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HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
PITTSBURGH, PA., Oct. 18, 1882.

Pursuant to orders issued by Col. H. T. Rowley, Provisional Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, the Commandery assembled at the headquarters of Davis Camp, No. 1, and organized by electing Major John A. Wood, of Garfield Camp No. 3, temporary chairman, and Major John H. Siefert, of Davis Camp, No. 1, temporary secretary.

Representatives present:

Col. Charles M. Morton and I. B. Stanton, of New York.

W. C. Wikoff and W. R. Byers, of Ohio.

Col. H. T. Rowley, Maj. John A. Wood, Maj. John H. Siefert and Lieut. H. W. Wilker, of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Capt. W. C. Wikoff, it was resolved that the provisional officers of the Commandery-in-Chief be made the permanent officers until the regular election.

Captain Wikoff also moved that the rules adopted for the government of the provisional organization be made the rules governing the Commandery-in-Chief, excepting New York.

Bro. Stanton moved to amend the motion, so as to place New Jersey on the same footing as New York (on the minutes).

Amendment accepted, and motion and amendment adopted.

Colonel Morton moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock P. M., and the first business to be transacted at the evening session be that of fixing the revenue to be paid to the Commandery-in-Chief by the several Camps thereof. Carried.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Col. H. T. Rowley presiding and Lieut. H. W. Wilker as secretary.

Colonel Morton offered the following resolution, which was upon motion adopted:

Resolved, That a charter fee of ten dollars be charged against each Camp now working under the system of Ritual and Rules as originated by Western Pennsylvania, and that a notice of this action be forwarded to the respective Commanders of the various Camps, and that they be instructed to forward immediately to the Quartermaster General the above-named sum. This sum shall entitle the various Camps to a Charter, the necessary number of Rituals, and samples of blanks required to organize a Camp.

On motion, the Unwritten Work (signs, grips, etc.), as illustrated by Brother Stanton, was adopted.

Colonel Morton moved that the per capita tax be fixed at fifteen cents per year, until the next annual meeting. Carried.

Colonel Morton moved that bonds to the amount of \$1,000 (to bear six per cent. interest) be issued in sums of from ten dollars to twenty-five dollars each, by the Commander-in-Chief and the Council-in-Chief (provided that they see fit to do so), in order to relieve the Commandery of any indebtedness that may be incurred.

Brother Stanton moved that we now go into nomination and election of officers of the Commandery-in-Chief. Carried.

The following officers were nominated and elected:

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,	H. T. ROWLEY, Pittsburgh, Pa.
LIEUT. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,	CHARLES DURFEE, Decatur, Ill.
VICE LIEUT. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,	W. C. WIKOFF, Columbus, O.
CHIEF OF STAFF,	WALTER E. MORRIS, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The following were nominated and elected Council-in-Chief, with power for the Commander-in-Chief to add three more:

JOHN A. WOOD,	McKeesport, Pa.
JOHN VOGT,	Pittsburgh, Pa.
JOHN H. SIEFERTH,	Pittsburgh, Pa.
CHARLES SCHOULAN,	Allegheny, Pa.
F. N. ARBOGAST,	Pittsburgh, Pa.
W. R. BYERS,	Columbus, O.
F. D. MITCHELL,	New York.
PHIL KLOEBER,	New York.
A. L. BODA,	Columbus, O.
W. J. MASKELL,	Chicago, Ill.
J. B. SHAW, JR.,	LaFayette, Ind.
D. M. BANGS,	Waterville, Me.

General Rowley then announced the following staff appointments:

ADJUTANT GENERAL, H. W. WILKER, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, F. N. ARBOGAST, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 INSPECTOR GENERAL, J. D. STANTON, Amsterdam, N. Y.
 JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, . . . CHAS. CHENOWITH, Chicago, Ill.
 CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF, M. R. BYERS, Columbus, O.

Colonel Morton moved that we now go into nomination for selecting the next place of meeting for the Commandery-in-Chief. Carried.

On motion, duly seconded, it was resolved that the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief be held in New York City, the time of meeting to be announced in future orders.

Colonel Morton then moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet between the 10th and 20th of August, 1883, the exact time to be promulgated by General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief. Carried.

The following telegram was then read:

CHICAGO, ILL., October 18, 1882.

COL. HARRY T. ROWLEY, *Pittsburgh, Pa.* :

Greetings! Success crown labors of Commandery Sons of Veterans!
 May prosperity follow under your guidance. W. J. MASKELL.

On motion, adjourned.

H. W. WILKER,
Adjutant General.