

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans Of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2011
Samuel W. Grinnell
GAR Post #283 Hall
115 Main Street
Sunfield, Michigan

Commander George Roux assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent officers by appointment Pro Temp.

I. Opening Ritual:

Camp Commander George Roux opened the meeting per the Ritual at 7:03 PM.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers Present: Armstrong, Arnold, Bankhead, Bauer, G. Copenhagen, T. Copenhagen, Haines, Harrison, Holcomb, Peabody, Pahl Sr., Reckline, Roux, Shull, B. Shumway, J. Shumway, Tooker, Traub, Zank

Brothers Excused: Aves, Bennetts, Coons, Deardorff, Emerick, Hamilton, Harrison, Harrington, Hodges, Hoffman, Langworthy, Nash, Neal Pahl Jr., Payne, Rehkopf, Rousseau, Thomas, and Zowe.

Guests included: None

III. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as transmitted; motion passed. For both month

IV. Concern for Brothers:

Todd Morales father died (Sharon Patton's husband).

Curbie Fleatham passed the great nephew of John Fleatham was a member of the Grinnell GAR post.

V. New Members and Initiations:

None at this time.

VI. Committee Reports:

Camp Council: – Audited the book and

found no problems.

Bylaws - No report.

Memorials and Graves Registration: – Fulton's lumber will be receiving the stone for Porter Whitney from Leslie.

There are five new entries to the database.

GAR Monuments: – No report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates: – Grant Goff for February 12th, Nathan Dolman for February 27th.

Membership – No report

Veterans' Day: – No report.

Military Affairs: – No report.

Patriotic Instruction: - Brother Arnold passed around a photo of the Post 42 Charles T Foster in Lansing of crossed flags. It is believe that the flag that was donated to us David Hoflinger is on of the flags in the flag.

Program and Publicity: - Feb 22 will be Kerry Chartkoff speaking on Governor Austin Blair.

Hall Restoration: – The leak is still a problem. The daughters had a roofer look at the roof and he thinks found and repaired the leak, and repaired it, we will not know until it warms up.

When warm weather comes we need to look at the security with the daughters.

Memorial Day Activities – Brother Bankhead has a bugler for the Memorial Day activities.

Grinnell Award. No report.

VII. Orders and Communications:

National general order; #8 Death of Past National President Opal A Nelson the Ladies of the Gran Army of the Grand Army of the Republic, #9 Candidates seeking election to SUVCW national office, #10 Opinion of the ruling on A Camp Commander cannot hold the office of Secretary/Treasurer at the same time.

The Eaton County History Society has asked the camp to host the Eaton County

Heritage Conference. Brothers Bankhead, Copenhagen and Tooker will be working on this project. It was moved to host the invitation for thirty day to see if we can get hall. Seconded, motion carried.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

Brother Arnold reported on Adam Crosswhite program. Adam Crosswhite and family were fugitive slaves who escaped through Marshall before they end up in Canada.

IX. New Business:

Motion made by Brother Harrison that we endorse Brother Arnold for the Department Sr-Vice Commander. Motion was seconded and passed.

Brother Harrison reported on the Michigan Sesquicentennial.

Brother Tooker reported that Grand Ledge will be having a large Memorial Day parade

Brother Tooker asked anyone was interested in buying a raffle for a trip to the Mackinaw Bridge.

Brother Arnold reported on the Civil War documentary that is being made for PBS. There will be different sponsor level. As an organization for a donation of \$100 or more we would be listed in the credits.

Motion made and second to donate \$100 motion carried.

Department of Michigan encampment is May 21st

X. Good of the Order:

Last year a computer was added to our wish list. The camp could use at events along with the display as a recruitment tool. Brother Zank donated his old laptop computer for the use of the camp.

Door prize was a poster of Gen Grant

Pass the hat netted \$56. A motion was made to donate this money to the Eaton County Historical Commission. Motion was seconded and passed.

XI. Treasurer's Report: Was passed out and read by Brother Pahl Sr. Motion made, seconded and motion

carried. See attached sheet.

