

# Curtenius Guard

## Camp #17

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### Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 27, 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 7:04 P.M. Guest Walter Herwarth was introduced. It was mentioned that he had served in the Navy Reserve, Army, and Michigan Air National Guard.

### II. Roll Call:

**Brothers Present:** Arnold, Keith Harrison, Hodges, Langworthy, Peabody, Rehkopf, Roux, Shull, Shumway, and Stahl.

**Brothers Excused:** Aves, Burgin, Luke Coons, Zack Coon, Emerick, Nathan Harrison, Hilts, Lee, Lyons, Miller, Nash, James A. Pahl, James B. Pahl, Shattuck, Smith, Traub, and Warren.

**III. Approval of Minutes:** It was moved and seconded that the January 30, 2007 meeting minutes as transmitted be approved; motion passed.

**IV. Concern for Brothers:** It was indicated that Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler's wife had had a heart attack but was now improving. It also was indicated that Lavern Aves's son-in-law had had a heart attack and that he too was now improving. Finally, it was mentioned that Scott Shattuck's father-in-law had recently passed away.

### V. New Members and Initiations:

Junior Vice Camp Commander Arnold reported that there were no new applications to be brought forth for consideration by the Camp.

### VI. Committee Reports:

**Camp Council** - No report.

**Bylaws** - No report.

**Graves Registration** - No report.

**Memorials and Monuments** - No report.

**Eagle Scouts Certificates** - Brother Shull indicated that a certificate had been provided to the Boy Scouts for presentation to Matt Bierwagen in recognition of his Eagle Scout achievement.

**Membership** - No report.

**Military Affairs** - No report.

**Patriotic Instruction** - No report.

**Program and Publicity** - Brother Arnold indicated that he had submitted an article to the *Michigan's Messenger* requesting the volunteer assistance of any Brother who has the background as a graphic designer to help with the creation of a marquee for the Camp's new presentation board.

**Hall Restoration** - No report.

**Grinnell Award** - Brother Shull indicated that he signed and then transmitted the Samuel Grinnell certificate to Brother Jim Lyons.

### VII. Orders and

**Communications:** Brother Harrison informed the Camp that he had received resolutions of endorsement from the LeValley-Heusted Camp #255 for the following individuals: Dennis Derr for Department Commander, Donald Shaw for Junior Vice Department Commander, Brian Shumway for Department Treasurer, Kevin Lindsey for Department Secretary, and Howard Streeter, Kris Kuhlman, and Max Newman for Department Council.

### VIII. Unfinished Business:

Brother Arnold showed the Camp photographs of a prototype that he had prepared for a SUVCW challenge coin. The National Quartermaster has ordered initially 300 of these coins for sale. These should be available soon through the National Organization.

**IX. New Business:** Brother Arnold expressed concern with the current state of the GAR plot at Mount Hope Cemetery and indicated that the Camp needed to clean the area up prior to Memorial Day Ceremony on May 26th this year. A motion was made and seconded that the Camp Secretary send out a notice two weeks prior to Memorial Day requesting volunteers to cleanup the Mount Hope Cemetery GAR plot (the date of the cleanup would be approximately one week prior to May 26th); motion passed. Brother Arnold indicated that he would get together with the Mount Hope Cemetery people to ensure that we can do the work.

A motion was made and seconded that (1) Brother Arnold investigate the cost of purchasing new flags for all the veterans buried in the Mount Hope Cemetery GAR plot and to report the cost to the Camp Commander, and (2) the Camp Commander be given the authority to authorize the purchase the flags if the cost of the flags is reasonable; motion passed.

Brother Langworthy indicated that a Lansing Memorial Day parade may not take place this year due to lack of interest by the Veterans groups.

It was indicated that the Camp had been invited to participate in a Grand Ledge parade on May 5, 2007, in conjunction with that city's Victorian Days celebration. The Camp Secretary was requested to send out a notice to the Camp approximately one week prior to the parade date to solicit Camp member participation. Participants will need to meet at the corner of Scott Street by the theater in Grand Ledge at 10:30 AM. The parade will start at 11:00 AM.

Brother Peabody indicated that the Daughters were planning a flag retirement ceremony on Flag Day (June 14, 2007) and that the Camp was invited to attend.

*The Camp took a brief 15-minute recess.*

**X. Good of the Order:** Brother Harrison presented the Camp with two new flag poles. The new flag poles can be disassembled, which should greatly help facilitate their being transported to and from different events.



**Commander Shull and PCinC Harrison  
with new flag poles.**

Brother Rehkopf donated to the Camp the Historical Times Inc. 1995 reprint of the National Historical Society's 1971 printing of the 1901 *War of the Rebellion, A Compilation of the Official Records of Union and Confederate Armies* (Series I, Volumes 1-12, plus Index – 16 books in all).

Brother Hodges showed the Camp a photograph of a display that was now in the South Mountain Museum in Maryland that highlighted the military service of his ancestor (and Michigan Past Department Commander) Herrick Hodges.

**XI. Treasurer Report:** Camp Treasurer Shumway presented a detailed report on the Camp finances. The Camp has a total of \$5,162.27. This is broken down as follows: Certificate of Deposit: \$2,187.36, Checking account: \$596.79 (696.79 – 100.00 in outstanding checks) and Savings account: \$2,378.12. "Pass the Hat" resulted in \$18.00. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report; motion passed.

The Treasurer reported that all but one member had paid his 2007 dues. He moved and it was seconded that Brother Robert Aumaugher be dropped if his dues were not received prior to March 31, 2007; motion passed. Brother Shumway indicated that he would try to contact Brother Aumaugher one more time to request his dues.

**XII. Closing Ritual:** The Camp was closed per Ritual by Camp Commander Shull at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted in  
Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

*Keith G. Harrison*

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