

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Minutes

Meeting of the Camp
Tuesday, March 27, 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 7:08 P.M. on Tuesday, March 27, 2001 at the Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall, Sunfield Michigan.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers present:

Jeff Adams, Laverne Aves, Charles Brown, Dale Calder, David Coon, Kyle Emerick, Thomas Emerick, Keith Harrison, Paul Hodges, Keith Krinn, Charles Langworthy, James Lyons, John Nash, David Neese, Mark Neese, Michael Neese, James B. Pahl, J. Douglas Park, Wendel Peabody, Todd Rakestraw, Ken Rousseau, George Roux, Brian Shumway, and Dana Traub.

Brothers excused:

Layton Aves, Marc Bennetts, Nathan Harrison, Daniel Lisiralli, James A.K. Pahl, David Rehkopf, Adin Shank, Gordon Warren, and Richard Williams.

Sick Call:

None reported.

III. Welcome to Guests:

Steven Jacobus of 11804 WH-40, Rudyard, Michigan 49780 identified himself as a Sault Ste. Marie, MI area reenactor. Mr. Jacobus was in the area visiting relatives and decided to stop in to observe our proceedings. Bro. Harrison was kind enough to provide Mr. Jacobus with a membership application. Marty Walker of 123 N. Main, Clarksville, Michigan 48815 noted he is currently a

member of the John A. Logan Camp from Grand Rapids, MI. He has recently relocated nearer to Lansing. He was attending our meeting on the premise of possibly transferring his membership to our Camp. Mr. Al Minzey Jr. of 4321 E. Riverside Drive, Ionia, Michigan 48851 identified himself as a guest of Bro. David Coon.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Bro. Keith Harrison moved, seconded by Bro. Langworthy, to approve of the minutes of the January 30, 2001 meeting. Commander Lyons proposed an amendment to the motion to approve minutes from both the November, 2000 and January, 2001 meetings. Motion was so amended. The Camp voted unanimously to accept the revised motion except for Bro. James B. Pahl, who responded with the only nay vote. Motion carried.

V. Concerns for Brothers:

SVC Roux reported the Camp's true son, Bro. Adin Shank, had been hospitalized recently to have his pacemaker replaced. Commander Lyons directed a card of condolence be forwarded on the Camp's behalf.

VI. New Members and Initiations:

JVC David Neese reported forwarding membership applications to a Mr. Barry Stewart and Mr. Brian McVane. No response to date has been received from the correspondence.

VII. Recess:

The Camp bypassed recess to accommodate the trivia contest being held immediately following the regular business meeting.

VIII. Committee Reports:

Bylaws:

No Report.

Memorials and Graves Registration:

Commander Lyons reported there will be a meeting on April 14, 2001 from 1:30-4:00 p.m. in the Lake Superior Room at the Michigan Historical Museum. The purpose of the meeting is to review the status of the graves registration project, delegate assignments, and tour the genealogy area to become familiar with research materials. All Brothers are encouraged to attend.

Membership:

Commander Lyons reported Bro. Albaugh has requested and been granted an honorable discharge from the Camp.

Memorial Day/ Day of Remembrance:

Bro. Calder reviewed a detailed report on the upcoming Memorial Day activities and programs (see copy of report in the *Yankee*). Bro. Hodges and Bro. Langworthy reported they will be attending the Lansing Memorial Day Parade planning meeting on April 29, 2001.

Military Affairs:

No report.

Patriotic Instruction:

No report..

Program and Publicity:

No report.

Grinnell Award:

No report

Hall Restoration:

Bro. LaVerne Aves reported the Eaton County Historical Society has encouraged our Camp to apply for one of their annual grants. Bro. Aves noted he was applying, by April 1, 2001, for a grant to replace the hall's front and rear porches (cost estimated at \$500). The Daughter's tent is applying for grants also. The Camp is hoping to build porches resembling the original wooden ones. Commander Lyons expressed a desire to preserve the original pipe railing on the front porch.

IX. Orders and Communications:

Commander Lyons paid compliments to Department Commander Hayes efforts to publish the *Banner*. He also noted the *Michigan Messenger's* published cut-off date for the Department Encampments registration as being March 20, 2001. He encouraged all brothers attending to contact the hotel in advance to ensure they were paying the discount rate if staying overnight.