XII. Installation of the officers:

Installation of officer was done by Departmental Vice Commander Dave Arnold

XIII. Closing Ritual: The Camp was closed at 9:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted in
Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Dennis D Zank

Camp Secretary

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TEN FACTS FROM THE CIVIL WAR

1. When Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation he wasn't actually freeing ALL the slaves, he was only freeing the slaves in the rebellious states. It's interesting that he chose to free the slaves in those states that he had the least power to do so. It did however serve a political purpose by adding a moral component to the Union cause and also allowed blacks to join the Union Army and Navy. By the end of the war as many as 200,000 blacks had fought for the Union.

2. Union General Major General Lovell H. Rousseau once rounded up leading citizens during the Union occupation of Huntsville Alabama and each day placed one of them on the Union trains traveling in and out of the city to discourage Confederates from indiscriminately firing into the trains.

3. By the end of the war, Federal funds had paid for an estimated 840,000 horses and more than 430,000 mules. Confederates officers and mounted troopers were required to provide their own horses although they were reimbursed at a daily rate of forty cents. If the horse was killed, he was required to find a new one or

he might be transferred to infantry service.

4. During the American Civil War, more men died from disease than died from actual combat. Exact numbers are hard to come by especially on the Confederate side since many of the records were lost or destroyed. Estimates, however, put the total number of Civil War deaths at over 600,000 for both sides combined. Of that number, just over 200,000 were from combat and the rest were from disease and other causes.

5. It was not a forgone conclusion that Robert E. Lee would command the Confederate States Army. In many ways he sympathized with the North. He considered slavery wrong and supported the preservation of the Union, yet he turned down Lincoln's offer to command Union forces. In the end, his loyalty to his state of Virginia was stronger than his loyalty to the Union.

6. On April 14, 1865, Lincoln invited Grant and his wife to join he and Mrs. Lincoln in Washington. Mrs. Grant didn't have particularly warm feelings towards Mrs. Lincoln so they declined the offer. Had they gone to Washington, they likely would have been there that night when Lincoln was assassinated at Ford's Theatre.

7. President Lincoln's son Robert Todd Lincoln was once saved from falling under a train by famous actor Edwin Booth. A few months later, Edwin Booth's brother John Wilks Booth would assassinate President Lincoln.

8. The first fatality in the Civil War was an accident. After two days of shelling by the Confederates on Fort Sumter causing heavy damage and many fires, there were still no

fatalities. After running short on supplies, Union Maj. Robert Anderson agreed to surrender the fort, one of the stipulations being that they be allowed to salute the flag as they took it down. The next day, during the 100 gun salute, a smoldering piece of cartridge landed on a pile of new cartridges causing an explosion that killed Pvt. Daniel Hough and fatally injured another.

9. Ulysses S. Grant's wife Julia Grant was once taken prisoner by the Confederates. Julia and their youngest son Jesse often traveled with Ulysses and stayed in his camps so he could have "good home-cooked food". In December of 1862, Julia was captured by Confederate troops under the command of Confederate Brig. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest. This is believed to be the only wife of a Union General to be taken prisoner. When her identity was discovered, Forrest had her released immediately.

10. The first submarine to sink an enemy ship was the H.L. Hunley. On February 17, 1864, the Confederate submarine, with a crew of 8 including Confederate Lt. George Dixon, set off into the Charleston Harbor to sink the Union ship U.S.S. Housatonic. The sub was man powered by hand cranks attached to the propeller shaft. They were successful in attaching an explosive to the U.S.S. Housatonic and detonating it, sending the ship to the bottom, however, before it could return to port, the H.L. Hunley sank to the bottom also killing its entire crew.

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Meeting Announcement and Agenda Tuesday, March 29, 2011 @7:00 P.M.

