

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Minutes

Meeting of the Camp
Tuesday, November 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 7:07 P.M. on Tuesday, November 27, 2001 at the Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall, Sunfield Michigan.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers present:

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

Brothers excused:

Layton Aves, Nathan Harrison, Michael Mitchell, Mark Neese, and James A.K. Pahl.

Sick Call:

None reported.

III. Welcome to Guests:

The Camp welcomed Dale & Sharon Hitchcock of DeWitt, Ron Beauchine of Okemos, and Robert Graham of Haslett. Louis N. Warner of Mason was in attendance searching for information regarding the burial site of his Civil War ancestor

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Bro. Keith Harrison moved, seconded by Bro. Calder, to approve of the minutes of the September 25, 2001 meeting. Motion carried.

V. Concerns for Brothers:

No report.

VI. New Members and Initiations:

Bro. David Neese reported Dale Hitchcock of DeWitt was in the process of obtaining supporting documentation to join the Camp.

VII. Recess:

The Camp recessed at 7:14 P.M. and reconvened at 7:25 P.M..

VIII. Committee Reports:

Bylaws:

No Report.

Memorials and Graves Registration:

Commander Lyons reported on the progress Bros. Aumaugher, Hodges, and Williams have made in verifying the service records of those graves surveyed in Eaton County. Bros. Lyons, Nash, and Shumway have completed surveys for 2/3 of the cemeteries in Barry County. The Camp has begun the process of documenting monuments in Ingham County. +

Membership:

No report.

Memorial Day/ Day of Remembrance:

Bro. Calder presented a detailed report on the Camp's participation in the Lansing Veterans Day Parade on November 10, 2001. +

Bro. Williams reported on the November 11, 2001 ceremonies at the Civil War memorial in Grand Ledge. An Eagle Scout was recognized for his efforts on repairing the cement work surrounding the monument. Bros. Brown, Nash, James B. Pahl, and Williams represented the Camp.

Military Affairs:

No report.

Patriotic Instruction:

No report.

Program and Publicity:

No report.

Grinnell Award:

No report.

Camp Council:

Bro. Laverne Aves summarized the findings of the November 1, 2001 meeting. It was decided to temporarily suspend the publication of the Yankee due to the time and cost constraints imposed on our editor,

Bro. Shumway. It was decided to charge the Camp Commander with issuing camp orders regarding camp activities and items of interest to the Camp. The Camp Secretary will issue the meeting minutes via email (to members with internet access) and USPS mail for all other brothers. +

Hall Restoration:

Bro. Laverne Aves reported the costs for the porches totaled \$735.00. This being over and above the combined \$400.00 grants received, the Daughters volunteered to pay the remaining balance. There is an ongoing discussion on the need for a handicap ramp for the rear porch. Commander Lyons reported on the existence of a photograph of the original front porch. As the new porch was being built, a local resident, Ron Wells, presented Commander Lyons with a photograph depicting the original lattice weave trim on the porch. A hearty thanks goes out to Mr. Wells. +

IX. Orders and Communications:

Bro. James B. Pahl briefly reported on the 45th annual Remembrance Day ceremonies held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on November 17, 2001. He presented the Camp with a flag ribbon to be attached to the Camp flag guidon. He noted the services of a National Executive Director have finally been engaged.

X. Unfinished Business:

Bro. Hodges reported the date, February 23, 2002, of the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference and Lincoln/Washington Dinner in Lansing. The business portion of the day will be from 1:00 to 4:30 P.M.. Commander Lyons encouraged all to attend even though the conference is geared towards training of Camp officers.

XI. New Business:

Commander Lyons reported the date, April 20, 2002, of the Michigan Department Encampment at the Holiday Inn-West in Lansing. A change in the banquet meal is being discussed. David Finney, well-known local historian, is the guest speaker.

Bro. Calder reported on the October 13-15, 2001, Grand Ledge Days weekend. Bros. Calder and MacVean enlightened approximately 150 children over the two days they were present. Commander Lyons noted the Camp had declined to participate due to lack of support from the Camp. He encouraged all Brothers who represent the Camp at events to properly coordinate their participation through the Camp officers.

Discussion on the need for Brothers with the proper equipment to support living history demonstrations commenced.

XII. Good of the Order:

Bro. Hodges reported on the Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Okemos interested in the presentation of the SUVCW award at their ceremony in December. He also reported on a recent lunchtime conversation regarding the recent sale of a SUVCW badge. It was suggested a SUVCW recruiting brochures and information should be circulated in businesses dealing in Civil War antiques.

XIII. Treasurer's Report:

Bro. Williams reported all Camp Sigel funds (\$348.94) were properly disbursed to the organization. The flag covers previously approved for purchase were received but are the wrong color. They have been returned to the manufacturer and reordered to our original specifications. It was recommended next year's dues of \$28.00 be received by the Treasurer by January 31, 2002 or a \$5.00 late fee be imposed. This was approved by unanimous acclamation.

Treasurer's report showed a balance of accounts at \$1,796.43 as of November 27, 2001 with \$142.00 in checking, \$673.89 in the Hall Restoration Fund, \$62.38 in the Memorial Fund, and \$918.16 in savings. Liabilities included \$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 \$34.87, total expenses of \$513.00 for net income for the period of \$(478.13).

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

\$40.00 in donations were raised as part of "Passing the Hat".

XIV. Closing Ritual:

Commander Lyons closed the meeting per ritual at 8:35 P.M..

Notes on the Program of the Evening

Nominations Committee

Bro. Laverne Aves presented a slate of officers for 2002 including: Commander – James Lyons, S.V.C. - George Roux,

J.V.C. – David Neese, Secretary - Thomas Emerick, Treasurer - Richard Williams, Camp Council – Laverne Aves, Charles Brown, and Brian Shumway. Bro. James B. Pahl moved to close nominations and adopt the slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee by unanimous ballot. Seconded by Bro. Keith Harrison. Support was unanimous excepting one dissenting vote by Bro. Calder. Motion carried and slate was duly elected.

Commander Lyons proceeded to announce his slate of appointed officers: Chaplain – John Nash, Patriotic Instructor – Paul Hodges (PDC), Historian – Brian Shumway, Counselor – James Neal, Guide – Michael Neese, Color Bearer – David Coon, and Guard – David Rehkopf.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

**Thomas L. Emerick,
Secretary**