

Curtenius Guard

Camp # 17

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Meeting Minutes:
May 30, 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 11:30 AM.

II. Roll Call of Officers:
Brothers Present: P. Arnold, B. Benedict, D. Grimes, M. Hoffman, H. Holcomb, S. Latchaw, R. Payne, R. Shull, and W. Peabody.

Officers Excused: G. Copenhagen, K. Harrison, and J. B. Pahl, D. Traub

III. Roll Call of Camp:
Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Welcome to Guests:
No guests today.

V. Approval of Minutes: Motion made to approve the March 29, 2016 Meeting Minutes as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report: Treasurers Report dated, March 29, 2016 to May 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: Jon Armstrong, Laverne Aves, Charles Bauer family following his passing May 9, 2016, Gary Copenhagen, and Paul Hodges. Brian Shumway indicates John Shumway is

doing much better. Dave Bankhead has a cyst in his shoulder socket. He has an appointment with a Specialist Surgeon June 22, 2016.. David Thompson is working with a Heart Specialist. 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:
We have a list of Scouts awarded Eagle Scout. Camp # 17 will, gladly present, those Scouts, recently, awarded Eagle Scout, an Eagle Scout Certificate. It hopeful many available?

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

Veterans Day: No Report

Patriotic Instruction: Paul Arnold Camp # 17 Patriotic Instructor provided some interesting physical and other details about Abraham Lincoln.

Examples include; He had only one year of formal education. Grew a beard after receiving a letter from a young girl. Drafted to serve in the Civil War. A Mr. Staples was paid \$500 to serve for him.

Program and Publicity:
- Camp # 17 April 26, 2016 Seminar titled, "Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum, and Michigan's Post Civil War Organizations", by Keith Harrison enjoyed by all attending. The focus of the presentation was 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.

-Camp # 17 will not be holding a June 2016 Seminar.

-Camp # 17 looking for a seminar program for October 25, 2016. If anyone knows of a 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.

Memorial Day Activities:
Camp # 17 participated in the following Memorial Services:

-Mt. Hope Cemetery - Corner Mt. Hope and Aurelius, Rd. Lansing, Michigan, Soldiers Lot, May 28, 2016 10:30 AM. Austin Blair Camp # 7 from Jackson joined us in this event.

-Evergreen Cemetery Ceremony followed, immediately, after the Mt. Hope event. Our Camp # 17 Color Guard led the parade of those who Marched In. Speakers included Lansing Mayor Virgil Bernero, and Vietnam Decorated War Hero James W. Butler. His awards include; Two Purple Hearts, The Bronze Star with Oak Cluster, The Army Commendation Medal, and Combat Infantry Badge.

-United Brethren Church on West M-43, Sunfield, Michigan, Sunday, 3:00 PM, May 29, 2016. Helen Edwins Tent #30 of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War held, there Annual Memorial Day Service. A Camp # 17 Color Guard present.

-Woodland Cemetery, Monday May 30, 2016 10 AM. Speaker was Michael Callton. Camp # 17 Color Guard present.

Remembrance Day Activities:
No Report.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

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

-No new National General Orders to report.

All, issued, National Orders are published in there entirety on the SUVCW National web site.

-SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following orders:
-#6 Effective April 30, 2016 the Department of Michigan Headquarters moved to Great Lakes Christian College for the 2016 Department of Michigan Encampment.

-#1 Department of Michigan 2016 Commander Dean Lamphere, Jr., hereby assumes Command of the Department of Michigan. Department of Michigan Headquarters transferred to 1062 Four Seasons Blvd. Aurora, Illinois.

-#2 Memorial Day Celebrated on Monday May 30, 2016. Reminder to place a flag and some flowers on a soldier graves.

-#3 Rev. Charles Buckhahn PCC extends thoughts and prayers to the family of Charles Russell Bauer following his passing.

XIV. Old Business:

-Civil War Memorials, and Cannons Documentation Project. Project assigned by The Department of Michigan. No Report today.

Department of Michigan Encampment:

-The Department of Michigan Encampment April 29-30, 2016. Encampment held at Great Lakes Christian College, 6211 W. Willow Lansing, Michigan well represented by Camp # 17 Brothers. .

-Department of Michigan new officers include:

-Dean Lamphere, Jr. PCC Department of Michigan Commander.

-David S. Smith PCC Senior Vice Commander

-Bob Griggs PCC Camp # 7 Jackson voted in as Department of Michigan Junior Vice Commander. Camp #17 Commander Robert Payne, also ran for that position. We encourage him to try again next year.

-Secretary Gerald Jacobs

-Treasurer Bruce Gosling PCC

-Council Members-Doug Worley PDC, Kevin Lindsey, PCC, and Michael Millard PCC.

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.

-Several Camp # 17 Brothers attended the Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony April 16, 2016 in Springfield, Illinois.

XV. New Business:

-The Camp # 17 July 26, 2016 Camp Meeting location is The Michigan G.A.R Memorial Hall and Museum Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

-June 21, 2016 Tri County Museum Association having a meeting 10-12 AM. They are looking for people to give tours. A dinner follows.

-July 9, 2016 on the Michigan State Capitol Grounds at 1 PM. SUVCW to, "Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the return of Michigan's Battle Flags". A ceremony will take place there, to commemorate the return of the Battle Flags to Michigan. During the ceremony, SUVCW Department of Michigan honored to present a G.A.R. Flag to the State of Michigan Flag Collection. That G.A.R. Flag, displayed at the 2016 Department of Michigan Encampment. Camp # 17 will participate in the event. Expect E-Mails with detailed event information, as we get closer to July 9.

-Brother Hoffman brought two books for the Brothers to pass around and read. -Hastings, Michigan is building an area plaza at Veterans Park. Contact is Mayor Campbell. We will consider doing a dedication and desire this indicated to Mayor Campbell. Brothers Holcomb and Shumway to contact Mayor Campbell, They expected to gather information, offer support, and indicate Camp # 17 would like to be involved in the dedication. A report back expected.

XVI. Good of the Order:

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

-2017 National Encampment held in Lansing, Michigan.

-Brother Bankhead proposes we try to locate the Old G.A.R Halls that existed in the various cities in the Camp # 17 area, Idea is choose one, and have a meeting at it once a year.

-We have a request from Camp # 7 for a Headstone dedication at Maple Hill

Cemetery. Date yet, to be determined. Previous meeting discussion included making contact indicating it best if the time could be mid-summer. No additional information for this meeting.

-Motion to replace the ropes on the Old G.A.R. Sunfield Hall Flag Pole, and replace the flag with a new 3x5 flag. Second. Motion passed.

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

-"Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall, and Museum celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the G.A.R. April 9-10, 2016. Brothers and Collectors brought Civil War items for the public to view. Cumulatively, the Civil War items displayed turned in to one of the largest displays of Civil War items located anywhere in Michigan.

-June 1st and 8th the Museum, open to the public.

-July 6th, and 13th the Museum, open to the public.

-August 17 Civil War Discovery Camp opens, 9 AM to 3 PM, for children ages 8-14. The cost is \$20. A lunch provided. -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.

Door Prize: Camp # 17 collected \$17.00.

XVII. Closing Ritual: Camp #17 Commander Payne closed the meeting at 12:40 PM.

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