

# Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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## DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

### **Meeting Minutes:**

November 24, 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. Copenhagen, K. Harrison,  
H. Holcomb, J. B. Pahl, R. Payne,  
R. Shull, D, and D. Zank.

**Officers Excused:** Mark Hoffman,  
T. Hummer, and D. Traub.

### *III. Roll Call of Camp:*

Roll of the Camp not called.

### *IV. Welcome to Guests:*

No guests present.

*V. Approval of Minutes:* Motion  
made to approve the September 29, 2015  
meeting minutes as transmitted. Second.  
Motion passed.

*VI. Treasurers Report:* Treasurers  
Report dated, September 29, 2015 to  
November 24, 2015. Treasurer James B.  
Pahl presented an overview of the report,  
Motion accepted for approval of the  
Treasurer's Report. Second. Motion  
passed.

### *VII. Concern for Brothers:*

Concerns expressed for the following  
Camp # 17 Brothers: Laverne Aves

daughter is in Family Health facility.  
Concerns continue for Charles Bauer,  
Paul Hodges, and John Shumway.  
Commander Dave Bankhead indicates he  
has a cyst in his shoulder socket. He  
directed to see a specialist.  
National concerns include; Wife of our  
National Quartermaster slipped and fell.  
Concern she perhaps paralyzed?  
Richard Orr suffered a heart attack. Past  
Chief Charlie Coon's health is in  
question.  
Our thoughts and prayers go out to all on  
this extensive list.

### *VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates for Membership:*

No additional applications.

### *IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:*

No candidates.

### *X. Initiation of New Brothers:*

Brother Barry Bohnet voted in to  
membership at the September 29, 2015  
meeting in attendance. His initiation  
held. Commander Dave Bankhead with  
the help of fellow Officers performed the  
initiation. Upon completion, Camp # 17  
Brothers welcomed Brother Barry  
Bohnet into Camp # 17 with a loud  
applause.

### *XI. Recess:*

We did not take a recess.

### *XII. Committee Reports:*

**Camp Council:** No report.

**Bylaws:** No report.

### **Memorials and Graves Registration:**

Brother Gary Copenhagen reports he is  
working on new graves registrations.  
None completed since his last report.

**GAR Monuments:** No report.

### **Eagle Scouts Certificates:**

No report.

**Military Affairs:** No Report.

**Membership:** No Report.

**Veterans Day:** Veterans Day was  
November 11, 2015.

**Patriotic Instruction:** No Report.

### **Program and Publicity:**

-The Seminar held October 27, 2015  
titled, "Canada and the Civil War", by  
Mike Unsworth, enjoyed by all in  
attendance. Seminars scheduled to start  
again in February 2016.  
The planned Seminars held at the United  
Brethren Church in Sunfield, Michigan.  
The event scheduled for 7 PM.

**Hall Restoration:** Roof flashing  
completed. We believe that portion of  
the roof leak now resolved. Chimney  
flashing will, hopefully, be completed  
before winter sets in?  
Sunfield Boy Scout Kameron Conley  
completed scraping and painting the Hall  
Outhouse. It looks great. Thank you to  
Kameron for all the hard work. We hope  
it gets you your Eagle Scout.

**Memorial Day Activities:** No Report.

### **Remembrance Day Activities:**

Brothers James B. Pahl, Rob Payne, and  
Ron Shull traveled to Gettysburg for the  
150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of, "Remembrance  
Day". A special Ceremony held at the,  
"Corpse of Trees", to commemorate the  
awarding of the, "Medal of Honor", to  
Alonzo Cushing. Following the  
ceremony, the Michigan delegation  
traveled to the monument of the 24<sup>th</sup>  
Michigan, where our Department  
Commander laid a wreath. Brother Pahl  
pointed out a Boy Scout, for his Eagle  
Project. The project, just completed,  
was the "Drummer Boy Monument".  
Michigan and Camp # 17 well  
represented.

**Grinnell Award:** No Report.

*XIII. Orders and Communications:* --  
SUVCW National issued the following  
General Orders:

-#5 -Passing of James A. Getty, 80 of  
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.  
-#6 -Resignation announced by Council  
of Administration Member John  
McNulty of Pennsylvania. He replaced  
by Jonathan Davis of Ohio.

-Several changes made to SUVCW  
Forms. They include;  
-Form # 3 and Form # 60 added for  
Brothers with an international mailing  
address. A \$5.00 fee is required with the  
completed Forms.  
-Form # 27 Annual Report simplified.  
-Form # 7 New ROTC Award  
Application is available.

-Form # 61 G.A.R. Monuments/Civil War Memorials Assessment Form.

-Form # 62 SUV CW Memorial Fund Request Form.

**XIV. Old Business:**

Camp #17 expresses, sincere condolences, to all of Brother Kenneth Rousseau's family following his passing. His son donated some items of his Fathers to the Camp # 17 to sell or donate. It suggested, give them to the local Welch Sunfield Museum.

-Brother James Pahl is working on the Camp # 17 portion of the project, assigned by the Department of Michigan, to Document all Civil War Monuments and Cannons, here in Michigan. He states, he has completed photographing and documenting fourteen Civil War Monuments, and several Civil War Cannons located in Camp # 17 area. He will continue to pursue those remaining.

**XV. New Business:**

**Election of Camp #17 2016 Officers:**

Brother Robert Payne called off each office and candidate nominated for that office.

Motion for unanimous ballot to elect all nominated Officers. Second. Motion passed.

2016 Camp # 17 Officers are:

Rob Payne Commander

Dennis Zank Senior Vice-Commander

Mark Hoffman Jr. Vice-Commander

Harold Holcomb Secretary

James B. Pahl Treasurer

Ronald Shull Camp Council

Keith Harrison Camp Council

Dana Traub Camp Council

**Department of Michigan Encampment**

**delegates:** Motion made to elect the first five individuals on the roster who do not have standing credentials as delegates, and all other Camp # 17 Brothers attending as alternates to the Department of Michigan March 28,2016 Encampment held at Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing Michigan. Second. Motion passed.

**XVI. Good of the Order:**

-The August 11 – 14, 2016 National Encampment is in Springfield, Illinois, and 2017 National Encampment held in Lansing, Michigan.

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

-Brother Keith Harrison, states, “ G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum is celebrating there third year anniversary”.

October 2015 we began our third year. The celebration will continue with the Museum open December 5, 2015.

-We do have an urgent need. The Museum furnace needs replaced as soon as we are able to raise enough funds. The projected, projected, cost is \$8000. We are asking everyone to consider helping in every way possible to assist in

raising the funds to accomplish this.

-“2016 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.”, October 13, 2015 presentation titled, “Radical Republicans and their influence before and during the Civil War”. The presenter was Elizabeth Ann Homer. Event was a, well attended, and a very interesting program. Watch web site for listings of future events.

-Volunteers, needed, 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.

Discussion of what to do with the Civil War CD's donated, to Camp # 17.

Motion made we give them to Brother Nathan Harrison as a thank you for his donation of repairs of the Old Hall roof. Second. Motion passed.

**Door Prize:** Camp # 17 collected \$28.00.

**XVII. Closing Ritual:** The Camp closed at 8:20 PM.

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**Secretary**  
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