

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Minutes

Meeting of the Camp
Tuesday, 30 November, 2004
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 7:12 P.M. on Tuesday, November 30, 2004 at the Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall, Sunfield, Michigan.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers present:

Lavern Aves, Marc Bennetts, Paul Hodges, Charles Langworthy, Jim Lyons, Bill Miller, David Neese, Michael Neese, James B Pahl, Wendel Peabody, David Rehkopf, George Roux, Ron Shull, Brian Shumway, Dana Traub, and John Warren

Brothers excused:

Luke Coon, Zach Coon, Keith Harrison, Nathan Harrison, Andrew Hart, James Hiltz, Tom Huggler, Richard Lee, Michael Mitchell, John Nash, Mark Neese, James A.K. Pahl, Ken Russeau, and Ervin Stahl.

Sick Call:

None Reported.

III. Welcome to Guests:

Welcome was extended to Department Commander Gary Gibson who came to install the new and reelected officers.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Bro. James B Pahl moved, seconded by Bro. James Lyons to approve the minutes of the 28 September, 2004 meeting. Discussion was called for. No discussion

was forthcoming. Motion carried with the one Nay vote from Bro. James B Pahl.

V. Concerns for Brothers:

Bro. Ken Russeau has called in sick for the evening. Bro. David Roper had planned to attend but was also reporting in ill.

VI. New Members and Initiations:

No Report.

VIII. Committee Reports:

Bylaws:

No report

Memorials and Graves Registration:

Bro. James Lyons reported that he had finally received the Camp Memorial & Graves Registration documents and materials after the last meeting. The Ingham County, Eaton County and some of the Barry County information is now in the Department database. The returned material included a box of 2000+/- sheets of paper listing about 2/3 of the population of Ingham County's potential Civil War Veterans, basically any man born between 1800 & 1865. He needs to look through the heap and whittle down the names and reevaluate what other back-checking needs to be done in order to finish the Graves Records.

As far as Memorials are concerned, the Eaton County Memorials information has been turned in, plus, the Memorials officer has also found some others that had been missed. The Ingham County Monuments have been photographed, but the documentation is still incomplete. Barry County monument documentation still needs considerable work. Eaton County has mostly been completed. Bro. Shumway stated that he believes that Barry County may only have two monuments. Bro. James B Pahl mentioned that the National Organization would like to put the Graves and Memorials information online but it still hasn't been done despite the fact that a particular company had been hired to do so, and hasn't shown any progress on it in four years. Bro. Roux asked and was confirmed by Bro. Lyons that lists of GAR halls are also being compiled.

Some discussion of the deteriorating Detroit GAR hall was exchanged. The city doesn't want to raze the building, nor does it want to allow anyone to inventory the warehoused items from the building for fear that some of the artifacts may be

stolen. The building is for sale and pictures are available on the internet. Bro. Lyons extended invitations to those interested in helping in Graves Registration and Memorials documentation.

Membership:

No report.

Memorial Day/ Day of Remembrance:

Bro. Shumway reported that the Camp was represented and accompanied by several 7th Michigan reenactors at the Veterans Day Parade on 11 November in downtown Lansing.

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:

Bro. Hodges reported that there have been 6 different B.S.A. Courts of Honor since the September business meeting, and 18 since the first of the year. He was able to attend 11 of them. Certificates were presented to the Eagle Scouts on behalf of the Camp.

Bro. Traub is still looking to arrange a meeting at a local Elementary School and that the B.S.A. is still interested.

Bro. Lyons brought copies of the last two issues of the Michigan Messenger. He is still looking for a permanent Editor. As interim editor, Bro. Lyons has been very busy and will be unable to continue after the next issue. The next issue will be the last one unless a new permanent editor is hired. Help wanted advertisements have been run but there haven't been any real prospects despite the two replies received so far. Bylaws require Department Orders to be published four times per year, so a newsletter is not absolutely necessary if no one steps

forward. The next issue will publish all the pertinent scheduled Department meeting and Encampment information for the upcoming year just in case there is a lapse in publishing. The front page of that issue will ask each camp to discuss other options in receiving the Messenger such as email or website postings.

