

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Minutes

Meeting of the Camp
Tuesday, September 25, 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 7:07 P.M. on Tuesday, September 25, 2001 at the Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall, Sunfield Michigan.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers present:

Jeff Adams, Robert Aumaugher, Laverne Aves, Marc Bennetts, Charles Brown, Dale Calder, David Coon, Kyle Emerick, Thomas Emerick, Keith Harrison, Paul Hodges, Keith Krinn, Charles Langworthy, James Lyons, Brian MacVean, John Nash, David Neese, Michael Neese, James B. Pahl, Wendel Peabody, Todd Rakestraw, David Rehkopf, Ken Rousseau, George Roux, Brian Shumway, Dana Traub, and Richard Williams.

Brothers excused:

Nathan Harrison, Michael Mitchell, Mark Neese, James A.K. Pahl, and Arthur Shank.

Sick Call:

None reported.

III. Welcome to Guests:

Larry Steward of Sunfield, Michigan was attending our Camp as a guest. The Camp recognized Shirley and Clarence Hodges who were the guest speakers for the evening program. Bro. Brown introduced his son, Eli, to the Camp as a future candidate.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Bro. Calder moved, seconded by Bro. Harrison, to approve of the minutes of the July 31, 2001 meeting. Motion carried.

V. Concerns for Brothers:

Commander Lyons led the Camp in a hearty welcome to Bro. Langworthy and congratulations on his full recovery from recent surgery.

VI. New Members and Initiations:

No report.

VII. Recess:

The Camp dispensed with the normal recess in order to accommodate Sister Hodges presentation.

VIII. Committee Reports:

Bylaws:

No Report.

Memorials and Graves Registration:

No Report.

Membership:

Bro. David Neese reported on our recruiting tent at the Mulliken Homecoming. Bros. Calder, Rousseau, and David Neese manned the table, distributed lots of literature, and posed for a photograph published with an article in the local newspaper.

Commander Lyons spoke out on the need for volunteers to represent the Camp during the Grand Ledge Color Cruise & Island Festival. The Camp will be establishing a living history encampment on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Bro. Brown is chairperson for the event which is an excellent opportunity for recruiting local residents.

Memorial Day/ Day of Remembrance:

Bro. Calder presented a verbal report on the Camp's participation in the August, 2001 Sunfield Farmer's Picnic & Parade. He thanked the other local Camps for their show of support.

Bro. Hodges reported the Lansing Veteran's Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 11:00 A.M.. We will muster at Ferris Park at 10:30 A.M.. There is a program with a speaker at 12:00 P.M. in the City Hall following the parade.

Bro. Bennett noted there is a Veteran's Recognition Day on Sunday November 4, 2001 at the Michigan Historical Museum to honor Pearl Harbor veterans. The program is scheduled to begin at 2:00 P.M..

Military Affairs:

No report.

Patriotic Instruction:

No report..

Program and Publicity:

No report.

Grinnell Award:

No report

Hall Restoration:

Bro. Laverne Aves briefly reported on the Hall restoration efforts in September:

- Weekend 1: demolished the back porch
- Weekend 2: built the back porch
- Weekend 3: demolished the front porch
- Upcoming weekend: miscellaneous work

He reported on correspondence received from Eunice Black indicating the Daughter's are willing to pay for materials above and beyond the \$400.00 in grants received for the project to date.

IX. Orders and Communications:

Commander Lyons read a letter from Department Commander Hayes regarding the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. This was followed by a reading of a similar letter from C-in-C Powell.

X. Unfinished Business:

Bro. Rakestraw expressed a heartfelt thanks to all attendees at the June 14, 2001 Flag Day ceremonies in the Mason cemetery. Commander Lyons recalled surveying that same cemetery in days gone by. Bro. Pahl complimented the Mason teacher who organized the ceremonies.

XI. New Business:

Bro. Hodges noted the Mid-Winter Conference is scheduled for February 23, 2002. The evening dinner is to be hosted by the SUVVCW.

Bro. Harrison reported on the current activity on the SUVVCW web page:

- Pre 9/11/01 – 10,000 hits per day
- 9/11/01 – 20,000 hits per day
- 9/14/01 – 180,000 hits per day
- Total for September, 2001 – approximately 1,000,000 hits

It was noted most accesses were via internet searches through our flag etiquette link.

Commander Lyons paid compliments to Bro. Nash for organizing the G.A.R. Hall rededication earlier this year. Dr. Weldon Petz, guest speaker and well known Lincoln expert, sent a framed copy of his hall dedication speech to Bro. Nash.

Bro. Shumway has produced CD copies of Camp photographs for distribution to Brothers.

**Thomas L. Emerick,
Secretary**

XII. Good of the Order:

Bro. Pahl reported on the activities at the recent August, 2001 National Encampment including a note on the election of Michigan's own Kent Armstrong's (PDC) election to Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Bro. Pahl announced his intentions of running for that same office in 2006. Bro. Pahl reported he has relinquished his title and duties as National Treasurer.

Commander Lyons reminisced on the number of posts on the national level that have been filled by brothers from the Sunfield Camp and the many recognitions our Camp has received in their support for the cause.

XIII. Treasurer's Report:

Bro. Williams Treasurer's report showed a balance of accounts at \$1,966.16 as of September 25, 2001 with \$7.00 in checking, \$823.51 in the Hall Restoration Fund, \$62.22 in the Memorial Fund, and \$1,681.77 in savings. Liabilities included \$348.94 designated for the Camp Sigel Monument/21st Michigan project and \$259.40 earmarked for the Max O'Neil Fund. The Profit & Loss Statement for July 31, 2001 through September 25, 2001 showed total income for the period of \$???.??, total expenses of \$???.?? for net income for the period of \$???.??.

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

\$49.00 in donations were raised as part of "Passing the Hat".

XIV. Closing Ritual:

Commander Lyons closed the meeting per ritual at 7:55 P.M..

Notes on the Program of the Evening

Shirley and Clarence Hodges presented an excellent slideshow program on Michigan in the Civil War.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty