

Curtenius Guard

Camp #17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

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 7:10 PM. He informed Camp members of the Commander-in-Chief's General Order #7, which ordered all Camp Charters draped for 30 days (December 29, 2006 – January 29, 2007) in recognition of the death of President Gerald Ford. He also informed the Camp of the Department's request to drape the charter for 30 days (January 15 – February 15, 2007) in recognition of the death of James B. Pugsley III, (Camp 180) and for 30 days (January 22 – February 22, 2007) in recognition of the death of Michael D. Mitchell from our Camp. It also was indicated that Dewitt Camp member and former member and Chaplain of our Camp, Dale Calder, had died. The date of Dale's death was not known. Commander Shull passed out Department of Michigan *In Memoriam* Ribbons.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers Present: Arnold, Aves, Bennetts, Keith Harrison, Hodges, Langworthy, James B. Pahl, Peabody, Roux, Shull, Shumway, Traub, and Warren.

Brothers Excused: Aumaugher, Burgin, Luke Coons, Zack Coon, Emerick, Nathan Harrison, Hiltz, Lee, Lyons, Miller, Nash, James A. Pahl, Rehkopf, Roux, and Stahl.

III. Approval of Minutes: It was moved and seconded that the November

28, 2006 meeting minutes as transmitted be approved; motion passed.

IV. Concern for Brothers: It was reported that Brother Ervin Stahl was currently undergoing eye therapy. Brian Shumway brought the Camp up to date regarding the current status of his wife, who has been undergoing chemo-therapy for breast cancer. She is doing well and has only nine weeks of therapy left. Brian expressed his thanks for the cards of support that have been sent.

V. New Members and Initiations:

Junior Vice Camp Commander Arnold indicated that there were no new applicants or applications brought forth for consideration. He did indicate that membership certificate for new Brother Robert Burgin had been sent. Treasurer Warren indicated that a membership medal would be sent to him also. Secretary Harrison indicated that he sent out two applications to individuals that were in attendance at Brother Mike Mitchell's funeral.

The Camp took Ca brief 15-minute recess at which time Brother Arnold sat up the Camp's recently purchased display board and also shared with the Camp an idea he was working on regarding a SUVCW challenge coin..

VI. Committee Reports:

Camp Council - No report.

Bylaws - No report.

Graves Registration - No report.

Memorials and Monuments - No report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates –Brother Hodges stated that he was in receipt of a request to attend a Boy Scout Court of Honor on March 24th at 4 PM. He gave the request to Commander Shull.

Membership - Brother Arnold discussed the various attributes of the Camp's new display board as a tool in terms of recruiting and also as a potential fund raiser for the Camp. He indicated that if we could come up with a marquee for the board, the company could produce the boards with the marquee and drop ship the boards directly (rather than having to have to go through us) to other Camps. It was indicated that the boards also may be of benefit to other allied

orders and that the Camp could make a similar arrangement to market the boards to them. A motion was made and seconded that the Camp look into the possibility of marketing the boards as a fund raiser; motion passed. Brother Arnold will be working with Scott Shattuck and some members of the Allied Orders on this. Also, permission will need to be secured from the National Organizations (Council of Administration) to use the SUVCW name and badge on the boards that we would sell.

Military Affairs - No report.

Patriotic Instruction - No Report.

Program and Publicity - No report.

Hall Restoration - No report.

Grinnell Award - A recipient's name was brought forth and unanimously approved by the Camp for the Camp's Grinnell Award. The name of the recipient will be released up his receipt of the award.

VII. Orders and Communications: CinC Pahl discussed some changes in the organization of the Annual Lincoln Tomb program that will take place on April 14, 2007 in Springfield, Illinois. He also indicated that following the tomb ceremony, a ceremony will be conducted in Petersburg, Illinois at the grave site of Grand Army of the Republic founder, Dr. Benjamin Stephenson. A copy of the announcement for the 51st Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and registration form is attached to these minutes. The Camp was encouraged to send a representative and to present a wreath at the Lincoln Tomb.

CinC Pahl stated that the 2007 National Encampment will be hosted by the Department of Missouri and should prove to be one of the better ones. He indicated that Michigan Department's Max Newman, who is the current National Treasurer and whose term of office will end in 2007, will be a candidate again for National Treasurer. Brother Mike Bennetts, from the New York Department, has indicated that he will not be seeking another term as National Secretary. Don Palmer, from the Missouri Department, has announced

that he will be running for that National position.

The Camp received three resolutions of endorsement from the Governor Crapo Camp #145 for upcoming Department offices: Dennis C. Derr II, PCC, for Department Commander, Donald W. Shaw, PCC, for Junior Vice Department Commander, and Max L. Newman, PCC, for Department Council Member. A motion was made and seconded to support the three endorsements; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to endorse Brian Shumway, Curtenius Guard Camp #17 PCC, and current Department Treasurer, for re-election as Department Treasurer at the upcoming 2007 Department Encampment. The motion passed unanimously. A second motion was made and seconded to direct the Camp Secretary to so inform the other Camps within the Department of the endorsement; motion passed..

VIII. Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

IX. New Business: There was no new business.

X. Good of the Order:

Secretary Harrison reported on Mike Mitchell's funeral and burial service. Flowers were sent on behalf of the Camp by Camp Treasurer-elect Brian Shumway. Attending the funeral viewing and ceremony from Curtenius Guard Camp were Brothers Aves, Bennetts, Harrison, and Lyons. Attending the gravesite service were Brothers Aves and Harrison. A SUV CW gave site ceremony was conducted for

Brother Mike. Representative from other Camps assisting the Curtenius Guard Camp in this ceremony were, Gary Gibson, PDC, from the Kalamazoo Camp and Brother Tom Emerick, from the Dewitt Camp. Also assisting were Richard Dula, Sergeant Major (Schoolfield's/Mitchell's Battery), Ron Peterson, formally of the 7th Michigan, and a relative of Mike Mitchell, John Knecht. A special program, a copy of which was shared with the Camp, was prepared for the ceremony by the Curtenius Guard Camp. The program was presented to Mike's, widow, Carol Mitchell, by Secretary Harrison immediately following the gravesite ceremony.

Several members of the Camp related stories of Mike with which they had first hand experiences. Secretary Harrison indicated that at the 5:45 PM informal get-together at the Old Timer's Restaurant just before the Camp meeting, CinC Pahl and the other Camp members present offered a toast to Mike Mitchell. Mike Mitchell was a charter member of the Curtenius Guard Camp; in fact signatory #2 on the April 26, 1983 Provisional Charter application. The other four Provisional Charter members were: Keith G. Harrison #1, Thomas I. Hanson #3, Rev. William C. Newmarch #4, and Robert E. Evans #5. With the exception of Brother Harrison - who was the youngest of all the signatories at the time, all of the Provisional Camp Charter members are now deceased.

XI. Treasurer Report

The Camp Treasurer indicated that the checking account, savings account, and

CD contained \$336.46, \$2,153.36, and \$2,132.76, respectively. In addition, it was reported that the Camp's "Pass the Hat" resulted in \$24.00. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report; motion passed.

XII. Installations of Officers

CinC Pahl, serving in the capacity as the Installation Officer for the Department, installed the present Camp elected and appointed officers for 2007. A listing of the Camp officers for 2007 is as follows:

Commander: Ron Shull,
Senior Vice Commander: David Rehkopf,
Junior Vice Commander: Dave Arnold,
Secretary: Keith Harrison,
Treasurer: Brian Shumway,
Council: George Roux, Wendel Peabody, and Dana Traub,
Patriotic Instructor: Paul Hodges,
Chaplain - George Roux,
Historian: Scott Shattuck,
Memorials Officer - Jim Lyons,
Guard: Wendel Peabody, and
Color Bearer: Dana Traub.

