

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Meeting Minutes:
September 27, 2016

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

A September 27, 2016 Camp # 17 Dinner held at the Welch Museum Sunfield, Michigan. Thank you to those who worked hard to provide a great meal.

After dinner, the Brothers proceeded to the old G.A.R. Hall for the Camp # 17 Meeting. 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 7:10 PM.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

Brothers Present: P. Arnold, B. Benedict, D. Grimes, K. Harrison, M. Hoffman, H. Holcomb, S. Latchaw, J. B. Pahl, R. Payne, W. Peabody, 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:

Brother Brian Shumway brought his brother Mike Shumway. New Brother, Arthur Gordon Powers.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made to approve the July 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report: Treasurer James B. Pahl submitted the Treasury Report dated July 26, 2016 to September 26, 2016. Treasurer Pahl gave a

summary of the report. Treasurer Pahl has Ritual books for sale. 2017 Camp # 17 dues amount is \$41.00. He is currently collecting 2017 dues.

VII. Concern for Brothers:

Concerns expressed for the following Camp # 17 Brothers: Jon Armstrong, Laverne Aves, Gary Copenhaver, and Paul Hodges. Brian Shumway reports John Shumway is doing better and expects to move to Lansing. Dave Bankhead surgery scheduled October 28, 2016 for the cyst in his shoulder socket. 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 new applications.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

No candidates.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

Arthur Gordon Powers voted into membership at our July 26, 2016 Meeting. Being present, he initiated into Camp # 17. Following the ceremony, a big round of applause welcomed him into Camp # 17.

XI. Recess:

No meeting recess today.

XII. Committee Reports:

Bylaws: No Report.

Memorials, and Graves Registration:

Brother Mark Hoffman gave the report in the absence of Gary Copenhaver. He reports, several submitted.

GAR Monuments: No report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates:

No Report.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: No new members.

Veterans Day:

-Mason Veterans Day Parade is November 11, 2016. Staging begins 1-1:30 PM.

-State of Michigan will conduct the Annual Veterans Day Massing of the

Colors at the Michigan Historical Center 702 West Kalamazoo Lansing, Michigan, 2 PM November 6, 2016.

Patriotic Instruction: Paul (Dave) Arnold Camp # 17 Patriotic Instructor provided the following information about The Emancipation Proclamation. President Lincoln proclaimed that the states had to return to the Union by January 1863. The ten states that led the Rebellion did not return. Lincoln therefore signed The Emancipation Proclamation.

Program and Publicity:

-Camp # 17 is still looking for a seminar program for October 25, 2016. We currently do not have a program and now do not anticipate one. If anyone knows of possible programs please contact Mark Hoffman. Due to a lack of programs, it suggested we coordinate with The Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum helping them on seminars. It also mentioned those attending the seminars in Sunfield and Eaton Rapids are not the same people. The planned Seminars held at the United Brethren Church on West M-43, Sunfield, Michigan. The events scheduled for 7 PM.

Hall Restoration: No Report.

Memorial Day Activities:

No Report.

Remembrance Day Activities:

Several from Camp # 17 plan to travel to Gettysburg for the November 19, 2016 Remembrance Day celebration.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

XIII. Orders and Communications:

SUVCW National issued the following General Orders:

-#25-Reinstatement issued to the Department of Iowa.

-#26-Replacement Charter for General Greenville M. Dodge Camp # 75 Department of Iowa.

-#27-National Commander in Chief Eugene Mortorff in a note indicates he enjoyed working with the Auxiliary during his term as Commander.

-#4-Establishes SUVCW will officially observe Memorial Day on May 30th, and Creates a, National, Special Committee for Decoration Day.

-#5-Appoints Robert E. Grim as

Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veteran Reserves.

-#1-This General Order is a list of 24 items. It is from Commander in Chief Donald Martin and is mainly about committees, procedures and getting organized to conduct business in 2016-2017.

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

-SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following orders:

-#8-The Department of Chief of Staff will coordinate the Department Commanders schedule for Camp events, especially installations.

-#9-Real son, Brother Harold Becker from Grand Rapids, Michigan passed away.

-All Department of Michigan General Orders published on the Department of Michigan website.

XIV. Old Business:

-A Civil War Memorials, and Cannons Documentation Project assigned by The Department of Michigan. Project is a work in progress but is currently taking a backseat to other important work.

-Charlotte Maple Hill Cemetery headstone dedication for Civil War Veteran John Rauser held September 18, 2016. Austin Blair Camp # 7 coordinated with Camp #17. He was an ancestor of one of Camp # 7 Brothers.

