

# Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Department of Michigan

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### Minutes

Meeting of the Camp  
Tuesday, January 30, 2001  
Samuel W. Grinnell  
GAR Post #283 Hall  
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 7:10 P.M. on Tuesday, January 30, 2001 at the Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall, Sunfield Michigan.

### II. Roll Call:

#### Brothers present:

Jeff Adams, Marc Bennetts, Charles Brown, Dale Calder, David Coon, Kyle Emerick, Thomas Emerick, Paul Hodges, Charles Langworthy, James Lyons, John Nash, David Neese, Mark Neese, Michael Neese, James B. Pahl, J. Douglas Park, David Rehkopf, Ken Rousseau, George Roux, Brian Shumway, Dana Traub, and Richard Williams.

#### Brothers excused:

Laverne Aves, Layton Aves, Nathan Harrison, Keith Krinn, Daniel Lisiralli, James A.K. Pahl, Ron Shull, and Gordon Warren.

#### Sick Call:

None reported.

### III. Welcome to Guests:

Ken Coon, father to Bro. David Coon, was recognized as a visitor observing our evening ceremonies. Mrs. Donald Wood, her son and daughter-in-law, John and Nicole Wood, were introduced. Mrs. Wood noted her Great-great Grandfather, John Swift, had served in the Union ranks during the Civil War. She circulated some photographs of her ancestor for the Camp to view. Mr. Wendel Peabody of 147 Jackson Street, Sunfield, MI, 48890

was recognized and revealed he was applying for membership in our Camp this evening.

### IV. Approval of Minutes:

Bro. Calder moved, seconded by Bro. Rehkopf, to postpone formal approval of the minutes of the November 28, 2000 meeting until the Camp meets next on March 27, 2001. The minutes were not distributed until just prior to this evening's meeting and the Camp wished to have an opportunity to review them for correctness. Motion carried.

### V. Concerns for Brothers:

Bro. Hodges reported he has fully recovered from his recent open-heart surgery and thanked all of the Brothers for their cards and support. Commander Lyons spoke on the recent death of Br. William Warren. The Camp charter was draped in honor of his passing.

### VI. New Members and Initiations:

JVC Neese reported receiving a few telephone inquiries since the date of the meeting. The application of Wendel Peabody was submitted and read aloud by JVC Neese. It was noted his ancestor, Great-great Grandfather James Bonaparte Peabody, was a member of Camp #263 and the chair bearing his name and Unit affiliation was readily identified in the room. Bro. James B. Pahl spoke highly, and at length, of his many years of past association with the applicant. Bro. Pahl moved to use the ceremonial ballot box, seconded by Bro. Calder, to vote on the application. Motion passed. The application was unanimously approved. Bro. Peabody was immediately initiated per the required ceremony.

### VII. Recess:

Camp was recessed for a break at 8:05 P.M. and the meeting reconvened at 8:17 P.M..

### VIII. Committee Reports:

#### Bylaws:

No Report.

#### Memorials and Graves Registration:

No Report.

#### Membership:

No Report.

#### Memorial Day/ Day of Remembrance:

No Report.

#### Military Affairs:

No report.

### Patriotic Instruction:

No report..

### Program and Publicity:

No report.

### Grinnell Award:

Commander Lyons formally presented this year's Grinnell award to two Brothers. Bro. Calder was singled out for his service in the capacity of Camp Chaplain and for organizing the Color Guard to represent the Camp at the many activities throughout the past year. Bro. Brown was recognized for his tireless efforts over the last two years in bringing the Camp Sigel Monument/21<sup>st</sup> Michigan project in Ionia, Michigan to fruition. Both recipients were heartily applauded for their commitment and extraordinary efforts.

### Hall Restoration:

No Report.

### IX. Orders and Communications:

Commander Lyons read a letter to the Camp from Department Commander Hayes requesting Camp #17's endorsement of his candidacy to serve another term as Dept. Commander. His desire to serve another term to be formally announced at the April Department meeting. Bro. Adams moved, seconded by Bro. Park, to endorse Commander Hayes candidacy for office. Motion passed. The Mid-Winter Conference is to be held at the Midway Hotel in Lansing, Michigan from 1:00-4:30 P.M. February 17, 2001. Commander Lyons noted this is an excellent opportunity for all new officers to gain insight and information on Camp duties and Departmental Committees. Brothers were directed to the latest copy of the Michigan Messenger for event details.

### X. Unfinished Business:

No further progress was reported on the Save-The-Flags Fund Raising March scheduled for June 30, 2001 due to Bro. Downing's absence.

### XI. New Business:

Bro. Nash circulated a recent copy of the *Grand Ledge Independent* newspaper containing a front-page picture and article regarding the November 30, 2000 Camp meeting.

Bro. Adams announced the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> annual G.A.R. recognition day in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Bro. Hoffman from the Austin Blair Camp is working to obtain a

commemorative plaque for the G.A.R. Hall in that city. Bro. Adams and Bro. Hoffman are organizing a program to be held in September of this year.

Bro. Park reported on a request from Bro. Krinn for the Camp to provide a Color Guard for the opening ceremony of the Michigan Environmental Health Association. The ceremony is scheduled for March 14, 2001 at the Holiday Inn – West in Lansing, Michigan at 9:30 A.M.. Former Governor James Blanchard is the keynote speaker for the conference. Bro. Calder volunteered to organize a Camp Color Guard for the event.

The Camp briefly discussed the recruiting tent to be staffed at Charlton Park in Hastings, Michigan July 21-22, 2001. Brothers will follow-up with the Re-enactor Coordinating committee to gather details on setting up our recruiting tent and paraphernalia.

**XII. Good of the Order:**

Bro. Brown read a thank you note from the organizers of the Camp Sigel Monument/21<sup>st</sup> Michigan project for the Camp's support. Bro. Brown presented a video of the rededication ceremony to Bro. Shumway to retain in his capacity as Camp Historian.

**XIII. Treasurer's Report:**

Bro. Williams Treasurer's report showed a balance of accounts at \$1,684.22 as of January 30, 2001 with \$56.00 in checking, \$375.03 in the Hall Restoration Fund, \$61.84 in the Memorial Fund, and \$1,540.29 in savings. Liabilities included 348.94 designated for the Camp Sigel Monument/21<sup>st</sup> Michigan project. The Profit & Loss Statement for November 28, 2000 through January 30, 2001 showed total income for the period of 616.50, total expenses of \$287.00 for net income for the period of \$329.50.

Bro. Calder moved, seconded by Bro. Brown, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.+

\$25.00 was collected in "Passing the Hat".

**XIV. Closing Ritual:**

Commander Lyons closed the meeting per ritual at 9:25 P.M..

**Notes on the Program of the Evening**

The Camp proceeded to view two videotapes for the remainder of the evening. Bro. Emerick provided a copy of a Detroit news broadcast showing the interior and exterior of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial (AKA G.A.R.) Building located in downtown Detroit, Michigan. Bro. Brown's videotape contained the rededication ceremony of the Camp Sigel Monument/21<sup>st</sup> Michigan project.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

**Thomas L. Emerick,  
Secretary**