

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Minutes

Meeting of the Camp
Tuesday, March 25, 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 7:13 P.M. on Tuesday, March 25, 2003 at the Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall, Sunfield Michigan.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers present:

Robert Aumaugher, Lavern Aves, David Coon, Kyle Emerick, Thomas Emerick, Keith Harrison, Andrew Hart, Paul Hodges, Jim Lyons, Brian MacVean, Michael Mitchell, David Neese, Michael Neese, James B. Pahl, Wendel Peabody, David Rehkopf, Kenneth Rousseau, George Roux, Brian Shumway, Dana Traub, and Dick Williams.

Brothers excused:

Marc Bennetts, Nathan Harrison, Richard Lee, John Nash, Mark Neese, James A K Pahl, and J. Douglas Park.

Sick Call:

Charles Langworthy

III. Welcome to Guests:

Bro. Traub introduced Burl Everly, a 35-year resident of Sunfield.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Bro. Lyons moved, seconded by Bro. Coon, to approve of the minutes of the January 28, 2003 meeting. Discussion was called for. No discussion was forthcoming. Motion carried.

V. Concerns for Brothers:

Bro. Hodges reported Bro. Langworthy was extremely sick last week due to an unknown illness.

VI. New Members and Initiations:

Bro. Coon submitted Junior membership applications in the names of his two sons, Zach and Luke. The applications were reviewed and deemed to be in order. Bro. Lyons moved, seconded by Bro. Williams, to accept the applications as presented. The applications were accepted by a unanimous vote of the Camp.

VII. Recess:

Camp was recessed for a break at 7:42 P.M. and the meeting reconvened at 7:52 P.M..

VIII. Committee Reports:

Bylaws:

The Camp bylaw revisions were published for review with the March Yankee newsletter. Department Commander Butgereit's suggested changes were incorporated into the Camp bylaws revisions. The Camp briefly reviewed the changes. The only clarification discussed was the combination of the Graves Registration and Memorials Officer positions. The changes will be formally voted upon at the May Camp meeting if there are no challenges to the wording.

Bros. Lyons, Neal, James B. Pahl, and Roux are on the Camp Bylaws Committee. The proposed revisions to the Department Bylaws will be announced at the Department Encampment. All Brothers are encouraged to contact Bro. Roux if a copy of the changes is desired.

Memorials and Graves Registration:

No report.

Membership:

JVC Neese reported on 4 recruiting dates for the Camp this year. Bowen's Mill – 6/14-15, Charlton Park – 7/19-20, Sunfield Farmer's Picnic – 8/16-17, and Bowen's Mill – 10/11-12. Bro. Williams reported he needed the names of attendees for the Charlton Park event as they have to be pre-registered to avoid an admission fee. Bro. Neese noted last year's recruiting area was set-up in a "cool" location inside a historic building last year. Commander Shumway encouraged all Brothers to contact Bro. Neese to volunteer for the various dates.

Memorial Day/ Day of Remembrance:

No report.

Military Affairs:

No report.

Patriotic Instruction:

No report.

Program and Publicity:

Bro. Traub noted the committee is awaiting Commander Shumway's scheduling their first meeting date.

Grinnell Award:

No report.

Camp Council:

No report.

Hall Restoration:

Bro. Aves reported the agreement with the Lion's Club to provide night lighting for the flag and memorial board has fallen through due to the demise of that local organization. There are ongoing discussions with the Daughters to finance and complete the project.

Color Guard:

No report.

IX. Orders and Communications:

Commander Shumway reported receiving a communication from Dept. Commander Butgereit that Bro. Ty Streeter of Camp #22 was serving in Iraq. Bro. Mitchell noted the troops are hungry for cookies and desire small items such as handy wipes. Bro. Mitchell provided mailing information on how to forward care packages to troops overseas. Bro. Pahl stated the National Organization is soliciting the names of all Brothers currently serving in the armed services. This list is to be prominently displayed on the National website.

X. Unfinished Business:

Commander Shumway reported on the progress for the Camp's 20th anniversary potluck dinner on June 7th. Bro. Lyons noted the "cook" needed time to heat up the food and it was decided the meal would be served at 1:30 P.M..

XI. New Business:

Bro. Hodges reported attending 2 more Boy Scout Courts of Honor since the last Camp meeting.

Guest Burl Everly circulated among the Camp a number of Civil War relics in his possession. First, was a cavalryman's diary ending with an entry regarding Confederate President Davis's capture by a Michigan cavalry unit. Second, was a Union soldier's belt buckle. Finally, an eagle breastplate. He noted his Great-grandfather and many uncles served in the Union army during the Civil War.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

**Thomas L.
Emerick**

Secretary

XII. Good of the Order:

No report.

XIII. Treasurer's Report:

Bro. Williams Treasurer's report showed a balance of accounts at \$3,749.61 as of March 25, 2003 with \$22.90 in checking, \$1,561.82 in the Hall Restoration Fund, \$62.62 in the Memorial Fund, and \$2,102.27 in savings. Liabilities included \$259.40 earmarked for the Max O'Neil Fund and \$594.00 for National Per-Capita dues. The Profit & Loss Statement for January 28, 2003 through March 25, 2003 showed total income for the period of \$592.85 and total expenses of \$594.00 for net gain for the period of \$1.35.

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

Bro. Willams reported all but 1 Camp member has paid their dues for the upcoming year. Bro. Williams moved, seconded by Bro. Lyons, to drop Associate Ralph Larson from the Camp rolls due to non-payment of dues. Discussion was called for. No discussion was forthcoming. Motion carried.

\$27.00 in donations was raised as part of "Passing the Hat".

XIV. Closing Ritual:

Commander Brian Shumway closed the meeting per ritual at 8:12 P.M..

Notes on the Program of the Evening

The evening program consisting of the renowned Annual Trivia Challenge commenced immediately following the business meeting. The victors of the annual competition were the II Corps composed of Bros. Kyle and Tom Emerick, Hart, MacVean, and Roux.