

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans Of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2014
Samuel W. Grinnell
GAR Post #283 Hall
115 Main Street
Sunfield, Michigan

Commander Bankhead assigned
Brothers to fill vacancies of absent
Officers by appointment Pro-Temp.

I. Opening Ritual:

Before the scheduled Camp # 17
business meeting. We enjoyed a
wonderful dinner at Brother Dana
Traub's home. The dinner prepared by
his great cooks. Following the dinner
Camp Commander Dave Bankhead
opened the meeting per the Ritual at
7:35PM. Meeting held in adjacent room
of Brother Traub's building.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

Brothers Present: D. Bankhead,
B. Benedict, G. Copenhaver, K.
Harrison, H. Holcomb, M. Hoffman,
T Hummer, James B. Pahl, R. Payne,
B. Shumway, R. Shull, D. Traub, and
D. Zank

Officers Excused; W. Haines.

III. Roll Call of Camp:

The roll of the Camp not called to
abbreviate the length of the meeting.

IV. Welcome to Guests:

We are proud to have a guest attending.
The guest is Sue Moore friend of Brother
Arnold.

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

VI. Treasurers Report: Treasurer
James B. Pahl passed out the Camp#17
July 29, 2014 to September 21, 2014

Treasurers Report. Motion accepted for
approval of the Treasurer's Report, as
transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VII. Concern for Brothers:

Concerns expressed for the following;
Brothers Don Martin, and Glenn Knight.
They hold SUVCW National and
SUVCW Regional Offices respectively.
Camp # 17 Brothers concerns expressed
for: Laverne Aves, Tom Doty indicates
his wife had a heart attack and he is
having medical issues, John Shumway,
Charles Bauer, Paul Hodges, and
Commander Dave Bankhead wife is in
for tests.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates for Membership:

We did not have any candidates.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

We did not have any candidates.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

New members were not available for
initiation at this time.

XI. Recess:

We did not recess.

XII. Committee Reports:

Camp Council: - No report.

Bylaws - No report.

Memorials and Graves Registration:

-No Report.

GAR Monuments:

Discussions held about the G.A.R. in
Ionia, Michigan and about the Charlotte,
Michigan Bennett Park G.A.R.
Monument.

Eagle Scouts Certificates:

Brother Hoffman indicates he is in
communication with local Scout
Masters.

Membership: - No other applications.

Veterans Day -

Events planned for Camp # 17 Brothers
to consider.
-November 9, 2014 Annual Veterans
Day Massing of the Colors Lansing,
Michigan.
November 11, 2014 Mason Veterans
Day Parade.

-November 10th and 11th, 2014, "G.A.R.
James B. Brainerd Post # 111 Memorial
Hall and Museum, Inc.", open in Eaton
Rapids Michigan.

Military Affairs: - No report.

Patriotic Instruction: -
No Report.

Program and Publicity: - Camp # 17's
next Civil War Historical Seminar
Presentation scheduled for October 28,
2014. The program titled, "Marines in
the Civil War", presented by Mike
Unsworth, MSU Librarian. The planned
seminar held at the United Brethren
Church in Sunfield, Michigan. The event
scheduled for 7 PM.

Hall Restoration: - We need to plan and
budget for a new paint job and rot repair
on the outside of the Hall. Possible rot
exists below the door where the
threshold is. A bug problem mentioned.

Memorial Day Activities:
No Report.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

XIII. Orders and Communications:
SUVCW National General Order # 1
indicates Passing of Real Son Carson W.
Yeager of Elmhurst, Illinois July 15,
2014.

Department of Michigan General Order
#2 dated September 3, 2014 and
approved at the Michigan 130th
Department of Michigan Encampment
authorizes the transfer of all Michigan
GAR and SUVCW historical records to
the, "G.A.R. James B. Brainerd Post #
111 Memorial Hall and Museum, Inc.",
located at 224 South Main Street Eaton
Rapids, Michigan 48827. General Order
#2 makes this location a repository for
any G.A.R. and SUVCW records.

XIV. Old Business:

September 20, 2014 Camp # 17 took on
the lead role in the headstone dedication
of Civil War Veteran David Emmons.
He served with Company B, 6th
Michigan Heavy Artillery. Location
Webberville Cemetery Webberville,
Michigan.

Commander Bankhead indicates he will
proceed looking into the best place to
order the flags approved at the May, 31

meeting.

September 20, 2014 Eaton County Heritage Awards held at The Miller Farm Historical Center Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Brother Keith Harrison presented with an Eaton County Heritage Award. The award recognizes Brother Harrison efforts in getting the, "G.A.R. James B. Brainerd Post # 111 Memorial Hall and Museum, Inc.", Eaton Rapids, Michigan up and running. Congratulation Brother Harrison.

The Civil War Muster held in Jackson Michigan August 23 & 24, 2014 attended by some Brothers.

XV. New Business:

Brother Arnold desires Camp #17 look into black pillowcases to cover the headstone during dedications. The pillowcases need embroider with the words, "In Memoriam". Commander Bankhead will look for a place to acquire them and costs.

XVI. Good of the Order:

Brother James B. Pahl attended the 2014 SUVCW National Encampment August 14-17, 2014 held in Marietta, Georgia. He reports the 2015 National Encampment is in Richmond Virginia, and 2016 is in Springfield, Illinois. Department of

Michigan is hopeful there bid to host the 2017 National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan accepted.

The SUVCW Central Region Meeting October 3-4, 2014 is in Oberlin, Ohio.

Brother Dana Traub was host for the evening Camp # 17 diner and meeting held after in the adjacent facility. Camp # 17 extends a big thank you to Brother Traub, and all involved in preparing the meal.

Brother Keith Harrison indicates the following;

-We will need a contract before any records placed at the Museum in Sunfield.

-“G.A.R. James B. Brainerd Post # 111 Memorial and Museum, Inc.”, Open House scheduled for Sunday September 28, 2014 Eaton Rapids, Michigan. All Camp # 17 Brothers are invited. Museum recently received 501C3 approval. We hope the new 501C3 status helps in obtaining grants and funds for some badly needed projects.

The big project of immediate concern is the badly needed update of the furnaces and Air Conditioning systems. This required in helping to preserve the artifacts.

-Department of Michigan Commander

Paul Davis has signed the contract for the, "G.A.R. James B. Brainerd Post # 111 Memorial Hall and Museum, Inc.", to be a repository for GAR records for the State of Michigan.

-“G.A.R. James B. Brainerd Post # 111 Memorial Hall and Museum, Inc.”, has several events planned. They are in need of volunteers to work days at the Museum when it is open. Additionally, volunteers needed in the future for purposes of scanning repository records and transcribing. Please consider volunteering.

We are missing a flag case. Anyone know where it mite be?

Several Camp # 17 Brothers attended the 133 National Encampment held in Marietta, Georgia August 14 to17, 2014.

Door Prize: We did not pass the hat.

XVII. Patriotic Instructors Report: No Report.

XVIII. Closing Ritual: The Camp closed at 8:30PM.

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