-Brother Keith Harrison provided exact costs to purchase the G.A.R. Flag including needed pole and stand. Total purchase amount is \$541.00. Flag will be on display at the old Sunfield G.A.R. Hall and used for Camp # 17 events.

-A Resolution prepared regarding National General Order # 20. The Camp # 17 Resolution stated Camp #17 unequivocally opposed passage of General Order # 20 stating, Memorial Day needs to remain May 30. The Resolution forwarded to the National Encampment with instructions indicating it to be, read at the Encampment.

XV. New Business:

-Since 1996 National has attempted to get a list of the last surviving son in each County. This important project, revived, by National. Camp # 17 has committed to it. Information we have and believe

correct for Ingham County shows the last Ingham County surviving Civil War Veteran was James A. Hamilton 12th Michigan Infantry Company B. He passed away December 23, 1941 and buried in Deep Dale Memorial Gardens Lansing Michigan. We are seeking the individual in Eaton and Barry Counties. Brother Keith Harrison offers John Henderson as the last surviving Civil War Veteran in Eaton Rapids as the possible Eaton County person. He served with the 132nd Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The investigation will continue.

-Brother Bankhead made a motion to donate \$100 to the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Second. Motion passed.

-Brother Bankhead made a motion to donate \$100 to the, "Sunfield Historical Society-Welch Museum", Sunfield, Michigan. This done with the thought they are maintaining Camp # 17 records. Second. Motion passed.

XVI. Good of the Order:

- Brother James B. Pahl reports the following;

-He attended the National Encampment held in Springfield, Illinois August 11-14, 2016. He states the National Encampment well attended. Michigan, Brother Donald W. Shaw elected, Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

-SUVCW 2016-2017 National Officers; Donald Martin, PDC, Commander-in-Chief

Mark Day, PDC, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Donald Shaw, PDC, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Jonathan Davis, PDC, National Secretary
David McReynolds, PCC, National Treasurer

Danny Wheeler, PC in C, National Quartermaster

Edwin Norris, PDC, Council

Brian Pierson, PDC, Council

Eugene Mortorff, PDC, Council

Paul Davis, PDC, Council

Michael Paquette, PDC, Council

Fredric Lynch, PDC, Council

James B. Pahl, PC in C, Banner Editor

David Demmy, Sr., Executive Director

-Brother James B. Pahl reports the next

issue of, "The Banner", will have complete details of the National Encampment conducted business. A summary of the main business issues follows:

-SUVCW 501-C3 status- National is working with the IRS to obtain approval.

-General Order #4 issued to nullify General Order #20 leaving Memorial Day as May 30, 2016.

-The next National Encampment held in Lansing Michigan August 11, & 12, 2017.

-Expect support of Confederate Flag at the 2017 National Encampment.

-August 20, 2016 Camp # 17 participated in the Annual Sunfield, "Summer Picnic". Parade kicked off at 12 PM. The Brothers present were able to catch a ride in the parade. The Old Hall was open to the public, both before and after the parade.

-The annual Jackson Civil War Muster took place August 20-21, 2016.

-Brother Keith Harrison passed out certificates of appreciation to those who assisted in helping during recent events at the Michigan G.A.R Memorial Hall and Museum.

-Ron Shull has Curtenius Guard Camp # 17 shirts available for purchase. Brother Pahl reminded Brothers they allowed worn by Camp # 17 Brothers only.

-Where as Patriotic instructor has a great knowledge of history I, Steve Latchaw, present this old book, "History of Eaton and Ingham County", to Camp # 17 Patriotic Instructor Paul Arnold.

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

-August 17 Civil War Discovery Camp held for children ages 8-14.

-"2016 Sponsorships", are available for the "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum, Inc."

-September 23-25, 2016 we celebrated our Third Anniversary. A seminar titled, "Remembering Michigan Civil War Soldiers", by David Finney presented September 25, 2016. Following the seminar a Three Year, Anniversary Cake made available for all who attended to enjoy.

- Watch our web site for listings of future events.

-November 16, 2016 they will sponsor a

seminar on Antietam.

- 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.

Pass the Hat: Camp # 17 collected \$145.00. Adding this to what we previously collected for the flag, we now have \$371.00 of the needed \$541.00 for the flag and accessories.

XVII. Closing Ritual: Camp #17

Commander Payne closed the meeting at 8:30 PM.

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