

Curtenius Guard

Camp # 17

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Meeting Minutes:

March 29, 2016

Samuel W. Grinnell
G.A.R. Post #283 Hall
115 Main Street
Sunfield, Michigan

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

I. Opening Ritual:

Camp Commander Robert Payne opened the meeting per the Ritual at 7:00PM.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

Brothers Present: P. Arnold, D. Grimes, K. Harrison, M. Hoffman, H. Holcomb, S. Latchaw, J. B. Pahl, R. Payne, R. Shull, D. Traub, and D. Zank

Officers Excused: None

III. Roll Call of Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Welcome to Guests:

Richard (Dick) Burlingame from Owosso. He is an Attorney and avid Civil War weapons collector.

V. Approval of Minutes: Motion made to approve the January 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report: Treasurers Report dated, January 26, 2016 to March 28, 2016. 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, Charles Bauer, and Paul Hodges. Brian Shumway indicates John Shumway is doing much better. He, recently, returned

to a Michigan Care Facility. Commander Dave Bankhead has a cyst in his shoulder socket. He is working with a Specialist. David Thompson is working with a Heart Specialist. He may require a heart valve replacement. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all on this extensive list.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates for Membership:

No applications.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

No candidates.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

No one to initiate.

XI. Recess:

Meeting recess not taken.

XII. Committee Reports:

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: No Report

Patriotic Instruction: Paul Arnold Camp # 17 Patriotic instructor gave an interesting story on George Washington Stone. Mr. Stone arrived in Michigan on the Orphan Train, and served as Drummer Boy in the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters. During battles he often left his drum and joined in. He mustered out of service in 1865. Served as Auditors General for the State of Michigan. Elected, G.A.R. Department of Michigan Commander in 1911. Instrumental in getting Sharpshooters a Monument placed on the Michigan State Capitol grounds. He made the statement, "I am going to drum until I die". Years later, while playing for an event in Lansing he passed away.

Program and Publicity:

- Our Camp # 17 February 23, 2016

Seminar titled, "Our Extraordinary Civil War", by James B. Pahl was well attended and enjoyed.

-The scheduled 7 PM April 26, 2016 Seminar titled, "Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum, and Michigan's Post Civil War Organizations", by Keith Harrison. The focus of the presentation will be on the creation and activities of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Grand Army of the Republic, and several post Civil War Women Organizations. Both Union and Confederate Organizations discussed.

-If any one knows of any possible programs please contact Mark Hoffman. -The planned Seminars held at the United Brethren Church on West M-43 in Sunfield, Michigan. The events scheduled for 7 PM.

Hall Restoration: No Report tonight. I did look, and did not notice any leaks?

Memorial Day Activities:

-Mt. Hope Cemetery - Corner Mt. Hope and Aurelius, Rd. Lansing, Michigan, Soldiers Lot, May 28, 2016 11AM.

-Little Arlington follows immediately after the Mt. Hope event.

-United Brethren Church on West M-43, Sunfield, Michigan, Sunday, 9:30 AM, May 29, 2016. Helen Edwins Tent #30 of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War hold, the Annual Memorial Day Service.

-Woodland Cemetery, (Directions M- 43 East of Woodland to Velte Rd. and go South on Velte Rd.). Time is Monday May 30, 2016 10 AM. Speaker to be Michael Callton.

Remembrance Day Activities:

No Report.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

XIII. Orders and Communications:

SUVCW National issued the following General Orders:

-#12 -Charter revocation issued, Missouri, Siegel Camp #624.

-#13 -Banner Editor replaced. Brother James B. Pahl will take over.

-All National Orders are published in their entirety on the SUVCW National web site.

-Dishonorable discharge report by SUVCW National Executive David Demmy indicates Camp Council and Brothers examining membership

applications need to be sure member applications vetted properly.
-Department of Michigan issued a defining Camp coverage map.
-Department of Michigan proposal to amend the bylaws at the 132nd Department Encampment;
-Article #18 Awards and Insignia amended to allow Department Commander may confer the award presented to a Sister of the Allied Orders.
-Article # 22 Department Commander may appoint an Assistant Secretary.

