

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans Of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2013
Samuel W. Grinnell
GAR Post #283 Hall
115 Main Street
Sunfield, Michigan

Commander Dennis Zank assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent officers by appointment Pro Temp.

I. Opening Ritual:

Camp Commander Dennis Zank opened the meeting per the Ritual at 7:05 PM.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

Brothers Present: D. Bankhead, Benedict, G. Copenhaver, K. Harrison, H. Holcomb, James Pahl Sr., R. Payne, W. Peabody, G. Roux, B. Shumway, R. Shull, D. Zank.

Brothers Excused: L. Aves, C. Bauer, M. Bennetts, W. Cole, T. Copenhaver, M. Haines, W. Haines, R. Hamilton, N. Harrison, M. Hoffman, J. Latchaw, S. Latchaw, J. Nash, J.A. Pahl, R. Petrovic, S. Recline, J. Shumway, D. Traub, W. Zowe.

III. Roll Call of Camp:

Brothers Present: P. Arnold, A. Deardorff, T. Doty.

IV. Welcome to Guests:

We have two guests. Michael McLaughlin recently moved to Michigan and joined, "March to the Sea", Camp # 135, and Our Commanders wife Mrs. Sandy Zank.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made to approve the minutes as corrected. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report:

Treasurer James B. Pahl, presented the Report for the period ending March 25, 2013. Most members have paid there 2013 Dues, a

few have not. Motion to E-Mail members with unpaid 2013 dues a reminder indicating they need to get them in the mail immediately. Second. Motion Passed. Treasurer indicates he filed all required Camp # 17, Annual Government Reports, He states, he filed the Curtenius Guard Camp #17 Forms with the IRS on March 23, 2013. Motion to Approve the Treasurers Report as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VII. Concern for Brothers:

Concerns expressed for the following Brothers: Laverne Aves, Charles Bauer, and Marc Bennetts. Bro. Bennetts had knee surgery March 18, 2013. He has another week of therapy. Rick Green and Howard Streeter from other Michigan Camps are having Health concerns.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates for Membership:

Candidate Phillip E. Jackson. He was born in Greenville, Michigan. He is currently residing in Lansing, Michigan. The application states his Civil War Ancestor as being his Great Grandfather Silas Wright. Silas Wright mustered into the Union Army on July 26, 1864 as a Private. He was in the 10th Michigan Calvary. He Mustered out November 11, 1865 as Private with the entire Regiment.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

The ballot box was located and each member lined up and cast his vote. The ballot box was opened and it was determined Phillip E. Jackson is to be initiated into Curtenius Guard Camp # 17. A big welcome in by applause extended to Phillip E. Jackson. Motion to have the Form 30 filled out for Brother Phillip E. Jackson and mailed into Department of Michigan Secretary Dennis Fyke on March 27, 2013. Second. Motion passed.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

No new members are here to initiate tonight.

XI. Recess:

General discussion took place.

XII Committee Reports:

Camp Council: - No report.

Bylaws - No report.

Memorials and Graves Registration: - No Memorials since the January 2013 meeting.

Graves Registration completed 21 new registrations during February, and March.

Paperwork approval problems still exist with National.

GAR Monuments: - No Report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates: - No Report, but we need to prepare a certificate for two Eagle Scouts.

Membership: - One new member voted in to Camp # 17 tonight.

Memorial Day Activities:

Current Memorial Day commitments include;

Mount Hope Cemetery
Little Arlington, for a Military Service United Brethren Church, located in Sunfield, Michigan, Sunday Afternoon, May 26, 2013.

Woodland Cemetery on Memorial Day
Additional requests are expected.

Military Affairs:

- Kyle Emerick awarded an Honorable Discharge.

Patriotic Instruction:

- Brother Paul Arnold indicates that it would be beneficial to have a limited Camp # 17 fund available for members to acquire worthwhile Civil War Artifacts. The goal is for preservation of the artifacts.

