

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

Monday, Memorial Day
May 30, 2005

Samuel W. Grinnell
GAR Post #283 Hall
115 Main Street
Sunfield, Michigan

The Camp held its Memorial Day ceremony at gravesite of Sgt Samuel Grinnell prior to the Camp meeting. It was attended by 11 members of the Camp and a contingent from the Boy Scouts. Following the ceremony, the Camp membership returned to the GAR Hall.

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

I. Opening Ritual:

Camp Commander Brian Shumway opened the meeting per Ritual at 7:43. Commander Shumway expressed appreciation for all those who attended the Memorial Day gravesite ceremony.

The Camp Charter was draped per order of Commander-in-Chief Steve Michaels for George Weldon Clark, a Real Son, from the Maine Department.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers Present: Brian Shumway, Paul Hodges, Jim Pahl, Keith Harrison, Charles Langworthy, Lavern Aves, George Roux, Ken Russeau, Wendell Peabody, George Roux, John Warren, and Bill Miller.

Brothers Excused: J. Douglas Park, James A.K. Pahl, Jim Lyons, Mike Mitchell, Ervin Stahl, and Nathan Harrison.

III. Approval of Minutes:

A motion made and seconded to approve the minutes, motion passed.

IV. Concern for Brothers:

- Mike Mitchell. Brother Mitchell is fighting thyroid cancer. It was noted that an open house was held for Mike on the same day as the Department Encampment. A Department Delegate was sent to the Open House to wish Mike Godspeed.

- Dale Caulder. The Camp was informed that former Camp Member Caulder was recently diagnosed with cancer.

- Ervin Stahl. The Camp was informed that Brother Stahl's daughter and sister had passed away.

V. New Members and Initiations:

No new members were presented.

VI. Recess:

The Camp was recessed for five minutes.

VII. Committee Reports:

Council Report - The Council reported that it filled the following vacancies: Camp Council Member – Wendell Peabody, Camp Junior Vice Commander-Bill Miller, and Camp Secretary – PCinC Keith Harrison.

Bylaws - No report.

Memorials and Graves Registration -

Brother Miller reported that on May 7, 2005, he attended a Department meeting of the Camp Graves Registration Officers, which was held at the State Library. Brother Miller stated that he turned in more than 30 new grave locations of Union Civil War soldiers. He is continuing to work on the gravesite survey of Barry County.

GAR Monuments - No report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates - Brother Hodges reported that he attended one and Brother Aves attended three Eagle Scout Courts of Honor to present certificates.

Membership - No report.

Military Affairs - No report.

Program and Publicity - No report.

Hall Restoration - Brother Aves indicated that he anticipates working on the Hall's windows this summer. He indicated that when he does, he will need assistance in moving of the piano.

Memorial Day Activities – Brother Roux indicated that five Brothers marched in the annual Memorial Day parade in Lansing on Saturday, May 28. An additional Brother participated as a spectator. Following the parade, the five brothers that marched had their picture taken with the Governor of Michigan, Jennifer Granholm.



Following the parade, a total of 15 Brothers participated in the annual Memorial Day ceremony at Mt Hope Cemetery in Lansing. Following that ceremony, the Camp participated with their flags in the annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Evergreen Cemetery (Little Arlington).

Brothers Langworthy and Shumway represented the Camp at the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War ceremony in Sunfield on Sunday.

VIII. Orders and Communications:

Commander Shumway reminded the Camp of the Eaton Rapids July 4th Parade. The lineup time will be at 9:30 A.M. at the Felpausch Grocery Store, 1411 South Main Street in Eaton Rapids.

The parade itself will step off at 11:00 A.M.

Commander Shumway reported that the Charleton Park event will not take place this year.

IX. Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

X. New Business:

There was no new business.

XI. Good of the Order:

Brother Pahl indicated that he will be initiating a Department-wide activity that will entail the locating, documenting through photographs all Michigan monuments that sit on Civil War Battle fields. It is hoped that sometime in the future when this project is complete, the Michigan Department may be able to publish the collected information in both booklet and CD formats.

Brother Pahl reported that his son, Brother James A.K. Pahl, graduated from Great Lakes Christian College – potential future National Chaplain???

Brother Langworthy reported that his granddaughter was elected to the National Honor Society at Everett High School

Brother Miller reported that he attended a grave rededication program near Plainwell, Michigan. He passed around a book with pictures. The rededication included soldiers from the War of 1812, Blackhawk War, Civil War, and Spanish American War. The Department Commander was present at the rededication.

Brother Peabody reported that the Sunfield Library took ownership of several letters written during the Civil War from William Henry Harrison Boswick plus two others. Brother Peabody indicated that the Camp top get copies of letters.

XII. Treasurer's Report:

Brother Warren reported that the Camp received a \$100 donation from David

Neese. He indicated that the savings account contained \$3,930 and the checking account contained about \$250. The Camp's Pass the Hat garnered \$23. A motion was made and seconded to approve treasurer report, motion passed.

XIII. Closing Ritual:

The Camp was closed per ritual at 8:47 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

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