

Vineland, N.J. January 5th, 1882

Regular Encampment – of Lyon Post No. 10, G.A.R., Dept. of New Jersey, Wednesday, Evening – 7:30

Post opened in due form, with the commander in the chair.

Officers absent – at roll call – Q.M., O.D., O.G. & Q.M.S.

Comrades filled vacancies as follows – Babcock, Parsons, Wanser and Pasco.

Minutes – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

General Orders – No. 12 – Nat. H.Q. and Dept. H.Q. orders No.'s 15 & 16, were read and ordered filed.

Committee – on application of W.W. Whiting to become a member of the post. Committee consisted of Comrades Parson, Capen and Singleton, which reported favorably, on motion, report was accepted. ballot be taken, W.W. Whiting was duly elected.

O.D. Reported – that the candidate was in waiting at the out post and presented to orders of the P.C., was Admitted and duly mustered in the ranks of Lyon Post No. 10, Dept. of NJ, G.A.R.

Relief Committee – Comrade Conly (of ___?___ Post, Dept of Pa.) so far improved that he would need no further assistance beyond an order to be drawn tonight.

Comrade Hamilton – reported change of residence to Landis Ave above 7th St.

On Motion – an order be drawn on the Q.M. in favor of Com. R.S. Conley of Gerble Post, Dept. of Pa. For \$8.00 for two weeks of sick benefits. Carried.

On Motion – the adjutant was instructed to inform Gerble Post that Comrade Conley was off the sick rolls, and to Draw on the post for the amount of \$16.00 – four weeks benefits paid the comrade. Carried.

The Resignation – of our Junior vice elect, Com. J.A. Strong (reason – having gone to Florida) . The P.C. ordered A new election to fill the vacancy. Comrades Parsons and White appointed a tellers. The post then proceeded to nominate, the ballot being taken resulting in the election of Comrade Wanser for Junior Vice commander for the ensuing year.

The name of – John Montgomery (with the fee of \$1.00) was presented, balloted for and elected to membership in the contributing corps of this post.

Comrade C.P. Lord – representative of the department as installing officer being present – The P.C. informed him that we were now ready to proceed to install the officers for the ensuing year.

Comrade Lord – then proceeded to his official duties – installing the following officers –

P.C. ----- D.H. Burge	Sr. Vice -----G.W. Swing
Jr. Vice--- J. Wanser	Q.M. -----A.J. Parsons
Chap. ---- C.P. Lord	Surg. ----- J. McDonald
O.D. ----- L.B. Ross	O.G. -----H.B. Beardsley
Adj. ----- W.G. White	S.M. -----W.R. Bryant
Q.M.S. --- C.E. Greene	I.G. -----B.O. Adams
O.G. -----C.E. Winslow	

Our installation - ceremony was broken in upon –

by a little matter which should not be overlooked and what at one time had the appearance of meaning (?) the harmony of the evening and the beauty of our installation (to one of our comrades at least)

It was at that past, when our retiring commander, his adjutant and Quarter master are ordered to the front to answer the necessary questions which they did satisfactory, the adjutant and Q.M. were dismissed. The erect and soldierly form of our retiring post commander stood before us, his face wreathed in smiles and depicted there on an air of satisfaction (to himself at least). A

well done, good and faithful servant, he apparently having grown several inches in stature, having been relieved of the burdens of responsibility as commander of the post for the past year. Silence had reigned supreme for a moment when it was broken by the stentorian voice of our commander informing our retiring officer that grave and serious charges were proposed against him. Those charges fell upon the ears of our retiring commander like a clap of thunder from a clear sky. The smile that had wreathed the face with pleasure and satisfaction (a half inch thick) was swept away by the dark cloud of disappointment and despair. And as those charges were followed up by Comrade Parsons that erect frame dropped like a stick of taffy in the August sun. His eyes sought the flour, hoping that as a stranger it might open and take him in, but he was not to be taken in that way. But the crises was approaching the officer of the Day, produced a volumous envelope, presenting it to the accused. The retiring commander receiving it with trembling hands being assured at the same time that there in he would find – not his death warrant or discharge from the G.A.R. But in stead, there in a Past Commander's Badge from the members of the post as a slight token of the esteem in which was held by one and all and as an appreciation of his service and the successful manner he had administered the affairs of this post for the past year. The remarks of Comrade Lord and Officer of the Day Parsons were followed by Comrades White, Babcock and others substantiating the charges in heart but replacing the portion of grave and serious. The Badge was placed upon the Comrades left breast and he smiled a happy smile and took his seat. May his future as has been his past be animated by the true principles of our order and the guiding stars through this life be our motto – Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty ever surrounding us. Also of duties to our comrades living and the more sacred duties of those the dead have left to our protection.

Motion made – by Comrade Greene that we have a speech from our installing officer.

Comrade C.P.Lord – our installing officer spoke the question of securing the services of Comrade Lord a brother of our Comrade C.P. Lord to give reading for the post for benefit and relief fund was discussed.

Motion made – by Comrade Wanser that Com. Lord's services be secured.

On Motion – Com. Greene suggested that a committee be appointed to secure a hall and arrange for entertainment. Comrades Greene, Parsons and Wanser were appointed to said committee.

O.D. Ross – stated that E.B. Shaw wished to be reinstated in full membership in this post and wished to know what would be the entire cost to do so.

On Motion – E.B. Shaw be reinstated on payment of \$2.50. Carried.

Camp Fire – Committee reported progress.

There being no further business the post closed in F. C. & L.

W.G. White, Adj.

Report - of receipts - \$8.97