POST NO. 67, BAY CITY.**

Chartered June 12, 1882. Membership 81.

Commander, L. A. L. Gilbert.

*Delegates.* \*Griffin Lewis. *Alternates.* Frank Le Roy.  
Hiram Russell. Lewis Houck.

*Past Commanders.*

H. C. Green.	L. McHugh.
Frank Berdan.	Chas. Gossler.
*C. L. Collins.	S. Wilhelm.
Pat. Gibbons.	M. J. Borland.
*James Van Kleeck.	O. F. Kellogg.
J. P. Day.	Wm. Hubbard.
August Meisel.	

**SHIELDS POST NO. 68, SHELBY.**

Chartered July 27, 1882. Membership 36.

Commander, Dan'l J. Thurston.

*Delegate.* Chas. H. Richardson. *Alternate.* E. M. Moody.

*Past Commanders.*

Phil Penfield.	F. A. Pitts.
W. P. Shafer.	G. W. Carroll.
William Beamer.	J. D. Randall.
Wm. H. Barry.	Burr Pittinger.
Jacob P. Huyson.	A. H. Towne.
Augustus Fleming.	

**DWIGHT MAY POST NO. 69, MIDLAND.**

Chartered June 29, 1882. Membership 35.

Commander, H. D. Northway.

*Delegate.* \*Robert Clark. *Alternate.* I. H. Richardson.

*Past Commanders.*

*J. W. Snell.	T. B. Main.
Geo. H. Richardson.	Wm. L. Stearns.
Alton P. Beardsley.	Henry Northway.
True Hart.	William Patterson.
C. L. Jenney.	

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**ED. M. PRUTZMAN POST NO. 72, THREE RIVERS.**

Chartered September 7, 1882.

Membership 50.

*Delegate.*

\*Henry Kramb.

*Alternate.*

J. D. Wolfe.

*Past Commanders.*

W. H. Bumphrey.  
James Bouton.  
\*S. M. Snyder.  
\*Jeff. P. McKey.  
\*W. C. Porter.  
Wesley W. Van Horn.

\*James L. Haines.  
\*Russell R. Pealer.  
\*A. A. Udell.  
\*Bishop E. Andrews.  
\*Geo. A. B. Cooke.

**A. B. STURGIS POST NO. 73, STURGIS.**

Chartered September 1, 1882.

Membership 31.

*Delegate.*

Commander, Van Vlick, P. H.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

E. S. Amedon.  
Daniel Berger.  
J. H. Whitmer.  
L. J. Twichell  
P. J. Rodes.  
O. D. Russell.

E. B. Cooke.  
P. H. Van Vleck.  
H. L. Anthony.  
E. Zeigler.  
A. A. Wilber.

**STERLING POST NO. 74, WAYLAND.**

Chartered August 31, 1882.

Membership 25.

*Delegate.*

\*John W. P. Allen.

Commander, Chas. B. Brown.

*Alternate.*

J. C. Gordon.

*Past Commanders.*

Peter Ross.  
\*John H. Peck.  
John W. Moore.  
\*Frank E. Pickett.  
James M. Potts.  
\*C. B. Brown.

\*Jerry H. Sargent.  
Albert W. Nash.  
\*Varsol P. Fales.  
Isaac N. Hoyt.  
David Knowles.

**WETHERWAX POST NO. 75, GRAND HAVEN.**

Chartered September 13, 1882.

Membership 30.

*Delegate.*

A. M. Van Wormer.

Commander, Chas. W. Dickinson.

*Alternate.*

Jos. Douglas.

*Past Commanders.*

C. E. Soule.  
\*C. N. Dickenson.  
Eugene Gardner.  
G. A. Farr.  
Miner J. Emlaw.

William Walters.  
\*Orson Vanderhoef.  
Wm. Kefgen.  
\*Philander Palmer.  
Anthony Boet.

**JOSEPH E. SMITH POST NO. 76, MONROE.**

Chartered September 12, 1882.

Membership 47.

*Delegate.*

A. Rupp.

Commander, Adam Lahr.

*Alternate.*

B. Strum.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. Spaulding.  
H. Beisal.  
C. L. Peck.  
H. E. Austin.  
Burton Parker.

F. B. Nelson.  
C. Gruner.  
J. Callum.  
Wm. Hagans.  
Wm. F. Haight.



**FRANK HICKS POST NO. 78, DANSVILLE.**

Chartered September 18, 1882.

Membership 25.

\*Commander, A. L. Crossman.

*Delegate.*

\*Merritt Hicks.

*Alternate.*

W. W. Raymond.

*Past Commanders.*Andrew Beers.  
O. L. Lathrop.  
C. L. Randall.C. F. Patrick.  
A. L. Crossman.**ORCUTT POST NO. 79, KALAMAZOO.**

Chartered September 20, 1882.

Membership 135.

\*Commander, Aaron Miller.

*Delegates.*W. C. Shook.  
\*Eli Strong.  
\*W. F. Parsons.*Alternates.*\*David C. Oakes.  
J. W. Johnson.  
James McGinn.*Past Commanders.*Geo. M. Buck.  
\*Wm. F. Sherman  
\*J. D. Turner.  
\*Freeman Hall.  
F. D. Root.  
\*F. P. Muhlenberg.  
John Barker.  
\*Enoch Shafer.  
\*Jas. E. White.\*P. H. Burke.  
\*Geo. F. Larned.  
\*John D. Sumner.  
\*H. P. Shutt.  
\*E. S. Bissell.  
\*Chas. Prange.  
\*Geo. Clark.  
Geo. W. Doane.**HARLOW BRIGGS POST NO. 80, HOPKINS STATION.**

Chartered September 25, 1882.

Membership 30.

Commander, W. H. Miller.

*Delegate.*

\*J. W. Linsley.

*Alternate.*

W. H. Van Orman.

*Past Commanders.*\*John Hoffmaster.  
\*Geo. Ruehle.  
\*John Bacon.  
\*Wesley McBride.  
\*Arnold Brockway.Chas. Tiefenthal.  
D. S. Halstead.  
Fred Hodges.  
Henry H. Smith.  
J. G. Ellinger.**COL. JEFFORDS POST NO. 82, NASHVILLE.**

Chartered September 19, 1882.

Membership 28.

Commander, Alex. Brown.

*Delegate.*

A. T. Rowley.

*Alternate.*

G. O. Dean.

*Past Commanders.*E. F. Evans.  
Geo. Wellman.  
\*Alex. Brown.  
\*E. D. Williams.  
G. W. Perry.W. S. Hecox.  
\*R. C. Smith.  
Wm. Boston.  
A. R. Williams.**WM. A. KENT POST NO. 83, GREENVILLE.**

Chartered October 6, 1882.

Membership 45.

Commander, A. T. Bliss.

*Delegate.*

Truman Dusett.

*Alternate.*

Wm. Trace.

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*Past Commanders.*

John Avery.	H. M. Caukin.
*E. F. Graybill.	*L. W. Sprague.
O. B. Green.	O. W. Green.
E. W. Blanchard.	A. H. Bennett.
*A. J. Cole.	O. J. Cary.
C. O. Jennison.	Geo. W. Turner.

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**COL. BAKER POST NO. 84, KALKASKA.**

Chartered October 9, 1882.

Membership 48.

Commander, James M. Flagg.

*Delegate.*

Willard R. Parker.

*Alternate.*

Chas. Woolpert.

*Past Commanders.*

Daniel P. Beebe.	W. H. Bockes.
James A. Harriott.	W. J. Wilson.
Jos. F. Mowbrey.	*Chas. H. DePuy.
James Greacen.	James M. Steel.
Jas. M. Flagg.	*John E. Rainbow.
John Lewis.	

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**CHAS. WOODRUFF POST NO. 58, THREE OAKS.**

Chartered October 16, 1882.

Membership 22.

\*Commander, F. F. Sovereign.

*Delegate.*

\*Geo. L. Stevens.

*Alternate.*

S. M. Copelin.

*Past Commanders.*

Dwight Warren.	Fred F. Sovereign.
Isaiah Rynerson.	Wm. W. Smith.
Joshua Chatterson.	Chas. H. Davis.

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**GEN. LYON POST NO. 86, MANCELONA.**

Chartered October 10, 1882.

Membership 18.

Commander, James I. Ayers.

*Delegate.*

James Blair.

*Alternate.*

Thomas Hazen.

*Past Commanders.*

H. B. Hudson.	Davis S. Davis.
I. O. Lyons.	D. W. Lazell.
J. W. Wallace.	H. C. Merdon.

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**JOS. WILSON POST NO. 87, LOWELL.**

Chartered October 16, 1882.

Membership 54.

\*Commander, S. P. Hicks.

*Delegate.*

\*H. W. Booth.

*Alternate.*

D. E. Pratt.

*Past Commanders.***CORBIN POST NO. 88, UNION CITY.**

Chartered October 17, 1882.

Membership 55.

Commander, John D. Parke.

*Delegate.*

\*Geo. Eberhard.

*Alternate.*

Ira Crandall.

*Past Commanders*

*L. L. Harsh.	*J. M. Wells.
R. M. Simmons.	D. E. Youngs.
M. F. Buell.	*C. M. Hall.
O. N. Dennison.	M. E. Blair.
G. W. Blakewell.	Henry Seymour.

**RANSOM POST NO. 89, FLUSHING.**

Chartered October 18, 1882. Membership 18.

\*Commander, James Armstrong.

*Delegate.*

C. H. Penoyer.

*Alternate.*

\*Spellman Loop.

*Past Commanders.*

*J. M. Greenfield.	W. J. Ottaway.
*S. H. Thomas.	*Cyrus Phelps.
W. V. Banning.	Albert Crosby.
*John Wheeler.	*J. M. Caldwell.
H. A. Miller.	*Chester Pelton.

**J. N. PENOYER POST NO. 90, SAGINAW, W. S.**

Chartered November 14, 1882. Membership 44.

Commander, John Monroe.

*Delegate.*

\*Adolph Zyfer.

*Alternate.*

John Mahoney.

*Past Commanders.*

*O. F. Mosier.	J. H. Wellington.
Albert Trask.	C. F. Brand.
N. S. Wood.	N. B. Kinsey.
C. A. Beelman.	J. P. Sherman.
Fred Wellington.	G. R. Grout.
C. P. Burdick.	*E. St. John.
*Henry Vance.	H. S. Averill.
J. G. McMillan.	J. H. Leavenworth.

**WM. D. WILKINS POST NO. 91, ST. LOUIS.**

Chartered October 25, 1882. Membership 25.

Commander, L. B. Longwell.

*Delegate.*

John J. McRolf.

*Alternate.*

Geo. Wood.

*Past Commanders.*

A. B. Darragh.	Henry Davison.
Peter Shook.	J. N. Robinson.
L. W. Beach.	L. B. Longwell.
H. W. Forney.	Willard Gray.
*C. H. Crandall.	L. L. Cornell.
Chas. Morrow.	H. E. Histed.
*Henry O. Totten.	

**WALLACE POST NO. 95, FLAT ROCK.**

Chartered December 9, 1882. Membership 37.

Commander, Chas. Strewing.

*Delegate.*

David Valrance.

*Alternate.*

Sherman Rice.

*Past Commanders.*

J. M. Van Riper.	L. Firstle.
S. F. Smith.	J. R. Brown.
H. W. Moses.	W. B. Littlefield.
*Albert W. Wagar.	C. Strewing.
B. Parish.	Chas. Simpson.
E. Beach.	F. Ferstel.
*F. M. Reid.	

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**CARTER POST NO. 96, UNION.**

Chartered December 21, 1882.

Membership 11.

Commander, C. C. Parker.

*Delegate.*

J. C. Kyle.

*Alternate.*

H. M. Fox.

*Past Commanders.*

H. F. Garman.

**JOHN J. BAGLEY POST NO. 97, HERSEY.**

Chartered December 27, 1882.

Membership 12.

Commander, Peter A. Hall.

*Delegate.*

Geo. I. Hale.

*Alternate.*

I. N. Owens.

*Past Commanders.*Wm. B. C. Pitts.  
Wm. D. Lovell.  
B. F. Carey.L. F. Corey.  
P. A. Hall.**WILLIAM SANBORN POST NO. 98, PORT HURON.**

Chartered December 30, 1882.

Membership 60.

Commander, Chas. W. Higgins.

*Delegate.*

\*E. G. Spalding.

*Alternate.*

R. S. Mann.

*Past Commanders.*E. S. Post.  
L. A. Sherman.  
E. S. Pitit.  
Geo. W. Howe.  
W. H. Brown.  
J. D. Kinney.  
W. H. Smith.  
A. J. West.Wm. Thompson.  
\*C. W. Higgins.  
\*C. V. W. Brokaw.  
\*J. W. Burns.  
G. B. Windover.  
A. H. Welsher.  
Harvey Hyde.  
L. B. Rice.**M. W. DRESSER POST NO. 100, LYONS.**

Chartered January 10, 1883.

Membership 28.

Commander, T. H. Steadman.

*Delegate.*

\*J. O. Probasco.

*Alternate.*

Simon Newhouse.

*Past Commanders.*Ezra N. Thayer.  
B. H. Stevens.  
Geo. W. Terry.J. R. Dougherty.  
Chas. W. Lung.  
T. H. Steadman.**MOSES WISNER POST NO. 101, ITHACA.**

Chartered January 13, 1883.

Membership 60.

Commander, Alanson J. Brown.

*Delegate.*

\*Albro Curtiss.

*Alternate.*

I. N. Cowdry.

*Past Commanders.*N. C. Sutliff.  
\*W. H. Beasley.  
Wm. L. Phillips.  
E. B. Killee.  
Thomas Crofford.  
John Barnes.  
A. W. Russell.  
Perry D. Pettit.James Donaldson.  
E. F. Doty.  
\*J. B. Yarbough.  
G. W. Todd.  
Wm. Stahl.  
W. J. Clark.  
K. P. Peet.

**ELI P. ALEXANDER POST NO. 103, WILLIAMSTON.**

Chartered January 16, 1883. Membership 39.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, H. M. Bigelow.	<i>Alternate.</i>
C. E. Lockwood.		Miles Vannetter.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Wm. L. Robson.	R. Wiggins.	
H. M. Bigelow.	Chas. E. West.	
Mathias Coad.	Milo Vannetter.	
Hiram Haime.	Leroy Satterlee.	

**GEO. A. WINANS POST NO. 104, OVID.**

Chartered February 8, 1883. Membership 34.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, John W. Mentor.	<i>Alternate.</i>
W. B. Parker.		Fred Alchin.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
W. G. Hunter.	S. B. Southworth.	
John A. Hubbell.	Cyrus Sherman.	
A. R. Doyne	Hiram W. Treat.	
Luther Stone.	Chas. Cowan.	
John Link.	N. B. Goodfellow, Post 255.	
W. B. Parker.	W. G. Hunter.	

**WORTH POST NO. 105, TEKONSHA.**

Chartered February 15, 1883. Membership 14.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Willard Whitney.	<i>Alternate.</i>
R. E. Eldrid.		C. C. Juckett.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Willard Whitney.	Wm. H. Davis.	
William Gribbens.	Geo. Blashfield.	
C. H. Miller.		

**TIM LEWIS POST NO. 107, DIMONDALE.**

Chartered March 17, 1883. Membership 25.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Andrew Pray.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Chas. H. Holcomb.		Henry Claffin.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*Andrew Pray.	O. G. Andrews.	
*N. P. Bateman.	John Van Osdall.	
*John Spitler.	A. D. Carlton.	
Albert Shotwell.	E. O. Butler.	
Jas. A. Bell.		

**EARL HALBERT POST NO. 108, GRAND LEDGE.**

Chartered March 15, 1883. Membership 44.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, Henry Munn.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*A. E. Elliott.		E. Russell.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*J. S. Holmes.	*N. W. Tracy.	
E. Wallace.	D. G. Kennedy.	
*W. D. Southworth.	Henry Newsom.	
*H. L. Bigelow.	Oliver Wright.	
*B. F. Sanborn.	Andy McKelvey.	
J. D. Summers.		

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**BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109, COLDWATER.**

Chartered March 9, 1883.

Membership 135.

\*Commander, Edwin E. Lewis.

*Delegates.*\*Jed Wilcox.  
E. N. Billings.  
\*Jeff. Burns.*Alternates.*\*H. Tymerson.  
L. Daniels.  
J. Cochran.*Past Commanders.*\*N. A. Reynolds.  
\*Geo. H. Turner.  
Henry Firth.  
H. C. Simons.  
L. A. Dillingham.  
\*Alfred Milnes.  
B. K. Robbins.  
Frank Eaton.C. W. Bennett.  
T. S. Osborn.  
Chas. R. Thompson.  
\*F. D. Newberry  
\*H. H. Benson.  
B. F. Rolph.  
Geo. A. Russell.  
Hezekiah Sweet.**DE GOLYER POST NO. 110, HUDSON.**

Chartered March 12, 1883.

Membership 32.

\*Commander, Mathew Burt.

*Delegate.*

John A. Dillon.

*Alternate.*

P. Cavanaugh.

*Past Commanders.*R. A. Beach.  
\*Fred Barkway.  
Edwin Camp.  
A. H. Boies.\*J. K. Periman.  
C. H. Eastman.  
Wm. Barnard.**J. B. BRAINARD POST NO. 111, EATON RAPIDS.**

Chartered March 14, 1883.

Membership 129.

\*Commander, H. J. Milbourn.

*Delegates.*J. R. Norton.  
\*B. K. Crandall.  
\*V. M. Smith.*Alternates.*\*Hiram Godfrey.  
D. S. Milbourn.  
Amos Topliff.*Past Commanders.*\*Geo. W. Norton.  
\*H. B. Olmsted.  
\*W. D. Brainard.  
\*Eli Cook.  
\*Geo. Noble.  
\*Jasper Rolph.  
Roswell West.\*D. M. Braman.  
\*James Umborgan.  
\*L. A. Fowler.  
\*H. J. Milburn.  
\*Alonzo Cheney.  
\*C. B. Fowler.  
\*J. J. Holmes.**JOHN CRYDERMAN POST NO. 112, MULLIKEN.**

Chartered March 16, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, Pomeroy Canfield.

*Delegate.*W. W. Thompson.  
L. H. Wilcox.*Alternate.*

L. D. Fisher.

*Past Commanders.***MILES POST NO. 113, ST. CLAIR.**

Chartered March 15, 1883.

Membership 12.

Commander, David P. Ingles.

*Delegate.*

Archibald McKenzie.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

John Fink.

**JOHN GILLULY POST NO. 114, FOWLERVILLE.**

Chartered March 22, 1883. Membership 44.

<i>Delegate.</i> *Marvin Benjamin.	*Commander, W. M. Horton.	<i>Alternate.</i> Andrew Wall.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	*Wm. M. Horton. G. D. Hamilton. *Louis Coble. A. H. Smith. E. A. Metcalf.	W. P. Stowe. O. P. Showers. C. E. Dunston. Geo. L. Fisher.

**ELLIOTT POST NO. 115, WHITE PIGEON.**

Chartered March 23, 1883. Membership 15.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, Daniel Saunter.	<i>Alternate.</i> C. H. Farnham.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	Martin Luther. A. J. Rowinsky.	*C. Y. Gardner.

**D. G. ROYCE POST NO. 117, BYRON.**

Chartered March 22, 1883. Membership 6.

<i>Delegate.</i> J. Schweikert.	*Commander, L. C. Kanouse.	<i>Alternate.</i> Geo. Keyes.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	E. D. Welch. H. L. Bishop. G. LaDue. J. Goff.	L. C. Kanouse. Wm. Close. M. D. Comstock. W. H. Borst.

**H. H. NIMS POST NO. 118, LEXINGTON.**

Chartered March 31, 1883. Membership 13.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, M. J. Dowling.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	R. Papst. Oliver Yake. L. M. Brown.	M. J. Dowling. Fred Keener.

**BAXTER POST NO. 119, CHARLEVOIX.**

Chartered March 28, 1883. Membership 27.

<i>Delegate.</i> Egbert Carpenter.	Commander, Harrison Berdan.	<i>Alternate.</i> Geo. O. Scott.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	E. H. Green. C. H. Whitford. E. B. Hodge. Robert Miller.	H. Berdan. J. G. Reed. W. H. Collins. Geo. W. Cook.

**WADELL POST NO. 120, HOWELL.**

Chartered April 5, 1883. Membership 49.

<i>Delegate.</i> E. A. Noble.	Commander, R. D. W. Woodworth.	<i>Alternate.</i> D. Werithew.
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## THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

*Past Commanders.*

G. W. Axtell.	*John McGiney.
*R. E. Parshall.	R. D. W. Woodworth.
Frank Jordan.	Asa Parshall
Marshall Borden.	*Calvin Wilcox.
Geo. Barnes.	M. W. Dickinson.
E. D. Sargent.	*H. H. Collins.

**PAP THOMAS POST NO. 121, CHESANING.**

Chartered April 6, 1883.

Membership 27.

*Delegate.*

Andrew S. Smith.

Commander, Dan. O. Quigley.

*Alternate.*

Lewis Walser.

*Past Commanders.*

Nathan R. Jersey.	A. J. Wilson.
John Marshall.	H. T. Weaver.
S. B. Vannocker.	

**CARVER POST NO. 123, FRANKFORT.**

Chartered April 7, 1883.

Membership 18.

*Delegate.*

Chas. A. Voorheis.

Commander, C. C. Forney.

*Alternate.*

E. Z. Guild.

*Past Commanders.*

John Hallabaugh.	John S. Perry.
H. A. Parker.	A. J. Schvester.

**FITZGERALD POST NO. 125, HASTINGS.**

Chartered April 11, 1883.

Membership 55.

*Delegate.*

\*Thomas Heney.

\*Commander, Caleb W. Moore.

*Alternate.*

D. A. Bowker.

*Past Commanders.*

*H. H. Trask.	Frank A. Standley.
Hiram Palmater.	Jos. C. Wardell.
M. B. Todd.	W. F. Hicks.
H. Marble.	*Oliver Greenfield.
*Travers Philips.	D. E. Birdsall.
Wm. Ream.	*W. H. Garrison.

**DAN S. ROOT POST NO. 126, BELDING.**

Chartered April 14, 1883.

Membership 33.

*Delegate.*

W. H. Locke.

\*Commander, Frank R. Chase.

*Alternate.*

A. G. Cole.

*Past Commanders.*

B. F. Tower.	Frank R. Chase.
W. R. Olds.	J. H. Keeney.
C. M. Slayton.	

**"BILLY" BEGOLE POST NO. 127, MAPLE RAPIDS.**

Chartered April 15, 1883.

Membership 25.

*Delegate.*

\*J. E. Jones.

Commander, John Bennett.

*Alternate.*

Thomas Anderson.

*Past Commanders.*

Robert Anderson.	Dennis Wright.
Thomas Anderson.	J. A. Knickerbocker.
Elisha Mudge.	J. E. Jones.



**B. G. HUTCHINSON POST NO. 129, FOWLER.**

Chartered April 21, 1883. Membership 27.  
 Commander, W. E. Hamilton.  
*Delegate.* *Alternate.*  
*Past Commanders.*  
 F. A. Stowe. Jesse Evarts.  
 M. B. Drake. Wm. M. Young.  
 W. E. Hamilton.

**J. T. BARRETT POST NO. 130, EDMORE.**

Chartered April 19, 1883. Membership 12.  
 Commander, Abel Rorrick.  
*Delegate.* *Alternate.*  
 B. L. Ward. J. K. Tram.  
*Past Commanders.*  
 \*Joseph Perrine. Henry W. Hewes.  
 \*Hiram Sockett.

**HENRY M. LIDDLE POST NO. 131, COLON.**

Chartered April 21, 1883. Membership 35.  
 Commander, Wm. L. Lytle.  
*Delegate.* *Alternate.*  
 \*Emanuel Smith. David Shook.  
*Past Commanders.*  
 John L. Little. \*W. T. Renner.  
 William Boughton. John Hall.  
 \*Charles Clement. John Anderson.  
 \*E. Kemerling. John A. Mosher.

**JOHN MEGABRAH POST NO. 132, PORTLAND.**

Chartered April 27, 1883. Membership 45.  
 Commander, J. B. Blackson.  
*Delegate.* *Alternate.*  
 \*Rush P. Baldwin. Daniel Hillis.  
*Past Commanders.*  
 E. M. Allen. M. J. Whitney.  
 H. W. Holcomb. H. C. Glines.  
 Vincent Taylor. W. R. Norwood.  
 John W. Van Horn. \*H. Outwater.  
 \*Wm. G. Miner. J. D. Woodbury.

**SAMUEL JUDD POST NO. 133, NEWAYGO.**

Chartered April 27, 1883. Membership 22.  
 \*Commander, L. C. Gates.  
*Delegate.* *Alternate.*  
 \*J. H. Edwards. W. H. Ostrom.  
*Past Commanders.*  
 J. H. Edwards. W. H. Ostrom.

**FRED W. WALKER POST NO. 134, MT. MORRIS.**

Chartered April 27, 1883. Membership 14.  
 Commander, W. W. Fairbanks.  
*Delegate.* *Alternate.*  
 Geo. Schield. John Hughes.

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*Past Commanders.*

W. O. Boughton.  
D. Douglas.  
J. C. C. Stephens.  
Geo. W. Clute.  
John Hughes.

Wm. Barber.  
M. W. Fairbanks.  
John Mitchell.  
U. Bache.

**BARTHOLOMEW POST NO. 136, NUNICA.**

Chartered May 11, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, E. R. Porter.

*Delegate.*

Blin Dumas.

*Alternate.*

F. M. Green.

*Past Commanders.*

J. A. Bond.  
\*John Castle.  
E. Barden.  
\*H. E. Plant.

A. G. Hayward.  
T. W. Dandy.  
\*John Howard.  
\*John Eckhoff.

**WELCH POST NO. 137, ANN ARBOR.**

Chartered May 8, 1883.

Membership 52.

Commander, Robt. L. Warren.

*Delegate.*

\*John Cushing.

*Alternate.*

Richard Williams.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Henry S. Dean.  
\*J. Q. A. Sessions.  
J. M. Perkins.  
W. H. Jackson.  
N. P. Jacobs.  
\*Chas. H. Manley.  
W. R. Childs.  
W. A. Clark.

Robt. Campbell.  
Fred Pistorins.  
Harrison Soule.  
H. J. Pierson.  
A. F. Martin.  
Silas P. Hill.  
Jos. T. Jacobs.  
Herman Krapf.

**R. M. JOHNSON POST NO. 138, FERRY.**

Chartered May 18, 1883.

Membership 8.

Commander, J. H. Critchet.

*Delegate.*

P. W. Parish.

*Alternate.*

T. P. Landon.

*Past Commanders.***HORACE S. ROBERTS POST NO. 139, ALPENA.**

Chartered May 23, 1883.

Membership 30.

Commander, John C. Viall.

*Delegate.*

\*Frank Emerick.

*Alternate.*

William H. Johnson.

*Past Commanders.*

J. J. Potter.  
C. M. Demming.  
C. B. Gruly.  
A. C. Rice.

Frank Hasell.  
J. N. Kelly.  
Frank White.

**BEERS POST NO. 140, TECUMSEH.**

Chartered May 18, 1881.

Membership 63.

Commander, Geo. T. Reiser.

*Delegate.*

\*H. H. Smith.

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

*Elwill Camborn.	Lemers Barnes.
Geo Swarts.	W. P. Smalledge.
J. W. Wightman.	Chas. Davis.
Miles Baldwin.	I. N. Ingersoll.
S. P. Hosmer.	*H. W. Stevens.
G. S. Van Tyne.	L. B. Thompson.
A. W. Mills.	Elmer Wilson.
John D. Shull.	Wm. Smith.

**A. MACOMBER POST NO. 141, LAKEVIEW.**

Chartered May 25, 1883. Membership 28.  
 Commander, Hiram Cornwell.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Felix Ludington.	A. W. La Rue.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>
O. A. Adams.	*Leonard Rossman.
*John W. LaRue.	B. S. Vest.
*C. S. Vinning.	

**WHITESIDES POST NO. 143, CARO.**

Chartered May 25, 1883. Membership 11.  
 Commander, Lyman C. Grady.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>
Geo. W. Baslow.	A. C. Spaulding.
D. M. Macomber.	R. M. Ross.
Jas. A. Connor.	J. P. Westfall.

**TURRELL POST NO. 144, LAPEER.**

Chartered May 29, 1883. Membership 40.  
 \*Commander, David R. Laing.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Edwin Weston.	Geo. Holman.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>
L. W. Hinman.	G. W. Cranston.
Herman Dockham.	*F. McElroy.
Robt. King.	Louis O. Bryan.
W. P. Glover.	Geo. B. Farquaharson.
Jacob Piper.	Peter Bessette.
O. S. Church.	

**GOV. CRAPO POST NO. 145, FLINT.**

Chartered June 7, 1883. Membership 146.  
 Commander, E. A. Jennings.

<i>Delegates.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
*Chas. A. Ward.	A. Van Arman.
*Wm. R. Pratt.	Amander Ruby.
*Oscar Johnson.	J. Leopard.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>
O. F. Lockhead.	J. R. Benjamin.
*M. C. Barney.	Geo. W. Hilton.
Chas. L. Bentley.	*Joseph Rush.
O. S. Thomas.	Geo. E. Newell.
Paul Countryman.	*Geo. Raab.
John W. Begg.	*James H. Failing.
Frank E. Willetts.	Jas. W. Van Tassel.
Ed. C. Marsh.	Thos. A. Willitts.
Jarvis E. Albro.	

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**CAPT. WILSON POST NO. 146, WALDRON.**

Chartered June 8, 1883.

Membership 15.

Commander, Albert Gibbs.

*Delegate.* W. B. Moore. *Alternate.* M. W. Gung.

*Past Commanders.* A. Gibbs. S. W. Yeagle.  
C. H. Gorsuch. E. N. Weaver.  
W. B. Moore.

**DICK RICHARDSON POST NO. 147, PONTIAC.**

Chartered June 11, 1883.

Membership 77.

\*Commander, Daniel C. Nail.

*Delegates.* Moses A. Moon. *Alternates.* H. W. Brown.  
W. E. Sprague. B. J. Eddy.

*Past Commanders.* Wm. H. Morgans. S. S. Mathews.  
\*John Benjamin. L. D. Van Kleeck.  
D. Judson Hammond. B. J. Fuller.  
\*D. S. Howard. Lucine Loorie.  
\*Samuel Giles. \*S. J. Cloonan.  
James Orr. Wm. Cheals.  
Hiram Daniels. E. S. Whitcomb.  
L. D. Wilcox. Geo. Caleb.  
Chauncy Brace.

**DALHGREEN POST. NO. 149 HOLTON.**

Chartered June 13, 1883.

Membership 21.

Commander, James T. Henry.

*Delegate.* H. W. Crawford. *Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**RALPH ELY POST NO. 150, SHEPHERD.**

Chartered June 12, 1883.

Membership 20.

Commander, J. B. Northrope

*Delegate.* S. H. Fordyce. *Alternate.* Reuben Wellman.

*Past Commanders.* R. Wellman. I. N. Fordyce.  
William Suix. J. B. Northrop.

**WILLIAM MOYER POST NO. 152, ALMA.**

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 44.

Commander, Joseph Sartor.

*Delegate.* Solomon Wilber. *Alternate.* Chester Walker.

*Past Commanders.* John Greig. Francis Hawley.  
V. M. Wilson. J. W. Holmes.  
Ezra Robinson. Henry Wise.  
E. N. Chadwick. Geo. Willard.  
R. R. Purvis. Lafayette Stevens.  
F. Palmer.

**HIEL P. CLARK POST NO. 153, SARANAC.**

Chartered July 2, 1883.

Membership 25.

Commander, Sam'l Pickens.

*Delegate.* Tracy B. Lowrey. *Alternate.* John Osborn.

*Past Commanders.* E. P. Gifford. Eustis Hull.  
H. A. Harton. Marshal Tanner.  
F. T. Haskin. A. W. Knee.  
Nathan Hubble. W. H. Pinckney.

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**GREGG POST NO. 155, HOMER.**

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 11.

Commander, Nathan D. Burton.

*Delegate.* *Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

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**CHAS. E. GRISSON POST NO. 156, ST. JOHNS.**

Chartered July 5, 1883.

Membership 64.

Commander, \*W. M. Leland.

*Delegate.* \*Geo. W. Sowle. *Alternate.* Jacob Grubaugh.

*Past Commanders.* \*John W. Bradner. J. L. Ring.  
\*W. N. Stocker. S. B. Daboll.  
W. F. Tromp. H. S. Hart.  
M. A. Kniffin. J. E. Stone.  
O. E. Wilson. D. S. French.  
N. S. Parmalee.

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**ALBERT ANDERSON POST NO. 157, CASSOPOLIS.**

Chartered July 6, 1883.

Membership 19.

\*Commander, Norris Richardson.

*Delegate.* \*H. C. Walker. *Alternate.* Thos. M. Seares.

*Past Commanders.* M. A. Abbott. Jas. M. Shepard.

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**COLONEL ELY POST NO. 158, ELM HALL.**

Chartered July 10, 1883.

Membership 32.

\*Commander, Geo. Oliver.

*Delegate.* *Alternate.* J. B. Wood.

*Past Commanders.* Seneca Sly. \*E. Hough.  
Geo. Rockafellow. J. W. Fullerton.  
\*C. M. Guild. C. E. Prime.  
A. N. Maston. James Toy.  
A. E. Winters. Augustus Wise.  
H. C. Romine. R. Schnepf.

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**HILL POST NO. 159, MIDDLEVILLE.**

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 10.

\*Commander, D. W. Johnson.

*Delegate.* A. A. Tewksbury. *Alternate.* Wm. McConnell.

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*Past Commanders.*

A. A. Tewksbury.	H. B. Carveth.
*D. W. Johnson.	J. S. Johnson.
Wm. McConnell.	J. W. Gould.

**HENRY F. WALLACE POST NO. 160, CORUNNA.**Chartered July 12, 1883. Membership 32.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, Wm. E. Jacobs.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Dan'l Munger.		*Simon Anthony.

*Past Commanders.*

L. H. Wilcox.	*A. Adams.
Geo. Morean.	Ed. Conley.
G. W. Mattoon.	Andrew Porter.
*J. C. Thomas.	Philip Kline.
J. J. Peacock.	H. DePugh.

**F. U. FARQUHAR POST NO. 162, DETROIT.**Chartered July 20, 1883. Membership 19.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, John McCredie.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	

**EDWARD DWIGHT POST NO. 163, VERMONTVILLE.**Chartered July 30, 1883. Membership 41.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, David M. Purchis.	<i>Alternate.</i>
M. J. Cunningham.		*Wm. Wright.

*Past Commanders.*

*J. N. Hawkins.	*C. F. Fuller.
D. M. Purchis.	C. S. Snell.
F. M. Potter.	H. H. Brown.
C. A. Hollenbeck.	Orlando Gunn.

**O. COLGROVE POST NO. 166, MARSHALL.**Chartered August 4, 1838. Membership 77.

<i>Delegates.</i>	*Commander, S. B. Shotwell.	<i>Alternates.</i>
*C. E. Hillis.		*Edson Tredwell.
*Sidney Edgerson.		G. Fred Waltz.

*Past Commanders.*

Epheram Marble.	*Henry A. Clute.
*Henry H. Miller.	John Cuzzins.
*Arthur Philips.	*S. W. Thompson.
*David Walkinshaw.	*C. F. Walter.
John R. Roe.	Edson Treadwell.

**MURRAY POST NO. 168, MAPLE CITY.**Chartered August 11, 1883. Membership 18.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Wm. L. Bickle.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	

Marvin LaCore.	N. W. Harrington.
J. W. Dickerman.	Wm. Bickle.
A. S. Fritz.	John Dayo.
Chester McIntyre.	Abner S. Fritz.

**LUMBAED POST NO. 170, PETOSKEY.**

Chartered August 11, 1883.

Membership 61.

Commander, W. R. Montgomery.

*Delegate.*

F. J. Smith.

*Alternate.*

Geo. Barnes.

*Past Commanders.*

Ora E. Clark.	*Edwin A. Dunton.
V. A. Baker.	H. A. Crull.
Chas. B. Henika.	Alex. Worden.
James Buckley.	Thos. McCabe.
*Melvin Burch.	Thos. Keyes.
Horace Pardee.	Edward W. Tracy.
A. F. Ruck.	Wilbur F. Lawton.
T. S. Langridge.	

**JULIUS T. BARETT POST NO. 173, CARSON CITY.**

Chartered August 22, 1883.

Membership 46.

Commander, Geo. Sanderson.

*Delegate.*

A. R. Isham.

*Alternate.*

\*A. Knapp.

*Past Commanders.*

*C. H. Morse.	Alex. McCuaig.
*Geo. W. Garner.	A. J. Chambers.
*L. M. Lyon.	Geo. R. Gibbs.
H. M. Howell.	*G. D. VanDusen.
W. A. Sweet.	C. A. Hamlin.
*Jas. F. Fillmore.	D. M. Shelley.
J. K. Ackley.	Frank Frilmace.
A. A. Richardson.	

**E. R. STILES POST NO. 174, HANCOCK.**

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 26.

Commander, Graham Pope.

*Delegate.*

Chas. Smith.

*Alternate.*

W. H. Mason.

*Past Commanders.*

A. J. Scott.	Arno Jachnig.
W. H. Mason.	H. B. Rogers.
Chas. Smith.	

**C. F. SMITH POST NO. 175, ESCANABA.**

Chartered September 1, 1883.

Membership 12.

Commander, Emil Glaser.

*Delegate.*

Hiram Wellman.

*Alternate.*

August Nehls.

*Past Commanders.*

A. H. Rolph.	John G. Walters.
Norman A. Eddy.	Samuel Atkins.
John Power.	Emil Glaser.

**MONTCALM POST NO. 176, STANTON.**

Chartered December 6, 1895.

Membership 19.

Commander, Chas. W. Blumberg.

*Delegate.*

Wm. H. Logan.

*Alternate.*

Thos. E. Dunn.

*Past Commanders.*

James C. Percival.	Chas. H. Miner.
E. D. Childs.	Geo. E. Barber.
Henry M. Hempstead.	Edwin Porter.
Asa Morse.	Chas. W. Blumberg.
John C. Grooms.	John Steele.

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**CHAS. S. TRAVERSE POST NO. 177, CAPAC.**

Chartered August 17, 1883.

Membership 22.

Commander, A. C. Fairbrother.

*Delegate.*  
A. C. Fairbrother.

*Alternate.*  
R. M. Curtiss.

*Past Commanders.*  
A. C. Fairbrother.  
R. C. McNaught.  
Andrew Curry.  
Chester Williams.  
Fred Ross.

Ezra S. Frantz.  
Wm. C. Huggett.  
A. A. Smith.  
B. I. Wade.

**TOM CUSTER POST NO. 178, SHERIDAN.**

Chartered August 29, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, A. T. Willyard.

*Delegate.*  
\*Sam'l Sage.

*Alternate.*  
Alf. Mitchell.

*Past Commanders.*  
Samuel Sage.  
Daniel Fero.  
Lorenzo Allen.

D. A. Pond.  
C. D. Harris.  
A. J. Greenhoe.

**DEWITT C. RUSSELL POST NO. 179, BRIGHTON.**

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 22.

Commander, L. H. Westphale.

