

Curtenius Guard
Camp #17
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Memorial Day, May 30, 2006
Samuel W. Grinnell
GAR Post #283 Hall
115 Main Street
Sunfield, Michigan

Commander Ron Shull assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent officers by appointment Pro Temp.

I. Opening Ritual: Camp Commander Shull opened the meeting per Ritual at 7:00 PM.

Four Guest were introduced: Ms. DeAnna Clark, and Boy Scouts Bryan Poddig, Ryan Clark, and Lloyd Corston from the Sunfield Boy Scouts Troop.

The Camp performed a brief Memorial Day Ceremony from the Ritual

II. Roll Call:

Brothers Present: Arnold, Keith Harrison, Langworthy, Miller, James B. Pahl, Peabody, Roux, Shull, and Warren.

Brothers Excused: Aumaugher, Aves, Luke Coons, Zack Coon, Emerick, Nathan Harrison, Hilts, Hodges, Lyons, Mitchell, Nash, and James A. Pahl, Shumway, Stahl, and Traub.

III. Approval of Minutes: Secretary Harrison indicated that a report from the Memorials and Monuments chair was inadvertently left out of the March minutes. In order to correct the oversight, the report will be included in these minutes. It was moved and seconded the minutes as corrected be approved, motion passed.

IV. Concern for Brothers: It was reported that Brother Traub was undergoing a sleep disorder study at a local hospital.

V. New Members and Initiations: Brother Miller reported that there have been no new applications.

VI. Committee Reports:
Camp Council – No report.

Bylaws - No report.

Graves Registration - Brother Miller indicated that he was in the process of following up undocumented graves in Barry County. He also indicated that the next meeting of the Department's Grave Registration Committee will take place on June 10, 2006 in Lansing.

Memorials and Monuments - As previously indicated, Brother Lyons' March report was inadvertently left out of the March Camp meeting minutes. In that report, Brother Lyons reported that that the project in Eaton County was nearly complete. Most of the material had been supplied to the Department Chairman some time ago. There are two additions of recently discovered locations to be filed when the paperwork is completed.

Most of the photography work in Ingham County was done in 1996 as a project to develop a record for the Camp history files. This was done before the formation of the present program. Now that the weather is starting to clear, it is anticipated that the sites will be able to be revisited to check condition and gather measurements for the reports.

It is hoped that all counties for which we are responsible will be completed and the paperwork submitted by this fall.

Eagle Scouts Certificates – No report.

Membership – No report.

Military Affairs - No report.

Patriotic Instruction - No Report.

Program and Publicity –Brother Arnold indicated that the July program will be a presentation on the history of the Curtenius Guard by local Mason historian and Junior High School teacher Scott Shattuck.

Hall Restoration – Commander Shull indicated that he had talked with Brother Doug Park regarding the evaluation of the GAR Hall's structural foundation. Commander Shull stated that Brother Park, while not having the time to take on the chairmanship of this committee, is

willing to assist the Camp where he can.

Memorial Day Activities – Brother Harrison indicated that four Brothers participated in the Lansing Memorial Parade on Saturday March 27, 2006: Brothers Bill Miller, George Roux, and Dave Arnold marching and Harrison on the reviewing stand. These four Brothers plus Brothers Dave Rehkopf, Charles Langworthy, Marc Bennetts, and Jim Pahl participated in the Mt Hope Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony. All of the previous named Brothers except Brother Roux then attended the Memorial Day Ceremony at Lansing's Little Arlington Cemetery. Brother Wendell Peabody represented the Camp at the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Memorial Day Ceremony on Sunday May 28, 2006 at the United Brethren Church. Also on Sunday, Brothers Arnold and Miller conducted a brief ceremony at the Sunfield cemetery and then visited the Samuel Grinnell grave site (see pictures at end of the minutes).

Brother Harrison inquired as to the location of the Camp's white rope and wreath that it use to have and used in conjunction with the Lansing Mt. Hope Cemetery Ceremony. It was moved and seconded that should the items not be located that the Camp be authorized to purchase replacements; motion passed.

Grinnell Award - No Report

VII. Orders and Communications: Commander Shull indicated that there were no orders or communications.

VIII. Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

IX. New Business: Brother Arnold brought up a discussion regarding possible programs for Camp meetings. In particular, the Camp membership discussed having Camp members provide a short presentation on their ancestor under which they joined the Order. Brother Miller volunteered to provide a presentation on his ancestor at the September meeting. Also, it was suggested that the Camp periodically have a DVD or VHS tape presentation on some Civil War history item. All presentation should run between one half to one hour long. The Civil War Trivia contest also was suggested as a periodic

program.

Another item brought up for discussion was the concept of providing new Camp members with their membership badge when they are initiated into the Order. Treasurer Warren reported that the Camp currently had two Associate badges but no membership badges in the Camp's inventory. A motion was made and seconded that the Camp purchase two membership badges for the purpose of providing same to new members upon their initiation into the Order and that the issue be revisited later regarding the medal to new members, motion passed. It also was indicated that the Camp should provide the new member with a copy of the Ritual. The Camp Treasurer indicated that the Camp currently had five rituals available.

X. Good of the Order: Brother Pahl indicated that he would be attending the Wisconsin Department Encampment on June 10, 2006. He also indicated that he was in receipt of an email from the California Department that demonstrated that persistence can pay off in terms of trying to get news coverage at SUVCW events. The event was a Memorial Day program that was covered in detail by a major San Diego, California newspaper.

Treasurer Warren read a note that he received from former Camp member Dave Neese indicating how pleased he was to have been a member of the Camp.

Brother Pahl reminded the Camp of the upcoming National Encampment and encouraged Camp members to consider attending this special 125th National Encampment at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Brother Peabody indicated that the Sunfield Historical Society was in the process of doing a history on the GAR Hall. It was moved and seconded to offer the Society all the assistance it may require in this endeavor; motion passed.

XI. Treasurer Report. Camp Treasurer Warren reported that the Camp currently had \$981.23 in its checking account, \$2,042.08 in its Hall Restoration Fund, and \$2,057.36 in its CD. A total of \$20 was collected with the Passing of the Hat. He also indicated

that \$36 rather than \$35 were collected at the March meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer Report; motion passed.

Brother Warren, in a separate correspondence to the Camp Secretary, indicated that there were still five Brothers who have not paid their dues for 2006. Those in arrears are:

**Robert Aumauger,
Charles Brown
Ralph Larson
Mark Neese
David Rehkoph**

Unless these five brothers pay their dues plus late fee for a total of \$35.00, action will need to be taken at the July meeting to drop them from the Camp.

To those in arrears, dues plus late fee (total \$35.00) can be mailed to the Camp Treasurer at:

**John Warren, Camp Treasurer
PO Box 5193801 Heath Rd
Hastings, Michigan 49058**

XII. Closing Ritual: The Camp was closed per Ritual by Camp Commander Shull at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted in
Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Keith G. Harrison, PCinC
Camp Secretary
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Memorial Weekend and Day Photographs



Brothers Arnold and Roux, and Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero



Brothers Roux, Arnold & Miller



Brother Arnold and Alfreda Schmidt at Little Arlington Cemetery



Brother Arnold – Grinnell Monument