

Curtenius Guard

Camp #17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans Of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2012
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 7:28 PM.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers Present: Arnold, Bankhead, Benedict, G. Copenhagen, T. Copenhagen, K. Harrison, Holcomb, James Pahl Sr., Park, Payne, Peabody, Roux, Shull, Traub, Zank.

Brothers Excused: Bauer, Bennetts, Emerick, M. Haines, W. Haines, R. Hamilton, N. Harrison, Langworthy, Nash, James Pahl Jr., Reckline, Rehkopf, Rousseau, B. Shumway, J. Shumway, Zowe.

Guests: Michigan Dept. Commander. Donald Shaw, and Dept. Secretary Paul Davis.

III. Approval of Minutes: Motion made to approve the minutes as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

IV. Concern for Brothers: Chuck Langworthy is still in the assisted living. Concerns expressed for Brothers Billy Cole, Chuck Bauer, Brian Shumway, and his wife.

V. New Members and Initiations:

One new member voted in. His name is Robert M. Petrovic.

VI. Treasurers Report:-

Motion made to approve the Treasurers Report, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed - see attached.

VII. Committee Reports:

Camp Council: – Brother Harrison

reported on the audit of the camps books. He indicated there are not any problems.

Bylaws - No report.

Memorials and Graves Registration: – 91 graves registrations submitted in the last four months. We installed a headstone for Porter Whitney in Leslie. Nov. 2011.

GAR Monuments: – No report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates: – No report.

Membership: - No Report.

Veterans Day:

Participation in the Detroit Veterans Day Parade, Mason Veterans Day Parade, including, the massing of the colors, and Ingham County Veterans Memorial Dec. 7, 2011.

Watch for the movie, “American Civil War Experience”, on your local PBS channels.

Military Affairs: - No report.

Patriotic Instruction: - No report.

Program and Publicity: - Brother Arnold will be stepping away from heading up the Civil War Seminars. He requests that all members step up to fill in the gap. Presently, we lack a seminar speaker for February? Do you have any possible speaker you could contact to fill the urgent need?

Hall Restoration: – Siding is painted. The big question is when will Winter end to let our contractor on the roof to complete contracted work? The Contractor is not completely at fault. He had planned to do the work in September. However, we revised the work we needed done. We hope our job contract, is honored, and the contracted work is installed right after the snow melts off the roof.

Memorial Day Activities: No report.

Grinnell Award: No report.

VIII. Orders and Communications:

Michigan Department Officer Candidates include; Brothers Paul “David” Arnold candidate for Michigan Dept. Commander, Paul Davis candidate for Michigan Dept. Sr. Vice Commander, and Dale Aurand candidate Michigan Jr. Vice Commander

Brother Traub reported on the fall Community potluck held at his place. If you did not happen to make it, you missed a great meal, and, entertainment.

Brother Harrison reported on the Sesquicentennial. There are 101 events listed for the year so far. To find information on all the upcoming events go to our camp web site.

IX. Finished Business:

Brother Gary Copenhagen Reported on the Eaton County Historical Commission event held at the golf course. About 40 people attended. We learned about the early Michigan Railroads, and Civil War history. Following the speakers, a tour of the hall and museum in Sunfield took place.

X. New Business: - None to report.

XI. Good of the Order:

Paul Davis, in attendance, reported that he is running for Dept. Sr. Vice Commander.

Brother Copenhagen made motion to endorse Brother Arnold for Dept. Commander. Brother K. Harrison provided the second. Motion passed.

Brother Arnold reported and read the by-laws changes.

Brother Bankhead asked if Camp 17 would consider doing a rededication of the stone for a local Civil War Medal of Honor recipient. He was Mike Hudson, buried in Charlotte. A desired time was determined to be later this year, maybe early Fall?

Door prize rescheduled until the next meeting

XII. Nomination of Officers:

There were no additional nominations at this time. Nominations closed.

XIII. Election and Installation of the officers:

A motion made by Brother J. Pahl to cast a unanimous ballot for any officer position with only one candidate nominated. Second provided by Brother K. Harrison. Motion passed.