*Delegate.*  
John W. Fulton.

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*  
Wm. W. Pentlin.  
Wm. Halleck.  
Mark Featherly.  
James Shanks.

H. P. Martin.  
Daniel Smith.  
Thos. Stoken.  
G. J. Roetcke.

**CARPENTER POST NO. 180, YPSILANTI.**

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 57.

Commander, S. A. Ferguson.

*Delegate.*  
\*Nelson B. Tuttle.

*Alternate.*  
James B. Arms.

*Past Commanders.*  
\*E. P. Allen.  
\*J. O. Chapman.  
S. B. Merness.  
J. F. Wise.  
Jerome Allen.  
Eugene Holbrook.  
C. S. Barrett.  
\*H. C. Rankin.

D. W. Shipman.  
J. H. Woodman.  
H. S. Boutell.  
A. D. L. Kinsley.  
J. C. Tuttle.  
Frank Joslyn.  
O. P. Showers.  
Peter Stiffin.

**HEBER LE FAVOUR POST NO. 181, MILFORD.**

Chartered September 3, 1883.

Membership 83.

\*Commander, James D. Rowe.

*Delegates.*  
Asa Prior.  
\*Albert Manypenny.

*Alternates.*  
William Osborn.  
Chas. Everts.



*Past Commanders.*

Walter Crawford.	Robt. F. Potts.
Lyman Cate.	Geo. W. Sturdevant.
O. D. Stephens.	*Joseph Allen.
John W. Stevens.	*Judson Fielden.
Willis L. Smith.	H. Walter Nichols.
Alex. J. McCall.	Spencer D. Lee.
Andrew Muir.	H. A. Rexford.
J. F. Beaumont.	Samuel W. McCall.

**HENRY DOBSON POST NO. 182, FREMONT.**

Chartered September 18, 1883. Membership 66.

Commander, S. G. Allen.

*Delegate.*

Thomas Preston.

*Alternate.*

Wm. McEwan.

*Past Commanders.*

C. I. Rathbone.	F. A. Bacon.
E. E. Giddings.	*S. G. Allen.
Daniel Squiers.	M. D. Cole.
A. M. Phelps.	

**J. B. McPHERSON POST NO. 183, HOLLY.**

Chartered September 20, 1883. Membership 13.

Commander, D. E. Hathaway.

*Delegate.*

Jos. Halstead.

*Alternate.*

G. L. Smith.

*Past Commanders.*

Silas Fletcher.	L. M. Newell.
D. W. Thompson.	Edwin J. Eisinberg.
Frank Downey.	

**JOHN BROWN POST NO. 184, DETROIT.**

Chartered September 24, 1883. Membership 14.

\*Commander, Geo. W. Moore.

*Delegate.*

Isaac Fielder.

*Alternate.*

Othello Cusby.

*Past Commanders.*

Samuel Smith.	Isaac Fielder.
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**HACKETT POST NO. 185, BRONSON.**

Chartered September 25, 1883. Membership 42.

\*Commander, Robt. Hurst.

*Delegate.*

David Gibbs.

*Alternate.*

Frederick Gintling.

*Past Commanders.*

Charles Hamilton.	Frank E. Hadley.
*Henry Lilly.	James P. Allen.
*David Gibbs.	Wells Knapp.
Geo. H. Bolton.	Lyman Carpenter.
Richard Coward.	Daniel Rich.
Roman L. Whipple.	

**FRANK POWELL POST NO. 187, OXFORD.**

Chartered September 27, 1883. Membership 34.

Commander, W. O. Davis.

*Delegate.*

\*Jesse L. Housner.

*Alternate.*

Delos Carpenter.

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*Past Commanders.*

C. H. Crawford.	*H. E. Nichols.
Gleason F. Perry.	W. O. Davis.
L. L. Hoffman.	

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**GEO. C. WHITNEY POST NO. 188, HADLEY.**

Chartered October 5, 1883. Membership 24.

Commander, Lucius Sanborn.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Geo. Thompson.	Geo. A. Cramton.
J. P. Suiter.	F. M. Goodale.
N. N. Green.	Lucius Sanborn.

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**WALLACE BROWN POST NO. 190, BIRCH RUN.**

Chartered October 12, 1883. Membership 13.

Commander, Wm. H. Ferguson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Benj. Fisher.	James Brady.
W. H. Ferguson.	Victor B. Rottiers.
John Cook.	Richard M. Johnson.
Wm. H. H. Douglas.	John Irish.

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**O. J. FAST POST NO. 193, MENDON.**

Chartered October 19, 1883. Membership 21.

\*Commander, Geo. A. Stevens.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Peter Seas.	Chas. Damon.
*Henry Huff.	Geo. A. Stevens.
John Jones.	Geo. W. Wing.
John Larkin.	D. M. Eveland.

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**JAMES BRADLEY POST NO. 194, CLIO.**

Chartered October 28, 1883. Membership 33.

Commander, J. Sloan.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

A. D. Rundlet.	A. U. Webster.
James L. Curry.	J. W. Buffinn.
W. H. Sargent.	E. E. Eckles.
W. H. Russell.	Geo. Van Nest.
Chas. Wolson.	J. Lonsberry.

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**L. C. WOODMAN POST NO. 196, LAWTON.**

Chartered October 28, 1883. Membership 44.

\*Commander, Benjamin Burlington.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

*Harvy Harper.	James Ward.
Melvin Hayes.	*Chas. D. Hooper.
*George Beldon.	E. F. Newell.
*John Mahard.	Benj. Burlington.
Smith Miller.	Geo. Erwin.
*Jerome Stone.	Samuel Mahon.
*James H. Hall.	

**JOHN TUCKER POST NO. 197, ORTONVILLE.**

Chartered November 2, 1883. Membership 21.

Commander, Wm. Moore.

*Delegate.*

\*Frank Thayer.

*Alternate.*

Alonzo Flagler.

*Past Commanders.*Delos Adams.  
J. R. Kipp.  
W. O. Davis.Wm. H. Moore.  
F. M. Jones.**JAMES STEDMAN POST NO. 198 REED CITY.**

Chartered November 5, 1883. Membership 25.

Commander, Jerry Mann.

*Delegate.*

\*Chas. Randall.

*Alternate.*

W. W. Corbett.

*Past Commanders.*Chas. Randall.  
Daniel Donivan.  
R. Russell.  
H. C. Stoddard.  
Adolph Florida.David Randall.  
W. W. Corbett.  
Charles Williams.  
Jerry Mann.**PERRY BAKER POST NO. 200, CARLETON.**

Chartered November 15, 1883. Membership 21.

Commander, Geo. H. Post.

*Delegate.*

C. Burke.

*Alternate.*

F. Ballin.

*Past Commanders.*H. D. Smith.  
F. R. Hawley.  
\*W. C. Watson.  
F. Ballin.John Baker.  
J. Fahnestock.  
Walter Viles.  
M. L. Baker.**MCGINLEY POST NO. 201, MANISTEE.**

Chartered December 6, 1883. Membership 31.

Commander, E. W. Muenschler.

*Delegate.*

Wm. Nungesser.

*Alternate.*

Jas. R. Lee.

*Past Commanders.*Geo. A. Hart.  
Allen McKee.  
J. L. Manseau.Wm. F. Brain.  
J. F. Albro.**ALBERT NYE POST NO. 202, ROMEO.**

Chartered December 13, 1883. Membership 20.

\*Commander, Freeborn H. Price.

*Delegate.*

Robt. Austin.

*Alternate.*

M. Crawford.

*Past Commanders.*Freeborn Price.  
O. D. Thompson.  
S. Vandecar.  
H. S. White.William Smith.  
O. S. Perry.  
George A. Hines.**G. H. EWING POST NO. 203, STOCKBRIDGE.**

Chartered December 14, 1883. Membership 24.

Commander, E. G. Pierce.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

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*Past Commanders.*

E. B. Parks.	Lucius Bowdish.
*A. G. Miller.	W. H. Collins.
F. A. Stephen.	

**L. B. QUACKENBUSH POST NO. 205, OWOSSO.**

Chartered December 21, 1883. Membership 78.

\*Commander, Duane C. Cooper.

*Delegates.*\*Leonard S. Bowles.  
H. C. Everetts.*Alternates.*\*Chas. Jackson.  
Gotleib Rues.*Past Commanders.*

*Chas. Freeman.	*W. R. Smith.
*Julius Frieseke.	Robert Gray.
*O. F. Webster.	*John Q. Adams.
*Chas. L. Paris.	Thos. M. Wiley.
J. H. Moyses.	*Wm. Guipe.
*M. C. Dawes.	S. W. Sadler.
Willard Knapp.	

**MAJOR WEBER POST NO. 206, BELLAIRE.**

Chartered December 21, 1883. Membership 25.

Commander, James White.

*Delegate.*

John Bush.

*Alternate.*

C. S. Smith.

*Past Commanders.*

Henry W. Stewart.	Silas York.
Roswell Leavitt.	James C. Abbott.
Wm. J. May.	Elijah Baker.
James White.	F. W. Bechtold.

**GEORGE A. CUSTER POST NO. 208, GALIEN.**

Chartered December 28, 1883. Membership 21.

Commander, Samuel Jackson.

*Delegate.**Past Commanders.*

Henry Keefer.	Dan W. Swem.
Wm. H. Beach.	Wm. F. Swem.
Alonzo Goodenough.	Geo. Roberts.
B. F. Yaw.	John Penwell.

**ELI ALVORD POST NO. 209, MONTGOMERY.**

Chartered December 27, 1883. Membership 20.

Commander, C. W. Hall.

*Delegate.*

E. A. Cahon.

*Alternate.*

B. A. Cook.

*Past Commanders.*

E. R. Fitzsimmons.	C. J. Reynolds.
C. W. Hall.	Robt. Kelso.
C. R. Dillon.	T. D. Butler.
H. Bigbey.	

**E. H. HOLLINGSWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.**

Chartered January 4, 1884. Membership 49.

Commander, R. R. Robinson.

*Delegate.*

\*R. H. McWithy.

*Alternate.*

C. B. Hungerford.

*Past Commanders.*

*O. G. Hubbard.	*W. M. Loder.
S. D. Wiley.	Wm. Hastings.
W. E. Bregette.	F. E. Palmer.
*J. H. Perine.	*H. F. Gilbert.
*C. F. Smith.	J. O. Banks.
*O. S. Stevens.	

**WM. H. BORDEN POST NO. 211, IONIA.**

Chartered December 28, 1883. Membership 97.

Commander, J. L. Fowle.

*Delegates.*

C. A. Preston.  
\*Justin Beadle.

*Alternates.*

N. L. Brokins.  
John Greenman.

*Past Commanders.*

*J. H. Kidd.	J. L. Fowle.
M. M. Currier.	M. L. Pike.
James H. Laden.	D. A. Jewell.
*O. H. Perry.	Chas. Eyster.
*C. A. Cornell.	F. S. Hutchinson.
A. H. Heath.	I. Buck.
H. C. Hilton.	

**JOS. B. MASON POST NO. 213, BELLEUVE.**

Chartered January 4, 1884. Membership 34.

Commander, Geo. Wooley.

*Delegate.*

\*R. B. Bishop.

*Alternate.*

Alfred Fruin.

*Past Commanders.*

J. A. Burchard.	F. Hughes.
L. B. Cook.	R. B. Bishop.
Alex. McKenzie.	Henry Dilno.
G. F. Anson.	Geo. P. Stevens.
Wm. Hawley.	*S. W. Gibson.
M. W. Hawley.	

**WM. RICHARDSON POST NO. 214, MILLINGTON.**

Chartered January 4, 1884. Membership 20.

Commander, Asa M. Davis.

*Delegate.*

Daniel Storms.

*Alternate.*

William H. Roe.

*Past Commanders.*

Samuel Atwood.	P. P. Cone.
*Elijah Howard.	Ruben Wilber.
Freeman W. Fithworth.	Wm. N. Storms.
*Irving Van Wagnor.	Sheldon Webster.
Wm. I. Markes.	Wm. J. Hains.
John A. Case.	Isaac T. Damon.
Edward Caine.	L. J. Beers.

**JOSEPH SMITH POST NO. 215, FULTON.**

Chartered January 12, 1884. Membership 22.

Commander, J. N. Barker.

*Delegate.*

Jonathan Weaver.

*Alternate.*

Jacob Hampton.

*Past Commanders.*

U. C. Case.	*Warren Mullen.
*Arthur Longman.	*O. M. Gates.
*A. A. Holcomb.	*H. H. Kindig.
J. N. Barker.	*L. U. Lyon.

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**H. D. TERRY POST NO. 216, MT. CLEMENS.**

Chartered January 7, 1884. Membership 38.  
 Commander, Gilbert Lacroix.

<i>Delegate.</i> *Samuel Fuller.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i> Nelson H. Miller.
Judson S. Farrar. Wm. Jenney. Samuel Trew. Rozell Widrig. Louis A. Allor. Joseph Immen. *J. F. Cotton.		Geo. W. Robertson. James A. Price. M. L. Skillman. Edwin Tharrett. August Steitzer. James Wade.

**W. B. WELLS POST NO. 218, LUTHER.**

Chartered January 8, 1884. Membership 39.  
 Commander, Chas. B. Streeter.

<i>Delegate.</i> Ernest Nichoson.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i> *Henry Cutler.
A. Woodruff. A. A. Miner. G. Gundrum. Jobe Brewer. Dulicene Stoughton.		A. Ferris. J. W. Nichoson. N. R. Menold. Wm. Judd.

**HENRY BAXTER POST NO. 219, JONESVILLE.**

Chartered January 10, 1884. Membership 8.  
 Commander, Geo. W. Coffin.

<i>Delegate.</i> C. B. Fisk.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i> S. R. Betgan.
S. J. Snook. Dorr Darling. Eli H. Reynolds. M. Bliss.		Wm. Cooley. G. W. Coffin. H. J. Riggs.

**BRADLEY POST NO 221, HARRISON.**

Chartered January 16, 1884. Membership 17.  
 Commander, H. W. Hughs.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
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**HENRY C. BEEBE POST NO. 223, RICHMOND.**

Chartered February 7, 1884. Membership 27.  
 Commander, John E. Davis.

<i>Delegate.</i> E. S. Hunt.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i> William Van Norstrand.
Culver Patterson. A. M. Keeler. James Quick. Edwin J. Walton. Dayton J. Lewis.		Alex. Van Brocklin. S. H. Heath. Cyrus Withey. Geo. Shipman.

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**BUDDOCK POST NO. 224, CHEBOYGAN.**

Chartered February 8, 1884. Membership 23.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Geo. P. Humphrey.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Geo. V. Brill.		John Baker.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Geo. P. Humphrey.		Geo. V. Brill.
John Baker.		E. A. Bouchard.
Robt. Brahman.		C. S. Ramsey.
Wm. N. Cross.		

**GEO. MARTIN POST NO. 227, EAST PORT.**

Chartered February 22, 1884. Membership 28.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, J. O. McEwen.	<i>Alternate.</i>
S. B. Anway.		W. H. Blow.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. S. Arnold.		Dr. C. Chamberlain.
John McPherson.		Daniel Blakely.
J. R. Child.		Wm. Greenman.
A. W. Whitney.		G. T. Bentley.
H. H. Chamberlain.		

**FAIRCHILDS POST NO. 228, GRASS LAKE.**

Chartered February 22, 1884. Membership 20.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Thos. Durbin.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Edwin Sterns.		A. M. Sona.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
E. L. Cooper.		Martin Hoofnagle.
John Erwin.		John W. Ford.

**HARVEY TUCKER POST NO. 229, MARINE CITY.**

Chartered February 22, 1884. Membership 14.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Alex. Stearns.	<i>Alternate.</i>
August Horn.		Chas. Barney.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
John W. Ackley.		Geo. Hornbusel.
Wm. Baird.		Wm. Kiddle.
Henry S. Manchester.		Alex. Stearns.

**EDDY POST NO. 231, PLYMOUTH.**

Chartered February 22, 1884. Membership 10.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Walter Kenster.	<i>Alternate.</i>
M. R. Weeks.	<i>Past Commander.</i>	

**MILO WARNER POST NO. 232, CASS CITY.**

Chartered February 27, 1884. Membership 15.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, D. P. Deming.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Geo. S. Farrar.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	J. M. Fenn.

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**OSCAR BARTLETT POST NO. 233, WALES.**

Chartered February 4, 1884. Membership 22.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Wm. Baldock.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Orville Cowles.		A. L. Peck.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
William Grunwell.		Henry Maurer.
Elihu Ackerman.		H. C. Mudge.
Wm. Smith.		Newell Bowen.
B. M. Jenne.		Geo. White.
Jos. Nestle.		

**O. H. READ POST NO. 234, HUBBARDSTON.**

Chartered March 4, 1884. Membership 25.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, J. A. Churchill.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Marion F. Graham.		Henry Barrone.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
E. H. Smith.		J. A. Churchill.
A. A. Moore.		H. W. Hitchcock.
H. W. Brown.		*A. S. Harris.
E. C. Read.		

**WALTER CLIFFORD POST NO. 235, BOYNE CITY.**

Chartered March 20, 1884. Membership 21.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, John A. Newvill.	<i>Alternate.</i>
		F. M. Gates.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	Wm. Mears.
John A. Newvill.		
John Jones.		

**PETER A. WEBER POST NO. 237, ROCKFORD.**

Chartered March 20, 1884. Membership 23.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Chas. A. Jaqua.	<i>Alternate.</i>
E. W. Pain.		
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
E. C. Watkins.		A. L. Picket.
G. A. Sage.		C. F. Sears.
Chas. A. Haner.		James Eadie.
D. L. Reynolds.		

**RANDALL POST NO. 238, COOPERSVILLE.**

Chartered March 13, 1884. Membership 14.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, E. L. Washburn.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Henry Ferguson.		Geo. Haas.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*John Jackson.		Eli Karney.
John Cavney.		Hiram Ames.

**MARVIN POST NO. 240, GRAYLING.**

Chartered March 20, 1884. Membership 28.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, Dan. S. Waldron.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Daniel Hitchcock.		A. E. Newman.



*Past Commanders.*

O. Palmer.	*Dell Smith.
A. L. Pond.	W. S. Chalker.
A. C. Wilcox.	*Dan S. Waldron.
Adelbert Taylor.	

**FRANK MASON POST NO. 242, ATHENS.**

Chartered April 5, 1884. Membership 21.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, J. E. Mason.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Joel Lee.		Elias Foote.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*B. F. Taylor.	Jas. Oldacre.	
Herman T. Watkins.	Joel Lee.	
Jas. E. Mason.	Elias Foote.	
Henry Kahler.	James H. Paul.	

**JOSEPH MASON POST NO. 248, WACOUSTA.**

Chartered April 25, 1884. Membership 20.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, L. F. Conrad.	<i>Alternate.</i>
L. F. Conrad.		G. W. Watson.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Quincy L. Taylor.	Henry J. Burnes.	
Geo. W. Watson.	Chas. F. Andrus.	
Alex. Dixon.		

**WA-BU-NO POST NO. 250, MT. PLEASANT.**

Chartered April 24, 1884. Membership 67.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Samuel J. Morrison.	<i>Alternate.</i>
J. R. Jameson.		James Hoag.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*John A. Harris.	Warner Churchill.	
H. E. Deuel.	Samuel R. Morrison.	

**J. T. JONES POST NO. 252, HOWARD CITY.**

Chartered April 29, 1884. Membership 46.

<i>Delegate.</i>	*Commander, L. L. Church.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*B. C. Moore.		
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*Geo. M. Doty.	O. J. Knapp.	
C. Walling.	J. A. Dockeway.	
J. N. Clark.	L. L. Church.	

**LONSON POST NO. 255, MAYVILLE.**

Chartered May 29, 1884. Membership 25.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Wm. Grasbuer.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Robt. Fox.		A. L. M. Urich.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
A. B. Markham.	Geo. Richards.	
*J. R. Perry.	Geo. Pierce.	
F. C. Michael.	F. H. Kitchen.	
J. W. Janes.	*A. L. Bryant.	

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**WM. M. FENTON POST NO. 258, ST. IGNACE.**

Chartered June 21, 1884.

Membership 20.

		Commander, D. P. Bissell.	
<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>	
Frank S. Walker.		A. J. Gennell.	
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>		
Jesse Warren.		J. B. Tawlyn.	
H. B. Cornell.		S. A. Snyder.	
W. H. Cushing.			

**A. STEWART POST NO. 259, LITCHFIELD.**

Chartered June 24, 1884.

Membership 34.

		Commander, L. A. Howard.	
<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>	
*Henry Burns.		John Austin.	
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>		
Wm. Shepard.		Cor. Hadley.	
*Frank Barber.		*E. A. Shattuck.	
Chas. P. White.		Wm. Van Giesen.	
O. H. Chapman.		Frank Barber.	

**CORY POST NO. 261, WAYNE.**

Chartered July 12, 1884.

Membership 30.

		Commander, Curtis Brace.	
<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>	
Henry Lees.		O. L. Howard.	
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>		
F. Walden.		S. R. Kingsley.	
Leroy Adams.		Robert Bird.	
A. S. Hill.		Joseph Smith.	
Peter C. Bird.		R. Monroe.	
Chas. Newkirk.		Duffy Duquett.	

**A. C. VAN RAALTE POST NO. 262, HOLLAND.**

Chartered July 17, 1884.

Membership 35.

		*Commander, John Zwemer.	
<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>	
*Louis De Kraker.		G. Van Schelven.	
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>		
*John Kramer.		*D. B. K. Van Raalte.	
Peter D. Suiter.		Peter Walnes.	
*Benj. Van Raalte.		*A. J. Ward.	
*P. H. McBride.			

**GEN. HARKER POST NO. 263, VANDERBILT.**

Chartered July 7, 1884.

Membership 18.

		Commander, Martin J. Sehl.	
<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>	
Daniel Cough.		A. Van Auken.	
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>		
N. C. G. Ashley.		Royal Stone.	
T. C. Woodin.		G. C. Crissey.	
W. H. Claspill.		T. C. Woodin.	
John G. Berry.		Francis Warner.	

**JACKSON COREY POST NO. 264, WOLVERINE.**

Chartered June, 1904. Membership 11.  
 Commander, O. M. Corey.  
*Delegate.* *Alternate.*  
 A. W. Eck. *Past Commanders.* E. G. Beebe.

**LYON POST NO. 266, MENOMINEE.**

Chartered August 2, 1884. Membership 27.  
 Commander, Alonzo Dunning.  
*Delegate.* *Alternate.*  
 A. B. BeDell. A. W. Bill.  
*Past Commanders.*  
 A. Whitehorn. A. B. BeDell.  
 Andrew Gram. J. C. Sherman.  
 A. B. Wells. M. Durocher.  
 A. W. Bill. Ira Carley.  
 C. H. Jones.

**MARK THOMPSON POST NO. 269, PLAINWELL.**

Chartered August 6, 1884. Membership 30.  
 \*Commander, O. Tomlinson.  
*Delegate.* *Alternate.*  
 John Fletcher. C. H. Macomber.  
*Past Commanders.*  
 \*Chas. Mason. \*John B. Swan.  
 \*Chas. Adams. H. S. Stratton.  
 \*W. D. Talbot. B. L. Kahler.  
 \*John H. Madden. Arthur Hazelwood.

**F. A. BUHL POST NO. 270, EGOESE.**

Chartered February 27, 1890. Membership 22.  
 \*Commander, Peter Rives.  
*Delegate.* *Alternate.*  
 \*William Coleman. Harvey B. Perkins.  
*Past Commanders.*  
 Lewis Montry. Euphratus Ross.  
 John Conard. Justin R. Warner.  
 John Todd.

**BOYS-IN-BLUE POST NO. 271, MEGOSTA.**

Chartered August 15, 1884. Membership 17.  
 \*Commander, Chas. Hinman.  
*Delegate.* *Alternate.*  
 Joseph Linebaugh. J. B. Wilcox.  
 F. J. Shaler. William Lowree.

**LUCIUS TAYLOR POST NO. 274, MILAN.**

Chartered September 1, 1884. Membership 33.  
 Commander, James Delaforse.  
*Delegate.* *Alternate.*  
 Walter P. Draper. A. Woodmancy.  
*Past Commanders.*  
 A. D. Jackson. \*James E. Johnson.  
 \*John Steidler. D. Case.  
 Amos Wisdom. S. H. Evans.  
 Wesley Robison. Herbert Taylor.  
 Chas. A. Heath. John A. Jackson.

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**LEWIS CLARK POST NO. 275, OLIVET.**

Chartered September 8, 1884.

Membership 19.

Commander, James H. Bosworth.

*Delegate.*

Isaiah Stump.

*Alternate.*

J. A. Sloan.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. W. Keyes.

N. D. Lamphear.

Geo. Galusha.

James H. Bosworth.

W. E. C. Wright.

Geo. W. Sweet.

Lester B. Taggart.

Henry Ramalie.

S. K. May.

\*M. H. Hance.

Wm. Rogers.

**BRADFIELD POST NO. 276, ADA.**

Chartered September 8, 1884.

Membership 17.

Commander, W. W. Thomas.

*Delegate.*

R. B. Harris.

*Alternate.*

Chas. F. Holt.

*Past Commanders.*

Chas. F. Holt.

Alfred Turner.

\*Wm. Lawyer.

John Hulbert.

W. F. Dickerson.

William Grant.

David W. Winters.

\*James H. Martin.

**H. S. BURNETT POST NO. 278, WEST BAY CITY.**

Chartered September 12, 1884.

Membership 17.

Commander, H. Florance.

*Delegate.*

\*Wm. Barrett.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

W. I. Lee.

Geo. A. Allen.

A. W. Dorland.

H. H. Alpin.

E. T. Carrington.

**PERKINS POST NO. 279, SPRING LAKE.**

Chartered September 16, 1884.

Membership 9.

Commander, M. Walsh.

*Delegate.*

G. S. Rideout.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

C. P. Brown.

M. T. Reed.

Geo. Valmer.

G. S. Rideout.

E. J. Purim.

**AMOS E. STEELE POST NO. 280, NORTH MUSKEGON.**

Chartered September 17, 1884.

Membership 15.

Commander, Samuel M. Croft.

*Delegate.*

\*Joseph Wixson.

*Alternate.*

John Lynder.

*Past Commanders.*

Chas. E. Storrs.

Zoar H. Bates.

Joseph Avery.

M. Stilson.

B. L. Andrews.

Geo. R. Kinsman.

**MORGAN PARKER POST NO. 281, PETERSBURG.**

Chartered October 18, 1884.

Membership 22.

Commander, J. M. Elder.

*Delegate.*

William Bentsneider.

*Alternate.*

Joseph Proctor.

*Past Commanders.*

H. J. Brenningstall.

Josiah M. Elder.

**SAMUEL W. GRINNELL POST NO. 283, SUNFIELD.**

Chartered October 23, 1884. Membership 22.

Commander, William Edwins.	
<i>Delegate.</i> Spencer Leigh.	<i>Alternate.</i> Geo. Richard.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
E. W. Taylor. Geo. Richards. B. Peabody. T. Lusk. Wm. Edwins.	A. Kreamer. I. Eldred. C. Richards. L. M. Peck. F. Linhart.

**HENRY H. KNAPP POST NO. 284, DAVISON.**

Chartered October 16, 1884. Membership 22.

Commander, Josiah Langley.	
<i>Delegate.</i> John F. Courtright.	<i>Alternate.</i> John Harrison.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
L. D. McAllister. Wm. M. Knapp. L. G. Adams. A. A. Elmore. B. F. Sanford. J. Cottrell. M. H. Hewitt.	J. Cooley. Alex. Campbell. C. B. Smith. S. A. Comstock. Wm. N. Monroe. John Reeser.

**COL. STEWART POST NO. 285, TUSTIN.**

Chartered October 28, 1884. Membership 20.

Commander, J. W. Loomis.	
<i>Delegate.</i> Hugh M. Lamb.	<i>Alternate.</i> Chas. Forbs.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
R. H. Jones.	John Stansell.

**FRANK FOWLER POST NO. 286, FIFE LAKE.**

Chartered October 28, 1884. Membership 24.

Commander, H. E. Davis.	
<i>Delegate.</i> H. E. Davis.	<i>Alternate.</i> W. E. Clark.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Geo. Hart. A. M. Wansey. Miles Bryant.	D. McAley. W. E. Clarke. Wm. Wells.

**B. F. CHAPIN POST NO. 287, CHESHIRE.**

Chartered November 9, 1884. Membership 16.

*Commander, C. V. Nash.	
<i>Delegate.</i> *Cyrus Klapp.	<i>Alternate.</i> John Richardson.
<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*R. C. Harmon. *W. G. Rowe. *James H. Barkhead.	W. H. Stout. S. S. Stout. G. W. Lewis.

**JOHN H. ANDREWS POST NO. 288, LACOTA.**

Chartered March 3, 1890. Membership 26.

*Commander, Geo. L. Bliss.	
<i>Delegate.</i> Charles Potter.	<i>Alternate.</i> J. H. Sands.

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*Past Commanders.*

E. Deming.  
\*L. Dalrymple.  
Zenoa Woody.  
D. A. Beebe.

\*H. P. Gillespie.  
Bently Cook.  
R. S. Chappell.

**HENRY C. PRATT POST NO. 289, MACKINAC ISLAND.**

Chartered December 2, 1884.

Membership 13.

\*Commander, Dan'l B. Mills.

*Delegate.*

Geo. E. Rogers.

*Alternate.*

Adolphus St. Andre.

*Past Commanders.*

Wm. P. Preston.  
Theodore Reiths.  
Andrew Chapman.  
Benoni Lachance.  
P. McCormick.

John McWebster.  
Patrick Kerrigan.  
Geo. W. Marshall.  
Gregory Lambert.  
Edwin M. Coates.

**ANDREWS POST NO. 294, BIG RAPIDS.**

Chartered January 15, 1885.

Membership 43.

Commander, D. D. Shannon.

*Delegates.*

\*Frank Rice.  
\*W. P. Nisbett.

*Alternates.*

E. Hogle.  
A. C. Berge.

*Past Commanders.*

D. E. Stearns.  
Geo. M. Davidson.  
W. D. Moody.  
Geo. G. Jenkins.  
A. B. Knapp.

W. A. Whitney.  
W. Miller.  
F. O. Vandersluis.  
Geo. M. Gotchell.  
M. Brown.  
E. C. Moore.

**E. H. BRONSON POST NO. 295, GALESBURG.**

Chartered February 7, 1885.

Membership 21.

\*Commander, A. A. Russell.

*Delegate.*

\*J. K. Plumer.

*Alternate.*

Andrew Aller.

*Past Commanders.*

A. A. Russell.  
\*A. E. Stafford.

R. B. Mason.

**SIMON MALLISON POST NO. 298, PIERPORT.**

Chartered March 7, 1885.

Membership 24.

Commander, Dean A. Hull.

*Delegate.*

Geo. E. Hill.

*Alternate.*

Leonard Reed.

*Past Commanders.*

J. L. Bradford.  
C. W. Perry.

L. C. Long.

**ALBERT JACKSON POST NO. 300, MARQUETTE.**

Chartered March 7, 1885.

Membership 30.

Commander, C. E. Moore.

*Delegate.*

R. P. Byrne.

*Alternate.*

J. S. Van Horn.

*Past Commanders.*

R. R. French.  
A. O. Kruger.  
John Dooley.

Chas. D. Blanchard.  
P. C. Beanston.  
\*E. C. Anthony.

**ORIN WHITCOMB POST NO. 302, BYRON CENTER.**

Chartered March 30, 1885. Membership 19.

Commander, N. L. Thomas.

*Delegate.*

Joe. Pattingall.

*Alternate.*

\*Reuben F. Hanes.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Lyman Havens.

W. F. Moorman.

\*L. L. Hickox.

\*W. Colley.

A. A. Palmer.

D. S. Irwin.

A. M. Green.

R. F. Hanes.

\*N. F. Cooper.

\*J. B. Morse.

**BURSONS POST NO. 303, SCHOOLCRAFT.**

Chartered April 16, 1885. Membership 13.

Commander, Robt. E. Johnson.

*Delegate.*

\*John Gilchrist.

*Alternate.*

\*M. S. Brown.

*Past Commanders.*

John Gilchrist.

Albert Wager.

Will Fauckboner.

\*Will Snyder.

Albert Cornell.

\*Frank Carlton.

\*M. S. Burson.

\*Jacob Bauer.

\*E. B. Monroe.

**MILTON WILLIAMS POST NO. 304, CLIFFORD.**

Chartered April 23, 1885. Membership 12.

Commander, S. E. Spencer.

*Delegate.*

Wm. A. Montgomery.

*Alternate.*

\*Samuel Hate.

*Past Commanders.*

Harrison Bradshaw.

W. Montgomery.

Geo. Irwin.

John Herenden.

A. W. Cline

D. Asletien.

John Van Etten.

**BACON POST NO. 305, FENWICK.**

Chartered April 30, 1885. Membership 8.

Commander, S. G. Wheaton.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***M. R. ROGERS POST NO. 308, IMLAY CITY.**

Chartered May 9, 1885. Membership 12.

Commander, W. Harwood.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***WALTER ORR POST NO. 312, SCOTTS.**

Chartered June 27, 1885. Membership 9.

Commander, C. T. S. Cook.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

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**HENRY DAGLE POST NO. 313, SOUTH BOARDMAN.**Chartered July 22, 1905. Membership 10.

<i>Delegate.</i> H. D. Lathrop.	Commander, Geo. Ives.	<i>Alternate.</i> Peter Shannon.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
John Dagle.	_____	A. O. Clark.

**WILTSIE POST NO. 314, SALINE.**Chartered June 12, 1885. Membership 9.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, D. B. Wheeler.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
E. W. Hunt.	_____	

**CHAS. E. WENDELL POST NO. 316, GRANT.**Chartered July 30, 1885. Membership 26.

Commander, F. M. Jackson.

**G. J. HUDSON POST NO. 317, MATTAWAN.**Chartered August 17, 1885. Membership 14.

<i>Delegate.</i> *Ford Murch.	Commander, *Peter Benwire.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*Albert Newkirk. *H. Freeman. *L. G. Hunt.	_____	*J. M. Davidson. *B. F. Morris. Ford Murch.

**ALLEN M. HARMAN POST NO. 318, NORTHEVILLE.**Chartered August 22, 1885. Membership 50

<i>Delegate.</i> *J. P. Moshimer.	*Commander, Geo. F. Goodell.	<i>Alternate.</i> Fred L. West.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*B. G. Webster. H. O. Ward. *James Taylor. *S. J. Lawrence. *O. B. Moore. *E. K. Simonds. Henry M. White. *C. L. Brigham.	_____	T. P. Banks. *E. K. Starkweather. J. W. Dolph. *Andrew Houk. James Hamilton. M. S. Nichols. Thos. Calhoun.

**J. B. SACKETT POST NO. 320, PRAIRIEVILLE.**Chartered August 31, 1885. Membership 18.

<i>Delegate.</i> N. H. Orr.	*Commander, Geo. Norwood.	<i>Alternate.</i> *I. H. Callender.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Geo. Norwood. N. H. Orr.	_____	Mark Norris. F. A. Blackman.



**GEO. J. LEIGHTON POST NO. 321, SPRINGPORT.**

Chartered September 1, 1885. Membership 15.  
 Commander, Geo. Lininger.  
*Delegate.* John Orrison. *Alternate.* W. J. Burgess.  
*Past Commanders.*  
 A. W. Soul. \*S. D. Curtis.  
 Adam Craver. John Orrison.  
 Wm. Malcolm. H. B. Yoxheimer.  
 Geo. Lininger. Clinton Faxon.

**WILLIAM KERBY POST NO. 323, ASHLEY.**

Chartered September 14, 1885. Membership 17.  
 Commander, David Duncan.  
*Delegate.* Nathan Roof. *Alternate.* David Duncan.  
*Past Commanders.* O. J. Sprague.  
 N. B. Bowker.  
 E. Z. Fuller.

**W. B. STUART POST NO. 324, CRYSTAL.**

Chartered September 12, 1885. Membership 10.  
 Commander, Chauncy Pickell.

**O. D. JACKSON POST NO. 326, POTTERVILLE.**

Chartered September 25, 1885. Membership 10.  
 Commander, A. P. Goodwin.  
*Delegate.* Nelson O. Merritt. *Alternate.* Frank Milbourn.  
*Past Commanders.*  
 J. M. Henderson. N. O. Merritt.  
 James Smalley. Frank Milbourn.  
 A. P. Goodwin.

**MYRON HAWLEY POST NO. 328, NAPOLEON.**

Chartered October 1, 1885. Membership 14.  
 Commander, R. B. Tracy.  
*Delegate.* \*John Garlinghouse. *Alternate.*  
*Past Commanders.*  
 Wm. R. Fuller. A. P. Morris.  
 Murry Hess. James Henderson.  
 I. Kilburn. L. A. Palmer.  
 Edwin Price. V. Watson.  
 John Garlinghouse. Wm. Drew.  
 I. L. Hawley. L. M. Jones.

**COL. H. H. JEFFORDS POST NO. 330, DEXTER.**

Chartered November 5, 1885. Membership 11.  
 Commander, Chas. F. Bates.  
*Delegate.* \*L. C. Rodman. *Alternate.* M. E. McNeil.  
*Past Commanders.*  
 L. C. Rodman. M. E. McNeil.  
 H. H. Wilson. C. F. Bates.  
 James Hanna.

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**C. E. HILTON POST NO. 336, EAST GILEAD.**

Chartered January 21, 1886. Membership 11.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Chas. Miller.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Henry A. Kinsey.		Morris B. Connett.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
J. W. Parker.		Jackson Kanouse.
C. W. Spade.		Myron Aldrich.
C. H. Brooks.		Geo. O. Bixler.
Samuel German.		

**ALBERT SPERRY POST NO. 337, RAVENNA.**

Chartered January 29, 1886. Membership 13.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Orange Oaget.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Albro Enos.		Henry Walker.
Henry Hull.		John E. Hodgis.
Fred Plumhoff.		Isaac R. Franks.
James E. Noble.		F. D. Hoogstraat.

**MATHEW ARTIS POST NO. 341, CASSOPOLIS.**

Chartered March 10, 1886. Membership 13.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Abner R. Byrd.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Zachariah Pompy.		Solomon Griffin.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
B. E. Curtis.		Abner R. Byrd.

**E. H. LISCOLN POST NO. 343, SAULT STE. MARIE.**

Chartered March 10, 1885. Membership 13.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, James A. Troutt.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Homer W. Hodge.		James Joyce.
	<i>Past Commander.</i>	
Wm. P. Spalding.		

**JOHN W. PURDY POST NO. 346, HAMILTON.**

Chartered March 11, 1886. Membership 12.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Jerry Arndt.	<i>Alternate.</i>
M. W. Burnett.		J. N. Barlow.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Ben Laberge.		H. L. Beach.
John C. Holmes.		O. Hoard.
M. W. Burnett.		Geo. Edgley.

**BILLY CENSON POST NO. 347, BRECKENRIDGE.**

Chartered March 16, 1886. Membership 27.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, C. K. Fox.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Henry Allen.		Geo. Castello.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*W. H. Weed.		P. P. Vannorman.
Randolph Root.		J. B. Holbert.
Thos. Holton.		*Chas. Wolverton.
Charles Rooks.		C. K. Fox.
*Thos. B. Staley.		