Tentative Agenda

- I. **Opening Ritual**
- II. **Roll Call of Officers**
- III. **Roll Call of Camp**
- IV. **Welcome to Guests**
Eagle Scout Awards:
 - Ryan Clark & Shane Susstrum**Approval of Minutes**
- V. **Treasurer' Report**

Concerns for Brothers
 - Bruce Harrington—passing of his father
 - Charles Langworthy—illness
 - Others
- VI. **Reading of applications from candidates for membership**
***if applicable**
- VII. **Balloting for candidates for membership ***
- VIII. **Initiations of new brothers ***
- IX. **Recess**
- X. **Committee Reports including Eagle Scouts**
- XI. **Orders and Communications**
Michigan Department Orders
National Department Orders General Orders # 11 & 12

Old Business

- *Discussion of tentative camp Memorial Day and Weekend Activities i.e. Saturday May 28 at Mt.Hope Cemetery (Civil War Monument) & at Evergreen Cemetery (Little Arlington); &*

*Sunday Daughters Memorial Day Service in Sunfield, along with the Monday (traditional) Memorial Day Service at the Hall and possibly Welch Cemetery (weather permitting) and possible service with Camp color guard in Village of Woodland Cemetery. **More detail information will be provided as available.***

- *Discussion of possible camp involvement in hosting the Eaton County Historical Society annual conference*
- *Upcoming Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial events*

XII. New Business

- *The Abraham Lincoln Service on April 16, 2011 in Springfield, Illinois*
- *The Michigan Department encampment May 21, 2011 @ Great Lakes Christian College*
(Discussion on Department Encampment Registration & Credentials)
- *National Encampment August 11—14, 2011 in Reston, Virginia*
- *Camp Civil War Seminars: Last month's on Austin Blair and Future*

XIII. Good of the Order

- *Recent Issue of the Michigan Messenger—another good issue*
- *Gleaner Life Insurance \$100 Grant & \$200 Samaritan Award*
- *Delinquent 2011 Camp Membership Dues*
- *Other items*

Patriotic Instructors Report (if available)

Closing Ritual

Dennis D Zank
Camp Secretary

Camp #17 Treasurer Report - 2010
1/1/2010 through 12/31/2010

1/5/2011

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Category Description	1/1/2010- 12/31/2010
INFLOWS	
Application	5.00
Application Income	102.00
General Fund Income	
Supplies	35.00
Other General Fund Income	169.90
TOTAL General Fund Income	204.90
Hall Restoration Fund Income	442.51
History Seminar	348.00
Life Member Reimbursement	30.00
Per Capita Income	2,177.50
Product Sales Income	35.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	3,344.91
OUTFLOWS	
Application Expense	15.00
Bank Charge	11.75
Charity	25.00
General Fund Expense	
Supplies	172.17
Other General Fund Expense	164.90
TOTAL General Fund Expense	337.07
Hall Painting Project	45.47
Hall Restoration Fund Expense	453.32
Max O'Neil Bequest	259.40
Per Capita Expense	1,082.25
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	2,229.26
OVERALL TOTAL	1,115.65

Curtenius Guard Camp #17 Treasurer Report - SUVCW
11/30/2010 through 1/25/2011

1/24/2011

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 11/29/2010					5,469.29
12/4/2010	DEP	S Deposit	Haines (with app fee)	Per Capita Income	56.00
			Harold Holcomb	Per Capita Income	41.00
			John Shumway	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Brian Shumway	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Dave Arnold	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Dennis Zank	Per Capita Income	41.00
			George Roux	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Chuck Bauer	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Sigmund Reckline	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Chuck Langworthy	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Richard Hamilton	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Richard Hamilton	Hall Restoration F...	59.00
			Pass the hat	Hall Restoration F...	56.00
12/29/2010	DEP	S Deposit	Wolf Zowe	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Steve Church	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Jon Armstrong	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Laverne Aves	Per Capita Income	41.00
			William Haines	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Ron Shull	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Bruce Benedict	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Chris Czopek	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Ken Russeau	Per Capita Income	41.00
1/22/2011	DEP	S Deposit	Randal Tooker	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Bruce Harrington	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Robert Payne	Per Capita Income	41.00
			David Bankhead	Per Capita Income	41.00
11/30/2010 - 1/25/2011					1,114.00
BALANCE 1/25/2011					6,583.29
TOTAL INFLOWS					1,114.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					0.00
NET TOTAL					1,114.00

General Fund: \$2,726.63
Hall Restoration Fund: \$3,856.66
TOTAL: \$6,583.29