

ALR Indiana State Chapter Meeting January 10, 2009 1pm

TJ called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer and Riders Response were recited.

Roll Call was taken.

State Commander, Ralph E. Tolan spoke to us. He asked the ALR not to carry around any alcohol in the meeting and vender area. Ask that there be NO DRINKS in the Knightstown Meeting. Lots of press attending because of the Knightstown Home closing proposal by the State Health Department.

TJ ask to waive reading of the minutes from the last meeting, asked for any questions on them. Chapter 20 reminded us their Chapter received a Charter at the October Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made and seconded, passed by vote.

Marty gave a report for the Knightstown Christmas Party donations. There was \$7200.82 donated, with \$8314.08 spent.

Next Mark and Deb presented Pugman with a Certificate of appreciation for all the work he put into the Challenge Coin project and helping with his communication skills to put the word out for the Knightstown Party.

We as the ALR need to go to the Knightstowns Committee meeting this afternoon and show our support and follow the Legions lead as to what our next step is.

State Rally - The Director from Jonesboro let us know they are working on the event. They have a camping area, there are motels, groceries, etc. close by. The location is just off I-69. He will have more details at the April Meeting. Dates for the Rally are June 26, 27, 28, 2009

The Treasury and membership Report was given by Mike Fathman.

June 30, 2009 is the last day for this years membership. After that our 2010 cards will be available. There are currently 2389 members in Indiana.

There will be an I Support the ALR card printed up by Mike. They will look like the ALR's membership cards but they will be a different color. The Director of each Chapter needs to send in the name of the Supporters the Chapter has to Mike Fathman. Make sure to provide the address where the Membership cards are to be mailed, ie Diretor or Membership officer.

Knightstown sent the ALR a thank you for the \$2000.00 donation we give them.

Marty made the motion to accept the Treasury report, Lenny seconded it. Passed by vote.

At this time TJ performed the installation of the 2009-2010 - Sgt At Arms-Marty Skaggs and Chaplain-Mike Moore. He presented them to the Chapter Officers.

New Business

TJ Proposed a committee of three (each) to attend the Knightstown meetings and the Veteran's Home meetings at the conventions and conferences. They will report back to the ALR at the State meetings with the activities and events that are being planned so that we can support and so that we do not plan any other activities or events that would be in conflict. The committee for Knightstown will be Marty Skaggs, Chapter 64; Jere Riggs, Chapter 152; and Cathy Cole Chapter 97. The Veteran's Home committee will be Mike Fathman, Chapter 492; Michael Shirley, Chapter 200; Mark Gosney Chapter 492.

The topics of the meeting with the State Commander had to do with the Knightstown Christmas party schedule, our members and officers having alcohol in our meetings and out in the venter area of the hotel. The dress code was also discussed. The Commander asked us what the Legion could do for us as the ALR program.

TJ presented the resolution for our awards that will be presented to committee later today, if we approve the wording in this meeting. TJ read the resolution to us. Mike Miller states the steps that will happen. It will then go to the DEC for approval. He feels that it will be passed as written. Jim Hamilton made a motion to accept the Resolution as written and send it on to the Legion Committee, Bob Schnell seconded. Approved by vote of the Chapters.

Mike Shirley, a representative for the New Chapter 200, Boonville, in District 8 was presented with their Charter and Riders Response Poster.

Tom Davis from Moorsville Post announced they would be having a Fall Homecoming Party.

Rick mentioned that if all event flyers were e-mailed to him, he would put them on the ALR state Website.

Assistant Director, Mark Gosney asked that any officer who did not get the State Newsletter come up to the table, after the meeting and give Kim your correct information so that you will get your mailings from the State.

Challenge Coins - Blank (no post # engraved) Coins are going to be available through the State Treasurer.

Mark Gosney announced that the person who has the floor needs to stand up, state your name (Loudly), chapter number, then give your motion, question, or information.

If you have a question or problem you should always send the e-mail to both TJ and Mark so that one of them gets back with you. Also if you call TJ and he doesn't answer, please call Mark so he can help you. TJ is very busy and sometimes can not get back with you and Mark can.

John Storer announced the passing of Lee Stackhouse a member of Chapter 243.

Mike Fathman stated that he would be in Florida for February so there will be no ALR Treasury/Membership activities.

Mike Miller - Explained the Knightstown issue as being: The Governor wants to eliminate the Line in the budget which funds the Home. It is not a done deal. The meeting at 3PM will be deciding what our next step is. We will need to contact our Legislators and ask they keep the line in the Budget to fund it. More details after the meeting this afternoon.

He told us he was proud of the ALR's growth and participation at the Legion Posts. Keep up the good work!

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Cliff, seconded by Chuck Sweet. Passed by vote.

A \$5.00 fine was paid for breaking the Field during the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Kim Dietz

ALR State Secretary

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