**S. D. HAIGHT POST NO. 348, SCOTTVILLE.**

Chartered March 27, 1886. Membership 38.  
 Commander, H. F. Yarick.

<i>Delegate.</i> *J. C. Mutard.	<i>Past Commanders.</i> Thomas Barnes. Henry Jenks. A. J. Kinnie. J. W. Griswold. F. Conrow.	<i>Alternate.</i> W. W. Robinson.  H. M. Buty. James Meads. J. L. Toms. W. D. Cowan.
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**M. H. WHITNEY POST NO. 350, SAND LAKE.**

Chartered April 9, 1886. Membership 31.  
 \*Commander, Wellington Rasco.

<i>Delegate.</i> *M. V. Wilson.	<i>Past Commanders.</i> Wellington Rasco. *Geo. H. Godfrey. Wm. Sleight. Edward Gould.	<i>Alternate.</i> S. M. Miller.  F. W. Hicks. James Scutt. Alanson Dickerson.
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**GEO. ALLEN POST NO. 351, COVERT.**

Chartered April 15, 1886. Membership 12.  
 Commander, Theo. B. Randell.

<i>Delegate.</i>	<i>Past Commanders.</i> Jacob Gunssul. Geo W Morgan. W. F. Conner.	<i>Alternate.</i> Osmer Letson. T. P. Randall. *O. D. Darling.
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**COMSTOCK POST NO. 352, MANCHESTER.**

Chartered May 18, 1886. Membership 31.  
 Commander, S. R. Sherwood.

<i>Delegate.</i> *H. H. Fellowes.	<i>Past Commanders.</i> *James Kelley. George Nisle. *A. A. Stringham. T. F. Bushton. *G. H. Putman.	<i>Alternate.</i> John Mount.  R. M. Teets. G. B. Sherwood. S. R. Sherwood. M. N. Hough.
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**JAMES F. COVELL POST NO. 354, PALO.**

Chartered May 16, 1886. Membership 19.  
 \*Commander, Caleb Richardson.

<i>Delegate.</i> John W. Howarth.	<i>Past Commanders.</i> *B. S. Everest. Geo. Prankard. John W. Howarth. Henry Barrows.	<i>Alternate.</i> Benj. S. Everest.  Ira S. Jeffers. Chas. M. North. Caleb Richardson.
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**F. B. MYERS POST NO. 357, GAGETOWN.**

Chartered July 14, 1886. Membership 10.  
 Commander, C. F. Stearns.

<i>Delegate.</i> *R. S. Brown.	<i>Alternate.</i> Theodore Burden.
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## THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

*Past Commanders.*

R. S. Brown.  
L. Mathews.  
E. Robertson.  
Theo. Burden.

\*W. J. Brown.  
\*W. J. Williamson.  
C. F. Sterns.

**ROWLEY POST NO. 358, CLAYTON.**

Chartered July 12, 1886.

Membership 20.

Commander, H. F. Yarick.

*Delegate.*

\*Harvey C. Dudley.

*Alternate.*

Byron Beach.

*Past Commanders.*

D. H. Warren.  
A. E. Terwilliger.  
B. F. Rockwell.  
\*Milton Townsend.  
Will Hinds.  
J. H. Badgley.

\*John Murty.  
J. C. Gambee.  
S. Spencer.  
D. B. Wisner.  
John Wirtz.

**CORBETT POST NO. 360, PALMYRA.**

Chartered July 14, 1886.

Membership 23.

Commander, Geo. Southwick.

*Delegate.*

William Wood.

*Alternate.*

Henry Nash.

*Past Commanders.*

M. T. Cole.  
Jared B. Bailey.  
\*E. Lewis.  
Fred Bay.  
\*Wm. Wood.  
\*Geo. Williams.

John Bittey.  
Richard Bailey.  
\*John Patterson.  
Geo. Southwick.  
\*Squire Johnson.

**KILBOURN POST NO. 361, SHERWOOD.**

Chartered September 27, 1886.

Membership 20.

Commander, E. W. Watkins.

*Delegate.*

Peter Vanderhoof.

*Alternate.*

A. J. Snyder.

*Past Commanders.*

Henry Runyan.  
James Locke.  
C. H. Thornton.

E. W. Watkins.  
Wm. Farrand.

**C. B. HUBBELL POST NO. 364, COLEMAN.**

Chartered October 28, 1886.

Membership 16.

Commander, Fred Hanley.

*Delegate.*

Calvin Rich.

*Alternate.*

S. Plew.

*Past Commanders.*

W. H. Saxton.  
J. F. Koontz.  
J. Kellogg.  
F. Hanley.

H. Smason.  
D. A. Curtice.  
E. N. Carley.

**CALDWELL POST NO. 365, LAKE CITY.**

Chartered November 18, 1886.

Membership 41.

\*Commander, W. Bartholomew.

*Delegate.*

John D. Ransom.

*Alternate.*

Elijah Hunt.

*Past Commanders.*

*M. D. Richardson.	N. Shults.
Wm. Bartholmew.	B. F. McManus.
*Wayne E. Morris.	H. S. Lamb.
*S. A. Phillips.	L. Charter.

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**GORDON POST NO. 366, WHITE CLOUD.**

Chartered July 18, 1886.

Membership 24.

Commander, Wm. Kimball.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***F. VEENFLEET POST NO. 368, REESE.**

Chartered November 18, 1886.

Membership 8.

Commander, Thos. Gulliver.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

John M. Weaver.

Clark Randall.

*Past Commanders.*

D. Cole.

E. Shook.

J. G. Van Buren.

Jas. M. Higgins.

**NOBLE POST NO. 369, GLADWIN.**

Chartered January 3, 1887.

Membership 25.

Commander, Henry Madill.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Herbert Wheeler.

Geo. Rowley.

*Past Commanders.*

Wilson Haynes.

Enoch Robinson.

\*John H. Robinson.

Chas. VanVolkenburg.

W. H. Kellogg.

**W. B. HAZEN POST NO. 370, WEST BRANCH.**

Chartered January 18, 1887.

Membership 22.

Commander, John Smith.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

John Boshaw.

W. H. Gard.

*Past Commanders.*

James E. Horton.

E. J. Goodell.

Benj. B. Priest.

John Smith.

John Boshaw.

**A. H. FENN POST NO. 371, FENNVILLE.**

Chartered February 3, 1887.

Membership 19.

Commander, Isaac Lameroux.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*W. H. McCormick.

Aritus Turrell.

*Past Commanders.*

A. Turell.

Robert Rouse.

John Sherman.

**E. P. CASE POST NO. 372, BENZONIA.**

Chartered March 5, 1887.

Membership 32.

Commander, Zenas E. Clark.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*Geo. H. Hunt.

Geo. Hunt.

## THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

*Past Commanders.*

L. P. Judson.	J. C. Van Blarecoum.
Jas. Montgomery.	Wm. A. Joy.
Roswell P. Reed.	I. P. Covey.
H. M. Stanley.	D. W. Phelps.
John W. Van Deman.	

**S. E. DOWNER POST NO. 374, PARMA.**

Chartered March 9, 1887. Membership 11.

Commander, H. C. Anderson.

*Delegate.*

Emory A. Miller.

*Alternate.*

R. B. Clark.

*Past Commanders.*

John P. Baker.	W. A. Matson.
O. A. Rogers.	Geo. Schwab.
H. C. Anderson.	Frank Gorton.
Frank Hoag.	J. R. Godfrey.
Chas. Adams.	

**WM. P. EVERETT POST NO. 377, ROCHESTER.**

Chartered April 1, 1887. Membership 31.

Commander, Anthony O'Brien.

*Delegate.*

L. M. Peters.

*Alternate.*

R. Frank.

*Past Commanders.*

A. E. Collins.	A. O'Brien.
E. H. Dewey.	J. J. Snook.
J. R. Wortley.	N. B. Taylor.
J. W. Eastman.	H. L. Wood.
W. J. Fraser.	J. C. Vorhees.

**JOHN STOCKTON POST NO. 380, NEW HAVEN.**

Chartered April 23, 1887. Membership 11.

\*Commander, Geo. W. Dingman.

*Delegate.*

Wm. Campbell.

*Alternate.*

Wm. Betwee.

*Past Commanders.*

L. Lutenbacker.	*J. E. Carl.
Geo. W. Dingman.	

**U. O. BRETZ POST NO. 382, LAKE ODESSA.**

Chartered April 27, 1887. Membership 36.

\*Commander, Robert Musgrove.

*Delegate.*

\*R. C. Blair.

*Alternate.*

Chauncy Fair.

*Past Commanders.*

Wallace Lovewell.	Martin Cox.
*Edwin Tirman.	A. A. Walters.
John Bishop.	Wm. Fink.
*Thos. Leak.	*S. H. Mallery.
Robt. Musgrove.	C. J. Yager.

**C. B. WHEELER POST NO. 383, MARTIN.**

Chartered May 19, 1887. Membership 7.

\*Commander, W. D. Stayman.

*Delegate.*

Thos. McCormick.

*Alternate.*

Rheuben Tenny.

*Past Commanders.*

W. D. Stayman.	Rheuben Tenny.
Thos. McCormick.	Sidney Baird.
Justus Barrup.	Samuel Fisk.

**DETROIT POST NO. 384, DETROIT.**

Chartered May 21, 1887.

Membership 104.

<i>Delegates.</i>		<i>Alternates.</i>	
*Joseph S. Keen.		John Deuler.	
*Chas. R. Evarts.		Ransom B. Clark.	
<i>Past Commanders.</i>			
*Henry M. Duffield.		S. M. Kent.	
Thos. A. Wadsworth.		*Jacob Bristol.	
Marvin Preston.		A. H. Heath.	
Sidney B. Dixon.		L. H. Chamberlain.	
*Oscar R. Looker.		Frank C. Trowbridge.	
Robert Gibbons.		Chas. G. Hampton.	
*James N. Cox.		Thos. S. McGraw.	
Wm. S. Green.		*Alex. W. Blain.	
Wm. T. Gage.		*Oscar A. Janes.	
Arba M. Seymour.		*Oscar R. Looker.	
Chas. A. Cooledge.		Dayton Parker.	

**CHAS. GRIFFIN POST NO. 386, FARWELL.**

Chartered July 21, 1887.

Membership 20.

<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>	
H. Glass.		J. H. Wood.	
<i>Past Commanders.</i>			
J. H. Wood.		Wm. H. Ford.	
*H. Glass.		S. Coon.	
Chas. H. Clark.			

**AINSWORTH POST NO. 392, RANSOM.**

Chartered January 26, 1888.

Membership 15.

<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>	
*W. H. Palmer.		Fred Wolf.	
<i>Past Commanders.</i>			
G. W. Hile.		P. M. Humiston.	
W. L. Mapes.		W. H. H. Pettit.	

**MICHIGAN POST NO. 393, DETROIT.**

Chartered April 4, 1888.

Membership 18.

<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>	
*G. W. Blanchard.			
<i>Past Commanders.</i>			
Jos. Doherty.		John Boylan.	
*John Griswold.		Chas. Kaufman.	
John H. Hendley.		Orrin D. Darling.	
Fred Kraft.			

**A. P. EARLE POST NO. 394, WEXFORD.**

Chartered April 15, 1888.

Membership 17.

<i>Delegate.</i>		<i>Alternate.</i>	
J. Long.		J. Hanes.	
<i>Past Commanders.</i>			
John F. Paul.		Wm. J. C. Davis.	
*E. Bowerman.		*J. S. Walling.	
A. Pringle.		*N. Hanna.	
Bruce Stewart.		A. F. Hopkins.	
W. R. Ferguson.		L. A. Crittenden.	
J. J. Carl.			

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**A. B. WATSON POST NO. 395, GRAND RAPIDS.**

Chartered November 15, 1888.

Membership 101.

Commander, James S. French.

*Delegates.*Eugene Wood.  
Chas. H. Goodrich.*Alternates.*H. C. Nichols.  
Benj. Chapman.*Past Commanders.*W. T. Johnson.  
\*J. M. Wood.  
\*C. H. Fox.  
\*R. H. Lee.  
\*D. Z. Kline.  
\*C. M. Runyan.  
\*Edgar W. Wheeler.  
N. H. Waldbridge.  
W. H. Marston.  
Geo. D. Barden.  
Hanly A. Waldron.Wm. Walker.  
John Knowlin.  
J. R. Wyckoff.  
\*J. S. French.  
Geo. R. Phillips.  
\*C. S. Wilson.  
\*J. Whinnery.  
D. Delano.  
\*C. A. Beebee.  
\*Isaac Provost.  
\*Edwin H. Stein.**GEO. WARD POST NO. 398, BRANT.**

Chartered January, 1889.

Membership 19.

Commander, Henry Passmore.

*Delegate.*

David J. Webb.

*Alternate.*

\*William J. Forbs.

*Past Commanders.*John Boone.  
Alva Nichols.  
Daniel Thompson.  
Michael Cummings.  
C. Cogswell.N. B. Richardson.  
Perry Crane.  
Geo. Rinenburg.  
Willis Dibble.**WOOLSEY POST NO. 399, NORTHPORT.**

Chartered January 19, 1889.

Membership 10.

Commander, Ishmeal Comstock.

*Delegate.*

John Scott.

*Alternate.*

John Thomas.

*Past Commanders.*Wm. H. Porter.  
John Scott.  
I. Comstock.John Thomas.  
Wm. B. Green.**BURLINGAME POST NO. 402, AKRON.**

Chartered April 23, 1889.

Membership 12.

Commander, L. C. Wilbur.

*Delegate.*

Zac. Hess.

*Alternate.*

Wm. Sherwood

*Past Commanders.*John Graham.  
E. G. Mathews.  
Leonard James.  
E. A. Dickey.  
John Paul.J. B. Going.  
\*Geo. J. Dart.  
Wm. Gardner.  
John Rothermel.**J. AND A. RYDER POST NO. 404, NEWBURG.**

Chartered May 18, 1891.

Membership 15.

Commander, N. Breckenreed.

*Delegate.*

\*Wm. D. Toles.

*Alternate.*

Jas. King.



*Past Commanders.*

C. G. Brown.	A. Fred Smith.
Chas. Westfall.	E. C. Bassett.
Geo. C. Peterhaus.	Willard Sherman.
Philip Messer.	P. M. Breckenreed.

**CHAS. A. PRICE POST NO. 405, PERRINTON.**

Chartered May 13, 1903. Membership 20.

Commander, H. C. Gillett.

*Delegate.*

M. S. Howell.

*Alternate.*

John Berkwick.

*Past Commanders.*

T. B. Musser.	Geo. W. Groom.
J. S. Wright.	R. S. Cushman.

**W. W. CHAPIN POST NO. 407, AUBURN.**

Chartered July 14, 1891. Membership 11.

Commander, J. E. Hill.

*Delegate.*

J. C. Rowden.

*Alternate.*

E. J. Buzzard.

*Past Commanders.*

J. C. Rowden.	Henry Hopler.
John Wilber.	James Davis.

**GEN. W. T. SHERMAN POST NO. 410, VASSAR.**

Chartered June 29, 1891. Membership 47.

Commander, S. H. Camp.

*Delegate.*

*Past Commanders.*

Chas. E. Murry.	R. Hawley.
Jared Downer.	O. B. Randall.
Henry Adams.	Wm. Hulburt.

**A. W. BRINDLE POST NO. 413, WYANDOTTE.**

Chartered August 1, 1891. Membership 11.

\*Commander, W. W. Bishop.

*Delegate.*

Wm. Mohure.

*Alternate.*

John Wayman.

*Past Commanders.*

W. W. Bishop	John Wayman.
J. R. Havens.	

**ROBT. ERWIN POST NO. 416, BROOKLYN.**

Chartered October 30, 1891. Membership 16.

Commander, Geo. Stacy.

*Delegate.*

Geo. Sanford.

*Alternate.*

William Taylor.

*Past Commanders.*

Melvin Crane.	James McKinney.
Geo. Worthington.	John Worden.

**E. J. WADE POST NO. 417, HARBOR BEACH.**

Chartered January 21, 1892. Membership 10.

Commander, Sam'l. A. Fuller.

*Delegate.*

John Manson.

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

Wm. McMillan.	William Whaling.
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## THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

**H. P. MERRILL POST NO. 419, BAY CITY.**

Chartered February 19, 1892.

Membership 20.

Commander, Geo. W. Butterfield.

*Delegate.*

F. L. Wilson.

*Alternate.*

Horace Morey.

*Past Commanders.*

\*M. M. Andrews.

\*Geo. P. Cobb.

A. J. Cook.

L. G. Wilcox.

H. E. Meeker.

J. W. Knaggs.

Israel Youngs.

**WM. H. DUMPHY POST NO. 424, YALE.**

Chartered January 27, 1893.

Membership 20.

Commander, Chas. Moutney.

*Delegate.*

Miles Simmons.

*Alternate.*

James Bolls.

*Past Commanders.*

Chas. Moutney.

Miles Simmons.

Elmore Putney.

Henry A. Cope.

**STEPHEN MUNGER POST NO. 425, FREELAND.**

Chartered August 2, 1893.

Membership 14.

Commander, Geo. Hall.

*Delegate.*

John Lewis.

*Alternate.*

A. Burchar.

*Past Commanders.*

Henry Manwell.

J. B. Alexander.

A. McGuire.

Peter Doran.

Jefferson Chapman.

Geo. W. Haverland.

**P. O'CONNELL POST NO. 426, IRON MOUNTAIN.**

Chartered August 3, 1893.

Membership 5.

Commander, J. W. Burbank.

*Delegate.*

Samuel Bassett.

*Alternate.*

John D. Buell.

*Past Commander.*

J. W. Burbank.

**PLEASANTON POST NO. 429, IRONWOOD.**

Chartered

Membership

Commander, Curtis Buck.

*Delegate.*

Curtis Buck.

*Alternate.**Past Commander.***JOHN RITCHIE POST NO. 430, BURT.**

Chartered July 14, 1896.

Membership 12.

Commander, W. W. Webster.

*Delegate.*

John Davis.

*Alternate.*

David Ross.

*Past Commanders.*

Thomas Boodger.

Jos. S. Phillips.

John Jackson.

Jesse L. Van Sickle.

Sidney Carlton.

David McNalley.

**MARINE CITY POST NO. 432, MARINE CITY.**

Chartered September 19, 1896.

Membership 11.

Commander, W. H. Scott.  
*Delegate.* *Alternate.*  
*Past Commanders.*  
 Max Bates. Chas. F. Farmer.  
 Edward J. Hill. \*W. H. Scott.

**O. M. POE POST NO. 433, DETROIT.**

Chartered November 18, 1896.

Membership 49.

\*Commander, Jas. Gilboy.  
*Delegate.* *Alternate.*  
 \*O. D. Caldwell. J. N. Hamberger.  
*Past Commanders.*  
 \*John Devlin. \*Wm. N. Siggins.  
 H. F. Sitrine. Jas. M. C. Miller.  
 Chas. F. Jones. E. H. Davis.  
 Geo. W. Clements. J. T. McCurdy.  
 Geo. W. Cook.

**MCCOOK POST NO. 434, McBRIDE.**

Chartered February 24, 1897.

Membership 20.

Commander, M. J. Christian.  
*Delegate.* *Alternate.*  
 Albert Bush. Wm. Valentine.  
*Past Commanders.*  
 Louis Perkins. M. J. Christian.  
 Myron Dean. Frederick Neff.

**F. A. DANIELS POST NO. 437, NEW TROY.**

Chartered June 29, 1897.

Membership 8.

Commander, John A. Cox.  
*Delegate.* *Alternate.*  
 B. Hinchman.  
*Past Commander.*  
 John A. Cox.

**H. P. NILES POST NO. 438, NEW LATHROP.**

Chartered July 22, 1897.

Membership 7.

\*Commander, John Northwood.  
*Delegate.* *Alternate.*  
 Joy Douglass. Geo. Jacobs.  
*Past Commanders.*  
 Batus Snyder. John Spears.  
 S. D. Wilson. John Northwood.  
 James Smith.

**STEELE BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.**

Chartered December 31, 1897.

Membership 32.

Commander, Theo. Bortel.  
*Delegate.* *Alternate.*  
 \*Henry I. Northrop. J. B. Smith.  
*Past Commanders.*  
 J. A. Sherwood. N. Templer.  
 T. Bortles. \*L. H. Ives.  
 Frank Lester. H. O. Call.  
 W. W. Root. John G. Snook.

## THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

**GEO. E. MUIR POST NO. 442, ROSE CITY.**

Chartered April 8, 1898.

Membership 18.

*Delegate.*

L. F. Billman.

\*Commander, A. S. Rose.

*Alternate.*

C. D. Griffith.

*Past Commanders.*W. M. Bates.  
John Mahoney.A. S. Rose.  
James Smith.**WASHINGTON POST NO. 444, CADILLAC.**

Chartered April 14, 1898.

Membership 20.

*Delegate.*

A. J. Teed.

Commander, C. C. Dunham.

*Alternate.*

W. Stewart.

*Past Commanders.*

\*D. E. Cook.

\*Chas. C. Burnham.

**R. H. GIBSON POST NO. 445, GOWEN.**

Chartered April 29, 1898.

Membership 20.

*Delegate.*

Warren Saxton.

Commander, D. Bonesteel.

*Alternate.*

Chas. Terry.

*Past Commanders.*C. A. Peasley.  
Eli Bowen.  
V. W. Leland.  
W. H. Allen.Geo. S. McClellan.  
D. Bonesteel.  
Ed. Bradshaw.**J. B. SWEETLAND POST NO. 448, EDWARDSBURG.**

Chartered July 21, 1899.

Membership 18.

*Delegate.*

Benj. F. Thompson.

Commander, Wm. Funk.

*Alternate.*

O. Hiron.

*Past Commanders.*W. W. Sweetland.  
\*B. F. Thompson.  
Calvin A. Steuben.John Jones.  
Avon Dever.**P. M. ANGUS POST NO. 450, STANDISH.**

Chartered November 11, 1899.

Membership 7.

*Delegate.*

Commander, Dewitt C. Hallock.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***GEN. I. C. SMITH POST NO. 451, REED CITY.**

Chartered April 28, 1900.

Membership 25.

*Delegate.*

\*Thos. A. Ball.

Commander, Geo. A. Gilbert.

*Alternate.*

Irvin S. Miner.

*Past Commanders.*\*Isaac Grant.  
Aretas Corwin.  
David J. Zook.  
John H. Freeland.  
\*“Ren” Barker.  
Geo. H. Gilbert.Homer Spencer.  
James L. Dearin.  
Livingston Hall.  
Anthony Wise.  
Nathaniel Clark.  
C. D. Woodruff.

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**H. W. LAWTON POST NO. 452, SAMARIA.**

Chartered June 23, 1900. Membership 30.

	*Commander, Chas. L. Clary.	<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		Henry Niswander.
*H. M. Slick.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	A. J. Teall.	Geo. F. Harmon.
	*Philander Karr.	A. M. Albert.

**HARLOW PELTON POST NO. 453, KINGSTON.**

Chartered July 21, 1900. Membership 15.

	Commander, Walter B. Nedrey.	<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		J. O. Pattan.
Benj. S. Franklin.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	Walter B. Nedrey.	Geo. E. Parker.
	W. C. Lockwood.	*J. B. Hickey.
	A. B. Payne.	

**JAMES A. SAXTON POST NO. 454, CENTRAL LAKE.**

Chartered July 17, 1900. Membership 23.

	Commander, A. J. Drake.	<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		W. H. Burns.
D. W. Sage.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	D. C. Morrison.	A. J. Drake.
	W. Mohrman.	W. H. Easton.
	O. Burnett.	

**JOHN HUNTER POST NO. 455, MONTROSE.**

Chartered November 21, 1900. Membership 16.

	*Commander, W. C. Bouck.	<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		H. Smith.
Levi H. Bronson.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	*David Cross.	James E. Barnes.
	James H. Persons.	Geo. W. England.

**STANSELL POST NO. 456, SOUTH LYON.**

Chartered February 22, 1901. Membership 22.

	*Commander, F. W. Hammond.	<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		M. M. Tryon.
H. O. Clark.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	L. S. Allen.	C. Calkins.
	A. C. Washburn.	L. A. Sayles.
	Urban Gyde.	

**J. M. POND POST NO. 460, SAUGATUCK.**

Chartered February 9, 1903. Membership 24.

	Commander, Richard Baker.	<i>Alternate.</i>
<i>Delegate.</i>		Geo. Baker.
William Oliver.	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
	J. C. Bartholomew.	C. Whitney.
	*Judson Doud.	

## THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

**GEORGE BOYD POST NO. 461, BOON.**

Chartered August 8, 1903.

Membership 19.

Commander, Geo. W. Wheeler.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*John A. Haskins.

James Mansfield.

*Past Commanders.*

Amos Merrill.

\*John H. Wheeler.

B. F. Smith.

\*R. C. Norris.

**E. A. ALGER POST NO. 462, RAPID CITY.**

Chartered November 2, 1907.

Membership 13.

Commander, Joseph Finney.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Peter Desmond.

Harry Smith.

*Past Commander.*

Joseph Finney.

## PROCEEDINGS.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF MICHIGAN, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

## FIRST DAY.

## MORNING SESSION.

KALAMAZOO, MICH., Wednesday A. M., June 23, 1909.

The Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in the Academy of Music in the city of Kalamazoo at 9:30 a. m. June 23, 1909, and was opened by Department Commander George L. Holmes.

The Department Commander after being satisfied that all present were members of the Grand Army of the Republic, opened the Encampment in due form.

The Department Commander: The Chaplain will invoke the Divine blessing.

Department Chaplain: Ever Glorious, ever Blessed, ever gracious God, our Heavenly Father, our Divine Savior: We gladly and thankfully look up to Thee this day, the Preserver of Life, the Giver of every blessing of life, thankfully to acknowledge Thy care and seek Thy presence with us this day in the transaction of all of the business connected with this encampment. We thank Thee that, amid the wreck of time, while we have laid so many of our comrades in their final rest, we have been spared and given strength to some here more to gladly greet each other and welcome the opportunity of renewing our comradeship. We come with sadness while we come with joy, we remember the one who has been taken away from us. We thank Thee that he was spared so long and enabled to accomplish so much for the interests of this organization. We commend to Thee this day his family and his friends who mourn for him now, and we ask that Thy blessing come now and sustain our present commander and Thy blessing rest upon him in all of his duties and responsibilities that shall be his during this session. And now, Father in heaven, we pray that Thy special presence may rule over us; that we may have the spirit not only of comradeship but the spirit of unity and harmony and of love for each other and love for Thee. Grant, that while we are journeying still the downward pathway of life may Thy grace be with us and Thy strength rest upon us so

that when we too shall be called away that darkness may not rest upon the valley through which we will pass, but it shall be only a shadow and not a darkness. We remember while we are here greeting each other, our comrades at home, in all of our posts. Be with them, their welfare, their families and their friends. Be with them also while we enjoy this occasion and come to those who are ill, those who are suffering; grant the help that comes from on high to the widow and to the orphan. Be Thou ever gracious and send them peace that only can come from Thee. Bless us all in what we shall do this time. Be with us further, throughout this broad extent, all over our land. Remember our nation today. Remember our Chief Magistrate; in Thy goodness and in Thy mercy rule over us in all the great interests of our nationality and command that Thy will shall be done through us as a people, through us as an organization, through us as individuals, so that when at last we have done with it all, as some of us soon will be, we may be acknowledged before Thee and accepted in Thy presence and welcomed as good and faithful servants, Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

Department Commander: I now declare the Thirty-first Annual Encampment Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, open in due form.

I wish all past commanders who are present would come forward and take seats on the platform.

Comrade Kanitz: Commander, Ex-Governor Van Sant of Minnesota, representing the Commander-in-Chief, is present, and if it is agreeable I would like to escort him to the platform.

Department Commander: We would be very glad indeed to have Ex-Governor Van Sant come forward.

(Comrade Kanitz escorted Ex-Governor Van Sant and Past Department Commander Wood of Illinois to the platform where they were introduced and took seats.)

Department Commander: It affords me great pleasure to introduce to you Comrade Van Sant, Ex-Governor of the state of Minnesota, who is here to represent the Commander-in-Chief. (Applause.)

Comrade Van Sant: Commander and Comrades: I have been greatly honored today in being requested to represent your Commander-in-Chief who is ill at home and not able to be with you on this occasion. He regrets this very much, for he was a Michigan soldier and in the prime of his young manhood he enlisted in your state and went to the front. Recently, while in the line of his duty, he contracted a severe cold while coming from the coast where they have fruit, sunshine and flowers, into the northwest, meeting a severe snow storm. But I bring you his greetings and his best wishes for your success. He hopes you all as many of you as can, will go to Salt Lake City where the next meeting is to be held and he desires me to assure you every preparation has been made to receive and royally entertain the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Now, I was invited here some time ago by your late department commander and I realize with you the deep sorrow you feel this morning over the loss of that splendid comrade, who was not only a splendid comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, but an exemplary citizen, a kind husband and an affectionate father, and you will miss him



very very much. So far as I have been able to judge since I arrived in your city, I never knew of a case where there was more sorrow expressed than over the loss of Comrade Foote; and it is my earnest wish that this encampment may be, as I am sure it will be, a decided success. And who knows but that the spirit of our late comrade is present in this room and will witness our proceedings here?

Coming as I do from Minnesota, I was requested also to present greetings of that splendid Past Commander-in-Chief Torrence who wanted to be remembered to his comrades and friends.

I will not take up further time now. I believe I am to speak at the camp-fire tonight, and those of you who are not tired of hearing me now might come down and have the balance tonight. But just one word more that I might not have a chance to say to so many of you together again,—I never was prouder in my life than I am at this moment, that I am a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, (applause) which has done more, accomplished more than any other organization in the history of time. There is no organization like yours. Did you ever stop to think of that? You have no predecessors and you can have no successors. When you die the Grand Army dies with you. But you have this proud satisfaction, that you have lived to some purpose and that your organization has accomplished much not only for its members but for humanity in general. Wherever a black man or a black woman is found, you are revered; for it is you who gave them liberty. You not only freed the black man but you re-established this union upon a firm basis, and that was worth all the war cost. And in a material sense—and we must look at that, for we all live in a material age—since you laid down your arms our country has made most wonderful progress. We have made more advancement in less than fifty years than Great Britain has made in five hundred years of her history. (Applause.) Comrades, that means something; and you should be honored not only for your own splendid services in saving the union but for the splendid opportunities you have given to the rising generation. We not only have equality before the law but we have something better than that, we have equality of opportunity, and that means so much to the American people.

But as I said I will not take more of your time. I am rejoiced to meet with you and I hope your deliberations will be wise and that this encampment will be the best ever held in the great commonwealth of Michigan. (Prolonged applause.)

Department Commander: It affords me great pleasure to introduce to you the first adjutant general of the Grand Army, a man who, I believe had as much to do with the organization of the Grand Army, through his efforts, as any man now living. I have the pleasure of introducing to you Past-Commander Wood, of Illinois. (Applause.)

Comrade Woods: My Wolverine Comrades: A pleasant sail across the lake and then coming into this magnificent city and hearing words of warm friendship is indeed a pleasure. But before I speak, I want to ask if there is any member of the First Michigan Engineers here that he won't shoot until I am done, because we had a little unpleasantness at one time, and if there is any man here that was obliged to part with an heirloom clock or any keep-sake of that kind, I hope you will forgive me, because I could not help that, you know. (Laughter.)

Assistant Adjutant General: There is one of them here.

Comrade Woods: But I will tell you one thing that if you lost some pleasure through not having some heirloom clock you have given pleasure, better than a clock or jewels to everybody in the United States of America, from that day to this.

This organization is the best, it is the grandest organization of humanity that was ever gotten together. (Applause.)

Why, after we got the Grand Army organized, I took a trip over to the capitals of Europe to find out what those warlike nations ever had done for their defenders. I looked to see a magnificent line of soldier's homes and soldier's orphan's homes and Soldiers' widows' homes, but I looked in vain. I counted up the pounds, pence, shillings, marks, francs, piasters, liras that were paid out to the veterans of those countries and I found out that for one war, which occurred nearly a half a century ago the United States is today paying out more money in pensions than all the governments on earth for all the wars that were ever waged. (Applause.) That is the kind of a country we live in. It was worth saving. And yet everything has not been done. We are not all complete.

I remember of reading the history of Lord Clyde, the conqueror of India; after he came back he was hailed before parliament on the question of distributing certain loot that he had found in the palace of the maharajha and in answering the defence of his duty he said "My Lords and Gentlemen, when I remember that campaign through India, where we found those hordes, hundreds of thousands, when I remember capturing the palace of the maharajha and looking at my 35,000 survivors with their arms and their legs bound up and their heads abounding with festering wounds, bearing mute testimony to the wonderful prowess during a five months' campaign, and I remember the piles of gold and silver and jewelry and diamonds that I found in the palaces of the maharajha, By God I am astonished at my own moderation (applause and laughter)—that is found in the history of Lord Clyde. And when I visited the homes of the old veterans of old Europe, and nine-tenths of them were in poverty, and when I see the piles of gold and treasure and jewelry piled up in this, the most wealthy country of the world, I am surprised at the moderation with which the pensions have been doled out in the last forty-five years. Why my dear comrades, there is one class that never has been mentioned yet, that splendid galaxy of men slightly older than the rest of us, the rank and file, and with their bright swords and their indomitable courage and gallantry, lead all others through those many many battles—I refer to the commissioned officers of the great war,—forty-five years after when everyone of them should have been placed on the retired list at half pay. For over forty-five years they have waited patiently and quietly and not one thing has been done for them. Let us ask that our officers shall be placed upon half-pay and retired, as has been done for other officers who rendered similar service; but if they do not see fit to, we will have the proud consciousness of knowing that we gave the best that was in us to our nation in its time of trial. (Applause.)

Department Commander: I will state to you, comrades, that owing to the death of our beloved Comrade Foote, our department commander,

that that position became vacant, and I, as senior vice commander took the position as commander, the junior vice commander becoming senior vice commander, and leaving a vacancy in the position of junior vice commander. At a meeting held yesterday of the council of administration, that place was, by unanimous vote of the committee given to Comrade George W. Wheeler, of Post 461, and I therefore ask the junior vice commander if he is in the audience, to come forward and take a seat on the platform.

(In obedience to the request Comrade Wheeler came forward and took a seat on the stage.)

The roll was called by the Assistant Adjutant General and a quorum was found to be present.

Department Commander: The rules governing the national encampment will prevail at this encampment, if there are no objections. I hear none, and the rules governing national encampments will prevail.

Communications were read by the Assistant Adjutant General, from Comrade Henry M. Nevius, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, as follows:

K Red Bank N. J., June 22.

Geo. L. Holmes, Vice Dept. Com. of Michigan G. A. R., Kalamazoo:

The Grand Army of the Republic sends greetings to the Dept. of Michigan, and Kalamazoo G. A. R., the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., and the Daughters, Comrade Van Sant will represent me.

HENRY M. NEVIUS,  
*Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R.*

Salt Lake, Utah, June 22, 1909.

Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R. Encampment, Kalamazoo, Michigan:

This committee extend greetings to your encampment with hope that your meeting may be happy, harmonious and profitable. You are invited to be our guests, August 9-14, 1909, with the assurance that your stay while here will be made as sweet and tender as the work of vanishing army was honorable and heroic.

F. F. STERRETT,  
*Executive Director, G. A. R.*

From Comrade Burton Parker, El Paso, Texas.

El Paso, Texas, June 18, 1909.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Division of Michigan, G. A. R., Kalamazoo, Michigan:

My Dear Sir and Comrade: I deeply regret my inability to be present at the present State Encampment. Mrs. Parker's health has been in a very precarious condition, and I was notified by physicians last fall that she would not live until spring if she remained in Michigan. I was, therefore, transferred to this place, with a view of improving her health. I am in hopes of, in the near future, returning to grand old Michigan and uniting with the Comrades in promoting and advancing the principles and tenents of our Grand Army.

I will kindly thank you to convey to the Department Commander my compliments, and also to the members of the Encampment.

Assuring you of my high regard and personal respect and devotion to the Grand Army of the Republic, I am,

Yours in F. C. & L.

BURTON PARKER.

From Comrade James O'Donnell, of Jackson, as follows:

Jackson, Michigan, June 21, 1909.

Commander G. A. R., Department of Michigan:

Dear Comrade: I expected and hoped to be with you at the encampment, but much to my disappointment and regret, find that other engagements will prevent.

For this I am very sorry. I would come if I could.

With greetings to all the comrades, I am in F. C. & L.,

Very respectfully yours,

JAMES O'DONNELL.

From Rev. J. M. Warren, Chaplain Eaton County Battalion, as follows:

Olivet, Mich., June 21, '09.

Commander: I will be in Kalamazoo during the encampment this week.

Yours to command,

REV. J. M. WARREN,

*Chaplain, Eaton Co. Battalion, Olivet, Mich.*

Department Commander: Is the report of the credential committee ready?

Assistant Adjutant General: Commander, as chairman of the committee on credentials, I would report that we are not prepared to make a complete report at this time. We have at the present time issued over 650 delegate badges with the prospect that all the supply will be exhausted before now, so that there are at least seven hundred delegates in the city.

I would ask permission to make a further report later on.

Comrade Kanitz: Commander, I move that the request be granted, and further time be allowed the committee in which to make a report.

The motion was carried.

At this time Senior Vice Commander J. J. Drake took the chair and the Department Commander read his report and address as follows:

## COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Comrades: We have assembled in this beautiful city of Kalamazoo to hold our Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic and to transact such business as may come before it. Comrades you are aware that it is through a very fortunate circumstance, in fact I may say a disaster to the Grand Army of Michigan that I am here today as Department Commander. It is a laudable ambition for any comrade to aspire to be Commander but I assure you that I did not want to be Commander in this way and that I regret the passing on of our late Commander, Chas. E. Foote, as sincerely as any comrade in the Department. The time has been so short that it has been absolutely impossible for me to make any new arrangements. I could not if I would and I would not if I could. My report will be very short. I shall have to leave almost entirely to the different committees who have been appointed to do certain work and investigate the conditions of certain things and report thereon to this encampment. It would be useless for me to undertake to report on matters that I have had no opportunity to investigate, therefore shall leave it to the committees that were appointed by our late Commander one year ago. It shall be the aim of the officers of this Encampment as far as possible to carry out the plans and details that had already been arranged for. I know and you know that I am placed in an embarrassing position. When a comrade is elected to this office he has the whole year to arrange his plans and become familiar with the affairs of the Department. There are however a few things I wish to call your attention to. One is that the Posts of the Department should be more prompt in forwarding their reports to the Assistant Adjutant General. Some do not seem to think that he has to furnish his consolidated report to the Adjutant General, and if a few reports from the Posts are delayed it holds back his report. Especially should the semi-annually report now about due be sent in promptly as the time from now to the National encampment at Salt Lake City is very short.

I would recommend that the Commanders and Adjutants of Posts should send in their reports as soon as they return home from this encampment. I also notice that some Posts elect delegates to the encampment who say they do not know as they can go and sometimes when they say they cannot go. Delegates should be chosen from those who know they can go or at least think they can.

## THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

Past Department Commander Northwood, chairman of the committee appointed one year ago to visit the Soldiers' Home, kindly furnished me with a copy of his report which he will present to the encampment. I must commend the work of this committee. It shows it was thorough and painstaking and I judge there was no spot or place about the in-

stitution that was not visited. If proper to do so I would call the attention of the next Department Commander and the committee that he will appoint to visit the Home the coming year to two conditions in the blanks for application for admittance to the Home. You all know that if an old soldier wishes to go to the Home he must obtain and fill out a blank application furnished by the management. The first condition is the "certificate of identification." This it says must be signed by the supervisor of the township or ward in which the applicant resides or by a member of the board of management of the Home; the second is the surgeons certificate. The blank application in use at the Home in Dayton, Ohio, makes it much easier for an old soldier to get to the Home. That says the certificate of identification may be signed by a notary public and if the applicant is sixty-two years or more of age the surgeons certification need not be filled out. If our blanks could be made the same it would in all cases save the applicant a great deal of trouble and in some cases expense. In my opinion these blanks should be made as simple and easy as possible for the comrades who are obliged to go to the Home instead of seeing how complicated and hard they can be made. Since coming to the City I find that the arrangements for a successful encampment are complete and I want to thank the committees one and all who have labored early and late to bring this about.

Respectfully submitted,  
 GEO. L. HOLMES,  
*Department Commander.*

Senior Vice Commander: I will appoint on the committee to consider the Commander's address, Comrade H. S. Dean, Post 137, Comrade E. C. Anthony, Post 300, Comrade J. F. Cotton, Post 214.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.

Department Commander: The next in order is the reading of the report of the Senior Vice Commander.

Senior Vice Commander, J. J. Drake, then read his report as follows:

Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic: Upon the solicitation of comrades I was chosen by the comrades of the last encampment as your Junior Vice Commander and as such officer I have discharged all the duties of my office to the best of my ability.

Comrades, you know and I know and all of us know that the Junior Vice Commander's duties are very onerous. It is even difficult for him to ascertain just when the Department is going to have a meeting, his duties are so laborious and I appear before you as both Senior and Junior Vice Commander.

At the Department meeting in Toledo, Michigan had the distinction of being the second largest representative body of the National Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause.) It was only exceeded by that state that seems to be and now is what Virginia once was, the "Mother of Presidents." (Applause.)

At a meeting of the council of administration and perhaps it is necessary that I should mention this thing here—which was called by Com-

mander Foote while in Toledo, there was considered the question of using certain funds to increase the membership of the Grand Army of the Republic. The council of administration represented by a majority of its members was there, and Commander Foote asked not being a millionaire himself—that the council of administration would pay all the little bills that he might make in trying to build up the weakening forces, also taking care of those outside that wished to get into the post. And I would say in regard to this that the report of the quartermaster general will show that the action of the council of administration should be commended for the part which they took on that occasion, and as Junior Vice Commander my duties closed, when on two weeks ago yesterday I participated with Commander Holmes in laying to rest in beautiful Mountain Home Cemetery the remains of Commander Foote. Comrades, I wish to add but just one word: Comrades you are familiar with the peculiarities and idiosyncrasies of the soldier and sailor. And one of these is the right and privilege of grumbling or fault-finding and as I am no exception to the general rule I wish to call your attention to the action of the last encampment in eliminating or dropping from the rules the inspection of all posts.

I desire that this encampment shall reinstate the inspection of all Posts and demand a full and complete report from all inspection officers as in my opinion this will prove of much value to the Department.

Comrades, I wish to add but just one word: As Senior Vice Commander, for the few hours remaining, I expect to perform all duties assigned to me, and I have but one sentiment which I wish to express here in conclusion, and that is the language of one of America's greatest orators, one of the grandest comrades who has long since passed to his rest—"With charity for all, with cheers for the living, and tears for the dead, we shall ever cherish their memory." (Prolonged applause.)

JAY J. DRAKE,  
*Senior Vice Commander.*

Department Commander: I will refer the report of the Senior Vice Commander to a committee consisting of Comrade Ives, Comrade Stephen Mallery, Post 382, Comrade G. T. Converse, Post 38.

The next in order will be the report of the Junior Vice Commander, who has been holding that office for about eighteen hours.

Comrade Wheeler: Commander, the first thing I knew about being Junior Vice Commander was when Comrade Richardson came down in the hall and took me by the arm and says, "I want you to go up to the Adjutant General's office, I want to talk with you." He led me up there, and the first thing I knew he introduced me to the rest of the officers as the Junior Vice Commander of the Department of Michigan. Now you cannot expect any written report from me, because I have been sleeping from that time to this. (Laughter). The only thing I can say for myself is this—as Commander of post 461 I was elected last fall and that was my first experience as Commander of the Post. We held our memorial services on the 29th of May instead of the 31. We had our arrangements all made and we could not very well hold them over because we looked to the village school to perform all those things

that go to make up a successful memorial day. Just as we were about to enter the hall the proprietor of the hall stepped up and says "There is a ten-cent show got the inside track of you and you will have to find some other place to hold your services." "Very good" I says "the school house is open." And we went there and carried out the program the best we could. We had a fine speaker and everything went off nicely. But as you may naturally suppose, I got warm "under the collar." I never was so warm under the collar in my life as I was then. I went right home and said to my wife, "This is the last time we will ever be driven from a hall in which to hold our memorial services." I went and purchased a lot and I have got the foundation for my frames, and lumber is ordered and on the ground, and I am going to build a hall that the G. A. R. and W. R. C. can use as long as I live, and it won't cost them a cent. (Prolonged applause.)

Department Commander: I think it would be a good plan to adopt the verbal report and let him go on and build the hall. (Laughter and applause.)

Now there are some standing committees to be appointed—the committee on resolutions; the chairman of that committee is Comrade O. A. Janes, Post 384, Comrade C. V. R. Pond, Post 2, Comrade Judge Cobb, Post 419, Bay City.

The next is the committee to carry fraternal greetings to the Women's Relief Corps. I presume likely that all the comrades would like to be appointed on that committee but I can only appoint three.

The chairman of that committee is Comrade D. B. K. Van Raalte, Post 262; Comrade Sam. Lawrence, Post 218; Comrade John Northwood, Post 438.

The next committee to be appointed is the committee to carry fraternal greetings to the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Chairman, Comrade William Jibb, Post 45; Comrade J. M. Greenfield, Post 89; Comrade George H. Turner, Post 109.

The next in order is the report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

The Assistant Adjutant General then read his report, which was as follows:



REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.  
 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.  
 LANSING, June 22, 1909.

Geo. L. Holmes, Department Commander:

Dear Sir and Comrade: In conformity with the custom and requirements of the rules and regulations of our order, I have the honor to submit to you my report of the work of the Assistant Adjutant General's office for the year 1908-9.

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.

	Posts.	Members.
For term ending June 30th, 1908.		
In good standing January 1st, 1908.....	318	10,688
<b>Gains.</b>		
By muster-in .....		106
By transfer .....		68
By reinstatement .....		185
By reinstatement from delinquent reports.     4		48
<b>Total gains for term .....</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>407</b>
<b>Aggregate .....</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>11,095</b>
<b>Losses.</b>		
By death .....		251
By honorable discharge .....		6
By transfer .....		51
By suspension .....		207
By delinquent reports .....	12	187
By surrender of charter .....	3	62
<b>Total loss for term .....</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>764</b>
<b>Remaining in good standing June 30th.....</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>10,331</b>
<b>For term ending December 31st, 1908:</b>		
<b>Gains.</b>		
By muster-in .....		126
By transfer .....		61
By reinstatement .....		102
By reinstatement from delinquent reports.     7		125
<b>Total gain for term .....</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>414</b>
<b>Aggregate .....</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>10,745</b>

Losses.		
By death .....	186	
By honorable discharge .....	14	
By transfer .....	55	
By suspension .....	262	
By surrender of charter .....	1	8
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Total loss for term .....	1	525
Remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1909.....	313	10,220

## RECAPITULATION FOR THE YEAR.

Gains.		
Remaining in good standing Jan. 1st, 1908.....	318	10,688
By muster-in .....	232	
By transfer .....	129	
By reinstatement .....	287	
From delinquent reports .....	11	173
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Total gain for year .....	11	821
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Aggregate .....	329	11,509

Losses.		
By death .....	437	
By honorable discharge .....	20	
By transfer .....	106	
By suspension .....	469	
From delinquent reports .....	12	187
From surrender of charter .....	4	70
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Total loss for year .....	16	1,289
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Remaining in good standing Dec. 31st 1908 .....	313	10,220

Net loss during the year, 5 Posts, 468 members.  
 Percentages of death loss, .0427 per cent.

The following Posts were delinquent during the year:

Post No. 155, Homer; Post No. 157, Cassopolis; Post No. 209, Montgomery; Post No. 224, Cheboygan; Post No. 232, Cass City; Post No. 269, Plainwell; Post No. 278, West Bay City; Post No. 296, Alaska; Post No. 303, Schoolcraft; Post No. 305, Fenwick; Post No. 307, Saginaw; Post No. 314, Saline; Post No. 324, Crystal; Post No. 351, Covert; Post No. 412; Burnips Corners.

The following Posts were reinstated during the year:

Post No. 151, Sebewa; Post No. 155, Homer; Post No. 157, Cassopolis; Post No. 224, Cheboygan; Post No. 269, Plainwell; Post No. 278, West Bay City; Post No. 303, Schoolcraft; Post No. 305, Fenwick; Post No. 307, Saginaw; Post No. 324, Crystal.

The following posts surrendered their charters during the year:

Post No. 164, Morley; Post No. 239, Concord; Post No. 307, Saginaw; Post No. 316, Grant; Post No. 379, Bannister.

Post No. 202 also surrendered its charter. After earnest effort on the part of the Department to reorganize the post, the comrades decided to recall the old charter and Post No. 202 is again in working order.

Since January 1st, 1909, the following changes have taken place but are not a part of this report as they properly belong to the next report, they are given here for information:

Post No. 58, Dewitt, made its report for 1908, and surrendered its charter Feb. 2, 1909.

The following Posts have been re-instated since the beginning of the year:

Post No. 46, Granges; Post No. 167, Elsie; Post No. 209, Montgomery; Post No. 314, Saline.

THE W. R. C. FUND.

In making up the report for the second term ending December 31, 1908, eleven Posts with a total membership of 151 were delinquent; by resolution of the Executive Committee the per capita tax of these Posts was paid out of the W. R. C. fund the total tax being \$18.89, these Posts were notified of the action taken and requested to send in their reports, seven of the eleven posts responded not only sending in their reports but remitting the per capita also, this amounted to \$12.38 and has been turned back into the W. R. C. fund, leaving but \$6.51 paid out of this fund to maintain four Posts; a very small amount of this fund has been used in visiting weak Posts; this amount will be shown in the Assistant Quartermaster's report.

FINANCES.

The cash receipts coming into my hands during the year is as follows:

From per capita tax first term .....	\$1,292 18
From per capita tax second term .....	1,278 12
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Total receipts from per capita tax .....	\$2,570 30
From sale of supplies .....	327 83
From reinstatements and other sources .....	34 36
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Total receipts for the year .....	\$2,932 49

All of which has been turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster General in vouchers and cash, and for which I have his receipts.

While there has been a slight falling off in the membership, there has been an increase of cash receipts from per capita, supplies etc., over last year of \$125.79. This increase is mostly accounted for from the fact that the first term of 1907, the per capita tax was but ten cents per member while for both terms of 1908 the rate has been twelve and one-half cents per member, there has also been a small increase in the amount of supplies sold.

## JOURNALS.

The Journals of the Thirtieth Department Encampment have been mailed to all the Posts of the Department.

National headquarters sent to this Department only 40 copies of the Journal of Forty-second National Encampment. These have been sent out only on request. There is still a few copies on hand.

The value of Department property as approved by the Executive Committee is \$131.19. See exhibit A.

The Department Banner had become so badly worn and torn that it has been necessary to replace it by a new one, which was done by authority of the Executive Committee. The cost of the new banner being \$35.00.

The supplies on hand at Headquarters as shown by inventory is \$73.29. See exhibit B, accompanying this report.

There has been two meetings of the Council of Administration and two meetings of the Executive Committee, proceedings of these meetings accompany this report and will be published in the Journal.

## LINCOLN MEDALS.

Early in January I received circulars from the National Committee Lincoln Centennial, announcing that arrangements had been made to make and issue to the comrades, at a cost of 75 cents each, a Lincoln Centennial medal, to be properly inscribed in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic. Circulars were sent to all the posts of this Department with the request that subscriptions for the medals be sent in to the Assistant Adjutant General. I received orders from 38 Posts for a total of 355 medals, which was promptly forwarded to the committee, there was much delay in getting these medals out, the first shipment was made to this Department the latter part of May, the medals have been distributed to the posts ordering them.

The National Committee inform me that they will continue to receive orders for the medals until every member of the Grand Army is supplied or the die breaks. As these medals weigh 8 oz. each the express charges and postage adds about ten cents each to the cost. Comrades desiring the medal for a souvenir should send in their orders at once; to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing, Mich.

## SOUTHERN MEMORIAL FUND.

In general orders from National Headquarters an appeal was made for funds for the Southern Memorial fund. This was supplemented by an appeal from the Department Commander in General Orders No. 7. I regret very much to say that the appeal did not receive the response that the cause merited; but 16 Posts of this Department responded, with subscriptions of but \$26.00. This amount has been forwarded to National Headquarters. It may be that some of the Posts may have sent their contributions direct to National Headquarters and this Department has no account of the same.

## LAWS FOR BENEFIT OF SOLDIERS.

The last legislature passed two bills in which the members of the G. A. R. will be interested. One is what is known as the Chandler Bill on taxation, in Section 7 under the head of exemption.

All real estate used as a Homestead not exceeding in value to \$1,200 of any soldier or sailor who served three months or more during the Civil war; and of any widow of such soldier or sailor also receive the same benefit.

The other law is an amendment to Act No. 170, Session Laws of 1885, known as the law for burial of soldiers. This amendment was introduced by Senator Taylor and provided that nurses shall receive the benefits of the act, and increases the amount of the burial fund from forty to fifty-five dollars.

These laws will be published in full in the Journal of the encampment.

The work and correspondence of the office has been very heavy during the year. Nine general orders, seven circulars and special orders have been issued. These together with orders and circulars from National headquarters have been mailed promptly to the various officers and Posts of the Department.

For the first time in the thirty-one years of its existence the Department of Michigan has sustained the loss of its Department Commander. Chas. E. Foote died at his residence in this city (Kalamazoo), Saturday, June 5th. As his co-laborer I desire to bear testimony to his sterling worth as a comrade and his untiring zeal in behalf of the comrades in the Department. The success of this encampment is the result of his earnest work; every detail was on his heart. Why he was not permitted to live and enjoy the results of his labor with us, only an All-wise Providence can tell. My relations with our departed Commander were the most cordial, and I believe that in his death every comrade of the Grand Army and every widow of a comrade has lost a friend. What more can I say.

In view of the very short time to elapse between this Encampment and the Forty-third National Encampment to be held at Salt Lake City, August 9-14, I call the attention of all, and especially Post commanders and Adjutants to the necessity of forwarding the reports together with the per capita tax for the term ending June 30th, to the Department headquarters at Lansing without delay, in order that this Department may meet the requirements of National headquarters. Adjutant General Frank O. Cole, has asked that reports be sent in before July 10th. In order to save reporting a large number of delinquent posts, and a large amount of extra work, I trust this request will be heeded. While most of the Post Commanders and their Adjutants and Quartermasters are fairly prompt in forwarding their reports and to reply to communications sent them, there are those who are very slow to respond. This neglect of duty on the part of even a few entails upon the department officers much extra work, and not a little confusion in

keeping records straight. Comrades, although we may be getting a little old let us see that our duties are promptly performed.

It is with great pleasure that I can report the Posts of this Department with few exceptions as holding their own. Seventy-two Posts show gains; 112 Posts make no gains or losses; 126 Posts show losses. The gains in several Posts are very flattering and show what can be done when the effort is put forth. A spirit of indifference if not of apathy seems to possess others. The old soldiers are here, and the fault is ours if they do not join us.

In conclusion, the office of Assistant Adjutant General, while entailing much labor on the occupant, has its corresponding pleasures by bringing one into close relation with earnest and loyal comrades throughout the department.

During the year I have been associated with able and willing comrades whose sole aim has been to second every effort of our lamented commander in making a success of his administration.

To the earnest and efficient comrades of the staff, and to yourself Commander, I am indebted for many courtesies, and to you comrades all, I am indebted for honors conferred.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

Assistant Adjutant General : (In speaking concerning branch of the report in answer to a query as to what was meant by the Southern Memorial Fund.) I supposed every Grand Army man understood what the Southern Memorial Fund was. In the states of the south, where the great national cemeteries are located, we have thousands upon thousands of comrades buried, and where there are but few scattering Posts to take care of the decorations. These Posts are poor. They are willing to do the work of decorating those thousands upon thousands of graves, but they haven't the means wherewith to do it. They are willing to do the work and the national Department for years has been furnishing them with funds to defray the expenses of such decoration, and this fund is for that purpose. I fear you do not read your reports thorough enough comrades. Read your journals and you will find out all about these things.

And now, while you have gotten me to digress from the line of my report, I want to say to you comrades, that you should pay more attention to the general orders and journal publications of the department. They contain information that you should have. You simply throw them away and pay no attention to them, and then the Adjutant General will get letters saying "how about this" and "how about that" and in that way the Adjutant General's time is taken up answering questions that you should be well posted upon yourselves. (Applause.)

Comrade Lewis, Post 23: Commander, the report spoke of certain exemptions to which members of this organization were entitled. I wish to ask for information—is that law to become operative where the homestead is valued higher than the price you name?

Assistant Adjutant General: I would refer the comrade to some lawyer. I think however, that the \$1,200 amount would be exempt in

any event. Comrade Van Raalte was in the legislature and he no doubt can explain that point.

Comrade Van Raalte: Commander and Comrades—I would say to the comrades, for information, that no matter what a comrade is worth, that part of the value may be deducted from the total value, and if anyone sees fit to take advantage of the exemption he may do so.

When the question came up on the floor of the legislature, I then stated that my idea was there were a great many of the comrades who would not care to take advantage of the exemption but it would be especially for the poorer comrades to help them out. (Applause). This law will not take effect, Comrades, until next year. It will take effect in ninety days from the assessment and consequently it will not take effect until next year. (Applause.)

Department Commander: I will refer the report of the Assistant Adjutant General to the following committee: Comrade George W. Stone, Post 42; Comrade George Raab, Post 145; Comrade W. W. Warner, Post 56.

Comrade Gilbert, Post 111: In the report it speaks about sending in to the Adjutant General a full report of the posts in time for the National Encampment, and that time is now quite short. But the report is to end June 30, and we send in a report ending June 30, and then some comrade dies the next day; our report says we have so many members on June 30. What are you going to do with that comrade who dies? I ask for information.

(Cries of "Bury him.")

Comrade Kanitz: If he is dead, he is gone.

Department Commander: In reply to that I would say this, that as soon as you go home see that these reports are made out and get them ready to send to the Adjutant General as early as the first of July; in the meantime if there are any changes between now and that time the reports can be rectified.

The next order of business will be the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General.

Comrade James E. White read the report as follows:

## REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

KALAMAZOO, MICH., June 23, 1904.

Department Commander and Comrades:

In accord with the custom and rules of our order, I submit my annual report as follows:

JAMES E. WHITE, ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN G. A. R.

Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
1908.		
July 16...	To cash received from Asst. Adj. Gen. Wyckoff.....	\$475 00
July 16...	To cash received from Asst. Q. M. Gen. Cochran.....	806 70
July 16...	To certificate of deposit from Asst. Q. M. Gen. Cochran.....	1,000 00
July 16...	To cash from Asst. Adj. Gen. Wyckoff.....	869 00
July 16...	To certificate of deposit from Asst. Q. M. Gen. Cochran.....	1,000 00
July 30...	To cash received from Asst. Adj. Gen. Wyckoff.....	250 00
1909.		
Jan. 9...	To cash received from Adj. Gen. Wyckoff.....	300 00
Jan. 26...	To cash received from Asst. Adj. Gen. Wyckoff.....	300 00
Feb. 5...	To cash from Asst. Adj. Gen. Wyckoff.....	175 00
June 3...	To interest on fund in Kal. Nat. Bank, W. R. C. fund.....	21 84
June 22...	To interest on \$1,000.00 fund Kal. City Bank.....	40 90
June 22...	To interest on \$1,000.00 Alger fund, Kal. City Bank.....	40 90
June 22...	To interest on \$500.00 general fund, K. S. B.....	13 75
June 22...	To check from Adj. Gen. Wyckoff.....	49 29
		\$5,342 38
1908. To vouchers received from Assistant Adjutant General, as cash:		
July 30...	vouchers 1 to 7 inclusive.....	\$243 92
Sept. 16...	vouchers 8 to 20 inclusive.....	340 03
Dec. 19...	vouchers 21 to 26 inclusive.....	37 04
1909.		
Jan. 9...	vouchers 27 to 32 inclusive.....	181 86
Jan. 26...	vouchers 33 to 34 inclusive.....	135 88
Feb. 5...	vouchers 35 to 36 inclusive.....	68 96
April 17...	vouchers 37 to 54 inclusive.....	221 24
June 22...	vouchers 60 to 64 inclusive.....	103 39
		\$1,332 32
Total receipts for year.....		\$6,674 70



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DISBURSEMENTS AS SHOWN BY VOUCHERS.

Date.	Disbursements.	Amount.
1908.		
July 17...	Com. C. E. Foote, expenses to Lansing	\$3 33
July 17...	Asst. Q. M. G. White, expenses to Lansing	3 18
July 30...	Printing circulars and envelopes, Fred J. Buck	8 41
July 17...	Supplies as per requisition	65 29
July 17...	Expenses of Assistant Adjutant General going to Detroit	9 20
July 21...	Postage stamps for Adjutant General	19 35
July 30...	Report of proceedings and transcript of same	50 00
Aug. 15...	Postage and telephoning by Com. Foote	5 45
Aug. 15...	Per capita tax, 6 m., end June 30, 1908	180 79
Sept. 2...	Veterans music band at Toledo	156 72
Sept. 2...	Decorate headquarters at Toledo	15 00
Sept. 2...	Com. Foote, expenses to Allegan and St. Joseph	11 57
Sept. 4...	Henry Spaulding, services at headquarters, Toledo	4 00
Sept. 4...	Expense of headquarters, Toledo, Boody House	152 10
Sept. 14...	Quar. M. Gen. Bond	11 25
	Asst. Adjt. Gen. Bond	5 00
	Paid postage Adjutant General off	11 49
	Cutting ribbon, 58 bolts for badges	3 00
	Case and Chamois skin for loving cup	3 00
	Print badges, 3,500	5 00
	Printing receipts, letter heads, general orders, envelopes, etc.	84 85
	Expenses Col. Wyckoff to Toledo	8 35
	Past Dept. Com. badge	35 00
	Dept. Chaplain postage letters	1 00
Sept. 22...	J. W. Knapp, badges for National Encampment	43 20
Sept. 22...	Expenses Com. Foote to Mason and return	3 50
Oct. 7...	Supplies, on requisition by Assistant Adjutant General	37 80
	Three hundred blank commissions	21 00
Oct. 30...	Expenses Com. Foote to Flint	4 54
Dec. 7...	Telephoning by Com. Foote to Lansing	1 10
	One thousand five hundred circular letters	3 00
	Six Past Com. rank bars	1 26
	Expenses for telephoning expenses, lock, etc.	5 73
	Stamps, P. O. box, etc.	18 35
	R. R. fare to Romeo and return, and meals, A. A. G.	5 20
	"In memorium" circulars and general orders	3 50
Dec. 17...	Q. M. Gen. for supplies	48 55
	Election return blanks, credential blank, etc.	9 00
	Stamps	29 64
1909.		
Jan. —...	Circulars	3 00
	Printing	90 05
	Asst. Adjt. Gen., postage and box rent	23 13
Feb. —...	Com. Foote, expenses to Lansing to meet Executive Committee	8 10
Mar. —...	Per capita tax	178 89
	Com. Foote, expenses to Detroit to secure rates for State encampment	14 74
	Com. Foote, expenses to Three Rivers	3 38
	Department banner	35 00
	Asst. Adjt. Gen., expense to Kalamazoo	3 68
	Copy book, etc.	2 85
	Wm. H. Cook, Cou. of Adm., one-half day	2 00
	M. D. Richardson, Cou. of Adm.	7 50
	D. C. Spears, Cou. of Adm.	5 00
	Com. Foote, Cou. of Adm.	8 30
	Com. Foote, telephoning and stamps expenses	3 96
	Patriotic instructor, expenses to Romeo	5 70
	Chester B. McCormick, 31½ hrs. off, work	14 17
	Printing blanks	3 50
	Printing circular letters	3 00
	Asst. Adjt. Gen. to Detroit to attend Michigan Passenger Association meeting for rates	6 50
	Asst. Adjt. Gen., postage	14 04
	Asst. Adjt. Gen., telephone rent, etc.	6 03

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## DISBURSEMENTS—Concluded.

Date.	Disbursements.	Amount.
April —	Printing circular letter . . . . .	\$3 50
	Com. Foote, expenses to Muskegon . . . . .	5 72
	Q. M. Gen., for supplies . . . . .	38 44
May —	Per capita tax paid for delinquent posts . . . . .	9 52
	Printing and binding rosters, 19'9. . . . .	45 00
	Expense Geo. E. Foote to Lansing to see about battle flags ordered, Com. Foote. . . . .	8 64
Jan. —	Q. M. Gen. White, postage and telephone . . . . .	8 41
Jan. 22	Printing bill . . . . .	33 95
	Asst. Adj. Gen. Post . . . . .	13 50
	Supplies, general . . . . .	7 68
	Com. Foote, expense account . . . . .	1 80
	Asst. Adj. Gen., expense . . . . .	2 45
	Adj. Gen., salary for year as per vouchers, 2, 3, 8, 9, 16, 13, 15, 17, 19, 19, 20, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 44, 48, 50, 60 . . . . .	1,100 00
	Paid Asst. Q. M. Gen., salary for year, 22, 38 . . . . .	50 00
	Paid W. W. Cook, attendance Executive Committee, Kalamazoo . . . . .	2 40
	Paid M. D. Richardson, Executive Committee, Kalamazoo . . . . .	4 86
	Paid D. C. Spears, Executive Committee, Kalamazoo . . . . .	4 25
	Paid Henry Spaulding, Credential Committee . . . . .	1 25
	Paid O. F. Kaywood, Credential Committee . . . . .	1 75
	<b>Total disbursements . . . . .</b>	<b>\$2,867 34</b>

Date.	Alger fund.	Amount.	Amount.
1909.			
June 22	To the Alger fund . . . . .	\$1,000 00	
	To the W. R. C. fund . . . . .	869 00	
	By paid expense Pat. Instructor Barney to Romeo . . . . .		\$5 70
	By paid expense Asst. Adj. Gen. to Romeo . . . . .		5 20
	By paid per capita tax act ng posts . . . . .		9 52
	To interest from City Nat. Bank, Kalamazoo . . . . .	21 84	
	Balance on hand . . . . .		\$870 42
		\$890 84	\$890 84
	To balance on hand, W. R. C. fund . . . . .	\$870 42	
	To total receipts, general fund . . . . .	4,804 28	
	Disbursements . . . . .		\$2,867 34
	Balance on hand . . . . .		1,936 94
			\$4,804 28
	There is in the Assistant Quarter Master General's hands:		
	General fund . . . . .	\$1,936 94	
	Alger fund . . . . .	1,000 00	
	W. R. C. fund . . . . .	870 42	
		\$3,807 36	
	To total receipts . . . . .	\$6,674 70	
	Disbursements . . . . .		\$2,867 34
	Cash on hand . . . . .		3,807 36
	<b>Total Alger fund . . . . .</b>		<b>\$6,674 70</b>

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. WHITE,  
Assistant Quartermaster General.

Department Commander: I will refer the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General to the following committee:

Comrade Jacob Bristol, Post 384; Comrade A. A. Udell, Post 72; Comrade William Davey, Post 17.

The next in order will be the report of the Medical Director.

Comrade John C. Solmon: Commander and Comrades: My report must necessarily be very brief.

I received only one report during the year from a Post and that was Orcutt Post of Kalamazoo. That was the only post reporting to me. And that, unfortunately was burned in a fire that destroyed my office late in the spring, and its contents were lost. I had hoped to have had reports from other posts in the department, and to have kept a detailed account, but the one report was all I received, and as I say, that was destroyed by fire.

Department Commander: I guess we will have to receive the medical director's report without reference. It is a pretty hard matter to appoint a committee on a verbal report.

The next in order will be the report of our Department Chaplain, Comrade Rev. William Putnam.

The Chaplain's report was then read as follows:

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

LANSING MICH., June 21, 1909.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade: I desire to make to you the following report as Chaplain of this Department, for the year 1908:

Number of Posts making to me their Memorial Day reports, as far as could be obtained, was .....	290
Number of Posts that observed Memorial Sunday .....	280
Number that had sermons preached to them .....	280
Number of Veterans that preached sermons .....	13
Number of Sons of Veterans who preached sermons .....	25
Number of Veterans who attended these services .....	7,394
Number of Posts that observed Decoration Day .....	283
Number of Veterans who attended this observance .....	8,934
Number of Cemeteries where soldiers' graves were decorated....	962
Number of soldiers' graves decorated .....	24,992
Number of graves unmarked by proper headstones .....	2,257
Number of public schools uniting in this observance .....	522
Number of scholars attending it .....	34,654
Number of other organizations joining in it .....	271
Number of public addresses delivered .....	247
Number of veterans who delivered addresses .....	40
Number of Sons of Veterans who delivered addresses .....	29
Number of Posts owning burial plots in cemeteries .....	163

Added to these formal statistics, two Posts, No. 48, Jackson, and No. 66, East Jordan, report a most favorable observance of Decoration Day; business houses closed, masses of people in attendance, no public games or amusements to mar and desecrate the day permitted.

Post 98, Port Huron, introduced a rare and appropriate, if not a splendid feature. Forty boys were selected by the city superintendent of public schools, as a token of merit, each wearing a special badge, to assist in decorating our comrades graves. The cemetery was divided into three sections and the boys into three bands, each band led by an old soldier, who entertained them with short war stories, or personal experiences, as he led them from grave to grave distributing flowers. The Boys were delighted with the service, and the honor conferred upon them and became deeply interested in the old soldiers, and Decoration Day. Could such an example be extensively imitated, it would be many years before our memorial services would go begging for interest, or lack ready and devoted participators in it.

Our staunch old comrade and friend, J. G. Berry, Post 263, Vanderbilt, reports another and very enticing feature of their memorial service, which, if generally imitated, would draw all our comrades to it as by a magnet.

He says, "We have only 16 members, but every old soldier in our community was invited to unite with us in our observance, and responded. After decoration at the cemetery and return to town, we found a fine supper ready for us, prepared by the people of the village, especially for the comrades and relief corps."

Such are some of the bright spots along our pathway, that cheer us on and help to lighten the burdens of age and infirmity.

Gradual, but inevitable, are the records of decline written on the face of our great historic organization more and more vividly each year. The number of the living must constantly decrease; the number of the graves we visit and decorate must constantly increase.

The aged, the infirm, the suffering, the weary "go to their long home, and the mourners go about the streets."

Yet, taking these inevitable things into due consideration, together with the many years the G. A. R. has existed, composed mostly of men past middle life, when the best era and activities of life are supposed to be passed, and the vast amount of work and benefit it has accomplished and still accomplishes, we have no reason to falter, nor be despondent, much less blush at any reference to our history.

Its public and private functions, though on an immense scale and extending over an immense territory—the entire north and south—wherever comrades fell and were buried, even though their names were unknown, there our work is still maintained with remarkable efficiency and success, and practically no grave overlooked or forgotten, no widow or orphan neglected. Thus are we sustaining and imitating that true courage and loyalty displayed on hundreds of battlefields and worthy of the crowning triumph at Appomattox, and the glories of a saved, harmonized and united nation. Thus, as a grand organization we still live for a great purpose, making our indelible mark on the world. We may die, but our works shall live. Memorial day may expire with some sitting sun, but its light shall shine on through all future history.

*Memory* can only look back upon the past. It cannot bring back to us our dead, nor a moment of the years that are gone. But it can and should, bring to us from the past the impressive and urgent admonition—"What thou doest, do quickly." May we give this admonition wise and faithful heed.

How deep and wonderful is the spirit of our comradeship! a bright, sweet mystery to us all, constituting one of the broadest and strongest human ties that ever bound great numbers of men together in life and death. It appeals to us today and urges us to a renewed and tightening grasp of hands, and beating of hearts in unison, in our distinctive bond of *Fraternity* and work of *Charity*, not as a formula, but a life manifested towards each other and the suffering and needy falling within the compass of our organized care and vocation.

As our numbers decrease, what once great numbers accomplished, less numbers must undertake, especially on Memorial Day. As the task grows heavier it demands greater courage, determination, and unwearied diligence in the discharge of our sacred duties; and we must not cease pushing the campaign for the memory and honor of the dead and relief and justice to the living, until the final victory is won, and each receives an honorable discharge.

WILLIAM PUTNAM,  
Department Chaplain.

Lansing, June 21st, 1909.

Department Commander: I will refer the report of our chaplain to Comrade Col. Fred Schneider, Post 42, Comrade J. A. Probasco, Post 100 and Comrade M. D. Brainard, Post 111.

We will now listen to the report of the special committee appointed to visit the Soldiers' Home, Comrade Northwood, chairman.

The report was read as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan,  
G. A. R.

Sir: The committee appointed to visit the Michigan Soldiers' Home asks leave to submit the following report:

On February 13th, 1909, the said committee appointed by Comrade C. E. Foote, Department Commander of the Department of Michigan G. A. R. consisting of Comrades John Northwood, Post 438; Albert Dunham, Post 48, and Edward C. Anthony, Post 300, met at the Morton House in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and at once proceeded to the Soldiers' Home, for the purpose of visiting the Home and inspecting the several departments therein. After having reported to Col. George H. Turner, the Commandant of the Home, under his guidance we proceeded to perform our duty and inspected every part of the Home, including all the adjacent buildings, the different wards and companies, the reading room and library, the dining room, kitchen, store room, laundry, bath

rooms, barber shop, shoemaking and tailoring departments; the toilet rooms, dispensary and hospital, including the Woman's Building, commonly called the Annex.

The Adjutant's office was first visited. We are pleased to report that we found Adjutant Taylor a comrade who has lost an arm in the service of his country, having served in a Regiment from Pennsylvania during the Civil War, thoroughly competent to discharge the duties of the office which he occupies.

The population of the Home is as follows:

ROSTER, MICHIGAN SOLDIERS' HOME, FEBRUARY 13, 1909.

	Present in quarters.	Hospital.	Total Present.	Absent.	Total.
Men .....	935	178	1,113	163	1,276
Women .....	101	32	133	14	147

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.

Present .....	1,246
Absent .....	177
Total .....	1,423

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

The Quartermaster's Department was next visited and was found to be well stocked with the regulation uniforms of dark blue, as adopted for the members of the Home.

The shoes were well adapted in shape and size for the use of those who are there to wear them.

Shirts and underwear were of the best, and all the goods there for the use of the members were well made and suitable.

DINING ROOM.

The dining room is too small for the population now in the Home. The tables have to be changed three times for each meal. The first breakfast is called at 5:30 A. M. The first dinner is called at 10:30 A. M. The first supper is called at 5 P. M. There can be seated at one sitting about 350 members of the Home.

The table tops are painted white enamel and set with white dishes. The menu for dinner the day of our visit was:

Bean soup, pork and beans, boiled potatoes, white and brown bread, fine creamery butter, tea and coffee, and milk when ordered by the surgeon.

In and about the kitchen, pantry and dining room, everything was in perfect order. The sanitary conditions were excellent, and as we saw it, could not be improved upon, except possibly the floor of the dining room might be improved by substituting cement for the floor there, which was of wood.

## BAKERY.

Our visit to this Department was very satisfactory. We were received very courteously by the baker-in-chief, who seemed to know how to conduct a bakery. Everything around the establishment was in clean and perfect order. We are informed that there were baked each day from 250 to 300 3-pound loaves of bread, which, allowing your committee to be the judges, was of the finest kind. There are 2,400 biscuits baked for supper. For Sunday dinners, there are baked 215 pies.

## LAUNDRY.

This Department is well equipped with all improved machinery for the expeditious discharge of the work to be done there. The chief in charge informed us that there were 35,000 pieces laundered each month.

## GREEN HOUSE.

This Department we found was being maintained in a first class manner and is in charge of a very competent florist.

We were informed that in the Green House were fully 80,000 pots of plants, besides very much shrubbery, all for the use of the Home, and Home grounds during the next summer. We feel well satisfied that to live among the constant bloom of flowers must add greatly to the lives of our aged comrades, who are members of the Home.

## BARBER SHOP.

This shop appeared to be conducted in a clean and orderly manner and was operated by parties not connected with the Home, their tenure of occupancy depending entirely upon the manner in which the shop was conducted.

## MAIN BUILDING.

This building contains a majority of the population of the Home, also the quarters for the Commandant of the Home, offices, dining room, kitchen and rooms for quartermasters' stores and library. Your committee found the building over-filled. Every place in the quarters of the several companies where room could be found, a bed was placed, besides on both sides of the aisles throughout the building cots were placed for the sleeping accommodations of the members.

We also found the attic of the main building occupied by cots used for sleeping accommodations.

## NORTH DORMITORY.

Was visited by your committee, which we found in the same condition as the Main building, crowded to the limit of its capacity. In the north end of this building is located the Chapel, which is used for funerals and religious services by both the Protestants and Roman Catholics.

## SOUTH DORMITORY.

Which was visited by your Committee and was found as to capacity as over-full, kept in good order, as are the Main building and north dormitory.

## RECREATION HALL AND CLUB ROOM.

This building is intended more for summer use than for winter use. It is of wood and of rustic style of architecture. A very fine place for our weary comrades to enjoy themselves at pleasure.

## STORE.

In connection with the Home is a small store operated by parties not connected with the Home. It is a very necessary adjunct to the Home, where the members can obtain at a reasonable price such articles as they think they need, which are not furnished by the Home.

## THE HOSPITAL.

This very important Department was visited by your committee and special notice was taken of all the surroundings thereof. We are pleased to report that this hospital is fully equipped with all the appliances needed in a hospital. The pharmacy was presided over by a Registered Pharmacist and appeared to be well supplied with drugs and medicines. The appearance of those who are inmates was good, considering their ages and diseased conditions.

This building has been built within the last four years, of brick, and is four stories high. It is easy of exit in case of fire or other calamity.

At the time of the visit of your committee, there were sick in the hospital, 178 men, and 32 women who are members of the Woman's Department of the Michigan Soldiers' Home.

The menu for the day was, dinner: Bean soup, pork and beans, mashed potatoes, bread and good creamery butter, corn starch pudding, tea, coffee and milk.

This menu was and is divided up among the inmates of the hospital under the direction of the surgeon in charge, he prescribing the diet for each patient. There are extras prescribed for the more feeble ones.

## WOMAN'S BUILDING.

This Department is presided over by a matron, Mrs. Sara L. Brown, the widow of Comrade Giles T. Brown, who served in Co. H. 22nd Regt., Michigan Vol. Inf., during the Civil War.