XIV. Old Business:

-Brother James B. Pahl indicates the weather is improving and that should soon allow him to again, work on the Civil War Memorials, and Cannons Documentation Project. Project assigned by The Department of Michigan.

-Motion made that any member with Unpaid Dues on April 1, 2016 dropped from the rolls. That member may reinstate at any time by paying the Annual \$41.00 dues plus, a \$10.00 reinstatement fee. Second. Motion passed.

XV. New Business:

Department of Michigan Encampment:

-The Department of Michigan Encampment is April 29-30, 2016. Encampment held at Great Lakes Christian College, 6211 W. Willow Lansing Michigan. All Camp # 17 Brothers are encouraged to attend. Registration forms are in the back of, "The Michigan Messenger". A copy of the Michigan Messenger located and to be sent E-Mail immediately. Registration Forms need to be completed, and in the mail for those attending as soon as possible.

-Robert Payne Commander Camp # 17 is running for Department Junior Vice Commander.

-Bob Griggs Camp # 7 Jackson is running for, the same position, Junior Vice Commander.

SUVCW National;

-Don Martin is running for the office of SUVCW National Commander and

Chief. He is the current SUVCW National Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

-Donald Shaw is running for the office of National Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony is April 16, 2016 in Springfield, Illinois. A luncheon and program reservation form exists on the National SUVCW web site. Several Camp # 17 Brothers indicate they will be attending.

XVI. Good of the Order:

-A work party needed to prepare the Mt. Hope Soldiers and Sailors Lot. May 21, 2016, 10 AM time selected.

-Motion to have the Memorial Day Meeting as soon as convenient after the Woodland Cemetery event. Lunch break before the meeting suggested maybe somewhere in Lake Odessa. Second. Motion passed.

-National Encampment is in Springfield, Illinois August 11-14, 2016.

-2017 National Encampment held in Lansing, Michigan.

-A Civil War book about Gettysburg donated to Camp # 17 by Mike Clark of Charlotte. It decided initially to make the book available for the Brothers to pass around to enjoy.

-We have a request from Camp # 7 for a Headstone dedication at Maple Hill Cemetery. Date yet, to be determined. Discussion included making contact indicating it best if the time could be mid-summer.

-Brother Harrison states:

-April 6, 1886, in Decatur, Illinois, 13 veterans of the Union Army of the Civil War, led by Major Benjamin Stephenson gathered in an upstairs room in a small unassuming brick building. Little did they realize that the organization they were forming would have so much influence on the country they fought to save. The organization created was, "The Grand Army of the Republic". The Michigan Historical Museum 702 W. Kalamazoo Lansing, Michigan April 6, 2016 at 7 PM will do

a, G.A.R. 150th Anniversary Commemoration Matt VanAcker, co-chair of, "Save the Flags", will give a program on, "The Michigan Civil War Battle Flags Collection".

-July 9, 2016 a Battle Flags presentation scheduled in Lansing. SUVCW Department of Michigan honored to donate a G.A.R. Flag, they possess, to the State of Michigan Flag Collection. Location is the Michigan State Capitol.

-Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum:

-"Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall, and Museum will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the G.A.R. April 9-10, 2016. Members of all Allied Orders asked to bring items to exhibit. Additionally, a silent auction of items held on Saturday. Saturday evening highlighted with a 150th Anniversary cake.

-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 "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum, Inc."

- Watch our web site for listings of future events.

- Volunteers, needed, to work days at the Museum when it is open. Additionally, volunteers needed for purposes of scanning repository records and typing. Please consider volunteering.

-Camp # 17 is welcome to meet at the, "Michigan G. A.R. Memorial and Museum", at any time.

Door Prize: Camp # 17 collected \$31.00.

XVII. Closing Ritual: Camp #17 Commander Payne closed the meeting at 8:20 PM.

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