Brother J. Pahl made a motion asking for appointed camp delegates for the Michigan Department Encampment and for any additional Camp 17 members attending the encampment to be alternate

delegates. The Encampment is in Lansing Saturday, Mar. 31, 2011. Motion seconded. Motion passed. Brothers Gary Copenhaver, and Harold Holcomb asked to be delegates.

Our Camp #17 Officer initiations were ritually preformed by Dept. Commander Donald Shaw. Each new officer took his assigned station upon completion of the last initiation. Brother Paul Davis captured the moment with a camera.

Gratitude was expressed by a big round of applause for job well done for the officers vacating there 2011 posts and for the new officers installed to serve for the 2012 year.

Pass the hat net \$33.00.

XIV. Closing Ritual: The Camp closed at 10:27 PM.

HAROLD E. HOLCOMB
Camp Secretary
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Annual Treasurer's Report, Curtenius Guard Camp #17, SUVCW - 2011

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Category Description	1/1/2011- 12/31/2011
INCOME	
Benevolent Fund Income	140.00
General Fund Income	
donation	230.00
Fines	3.00
Grant	100.00
Supplies	10.00
TOTAL General Fund Income	343.00
Hall Restoration Fund Income	
donation	100.00
Education Seminar	449.68
Pass The Hat	401.31
TOTAL Hall Restoration Fund Income	950.99
Life Member Reimbursement	20.00
Per Capita Income	1,217.00
Product Sales Income	95.50
TOTAL INCOME	2,766.49
EXPENSES	
General Fund Expense	
Grant	99.57
honarium	25.00
Supplies	422.38
Other General Fund Expense	68.82
TOTAL General Fund Expense	615.77
Hall Restoration Fund	56.00
Hall Restoration Fund Expense	543.13
Per Capita Expense	1,259.25
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,474.15
OVERALL TOTAL	292.34

Treasurer's Report, Curtenius Guard Camp #17, SUVCW

11/29/2011 through 1/31/2012

1/30/2012

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 11/28/2011					6,229.37
12/13/2011	1038	S National Organization, SUVCW	PCC Badge for George Roux	General Fund Expense:Supplies	-32.00
12/29/2011	1039	David Arnold		General Fund Expense	-11.74
12/30/2011	DEP	S Deposit	Education Seminar	Hall Restoration Fund Income:Pass The Hat	116.00
			Mark Hoffman	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Wolf Zowe	Per Capita Income	41.00
			George Roux	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Richard Hamilton	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Jon Armstrong	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Ken Russeau	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Harold Holcomb	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Paul Arnold	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Laveme Aves	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Robert Payne	Per Capita Income	41.00
1/28/2012	DEP	S Deposit	William Haines	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Mark Haines	Per Capita Income	41.00
			Ronald Shull	Per Capita Income	41.00
			David Bankhead	Per Capita Income	41.00
			John Nagh	Per Capita Income	41.00
11/29/2011 - 1/31/2012					687.26
BALANCE 1/31/2012					6,916.63
TOTAL INFLOWS					731.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					-43.74
NET TOTAL					687.26

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 9/26/2011					6,726.50
9/27/2011	1035	Department Of MI, SUVCW		Per Capita Expense	-28.00
10/4/2011	1036	S Clear Creek Construction, LLC	GAR Hall repairs deposit	Hall Restoration Fund Expense	-500.00
10/6/2011	DEP	S Deposit	September meeting donation	Hall Restoration Fund Income:P... Benevolent Fund Income	54.00 20.00
10/29/2011	1037	David Bankhead		Hall Restoration Fund Expense	-43.13
9/27/2011 - 11/28/2011					-497.13
BALANCE 11/28/2011					6,229.37
TOTAL INFLOWS					74.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					-571.13
NET TOTAL					-497.13

General Fund: \$2,078.85
Hall Restoration Fund: \$4,092.52
Benevolent Fund: \$ 58.00
TOTAL: \$6,229.37

CURTENIUS GUARD CAMP #17
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



AUDIT REPORT

We have examined the financial records of the treasurer of Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and find them correct.

Audit completed 1/31/2012

Camp Council Signature *Kevin A. Hanson*

Camp Council Signature *Ronald S. Shull*

Camp Council Signature *Dana R. Traub*

Welch Historical Museum
Sunfield, MI
Community Pot Luck

Thursday, February 23, 2012
6 P.M.