There were at the time of the visit of your committee 101 members present. Your committee was received very kindly by the matron, who made special effort to show us the building and all its departments from basement to attic. Everywhere we went we found perfect order. The rooms and their occupants were clean and tidy. The kitchen and pantry were models of cleanliness and good order. The table was furnished with white linen table cloths, napkins and white dishes. The dining room was scrupulously clean and in perfect order. The members with whom we talked expressed themselves as being well cared for, with good



and an abundance of rations. They had no fault to find with their surroundings.

## CONCLUSION.

Your committee feels under obligations to the officers of the Home for their kind and gentlemanly treatment while we were making our official visit. We were shown to any and all Departments of the Home that we desired to visit, and full explanations were made to us of the workings and practices adopted for the discipline and good of the Home.

We feel it our duty at this time to congratulate our comrades upon their good fortune to be entitled to the magnanimity of a generous people for the benefits of such a Home as is the Michigan Soldiers' Home. When it is taken into consideration that the ages of the members of the Home range from sixty-two years to ninety-four years, we one and all have good reasons to feel thankful that our less fortunate comrades have a place where they can rest their weary limbs during their declining years, after the performance of their arduous services for the support and maintenance of the Government of the United States, which we believe to be the best government on earth to her soldiers, sailors and marines.

Your Committee further reports that they take great pleasure in endorsing the entire management of the Home as being in accord with the views of your committee, and which, as we see it, is for the full benefit of the veterans under their care.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

JOHN NORTHWOOD,  
ALBERT DUNHAM,  
ED C. ANTHONY,

*Committee.*

Dated June 22nd, 1909.

Department Commander: You have heard the report of the special committee appointed to visit the Soldiers' home. What will you do with it?

Comrade Jibb, Post 115: I move that it be accepted and adopted.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Cunningham, Post 132: Commander, I have just been requested to inform you that a committee from the Ladies of G. A. R. wishes to be introduced to this convention.

Department Commander: How many ladies are there?

Comrade Cunningham: I will ascertain if you desire it.

Department Commander: Never mind.

Comrade Cunningham: There are four ladies.

Department Commander: I will appoint as a committee to escort the ladies to the rostrum Comrades Griswold, Kidd, Dean and Kanitz.

(The committee thus appointed retired and escorted the ladies to the platform where they were introduced to the Department Commander, the convention standing and giving the proper salute.)

Department Commander: Comrades it gives me pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Lane, National President of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Lane: Mr. Commander, Comrades and Friends: I have indeed been honored this morning by our state president in asking me to accompany this committee with greetings to your encampment, and I assure

you that I consider it one of the greatest honors that can be conferred upon a Grand Army woman, that of bringing a word of greeting to the dear old Grand Army boys.

Comrades, I have been traveling all over this country in the company of the Commander-in-Chief and his escorts, and I assure you that the Grand Army boys have certainly believed, just as the maiden lady who had entered the contest for a prize to be given to the one who should write the best essay on "How to retain the affections of a husband" and the maiden lady who won the prize wrote an essay consisting of three words—"Feed the brute." (Laughter.) The Grand Army men have certainly believed in "feeding the brute" and the Grand Army girls in "feeding the brutess" as well. I have the terrible habit of eating everything put before me. So I assure you, comrades, this morning you have done me good as far as you can.

Now I know you have all heard or have been told many times that God made the world and rested; then God made Adam and rested; and that He then made women, and since then neither God, man nor his satanic majesty have ever rested. (Applause and laughter.) But we girls have heard that God first made the world, and rested; then God made Adam and rested and while resting He took a good look at Adam and he said "O pshaw, I know I can do better than that" and He then made woman. (Laughter and applause.) So, comrades, we women think that you cannot do just as well by yourselves as you can with a little help from the women. And we have banded ourselves together to perpetuate your memories, to keep forever sacred Memorial Day and to assist the Grand Army of the Republic in its high and holy mission of charity, to teach patriotism to the children of our land and to assist each other in sickness or trouble of any kind. Surely our work is great and grand enough to command our highest thoughts and noblest endeavors. And I will say to you that our great patriotic organization of nearly sixty thousand women is making history. Our lamented President McKinley once said "Every time you erect a monument, every time you honor a soldier of the Republic you reaffirm your devotion to the country and to the glorious flag of equality and liberty which has made the United States unrivaled amongst the nations of the world." And we the ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have worked along these lines. We have erected hundreds of monuments all over this broad land of ours, in honor of our Union comrades. (Applause.) We have built and are furnishing many homes in the different states for the comfort of the comrade, his wife, widow or relatives. And I will say to you that I have just inspected two of our homes in Pennsylvania, one in the city of Philadelphia which cost us \$65,000 and one in the city of Hawkins Station which cost us \$80,000. Comrades, that is just a little of our work in one state. And we assure you that your sacrifices from 1861 to 1865 shall never be forgotten. Old Glory commands the admiration and respect of the world today, and it has been well proved that where the flag is there is no wrong that can quite eclipse the right, nor is there water enough in any ocean to sink that flag.

Comrades, in speaking of the flag I am reminded of a toast that was given by the five sea captains, and it was decided that the one who gave the best toast to his country should be treated to a banquet by the

other four. The Russian started in this way—"Here's to the stars and bars of Russia which have never been torn down."

The Turk—"Here's to the moon of Turkey whose wings have never been clipped."

The Frenchman—"Here's to the bird of France whose claws have never been cut."

The American—"Here's to the stars and stripes of America which have never been trailed in defeat."

The Englishman—"Here's to the roaring, ramping lion of England, who tore down the stars and bars of Russia, cut the wings of the moon of turkey, clipped the claws of the bird of France and ran like the deuce from the stars and stripes." (Prolonged Applause and laughter.)

Commander, I now present to you this little bouquet, from the Ladies of the Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, one of the precepts we hold sacred, being "A wee nosegay placed here today is worth a bushel of roses, white or red, laid on your casket after you are dead." (Applause.) Comrades of the Grand Army this debt, we the ladies of the Grand Army bind upon our hearts which time cannot dis sever, to guard your names and shield your fame forever and forever. (Prolonged applause.)

Department Commander: I accept this boquet in behalf of the Grand Army of Michigan and I am sure that the comrades are well satisfied that it is not best for man to be alone. (Applause.)

I wish to introduce to you, comrades, Mrs. Dickson.

Mrs. Dickson: Commander and Comrades and Shipmates: I am not as eloquent as the speaker who just preceded me but I bring you the hearty greetings of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan who are composed of your wives, your mothers, your sisters, your daughters, your very kith and kin who are always ready awaiting your command to do all we can for your pleasure and happiness as well as your comfort in life and do you honor in death thus to show our gratitude and appreciation of the noble work that you have done and the sacrifices that you have made that this flag may wave forever. Even then our work is not finished; for we look after, with tender care, those who are left behind. Their sorrows are our sorrows and every grief we share with them and every great loss they are called upon to bear. This is the mission of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. We deeply sympathize with you in the loss of your Department Commander; but he is only gone a little while before to answer the call of life and to receive the reward which the Great Commander has prepared for every veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic. I thank you. (Applause.)

## REPORT OF LADIES OF G. A. R.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.,  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.

DETROIT, MICH., June 20, 1909.

Department Commander, Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan:

Dear Sir: It gives me great pleasure to give to you the report of the work done by the Ladies of the G. A. R. during the year. While we cannot report a gain in new circles yet the interest is just as strong and our hearts are more willing then ever to do all in our power to help those who still remain with us.

Amount spent for relief .....	\$132 50
Other than relief .....	552 72
Amount given to G. A. R. Posts .....	139 50
Honorary members .....	266
Active members .....	683
Amount given to Soldiers' Home .....	\$20 21
Flags placed upon the breasts of departed comrades .....	45

Several circles have contributed to the fund for paying the per capita tax of comrades, and we are doing all in our power along all lines of G. A. R. work.

Yours most sincerely in F. C. and L,  
ANNA M. EARLE,  
*Department President.*

(Whereupon the ladies were escorted from the platform while the convention stood in their places.)

Comrade Kanitz: Commander, I move that we now take a recess until after the parade of this afternoon when we will again assemble here.

The motion was carried and a recess was taken.

## AFTER RECESS.

The Department Commander and Officers appearing for the resumption of business after recess, and there not being a quorum present,

Comrade Van Raalte: Commander, I move that we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The motion was carried, and the convention was adjourned accordingly.

## SECOND DAY.

## MORNING SESSION.

Thursday A. M., June 24, 1909.

The convention was duly called to order by the Department Commander, all of the officers being in their respective places.

Department Commander: Now, Comrades, we will be obliged to facilitate business as much as possible, as I understand there are to be two free rides this afternoon and we want to get through here so that the comrades can take advantage of this entertainment; so if there will be as little noise and disturbance as possible we will be enabled to transact business speedily. We will resume the business where we left off last evening and the first thing in order will be the report of the Judge Advocate.

## REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Three Rivers, June 22, 1909.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

I have the honor to report my work as Judge Advocate of this Department during the past year.

The work of the Judge Advocate has not been heavy. The principal work has been in writing letters and answering questions which, had the comrades consulted the Rules and Regulations, would have been answered therein. Two or three questions however have arisen that may be of interest.

The matter of Post No. 202 was submitted by Commander C. E. Foote. I give you my decision in the matter:

Three Rivers, December 31, 1908.

Col. Charles E. Foote, Dept. Commander, Dept. of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, Kalamazoo, Mich.:

Dear Commander: I beg leave to report, in response to yours of the 28th inst., submitting the following statement and questions, to wit:

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 26, 1908.

Statement of condition of Albert Ney Post 202, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

The Commander of Post 202. Fremont H. Price sent in the charter and rituals July 7, 1908, without any explanation. The Adjutant General wrote for an explanation. Reply was that the officers had got tired of

going to meetings and not find comrades enough present to do business, and had decided to surrender the charter.

It developed afterwards that the officers had not sent notice to the members of the Post of the contemplated action to surrender the charter, but did surrender the charter without formal action of the post.

That numerous letters have been written to members of the Post but no formal protest against the action of the officers in surrendering the charter has been made.

On September 7, 1908, the Adjutant General received a list of 23 names sent in by J. K. Starkweather, saying they wanted Albert Nye Post No. 202 reorganized. This list was not signed by each individual, but all in the handwriting of Starkweather, with request for the Assistant Adjutant General to write each one and fix a time of meeting.

The Assistant Adjutant General did not write to all of them, but did write to some of them; when from replies received it developed that there was a strong opposition to Starkweather—that he was not a member of the G. A. R., and that his efforts in behalf of the Post was for personal ends.

The Assistant Adjutant General then took up the matter with several members of the Post, receiving letters of encouragement from some and of discouragement from others. It was finally decided by the Department to send Comrade Barney, of Post No. 145, Flint, to Romeo and see what could be done. He was met by only four or five comrades and some members of the W. R. C. But little was accomplished, yet Comrade Barney reported that he thought a Post could be organized.

After further correspondence the Department Commander authorized the Assistant Adjutant General and Department Patriotic Instructor, M. C. Barney, to visit Romeo and make another effort at organizing a Post. These Comrades visited Romeo, after notice had been sent to several Comrades that they would be there, but like the previous effort very few were out to the meeting—in fact but two members came to the Post hall, but ten or twelve members of the W. R. C. were present. It was then agreed that another effort would be made. As a result after a short time a petition drawn by Comrade H. S. White, and signed by fifteen members asking that the Post be reorganized, and Comrade White suggested that the name be Gen. R. A. Alger Post. The Assistant Adjutant General wrote him that the name R. A. Alger had been appropriated by the last Post organized, located at Rapid City, but suggested other names.

After a couple weeks or more, received letter from Comrade White claiming Post had not been disbanded, and unless the old charter was returned he would have nothing to do with the organizing of the Post.

As requested by Comrade C. S. Hicks, arrangements were made for a meeting on December 22, 1908, for reorganization. Senior Vice-Commander, Geo. L. Holmes, of Detroit, was detailed to go to Romeo and muster the Post. A sufficient number to organize failed to appear, so that no organization was affected.

On Dec. 26th a letter was received from Starkweather saying if the old chapter was returned the Post would be organized, etc.

## QUESTIONS.

First. Is not Albert Nye Post No. 202 disbanded? If not legally, then by default of members in not making an appeal within the four months limited by Rules and Regulations?

Second. If disbanded, would the reorganized Post be allowed to take the old name?

Third. If not disbanded, what is the proper action for the Post to take? If the old charter should be returned under the decision that the Post was not legally disbanded, what is the status of the Post officers who were holding their places at the time the charter was surrendered—would not the Post Commander be entitled to the honors of his office?

Fourth. What is the proper and legal method for the Department to pursue, if the present methods have not been right. What in your opinion is the proper way to reorganize the Post?

That I have carefully considered the facts and questions submitted, and in answer to the first question, I answer—No. Section 2 of Article I of our order provides: "That no Charter shall be surrendered by any Post so long as ten members thereof demand its continuance, nor unless the proposition to surrender the Charter shall have been made at a stated meeting at least four weeks before the time of action, and due notice given to every member of the Post."

No proposition to surrender the Charter having been submitted to vote of the Comrades, and due notice to every member of the Post not having been given and, so far as appears from the statement, no vote of the Comrades was ever taken, therefore, the action of the officers of the Post was clearly illegal and void, and as there was a total lack of jurisdiction no appeal was necessary, and the members of the Post waived nothing by not taking an appeal, and it appearing from all of the statements and letters submitted to me that many more than ten members of the Post desire that the Charter shall be returned, therefore I recommend that the Charter be returned to the officers of the Post who sent it in to the Adjutant General's office, with the recommendation that they resume business.

It is evident that there has been some friction, a difference of opinion and a lack of diligence, but the good of the order and the welfare of the comrades and the officers all seem to require that these should be overlooked, and that the Post should resume holding meetings, and the comrades get together and do business in a spirit of fraternity, charity and loyalty.

In view of my answer to the first question, the second question needs no answer.

In answer to the third question, I recommend that a stated meeting be called for the regular meeting, and that notice of such meeting, and its purpose, be given each comrade by card, and that harmony be restored, and a meeting and election be held, and that these comrades acquit themselves like brave men, which indeed they are. It is not best to be too technical at this period of the Grand Army—the object should be to save the Posts and comrades to our order, and my suggestions are made in view of the Rules and Regulations and this prime object. If an

election should be held, an installation will follow, of course, in due time, and by the proper officers. I hold that the Charter was never surrendered, and that the Post Commander and other officers, are entitled to the honors of their offices. Now, that so many of the comrades ask for the return of the Charter, I most earnestly implore them to accept these suggestions, and if adopted no reorganization of the Post will be necessary. I would urge them to resume business—hold an election and abide by the will of the majority. We fought for the law of majorities, and certainly we ought to abide by it when legally expressed. If there is any one or more officers that feels that he cannot do this, then I implore him to resign and the vacancy can be filled under the rules of the order. The conditions as presented by the statement are exceptional, so I venture these suggestions with the hope that they may aid in an adjustment. Section 3 of Article I provides: "That Post Charters may be surrendered voluntarily when less than ten members desire a continuance of the Post." Section 4 of Article I provides how Charters of Posts may be suspended by the Department Commander.

Under the rules all officers hold until their successors are installed.

If no election should be held the old officers will hold over.

All of which is respectfully submitted in

F. C. L.

The following question was submitted by a comrade of Post 43, through the Assistant Adjutant General:

Blissfield, March 29, 1908.

A comrade of the Post has gotten up a eulogy on the flag which he proposes to use in connection with the ritual services at the funeral of deceased comrades. Some of the Comrades of the Post object to its being used as it is not a part of service as adopted by the National Encampments. Question! "Do you think it proper that this flag address should be used in the services for the burial of the dead? If a majority of the members of the Post favor using it would it then be proper? Your opinion will settle this controversy.

I replied as follows:

"It is my opinion that no comrade has the right to add to the service for the burial of the dead. If one comrade has such rights then all others have. If a minority object a majority should not impose. For the sake of harmony and good comradeship it will be safest to adhere to the ritual. What one comrade may approve of others may dislike.

Respectfully yours in F. C and L.,

R. R. PEALER,  
*Judge Advocate.*

The following question from the Quartermaster of Post No. 234 was received through the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General:

Hubbardston, January 12, 1909.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

Dear Comrade: I am in need of a little advice. The Post here is an incorporated body owns its own hall and the lot it stands upon. There is much said about giving the W. R. C. a joint deed, or a deed of an undivided half interest, but few of the comrades are in favor of it



and the W. R. C. are about evenly divided on the question. The W. R. C. are not incorporated. Can the Post give them a deed of one-half lawfully? What is your opinion and advice?

RALPH HOGE,  
*Quartermaster.*

The letter as quoted was sent to me by the Assistant Adjutant General asking my opinion on the questions asked.

My reply was as follows:

Three Rivers, Mich., Jan. 14, 1909.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan,  
G. A. R.

Dear Comrade: Yours of the 13th inst., referring Comrade Hoge's letter of the 12th inst. to you, to me, received. If the Post is incorporated and has the title to the property it can not dispose of it except in the way pointed out by the law and the articles of Association under which it become incorporated. It can not convey title to the W. R. C. as it is not an incorporated body and is not authorized to hold real estate, and it can not take a good title to the whole or half of it. The best thing to do will be to hold and enjoy the property as long as possible and give the W. R. C. rent free as they do so much for our comrades. When the post disbands the law which may be in force at that time will govern. No one can tell now what its provisions will be so there is no use of speculating about it. It may be that the Legislature will provide for the incorporation of local W. R. C. bodies and that an association may be organized eventually which will have the right to take the title, if the members of both orders differ in view, the very best thing for them to do is to cease agitating the question and when the time comes for a distribution, let the survivors employ a good lawyer to direct their steps. I once heard of a young married couple who commenced disputing about what the name of their first child should be and they kept it up until they parted and they never had a child to name. No one can tell who is going to live or which against time will live the longest or who of either will survive to call for the final distribution, therefore it will be prudent to let that question rest.

Very respectfully yours in F. C. and L.,

R. R. PEALER,  
*Judge Advocate.*

Comrade Pealer: If there are no objections I move the adoption of the report without reference to a committee.

The motion was carried.

Department Commander: We will now listen to the report of the Chief Mustering Officer.

J. M. Greenfield, Chief Mustering Officer made verbal report:

Commander and Comrades: The position of Chief Mustering Officer has become one of honor more than labor. There has been no new Posts to muster. It seems that the time is past for forming new Posts and the only thing we can do is to work to maintain the Posts we already have. I am intensely interested in keeping up the membership of our order and wish that some method could be devised whereby every com-

rade who wore the blue could be induced to join our ranks. I am proud to be called a Grand Army man. I want to thank you, Commander, for the honor conferred in appointing me one of the members of your staff and only regret I am not able to make a better report.

Department Commander: The report being verbal and no recommendations being made, the report will be accepted.

Comrade Stone presented the report of the Committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General have made a careful examination of the report and find it correct and recommend its acceptance and adoption by this encampment.

GEO. W. STONE.  
GEO. BAAB.

Comrade Stone: I move the adoption of the report.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Harriman, Post 110: Commander and Comrades: In the Assistant Adjutant General's report there was a statement in regard to the southern memorial fund, and there were some inquiries made as to what the object of the fund was. I want to say in behalf of the members of the Grand Army in the State of Florida, and in the southern part of Georgia, that there is no call for any such fund. There are more union soldiers in that part of the country than there are confederates, and they are amply able and more than willing to attend to the decoration of their comrades' graves. It is my pleasure to be present on Decoration Day on the

Department Commander: (Interrupting) I think that the object of the report was covered by the report itself and don't believe we will take up time to go over it again.

Comrade Van Raalte: I move you that the hour of ten o'clock this morning be set for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Comrade Griswold: I will support the motion.

Comrade Van Raalte: I make this motion at this time on account of many of the comrades desiring to be present at the election who are obliged to leave the city, and therefore I think we should fix the election for ten o'clock.

Comrade Duffield: I support that motion and would suggest that there will be considerable time whiel the ballots are being counted to transact other business.

The motion was carried.

Department Commander: We will now take up the report of the Department Inspector.

Comrade Bellaire: Post No. 5: Commander and Comrades: The proper form for inspection of Posts was duly mailed to each of the Posts of the State; but up to January 10 I received ten reports out of 313 Posts. You have all heard the report of the Adjutant General. The Adjutant General's report as reported here and read yesterday covers

nearly all the points of the inspection of posts, and therefore, as I received no reports but the ten out of 313, I have no written report to make this morning.

Department Commander: What will you do with the report?

Comrade Griswold: I move it be accepted and placed on file.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Pond: It seems to me Commander, that we ought to have the names of the ten Posts that reported. It seems to me we ought to have those names so those Posts may be given full credit.

Comrade Davy: Post 17: Commander, I think that the Posts who reported should be given the credit for it, seeing there were only ten out of 313, and I think those Posts should be specified.

Comrade Bellaire: I want to say that Fairbanks Post did make a report but Detroit Post did not. (Laughter.)

Comrade Drake: Commander, the question involved in the making of those reports was up once before and was settled in this way, that it was left to the discretion of the Post as to whether they would make inspection reports or not, and that action was ratified by the encampment, and that perhaps accounts for so few posts sending in reports.

Department Commander: The next in order of business is the report of the Patriotic Instructor.

#### REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade: It becomes my duty as Department Patriotic Instructor to report for the current year now closing as follows:

Upon assuming the office which was tendered me by our lamented and dearly beloved Commander Foote without solicitation on my part, I fully realized the importance of the work and was in hearty sympathy with the aims and objects having commenced visiting schools several years ago. I have enjoyed the duties more than those of any other office which I ever held in the gift of the Grand Army of the Republic. Having the privilege of giving patriotic instruction to the youth should be regarded by all Grand Army men as a privilege not accorded to others. As so many have said money could not buy the honors if they were theirs, so let us cherish this privilege and give to the rising generation the points so sacred to us that have been left out of their history. When we stop and think of the hundreds of battles that were fought of which no account is given only as given by the old soldiers, and the short space of time in which to give them, we should not only be in earnest but faithful. None of us can directly teach or dictate what shall be taught in the schools. We can by conference with superintendents, principals and teachers and by showing an earnest interest in the observance of National Holidays exercise a powerful influence in patriotic and educational work. If the patriotic salute "We give our heads and hearts to God and our country, one country, one language, one flag" be thoroughly

taught in every school and the children take these teachings into their homes there will be no need of the question on our blanks, "How many Anarchists in your neighborhood?"

The future of this government depends upon the patriotic teachings from the old soldier to the teachers and scholars of this beautiful land of ours which would never have been given to the rising generation had it not been for the Boys in Blue. In beginning the patriotic educational work of the year I issued a circular letter which reads as follows:

Office of Department Patriotic Instructor,  
Flint, February 23, 1909.

Post Patriotic Instructor:

Comrade: Answering the many inquiries I have received regarding the duties of the Post Patriotic Instructor, will say: As I see the work before us, it is this: We have but a few years to do a work that should have been commenced 20 years ago. Many of us have grown old very fast in the past few years and have forgotten so much of our war records that should have been given to the rising generation long ago. We now find them anxious to hear from the lips of those that were there. Comrades, did you ever think how little history our children are getting of that terrible war from '61 to '65? Look school histories over and then compare with your own record and you will find many stories to tell which never have been told, not only to our school children but to others. In my opinion as Department Patriotic Instructor, we should get in close touch with our several schools, and in so doing we should not only teach patriotism, but leave a history with the children when we have answered the last roll call. Try giving receptions to schools with teachers and officers, with a good lively program, hardtack and coffee. Every Post and Corps should present at least one flag to some school each year which will be kept as a relic of patriotism from both orders, and be remembered when both shall have ceased to exist.

Post Patriotic Instructors are requested to answer the questions on the enclosed blank, sending in their reply not later than May 1st, so as to enable the Department Patriotic Instructor to embody the same in his report to the Department in June.

Comrades will you please do this so that our work may have a proper and prominent place in the Department Report.

Yours in F. C. and L.,  
M. C. BARNEY,  
*Dept. Patriotic Instructor.*

The questions to be answered are as follows:

Headquarters . . . . ., Post No. . . . .

Department of Michigan, G. A. R.

. . . . . Mich., . . . . ., 1909.

M. C. Barney, Dept. Patriotic Instructor, Flint, Mich.:

Comrade: Agreeable to your request I have the honor to report as follows:

Did your Post and corps give a reception to one or more schools including the teachers and officers? .....

How many were present? .....

Did your Post and Corps present a flag to one or more schools in 1909? .....

How many? .....

How many schools with the help of Post and Corps have you visited? .....

How many were present including officers, superintendents and teachers? .....

How many visitors were present when you made your visit to the schools? .....

Was February 12, Lincoln's Centennial, observed? .....

How many in attendance? .....

Were other Patriotic Days observed? .....

How many present .....

Can you furnish a copy of the speech or program? .....

Remarks .....

*Post Patriotic Instructor.*

I have embodied the answers to those questions in the following report for 1908 and 1909.

No. of Post Patriotic Instructors reported 176. A gain over last year 116.

No. of schools visited by comrades, 256.

No. of pupils present when talks were given, 21,054.

No. of visitors present, 109.

Lincoln Centennial Addresses given, 101.

No. of schools displaying flags, 1,864.

No. of people reported attending Lincoln's Centennial, 15,810.

Receptions given by Posts and Corps to teachers and scholars, 13.

No. of people present Washington's Birthday, 3,885.

No. of flags presented to schools, 5.

No. of flags presented to churches, 3.

Cost of carrying on the work, \$863.45.

I have not been able to put in the work which I would like to have done. I have, however, given Sherman's March to the Sea as I saw it, 21 times in schools, and 4 times in Churches, and twice in opera houses, with a total attendance of about 6,000. Judging from the reports the National colors are displayed from almost every school house in the State. I wish to recommend to the Department for its consideration that the State be divided into districts and the Department Patriotic Instructor be given power to call the Post Patriotic Instructors of each district together for instruction that the work may be uniform throughout the State. In conclusion I wish to thank all Post Patriotic Instructors for their hearty co-operation in this grand work and to the

Department officers, especially Comrade Wyckoff, I tender my sincere appreciation for their hearty support and kind words during my term of office.

M. C. BARNEY,  
*Dept. Patriotic Instructor.*

Comrade Dean: I move that the report be accepted and adopted without reference to a committee.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Pond: Commander, inasmuch as the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic is ill and unable to be with us, I think it is but proper that we should recognize that fact and I submit the following:

(Reads telegram.)

Kalamazoo, June 24, '09.

Department of Michigan in Annual Encampment Assembled.

It is with sincere regret that this encampment learn of the illness that prevents our Commander-in-Chief from being present with us, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., sends greetings to Commander-in-Chief Nevius, and express their regrets at his inability to be present at this our Thirty-first Annual Encampment, and express our earnest hope for his speedy recovery from his affliction.

I move you, Commander, that the Adjutant General be instructed to send that telegram to the Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was carried.

Department Commander: We will now suspend the regular order of business for a short time as I understand there is a delegation from the Women's Relief Corps waiting to be admitted, and I will appoint as a committee to receive the ladies, Comrades Duffield, Lawrence, Raab and Campbell.

(The committee thus appointed retired and escorted the ladies to the platform where they were introduced to the Commander, while the convention stood and saluted, the ladies presented being Mrs. Redner, Past Department President, Mrs. Browne, Matron of Soldiers' Home, Mrs. A. T. Bliss, Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. Creusere.)

Department Commander: Comrades, I have the honor to present to you Mrs. Redner, Past Department President Woman's Relief Corps: (Applause.)

Mrs. Redner: Commander and Comrades: Yesterday I met one of your comrades and inquired as to the time that would be appropriate for which to make our call upon you and he said we might be admitted at any time, you would always stop business for us and receive us, "But" he says, "I want to tell you one thing—be short." I said to him that "We never asked that of you; we are always glad to have you come and say just as many things as you please and I assure you that the Woman's Relief Corps will always give time to the representatives of this encampment, and I am sure that the Grand Army of the Republic will always give time to the Woman's Relief Corps.

I suppose I am not telling you one bit of news, when I say that we women of the Woman's Relief Corps regard the appointment on this

committee of greetings to the Grand Army about as great an honor as our Department President has power to confer and we appreciate the honor. We had expected to meet the one who has done so much to make your encampment a success. We can only offer our sympathy for your sorrow. The part she asked me to represent for her, was to present her report of work done during the year. I am not expected to talk, the other members of this committee are the orators, but I have something I wish to say for myself to you comrades. It has been my pleasure to visit you once or twice and each time the thought has impressed itself of how grand it must seem to you boys of '61 to '65 that life has been spared and how great has been your privilege to live and see the results of that struggle; the maintaining of an undivided country. Its development, its inventions, its progress, through each and every line, with the same flag floating but with added stars and with far greater meaning to the races of mankind, and today the Woman's Relief Corps as well as other patriotic organizations are endeavoring to teach the youth of our land to hold our flag sacred above every other flag on earth and to love, uphold and extend the institutions of American liberty and patriotism and the principles that made and saved this country. President McKinley said, "With patriotism in our hearts and the flag of our country in the hands of our children—there is no danger of anarchy and there will be no danger to the union." Comrades, can you trust this nation with the patriotic boys and girls who in saluting the flag, give their heads and heart to God and our country. One Country, one language and one flag. While we as patriotic women pledge ourselves anew to aid the Grand Army of the Republic and to assist in preserving the memory of each comrade.

The past year has been one of success for our order, although we number less corps, yet our membership is increasing. The loss in number of corps is because of disbanding Posts.

Our President, May Stocking Knaggs, has given us an excellent administration and I am pleased to give you her report of work accomplished.

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT W. R. C. TO THE G. A. R.

George L. Holmes, Commander Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir: It is the pleasure of your auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, following the practice of former years, to present to the 31st Annual Encampment of the Grand Army some brief report of its present condition in membership, finances, and in work accomplished.

I therefore respectfully submit the following statement:

Number of Corps in Department .....	214
Number of members .....	8,572
Cash expended in relief by Corps .....	\$1,496 27
Estimated value of relief other than money .....	4,544 00
Total relief .....	\$6,040 27
Number of soldiers and families assisted .....	1,328
Cash expended from Department Relief Fund, .....	\$70 00
Cash in General Fund .....	1,015 00
Cash in Relief Fund .....	126 03
Cash in Special Funds .....	91 88
Total .....	\$1,232 91

With this summary we again renew our pledge to aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic and all Union veterans, to perpetuate the memory of the heroic dead, and by every means in our power to extend needful aid to the dependent ones, and promote loyalty to the flag and all that it symbolizes.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
MAY STOCKING KNAGGS,  
*Department President.*

(In concluding Mrs. Redner said):

We had expected to present this report to one who had done so much to make this encampment what it is and the pleasures we have enjoyed; and while he has passed from you at this time we come to you bringing our sympathy and our love and to say that to us the loss has been personal, which I know the same has been to you. (Applause.)

Department Commander: I have the honor, Comrades, of presenting Mrs. Browne, the Matron of Soldiers' Home. (Applause.)

Mrs. Browne: Commander and Comrades: Now I will try and be brief, but it will be just as impossible for me to look over this audience of men without making a little speech as it would to go without my dinner. I certainly could not do it.

I wish to say to you that it is a great pleasure for me to assist in



this greeting from our worthy president of the girls over in the other hall to you, the honored boys and co-workers with us in all that promotes the love of country. The Grand Army—and I have not time of course to speak of it at length—but I will speak of it to this extent—that the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Woman's Relief Corps of this Department have given many object lessons of love and devotion; they have given many object lessons that will live long after you have passed away. On yesterday, when we reflect upon the scene of yesterday! Will America ever present a more pathetic scene than these boys, with faltering steps but with a military air that cannot be imitated, carrying those wonderful battle flags and leading the line to that revered son of the great chieftan, the scene can never be equalled in America. Our eyes are moist when we think of the rapid passing away of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I think I have always loved my native state. I know I have. Michigan, My Michigan! But I believe in the few months that I have been matron of the women's building at the Soldiers' Home, I realize more than ever the wonderful generosity of the state of Michigan in not only providing a good living for those boys down there, but surrounding them with such wonderful beauty besides. Our grounds are literally a Garden of the Gods. If you don't believe it come down there and see them.

This is an age of societies. Societies are usually organized for the benefit of our fellow-man and subscribe to that duty with you, and though you had lived in the time of the chivalry of Spain and the Spanish cavalier with their swords of silver and ornaments of gold, they never could have awakened the thrilling patriotism as did those soldiers who carried those wonderful battle flags yesterday as they marched to the music of the fifes and drums.

I thank you for your attention, and if there are any commendations or any encomiums that have not already been showered upon you, this committee brings them now and lays them at your feet. (Applause.) Flowers will die, flags will fade, grass will wither in the sun, the soldiers in the grand parade will march and vanish one by one, but memory stays and lives and thrives to twine the laurels every year to crown the men who gave their lives when life was very dear.

I thank you for your attention. (Applause.)

Comrade Miller: Commander, a delegation from the W. R. C. wishes to be admitted to present a set of resolutions. They have no speeches to make.

Comrade Cunningham: Post 32: Commander, we have appointed a time to elect officers and it is now fifteen minutes past that time. For God's sake let's attend to business, for many of us have to go home.

(Cries of "Sit down.")

Department Commander: I will not appoint a committee to escort the ladies in but instruct Comrade Miller to bring them forward to the platform. (Applause.)

(The ladies were brought to the platform and formally introduced to the Department Commander.)

Department Commander: I have the honor to present to you, Comrades, Mrs. A. T. Bliss, wife of Past Commander and ex-Governor of the state of Michigan, A. T. Bliss. (Applause.)

Mrs. Bliss: I think the comrades are always glad to see me because they know I will not make a speech. I usually bring the orators with me.

I just wanted to say a word concerning the national office, as member of the Andersonville Prison Board. Those of you who were at that prison will remember what a forlorn place it was; but the woman's relief corps has taken up the work of making it into a park that you all would be delighted to see; and the wonderful spring which was sent in the night by Providence, as they believed, is still there, flowing a great stream into a beautiful marble bowl, all prepared by the ladies. I will not take your time further, and I thank you for the opportunity of meeting with you at this time. (Applause.)

Department Commander: I take pleasure introducing to you Mrs. Knapp. (Applause.)

Mrs. Knapp: Commander and Comrades, it affords me true pleasure to look into your faces once more and to bear to you the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps, your acknowledged auxiliary and to tell you that we are well and progressing in our grand work and that that interest which we have will never vanish from our hearts nor will we cease doing this work so long as we live, and so I am bringing to you the greetings today; we come to you with our love and our sympathy, because we know that through this great occasion, although you have met with much success in numbers and in interest we know there is a touch of sorrow running through it all, as you would say, "Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is stilled." But we believe that God calls His workers and lets His work go on. So we know you will be able to take care of the work which he left unfinished and bring about the realization of his hopes.

We are very glad that in the onward tread of civilization today we see so much in favor of the Grand Army of the Republic and the great work that they have done in this country; we feel today that as never before, you are being appreciated more and more by the people of this great nation. Did you ever stop to consider what this busy nation does, when it shows for the Grand Army of the Republic that reverence and respect to the soldiers and also to the deceased ones, in scattering the beautiful flowers over the graves for their past deeds? And so I say to you, God bless everyone who wears the blue and may your lives increase in strength and may they be crowned with success and may you live to enjoy the bounteous benefaction of this great country that you have saved. Again I say God bless you. (Applause.)

Department Commander: Comrades, It is a great pleasure to me to introduce to you a lady, from Detroit, Michigan, who has been Past Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Creusere. (Applause.)

Mrs. Creusere: Department Commander and Comrades: It is my privilege and honor to come to you today with a tribute from the Department President and from your auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps. These flowers will fade; but in our hearts are flowers that shall never fade, because they are entwined in wreaths of memory that will never fade nor grow dim. We lay this tribute at your feet with our tender love, our gratitude and our never-ending loyalty. (Applause.)

Department Commander: On behalf of the Grand Army of the state of Michigan, I accept these beautiful flowers.

After the badge of the Department had been presented to each, the ladies were escorted from the platform, and Mrs. Flagg of Battle Creek, Mrs. Pixley of Kalamazoo and Mrs. Plummer of Ann Arbor were received by the Department Commander, who through Mrs. Flagg presented a resolution on the death of Department Commander Foote, as follows:

WHEREAS, Our honored Department Commander, Col. C. E. Foote is numbered with those who have fought the fight and won the faith, and who, while in the zenith of his glory was touched by God's finger and slept—or we might say God's hand beckoned him to "come higher good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord," therefore

*Resolved*, That the Woman's Relief Corps has lost a true and loyal supporter, and the widows and orphans of veterans an advocate whose pen and voice were ever at their behest in the cause of justice;

*Resolved*, That to that noble body of men, the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Michigan, whose chief executive he was, we tender sincerest sympathy in this, the final hour of the encampment; they have missed the touch of the master-hand; they have missed the sage counsel of the leader on whom they had learned to depend; they will miss the warm comrade's hand-clasp in the Post room, in Department councils and where campfires brighten. To the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, your Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, would say: "We sorrow for you."

WHEREAS, The heaviest weight of this sudden and sad removal falls on our beloved sister, Mrs. Laura C. Foote, and her dear children, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the great heart of our Order in Michigan throbs with tenderest love and deepest sympathy for her and for them, and, impotent to console, we bear her in our prayers to the Heavenly Father who alone can comfort.

ABBIE R. FLAGG,  
SARA A. C. PLUMMER,  
LOUISE PIXLEY,  
*Committee.*

Comrade Duffield, Post 384: I move that the resolutions be accepted and the thanks of the encampment be returned to the Woman's Relief Corps.

The motion was carried.

The ladies retired, the comrades standing and saluting.

Department Commander: The hour has now arrived for the special order, the election of officers.

Comrade Duffield: Commander, I move that nominating speeches be limited to three minutes and that seconding speeches be limited to one minute.

The motion was carried.

Department Commander: The first in order will be nominations for Department Commander.

Comrade Bellaire, Post 5: On account of the large number of delegates present I move that five tellers be appointed so as to expediate the collection of the ballots.

The motion was carried.

Department Commander: I will appoint as tellers, Comrade Bellaire, Comrade Griswold, Comrade Raab, Comrade Cannon and Comrade Davy.

The Assistant Adjutant General then called by districts and nominations were made as follows:

Comrade Janes, Post 384: Commander and Comrades: I have only three minutes and I trust I will not be able to take that time is presenting to you a candidate for the office of Department Commander. I am glad and pleased to stand here and present the name of one who belonged to the regiment with which I had the honor to serve. A boy of sixteen, coming to that regiment against the will of his parents, coming to serve his country, although a boy of sixteen, he came to carry a musket. Since then he has occupied a prominent position in the Grand Army of the Republic of this state, holding the office of junior vice commander, a member of the national council of administration, for three terms being selected as a member of the executive committee of the national council of administration. He has occupied a prominent position in the affairs of state, as senator from his district two terms and who has always "boon on the job" for the Grand Army of the Republic from morning until night. I refer to Comrade Samuel J. Lawrence. (Applause.) Elect him and he will work for the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic of this state from the time of his installation until his successor is elected. (Applause.)

Comrade Cunningham: In behalf of the third district I heartily support the nomination of Comrade Lawrence.

