

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for
November 28, 2017.

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:

Commander Robert Payne opened the
Camp # 17 meeting at 7:00 PM.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

Officers Present: B. Benedict, D.
Grimes, M. Hoffman,
H. Holcomb, S. Latchaw, J. Pahl, R.
Payne, W. Peabody, and R. Shull..

Officers Excused: P. Arnold, K.
Harrison, and B. Shumway.

III. Roll of the Camp:

Not called.

IV. Welcome to Guests:

No guests.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made to approve the September
26, 2017 Meeting Minutes, as
transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report:

-Treasurer James B. Pahl provided a
report, dated September 26, 2017 to
November 28, 2017. Motion made to
approve the report, as presented.
Second, Motion passed.
-Treasurer Pahl informed Camp # 17
that National has achieved 501-3-C
status. Department compliance is next.
501-3-C status, allows donations to be
tax deductible.
-Commander Pahl is collecting 2018

Camp # 17 dues. The amount is \$41.00.
-Treasurer Pahl sent the \$203.00
donation Camp # 17 Brothers authorized
at the September 26, 2017 meeting to
aide in Hurricane disaster relief. Don
Gates PDC Department of Texas
forwarded a reply thanking Camp # 17
and explaining it gratefully received to
assist two Brothers hit hard by the
Hurricane Harvey.

VII. Concern for Brothers:

Concerns expressed, for the following,
Camp # 17 Brothers: Mark Hoffman
indicates his rotator cup surgery went
well. We were happy to see him at
tonight's meeting. Concerns expressed
for John Shumway. He is recovering
from seizures.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates for membership:

No applicants.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

No one to initiate.

X. Initiation of new Brothers:

No one to initiate.

XI. Recess:

No meeting recess.

XII. Committee Reports:

Bylaws: No Report.

Memorials and Graves Registration:

-Brother Hoffman indicates just over 300
grave registrations completed in 2017.
Thank you, Brother Hoffman on doing a
great job in 2017.
-A discussion took place about the
National project to identify the last
person to pass in each County. We know
several of the last to die. The last person
to die in a County may or may not be in
our list?

G.A.R. Monuments: No report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates: No Report.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

Veterans Day: No Report.

Patriotic Instruction: Paul (Dave)
Arnold, being unable to attend the

meeting, sent an E-Mail stating, "I have
completed the Patriotic Instructor's
Annual Report".

Program and Publicity:

-We had to cancel the Civil War Seminar
scheduled for October 24, 2017, due to
late confirmation of a location to hold
the event and lack of time to advertise it.
We believe we, again, have permission
to use the United Brethren Church for
2018, Seminars. We hope Mike Culp
will consider presenting on the 13th
Infantry in 2018.
-Camp # 17 is looking for seminar
programs. If anyone knows of possible
program, 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.

Hall Restoration:

The Old G.A.R. Hall entry door
threshold and window frame have
deteriorated. We have a problem and it
needs repaired. Brother Tom Hummer
will look into it when he returns from
Florida in the spring, 2018.

Memorial Day:

No report.

Remembrance Day Activities:

-Several Camp # 17 Brothers traveled to
Gettysburg for Remembrance Day
activities. All indicate it was a great
event. It rained hard and the attendance
was down. They placed flags and a
Lincoln head penny on the graves of the
Michigan soldiers buried there. It is my
understanding boots are still damp.

-Several Brothers attended the Mason
Day Parade. Brother Hummer followed,
directly behind those of us who marched,
with his Classic Olds Cutlass
convertible.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

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

-#5 -General Order revokes the Charter
of Hope Camp # 26 Department of New
York.
-#6 -General Order digs into the old By-
Laws and indicates Life Members maybe
subject to Per Capita dues.
-#7 -Defines the initiation of a new
Brother into a Camp electronically by

Skype or other means.

-Remembrance Day Message issued by Commander-in-Chief Mark Day.

SUVCW Department of Michigan, issued the following Department Orders:

-#15 -Wa-Bu-No Camp # 250 reinstated.

-#16 & # 17-Sets up and, appoints, a Military and Veterans Affairs Committee to oversee active and discharged Military affairs.

-#18 -Brother Dale Aurand appointed to position of Department of Michigan Historian. Brother John Keith stepped down.

-#19 -Saturday November 11, 2017, traditional Veterans Day observed.

-All National, and Department of Michigan Orders, are published on, the, "Department of Michigan", website.

XIV. Old Business:

-“Old Business”, discussed during this meeting, listed under Committee Reports.

XV. New Business:

-Nomination and election of 2018 Camp # 17 Officers: Commander Robert Payne called on Camp # 17 Chaplain Steve Latchaw to present the, “Report of the Camp #17 Nominating Committee, 2018 Officers”. Brother Latchaw read the Nominating Committee slate of nominations for Officers for 2018. He first stated that if the person selected for an Office is unopposed and, there are no other nominations for that Office, that candidate will remain as the candidate nominated to fill that Officer position, when read from the slate of presented

Officers:

2018 Camp # 17 Officers ballot:

Robert Payne -Commander

Mark Hoffman -Senior Vice Commander

Steven Martin -Junior Vice Commander

Harold Holcomb -Secretary

James B. Pahl -Treasurer

Keith Harrison -Camp Council

Ron Shull -Camp Council

Wendel Peabody -Camp Council.

-Motion to elect all Officers on the ballot, as read. Second. Motion passed.

-Motion to elect the first five Camp # 17 Brothers indicating plans of attending the 2018 Department of Michigan Encampment as delegates, all additional attending will be alternates. Second. Motion passed.

-Motion to contribute the sum of, \$100.00, to the Michigan Antietam Battlefield Monument fund. Second. Motion passed.

- The 2018 National Encampment is in Boston, MA.

XVI. Good of the Order: Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum:

-November 21, 2017, 7 PM, the, “Michigan Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum”, 224 South Main, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, showcased, “Michigan at Antietam”. The presenter was Civil War Historians and Authors Brian Egan. He discussed the recently published book he co-authored titled, “Michigan at Antietam”. Copies of the book were available for purchase

at the program. They are raising funds to place the, first ever, Michigan Monument on the, “Antietam Battlefield”.

-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”.

- 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 purchase D-2 Cemetery headstone cleaning supplies. The cleaning supplies needed to clean some headstones at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Second. Motion to table, the motion until January 2018 meeting. Second. Motion to table passes.

Brother Pahl brought several Civil War magazines and handed them out to Brothers in attendance desiring to read them.

Pass the Hat: Pass the hat collected, \$90.00.

XVII. Closing Ritual: Camp #17 Commander Payne closed the meeting at 8:25 PM.

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