

Curtenius Guard

Camp #17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 26, 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 7:06 PM.

One Guest was introduced. Scott Shattuck. Scott Shattuck is a local historian and middle school teacher in Mason, Michigan. One of his specialties is in the history of the Curtenius Guards, also known as Company B of the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry and other Civil War soldiers from Ingham County. Scott also is very active in Civil War soldier tombstone restorations and rededications. He takes his middle school classes each year to places such as Gettysburg, Antietam, and Harpers Ferry. Scott was present as a candidate for membership

II. Roll Call:

Brothers Present: Arnold, Keith Harrison, Langworthy, Parke, Rehkopf, Roux, Shull, Shumway, Stahl, and Warren.

Brothers Excused: Aumaugher, Luke Coons, Zack Coon, Emerick, Nathan Harrison, Hilts, Hodges, Lee, Lyons, Miller, Mitchell, Nash, James A. Pahl, James B. Pahl, and Traub.

III. Approval of Minutes: It was moved and seconded the minutes as transmitted be approved, motion passed.

IV. Concern for Brothers: Brother Miller's wife and mother are still having some health problems. His wife, though,

is now doing better but his mother is not doing that well.

V. New Members and Initiations:

Junior Vice Camp Commander Arnold read the application of Scott Shattuck. Scott derives his membership eligibility from his great great grandfather, Philo Patrick. Philo Patrick served as a Private from September 15, 1862 to 1865 in the 23rd New York Light Artillery. A motion was made and seconded to use the ballot box for the election of Mr. Shattuck; motion defeated. A motion was made and seconded to approved Mr. Shattuck for membership in the Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; motion passed. Brother Shattuck was initiated as per the Ritual, presented with a membership badge, and a certificate of membership by Camp Commander Shull.

The Camp took a brief 10-minute recess.

VI. Committee Reports:

Camp Council - No report.

Bylaws - No report.

Graves Registration - No report.

Memorials and Monuments - No report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates - No report.

Membership – Junior Vice Camp Commander Arnold indicated that he was in discussion with one potential applicant.

Military Affairs - Camp Secretary Harrison reported on the upcoming 50th anniversary plans for Remembrance Day., which will be held on November 18, 2006 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He indicated that this event will be rather special given that (1) it is the 50th anniversary of the event and that (2) the National Commander-in-Chief present for the event will be our own James B. Pahl.

Patriotic Instruction - No Report.

Program and Publicity - No report.

Hall Restoration - Brother Parks indicated that in addition to the several cosmetic issues discussed in previous meetings, the GAR Hall might also have

a structural problem in the middle of the floor. He pointed out a couple of places where the floor seemed to be sagging and suggested that there may be a need to access the crawl space under the building to inspect the wood beam and field stone holding up the floor. In addition, while that is being done, the plastic laid down several years ago to serve as a moisture barrier should be inspected. The best time to do the inspection would be during the winter.

Grinnell Award - No Report

VII. Orders and Communications:

Commander Shull reported that most everything of interest to the Camp was contained in the recent *Michigan's Messenger* that was sent to the membership either electronically or in hard copy. He reported on the National Encampment that was held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Jim Pahl's ascension to Commander-in-Chief, and the tour of the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg. Eighteen Michigan Brothers attended the Encampment. Brother Arnold distributed local area newspapers that had run an article on Jim Pahl's election to Commander-in-Chief.

VIII. Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

IX. New Business: – Brother Arnold talked about the new SUVVCW membership certificate (the first one was presented to the Camp's newest member, Brother Shattuck). He recommended that the Camp purchase 10 frames in order to have these available to provide to new members along with their membership certificate when they joined the Camp. A motion was made and seconded to purchase 10 frames at a cost of no more than \$2.00 per frame; motion passed.

X. Good of the Order: The Camp's new web page was discussed. It is the goal to eventually have more history of the Camp on the website. The address of the Camp page is:

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There was no other business per se brought up for the Good of the Order.

XI. Treasurer Report. Camp Treasurer Warren reported that the Camp currently had \$213.51 in its checking account, \$2,100.12 in its Hall Restoration Fund, and \$2,118.58 in its CD. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer Report; motion passed. Twenty-five dollars were collected for the Hall Restoration Fund.

In order to save some postage, the Treasurer indicated that dues statements would be available at the November meeting.

XII. Closing Ritual: The Camp was closed per Ritual by Camp Commander Shull at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted in
Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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125th National Encampment at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, August 2006. Jim Pahl immediately after his installation as Commander-in-Chief by Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison



New Camp member, Scott Shattuck, holding his membership certificate, September 26th.



Michigan Delegation, 125th National Encampment at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, August 2006.