Comrade Spaulding, Post 20: Commander and Comrades: As past commander of the Post to which I belong I heartily second the nomination of Samuel J. Lawrence for the office of Department Commander.

Comrade Webster: Commander and Comrades, I have just a minute and that is not time enough to express the sentiment that I entertain and I think the Post entertains for Comrade Lawrence. He is a member of my Post and I know him to be square and upright and I know that he is a Grand Army man from the ground up and always has been and always will be, and if you elect him as Department Commander you will have an administration economical and one that will reflect credit not only upon you but upon this great Department of Michigan.

Comrade Duffield: It is with great pleasure that I support, in behalf of Post 384, Detroit, the nomination of Comrade Lawrence and it is needless to add to the eloquent things that have been said about him. One thing I think you ought to know, and that is that at great personal inconvenience, labor and sacrifice he has lifted up and taught to live in the right way nine thousand children. (Applause.)

Comrade Wild, Post 17: On behalf of Fairbanks Post we are united for Comrade Lawrence for commander.

Comrade Ives, Post 441: I want to take just a minute to present the name of a candidate to whom you will have no doubt about for a single minute. I am here to name Comrade James M. Greenfield, Post 89 of Flushing. (Applause.) Comrade Greenfield followed the fortunes of the 7th Michigan and any man who is familiar with the history of Michigan knows something of the history of the bloody Seventh. Comrade Greenfield was wounded on four separate battlefields. He went down at

**Appamatox**, at Antietum at Fredericksburg and at Fresno Station and **Meadow Run**. Comrade Greenfield is a man of the people and his face is as familiar to us as Old Glory itself. He has been a Grand Army man from the start. He is a Grand Army man 365 days in the year, and this encampment will make no mistake if it elects James M. Greenfield as commander for the ensuing year. (Applause.)

Comrade Dunn, Post 46: I want to insist that the different districts shall have the privilege of seconding the nomination of anyone as that district is reached. If a man is nominated and he is the candidate of a district, that district should have a right to second his nomination. (Applause.)

Department Commander: Seconding speeches for the nominations are now in order.

(Cries of "Ballot.")

Comrade Devlin, Post 433, seconded the nomination of Comrade Lawrence.

Comrade Jibb seconded the nomination of Comrade Lawrence.

Comrade Baker, Post 30, seconded the nomination of Comrade Lawrence.

Comrade Drake, Post 21, seconded the nomination of Comrade Lawrence.

Comrade Shattuck, Post 42, seconded the nomination of James M. Greenfield.

Comrade Jewell, Post 62, seconded the nomination of Comrade Lawrence.

Comrade Stone, Post 42, seconded the nomination of Comrade Lawrence.

Comrade Freeman Post 24, seconded the nomination of Comrade Greenfield.

Comrade Stein, Post 395, seconded the nomination of Comrade Lawrence.

Comrade O'Meara seconded the nomination of Comrade Greenfield.

Comrade Simmons, Post 318, called for a ballot.

Comrade Cross, Post 455, seconded the nomination of Comrade Greenfield.

Comrade Richardson, Post 365: I move that we cease supporting speeches and proceed to ballot.

Comrade Higgins: I protest, Commander, against this cutting off of nominations or seconding speeches at a certain point. I object to allowing them to go to a certain point and then choking off the rest of the delegations from the other districts. We all have a right to be heard and should not be choked off in that way.

Department Commander: There is a motion before the house—and that is that we cease the nominating and seconding speeches and proceed to ballot.

The motion was lost.

Comrade Higgins, Post 98, supported the nomination of Comrade Greenfield.

Comrade Halsey, Post 38, supported the nomination of Comrade Greenfield.

Comrade Shephard of Nashville supported the nomination of Comrade Greenfield.

Comrade Crowell, Post 38, supported the nomination of Comrade Greenfield.

Comrade Harris supported the nomination of Comrade Greenfield.

Comrade Mills, Post 26, supported the nomination of Comrade Greenfield.

Comrade Norris, Post 441, supported the nomination of Comrade Lawrence.

Comrade Mulston, Post 9, supported the nomination of Comrade Lawrence.

Comrade Randall, Post 198, supported the nomination of Comrade Lawrence.

Comrade Sprague supported the nomination of Comrade Greenfield.

Comrade Barry, Post 263, supported the nomination of Comrade Greenfield.

Comrade Washburne, Post 238, supported the nomination of Comrade Greenfield.

Comrade Herring, Post 113, supported nomination of Comrade Lawrence.

Comrade Frost supported the nomination of Comrade Lawrence.

Comrade Grant, Post 451, supported the nomination of Comrade Lawrence.

Comrade Colby, Post 18, supported the nomination of Comrade Lawrence.

Comrade Powell, Post 16, supported the nomination of Comrade Greenfield.

Comrade Anthony, Post 300, supported the nomination of Comrade Lawrence.

Comrade Jane: I move that we proceed to an informal ballot.

The motion was carried.

During the counting of the votes,

Senior Vice Commander Drake assumes chair.

Comrade Dean as chairman of committee on Commander's address reported as follows:

Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 23, 1909.

Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, and Comrades:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander, desire to thank him for the touching expression of sympathy and regret felt by the comrades of the Department upon the death of our late Department Commander, Comrade C. E. Foote. Your committee recommend the adoption by this encampment a suitable resolution expressing its deep sorrow, and tendering its heartfelt sympathy to the widow and the members of the family of our late Commander, Comrade C. E. Foote, and that the Adjutant General send a copy of the same to his family. We recommend that the incoming administration be directed to request the Board of Control of the Soldiers' Home to simplify the form of application for admission to the Soldiers' Home as suggested by the Department Commander.

We recommend that the Department procure and present to Past Department Commander, Comrade Geo. L. Holmes, a Past Department Commanders badge, at a cost not to exceed \$35.00.

Department Commander Holmes is entitled to the thanks of this encampment for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has carried out the plans so carefully made by his lamented predecessor, which have resulted in one of the most successful encampments in the history of the Department, and we recommend that he be accorded the same.

HENRY S. DEAN.  
ED C. ANTHONY.

Comrade Dean: I move the adoption of the report.

The report was adopted:

Commander Holmes resumes the chair.

Comrade White: I have a set of resolutions, Commander and Comrades, which I wish to present at this time, regarding the death of Commander Foote.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-wise Providence to remove from the activities of life, our beloved comrade and Commander of the G. A. R. Department of Mich., Charles E. Foote and ordered him to report at the headquarters of the grand encampment above, and

WHEREAS, in obedience to such orders Commander Foote laid down his work here, and on the 5th day of June, 1909, reported to our Great Commander, thus adding one more to the great host who had preceded him.

THEREFORE, Be it Resolved, by the Department of Michigan. G. A. R. in encampment assembled,

That in the removal of Commander Foote, the Department has lost an able Commander, the G. A. R. an indefatigable worker for every thing that would conduce to advancing the best interest of the order, every soldier a friend, and Kalamazoo an honored and highly respected citizen.

Called away in the midst of the preparations for the present encampment, not permitted to see the fruition of his highest hopes, the crowning feature of his able administration for which he labored so long and so unceasingly, therefore.

*Be it further Resolved*, That this encampment expresses its profound sorrow at the removal of its beloved Commander, and hereby extends to the surviving widow and children of Commander Foote its sincere condolence in this hour of their affliction, and

*Be it further Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent by the Assistant Adjutant General to Mrs. Foote, as an assurance to her of the high esteem in which Commander Foote was held by the G. A. R. of Michigan.

JAMES E. WHITE,  
R. R. PEALER,  
HERBERT A. BACKUS,  
*Committee on Resolution.*

Comrade White: I move the adoption of the resolution by a rising vote.

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

Comrade Pond: Commander, I have some resolutions I wish to present at this time.

Comrade Pond from the committee on resolutions presented the following:

Commander and Comrades: Your committee upon resolutions, desire to report as follows:

*Resolved* That to the citizens of Kalamazoo who have had in charge the preparation of the various details for the entertainment of this encampment we desire to tender the full expression of acknowledgement of an unsurpassed success. That the history of this encampment will show, that the great hospitality of the citizens, the most profuse display of decoration and cordial greeting to our comrades and their associates, has never been excelled at any of our Department Encampments, is our great pleasure to affirm.

In thus giving expression, we are mindful of the fact that the incentive and guiding spirit that has led up to the great pleasure made possible for us to enjoy upon this occasion was our beloved Department Commander, Comrade Chas. E. Foote, who because of a summons to meet his comrades gone before in their bivouac upon the eternal camping ground could not enjoy his greatest desire of seeing us face to face.

Your committee believes it to be altogether fitting, that because of the few days that intervened between the date of his death and the day he would have passed his authority in your presence, over to his elected successor, that a past Department Commander's badge of the usual cost be procured and presented to the widow of Comrade Charles E. Foote.

To the Commander of Orcott Post No. 79 and his comrades, and to the officer of the day and the guards on duty at this Encampment for their efforts in making our stay among them very pleasant we tender our thanks.

C. V. R. POND.  
GEORGE P. COBB.

Comrade Pond: I move the adoption of the resolutions.  
The resolutions were adopted.

Comrade Ives as chairman read the report of the committee on report of Senior Vice Department Commander:

Kalamazoo, June 24, 1909.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Senior Vice Commander beg leave to report that they have carefully gone over the same and are surprised at the versatility of Comrade Drake in making such a comprehensive report considering the material to work on.

We recommend the adoption of the report.

L. H. IVES,  
G. T. CONVERSE,  
*Committee.*

Comrade Ives: I move the adoption of the report.  
The motion was carried.

Comrade Griswold: The tellers are now ready to report as to the result of the first informal ballot.

Department Commander: Comrade Griswold will announce the result of the ballot.

Comrade Griswold: There were 486 ballots cast, and one blank ballot



which we did not count, and one for Vice Department Commander which we did not count. There were 486 ballots cast for the two candidates. Of which Comrade Greenfield receives 251 and Comrade Lawrence 235. (Prolonged cheers and cries of "Greenfield.")

Comrade Lawrence: I move that the ballot be made formal and that the election of Comrade Greenfield be made unanimous.

The motion was carried.

Department Commander: I declare Comrade James M. Greenfield elected as Department Commander for the ensuing year. (Applause.)

Comrade Pealer: Commander, It is customary for the department to elect the senior vice commander selected by the comrades of the locality where the encampment is held. And I move you that the rules be suspended and that the name of the comrade selected by the Kalamazoo comrades be presented for senior vice commander.

Assistant Adjutant General: That is the usual custom and I move you that Orcutt Post No. 79 of Kalamazoo be permitted to present a candidate for the office of senior vice commander.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Hall, No. 79: The members of Orcutt Post unanimously recommended for the position of senior vice department commander the name of one who served in the 23rd Ohio regiment under General Rosecrans and Rutherford B. Hays and served for over three years in the company of which William McKinley was captain. He has been past commander of Orcutt Post and at the present time is chief of staff of the Department; I present the name of Comrade Henry P. Shutt.

Comrade Dean: I move that the rules be suspended and that the Adjutant General be directed to cast the ballot of this department for Comrade Shutt.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Wyckoff: Agreeable to instructions of the department, I cast the unanimous vote for H. P. Shutt, Post 79, for Senior Vice Department Commander.

Department Commander: I declare Comrade H. P. Shutt elected Senior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Richardson: I move that the Commander appoint a committee of two to conduct Commander-elect Greenfield to the rostrum.

The motion was carried.

Department Commander: I will appoint as such committee, Comrade Duffield of Detroit and Judge Pealer.

Comrade Jibb: Your committee appointed to visit the Ladies of the G. A. R. and carry greetings to them respectfully report that we have done our duty as directed and wish to be discharged.

The committee was duly discharged.

Comrade Schneider: On behalf of the committee appointed to consider the Chaplain's report beg to report that we have considered the same and submit our report:

Kalamazoo, June 24, 1909.

Department Commander and Comrades:

Your committee on Department Chaplain's report after listening with admiration to its reading, recommend that it be adopted with the compliments of this Department for its painstaking thoroughness and eloquence.

F. SCHNEIDER,  
J. O. BROBASCO,  
W. D. BRAINARD,  
*Committee.*

Comrade Duffield: I have the honor, Commander, to present to you our newly elected Department Commander. (Applause.)

Commander-elect Greenfield: Commander and Comrades: This is quite a surprise to me to be standing here as your next commander.

I went into this fight reluctantly, but there were quite a number of my old comrades that I desired to honor as well as the state of Michigan, in seeking this high office. It is an office that I appreciate very highly and all comrades ought to appreciate it.

I have always been a Grand Army man since I came out of the war, but I never aspired to the high office of commander. But the comrades in the different parts of the state at Toledo last year wanted me to make an effort to get there and I have done so and it seems that I have arrived at the top. I want to thank you all, all those who voted for me and all those who voted against me. We went into this fight free, as all comrades could have gone into it, and I don't think there ought to be any hard feelings between any of us. We always have met in fraternity and loyalty and we will continue to do so.

Now, comrades, the time is very short between this and the National encampment to be held in Salt Lake City. I hope there will be a large delegation from Michigan at that encampment.

Again I thank you and will not detain you any longer, as there is other business to be done and there are lots of comrades who desire to get away. (Applause.)

Calls for "Lawrence."

Comrade Lawrence: Commander and comrades: I, like Comrade Greenfield was urged by my friends and comrades to go into this fight and I went in. I bow to the will and to the voice of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause.) There is no man in the Department of Michigan who will work to the bidding of our Commander harder than Sam Lawrence. (Applause.) I, like Comrade Greenfield, say it is an honor; it is a proud honor for any man to be Department Commander of this Department, one of the largest, one of the most loyal and patriotic of departments in the Union.

Comrades, the only wish that I have against you is this—that you will all live to appear at the next encampment with as good health as you have today. (Applause.)

Department Commander: The next order of business is nominations of a Junior Vice Commander of this Department.

Comrade McKinstry, Post 17: Commander and Comrades: I rise to place in nomination a gentleman, a friend of mine, an honored friend

whom I have known for a great many years and who is first-class all around. He is an old soldier, has been to the different department encampments and to the national encampment and who has worked first last and all the time for the benefit of the Grand Army.

I nominate Albert Dunham of Pomeroy, Post No. 48, Jackson.

Comrade Snyder, Post 57: I wish to place in nomination Comrade G. I. Nash. Comrade Nash was promoted from a private to a corporal and to a sergeant and from sergeant to lieutenant and then commanded the battery before coming home. He has been four times commander of our Post and always has been a good Grand Army man and would do anything for the Grand Army at any time.

Comrade Kemerting, Post 131: We desire to present to you a comrade who served for three years during the war in the 25th Michigan. He is an upright, straight and honorable man, and we present to you today for Junior Vice Commander of this Department, Comrade Charles Clement. We have never heretofore asked for any favors from the Department, but we ask you to grant us the office of Junior Vice Commander of this Department. We have been a faithful Post in this Department for over thirty years and we never asked anything before, and so we ask you to give us this office.

Comrade Jewell, Post 62: I wish to nominate Miles Mulford.

Comrade Schneider: I desire on behalf of Post No. 42 to endorse the nomination of Albert Dunham, and I wish to further say that as the last commander of the regiment in which he served the 2d Michigan Infantry, that Albert Dunham was the best of all the noble comrades of that regiment. I am glad to have been associated with him. I most heartily recommend him to your favorable consideration.

Comrade Barry, Post 13: I would like to second the nomination of Albert Dunham; he was a member of the old 2nd Michigan, a regiment which has no superior.

Comrade Anthony: I desire to second the nomination of Comrade Dunham.

Comrade Cox, 384: From Detroit, and also from the Upper Peninsula, I take pleasure in endorsing Albert Dunham for the office of Junior Vice commander.

The nominations being closed,

Comrade Schneider: I move we proceed to a ballot.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Schneider: I also move that after the report of the tellers on the office of Junior Vice Commander, that we take a recess until 1:30 this afternoon.

The motion was carried.

The ballots having been counted the tellers reported as follows:

There were 222 votes cast of which Comrade Dunham received 207, Nash, 10, Clement 4 and Mulford 1.

Comrade Wyckoff: Commander, I move you that Comrade Albert Dunham of Post No. 48 be declared unanimously elected as Junior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

The motion was carried.

Department Commander: In accordance with the motion heretofore adopted I now declare a recess until 1:30 this afternoon.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Thursday, June 24, 1909.  
1:30 p. m.

The encampment was duly called to order by the Department Commander.

Comrade Schneider—as chairman of the Special Committee on index, reported as follows:

Kalamazoo, June 22, 1909.

Encampment of Department of Michigan, G. A. R.

Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. General: The special legislative committee on general index of Michigan Soldiers' Record of the Civil War, appointed pursuant to resolutions unanimously adopted by this Department at its encampment held at Detroit in June, 1908, herewith submits its report on its action on the subject as follows:

This special committee, which was appointed by General Order No. 6 of February 20, 1909, soon after met at the Capitol, and after an interview with Governor Warner, prepared a suitable bill, and secured its introduction in the House of Representatives by Representative Van Raalte—a past commander of this Department—who secured its immediate reference to the Ways and Means Committee, of which he was also a member. Soon after, your committee assembled at the Capitol and was granted a hearing before the Ways and Means Committee where we gave an exhaustive discussion of the subject, and were, on our departure, assured by the chairman that the bill would be favorably reported out in a day or two. In the meantime the agitation against all appropriations not absolutely necessary for current expenses, on account of the million dollar deficit, which this Legislature had to meet, had grown so strong, that the Ways and Means committee finally did cut out all such appropriation bills, and although Representative Van Raalte very energetically urged our bill, the Ways and Means Committee on a final full vote on our bill refused to report the bill out of committee by a vote of 5 to 4, which pigeon-holed the bill for this session of the Legislature, and thus barred all further progress of our bill during this session.

Owing to the financial distress of the state at the present time, all further effort to have the index published will necessarily have to be postponed until the next session of the Legislature. We recommend that another committee be appointed to take up the matter at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MILNES,  
F. SCHNEIDER,  
S. J. LAWRENCE,

*Committee.*

I move the adoption of the report.  
The motion was carried.

Kalamazoo, Mich., June 24, 1909.

Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Comrades: The Executive Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

First. That we have carefully examined the books and vouchers of the A. A. G. and Q. M. which pertain to the finances of the Department and find them correct to date.

Second. We think that Captain White, Quartermaster, should be complimented for the efficient and business-like manner in which he has handled the funds of the Department for the past year, he having placed the W. R. C. fund on interest which interest amounted to \$1.42 more than the disbursements of said fund, leaving the fund \$870.42 at date, and by placing \$500 of the general fund on interest which was increased by so doing \$13.75.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. D. RICHARDSON,  
W. W. COOK,  
D. C. SPEARS,  
*Executive Committee.*

Comrade McBride, Post 262: Commander and Comrades: There was a delegation from our city with application to this Department to meet at the city of Holland. Those applications were left with the Adjutant General, and I ask that they be now referred to and the matter taken up.

Department Commander: Your request is out of the general order and it would require a motion to find out whether, or no we can do that.

Comrade McBride: I move that it be taken up out of its order and that it be taken up now.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Wyckoff: In connection with this matter of locating the next encampment, I have two communications which I will read.

Holland, Mich., June 22, 1909.

To the Members of the Thirty-first Annual State Encampment of the G. A. R., Kalamazoo, Michigan:

Gentlemen: In behalf of the members of the Common Council of the City of Holland, we hereby extend to you a cordial invitation to hold your Thirty-second Annual Encampment in 1910 in our city.

We have always, as a community, highly honored and esteemed the veterans and earnestly desire to have the honor of entertaining the Annual Encampment the coming year.

Respectfully,  
HY. BRUSS,  
Mayor.  
RICHARD OVERING,  
City Clerk.

Also communication from Holland Merchants Association, read as follows:

Holland, Mich., June 22nd, 1909.

The Thirty-first Annual State Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Kalamazoo, Michigan:

Greeting: The Holland Merchants' Association, at its regular session, held Monday evening, June twenty-first, unanimously decided to extend a cordial invitation to the Michigan State Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, now assembled at Kalamazoo, to hold its Thirty-second Annual State Encampment in Holland.

As a people we are united in our desire to pay homage to the preservers of our Union. Many of the brightest young men of Holland and vicinity left their home and fireside to join the ranks of the boys in blue—some never to return, some to come back and resume their duties as useful citizens.

Our city has ever observed Memorial Day in a fitting manner, making the sacred memory of the dead heroes of the battles of '61 to '65 the principal subject of consideration for that day.

Holland honors the old veterans and desires to entertain them within her borders, ere the ranks are thinned too severely by the ravages of time.

We therefore extend a hearty invitation to the Michigan Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to meet with us on the beautiful shores of Black Lake next year, 1910.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Holland Merchants' Association,  
 JOHN S. DYKSTRA, *President.*  
 HENRY VANDER PLOEY, *Secretary.*  
 FRED BEENUKES, *Treasurer.*  
 J. VANDER SLUIS, *President Ex. Committee.*

Comrade Wood, Post No. 262: On behalf of the Mayor and Common Council of Holland, I move you that the invitation to meet in Holland be accepted.

Comrade Van Raalte: Commander and Comrades: I live at Holland and am proud of Holland. There is no place on the globe that I think more of, because my father colonized Holland and I have been there from a boy up all the days of my life and I can truly say that I am proud of it. But when this question comes up of inviting you there I feel that there is a responsibility connected with it and I for one don't want to lead you to a place where you would not have the fullest accommodations. I realize what you want and what you should have. You are not young, and you cannot take up with anything that is provided for you. We could take care of the thing all right by taking you down to Ottawa Beach and Macatawa Park and Jennison Park but that is five miles away from Holland. If we do that, gentlemen, we will scatter you, one part in the city of Holland and another part with the

channel between you at Ottawa Beach and Macatawa Park. Now, I wish to say in this matter this: If I could feel that the boys would be properly taken care of I would say with my whole heart and soul, yes, have the comrades come; there is no man living that wants you worse than I do want you down there, but I want you to have a good time there, a time just as you would want it; and in order to have this question settled right, in order that it may be done intelligently, I say this gentlemen—and I want to offer a substitute to the motion that was made and my substitute is this—that this matter be left entirely to the council of administration to make this choice as to whether you will go there or not. We cannot act as intelligently on this as the council of administration would act on it, for they will look the ground over and if they see there is room in the city of Holland, there is no man living that will be more rejoiced than I to have you come there.

Comrade John Schram, Post 262: Commander, I have lived in Holland since 1847; I am an old settler there. I have been in the rebellion and I served my country faithfully with the rest of the boys and I have a feeling for the Grand Army of the Republic—always had. I feel that we are entitled to honor the boys at our place. We, as members of a foreign nation stepped right into the ranks just before the rebellion and we did our duty and when we ask for this thing we have got everything in our reach to take care of it. We have the city council to step right in, willing to take it out of our hands and will treat the boys of the Grand Army of the Republic as they ought to be treated and as they do at other places. We will guarantee and the city guarantees that they will have sufficient accommodation in the way of both lodging and food and in enjoyment. Almost every residence in the city of Holland is a resort residence; they don't build their houses only for their own families but they build their houses so they can harbor from seven to ten and twelve persons besides their own families. They are rigged for it and as we calculate to have the encampment just before the resort season opens up we will have an abundance of places to put them. We want them and the city wants them and we as citizens, living in the corporation of Holland want them. We will not have to go outside into the resort part.

Now, talking about being five miles off. There is an electric line running there and what is five miles? They give every inducement to ride on that road. It costs ten cents and you can go to the resort and have any refreshment you like. Now why should not our Post have the privilege of getting the boys there once? We have stood right up in the ranks, as members of a foreign nation to fight for our stars and stripes. We have the feeling of the Holland blood in our veins. Our forefathers fought for seventy years against the Spaniards and the same blood is in our veins to put down the rebellion and come right up and help the United States. I hope you will unite with us.

Comrade Van Raalte: Since the Comrade has gone into this a little deeper it only forces me to go a little deeper also. There is no man who would like to see Holland honored, more than I would, by your presence. But it is not a question with me as to honoring Holland when it comes in connection with the Grand Army of the Republic. The first consideration is, what is best for the Grand Army of the

Republic? That is what I want. The citizens of Holland are anxious to have you. To tell the truth, comrades, they don't know what they are asking. They don't know what they are getting into their hands to take care of. It is a very nice thing to ask, but after you get there then there is the question how are you to get along. He says he is going to put you in private homes and our citizens would receive you with the kindest of hearts. But remember this—you are not young. I know by my experience amongst you having been present at the various encampments, I know what it is necessary to provide. You would not like to get up at midnight in a private family to attend to your private needs. You don't like to do these things. You would like to have privileges where you feel that you are sovereign wherever you stop. Another thing is, during the day where are you going to go? They are not going to give you the accommodations; they cannot do it. Now, we have but one hotel there and at the very outside it will accommodate no more than sixty people and if they do that they would do wonderfully well. They have two restaurants ready to feed you and I think they may open some more. But let's compare it with this place. I don't know how many hotels and dining rooms you have here, but there are seventeen or eighteen restaurants, I understand, outside of hotels and I know that they have been filled every afternoon to overflowing. I stop up at the Portage hotel, and last night the proprietor told me they had every room in the house full and doubled in the halls and had the dining room and kitchen full. Now with the facilities that you have here I would like to know how we are to undertake it unless we rush you down to the park and put you there, and then bring you back in the morning and back again in the evening and that is not a desirable thing to do. I feel, comrades, that unless some other provision can be made you will simply come and elect your commander and do little else, on account of those accommodations. I for one would only be too pleased to have you there, but I want you to be where you can find the proper accommodations. That is the reason I made my motion, that it be left to the council of administration and let that body assume the responsibility. That council will take the responsibility finally anyhow and why not let them decide what it will do?

Comrade Clute, Post 166: Commander, I rise in support of Comrade Van Raalte's motion. With the hotel accommodations such as he speaks of there would be scarcely room for headquarters. I think the officers of this encampment should decide as to a suitable place for holding the encampment and I hope it will be left to the council to decide.

Comrade McBride: I am a resident of the city of Holland and I am proud of being a resident of that city. I know that the city of Holland *can* take care of this encampment. I do not believe it fair on the part of Comrade Van Raalte to take the position he does take at the present time. This application is made from the business men of the city of Holland. They know what they can do a devilish sight better than Mr. Van Raalte or any other man. We can take care of that meeting and we will take care of it just as well as we can. We are not going to give you the same accommodations probably that you get here; there is no other city in the state that has ever done that. They did not do it



at the encampment held in Detroit last year. It has not been done in any of the cities. Fourteen years ago I went to Greenville to a meeting of this kind, a town at that time of three thousand inhabitants. We have nearly twelve thousand. We have accommodations within five miles of our city for two thousand people, as many people as you can accommodate in this city, it will cost ten cents to go and come to that accommodation. Now, I say that it is but fair to say that the proposition made by the people of Holland is made in all honesty, in all integrity and good faith, and that those people know what they are doing.

I hope that you will decide to visit Holland. I have not been instrumental in forcing this matter. I know myself that we are short of accommodations in the way of hotels, but we have a good hotel that will accommodate the headquarters of this Department and we have other accommodations near enough so that it will satisfy every comrade that comes to that locality.

Comrade Ward: The Holland business men's association consists of over a hundred of the leading business men of the city of Holland, and at a meeting of that association it was voted unanimously to invite this convention to Holland. I don't pretend to claim that you are going to be put in hotels, we haven't got hotels enough to accommodate everyone; but we have a lot of the most beautiful residences in the state of Michigan and everyone of those homes has got a good cook and a good bed and there will be accommodation, someone to meet the members of the Grand Army at the depots and escort them to their quarters, and I would not be afraid to forfeit every dollar that I have got in the world that every comrade of the department of Michigan will be just as well taken care of there as they have been in Kalamazoo and that is saying a good deal.

Comrade Fuller, Post 163: Our delegation has got to leave to take a train, and before going I hope that this matter will be put to a vote. I believe it would be well to leave it with the officers and I am perfectly willing to abide by their decision.

Comrade Van Raalte: There seems to be a misunderstanding, somewhere. Now, comrades, if the council of administration should vote not to go to Holland, even though you vote to do so, they would have the power to defeat that vote. All I ask is this—that the council of administration look up this matter and if they are satisfied, there is no man on earth that will be better satisfied than I am; but I don't like to have you vote on a thing you don't understand. You will come to the city of Holland if the council of administration says so, and if they say so, then you will not go there no matter how you vote on it, so I don't see any reason why you should not leave it with the council of administration.

Department Commander: The question is on the substitute offered by Comrade Van Raalte, and the substitute is that the matter be placed in the hands of the council of administration to settle as they see fit, and as they will do anyhow.

The substitute was carried.

Department Commander: That leaves the matter with the council of administration.

Comrade Bristol, Post 384: As chairman of the committee to whom

was referred the matter of the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General:

Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 23, 1909.

Geo. S. Holmes, Commander Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade: Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General respectfully report that they have examined the same and find it correct.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

JACOB BRISTOL,

WM. DAVEY,

A. A. UDELL,

*Committee.*

Comrade Bristol: I move that the report be adopted.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Griswold: When we took a recess this noon I believe we were on the order of the election of Officers.

Department Commander: Yes, the next officer to be elected is the Medical Director.

Comrade Doty, Post 253: I rise, Commander, to nominate the present medical director, who has served one year, and as it has been customary to have him serve two years I move, to expediate matters, to suspend the rules and that the adjutant general cast the vote of the encampment for Dr. John C. Solmon.

The motion was carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: Agreeable to instructions of the encampment I cast the vote of the encampment for Dr. Solmon for Medical director.

Department Commander: I declare Dr. John C. Solmon elected as Medical Director for the ensuing year.

The next in order is the election of a chaplain.

Comrade Sam. Lawrence, Post No. 318: I move that the rules be suspended, and that Comrade Putman, the present chaplain, be reelected by the Adjutant General casting the vote.

Comrade Griswold: I second the motion and ask for a rising vote.

The motion was carried and a rising vote was taken, which was unanimous.

Assistant Adjutant General: I am very happy to supplement the voice of the encampment by casting the unanimous vote of the encampment for Comrade William Putnam of Post 42 for chaplain for the ensuing year.

Department Commander: I declare Comrade William Putnam unanimously elected to the office of chaplain for the ensuing year.

The next in order is the election of five members of the council of administration.

Comrade Hiller, Post 166: I place Henry Clute of Post 166 in nomination.

Comrade Spaulding: I wish to present the name of Comrade Tomlinson of Plainwell, Post 269.

Comrade Barney: I wish to place in nomination Comrade Raab of No. 145.

Comrade Hall, Kalamazoo: I wish to nominate Comrade Richardson of Post 365, who is a member of the council at the present time.

Comrade Judd: I wish to nominate Comrade D. C. Spears.

Comrade Bellaire: I move that nominations be closed.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Griswold: I move that the rules be suspended and that the Adjutant be instructed to cast the vote of the encampment for the five comrades named.

The motion was carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: Agreeable to instructions I cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for:

H. A. Clute, Post 166; O. Tomlinson, Post 269; Geo. Raab, Post 145; M. D. Richardson, Post 365; D. C. Spears, Post 10, for members of Council of Administration.

Department Commander: I declare the comrades named as elected Council of Administration for the ensuing year.

The next order of business will be the election of one delegate at large for the state to the Forty-third National Encampment.

Comrade Lawrence: We have down in the eastern part of the state a Post which is the strongest Post in our Department. I feel it my duty, as a comrade, to present the name of William Davey of Post 17, Fairbanks Post. That Post is known to all of you, and I would ask that Comrade Davey be sent as the delegate at large. He is a good fellow, royal, honest and upright and a Grand Army boy clear through.

Commander-elect Greenfield: I support that nomination.

Comrade Tomlinson, Post 269: I have the pleasure of putting in nomination a comrade with whom the members of this encampment are well acquainted for he has been in active service in the department and many of you have had relations with him as members of committees of this organization. I have the pleasure of presenting the name of Henry Spaulding, Post 20.

Comrade Spaulding: I wish to decline the nomination. If I am elected hereafter as one of the delegates it will be satisfactory to me; but as delegate at large I would rather not have my name considered.

Department Commander: The comrade has the right to withdraw his name if he wants to.

Comrade Spaulding withdraws his name.

Comrade Pealer: There being no other candidate, for Delegate at Large, I move that the rules be suspended, and the Adjutant General cast the vote of the encampment for Comrade Wm. Davey.

The motion was carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: Agreeable to instructions I so cast the unanimous vote of the encampment for Comrade Wm. Davey for Delegate at Large.

Department Commander: I declare Comrade Davey elected as Delegate at large to the Forty-third National encampment to be held at Salt Lake City.

The next business is the election of alternate delegate at large.

Commander-Elect Greenfield: I move that Comrade McElroy of Post 144 be elected as alternate delegate at large.

Department Commander: If there are no other nominations, you have heard the motion.

Comrade Pealer: I move that the rules be suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the encampment for Comrade McElroy for alternate at large.

The motion was carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: Agreeable to instructions I cast the vote of the encampment for Frank McElroy of Post 144 as alternate delegate at large to the Forty-third national encampment.

Department Commander: I declare Comrade McElroy delegate at large.

Assistant Adjutant General: I have here the lists from the different districts which were handed in, and they contain the names of the delegates decided upon from the twelve congressional districts. The delegates whose names have been handed in are:

John L. Wild, Post 17, Detroit, 117 Avery Ave.; James, Knowles, Post 10, Azalia; J. J. Holmes, Post 111, Eaton Rapids; G. A. B. Cook, Post 72, Three Rivers; Robert Finch, Post 5, Grand Rapids, 917 Mich. Trust Building; M. C. Barney, Post 145, Flint; Alfred J. West, Post 98, Port Huron; E. Howard, Post 214, Millington, R. F. D. No. 3; R. C. Norris, Post 461, Cadillac; J. G. Berry, Post 263, Vanderbilt; Flexton Ludington, Post 141, Howard City, R. F. D. No. 3; Ira Carley, Post 300, Engles.

Comrade McElroy: I move that the rules be suspended and that those delegates named from the districts be elected by the vote of the Adjutant General.

The motion was carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: I cast the vote of the encampment for the twelve names just read as delegates to the Forty-third national encampment.

Department Commander: I declare the delegates so named as elected.

Assistant Adjutant General: Now there are eight more delegates to be elected and there are twelve alternates on these slips. Last year you elected the alternates before you did the delegates on these slips. I think it is best that you elect your delegates before you elect your alternates. I move you that we proceed to elect eight more delegates.

Comrade Pealer: I support the motion.

The motion was carried.

The following eight delegates were placed in nomination:

W. D. Frost, Post 5, Grand Rapids; Henry Spaulding, Post 20, Hartford; A. L. Bryant, Post 255, Mayville; Daniel L. Mevis, Post 42, Lansing; Hope Welch, Post 45, Adrian; H. A. Chapin, Post 32, Paw Paw; W. H. Beasley, Post 101, Ithaca and Griffin Lewis, Post 67, Bay City.

Comrade Davey: I move that these eight comrades be declared elected and that the rules be suspended and the adjutant general cast the ballot.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Griswold: I want to say to you, if there is any other comrade who desires to go and who objects to that motion I want him to say so, because it is not fair to cut out any comrade here.

There being no response or objection,

Assistant Adjutant General: I cast the vote of the encampment for the eight comrades named as delegates to the Forty-third national encampment to be held in Salt Lake City.

Department Commander: I declare those eight delegates duly elected.  
 Assistant Adjutant General: I will now read the list of alternates as contained on the slips handed in from the districts:

George H. Maxwell, Post 17, Detroit; Matt Burt, Post 110, Hudson; Henry Gilbert, Post 110, Albion; M. E. Dunn, Post 36, Ganges; William Baumgartle, Post 262, Holland; Frank W. Thayer, Post 197, Diamondale; David R. Lang, Post 144, Lapeer; Riley Jones, Post 38, Saginaw; G. W. Wheeler, Post 461, Boone; William Barrett, Post 378, West Bay City; James Donaldson, Post 101, Ithaca; P. C. Beanston, Post 300, Marquette.

Comrade Griswold: I move that the rules be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant be instructed to cast the vote for the names read as alternates to the Forty-third National Encampment.

The motion was carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: The vote of the encampment is cast for the names of the twelve alternates appearing on the list.

Department Commander: I declare those twelve men elected as alternates to attend the national encampment at Salt Lake City.

The next thing in order is the election of eight more alternates.

The following eight alternates were nominated:

James Armstrong, Post 89, Flushing; R. M. Ballinger, Post 32, Battle Creek; D. C. Spears, Post 10, Dundee; William A. Baker, Post 30, Coleman; O. F. Kaywood, Post 48, Jackson; William Wells, Post 286, Fife Lake; M. Walter, Post 101, Ithaca; H. H. Collins, Post 120, Howell.

Comrade Miller: I move a suspension of the rules and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of the encampment for the names mentioned.

The motion was carried.

Assistant Adjutant General: I cast the vote of the encampment for the eight alternates just named.

Department Commander: I declare those eight men duly elected as alternates.

Are there any reports that have not been handed in?

Assistant Adjutant General: I have a motion I would like to make, if it is in order. We are through with the election of officers and if now in order I make a motion covering these two points that I have in mind.

The local committee here in Kalamazoo appropriated \$150 for the expenses of our veteran drum corps. There have been fifty or more of them present. Their transportation bill has been presented to Comrade Johnson and that bill amounts to \$167 and some cents. The appropriation by the committee here is \$150. My proposition and motion will be that the department encampment or the assistant quartermaster general be authorized to pay the amount of excess over the \$150 for the expenses of the drummers visiting this encampment, which amounts to \$17 and some cents.

Comrade Richardson: I support that motion.

Comrade McElroy: I support the motion with the understanding that it is not more than \$18.

Comrade Miller, Post 79, Kalamazoo: I am not speaking with authority, Commander and Comrades, but I think I am safe in saying what I

am going to say. I think it was the intention of our late Department Commander Foote that if there was any deficiency in that matter that the local committee would take care of it, and it being only \$17 and something, if you will let the matter rest we will guarantee to pay it.

Department Commander: That is a pretty easy way to dispose of the matter. Another credit mark to Kalamazoo.

Comrade Janes: Commander and Comrades: I am going to make a report for the legislative committee, and my report will be very brief. It is in substance this, that during the past year there has been nothing before the legislature upon which to take action. There was one matter that your late Commander Foote conferred with me about that this encampment did not refer to the legislative committee and that was in reference to the amount that is appropriated by the various counties through the persons that are appointed by the various wards and townships for the burial of indigent soldiers and widows being insufficient to give the soldier or his widow a decent burial. The law as it stands is forty dollars. But invariably in all cases the undertaker has charged forty dollars. And if the family had any friends who desired to go to the cemetery or the last resting place of the deceased, the carriage hire had to be paid for by the family or the friends. The state of Ohio appropriates \$55 for such purpose. And so at the suggestion of Commander Foote I drafted an amendment to the bill or the law as it now stands increasing it to \$55. That bill was presented to the legislature but we were unable to get it any further than the committee; and so it died and did not become a law. That is as far as any legislative action was taken by your committee during the last year. We feel that that amendment should be passed and in the future that \$55 should be appropriated rather than \$40 for this purpose. (Applause.)

