

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Minutes

Meeting of the Camp
Sunday, 30 May 2004
Samuel W. Grinnell
GAR Post #283 Hall
115 Main Street
Sunfield, Michigan
49058

Senior Vice Commander George Roux, assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent officers by appointment Pro Tem.

I. Opening Ritual:

~~Commander Shumway~~ SVC George Roux opened the Camp meeting per ritual at 7:06 P.M. on Sunday, 30 May 2004 at the Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall, Sunfield, Michigan. SVC Roux draped the charter noting that this is in mourning for Brother Horace N. "Red" Rumsey Jr., True Son, of David G. Caywood Camp No. 146, Department of New York; for Brother Aaron Martin Landis, Jr. of John Hartranft Camp No. 15, Department of Pennsylvania; and for Brother John W. Turner, Jr. of Westport Camp No. 64, Department of Missouri. The charter will be draped through 30 June.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers present:

Lavern Aves, Marc Bennetts, Paul Hodges, Charles Langworthy, Jim Lyons, Brian MacVean, David Neese, Michael Neese, Wendel Peabody, David Rehkopf, George Roux, and Dana Traub.

Brothers excused:

Luke Coon, Zach Coon, Nathan Harrison, James Hilts, Richard Lee, Michael Mitchell, John Nash, Mark Neese, James A.K. Pahl, James B Pahl, Ken Russeau, Josh Russeau, Ron Shull, and Brian Shumway.

Sick Call:

None reported.

III. Welcome to Guests:

None.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Bro. Lyons moved, seconded by Bro. Rehkopf to approve of the minutes of the March 30th, 2004 meeting. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

V. Concerns for Brothers:

None reported.

VI. New Members and Initiations:

JVC David Neese announced that he is in receipt of a completed application from a Mr. Wellington Clinton Miller who was to be in attendance this evening. Bro. Lyons stated that Mr. Miller telephoned to inform the Camp that he would not be able to attend because he had an unexpected surgery on Thursday. The application will be held until the July 27th meeting.

VII. Committee Reports:

Bylaws:

No report

Memorials and Graves Registration:

No report.

Membership:

JVC David Neese reported that he would be setting up a recruiting table at the Bowen Mills Civil War event on June 19th.

Memorial Day/ Day of Remembrance:

Bro. Keith Harrison reviewed the events of the previous day, May 29th, in which he and Steve Church were color bearers in the annual Lansing Memorial Day parade, and at the following ceremony at Mt. Hope Cemetery. The rain held off for bro. Hodges reading of General Order 19 at Little Arlington, followed by a three shot volley and the playing of Taps. Fewer people were in attendance, but the ceremony was successful.

Military Affairs:

No report.

Patriotic Instruction:

No report.

Program and Publicity:

No report.

Grinnell Award:

SVC Roux reported that award selection is underway, and the recipient will be

presented at the July 27th meeting when Commander Shumway returns for the honors of presentation of the award.

Camp Council:

No report.

Hall Restoration:

No report.

Color Guard:

No report.

VIII. Orders and Communications:

Commander Shumway had sent a letter to SVC Roux outlining topics that he would have discussed had he been able to attend this meeting. Bro. Lyons gave a summary on the events of the Department Encampment, including some details about the hotly contested race for Department Commander in which Bruce Butgereit narrowly lost a chance for a third term to Gary Gibson. Bro. Lyons mentioned that Bro. Ty Streeter of Camp 22 had been on active duty with the USMC in Iraq, and is now back in Michigan having been injured and awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He will be attending the Camp 22 meeting in Marshall Thursday evening. Bro. Aves spoke about a presentation he and Bro. Peabody gave Sunfield Elementary School 4th graders about Civil War soldier life. A tour of the Hall was given as well.

IX. Unfinished Business:

Bro. Traub is planning on speaking with Commander Shumway about having a Camp meeting in the local park this year. An outdoor meeting would possibly include music, a fire, a living history setup... basically what had been planned for the previous year but was rained out. Bro. Lyons felt that having the outdoor meeting scheduled in advance would make it easier to move indoors if it rained. Bro. Roux presented a copy of the "Camp Chase Gazette" newspaper he received. The newspaper includes articles about Civil War life and gave information on reenacting and events. Bro. Roux announced that Bro. Dick Williams had transferred to Camp 58 in DeWitt, therefore, our Camp now has a vacancy in the Offices of Treasurer and Graves & Registration. Bro. Roux forwarded an announcement from Bro. Shumway that he and his wife, Anne, would be attending the national Encampment in Cedar Rapids, IA August 12th through 15th, and anyone wishing to carpool with them is

welcome. All details for the Encampment are listed in the "Michigan Messenger" and "The Banner".

X. New Business:

Bro. Lyons said that the Daughters are looking for Brothers to man the Hall during the Sunfield Farmers Picnic. It will be open to the public from 9am to 3pm, but needs attendants to keep watch. He will be at the event and plans on marching in the parade. Information about the picnic will be recapped and detailed at the July 27th meeting.

XI. Good of the Order:

Bro. Peabody presented an odd metal plate a friend of his found while rototilling his yard. It had some writing embossed on it that said that if the plate was found to telegraph the number on it. No one had any idea what the purpose of the plate was.

XII. Treasurer's Report:

No report.

XIII. Closing Ritual:

Senior Vice Commander George Roux closed the meeting per ritual at 7:48 P.M..

Respectfully Submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Michael T. Neese

Secretary

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