

# Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Department of Michigan

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### Minutes

Meeting of the Camp  
Tuesday, January 28, 2003  
Samuel W. Grinnell  
GAR Post #283 Hall  
115 Main Street  
Sunfield, Michigan  
49058

Commander Brian Shumway, assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent officers by appointment Pro Tem.

### I. Opening Ritual:

Commander Shumway opened the Camp meeting per ritual at 7:10 P.M. on Tuesday, January 28, 2003 at the Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall, Sunfield Michigan.

### II. Roll Call:

#### Brothers present:

Lavern Aves, Marc Bennetts, David Coon, Thomas Emerick, Paul Hodges, Charles Langworthy, Jim Lyons, Brian MacVean, John Nash, David Neese, Michael Neese, James B. Pahl, Wendel Peabody, George Roux, Brian Shumway, Dana Traub, and Dick Williams.

#### Brothers excused:

Kyle Emerick, Nathan Harrison, Richard Lee, Michael Mitchell, Mark Neese, James A K Pahl, J. Douglas Park, David Rehkopf, Kenneth Rousseau, Joshua Russeau, and Ron Shull.

#### Sick Call:

None reported.

### III. Welcome to Guests:

Andrew Hart, a resident of Lansing, introduced himself and provided some background on his ancestor in the 132<sup>nd</sup> OVI. Dan Terry, a Hastings resident, was acknowledged and noted his ancestor fought in the 142<sup>nd</sup> OVI.

### IV. Approval of Minutes:

Bro. Lyons moved, seconded by Bro. Nash, to approve of the minutes of the November 26, 2002 meeting. Discussion was called for. No discussion was forthcoming. Motion carried.

### V. Concerns for Brothers:

Bro. Keith Harrison was reported to have had surgery last week and is back on his feet again.

### VI. New Members and Initiations:

JVC Neese submitted Andrew Hart's application and supporting paperwork to the Camp. JVC Neese moved, seconded by Bro. Lyons, to forego the ballot box and to vote on Mr. Hart's application for membership via a voice vote. The honorable Bro. James Pahl strenuously objected to bypassing the customary election procedure. Commander Shumway conceded to Bro. Pahl's wishes. Mr. Hart's application was accepted using the ballot box and he was initiated into the Camp by the prescribed ceremony.

### VII. Recess:

Camp was recessed for a break at 7:35 P.M. and the meeting reconvened at 7:45 P.M..

### VIII. Committee Reports:

#### Bylaws:

Bro. Lyons reported Department Commander Butgereit requested a few changes in our revised Camp bylaws based on recent National Encampment revisions impacting reporting, committees, and officer election date wording changes. The Camp bylaws will be published for review at the March Camp meeting and formally voted upon at the May Camp meeting. Bro. Williams expanded upon discussions he has had with Department Commander Butgereit regarding how other camps are updating their bylaws.

#### Memorials and Graves Registration:

Bro. Williams reported 1,422 graves records of veterans buried in Eaton County were submitted to the Department Graves Registration Officer. Ingham County data will be entered into the database in March. The Department of Michigan has 38,000+ names in their database.

#### 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:

No report.

### Camp Council:

No report.

### Hall Restoration:

No report.

### Color Guard:

No report

### IX. Orders and Communications:

Commander Shumway reported on the "Last Man Project" initiated by the National SUVCW Organization to identify the last known Civil War veteran buried in each county. Bro. Williams described the detail currently available in our graves registration database.

### X. Unfinished Business:

The Camp's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner in 2003 was discussed. The Camp selected the date of June 7th. The Sunfield DPW confirmed the availability of the community park for that date. The Camp will provide meat for the potluck dinner and Bro. Lyons volunteered his family's services in cooking the food. Commander Shumway noted Bro. Park's suggestion to honor Bro. Keith Harrison and his efforts in organizing the Camp. Brothers are encouraged to submit suggestions for this purpose.

Bro. Lyons noted Brothers could still make reservations for the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Department Mid-winter conference followed by the annual Washington/Lincoln Dinner. This is an excellent opportunity for training of old and new officers.

### XI. New Business:

Commander Shumway reported the need to solicit ideas for a small fundraiser to support the administrative operations and expenses of the Camp. Bro. Williams reported that the Camp annually receives \$4.00 per

member, excluding Life Members, after dues are paid to the National and Departmental organizations. The Camp income from dues is approximately \$156. Of this, \$120 is paid yearly to the Daughters for rental of the hall. Commander Shumway suggested organizing an overnight bivouac with Brothers in period costume. A small fee would be charged to enjoy camp life (e.g. play cards, sing songs), eat period food, and sleep under the stars. Bro. Lyons suggested organizing the fundraiser to coincide with the Sunfield Farmers Picnic in August. Brothers are encouraged to submit ideas to Bro. Nash or Commander Shumway. Bro. Lyons suggested using the March 7<sup>th</sup> Camp Council meeting to further discuss ideas.

#### **XII. Good of the Order:**

Bro. James Pahl indicated the charter was to be draped tonight in honor of the recent death of the last widow of a Union Civil War veteran, Gertrude Janeway. He noted this was a major milestone in the history of our country. Commander Shumway, upon request from Bro. Pahl, called the Camp to order and observed a moment of silence to pay homage to the occasion.

#### **XIII. Treasurer's Report:**

Bro. Williams Treasurer's report showed a balance of accounts at \$3,235.86 as of January 28, 2003 with \$102.00 in checking, \$1,520.07 in the Hall Restoration Fund, \$62.62 in the Memorial Fund, and \$1,551.17 in savings. Liabilities included \$259.40 earmarked for the Max O'Neil Fund. The Profit & Loss Statement for November 26, 2002 through January 28, 2003 showed total income for the period of \$765.00 and total expenses of \$265.00 for net gain for the period of \$500.00.

Bro. Lyons moved, seconded by Bro. Hodges, to accept the Treasurer's report. Discussion was called for. No discussion was forthcoming. Motion carried. +

\$26.75 in donations was raised as part of "Passing the Hat".

#### **XIV. Closing Ritual:**

Commander Brian Shumway closed the meeting per ritual at 8:46 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

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