Comrade Lawrence: Just one word along that line. The legislature of this state, in their committees, and Comrade Van Raalte will bear me out in that, because we appeared before that committee with reference to certain measures pertaining to the Grand Army,—receive communications from various sections that “the boys in their section don’t want it.” And it makes it very hard sledding. What I wanted to suggest to you is this—when there is a proposition coming up before the legislature in the interests of the Grand Army boys or their widows, that your Posts all over and every Grand Army man, every old soldier in the district, send a petition to the member from that district, and then the member cannot say “the boys don’t want it.”

Comrade Van Raalte: I wish to say this, Comrades: Comrade Lawrence has just struck the spot, that we lose things in the legislature which would be a benefit to you and your wives and widows to a great extent through the fault of the boys themselves. I have had it happen many times that members would say to me “Why Van Raalte, what’s the matter with you, the boys don’t want it.” I would say, “The boys *do* want it.” “Why they have been to me and they don’t want it, and don’t you vote for it.” Now, if there is any legislative matter coming up before this convention and if you really want it, then if it is for the best interests of you all, instruct your representative to vote for it, so that he will not afterwards say “The boys don’t want it.” Let him see that you are united for it and you are going to get it.

Now there is another thing I want to say while I am on my feet. A few years ago there was a bill introduced for the printing of a book and record of the boys of the state of Michigan, which contains ninety-three thousands names—names of each regiment arranged alphabetically so if you want your regiment you can easily find your name or the name of whoever you want to find. There are forty-six volumes, one for each organization in the state, containing 93,000 names. You have all drawn your books, but there is still a stack of books piled up there in the capitol yet. It was intended to take those 46 volumes and send them to city libraries and your township libraries and every library in the state so if anybody wanted to find his father or brother's name he could find them there. But to send these books out, these forty-six volumes, with 93,000 names, is an absurdity, without an index. You can look a whole week and you could not find the name of your father or brother without an index. Now, that bill was up this winter providing for an index and it was invariably said to the committee "The boys don't want it." It was frequently said they didn't want an index. I said to the boys "You don't understand this, it is not for you, it is for your comrades, it is for the city library and for the township library or anyone who wants to find the name of his father or his brother, he can go to the library and take up the index and find it, which you cannot do without an index." Now I wish to say further in regard to this matter when this original appropriation was made, boys, there was money enough in the treasury to pay for this entire expense of this indexing and all, but that Colonel Turner, the then Assistant Adjutant General never finished the index; he was nominated as commander of the Soldiers' Home and went out and a new Assistant Adjutant General came in and on his own authority turned over \$2,700 of that money into the state treasury and the work was never done so far as indexing was concerned. The only excuse offered now is there were so many defects in it. I wish to say this to you, comrades, no matter how many defects, no matter if certain comrades' names were left out, that does not do away with the index. This thing is to be a monument to you in the future, and you want that index. When the next legislature meets you pass a resolution commending this and then we will not be met with the proposition that "the boys don't want it." If you don't want this index, say so right here and refuse to pass a resolution. If you want the index, and I know you want it, just say to the committee or see to it when your representative is nominated for the legislature that he is properly instructed and understands that the boys in blue want that index. That is all I have to say about it.

Comrade Janes: It is true that the legislative committee has heretofore expressed itself on the subject of this index. And now in regard to the other matter, if it is the belief of this department that the amount appropriated heretofore, \$40, for the burial of indigent soldiers is insufficient to give an old soldier a decent burial, then this encampment should express itself on that question. And in order to test the sentiment, I would move that the legislative committee be instructed to approve of an amendment to the law increasing the amount of the burial fund from \$40 to \$55 for each indigent soldier or widow.

Assistant Adjutant General: That law was amended at the last legislature and that amendment passed.

Comrade Janes: I was informed by a member of the committee or the member who introduced it, that it was not passed, as he thought.

Comrade Van Raalte: I would say the best of my recollection is it was passed. I am very sure that it passed the House, but I am uncertain as to the Senate.

Assistant Adjutant General: I saw the Governor's signature to the bill and procured a copy of it. (Applause.)

Comrade Janes: Then I will withdraw the motion. I made that motion upon information that it was not passed. But now upon information from the Assistant Adjutant General, that he saw the bill and secured a copy of it, after it had been signed by the Governor, I am satisfied it is the same bill that I drafted and presented, because I included in that a burial fund for the thirteen army nurses that reside in the state of Michigan, thinking that they ought to be treated in the same way, and being now informed that the bill has been passed and will become a law, I therefore withdraw my motion.

Department Commander: What is the further pleasure of the encampment?

Assistant Adjutant General: If there is nothing further we should proceed with the installation of officers.

Department Commander: We will now proceed with the installation of officers who have been elected for the ensuing year.

The installation ceremonies were conducted by Past Department Commander Comrade C. V. R. Pond.

Commander Greenfield named Fayette Wyckoff for his Assistant Adjutant General and Comrade William B. Bostock of Post 5, Grand Rapids as Assistant Quartermaster General.

The officers-elect and appointed were then duly installed and took their stations. The flags, charter and property of the Department being duly turned over to Commander Greenfield by Past Department Commander George L. Holmes.

Past Commander Holmes: Commander and Comrades: I do not feel like going away without thanking each and everyone of you for the courtesy with which you have treated me in every respect; just as much so as far as I can see as though I had been commander for years.

I thank you one and all.

Department Commander Greenfield announced a meeting of the Council of Administration immediately after adjournment at room 252 Burdick House.

If there is no other business to transact I will ask the Chaplain to pronounce the benediction.

Department Chaplain: Almighty and ever blessed God, our Father in Heaven, we thank Thee that Thou has been with us through this convention. That no evil has befallen us, that no accident has occurred, that no fatality has visited us. We ask Thy presence with these comrades as we part today. May Thy care be over them, especially over our Commander and all the officers of the association.

Now may Thy blessing go with these comrades and be with them throughout the coming year. Keep us and spare us that we may meet together again; gladly and gratefully to Thee we offer all our praise and thanksgiving and honor.



And now may the blessing of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you all, Amen!

Department Commander: I now declare the Thirty-first Encampment of the Department of Michigan closed.

### MEETING COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Hotel Normandie, Detroit, Mich., June 18, 1908.

Pursuant to call by Department Commander C. E. Foote, the Council of Administration met in Parlor "B" at 2:30 p. m.

Present: C. E. Foote, Department Commander; Geo. L. Holmes, Senior Vice Dept. Commander; J. J. Drake, Junior Vice Dept. Commander; John C. Solmon, Medical Director; Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General; James E. White, Assistant Quartermaster General. M. D. Richardson, W. W. Cook, D. C. Spears, Geo. Raab, H. A. Clute, Council of Administration.

The Department Commander, appointed Comrades, M. D. Richardson, W. W. Cook, and D. C. Spears as executive Committee of Council of Administration.

He also appointed Henry P. Shutt of Post No. 79, Kalamazoo, Chief of Staff.

Department Patriotic Instructor, Fred J. Buck, presented his bill for printing and postage amounting to \$8.41.

On motion bill was allowed and ordered paid.

The matter of music for the encampment at Toledo was discussed.

On motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to write to President Johnson of the Drum Corps, and ascertain how many members could be obtained for \$100.00.

Motion prevailed.

Moved that Department Commander and the Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized to select route to Toledo.

Motion was carried.

On motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was authorized to procure 4,000 ribbon badges. Yellow with Michigan printed on the same.

Motion prevailed.

It was moved that the bonds of the Assistant Quartermaster General be fixed at \$5,000.00.

Motion carried.

On motion, the bonds of the Assistant Adjutant General were fixed at \$1,000.00.

The question of Inspection of Posts was brought up and discussed. It was moved that the inspection of the Posts of this Department be dispensed with, but that such Posts as desire to hold Inspection, may do so on approval of the Department Commander.

The motion was carried.

It was moved that the Department Commander be authorized to use \$50.00 recruiting and organizing Outposts.

Carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General asked for and was granted ten days leave of absence.

There being no further business, on motion the Council of Administration adjourned, subject to call of the Department Commander.

Approved,  
C. E. FOOTE,  
*Department Commander.*

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
*Asst. Adjut. General.*

### MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Boody House, Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 4, 1908.

A special meeting of the Council of Administration was called to meet at Toledo in Headquarters Department at the Boody House.

Meeting was called to order by the Department Commander.

Present:

C. E. FOOTE, Department Commander.  
Geo. L. Holmes, Senior Vice Department Commander.  
J. J. Drake, Junior Vice Department Commander.  
M. D. Richardson, } Council of Administration.  
D. C. Spears, }  
Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.  
James E. White, Assistant Quartermaster General.

By request of Commander Foote, Assistant Quartermaster General White stated the object of the call of the meeting. The object being to provide for the payment of railroad fare of the Department Commander in responding to invitations to visit the county reunions, and Posts when necessary.

Commander Foot also explained the necessity of visiting the reunions, etc., when necessary.

Junior Vice Commander Drake also made some remarks on the same subject.

Senior Vice Commander Holmes also made some remarks relative to the necessity of visiting Posts, etc.

Commander Holmes moved that the expenses for transportation of the Department Commander be paid when visiting reunions or Campfires.

Motion was carried.

Yeas—Comrades Holmes, Drake, White and Wyckoff.

Nays—Richardson and Spears.

The bill for the expenses of the Veteran Drum Corps in attendance at the Encampment amounting to \$156.73 be paid.

Motion was made that the same be paid.

Carried.

On motion the Council Adjourned.

Approved,  
C. E. FOOTE,  
*Department Commander.*

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
*Asst. Adjut. General, G. A. R.*

## MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
Lansing, Michigan, February 10, 1909.

Pursuant to call of the Department Commander. The Executive Committee, Council of Administration, met at Department Headquarters.

Present:

Chas. E. Foote, Department Commander.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

M. D. Richardson,

W. W. Cook,

C. D. Spears,

} Members of Executive Committee.

Minutes of two last meetings read and approved.

The committee examined the books, and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Q. M. General and found the same correct.

The dates for the Thirty-first Department Encampment to be held at Kalamazoo, was fixed for June 22, 23, 24.

Comrade Cook moved that the expenses of transporting the old Battle Flags, and a custodian to care for same, be paid if necessary, by the Department. This is understood to mean railroad fare and Hotel accommodations.

Carried.

Comrade Richardson moved that the Department Commander be instructed to take the Department Banner to Kalamazoo and have the same repaired, if practical, if not, then a new Banner to be bought at the discretion of the Department Commander.

Comrade Spears moved that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to procure two Flags for the Headquarters room in the Capitol.

Carried.

The Asst. Adjutant General, presented proposals from Cullen Hotel, Salt Lake City with plan of rooms for Michigan Headquarters for National Encampment.

It was moved and carried that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to secure the rooms in accord with the terms given.

There being a number of damaged Rank Bars on hand, Comrade Richardson moved that the damaged Rank Bars be turned over to Comrade Spears for repairs.

Carried.

Quite a number of old Rituals and service books, etc., having accumulated from disbanded Posts, the Assistant Adjutant General was authorized to destroy such as would not be of any further service.

Bill of M. C. Barney, Patriotic Instructor, for \$5.90 was presented.

On motion of Comrade Cook, bill was allowed and ordered paid.

Moved by Comrade Cook that the bills of Comrade Barney and Wyckoff for visit to Romeo be transferred from the general fund to the W. R. C. fund.

Carried.

Moved and carried that the expenses of the members of the Executive Committee in attendance on this meeting be paid.

On motion, committee adjourned to meet again at call of the Commander.

Approved  
C. E. FOOTE,  
Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Asst. Adjt. General.

#### MEETING OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Kalamazoo, Mich., June 22, 1909.

Meeting called to order by Department Commander, Geo. L. Holmes:

Present:

Geo. L. Holmes, Department Commander.

Jay J. Drake, Senior Vice Department Commander.

Wm. Putnam, Department Chaplain.

M. C. Barney, Department Patriotic Instructor.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

James E. White, Assistant Quartermaster General.

M. D. Richardson,

W. W. Cook,

D. C. Spears,

Geo. Raab,

} Members Council of Administration.

Comrade W. W. Cook for the Executive Committee reported that they had examined the books and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General and that they find them correct.

The total receipts for the year being .....	\$6,674 70
Total expenditures .....	2,852 83
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Balance in hands of Assistant Quartermaster General	
White .....	\$3,821 87

This amount being fully accounted for by certificates of deposits and balances shown by bank books.

The report of the Executive Committee was accepted and approved.

There being a vacancy in the office of Junior Vice Department Commander, by the succession of Jay J. Drake to Senior Vice Commander.

Comrade Richardson presented the name of Comrade Geo. W. Wheeler, of Post 461, for Junior Vice Department Commander, to fill vacancy. There being no other candidates, it was moved and carried that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote for Geo. W. Wheeler for Junior Vice Department Commander to fill vacancy.

In compliance with instructions the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote as directed, and Geo. W. Wheeler, Post 461, was declared elected Junior Vice Department Commander to fill vacancy.

Moved that the railroad fare of members of Executive Committee and the members of the Credentials Committee be paid.

Motion prevailed.

Comrade Cook made some remarks explanatory and commendatory of the action of Assistant Quartermaster General James E. White in caring for the funds of the Department, especially that of the Special Silver offering from the W. R. C., which showed a gain of \$1.42 over expenditures from the fund.

Comrade Drake also supplemented the remarks of Comrade Cook in commendation of the action of Assistant Quartermaster General White and moved that the Executive Committee in making their report to the encampment, make mention of Comrade White's efficiency.

Which motion carried.

There being no further business, Comrade Richardson moved that the Council of Administration adjourn Sine die.

Carried.

Approved  
GEO. L. HOLMES,  
*Department Commander.*

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
*Asst. Adj. General.*

#### EXHIBIT "A."

Department Property on Hand:	
One U. S. Silk Flag (Standard) mounted .....	\$20 00
One Union Jack bunting, mounted .....	10 00
One Department Banner, silk (new) .....	35 00
One Smith Premier typewriter, No. 2, old .....	30 00
One Letter Scale .....	1 50
One Department seal .....	2 00
One Numbering machine .....	8 00
One Letter Press .....	1 50
One Copying pad (badly rusted) .....	1 00
One Registration rack .....	2 50
Two Frames for photographs .....	14 00
Two Bunting flags (New) 5 x 8 .....	5 69
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	\$131 19

## EXHIBIT "B."

INVENTORY OF SUPPLIES ON HAND, JUNE 19, 1909, AS REPORTED TO THIRTY-FIRST DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT.

Articles.	Amount.
8 Sets Rituals at 50 cents .....	\$4 00
4 Service Books at 15 cents .....	60
208 Rules and Regulations at 3 cents .....	6 24
325 Application Blanks at 40 cents per .....	1 80
25 Leave of Absence .....	38
216 Transfers at \$2.25 per hundred .....	4 84
57 Discharges at \$2.25 per hundred .....	1 20
2 Charters at 50 cents .....	1 00
2 Post Discriptive Books at 50 cents .....	1 00
18 Badges at 35 cents .....	6 30
65 Rank Bars (one-half of these are damaged) at 21 cents	13 65
325 Badge Ribbons at 3 cents .....	9 75
37 Buttons at 6 cents .....	2 22
172 Odes .....	1 36
3 Beaths Blue Book .....	2 25
14 Q. M. Receipts for Dues at 25 cents .....	3 50
6 Orders on Quartermaster at 25 cents .....	1 50
78 Adjutants Record Books at 15 cents .....	11 70
	\$73 29

## GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, June 22, 1908.

General Orders, No. 1, Series 1908-09.

1. Having been elected and installed into the office of Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, at its Thirtieth Annual Encampment held in Light Infantry Armory, Detroit, Michigan, June 17th, 18th, 1908, I hereby assume command.

Taking this opportunity to thank the comrades at large for the honor bestowed by their representatives. Fully appreciating the honors and responsibilities conferred upon me I desire the hearty co-operation of every comrade in the Department, especially in recruiting the ranks of every Post, and in the work in connection with the Public Schools.

2. The following comrades were elected and installed as my associate officers for the year:

Senior Vice Department Commander, Geo. L. Holmes, Post 17, Detroit.

Junior Vice Department Commander, Jay J. Drake, Post 21, St. Joseph.  
 Medical Director—John C. Solmon, M. D., Post 252, Howard City.  
 Department Chaplain, Rev. William Putnam, Post 42, Lansing.

The following appointments are announced:

Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, Post 38, residence,  
 Lansing, Mich.

Assistant Quartermaster General, James E. White, Post 79, Kalamazoo.

Other appointments will be announced in future orders.

Communications requiring the personal attention of the Department  
 Commander should be sent to him at Kalamazoo, Mich. All other com-  
 munications should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.,  
 Lansing.

At this early date the attention of Post Commanders and Adjutants  
 is called to the necessity of forwarding to Department Headquarters the  
 reports for the first term ending June 30, before the 5th of July. The  
 necessity for this is the early meeting of the National Encampment at  
 Toledo. Our consolidate report must be sent in to National Department,  
 July 20th. Please take particular notice of this request.

Post Chaplains who have not done so will forward their Memorial  
 Day reports to Wm. Putnam, Department Chaplain, Lansing, Mich., at  
 once.

It is desired that the Department of Michigan be represented in line  
 at Toledo by as many Post organizations as possible. Commence plan-  
 ning early to attend the National Encampment, Aug. 31-Sept. 5.

By Command of

OFFICIAL:  
 FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

*Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.*

C. E. FOOTE,  
*Department Commander.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, July 25, 1908.

General Orders, No. 2, Series 1908-09.

1. At the 30th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan,  
 G. A. R., held at Detroit, June 17-18, 1908. The following officers were  
 elected and installed:

Department Commander, C. E. Foote, Post 79, Kalamazoo.  
 Senior Vice Commander, Geo. L. Holmes, Post 17, Detroit.  
 Junior Vice Commander, Jay J. Drake, Post 21, St. Joseph.  
 Medical Director, John C. Solmon, Post 252, Howard City.  
 Department Chaplain, Wm. Putnam, Post 42, Lansing.

## COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

M. D. Richardson, Post 365, Lake City.  
 W. W. Cook, Post 42, Lansing.  
 D. C. Spears, Post 10, Dundee.  
 Geo. Raab, Post 145, Flint.  
 H. A. Clute, Post 166, Marshall.

2. The following appointments are announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, Post 38, Lansing.  
 Assistant Quartermaster General, James E. White, Post 79, Kalamazoo.  
 Judge Advocate, R. R. Pealer, Post 72, Three Rivers.  
 Department Inspector, Jos. O. Bellaire, Post 5, Grand Rapids.  
 Patriotic Instructor, M. C. Barney, Post 145, Flint.  
 Chief Mustering Officer, J. M. Greenfield, Post 89, Flushing.  
 Chief of Staff, Henry P. Shutt, Post 79, Kalamazoo.  
 Senior Aide, Aaron Miller, Post 79, Kalamazoo.

3. The following delegates and alternates were elected to represent this Department at the Forty-Second National Encampment:

Delegates-at-large, Samuel W. Burroughs, Post 384.  
 Alternate-at-large, Edgar G. Spaulding, Post 98.

## DELEGATES.

O. D. Kingsley, Post 17.  
 Hope Welch, Post 45.  
 I. W. Taylor, Post 32.  
 James Martin, Post 35.  
 W. D. Frost, Post 5.  
 David S. Howard, Post 147.  
 Henry S. White, Post 202.  
 G. T. Converse, Post 38.  
 R. C. Norris, Post 461.  
 Geo. W. Butterfield, Post 419.  
 M. D. Richardson, Post 365.  
 Court Moore, Post 300.  
 Lyman P. Judson, Post 372.  
 Robert Finch, Post 5.  
 W. H. Beasley, Post No. 101.  
 William M. Horton, Post 114.  
 William H. Bolter, Post 42.  
 A. L. Bryant, Post 255.  
 T. A. Willitts, Post 145.  
 James M. Greenfield, Post 89.

## ALTERNATES.

James Reid, Post 17.  
 A. T. Hicock, Post 10.  
 E. E. Lewis, Post 109.  
 Albert S. Roe, Post 21.



P. H. McBride, Post 262.  
 Oscar Johnson, Post 145.  
 Geo. W. Howe, Post 98.  
 Victor B. Rottiers, Post 190.  
 Alexander Eckerman, Post 7.  
 Griff Lewis, Post 67.  
 F. Ludington, Post 164.  
 Archibald Scott, Post 174.  
 Eli Strong, Post 79.  
 Dan J. Willson, Post 48.  
 James Miller, Post 433.  
 Henry Spaulding, Post 20.  
 D. C. Cooper, Post 205.  
 J. G. Berry, Post 263.  
 William Thompson, Post 98.  
 J. Knowles, Post 10.

If any mistake has been made in the spelling of any of the names given, or in the number of the Post, correction should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General at once.

4. The following standing and special committees are announced:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

O. A. Janes, Post 384.  
 H. S. Dean, Post 137.  
 William Jibb, Post 45.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

John Northwood, Post 438.  
 Albert Dunham, Post 48.  
 E. C. Anthony, Post 300.

A special committee on publishing soldiers' record will be announced later.

COMMITTEE ON REGISTRATION AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, IN TOLEDO.

Dan. J. Willson, Post 48.  
 Henry Spaulding, Post 20.  
 H. A. Chapin, Post 31.

5. The following appointments of Aides to represent their respective Posts on the Staff of the Department Commander is hereby announced. It is expected that the comrades receiving these several appointments will not rest on the honors of their positions, but will enter with untiring zeal in assisting the Department Officers in building up the Order, thus showing their appreciation of the confidence placed in them:

## AIDES-DE-CAMP.

Paul Dubie, Post 1.  
 W. R. Whitney, Post 2.  
 G. A. Whitbeck, Post 3.  
 R. D. Lane, Post 4.  
 Hiram Welling, Post 5.  
 F. K. Proctor, Post 6.  
 W. H. Weselogel, Post 7.  
 Francis V. Sauer, Post 8.  
 William Gilbert, Post 9.  
 R. B. Davis, Post 10.  
 G. Pearsall, Post 11.  
 E. E. Burnham, Post 12.  
 Fred F. Main, Post 13.  
 M. J. Vincent, Post 14.  
 H. C. Ransom, Post 15.  
 William Davey, Post 17.  
 John Moody, Post 17.  
 D. S. Kimball, Post 17.  
 L. M. Lyon, Post 18.  
 D. W. Hall, Post 19.  
 Robert F. Stratton, Post 21  
 John Shook, Post 22.  
 John Dicker, Post 23.  
 L. V. Curry, Post 24.  
 J. M. Robb, Post 25.  
 W. A. Rounds, Post 26.  
 W. H. White, Post 27.  
 Jedd Bennett, Post 28.  
 E. F. Covell, Post 29.  
 W. A. Baker, Post 30.  
 B. F. Heckert, Post 31.  
 Edward Cunningham, Post 32.  
 John D. Hanna, Post 33.  
 Oliver Wise, Post 34.  
 W. S. Bradley, Post 35.  
 D. K. Halsey, 38.  
 Roscoe Dix, Post 39.  
 William M. Beckman, Post 40.  
 E. L. Negus, Post 41.  
 Anson P. Loomis, Post 42.  
 H. H. Wilber, Post 43.  
 Asa Aldrich, Post 45.  
 George W. Rogers, Post 45.  
 J. R. Edwards, Post 47.  
 S. B. Davis, Post 48.  
 O. F. Kaywood, Post 48.  
 Albert W. Martin, Post 48.  
 Edward Nickerson, Post 52.  
 C. C. Freeland, Post 53.  
 Amos Finch, Post 55.

A. C. Estabrook, Post 56.  
Frank T. Wolf, Post 57.  
T. W. Baldwin, Post 58.  
J. B. Scovel, Post 60.  
William H. Smith, Post 61.  
B. F. Oakes, Post 63.  
H. C. Green, Post 67.  
T. B. Main, Post 69.  
W. W. Van Horn, Post 72.  
E. S. Amedon, Post 73.  
I. N. Hoyt, Post 74.  
A. M. Van Wormer, Post 75.  
J. Collins, Post 76.  
A. L. Crossman, Post 78.  
John Hoffmaster, Post 80.  
L. W. Sprague, Post 83.  
Chas. H. Depuy, Post 84.  
S. B. Hicks, Post 87.  
C. M. Hall, Post 88.  
O. F. Moshier, Post 90.  
Albert W. Wagar, Post 95.  
C. V. W. Brokaw, Post 98.  
J. O. Probasco, Post 100.  
E. F. Doty, Post 101.  
B. F. Sanborn, Post 108.  
John O'Mara, Post 109.  
James H. Dwyer, Post 110.  
J. J. Holmes, Post 111.  
C. E. Dunston, Post 114.  
E. H. Green, Post 119.  
George Barnes, Post 120.  
Andrew J. Wilson, Post 121.  
H. H. Trask, Post 125.  
John R. Case, Post 126.  
H. Outwater, Post 132.  
M. W. Fairbanks, Post 134.  
H. P. Jacobs, Post 137.  
J. Q. A. Sessions, Post 137.  
C. M. Demming, Post 139.  
J. W. Wightman, Post 140.  
J. E. Mapes, Post 144.  
Orange Thompson, Post 145.  
Thomas Wyckoff, Post 147.  
John Greig, Post 152.  
C. D. Burt, Post 155.  
William M. Leland, Post 156.  
J. C. Thomas, Post 160.  
D. M. Purchis, Post 163.  
David Walkinshaw, Post 166.  
E. A. Dunton, Post 170.  
Chas. Smith, Post 174.

Emil Glaser, Post 175.  
D. L. Smith, Post 179.  
E. P. Allen, Post 180.  
J. F. Beaumont, Post 181.  
S. G. Allen, Post 182.  
Samuel Smith, Post 184.  
F. E. Hadley, Post 185.  
H. E. Nichols, Post 187.  
Victor B. Rottiers, Post 190.  
E. W. Muenscher, Post 201.  
Martin C. Daws, Post 205.  
Calvin T. Smith, Post 210.  
M. M. Carrier, Post 211.  
R. B. Bishop, Post 213.  
M. L. Skillman, Post 216.  
A. A. Miner, Post 218.  
William Baldock, Post 233.  
O. Palmer, Post 240.  
B. F. Taylor, Post 242.  
Chas. P. Jeffords, Post 250.  
George M. Doty, Post 252.  
C. P. White, Post 259.  
P. H. McBride, Post 262.  
A. Van Auken, Post 263.  
J. F. Lyon, Post 266.  
John Madden, Post 269.  
Daniel Case, Post 274.  
H. J. Brenningstall, Post 281.  
A. Creamer, Post 283.  
Benoni Lachance, Post 289.  
D. E. Stearns, Post 294.  
C. W. Perry, Post 298.  
C. H. Blanchard, Post 300.  
John Gilcrist, Post 303.  
B. G. Webster, Post 318.  
A. P. Goodwin, Post 326.  
James A. Troutt, Post 343.  
W. H. Weed, Post 347.  
S. R. Sherwood, Post 352.  
Squire Johnson, Post 360.  
William Bartholomew, Post 365.  
Benjamin B. Priest, Post 370.  
J. W. Eastman, Post 377.  
S. H. Mallery, Post 382.  
Thos. S. McGraw, Post 384.  
Charles G. Hampton, Post 384.  
John H. Hendley, Post 393.  
E. Bowerman, Post 394.  
William Walker, Post 395.  
O. B. Randall, Post 410.  
M. M. Andrews, Post 419.

J. W. Burbank, Post 426.  
 H. F. Serrine, Post 433.  
 A. S. Rose, Post 442.  
 D. E. Cook, Post 444.  
 Isaac Grant, Post 451.  
 A. M. Albert, Post 452.  
 J. B. Hickey, Post 453.  
 L. A. Sayles, Post 456.  
 J. J. Brown, Post 460.  
 Joseph W. Wheeler, Post 461.  
 David W. Cousins, Post 462.

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS.

6. At this date. A large number of Posts have not sent in their reports. Post Commanders and Adjutants who have failed to send in their reports must do so without further delay, to avoid being placed on delinquent list. A red X designates that your reports have not been received. Officers should bear in mind that the per-capita tax is 12½ cents.

## FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

7. The Forty-Second National Encampment will be held in Toledo, Ohio, during the week, beginning with August 31st, to September 5th, 1908.

Railroad rates have been fixed and one and one-half fare for the round trip, except that within a radius of 100 miles where the fare does not exceed \$3.00 regular rates will be charged. Sale of tickets going August 28th to 31st. An effort is being made to have the sale of tickets extended to include Sept. 1st.

Tickets will be good returning to leave Toledo not later than September 15th, except that *extension of return limit*, to leave Toledo until October 15th, 1908, will be given by depositing Ticket with Special Agent on or before Sept. 15th, and paying \$1.00 for validating fee.

## SPECIAL HEADQUARTERS TRAIN.

8. Arrangements have been made for a special train carrying the Department Commander and Staff and the President of the W. R. C. and her Staff, leaving Kalamazoo at 8:50 a. m. Monday, August 31, over the Michigan Central R. R., going via Jackson and the L. S. & M. S. R. R. to Toledo, arriving at Toledo at 1:15 p. m. Connections with this special train will be made at Kalamazoo with trains on the G. R. & I, and other connecting roads. Special through coaches on the M. C. R. R. will also leave Grand Rapids at 7:01 a. m., Bay City 6:15 a. m. and Three Rivers at 6:45 a. m., connecting with Headquarters Special at Jackson, leaving Jackson at 10:45 a. m. Comrades and friends living on the Michigan Central R. R. and connecting branches are specially invited to join the Department Commander on this train to Toledo. Posts expecting to attend the encampment as post organizations should arrange with the railroads for coaches so that ample accommodations may be provided. A special schedule, giving time of leaving each station and the railroad fare for the round trip, will be printed and mailed to the posts.

This is a special opportunity for the comrades of this department to attend the National Encampment on the very borders of our state. The parade will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 2. It is hoped that "Michigan, My Michigan" will be greatly in evidence in the parade.

## HEADQUARTERS.

9. The Headquarters of the Department of Michigan will be established at the Boody House, Room 316. Every comrade from Michigan, and every one who served in the Michigan organizations, are earnestly requested to call at Headquarters and register. This is the best way to find your old comrades.

Department Headquarters in Lansing will close from Friday evening, August 29, to Tuesday, Sept. 8. Posts requiring supplies will govern themselves accordingly.

10. A meeting of the delegates and all entitled to seats in the National Encampment will be held at Headquarters, Room 316, Boody House, Tuesday evening, Sept. 1, at 8 p. m. All should be present as important business will be transacted.

Delegates who may find it impossible to attend the encampment are requested to notify the Assistant Adjutant General without delay, in order that alternates may be notified and vacancies filled.

Delegates and Aide-de-Camps are requested to appear in uniform, with slouch hat and cord. It is desired that every comrade be uniformed, as far as possible, but do not stay out of the parade because you do not have a uniform. All must wear the G. A. R. Membership Badge.

Posts who will attend the encampment as organizations will please notify these Headquarters at as early a date as possible.

## FREE QUARTERS.

11. Free quarters will be assigned to all comrades who agree to appear in uniform in the parade. Free quarters *will not* be assigned to other than comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. Those desiring free quarters should bring their own pillows and blankets. Application for free quarters should be made to F. M. Sterrette, Executive Director, Toledo, O., is chairman of Committee on Private Accommodations.

12. Comrades are reminded that they can procure clean, fresh beds, and good shelter at from 50 cents to \$1.00 per day. Thomas Biddle, Toledo, O., is chairman on Private Accommodations.

13. Aides on the staff of the Department Commanders will report to the chief of staff, Henry P. Shutt, who will assign them to such duties as may be necessary.

14. Post Patriotic Instructors are requested to send in their names and postoffice address to Department Patriotic Instructor, M. C. Barney, Flint, Michigan.

Patriotic Instructors are required to encourage patriotism in their localities, and to perform such other duties as may be required by the Department Patriotic Instructor. A circular of suggestions will follow these orders.

15. In compliance with a resolution of the Department Encampment, Posts are requested to supply themselves with at least five copies of the

latest Rules and Regulations. It is evident that the comrades are neglecting the study of the rules of our organization.

16. Now, comrades, you have elected your officers; they have been installed and have entered upon their duties. The command is forward. Let no comrade waver or retreat until every comrade who served with us in the great struggle for the preservation of our Government shall have been enrolled in the ranks of our order.

OFFICIAL:  
**FAYETTE WYCKOFF,**  
*Asst. Adjt. General, G. A. R.*

By command of  
**C. E. FOOTE,**  
*Department Commander.*

#### REUNIONS.

W. G. Alexander, Toledo, O., chairman of the Committee on Reunions, has arranged for nearly three hundred reunions. The comrades of Michigan will be interested in the following announcements:

#### BERDAN SHARPSHOOTERS.

Arrangements have been completed for a grand reunion of these two noted regiments during the week of the encampment. They will meet at Room 1, Central High School. (Seats 300.)

John D. Berdan, of Roselle, N. J., son of Col. Berdan, will be present.

#### 24TH MICHIGAN INFANTRY.

This regiment, in connection with the other regiments of the "Iron Brigade," will meet Sept. 1st and 3rd in Room B. Central High School.

#### 9TH MICHIGAN CAVALRY.

Kilpatrick's Brigade, of which the 9th Michigan Cavalry was a part, will hold a reunion in Room 15, Jefferson School, cor. Jefferson Ave. and 11th St., on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 1st and 2nd.

#### 1ST MICHIGAN LIGHT ARTILLERY.

Comrade S. H. Frank, of Toledo, invites his comrades of the 1st Michigan, Light Artillery to meet him at High School, Room 2-B, Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, 8 to 9 a. m. "for the time of their lives."

#### 1ST MICHIGAN SHARPSHOOTERS.

Kopp's Hall, 415 Summit St., all the week.

#### 18TH MICHIGAN INFANTRY.

Room 4, High School, Sept. 1st and 2nd.

#### 4TH MICHIGAN CAVALRY.

With other regiments of the Brigade. Upper Hall of I. O. O. F. Temple.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, Sept. 28, 1908.

General Orders, No. 3, Series 1908-9.

The 42nd National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic has become a record of the past, and this, like its many predecessors, had its full measure of pleasure to every one who could be present. It is a marvel to the present generation, those now most active in our national and business life, to see so many of the "Boys in Blue," tramp, tramp, tramp to the stirring sound of the fife and drum forty-three years after the close of the great War of the Rebellion.

We can but add our voice of praise with the many others in honor of the noble spirit and most enthusiastic welcome extended to the Grand Army by the citizens of Toledo. You, my comrades, who were there need not be told for the memories of the week will be as lasting as this life. To those who were not present and who through the infirmities of age were deprived of the pleasures and inspiration of the Encampment, you were not forgotten, those present were only reminders of the still greater number who could not be there.

To the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, I desire to extend my most hearty congratulations. Next to the Department of Ohio, Michigan was the largest Department in line, and the fine appearance and marching of this Department was most highly spoken of.

The appearance of so many Post organizations was most gratifying, where so many did so well it is hard to particularize. Post 17 of Detroit and 395 of Grand Rapids were probably the largest Posts in line. Our magnificent Drum Corps of 42 veterans of the war added inspiration to the occasion.

The Headquarters of this Department were thronged from early morning until late at night, and the registration was the largest ever made at an Encampment.

The thanks of the Department are due to Assistant Adjutant General Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Quartermaster General James E. White and Comrades Henry Spaulding, Dan J. Willson and H. A. Chapin, who were in direct charge of Department Headquarters, and were untiring in their devotion to duty, and in welcoming the many visitors to our Department, mention should also be made of Chief of Staff Henry P. Shutt and Senior Aide Aaron Miller for the efficient manner in which they performed their duties, mention could be made of many others who did much to make the occasion one of pleasure to all, but where so many did so well, it is hard to specify.

The Representatives elected to the encampment were present to a man and were most faithful in their attendance upon the business sessions of the encampment.

The Department Commander also desires to express his appreciation of the presence and interest manifested by the Past Department Commanders. Only four of those now living, being absent.

The presence of the noble women who are always to be found where



there is a gathering of the Grand Army comrades, the members of the W. R. C., was an inspiration, and their enthusiasm without bounds, their devotion to our Order and its principles cannot be too highly spoken of.

Comrades: I have nothing but praise for the Department of Michigan and its part in the 42nd National Encampment at Toledo. Let the inspiration there received, be manifest in our more earnest work, in the Post and in recruiting our ranks. Let us direct our attention to the objects for which our great Order was organized and for which it exists. "Coupled with the admonition, that we cannot too often dedicate ourselves to the achievement of those objects and the fulfillment of those purposes."

By command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

C. E. FOOTE,  
*Department Commander.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, NOV. 23, 1908.

General Orders, No. 4., Series 1908-9.

1. The annual election of Post Officers will be held at the first meeting of the Post in December, as required by the Rules and Regulations.

The election of Delegates and Alternates for 31st Department Encampment will be held at the same time. Posts are entitled to representation at the ratio of one Delegate and Alternate for every 50 members or major portion of that number.

2. Blanks for the semi-annual report of the Post Adjutants and Quartermaster, also for report of Post Patriotic Instructors. Post election returns and credentials are sent herewith.

Reports of Post Adjutants and Quartermasters with the per capita tax of twelve and one-half cents on each member in good standing, must be sent in to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in December. Post Commanders will see that these reports are promptly forwarded. Newly elected officers cannot be installed until such reports have been forwarded to Department Headquarters.

The Post Election blanks should be filed out and forwarded immediately after the Post Election. Care should be taken to have the names of the officers and addresses correctly spelled.

The credential blanks should be filled out with the names of the Delegates and Alternates and *all* Past Post Commanders who are in good standing. Special care should be given to filling out these blanks so that the name of every comrade entitled to a seat in the Encampment shall appear on the credentials. Injustice has been done comrades by a failure to properly fill out these important blanks.

## INSPECTION.

3. Section I, Article V, Chapter V, Rules and Regulations, reads as follows: "The *Commander-in-chief* or *any Department Commander* may require the inspection of any Department or Post in their respective jurisdiction, whenever they may believe that the best interests of the order require it."

In accordance with the discretion given, the Department Commander has thought best not to order a general inspection of the Posts of this Department. Any Post that may desire to hold inspection can do so and on request a detail of an Assistant Inspector will be made from Headquarters.

## PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS.

4. Blanks for the report of Post Patriotic Instructors accompany these orders, and report should be made to Department Patriotic Instructor before the 15th of April, next.

Agreeable to resolutions adopted at the last National Encampment, the One-hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln will be universally observed on the 12th of February, 1909. Special programs should be arranged for by each Post and Patriotic Instructors are urged to see that the schools in his immediate vicinity be requested to hold special exercises.

For the proper observance of the day a special program has been prepared by O. H. Oldroyd, 516 Tenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Copies can be had at 10 cents each or \$1.00 per doz. This program brings out many interesting events and sayings in the life of Lincoln, and makes a most interesting program. A report of the observance of Lincoln's Day should be embodied in the report of the Patriotic Instructor.

## SURGEONS' REPORTS.

5. By action of the National Encampment the reports of Post Surgeons and Medical Directors have been dispensed with, so no blanks are sent out this year.

## INSTALLATION OF POST OFFICERS.

6. Post Officers elected to serve during the year 1909 must be installed at the first meeting in January.

Posts desiring other than the ranking Past Post Commander or Department officers to act as installing officer should forward the name of the comrade to these headquarters at as early a date as possible, in order that assignments may be made. Courtesy requires that the expenses incurred by the comrade detailed at the request of a Post should be paid by the Post asking the detail.