X. Unfinished Business:

Commander Lyons reported on the progress of the Save-The-Flags Fund Raising March scheduled for June 30, 2001. He summarized an article in the *Michigan Messenger* regarding solicitations for donations. Ms. Kerri Chartkoff contacted Commander Lyons requesting him to solicit and organize participation of SUVCW camps. Commander Lyons accepted this responsibility and an invitation to be a guest speaker for the program.

Commander Lyons reported Mr. Mike Black will representing the village in coordinating

where our Camp sets up at the Charlton Park reenactment this year.

Commander Lyons encouraged all Brothers to pre-register for the Michigan Department Encampment to be held on April 21, 2001. He indicated to Bro. Thomas Emerick the need to forward completed credential cards for all attendees to ensure their right to vote on any and all proceedings.

XI. New Business:

Secretary Thomas Emerick reported problems with official forms containing obsolete dates. He was directed to contact the National SUVCW organization to obtain revised forms.

Commander Lyons distributed copies of proposed bylaw changes from the Mid-Winter Conference. Discussion ensued on the change involving the fiscal (floating) year change. Bro. Harrison moved, seconded by Bro. Park, to support the proposed Department bylaw changes as submitted. Bro. James B. Pahl abstained himself from voting due to his direct involvement in the bylaw process. Motion carried.

Commander Lyons reported, on behalf of absent Bro. Bennetts, of a request for the Camp to provide a Color Guard for the Flag Day program on June 14, 2001 at the Michigan Historical Museum. Bro. Calder volunteered to organize a Camp Color Guard for the event.

Commander Lyons reported on the receipt of an application from Grand Ledge, Michigan for the Camp to participate in their fall festival scheduled on October 12-14, 2001. A lively discussion ensued with the result of the Camp deciding to fully support the request and provide a small Civil War encampment and living history program.

Bro. Rousseau moved, seconded by Bro. Calder, to permit Brothers to contact the *Yankee* editor and list military equipment for sale in the publication. Motion carried.

Commander Lyons noted the upcoming reinterment of U.S. Civil War soldier by the Austin Blair Camp #7 with full G.A.R. honors. The ceremony is scheduled to take place on May 12, 2001 in Eaton

Rapids. Our Camp will provide the Color Guard and Bro. Harrison has volunteered to command the military contingent. Bro. Harrison encouraged participation by all Brothers. Commander-in-Chief Edward Krieser is planning to attend the ceremony.

Commander Lyons read a report from Bro. Williams concerning non-dues paying members. Bro. Adams moved, seconded by Bro. Keith Harrison, to support a motion to drop Brothers delinquent in their dues as of March 31, 2001. Said Brothers to be reinstated, at no extra cost, when dues are made current at a later date. Motion carried.

XII. Good of the Order:

Commander Lyons presented Bro. Keith Harrison with a copy of the May, 2000 John A. Logan Memorial dedication ceremony certificate and group photograph.

SVC Roux reported on the outstanding performance of the Camp Color Guard at the Michigan Health Department Environmental Health Association program. The Color Guard, composed of Brothers Adams, LaVerne Aves, Calder Rousseau, and Roux, was presented with a \$100 honorarium on behalf of the Camp for their participation. Bro. Keith Harrison noted two pages of the event program were dedicated to Camp #17, SUVCW. Commander Lyons presented a motion for the \$100 donation to be deposited in the hall restoration fund. Bro. Calder moved, seconded by Bro. Adams, to support the motion. Motion carried.

XIII. Treasurer's Report:

Bro. Williams Treasurer's report showed a balance of accounts at \$2,080.22 as of March 27, 2001 with \$56.00 in checking, \$415.03 in the Hall Restoration Fund, \$61.84 in the Memorial Fund, and \$1,896.29 in savings. Liabilities included \$348.94 designated for the Camp Sigel Monument/21st Michigan project. The Profit & Loss Statement for January 30, 2001 through March 27, 2001 showed total income for the period of \$1,151.50, total expenses of \$537.00 for net income for the period of \$614.50.

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

\$43.00 was collected in "Passing the Hat".

XIV. Closing Ritual:

Commander Lyons closed the meeting per ritual at 8:33 p.m..

Notes on the Program of the Evening

The Camp adjourned to participate in the annual Trivia Contest. See details in the *Yankee*.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

**Thomas L. Emerick,
Secretary**