

# Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Department of Michigan

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### Minutes

Meeting of the Camp  
Sunday, May 30, 1999  
Samuel W. Grinnell  
GAR Post #283 Building  
Main Street  
Sunfield, Michigan

Commander James Lyons, PDC, assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent officers by appointment Pro Tem.

### I. Opening Ritual:

Commander Lyons opened the Camp meeting per ritual at 2:05 PM on Sunday, May 30, 1999 at the Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall, Sunfield Michigan. The meeting was preceded by a memorial service by the Camp at the gravesite of Samuel W. Grinnell in Welch Cemetery at 1:30 PM.

### II. Roll Call:

#### Brothers present:

Lavern Aves, Marc Bennetts, Dale Calder, Keith Harrison, Paul Hodges, Ronald Kruger, James Lyons, John Nash, James Neal, James B. Pahl, David Rehkopf, George Roux, and Dana Traub.

#### Brothers excused:

Thomas Emerick, Nathan Harrison, Charles Langworthy, James AK Pahl, Todd Rakestraw, Kenneth Rousseau, Adin Shank, Ron Shull, Gordon Warren, William Warren, and Richard Williams.

#### Sick Call:

None reported

### III. Welcome to Guests:

JVC Roux introduced Jon Armstrong Lansing, Michigan who was welcomed by all.

### IV. Approval of Minutes:

The Camp VOTED to approve the minutes of the March 30, 1999 meeting of the Camp as distributed.

### V. Concerns for Brothers:

The Camp membership expressed their concerns for Brother Rousseau who was absent due to personal health problems.

**VI. New Members and Initiations:** The Camp VOTED unanimously to approve the application of Curtis Owen Bohlman, of Oklahoma, as an Associate of the Camp and the Order.

### VII. Recess:

The Camp decided against having a recess

### VIII. Committee Reports:

#### Bylaws:

No Report.

#### Memorials and Graves Registration:

No report

#### Membership:

JVC Roux reported for the Membership Committee. A recruitment booth will be provided at the Charlton Park Muster (Hastings, MI) on July 17 and 18. Assistance in manning the tent will be needed.

#### Memorial Day/ Day of Remembrance:

No report

#### Military Affairs:

No report.

#### Patriotic Instruction:

No report..

#### Program and Publicity:

No report.

#### Grinnell Award:

No Report.

#### Hall Restoration:

No report.

### IX. Orders and Communications:

Commander Lyons reported on the receipt of a Memorial Day message from Department Commander Kent Armstrong. In it, Commander Armstrong said, "We want to thank you for joining in this expression of gratitude to all our departed veterans - those who lost their life in service, giving what President Abraham Lincoln described as the 'last full measure of devotion,' and those who survived their years in military service, but who are with us no more. Though they are gone, they live on in the memory of those who continue to honor them. Your efforts will insure that an otherwise 'unknowing public' will remember them as well. The freedoms and privileges that we enjoy in our daily-life were first won - and ever after protected by those who have served in our country's Armed Forces."

### X. Unfinished Business:

None.

### XI. New Business:

None.

### XII. Good of the Order:

The Camp was reminded about the Weekend of Remembrance at the Michigan Veteran's Facility in Grand Rapids, MI on August 7 and 8. No Camp has responded to Camp 17's challenge to a "Civil War Trivia Quiz" to be held as part of the activities. Nevertheless, the Camp decided to proceed with the plans to conduct a trivia quiz at 7:00 PM on Saturday, August 7.

### XIII. Treasurer's Report:

In light of the solemnity of the day, the Camp dispensed with the usual "pass the hat" activity for this meeting only.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of accounts at \$1,865.23 as of May 30, 1999 with \$11.00 in checking, \$908.42 in the Hall Restoration Fund, \$60.35 in the Memorial Fund, and 885.46 in savings. The Camp VOTED to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted.

### XIV. Closing Ritual:

Commander Lyons closed the meeting per ritual at 2:30 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

**Paul D. Hodges, PDC,  
Secretary Pro Tem**