XIII. Closing Ritual: The Camp was closed per Ritual by Camp Commander Shull at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted in
Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Keith G. Harrison
Keith G. Harrison, PCinC
Camp Secretary
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*Fifty-First
Annual Lincoln Tomb
Ceremony*

**Saturday, April 14, 2007
Springfield, Illinois**



The 51st Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS), will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. The ceremony will be held at 10:00 AM CDT followed by a luncheon at 12:00 noon.

The headquarters hotel for both the annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony will be the State House Inn at 101 East Adams Street. Room rate for those attending the ceremony is \$86.99 for either a double bed room or a single bed room. A full breakfast buffet is included in this special room rate. Reservations may be made by calling 1-217-528-5100 and asking for a room with the above rate under "**Sons of Union Veterans.**" **Reservations should be made by March 7, 2007** after which the remaining blocked rooms will be released and the room rate will revert to the regular price of \$103.99. Ground level parking at the hotel is free with adequate parking near the lobby and across 1st street to the west of the hotel.

The luncheon following the Lincoln Ceremony will be held in **The Inn at 835** at 12:00 noon CDT. The Inn is located at 835 South Second Street which is about four blocks south of Adams Street. The State House Inn is located at East Adams and 1st street. Second Street is about ½ blocks east of the State House Inn. The cost of the luncheon will be \$ 23.00 per person. Reservations may be made by completing the attached form.

Also for those organizations that are going to place a wreath, please complete that portion of the attached form.

A second ceremony sponsored by the SUVCW commemorating the formation of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) will be held at the grave site of Dr. Benjamin Stephenson in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Illinois. The cemetery is located on Illinois highway 123 on the east side of town. In order to travel to Petersburg from Springfield, use Illinois highways 29 and 123 or 97. Most MOLLUS members also were member of the GAR. MOLLUS Companions are invited to this second ceremony. Additional directions and information will be available at the hotel and luncheon. If you anticipate attending this ceremony, please complete that portion of the attached form.

If additional information is needed for either the Lincoln Tomb or GAR ceremonies, SUVCW Past Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis can be reached by contacting him at either arlsuvcw@aol.com or 219-464-1332.

**Lincoln Tomb Observance, Springfield, Illinois
Saturday April 14, 2007 at 10:00A.M. C.D.S.T.**

OBSERVANCE WREATH PRESENTATION
(please print clearly)

I (we) intend on presenting a wreath at the Observance Ceremony.

Organization name in full: _____

Name and title of wreath bearer: _____

e-mail address: _____

If no e-mail address give home address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Those obtaining wreaths that are stored in Springfield or from local florists are responsible for making arrangements to pick them up or delivering them to the tomb by 9:00 AM the day of the ceremony. c/o Curator, Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, IL 62702

To insure listing in the program, this notice must be received no later than April 1st at address shown below.

I would like to reserve _____ seats on the shuttle bus from the headquarters hotel to the Tomb Ceremony, the ceremony to the luncheon, and return to the headquarters hotel.

Please circle YES or NO if you desire to ride the bus to the Dr. Benjamin Stephenson ceremony near Petersburg following the luncheon.

OBSERVANCE LUNCHEON
Luncheon at the Inn at 835, Springfield, Illinois
Saturday, April 14, 2007 at 12:00 Noon C.D.S.T.

Please accept _____ luncheon reservation(s). Please list the name, e-mail address, home address and phone number of the person responsible for picking up these tickets at the door.

Include remittance of **\$23.00 per person** for each luncheon reservation payable to **National Organization SUVCW. Reservations must be made by April 1st and cancellations by the same date in order to receive refund.** There will be no extra tickets sold at the door. Make a **copy of this form for your records and send original with** remittance to:

Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee
P.O. Box 65
Valparaiso, IN 46384