

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Minutes

Meeting of the Camp
Tuesday, November 29, 1998
Samuel W. Grinnell GAR Post #283
Building
Sunfield, Michigan

Commander Nash assigned Thomas Emerick to serve duties as Junior Vice Commander, Paul Hodges as Guide, and Charles Brown as Chaplain.

I. Camp Meeting was opened with prescribed ritual by Commander Nash at Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall at 7:23 p.m.

II. Roll Call: Brothers present: Charles Brown, Thomas Emerick, Paul D. Hodges, John Nash, James Neal, Todd Rakestraw, David Rehkopf, Kenneth Rousseau, Brian Shumway, Richard Williams.

Brothers excused: Dale Calder, Nathan Harrison, Charles Langworthy, James Lyons, George Roux, Adin Shank, William Warren.

Sick Call: Charles Langworthy's wife is in serious condition at Sparrow Hospital. Commander Nash will mail a card.

Commander Nash called for a minute of silence for PCinC Eugene Russell.

III. Minutes of the September 29, 1998 meeting: PDC Hodges moved to adopt the minutes of the September 29 meeting as distributed, seconded by Thomas Emerick. Ayes all.

IV. Applicants: None

VI. Committee Reports:

Bylaws: No business was reported.
Memorials and Graves Registration: No report
Membership: No report
Military Affairs: No report.

Memorial Day/Day of Remembrance: No report

Patriotic Instruction: PI David Rehkopf provided a verbal report on contacts with the Boy Scouts and problems he has experienced.

Program and Publicity: No report

Grinnell Award: No Report.

Hall Restoration: No report.

VII. Orders and Communications:

SVC Rakestraw presented communications including a) the Minutes of the Helen Edwins Tent #30, DUVCW for October and November, 1998, b) The Camp Blair Courier, c) The Michigan Reenactor, and d) a letter from Commander Johnson regarding the cannon in front of the VFW Post in Griswold, IA. Discussion of the "Iowa Cannon Controversy" ensued.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

Discussion regarding obtaining a State of Michigan flag for the Hall. No action.

IX. New Business:

Commander Nash asked for a motion to adopt dues for 1999 as recommended by Treasurer Dick Williams at \$24 per year, \$29 if paid after February 28. M/S/C.

Shumway moved to create a fund to maintain moneys for the various legal requirements of the Order, as, for instance, the Cannon Controversy. Brother Charles Brown seconded. Discussion. Ayes all.

X. Good of the Order:

Brother Richard Williams reported on the MidWinter Conference, describing a raffle to be held with a print as prize.

PDC Hodges presented information regarding the Civil war Gun Show and Exposition February 19 and 20 in Lansing at the Marshall Street Armory.

Information also on the 3rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry Civil war Show on January 16 and 17 in Grand Rapids. S.V.C. Rakestraw reported on the story of Julius Hoyt Spaulding.

XI. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Williams presented a report showing a balance of accounts at \$1,384.14 as of November 24, with 829.79 in the Hall Restoration Fund, 504.77 in savings, and 49.58 in checking, with anticipated expenses of \$149 in per capita due soon.+

\$17 was collected in "Passing the Hat".

Nominations Committee- PDC Paul Hodges presented a slate of officers for 1999 including: S.V.C. -Todd Rakestraw, J.V.C. - George Roux, Secretary - Thomas Emerick, Treasurer - Richard Williams

Shumway moved to close nominations and adopt the slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee by unanimous ballot. Seconded by Rehkopf. Ayes all. Noted that a Commander has not been recommended at this time and that position will be filled at our January meeting.

Commander Nash closed the camp per ritual at 8:30 p.m.

+ indicates that a written report has been submitted and is available for inspection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian J. Shumway, Secretary