

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans Of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2015

Samuel W. Grinnell
G.A.R. 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: P. Arnold,
B. Benedict, D. Bankhead, G.
Copenhaver, M. Hoffman, H. Holcomb,
T. Hummer, J. B. Pahl, R. Payne, W.
Peabody, R. Shull, and D. Zank.

Officers Excused K. Harrison, and D.
Traub.

III. Roll Call of Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Welcome to Guests: Guests
present include, Jim Houston from Battle
Creek, Michigan, Past Department of
Michigan Commander Bruce Butgereit,
and Austin P. McKee.

V. Approval of Minutes: Motion
made to approve the May 30, 2015
meeting minutes as transmitted. Second.
Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report: Treasurers
Report dated May 26, 2015 to July 28,
2015. Treasurer James B. Pahl presented
an overview of the report, indicating he
will amend the report to pick up extra
new funds. Motion accepted for approval

of the Treasurer's Report. Second.
Motion passed.

VII. Concern for Brothers:

Concerns expressed for the following
Camp # 17 Brothers: Dana Traub
became ill during a trip South. Brian
Shumway, present at tonight meeting,
indicates his hip surgery went well and
he is improving daily. This is very good
news. John Shumway is still in need of
all our prayers. Concerns expressed for
Laverne Aves, Charles Bauer, and Paul
Hodges. Brother Kenneth Rousseau
would appreciate a visit any time. He is
in need of our prayers. His new location
is, "The Brookside", 5346 Marsh Rd.
Room #F-2, (second floor), Okemos
Michigan 48864. Brother Arnold
indicates he lacks relatives close by to
pay him a visitation. Brother Arnold
requests, Camp # 17 Brothers make a
special effort to visit him or maybe a
card if you live a long way away.
Commander Dave Bankhead, indicates
he is facing a possible blood disorder, his
wife is having pulmonary problems, and
there daughter was recently diagnosed
with a rare pulmonary/heart problem. He
states, his daughter is doing better.
Brother David Thompson informed me
he had a mild stroke, spent three days in
the hospital, and is home taking it easy
for a few days. Our thoughts and
prayers go out to all included on this
extensive list.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates for Membership:

Brother Mark Hoffman presented Austin
Patrick McKee application for
membership into Camp # 17. Austin
McKee resides in Mason, Michigan. He
indicates his Civil War lineage is to his
four times back Great Grandfather
Gordon A. Sayre, 12th Michigan
Infantry. Brother Hoffman indicates he
has reviewed and vetted the application
and finds it in proper order for balloting.
Motion made to accept the candidate into
membership. Second.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

The old ballot box was located and a
ballot taken. Commander Bankhead
announced Camp # 17 has a new
Brother, Austin Patrick McKee.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

Brother Austin Patrick McKee, being
present, he initiated into Camp # 17.

Following initiation, Brother McKee
welcomed into Camp # 17 with a big
round of applause.

XI. Recess:

We did not take a 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.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

Veterans Day: Veterans Day is
November 11, 2015. No Report

Military Affairs: No report.

Patriotic Instruction: No Report.

Program and Publicity:

-The June 30, 2015 Seminar titled,
"South Carolinians in Lee's Army;
Gregg/McGowan's Brigade"
was well attended and
enjoyed by all attending.
-The Seminar scheduled for October 27,
2015 is titled, "Canada and the Civil
War", by Mike Unsworth.
The planned Seminars held at the United
Brethren Church in Sunfield, Michigan.
The events scheduled for 7 PM.

-The 31st Annual Jackson Civil War
Cascades Muster scheduled for August
22-23, 2015. Several indicate they will
attend.

Hall Restoration: Hall exterior has a
new coat of paint. Must say it looks
great. A roof leak repair completed with
materials used for commercial roofing.
Leaks found around the chimney, and
front riser repaired. Brother Bruce
Harrington's employer donated the
materials and labor for the repairs. The
Brothers wish to extend a big thank you
to Brother Harrington and his employer.
We hope this is the last time we have to
mention the leak issue.

Memorial Day Activities: No Report.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

XIII. Orders and Communications:

- SUVCW National issued the following General Orders;
- #25-Suspension lifted for Departments of New Hampshire and Rhode Island.
- #26-Display of the Confederate Battle Flag - SUVCW indicates a resolution for support and clarity on display of the Confederate Battle Flag was adopted at the 119 National Encampment held in Lansing Michigan on August 9, 2000.
- #27-Replacement of the Charter for Baker-Fisher Camp # 101, Department of Pennsylvania announced.
- Department of Michigan issued General Order # 3 promoting harmony within the Department. This order addressed the issue of Camp geographic areas.

XIV. Old Business:

- Legal documents were prepared, to allow, storage of Camp # 17 records at the Sunfield Historical Society Welch Museum. Following the May 30, 2015 meeting, Camp # 17 Officers signed the authorizing documents.

Our painter has offered to paint the Hall outhouse for \$350.00. Brother Wendell Peabody indicates he has Scouts that need good project. He will make sure it gets a new paint job. Thank you Brother Peabody.

-Brother Gerry Grieve is on the Department of Michigan Civil War Committee. They are in the process of accumulating information on, and recording all Civil War Cannon located in Michigan. Camp # 17 responded indicating we will be happy to collect and provide desired information on any Civil War Cannon in our covered area. We recently received a reply indicating

possible cannon we need to try to, locate, research and obtain documentation. Brother James B. Pahl volunteers to visit all known Civil War Cannons in our area. He indicates he will accumulate the needed documentation for each of them. Thank you Brother Pahl.

XV. New Business:

-Camp # 17 Brothers invited to attend the Annual Sunfield Picnic Celebration, held August 13 to 15 2015. The Old G.A. R. Hall scheduled to be open 10 AM to 2 PM. Parade kicks Off at 12 PM.

-The Camp # 17 September 29, 2015 meeting will include another banquet hosted by Brother Dana Traub. The location is his home just outside Of Sunfield. Camp # 17 Brothers, always, looks forward to attending his wonderful dinners. There will be a small charge for the dinner. Usually, the amount charged is in \$10-\$12 range. The Camp # 17 meeting will follow the dinner. Meeting held in the adjacent room.

On August 8, 2015, Camp # 17 requested to have a Color Guard at the State Capitol at 12 PM. Watch your E-Mail, we will be asking for volunteers.

Saturday, October 10, 2015, Sunfield will hold a ghost walk at the local cemetery. Camp # 17 Brothers requested, as volunteers to tell about individual Civil War Soldiers buried there. Commander Bankhead will work out plans with the Sunfield Historical Society.

XVI. Good of the Order:

-Department of Michigan awarded the 2017 National Encampment. Brother J. B. Pahl states, "They hope to have the Encampment at the Radisson Hotel Downtown Lansing, Michigan"?

-Jim Pahl indicates he will attend the National Encampment August 20 – 23, 2015 held in Richmond, VA.

-"James B. Brainerd G.A.R. Post # 111, Memorial and Museum, Inc.", Eaton Rapids, Michigan;

-"Sponsorships", are 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. Please consider volunteering.

-Bruce Butgereit is working on the project to locate and document all Civil War Cannons in Michigan. The goal, to locate, obtain there history, photos, and any copies of documents that mite exist for each one. These collected items, to be, placed into a document to memorialize the cannons.

Door Prize: Camp # 17 collected \$63.00

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

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