

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Minutes

Meeting of the Camp
Tuesday, July 31, 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 7:17 P.M. on Tuesday, July 31, 2001 at the Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall, Sunfield Michigan.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers present:

Jeff Adams, Robert Aumaugher, Dale Calder, Thomas Emerick, Paul Hodges, James Lyons, John Nash, James Neal, David Neese, Michael Neese, Doug Park, Ken Rousseau, George Roux, Ronald Shull, Brian Shumway, and Richard Williams.

Brothers excused:

Laverne Aves, Layton Aves, Marc Bennetts, Kyle Emerick, Nathan Harrison, Charles Langworthy, Mark Neese, James A.K. Pahl, James B. Pahl, David Rehkopf, Arthur Shank, and Dana Traub.

Sick Call:

None reported.

III. Welcome to Guests:

Bro. David Neese introduced Brian MacVean of Grand Ledge, Michigan as an applicant for membership in the Camp. Bro. Rousseau introduced Joshua Rousseau, his grandson, of Okemos, Michigan as another applicant for membership.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Bro. Calder moved, seconded by Bro. Adams, to approve of the minutes of the May 30, 2001 meeting. Motion carried.

V. Concerns for Brothers:

Bro. Hodges reported on Bro. Langworthy's recent successful carpal tunnel surgery.

VI. New Members and Initiations:

JVC David Neese reported on several leads obtained at the Charlton Park event in Hastings, Michigan. He noted the candidates MacVean and Rousseau were applying for membership this evening.

VII. Recess:

The Camp adjourned for a short recess at 7:50 P.M. and the regular business meeting was reconvened at 7:55 P.M..

VIII. Committee Reports:

Bylaws:

No Report.

Memorials and Graves Registration:

Commander Lyons reported Bros. Aumaugher, Hodges, Williams and himself had made great progress in their work on the Eaton County cemetery survey. Bros. Nash and Shumway have to date surveyed 24 cemeteries in Barry County.

Membership:

Bro. David Neese moved, seconded by Bro. Calder, to accept the applications of membership from candidates MacVean and Rousseau. Motion carried. Bro. Calder performed the initiation ceremony per ritual.

Memorial Day/ Day of Remembrance:

Bro. Calder presented an extensive report on the Camp's participation in the following activities:

- May 12, 2001 reinternment ceremony for Pvt. Daniel W. Pine in Eaton Rapids.
- May 26, 2001 Memorial Day Parade in Lansing.
- May 26, 2001 Memorial Day Ceremonies and ritual at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Lansing.
- May 26, 2001 Memorial Day Ceremonies at Little Arlington Cemetery section of Evergreen Cemetery in Lansing.
- May 27, 2001 Memorial Day Ceremonies with the Daughters at United Brethren Church in Sunfield.
- May 30, 2001 Memorial Day Ceremonies at Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall in Sunfield.

- June 14, 2001 Flag Day celebration at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing.
- June 14, 2001 historical rock rededication ceremony at Maple Grove cemetery in Mason.
- June 16, 2001 Yankee Doodle Days parade in Grand Ledge.
- July 21, 2001 "Walk for Life" ceremony in DeWitt.

Military Affairs:

No report.

Patriotic Instruction:

No report..

Program and Publicity:

No report.

Grinnell Award:

No report

Hall Restoration:

Bro. Laverne Aves filed his report+ from the shores of Ireland where he is searching out his family roots. He has obtained estimates for materials to replace the front and back porches. A grant from the Eaton County Historical Commission in the amount of \$200.00 was made to the Camp for the purpose of replacing the front porch of the G.A.R. hall. The Daughters received a similar grant from the Commission to be used to replace the back porch. A \$200.00 check from the Eaton County Historical Commission was presented to Treasurer Williams by Commander Lyons during the business portion of the meeting.

IX. Orders and Communications:

Commander Lyons discussed the upcoming National Encampment. He noted Michigan Department Commander Hayes is encouraging all Brothers to attend and fill out the Michigan Department complement of seats. It was also noted that Bro. Kent Armstrong was running for National JVC. Commander Lyons reported Eaton County Historical Commissioner Tom Schawver presented a 1949 National Encampment medal from Indianapolis, Indiana to the Camp at the prior Camp meeting. 6 of the remaining 12 surviving veterans attended the G.A.R. final encampment in Indianapolis. Only 1500 medals were struck to commemorate the event. Bro. James B. Pahl presented a banner streamer from the 2000 Remembrance Day ceremonies in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania event to Commander Lyons.

X. Unfinished Business:

Commander Lyons encouraged all Brothers to support the Camp at the following events:

- August 4, Grand Rapids Remembrance Day
- August 17-18, Sunfield Farmers Parade and Picnic
- October 12-14, Grand Ledge Color Tour. We will be setting up a living history program and recruiting tent. Bro. Brown has volunteered to provide the tentage and Bro. Laverne Aves will provide guidance from his many years of organizing programs at the event.
- November 11, Lansing Veterans Day Parade

Bro. Williams addressed the subject of purchasing canvas covers to protect the Camp colors. He has obtained estimates of \$30.00 each for the covers. Bro. Park moved, seconded by Bro. Roux, to purchase the covers at the stated price. Motion carried.

XI. New Business:

Commander Lyons reported Shirley Hodges would be presenting a program on Michigan in the Civil War at the September 25th Camp meeting. The business portion on the meeting will be brief to accommodate the program. Commander Lyons reported on the formation of the following committees.

- Nominating Committee:
Bros. Laverne Aves (Chairman), Neal, and Nash.
- Grand Ledge Color Tour Encampment:
Bros. Brown (Chairman) and Laverne Aves.
- Grinnell Award Committee:
Bros. Park (Chairman), Keith Harrison, and James B. Pahl. Nominating letters are due to the Camp Secretary by December 1st.

Bro. Calder raised the issue regarding opportunities for recruiting at past and upcoming events. Commander Lyons noted Bro. Calder should discuss this further with the JVC.

XII. Good of the Order:

Commander Lyons circulated the 2000 National Encampment plaque recognizing Camp #17 as the outstanding Camp in the Order. This a "traveling" plaque to be forwarded on to the Camp recognized for it's contributions in 2001. Commander

Lyons suggested to C in C Krieser that a certificate be awarded to each Camp receiving the award (past and present) as a permanent reminder of the recognition. The noted certificate awarded to the Camp was circulated among the Brothers.

Commander Lyons paid a glowing tribute to Bros. Laverne Aves and Hodges for the yeoman duty they are performing in presenting Eagle Scouts with the SUV CW certificate at their awards ceremonies.

XIII. Treasurer's Report:

Bro. Williams Treasurer's report showed a balance of accounts at \$1,734.22 as of July 31, 2001 with \$7.00 in checking, \$415.03 in the Hall Restoration Fund, \$61.84 in the Memorial Fund, and \$1,599.29 in savings. Liabilities included \$348.94 designated for the Camp Sigel Monument/21st Michigan project. The Profit & Loss Statement for May 30, 2001 through July 31, 2001 showed total income for the period of \$163.00, total expenses of \$334.00 for net income for the period of \$(171.00).

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

In place of "Passing the Hat", a raffle for one of three donated books was held. \$33.00 was collected and Bro. Thomas Emerick won the prize.

XIV. Closing Ritual:

Commander Lyons closed the meeting per ritual at 8:38 P.M..

Notes on the Program of the Evening

No report

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

Respectfully Submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

**Thomas L. Emerick,
Secretary**