

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans Of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2015
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, W. Haines, K. Harrison, H. Holcomb, James B. Pahl, B. Shumway, and D. Zank

Officers Excused: Mark Hoffman, Tom Hummer, Rob Payne, Ronald Shull, and Dana Traub.

III. Roll Call of Camp:

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

IV. Welcome to Guests:

Department of Michigan Commander Paul Davis here to install Camp # 17 2015 Officers.

V. Approval of Minutes: Motion made to approve the November 25, 2014 meeting minutes as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report: Treasurer James B. Pahl handed out copies of Camp#17 November 24, 2014 to January 26, 2015 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, he and his wife are both having medical issues, Keith Harrison, recovering from carotid artery surgery. We were pleased to see Brother Harrison in attendance. Brian Shumway offered some encouraging news. He informed Camp # 17 Brothers of John Shumway intent to make it to a meeting. It most likely will be Memorial Day. Concerns for Charles Bauer, and Paul Hodges. Commander Dave Bankhead is seeing a doctor regarding a leg injury, and his wife is having breathing concerns caused by asthma. Ronald Shull is having problems with a leg. He is having tests run. SUVCW National - Max Newman and his wife Nancy were in a serious car wreck. A long recovery expected.

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: No report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates: No report.

Membership: No other applications.

Veterans Day: No report.

Military Affairs: No report.

Patriotic Instruction: No Report.

Program and Publicity:

-Program for February 24, 2015 Seminar titled, "Save the Flags" by Matt Van Acker. Mr. Van Acker Director of the State Capitol Tour Guide Information Services and Co-Chair of, "Save the Flags", project. His talk will be about the Michigan Battle Flags collection.

-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: No Report.

Memorial Day Activities: No Report.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

XIII. Orders and Communications:

SUVCW National issued several General Orders:

-General Order # 14: Ruling on prior indebtedness for former members, states, "All arrears paid to current to reinstate".

-General Order # 2: Passing of Real Son David Chase residing in British Columbia, Canada.

-General Order # 3: Passing of Real Son Luke Perkins Martin Jr. of New Bern, North Carolina.

-General Order # 4: Passing of Real Son Hilbert J. Gramelspacher of Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

-Department of Michigan sent a memo out asking for Nominations for 2015 Department of Michigan Officers.

-Department of Michigan Encampment is March 27-28, 2015, in Lansing, Michigan.

-Department of Michigan is asking for nominations for the, "Abraham Lincoln", award.

-Brother Gerry Grieve is on the Department of Michigan Civil War Committee. They are in the process of recording all Civil War Cannon. Located in Michigan. We responded indicating Camp # 17 pleased to provide information on those located within Camp # 17. We are waiting on his reply for exactly what desired.

- January 21, 2015 Benjamin Prichard Camp # 20 reported loss of Brother Steven A. Redinger Age 68.

-Brother David Thompson reports he is chairing a committee needing to raise

\$650,000 for resurrection of very the old and popular, "Old War Relics Room", from the old Jefferson Street Public Museum located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He indicates they have raised \$250,000 so far.

XIV. Old Business:

Commander Bankhead ordered the big Flag and 60 small flags total \$193.44. Flag purchase approved at the May 31, 2014 meeting.

Welch Museum Building Inspection completed and it determined the Welch Museum be considered a Repository for Curtenius Guard Camp # 17 and Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R Post # 283 records. Motion to allow Curtenius Guard Camp # 17 and Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Post 283 records deposited and stored locally at the Welch Museum in Sunfield, Michigan. Second. Discussion. The old G.A.R. Post Brothers indicated the records should remain locally. The Welch Museum being the local location selected by Camp# 17 current Brothers. It explained Camp # 17 never to give up title to the records. Records placed there only on loan. Motion Passed.

Sunfield Property Record Loan Agreement presented. Agreement will need signed before any records transferred to the Welch Museum. Motion to approve the Agreement presented for signatures. Itemization of all transferred Records need listed and attached to the document before records placed on loan. Second. Motion passed.

Discussion of Camp # 17 2015 late dues and collecting from those who have not paid. It decided to hold off on a final decision until the March 31, 2015 Camp # 17 Meeting. That will be the last chance to remain current on dues. Brothers who do not pay by then may reinstate later. An extra reinstatement fee will apply. It was stated consideration should be given for Brothers who have maintained contact, and attend the Camp # 17 meetings. A couple known

hardship cases exist. All this taken into consideration and a determination made right after the March 31, 2015 meeting.

XV. New Business:

-Lansing requests Camp # 17 presence and assistance to help with the following Civil War related events Spring 2015. Jessie Lassorta approached Camp # 17 about doing a presentation April 25, 2015 1PM at Mt Hope Cemetery. They would like us to give the history of the G.A.R. and of the Soldiers lot. It additionally, desired we speak about the History of Luther Baker interned there. Mr. Baker was involved in the capture of John Wilkes Booth.
-Motion stated to compose a, full page, ad to place in the Department of Michigan Encampment flier. Cost \$20.00. Encampment held March 27-28, 2015 in Lansing, Michigan.
Second. Brother Keith Harrison volunteers to prepare the copy. Motion Passed.

Installation of 2015 Camp # 17

Officers: 2015 Camp #17 Officers are:
Commander: Dave Bankhead PCC
Senior Vice Commander: Dennis Zank PCC
Vice Commander: Mark Hoffman
Secretary: Harold Holcomb
Treasurer: James B. Pahl PCC, PDC, PC in C,
Patriotic Instructor: Paul "Dave" Arnold PCC, PDC
Chaplin: Rob Payne
Counselor: James B. Pahl PCC, PDC.
PC in C
Members of the Council:
Ronald Shull PCC
Keith Harrison PCC, PDC, PC in C
Dana Traub
Historian: Keith Harrison PCC, PDC,
PC in C
Graves Registration and Memorials Officer: Gary Copenhaver
Eagle Scout Coordinator: Mark Hoffman
Color Bearer: Thomas Hummer
Guard: Wendel Peabody
Guide: Bruce E. Benedict

XVI. Good of the Order:

At the Camp # 17 meeting November 25, 2014 collection CD's of the, "150th Civil War Anniversary", donated to Camp # 17. The question being what to do with them? This again, brought up and discussed. Camp # 17 Brothers seem to agree a raffle is a best choice. A motion for exact action not presented.

Brother Keith Harrison indicates the following;

-To commemorate the Assassination of President Lincoln April 11-12, 2015 events are taking place in Springfield, Illinois

-"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.

-Brother Harrison mentioned, "Sponsorships", available for the, "James B. Brainerd G.A.R Post # 111 Memorial and Museum, Inc.", Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

-"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: Collection not taken.

XVII. Patriotic Instructors Report: No Report.

XVIII. Closing Ritual: The Camp closed at 8:45PM.

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