The Department Commander believes that great benefit is derived from the holding of joint public installations of Officers of the Post and Women's Relief Corps, and requests that where possible such joint installation be held, and that it be made an interesting occasion for the comrades, the corps, their friends and the public.

7. The Department Commander suggests that the Posts and Corps

come together more frequently in campfires and social gatherings. Renewed interest and zeal is created by Posts visiting each other and enjoying a good feast of words, and not only words, but of the good things the Ladies of the W. R. C. know how to provide.

8. The attention of Post Commanders has been repeatedly called to the delays and careless manner in which many of the Semi-annual reports are made up and forwarded to Headquarters. In many cases the *Red Figures* are changed. This must not be done. Names of comrades mustered in, received by transfer or reinstated must be given, as well as those who have died, been transferred, suspended or dropped. Many Posts make the error of deducting dropped members from the number in good standing, dropped members are taken from the suspended list and no other. The Quartermaster's reports in many instances are very incomplete.

The neglect to properly fill out the reports gives the Assistant Adjutant General much extra work in the way of correspondence before the reports are completed and acceptable. There is much unnecessary delay in sending the reports in, this delay causes delay in the sending of Department Reports to National Headquarters. Reports of Posts must be sent to Department Headquarters before new Post Officers can be installed. Post Commanders are charged with the duty of seeing that all reports are promptly forwarded immediately after the last meeting in December.

#### QUORUM.

9. By action of the last National Encampment Posts having a membership of 25 and less, a quorum of three is sufficient for the transaction of business and such Posts need not meet but once in three months.

10. From the many encouraging letters received from Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander and many Post Commanders, the Department Commander is confidently looking for an increase in the membership throughout the Department, the reports soon to come in will show how well you have kept your promises. There is a very fruitful field for recruiting among the suspended and dropped members, with a full appreciation of the difficulties in the way of recruiting, we are convinced that the difficulty is not so much with the recruit, as with those who should be recruiters, with hearty cooperation there is every assurance of success.

#### CHAPLAIN'S REPORTS.

11. The Department Chaplain hands us the following request which is published for the benefit of the Posts interested:

"The Department Chaplain reports about 70 Posts still delinquent with their Memorial Day reports. This is unjust to these Posts, and to the Chaplain causes much delay and unnecessary work and expense. The Adjutant or Chaplain of every Post who has not yet reported, will please be kind to himself and his Post and do so now."

12. The following additional names having been appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Charles A. Bartlett, Post No. 17, Detroit.  
 Charles B. Randolph, Post No. 17, Detroit.  
 Griffin Lewis, Post No. 67, Bay City.

By Command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

C. E. FOOTE,  
*Department Commander.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 CAPITOL, LANSING. Dec. 28, 1908.

General Orders, No. 5, Series 1908-9.

In compliance with resolution of the National Encampment and orders from National Headquarters for the proper observance of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the committee appointed by the Commander-in-chief have formulated a program as a guide for the proper observance of the day, which is here promulgated:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLAN FOR OBSERVANCE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Department Commanders:

Pursuant to the recommendation of the committee authorized by the 41st National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, and appointed "to take into consideration the fitting celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln," which was made a report to the 42nd National Encampment that was unanimously adopted, the undersigned have been appointed a committee to prepare a program for the occasion, met in New York City, October 19th, 1908, and submits the following as the result of its deliberations:

1. That the Commander-in-chief be requested to invite the President of the United States, Governors of States and Territories and Mayors of cities, to participate with the Grand Army of the Republic in public recognition of the Centennial Anniversary of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, February 12, 1909, and by proclamation as far as practical, recommend that the day be observed as a special holiday.

2. That the Commander of each Department shall appoint immediately a committee to arrange for the celebration in his Department according to the following program.

3. That the Department Committee shall be announced in Department General Orders, with an outline of the method proposed herein for adoption, to-wit:

(a). That every Post shall recognize the day in some fitting manner, either in special meeting, or in attendance as a body where a public celebration is held.

(b). That in cities or towns where there are more than one Post, there shall be a united observance, where it is practicable, embracing all the Posts which shall be public.

(c). That in the rural districts the exercises shall be held at the county seat, to which all Posts may send delegates without limit, or at such other places as the Posts shall designate for their convenience.

(d). That the co-operation of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons and Daughters of Veterans, and all other patriotic societies be invited to participate in all functions arranged for this occasion.

(e). That all departments of education controlling colleges, universities, and public, parochial or private schools, be requested to arrange for recognition of the day with appropriate and special exercises, and we recommend the following program:

1. KELLER'S AMERICAN HYMN.
2. INVOCATION.

"Almighty Father: Humbly we bow before Thee, our Creator, Guide and Preserver. We thank Thee for what faith makes real to us; Thine almighty power that created the heavens and the earth and all things that are therein; the boundless love that environs Thy children and moves them reverently to say 'Our Father.' We thank Thee for the noble men under whose leadership this fair land was dedicated to freedom of thought, expression and action; to their successors who have given themselves to solving grave problems arising from changing conditions. At this hour we would specially thank Thee, that in the time of the country's dire peril a man was sent of Thee equal to the emergency. We pray, our Father, that these evidences of Thy love and goodness and these examples of noble living and noble doing, may inspire us all to attempt to live unselfishly, and to do our duty as far as in us lies according to the precepts of Thy Holy Word, and to Thee we give all the honor and praise, now and forever more. Amen."

3. "Battle Hymn of the Republic." (Solo with Chorus.)
4. Sketch of Abraham Lincoln. (Not over 500 words.)
5. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.
6. Centennial Hymn (J. G. Whittier), (See J. K. Paine, page 79).
7. Extracts and Quotations from the Writings and Speeches of Lincoln. (By Selected Pupils.)
8. "Star Spangled Banner." by Audience.
9. Address (Life and Character of Lincoln).
10. "America," by Audience.
11. Benediction.

(f). That the clergy are requested to have special services in their churches, synagogues and Sabbath schools on the Sabbath preceding February 12th.

And this committee recommends and urges that every comrade shall have *personal notice* of the forthcoming observance; be furnished with the Order of Exercises herewith issued, and fully informed of the purpose to issue at cost from National Headquarters upon requisition of the Department Quartermaster, a Souvenir Medal, suitably inscribed, that will be a welcome heirloom token of the patriotism of the comrade who served in the Union Army or Navy during the Civil War under the direction of its Commander-in-Chief, Abraham Lincoln.

And it is further urged, without waiting for more definite details, that immediate steps be taken to carry out the program, that it may be complete, and its example a stimulation for a general recognition of the day.

And it is recommended that the following program be the Order of Exercises for all Assemblies (except as provided for schools):

1. Music (Instrumental).
2. Invocation (Same as recommended for schools).
3. "America," by the Audience.
4. Vocal Music (Solo or Glee Club).
5. Address (Life and Character of Lincoln).
6. "Star Spangled Banner," by the Audience.
7. Gettysburg Address.
8. "Nearer My God To Thee," by the Audience.
9. Doxology, by the Audience.
10. Benediction.

Department Commanders are requested to see that this Order is promulgated through the Press.

ALLAN G. BAKEWELL, Chairman, ST. CLAIR A. MULHOLLAND, J. PAYSON BRADLEY, WILBUR F. BROWN, HEMAN W. ALLEN,	}	Committee.
Approved:		

HENRY M. NEVIUS,  
*Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R.*

Official:

FRANK O. COLE,  
*Adjutant General.*

The Department Commander, in view of the short time before the 12th of February, only about six weeks, recommends, that each Post, if it has not already done so, appoint a committee as may be deemed necessary to carry out the program as outlined by the National Committee. This is a work in which Post Patriotic Instructors should take an active part.

The attention of Post Commanders is called to paragraphs A, B, C, D, E, and F.

It is expected that Post Commanders and Committees will comply with the request and instruction of the National Committee. If Post meetings come too late in the month for proper preparation, let special meetings be called, and the work properly pushed. Let the programs be published in the local press, and let all unite in paying tribute to our great *Commander-in-Chief* on this the one hundredth anniversary of his Birth.

Several copies of this program will be sent to each Post, and more will be supplied by request, as long as the supply lasts.

The attention of Comrades is called to the *Lincoln Program*, published by Capt. O. H. Oldroyd, 519 Thirteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

This little book of 20 pages contains all that is needed to fill out a

program, so that busy men will not be compelled to spend hours hunting for reminiscences. This program contains fragments of speeches of Lincoln, including his Gettysburg address. It contains the story of his boyhood, another of his early manhood, and still another of him as president. If you should not want to use it as a program, you will find it a rarely good book to read.

Those desiring Capt. Oldroyd's program can secure the same by sending to him. The price has been placed at 10 cents per copy, \$1 per dozen, or \$5 per 100, sent prepaid on receipt of price.

The program as suggested may be given as a whole or in part, or may be amended or wholly superseded as circumstances may dictate.

Let us put forth every effort to honor the great, pure, strong and unselfish Commander of our Army and Navy during the struggle for the life of the nation.

By command of

C. E. FOOTE,  
*Department Commander.*

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
*Asst. Adjt. General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, Feb. 20, 1909.

General Orders, No. 6, Series 1908-9.

1. The Thirty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., will be held at Kalamazoo, June 22, 23, 24.

The citizens of Kalamazoo have appointed their committees and are planning for large things, have said that the thirty-first Encampment shall be the best yet held. It is expected that the comrades of the Department will in every way second their efforts. Let every comrade plan early to be present.

2. Plans are being prepared for a *Children's Camp Fire*, to be held in the Academy of Music on the evening of the 22d of June (the first day). This will be for the children of the schools.

It is hoped to secure the services of National Patriotic Instructor, Bishop Fallows, of Chicago, for one of the Speakers. There will be other prominent speakers present. It is expected that the Department President of the W. R. C. will present the flag to the High School at this meeting.

3. The parade will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday the 23d. One of the interesting features of this parade will be *The Old Battle Flags of Michigan Regiments*. The Governor, Hon. Fred M. Warner and Quartermaster General James H. Kidd, having kindly consented to let the flags be taken out under certain restrictions.

There appears to be some apprehension that to take the flags out for the parade would be to destroy them. The arrangements are that these flags shall be closely rolled and encased in netting, with a streamer attached giving the name of the regiment by whom they were carried

in the war. They will be safely packed and kept under strict guard from the time they leave the Capitol until their return. Surely no one will take more pride in seeing that no harm shall come to these flags than the comrades who marched and fought under their folds. It is also hoped to secure a large number of the old color bearers, with a color guard to carry them in the parade. Comrades who were color bearers in the service are requested to correspond with Department Commander C. E. Foote, Kalamazoo, stating if they will be present and carry the old flag.

Another great feature of the parade is to be a *Living Marching Flag*, composed of over twelve hundred school children. This has never been attempted before at a department encampment and will be a sight to inspire the heart of every one who sees it. The superintendent of the public schools and teachers are giving their time and energy to perfecting this elaborate part of the parade.

4. The general Camp Fire will be held on the evening of the 23d and will be addressed by Commander-in-Chief Henry M. Nevius of New Jersey. The National President of the W. R. C. and other noted speakers. Music will also be furnished by one of the finest musical organizations in the state.

A program giving all particulars will be issued later.

5. Headquarters of the Department will be established at the Hotel Burdick.

Hotel rates will be published later. Private houses will be open for entertaining the Comrades, giving them lodgings and breakfast for 75c and \$1.00. Commander Foote requests that any desiring to secure quarters at hotels or private residences write him, stating the kind of accommodations required, and the price you desire to pay and accommodations will be secured for you.

6. The Executive Committee and Council of Administration will meet Tuesday the 22d at headquarters in the Burdick. The Executive Committee meeting at 10 a. m. and the Council of Administration at 2:30 p. m.

7. The Department Encampment will convene at 9 a. m., Wednesday, June 23d at the Academy of Music for the transaction of the business of the Encampment.

8. R. R. rates and further details of the Encampment will be published in future orders.

9. Posts and County Battalions who will attend as organizations, are requested to so inform Capt. Aaron Miller, Kalamazoo, stating the probable number that will be present, so that they may be properly assigned to position in the parade.

10. The Department Commander requests that the Comrades and Posts of the Department rally as one man to the support of the Department and patriotic citizens of Kalamazoo in making this the most enthusiastic and largest attended encampment of years, and show to the people of the state that we are still a living power in the land.

By command of

C. E. FOOTE,  
*Department Commander.*

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, April 20, 1909.

General Orders, No. 7, Series 1908-9.

As previously announced the 31st Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in the city of Kalamazoo, June 22, 23 and 24, 1909.

Headquarters will be established at The Burdick.

The Executive Committee Council of Administration will meet at 10 a. m., June 22.

The Council of Administration which is composed of all the officers of the Department will meet at headquarters at The Burdick, at 3:30 p. m., June 22, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

The Committee on Credentials will be on duty at Headquarters from 10 o'clock of the morning of June 22 until the encampment opens. Representatives and members of the encampment will report to this Committee immediately upon arrival and present their credentials and receive the Badge of the Encampment.

The following comrades are hereby appointed as Committee on Credentials, to act in conjunction with the Assistant Adjutant General:

Henry Spaulding, Post 20; Dan J. Willson, Post 48; H. A. Chapin, Post 32, and Freeman Hall, Post 79.

The general registration for all comrades will be in the lobby of The Burdick. This is a general registration and all comrades will see that they and all others are registered. A souvenir badge will be presented by the Committee to each comrade who registers.

ENCAMPMENT.

The Encampment will convene in the Academy of Music, So. Rose St., at 9 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, June 23, and will continue in session until the business of the Encampment is finished.

OTHER PLACES OF MEETING.

The Woman's Relief Corps will meet in the Congregational Church.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will meet in the Church of Christ, next door to the G. A. R. building on No. Park St.

Staff officers and aides-de-camp will report to Capt. H. P. Shutt, Chief of Staff at Room 225, The Burdick, upon arrival.

The Commander of Orcutt Post No. 79, will detail a sufficient number of comrades properly armed and uniformed to act as guards at the encampment.

Comrade Charles Prange, Post 79, is hereby detailed as Officer of the Day and Comrade Charles W. Davenport, Post 79, as Officer of the Guard.

The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General

at Headquarters for instruction not later than 8 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, the 23d.

Department Officers, Members of Staff and Standing Committees having reports to make, are requested to send a copy to the Assistant Adjutant General not later than June 5.

#### HOTEL RATES.

The Burdick—One or more in room, \$2.50 to \$4.00.

The Rickman, (fire proof)—\$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50.

American Hotel—\$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.50.

Arlington Hotel—\$1.25 to \$1.50.

Columbia Hotel—\$1.25 to \$1.50.

Lincoln Hotel—\$1.00.

The above all on American plan.

The Berghoff—50 cents and \$1.00, European plan.

Hotel Portage—50 cents and \$1.00, European plan.

Private houses will rent rooms at from 75 cents to \$1.25 per day, two in a room. Breakfast will be served by many at above prices.

Those desiring reservations in hotels or private houses write to Commander C. E. Foote, stating what is desired and the price you wish to pay and he will secure rooms for you.

#### RAILROAD RATES.

The Department Commander is pleased to announce that the matter of rates was taken up with the Michigan Passenger Association with the result that all the railroads of Michigan have granted an excursion rate of one and one-half fare for the round trip to Kalamazoo. Minimum excursion rate \$1.00 and sufficient to be added to make the fare end in 0 or 5.

Tickets from points in the lower peninsula will be sold going June 21, 22 and 23, with return limit to June 26, 1909.

From points in the upper peninsula dates for the sale of tickets, via Mackinaw City, June 19, 20 and 21, return limit to June 28, 1909. But in the event that the bill now before the legislature for a two cent per mile fare in the upper peninsula of Michigan is passed, then this special rate will be canceled for that district.

The M. U. R. Interurban have granted a rate of one and one-half fare from Jackson.

The Detroit United Railway announce the following rates from points on their line to Jackson as follows:

Detroit each way \$1.00, Wayne 80 cents, Ypsilanti 65 cents, Ann Arbor 55 cents, Dexter 45 cents, Chelsea 35 cents, Grass Lake 15 cents.

These rates to be added to the fare on the M. U. R. from Jackson.

The D. U. R. Interurban also announce that they are preparing party rates but they will not be ready for some weeks.

#### ENTERTAINMENT, ETC.

The comrades and citizens of Kalamazoo are making unusual efforts to entertain the visiting comrades and their Auxiliaries. Camp-fires,

receptions and Regimental reunions will be provided for, and no effort will be spared to make your visit one of pleasure.

## CAMPFIRES.

On Tuesday evening, June 22, a campfire will be held exclusively for the children at the Academy of Music and will be addressed by prominent speakers. This will be made a pleasing event for the young people.

On Wednesday evening, June 23, there will be two general campfires held, both being addressed by Commander-in-Chief Nevius and other prominent G. A. R. speakers and citizens.

## PARADE.

This will be a feature of the Encampment and will take place on Wednesday, June 23, at 2 p. m. As before announced, Governor Fred M. Warner and Quartermaster General James H. Kidd have given their permission for the loan of the Michigan Battle Flags to be carried in the parade. These flags will be surrounded with the greatest care and protection from the time they leave Lansing until they are returned; they will remain closely furled and will be encased in strong netting. They will be guarded by the color bearer and four color guards for each stand of colors. The Flags will parade in a separate division guarded while on parade by Co. C, 2nd regiment, Michigan National Guard. No persons other than the bearers and guards will be allowed to touch or handle them.

From the time they arrive at Kalamazoo until their return they will be under close guard and care of Co. C, 2nd Reg., M. N. G.

Comrades who desire to carry their old flags in the parade and who will notify the Department Commander promptly, stating in what Regiment or Battery they served, will be detailed to carry them so far as it can possibly be done.

A marching, living flag of 600 children is being arranged by the superintendent of the Kalamazoo public schools, S. O. Hartwell, to march in the parade, which alone will be a feature never before attempted by the Department of Michigan, and will be a sight worth coming many miles to see.

## HEADQUARTERS.

will be closed at Lansing from June 21 to 26 and will be opened temporarily at The Burdick, Kalamazoo, from June 22 to 24 inclusive.

## REPRESENTATION IN DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT.

The Forty-second National Encampment held at Toledo amended the Rules and Regulations so that all Past Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders are now members of the Department Encampment. Post Commanders are requested to forward to the Assistant Adjutant General at Lansing, the names of any Comrade now in good standing who has held the position of Senior or Junior Vice Department Commander, with date of his service as such. This information is necessary to enable the Assistant Adjutant General to properly prepare the rolls of

the Encampment. It is important that this order be promptly complied with.

The Lincoln Centennial Medal which is being made at the U. S. Mint in Philadelphia, has been delayed in its making by the crowded condition of work at the mint. The committee have now promised to deliver the same about May 1st. The Assistant Adjutant General will forward them to Posts who have ordered as soon as they are received by him.

Commander-in-Chief Henry M. Nevius, having accepted the invitation of the Department Commander, will be present during the encampment.

The Department Commander desires to personally thank all Post Commanders and Comrades who have responded to his call for recruiting the ranks of the G. A. R. The call and your labors have not been without results, the work seems now to be but just begun. Let us not slacken our efforts as long as there is one remaining outside. Let every one who can plan to be in attendance at the Encampment. You will never regret it. Attention is called to the Regimental reunions to be held in Kalamazoo on the same dates as the encampment.

#### SOUTHERN MEMORIAL FUND.

In response to resolution of the Forty-second National Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief in General Orders No. 5 calls upon the Posts, and comrades for contributions to this fund to help the small Posts and comrades in the Southland to properly decorate the "Graves of the Great Army of our comrades who sleep in the Cemeteries in the Southern States."

Contributions can be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing.

"Comrades please attend to this important matter immediately."

By order of

C. E. FOOTE,

*Department Commander.*

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

#### INFORMATION WANTED.

Mary E. Jolly, Tecumseh, Mich., desires information as to address of Lorenzo D. Jolly, late Co. C., 143 Ohio Inft. He left his home in Tecumseh, Mich, March 27, 1894, presumably to join Genl. Coxes Army.

His wife is seeking any information that may lead to his still being alive or of his death.

#### REUNIONS.

At the request of Major W. C. Stevens the surviving members of the Ninth Michigan Cavalry are called to meet in Room 320, Burdick House, during the Department Encampment, June 22, 23 and 24. Come at any time, the room will be open during the entire Encampment. "Come out from under saddles."

The First Michigan Sharpshooters will hold their reunion in the Court House, Kalamazoo, June 22. Members of this organization please keep this in mind.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, May 25, 1909.

General Orders, No. 8, Series 1908-9.

1. As heretofore announced, the 31st annual encampment will be held in Kalamazoo, June 22, 23, 24, as promulgated in General Orders No. 7. The programme as there announced will be carried out, with one additional feature. The two Cavalry Troops, A and B of Michigan National Guard, in heavy marching order, will be in Kalamazoo and take part in the parade on Wednesday, the 23d.

2. Enclosed herewith are blank forms A and B, Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for June, blanks for Chaplain's Memorial Day report, and blanks for report of Post Patriotic Instructors.

The reports of Post Adjutants and Quartermasters, with the per capita tax of twelve and one-half cents on each member in good standing must be in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General before July 10th. This is necessary owing to the early date of the National Encampment, which will be held August 9-14. Post Commanders are directed to give their personal attention to the prompt transmission of these reports. Do not wait for the 30th of June, but immediately after the last meeting in the month send in the reports.

Post Chaplains are charged with making out the Chaplain's report immediately after Memorial Day. In the absence of the Post Chaplain the Adjutant of the Post is charged with making out the report. The Chaplain's report must be sent to the Department Chaplain in the enclosed addressed envelope.

Post Patriotic Instructors will fill out the enclosed blank reports and forward the same to the Department Patriotic Instructor before the 15th of June.

3. As the time draws near for holding the Department Encampment the Department Commander desires to give expression to the hope that the comrades of the Department will avail themselves of the privilege and attend the encampment. The many attractions and earnest effort of the patriotic citizens of Kalamazoo to make this encampment a record breaker should meet with hearty approval of the comrades in a largely increased attendance.

LINCOLN CENTENNIAL MEDALS.

4. After long and patient waiting the Lincoln medals are being distributed, and it is confidently believed that you are well repaid for your long wait in the excellent work of art that has been produced. Knowing that many comrades would desire to secure one after they have seen them the Assistant Adjutant General wrote the committee asking if they would receive further orders for the medals, the following extract from a letter received will be of interest:

NEW YORK, May 21, 1909.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing Mich.:

Dear Comrade: I am glad to receive your letter of the 17th and to say that the Department of Michigan is the first to have medals shipped to it, which you deserved.

The committee has not placed any limit of time for receiving orders, but it must do so some time.

We have orders for 10,000 medals and can make only 100 per day, so let us hope the die won't break.

The labor of the committee concerning the observance of the Lincoln Centennial was manifold, but it is amply repaid in the magnificent results throughout the whole country.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

ALLEN C. BAKEWELL,  
*Chairman.*

In view of the above, the Assistant Adjutant General will continue to receive orders for the Lincoln medal, subject to delay. It is found necessary, owing to the extra expense of express and mail, to ask the comrades to add 10 cents to the price of the medal, which is 75 cents, making 85 cents for quantities less than 8. Where eight or more are ordered, addition of 5 cents, making 80 cents is asked for to pay express charges. Send in your orders early if you desire the medal.

By order of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

C. E. FOOTE,  
*Department Commander.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, JUNE 8, 1909.

General Orders, No. 9, Series 1908-9.

To Post Commanders and to Comrades of the Department of Michigan,  
Grand Army of the Republic:

It is with sincere regret I announce the death of my predecessor, Charles E. Foote, which occurred at his home in Kalamazoo, Saturday, June 5, 1909.

Words fail me in the expression of my emotions when I heard the unexpected and sad news. Comrade Foote was so well fitted for his high place, so devoted to its duties, and earnest in carrying out every detail of the office of Department Commander. I recall the exalted spirit in which he addressed the comrades of the Department after his election to the exalted position, pledging every effort that he could make during the coming year should be to advance the interests of the Grand Army of the Department of Michigan. On the very eve of our Department Encampment for the success of which he labored so earnestly, he has passed to

the other side, and joined the great army of the immortals. "He is with those who rest from their labors and are at peace."

To his stricken wife, and members of his family, and to the comrades of this Department, we tender the expression of our deepest sorrow at his going; he has fallen while engaged in the general great work of his office, sustaining and honoring the Grand Army of the Republic, and giving to his comrades cheer and comfort and a brave example of a noble life.

It is directed that the Charter of the Department and every Post be draped for a period of 30 days after receipt of these orders.

By authority given in Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 2, Rules and Regulations.

I hereby assume command of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic.

The Assistant Adjutant General, the Assistant Quartermaster General, and all other officers of the Staff will continue in the performance of their several duties during the remainder of the year and until their successors shall be chosen in the encampment.

By the same authority as before cited Junior Vice Department Commander Jay J. Drake, Post 21, St. Joseph, will succeed to the title and duties of Senior Vice Department Commander.

At the meeting of the Council of Administration to be held in Kalamazoo, June 22, 1909, a Junior Vice Commander will be elected to fill the vacancy thus created.

The following committee is appointed to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of Department Commander C. E. Foote and present the same at the Encampment to be held June 22-24: James E. White, Post 79; R. R. Pealer, Post 72; H. A. Backus, Post 17.

The details and arrangements for the coming 31st Department Encampment for which Comrade Foote labored so efficiently and earnestly, are all completed and will be carried out as planned by him. Let the comrades of the Department show their appreciation of the labor and sacrifice of our departed Commander, and in part pay the merited respect due him by a largely increased attendance at the Encampment on June 22, 23 and 24.

All communications intended for the Department Commander should be addressed to me, No. 602 Whitney Bldg., Detroit, Mich. All other communications as usual to Asst. Adj. Gen., at Lansing, Mich.

GEO. L. HOLMES,  
*Department Commander.*

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IN MEMORIAM.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, December 1, 1908.

It is with regret that the Department Commander announces the decease of Past Department Commander Rush J. Shank, of this Department, which occurred at his home in Lansing, Nov. 25th, 1908. Comrade Shank has been in feeble health for over two years but his death was sudden and unexpected.

In the early history of the Department, Comrade Shank took an active part in its affairs; was elected a Commander of Chas. T. Foster Post, No. 42, in 1882 and again in 1883. In 1884 he was elected Department Commander and served his comrades and the Department with ability. During the later years his professional duties prevented his taking that active interest which his heart prompted. His interest in the establishing and building of the Michigan Soldiers' Home, and his subsequent work as one of the board of managers, endeared him to his comrades. Comrade Shank also held many civic positions, having been elected Mayor of his home city. In every position that he was called to serve, he proved himself an efficient and capable official. Thus one by one our comrades are called from our ranks here to swell the increasing numbers on the eternal camping grounds.

In honor of our departed comrade, the Posts of the Department will drape their charters for a period of thirty days.

The Department Commander extends to his bereaved and stricken daughter, the sincere sympathy of the Department.

By command of

C. E. FOOTE,  
*Department Commander.*

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

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## MEMORIAL DAY.

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,  
KALAMAZOO, April 17, 1909.

Comrades: As the 30th day of May this year occurs on Sunday, Commander-in-Chief, Henry Nevius, has ordered that Monday, May 31st, be observed as Memorial Day, agreeable to orders as issued. The Posts of this Department will observe that day. Posts who may have made arrangements for holding services on the 29th of May, may do so if they cannot change without great inconvenience.

In accordance with our usual custom, the Posts of this Department are ordered and earnestly urged to attend Divine Service at some church on Sunday, May 30th.

Posts are recommended to invite their Auxiliaries, the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Ladies of the G. A. R. and such other patriotic organizations as it may seem proper to join with them in these services.

Let us show by our attendance on Divine Service the respect and reverence due to Him who guided all the affairs of state and "who saved and preserved us a nation."

On the following day all Posts and W. R. C. corps and Ladies of the G. A. R. are expected to devote the day in preparing and strewing flowers upon the graves of our Comrades that have preceded us on our long march and are now in camp beyond the Great Divide.

Dear comrades, let not the beautiful custom of strewing flowers o'er the graves of our comrades, which was inaugurated by our great Chief-tain, Gen. John A. Logan, be forgotten, but seek out the graves of all such and garland them with God's choicest gifts, the beautiful flowers. And should perchance a confederate soldier's grave be in your pathway, do not neglect to garland it as well—not as a remembrance of his loyalty, but as a token of his bravery, which he showed while fighting in a misguided cause.

In the afternoon, it is hoped that all Posts in the Department, will meet in their respective Post rooms, or some designated place and hold Memorial exercises and have addresses upon patriotism.

Invite the children to meet with you, both at the decoration of the graves and at the afternoon exercises, in order that they may learn what war was and what the comrades before them endured and suffered in order that our glorious Government might live and that they might be permitted to live in a happy, free and undivided country and that Old Glory in all its beauty, is still waving over them, as an emblem of equal rights and National unity.

“And when after taps comes the last reveille  
 And Assembly shall sound on that far away shore,  
 May we meet on parade, neath the shade of Life’s tree,  
 With Grant, silent Chief, at the head of the Corps.”

By order of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

C. E. FOOTE,  
*Department Commander.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, Dec. 28, 1908.

Circular Letter, No. 3.

In this the glad greeting time of all the year, I wish to convey the greetings of the Christmas time and the Happy New Year to every Post as an organization and every comrade individually in this Department.

We can find great cause for rejoicing and thankfulness that after forty-three years since the close of the great war for the preservation of our National integrity and unity, so many of us are spared to greet the incoming of the year 1909. And we view with increased pride the greatness and power of this our loved country. We are proud of the record that we when younger and in the full flush of youth, helped to write upon the world’s page of history. And let us, comrades, strive to perpetuate the fraternal feelings which bound us together as Boys and Comrades from ’61 to ’65. Our work and history as the Grand Army of the Republic is not yet fully written. Let us rejoice that after passing through the perils and suffering of war, and the lapse of so many years, we are permitted to greet so many of those who followed Old Glory, and who stood by each other in the perils of battle, when to touch the elbow of comrades gave us renewed courage and strength. Let the inspirations of the past give us new courage for the battle of life still before us. Let us strive till the end comes to be faithful in our duty to our comrades living. Many need the encouragement of the hearty hand clasp, given in comradeship greetings. Comrades, let us be solicitous of the welfare of our aged and infirm comrades. It may be but little that we can do, but let us resolve in the name of the God of battles that we will stand steadfast by our noble Order. Yes, on the honor of a soldier, let’s do it till taps sounds for you and me.

Your Comrade and Well Wisher,

C. E. FOOTE,  
*Department Commander.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, April 6, 1909.

Circular Letter, No. 4.

Post Patriotic Instructor:

The Chairman of the National Committee on Observance of Lincoln Centennial Day has sent to the several Departments a circular letter asking for particulars of the celebration of Lincoln's Day, as held by the Posts of the Department. Agreeable to the request, you will gather such material as is called for, and if copies of speeches and programs cannot be had, write out a sketch of the observance of the day as held by the Post or citizens, and send the same to M. C. Barney, Department Patriotic Instructor, Flint, Mich., who will collect the same and forward to Allan C. Bakewell, of the National Committee. For your guidance in this matter, a copy of the letter sent to the Department accompanies this letter. This information is wanted before the first of May, so that promptness in reply is very urgent.

By order of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

C. E. FOOTE,  
*Department Commander.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, Dec. 29, 1908.

Special Dispensation No. 3.

The attention of Post Commanders is especially called to Circular No. 1 from National Headquarters, and which was sent to the Posts of this Department the last of November.

It is requested that this Circular be read at two or more meetings of the Post, in order that the comrades may become acquainted with the facts set forth and with the desire of the Commander-in-Chief relative to recruiting.

The Department Commander would call attention to the class of men mentioned who would gladly join the Grand Army of the Republic if they could do so. "Many are old men, too old to attend Post meetings, too poor to pay initiation fees and dues, who look with envy upon the Grand Army man. They were good soldiers, brave, loyal and true to our country and its flag. Some provision should be made whereby these comrades can be brought into our order. I would suggest that a dispensation be granted to Post Commanders to muster such men in their homes, pin the badge upon their breast, put the little bronze button in the lapel of their coat, let the disgruntled and dissatisfied appearance vanish from their face and replace it with a smile of joy and content-

ment. Let them sit by their firesides with their children and grandchildren, peaceful and happy, and teach to them the privilege and duty of patriotism, and when they are called, let them go as Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Our good auxiliaries, the noble women, have never failed us; they whose charities have done so much for us in the spirit of F. C. and L., have promised me that they will gladly aid in this good work in rebuilding the fire of patriotism in these cold hearts, that we cannot reach, and they will gladly pay the per capita tax of all such comrades."

For the purpose of carrying out the recommendations as quoted, the Post Commanders of the Posts of this Department, are hereby granted a special dispensation, this dispensation to be in force for a period of three months from the first of January, 1909, to muster such recruits after they have been properly elected, by going to their homes and either in person or by detail muster the recruit by administering the obligation only.

Report of such action with names of recruit and date of muster, will be made to the Assistant Adjutant General.

By command of

C. E. FOOTE,

*Department Commander.*

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

Office of Department Patriotic Instructor,  
Flint, Feb. 23, 1909.

Post Patriotic Instructor:

Comrade: Answering the many inquiries I have received regarding the duties of Post Patriotic Instructor, will say: As I see the work before us, it is this: We have but a few years to do a work that should have been commenced 20 years ago. Many of us have grown old very fast in the past few years and have forgotten so much of our war record that should have been given to the rising generation long ago. We now find them so anxious to hear from the lips of those that were there. Comrades, did you ever think how little history our children are getting of that terrible war from '61 to '65? Look school history over and then compare with your own record and you will find many stories to tell which never have been told, not only to our school children but to others. In my opinion as Department Patriotic Instructor, we should get in close touch with our several schools, and in so doing we shall not only teach patriotism, but leave a history with the children that will be told to their children and grand children when all have answered the last roll call. Try giving receptions to schools with teachers and officers, with a good lively program, hardtack and coffee. Every Post and Corps should present at least one flag to some school each year, which will

be kept as a relic of patriotism from both orders, and be remembered when both shall have ceased to exist.

Post Patriotic Instructors are requested to answer the questions on the enclosed blank, sending in their reply not later than May 1st, so as to enable the Department Patriotic Instructor to embody the same in his report to the Department in June.

Comrades, will you please do this, so that our work may have a proper and prominent place in the Department reports?

Yours in F. C. & L.,

M. C. BARNEY,

*Department Patriotic Instructor.*

## ACT NO. 252, PUBLIC ACTS 1909.

AN ACT to provide for the burial of the bodies of certain honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, or the wives or widows of said soldiers, sailors or marines, or army nurses, in this State, who shall hereafter die without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses, and to repeal act number thirty-nine of the public acts of nineteen hundred five.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of each county in this State to appoint in each township and ward, in their respective counties, a suitable person, other than those designated for the care of paupers and the care of criminals, whose duty it shall be in his township or ward, to look after and cause to be interred in a decent and respectable manner in any cemetery or burial ground within this State, other than those used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead, at an expense not to exceed fifty-five dollars, the body of any honorably discharged Union soldier, sailor or marine having served in the army or navy of the United States, during the Civil War or the late war with Spain, or the wives or widows of such soldiers, sailors or marines, or any army nurse who was employed as a nurse by authority which is recognized by the war department, and who rendered actual service as a nurse in attendance upon the sick or wounded in any regimental post, camp or general hospital of the armies of the United States for a period of six months or more, and who was honorably relieved from such service, who shall hereafter die not having means sufficient to defray the necessary funeral expenses. Such person so appointed shall serve without compensation, and shall hold his appointment so long as he serves to the satisfaction of the board of supervisors; and whenever any vacancy occurs from any cause, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors to fill such vacancy by the appointment of another suitable person.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the person so appointed, as provided in the foregoing section, before he assumes the charge and expense of any such burial, to first satisfy himself by a careful inquiry into and examination of all the circumstances in the case that the family of such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, or the wife or widow of any soldier, sailor or marine, or army nurse, as aforesaid, if he or she had any at the time of his or her decease, residing in such township or ward, is unable for want of means, to defray the expenses of such funeral or burial, whereupon, if he finds such inability to exist, he shall cause such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, or the deceased wife or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine, or such army nurse, to be buried as provided in section one of this act, and he shall also immediately report his action to the clerk of the board of super-

visors of the county, setting forth all the facts, and that he found the family of such deceased person, if he or she had any, in indigent circumstances and unable to pay the expenses of such funeral or burial, together with the name, rank and command to which such soldier, sailor or marine belonged, and in case of such wife or widow, the rank and command to which her husband or deceased husband belonged, the name and service rendered as such army nurse, the date of his or her death, place where buried and his or her occupation while living; also, an accurately itemized statement of the expenses incurred by reason of such burial.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors upon receiving the report and statement of expense provided for in section two of this act, to transcribe in a book kept for that purpose all the facts contained in said report respecting such deceased soldier, sailor or marine or the deceased wife or widow of the same, or such deceased army nurse.

It shall also be the duty of said clerk, upon the death and burial of any such soldier, sailor, or marine to make application to the proper authorities under the government of the United States for a suitable headstone, as is now or may hereafter be provided by act of Congress, and to cause the same to be placed at the head of such deceased soldier's, sailor's, or marine's grave. And also, to cause a suitable headstone to be placed at the head of the deceased wife or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine, or any army nurse, if the same shall now or hereafter be provided by act of congress.

SEC. 4. All expenses incurred in such burial as provided in this act, shall be audited and paid by the board of supervisors or board of county auditors, the same as other legal charges against the county.

SEC. 5. Act number thirty-nine of the public acts of nineteen hundred five is hereby repealed.

Approved June 2, 1909.

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#### AMENDMENT TO TAX LAWS, ACT NO. 399, PUBLIC ACTS 1901.

Subdivision 11 of Section 7, which exempts under certain conditions real estate used as a homestead and owned by any soldier, sailor or their widows of the Civil War, is as follows:

Eleventh. All real estate used as a homestead not exceeding in value one thousand two hundred dollars of any soldier or sailor of the federal government who served three months or more during the civil war, and in all real estate as a homestead not exceeding in value one thousand two hundred dollars of any widow of such soldier or sailor: Provided, That any soldier or sailor, or the widow of any such sailor or soldier desiring to accept the benefits named in this section as to the exemption from taxation, shall make and file with the supervisor or assessing officer an affidavit, stating under oath that he was a soldier or sailor of the federal government during the civil war for a period of not less than three months, and in case it be the widow of a soldier or sailor mak-

ing such application, said affidavit must state that she is the widow of a soldier or sailor of the federal government at the present time, who served not less than three months as such soldier or sailor during the civil war. The said affidavit shall be sworn to before said supervisor, assessing officer, or any officer authorized to administer oaths and then filed by the said officer in his office, and turned over to his successor, where the same shall be open to inspection. Any person making a false affidavit in any particular, for the purpose of exemption from taxation shall be deemed to be guilty of the crime of perjury, and punished accordingly: Provided, however, That this exemption shall not operate to relieve from the payment of taxes any of the persons hereinbefore enumerated who are the owners of taxable property of greater value than twelve hundred dollars.



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