Program and Publicity:

- In continuation of our Civil War Seminars Series, Brother Mark Hoffman has arranged to have Mr. Eric Perkins a Historian with the Michigan Historical Museum give his program titled, "Beyond Hardtack and Coffee, Foodways of the Union Army". The Seminar held at, "The United Brethren Church" Sunfield, Michigan. The program scheduled for Tuesday April 30, 2013 at 7:00PM.

Hall Restoration:

- Brother Dave Bankhead indicates a man from Ithaca, Michigan may be interested in checking on our Hall Foundation and Structure Support Construction needs. We have previously indicated the need to have a professional inspect the beams under the hall and determine any needs.

Veterans Day Activities: - No Report.

Grinnell Award: - No Report.

XIII. Orders and Communications:

The 124th Encampment of the Department of Michigan is May 3 & 4, 2013. It will be at Great Lakes Christian College located at 6211 Willow Lansing, Michigan.

-The, "James T. Lyons Camp of the Year Award" presented.

-Department Officer Elections for 2013-2014 Term.

-Plenty Political excitement over issues is expected.

XIV. Old Business:

Camp # 17's 30th Anniversary is this year. We want to celebrate. The Sunfield, Michigan, "Sun Spots News Letter", mentions an interest in coordinating a joint celebration. We should consider coordinating with them for a fun event.

A reminder that reservations for the Department of Michigan Encampment held in Lansing on May 3 and 4, 2013, need to be placed immediately. Meal reservations for the lunch are required with your reservation. The Evening Banquet Dinner including interesting speakers is optional. Many from Camp # 17 will be attending the Evening Dinner Banquet.

The Camp # 17 Secretary has to make up your Encampment Credentials Card. It will be your ticket in. Be sure to let him know of your plans to attend.

The 56th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony is to be April 14, 2013. Camp # 17 Brothers will be attending.

XV. New Business: -

Motion Made to have the Welch Historical Museum, in Sunfield, Michigan store our Camp # 17,

Historical Records. We will need a written legal agreement/ document prepared that these records are only on loan, and that they are the property of SUVCW Camp # 17. Motion Second. Motion Passed.

Brother Gary Copenhaver has scheduled June 8, 2013 as the date for the dedication of the grave and placing of the Headstone for Civil War Veteran Randall. He served in the 102nd Colored Infantry. The location is Mt. Hope Cemetery.

XVI. Good of the Order:

The 14th Michigan is planning to make available some rental cabins at Gettysburg, PA. They will be available for rental over the Remembrance Day Reunion.

April 6, 2013 is the date of the, "Civil War Symposium", in Lansing. It will be a presentation by the Historical Society. They plan to have several interesting guest speakers. You need to register immediately. Check your E-mails for the required registration forms.

Some exciting news may happen in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. The James B. Brainerd Post # 111 Gar Hall located at 223 S. Main Street in Eaton Rapids closed years ago. The exciting news is the building maybe restored to a condition it was when the GAR Post was active. Possible funds for the project exist. More funds will likely be required.

The recent Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners Reenactors Conference was attended by 50 individuals representing reenactors, communities, organizations, and people interested in history. The purpose of the event each year is to put together a list of upcoming Civil War related events and

programs. Once the events mentioned at the conference, are posted, a request is sent out electronically to everybody interested in posting additional events. In 2011, 169 events ended up posted. In 2012, 180 events posted. For 2013, there are 116 events posted, thus far. The Department also uses this web- based calendar to post events of interest to the Department, and Camps. For the latest information on events taking place throughout the state, log on to this website, www.micw150.us.

Any one planning on attending the Gettysburg 150 year reunion need to consider getting room reservations in immediately.

2013 Dues are \$41.00. For those who are unpaid. Please try to get them in immediately.

Door Prize; Collected \$36.00 .

XVII. Patriotic Instructors Report:

No Report.

XVIII. Closing Ritual:

The Camp closed at 8:35PM.

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