Presenting
Gerald Bestrom



Gerald Bestrom (who played Lincoln in "The Conspirator" (2010) film) will visit the Welch Historical Museum impersonating Abraham Lincoln, telling stories, giving illustrations and sharing history from Lincoln's life and values that made him a great president.

Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, guided his country through the most devastating experience in its national history—the CIVIL WAR. He is considered by many historians to have been the greatest American president.

Paul “David” Arnold

2012/2013 CANDIDATE FOR MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Dear Michigan Department Brothers and Camps:

My name is Paul “David” Arnold. I am writing to solicit your support for Department of Michigan, Commander for 2012/13. I am a member and Past Camp Commander of the Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard, Camp #17 located in Sunfield, Michigan, and am currently your Department Senior Vice Commander. Presented below is some background information for your review. A Resolution of Endorsement of my candidacy from my Camp for Department of Michigan Commander will be forthcoming in January 2012.

BACKGROUND:

- Retired from the City of Lansing Police Department: 29 years of service.
- Recipient of the City of Lansing Meritorious Service Citation for Bravery 1978.
- Primary Organizer, City of Lansing Oklahoma City Relief Fund: Raised and delivered approximately \$20,000 in disaster relief for the victims of the Oklahoma City Bombing in 1995.

NATIONAL SUVCW CONTRIBUTIONS AND PROJECTS:

- Formulated the idea and helped design the current National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) “Challenge Coin.”
- Recipient of the 2007 National SUVCW Certificate of Appreciation for spearheading the raising of money and creating community partnerships regarding an extensive five-month restoration project of Soldiers’ Lot in Mount Hope Cemetery in Lansing, Michigan in 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROJECTS:

- Department of Michigan Assistant to the Treasurer, (merchandise) 2006/2008
- Department of Michigan Guard. 2008/2009
- Department of Michigan Junior Vice Commander 2009/2010
- Department of Michigan Senior Vice Commander for two terms in 2010 and 2011.
- Department of Michigan elected Delegate to National Encampment for the last six years and
- Author: “Lansing Remembers Its Boys in Blue,” *Michigan History Magazine* (July-August 2008); an article highlighting the SUVCW’s effort to restore the Mount Hope Cemetery Soldiers’ Lot in Lansing, Michigan.
- Co-Author: “Rededication Program: Grand Army of the Republic Soldiers’ Monument Lot, Mount Hope Cemetery Lansing Michigan October 14, 2007”; a 38-page biographical booklet on soldiers buried there.
- As Michigan Department, Junior Vice Commander, I developed and distributed a *Department of Michigan, Membership Initiative* geared toward both new and existing camps. The initiative contained ideas on how to “Promote the SUVCW” within your community to increase Department and Camp membership. The primary focus of this initiative was to assist new Camps with a guideline of ideas on how to get started.
- Recipient of the 2011, Department of Michigan, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Certificate of Appreciation at the 2011 Department of Michigan Encampment.

CAMP RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

- Past Camp Commander of the Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp #17, SUVCW.
- Recipient of the Curtenius Guard Camp #17 *Samuel W. Grinnell Award for Outstanding Service* (Highest award given at the Camp level), for service to the SUVCW.
- For the last three years, Creator and Moderator of the “SUVCW-Civil War History Seminars” a series of community-based Civil War education seminars held on a regular basis to promote Civil War history and the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to help recruit members to the SUVCW in mid-Michigan. *This series has had a high water mark of 140 attendees during one of the 2010 Seminars.*
- Selected to speak at the State Capital at the retirement of State of Michigan Capital Historian and Civil War Battle Flag Conservator, Kerry Chartkoff.
- Organized and ran numerous SUVCW visibility events including professional displays at Department of Michigan and National Encampments representing the Camp and Department, respectively, at the Jackson Civil War Muster and various genealogical and historical society events in mid-Michigan.
- Most recently, in 2009 wrote and secured Grant Funding towards the exterior restoration of the Samuel W. Grinnell Grand Army of the Republic Hall in Sunfield, Michigan.