

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2017. Tonight's meeting held at the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

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 # 17 Commander Robert Payne opened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

Brothers Present: P. Arnold, B. Benedict, D. Grimes, K. Harrison, H. Holcomb, S. Latchaw, J. Pahl, R. Payne, R. Shull, and B. Shumway.

Officers Excused M. Hoffman, and W. Peabody.

III. Roll of the Camp:

Not called.

IV. Welcome to Guests:

Department of Michigan Senior Vice Commander Bob Griggs from Austin Blair Camp # 7, and Nathan Tingley Jr. Vice Commander Austin Blair Camp # 7 Jackson, Michigan.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made to approve the May 30, 2017 Meeting Minutes, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report: No Report.

Treasurer James B. Pahl provided a report dated May 30, 2017 to July 25, 2017. Motion made to approve the report, as presented. Second, Motion passed.

VII. Concern for Brothers:

Concerns expressed, for the following, Camp # 17 Brothers: Mark Hoffman's parents. Camp # 20 Commander Spear's, wife. She fell. No word on how she is doing. Brian Shumway states John Shumway is doing well. He is in Caledonia, Michigan.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates for Membership:

No applications.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

No candidates.

X. Initiation of new Brothers:

No new members to initiate at this meeting.

XI. Recess:

No meeting recess.

XII. Committee Reports:

Bylaws: No Report.

Memorials and Graves Registration:

No Report.

G.A.R. Monuments: No report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates: Eagle Scout Kameron Conley painted the Old G.A.R. Outhouse in 2015. He agreed to do this project to obtain Eagle Scout. Camp # 17 needs to prepare an Eagle Scout Certificate for him. If he is available, we should invite him to a meeting to present the Certificate, otherwise arrange to get it to him.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

Veterans Day: No Report.

Patriotic Instruction: Paul (Dave) Arnold Camp # 17, Patriotic Instructor brought his old, 78 RPM hand crank, RCA Victor Record Player to the meeting. He played several Civil War era songs, and ended with a record playing the, "Gettysburg Address".

Program and Publicity:

-Civil War Seminar scheduled for October, but subject to obtaining a program.
- The June 27, 2017 Camp # 17 Civil

War Seminar titled, "Things you mite not know about Michigan, (and a few other places too), in the Civil War" was enjoyed by the large audience attending. The speaker was Bob Griggs.

-Camp # 17 is looking for seminar programs. If anyone knows of possible programs, please contact Mark Hoffman. Due to a lack of programs, we are coordinating with The Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum helping them on seminars.

The Seminars held at the United Brethren Church on West M-43, Sunfield, Michigan. The events scheduled for 7 PM.

Hall Restoration:

The Old G.A.R. Hall entry door threshold has deteriorated. It needs repaired. No one attending had any information to report on the progress of this tonight.

Memorial Day:

Memorial Day events Camp # 17 participated in:

-May 27, 2017, Lansing, Michigan at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Soldiers and Sailors plot. Little Arlington Cemetery event followed, immediately after.

-May 28, 2017, Sunfield Michigan, Daughters Memorial Day event at the United Brethren Church in Sunfield, Michigan.

-May 29, 2017 Hastings Michigan Parade, Veterans, Tyden Park Project Dedication, and Riverside Cemetery Memorial Day event.

Remembrance Day Activities:

No Report.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

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

-#21 - Addresses SUVCW position on the Confederate Flag and Confederate Monuments.

-#22 - Names changed for several Awards.

-#23 -Revocation of the Charter of Camp # 207, Department of Ohio.

-#24 -Suspension lifted for Department of Vermont.

-#25 - Revocation of Camp # 12, the Department of Colorado/Wyoming.

-All, issued, National Orders are published in there entirety on the

SUVCW National web site.

SUVCW Department of Michigan, issued the following Department Orders:

-#6 - Department Order recognizes July 4 2017, as Independence Day.

-#7 - A Memorial Dedication for a new Civil War Monument is scheduled on Mackinaw Island August 19, 2017.

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

XIV. Old Business:

-Brother Arnold reports he contacted Mt Hope Cemetery and they are working on repairing the flagpole rope and needed tree trimming.

Commander Payne was at the old G.A.R. Hall in Sunfield and noted the ropes on the flagpole replaced. Thank you.

XV. New Business:

-SUVCW 136th National Encampment is August 10 to 13, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing Michigan. Volunteers needed to assist in making the Encampment a success. We encourage all Camp #17 Brothers to attend and to consider volunteering to assist in any way needed. When you report in just ask how you can be of help. You will be, directed to assist somewhere.

-Activities planed for those attending the National Encampment include:

-A Thursday morning trip is, scheduled to tour the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", Eaton Rapids, Michigan. A box lunch made available to purchase and eat at the Museum. The tour travels back to Lansing after lunch to see the Civil War Battle Flags. Matt Vanacker will give a talk that provides the history of the flags.

-Thursday evening we plan to attend the, "Lansing Lugnuts", baseball game.

-The National Encampment meetings are Friday and Saturday. Banquet is

Saturday evening.

-Sunday morning schedule includes a trip to Sunfield to tour the, "G.A.R. Hall", and the, "Welch Museum".

-Don Shaw is running for the National Office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Camp # 17 Brothers encouraged to attend and to support him.

-Several items are, expected presented at the Encampment. Some items include amendments to the constitution and an appeal.

- The 2018 National Encampment is in Boston, MA.

XVI. Good of the Order:

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

-Brother Keith Harrison reports: July 19, 2017, 7 PM, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", Show cased a Seminar titled, "Our Extraordinary Civil War". Presenter was James B. Pahl. The seminar was well attended and enjoyed by all attending.

-Civil War Discovery Camp is August 16, 2017. Encourage children you know to consider attending.

-The Museum currently has several items available for purchase by anyone. Items are to help generate funds to support the Museum.

- "2017 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.

-Motion to donate to the Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum the same \$35.00 amount we have been paying the Daughters for each meeting held at the Sunfield G.A.R. Hall. Second.

Amendment made to the motion to change the amount of the donation to \$100 to receive a sponsorship. Second. Amendment passed. Motion passed as amended.

-August 19, 2017 is the Sunfield Farmers Picnic.

-August 19, 2017 is the Memorial Dedication held on Mackinaw Island. Brother Shull plans to attend this event.

-August 25-27, 2017 is the 33rd Annual Jackson, Michigan Cascades Civil War Muster.

-November 4, 2017 is Michigan's Annual Reenactors Conference. Conference held at the Michigan Historical Center 702 West Kalamazoo Lansing, Michigan, time 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

-November 5, 2017 is the Annual Veterans Day Massing of the Colors. The location is the Michigan Historical Center 702 West Kalamazoo, Lansing, Michigan. Time is 2:00 - 4 PM.

-Brother Arnold indicates a Veterans Day parade scheduled November 11, 2017 in Mason. Parade staging time will be, announced closer to the time of the event. Parade kicks off at 3 PM. Camp # 17 intends to participate and to march in the parade.

-Commander Rob Payne presented Brother Scott Martin a photo taken of him during his initiation, into Camp # 17.

Pass the Hat: Pass the hat collected, \$74.00.

XVII. Closing Ritual: Camp #17 Commander Payne closed the meeting at 8:40 PM.

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