

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans Of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

November 25, 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:

Camp Commander Dave Bankhead
opened the meeting per the Ritual at
7:00PM.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

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

Officers Excused: D. Traub

III. Roll Call of Camp:

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

IV. Welcome to Guests:

No guests present.

V. Approval of Minutes: Motion
made to approve the September 23, 2014
meeting minutes as transmitted. Second.
Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report: Treasurer
James B. Pahl passed out Camp#17
September 30, 2014 to November 25,
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
Camp # 17 Brothers: Laverne Aves,
Tom Doty indicates he and his wife are
both having medical issues, John
Shumway, Charles Bauer, and Paul
Hodges.

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:

Four Graves registrations completed for
turn in, and no Memorials to report.

GAR Monuments:

Charlotte Michigan, Bennett Park. A big
GAR monument is located there.
Commander Bankhead indicates the
monument is in need of a cleaning.

Eagle Scouts Certificates:

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

Membership: - No other applications.

Veterans Day -

Camp # 17 participated in these Veterans
Day events:

-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.", Eaton Rapids
Michigan.

Military Affairs: - No report.

Patriotic Instruction: -

No Report.

Program and Publicity: - Camp # 17's
Civil War Historical Seminar
presentation October 28, 2014 well
attended. The program titled, "Marines
in the Civil War", presented by Mike
Unsworth, MSU Librarian. Our Camp #
17 Program Director is currently in
search a program for February 24, 2015
seminar. Do you know of a program?
-April 28, 2015 seminar scheduled,
titled, "The Wreck of the Sultana",
presented by Gary Holmes.
-The June 30, 2015 seminar scheduled,
titled, "South Carolinians in Lee's Army;
Gregg/McGowan's Brigade", presented
by Ben Cwayna.

The planned seminars held at the United
Brethren Church in Sunfield, Michigan.
The events scheduled for 7 PM.

Hall Restoration: - Camp # 17
presented with the opportunity of local
Boy Scouts desiring a worthy project. It
is our understanding they will consider
doing the Halls needed exterior scraping
and painting. If so? We should
capitalize on the opportunity sometime
during 2015.

Memorial Day Activities:

No Report.

Remembrance Day Activities:

Gettysburg- James Pahl indicated four
attended. They presented with a parade
streamer. Brother Pahl placed the
streamer on the Camp # 17 Michigan
Flag during the Camp # 17 meeting.
The state of Michigan well represented
at Gettysburg. Brother Ron Shull went
with the 14th Michigan. The 14th
Michigan did the, "Order of the Goat",
on Little Round Top. That
accomplishment takes place after dark.
Those who participated in that had to
make their way down Little Round Top
to the Sharpshooters Monument. It was
quite a challenge.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

XIII. Orders and Communications:

SUVCW National issued several General
Orders. Those considered of interest to
Camp # 17 Brothers sent to your E-Mail.
Thirteen National General orders issued
so far for 2014. All posted on the
SUVCW National website.

-General Order # 5- Suspensions of Camps and Departments. Suspensions were for lack of required or properly prepared paperwork at Camp and Department levels. Several Camp suspensions ordered.

-General Order # 6 - Stephenson Memorial Plaza Project honors the Civil War service of Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson Springfield, Illinois.

-General Order # 7 - Government Headstone Applications Committee appointed a Committee to report at the 134th National Encampment.

-General Order # 8 - Suspensions lifted for Col. Edward D Baker Camp # 6 located in Oregon.

-General Orders # 9 & 10 added Pacific and Caribbean Territories.

-General Order # 11 Veterans Day.

XIV. Old Business:

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

Brother Arnold, Bankhead, and Benedict appointed to check out the Sunfield Historical Museum for roof leaks and anything that could cause damage to any records Camp # 17 should decide to place there. Brother Harrison indicates a contract needs to be finalized before any records are moved to there location.

XV. New Business:

A discussion took place of giving a donation to the United Brethren Church for use of there building for Camp #17 Seminars. No motion placed. No action taken on the discussion.

Election of 2015 Camp # 17 Officers:
Motion for unanimous ballot to elect all nominated Officers. Second. Motion passed. 2015 Camp #17 Officers are:
Dave Bankhead Commander
Dennis Zank Senior Vice Commander
Mark Hoffman Jr. Commander
Harold Holcomb Secretary
James B. Pahl Treasurer
Ronald Shull Camp Council
Keith Harrison Camp Council
Dana Traub Camp Council

Jesse Lasorda and the Lansing Historical Society are asking for Camp # 17 participation in an event April 2016. Watch your E-Mails for details.

Brother Keith Harrison indicates there will be events taking place in Springfield, IL to commemorate Lincoln's assassination.

XVI. Good of the Order:

Brother James B. Pahl indicates he attended the 2014 SUVCW Central Region Meeting held October 3-4, 2014 in Oberlin, Ohio.

Brother Dave Bankhead indicates. A short time back Michigan lost a General from Charlotte. General Rand was a WW-II pilot and head of the Michigan National Guard. Captured, he spent time in a German POW camp.

Brother Pahl had the old, donated G.A.R. Sunfield Ribbon framed. He returned it to Camp # 17. It looks great. Where to place it in the Hall is in question?

Brother Pahl presented a 150th Civil War CD for donation. No immediate determination made as exactly what to do with it. It suggested passed on to the G.A.R. James B. Brainerd Post # 111 Memorial and Museum, Inc.

Brother Keith Harrison indicates the following;

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

-“James B. Brainerd G.A.R. Post # 111 Memorial and Museum, Inc.”, Eaton Rapids, Michigan will be doing something special for the April 6, 2016 150th anniversary of the G.A.R.

-“James B. Brainerd G.A.R. Post # 111 Memorial Hall and Museum, Inc.”, has several scheduled events. 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.

Door Prize: Pass the hat collected \$28.00, plus an additional \$20.00 for the Benevolent fund .

XVII. Patriotic Instructors Report: No Report.

XVIII. Closing Ritual: The Camp closed at 8:15PM.

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