Bros. James B Pahl and Ron Shull reported on their trip to Gettysburg on 20 November. Dept. Commander Gary Gibson and Bro. Rakestraw presented the Camp participation ribbons for the camp flag from the last two Rememberence Day parades.

Dept. Commander Gary Gibson stated that he was happy to be visting our camp as it was his first visit since 1987. He reported that business in progressing well at the Department level. He thanked Bro. Lyons for keeping the Messenger going and welcomed anyone interested in taking over the editor position. Bro. Gibson reported that there was a good delegation from Michigan at the Rememberence Day event in Gettysburg. Upcoming events include the Midwinter Conference in February at which he would like to see as many people attending as possible, especially newly elected officers so that they can learn from their experienced counterparts, and so that everyone can meet new people as well as old acquaintances. The Washington-Lincoln Birthday Dinner that evening will be hosted by the Sons of the Revolution. Finally, the Department Encampment will be on 23 April in Lansing at the Holiday Inn West.

X. Unfinished Business:

No. Report.

XI. New Business:

No report.

XII. Good of the Order:

Bro. Keith Harrison sent notices out to announce his retirement. The best is wished to Bro. Harrison!

XIII. Treasurer's Report:

Acting Treasurer Bro. James Lyons made a motion to establish dues for the Camp at \$30.00 due by the last day in January with a \$5.00 late fee to be applied for all dues received after January 31st. Bro. Rehkopf seconded the motion. Discussion was called for. No discussion was forthcoming. Motion carried. Bro. James

B Pahl made a motion to reinstate anyone who had been inadvertently dropped. Included in the motion was a provision that the Treasurer be allowed administrative power to report to the National Organization of any clerical errors that result in brother(s) being dropped within one year of said drop with emphasis that all earned rights and titles should remain with said brother(s). Motion seconded by Bro. Langworthy. Discussion was called for. No discussion was forthcoming. Motion carried. Bro. Lyons stated that a receipt book would be used for all dues payments thenceforth to ensure record accuracy.

Bro. Lyons presented the Treasurer's Report. The report showed a balance of accounts at \$4285.12 as of 30 November, 2004 with \$ 460.13 in checking, \$1779.64 in the Hall Restoration Fund, \$18.05 in the Memorial Fund, and \$2027.30 in savings. Liabilities included \$259.40 earmarked for the Max O'Neil Fund. The Profit & Loss Statement for September 30, 2003 through November 25, 2003 showed total income for the period of \$1605.90 and total expenses of \$1093.23.

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

XIV. Nomination and election of officers

On behalf of the Nominations Committee, Bro. David Neese, presented a slate of Camp officers for 2005:

- Commander – Brian Shumway
- S.V.C. – David Rehkopf
- J.V.C. – David Neese
- Secretary – Michael Neese
- Treasurer – John Warren
- Camp Council:
 - Laverne Aves
 - David Coon
 - Dana Traub

Bro. James B Pahl moved to elect bros. Rehkopf, Roux, Peabody & Michael Neese as delegates to the department Encampment with the rest of the camp membership as alternate delegates. Bro. Roux seconded the motion. Discussion was called for. No discussion was forthcoming. Motion carried. Bro. Lyons moved to close nominations and adopt the slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee by unanimous ballot. Seconded by Bro. Roux. Discussion was called for.

No discussion was forthcoming. Motion carried and the slate was duly elected.

Commander Shumway proceeded to announce his slate of appointed officers:

- Chaplain – George Roux
- Color Bearer – Ron Shull
- Counselor – James Neal
- Guard – Kyle Emerick
- Guide – Bill Miller
- Historian – James Lyons
- Patriotic Instructor – Brian MacVean

VII. Recess

Meeting adjourned for recess at 8:38 PM, and recommenced at 8:52 PM.

XV. Installation of officers

Department Commander Gary Gibson, as Installing Officer, performed the installation of Camp officers per the established ritual.

XVI. Closing Ritual:

Commander Brian Shumway closed the meeting per ritual at 9:13 P.M..

Respectfully Submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Michael T. Neese

Secretary

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