

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for
May 30, 2018.

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

Newly elected 2018, Department of Michigan Commander Robert Payne, required, to relinquish, his Camp # 17 Commander position. He presented a formal resignation letter dated May 6, 2018. Camp # 17 Senior Vice Commander Mark Hoffman assumed the position of Camp # 17 Commander. Senior Vice Commander Hoffman assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent Officers by appointment Pro-Temp.

I. Opening Ritual:

Senior Vice Commander Mark Hoffman opened the Camp # 17 Meeting at 7:00 PM.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

Officers Present: D. Arnold, D. Bankhead, B. Benedict, K. Harrison, M. Hoffman, H. Holcomb, T. Kolean, S. Martin, J. Pahl, and R. Shull.

Officers Excused; D. Grimes.

III. Roll of the Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Welcome to Guests:

No Guests tonight.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made to approve the March 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VI Treasurers Report:

-Treasurer James B. Pahl gave the Treasurers report, dated March 27, 2018

to May 30, 2018. Motion made to approve the report. Second, Motion passed.

-Treasurer Pahl indicates, he was unable to take funds from the Camp # 17, Benevolent Fund, as a donation to Brother Dennis Zink's family. Camp Council gave the approval to take the \$44.00 from the General Fund. The full amount of the authorized donation, then sent to Mrs. Sandy Zank.

-A discussion about how the Benevolent Fund, funds maybe used. This Referred to By-Laws committee to report back

VII. Concern for Brothers: Concerns expressed, for the following, Camp # 17 Brothers: Department of Michigan Commander Payne's wife. She fell and broke her collarbone. Commander Payne reports it is healing slowly. David Rehkopf was in, and out of the hospital for what turned out to be an infection. He is present tonight and claims he is back to normal. David Grimes is suffering from Diabetes. He informs us he has to have his right big toe amputated. A serious concern expressed for Wendel Peabody's parents. They were, injured in a bad car accident. He was not present at tonight's meeting. Continuing concerns expressed for John Shumway. Mark Hoffman's mother is waiting on valve replacement. Dana Traub is having health issues. Past Commander - in - Chief Richard D. Orr is in the hospital.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates for membership:

No candidates

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

X. Initiation of new Brothers:

-Commander Hoffman announces Bruce Harrington reinstated.

XI. Recess:

At 7:45 PM, Commander Hoffman announced, Camp # 17 to recess for 15 minutes.

XII. Committee Reports:

Bylaws: Several new Department By-Laws changes adopted at the Department of Michigan Encampment. A Camp # 17 vote is required for some. Camp # 17 will vote on these at the July Camp # 17 meeting.

Memorials and Graves Registration:

-Brother Hoffman, reports, the quarterly Graves Registration meeting is June 9, 2018. Since the March 27, 2018, Camp # 17 meeting, 37 additional, Graves Registrations completed. These Registrations will get, added to the database. No, Memorials to report on. -Brother Pahl has been working on, historically documenting, all Civil War cannons and monuments in the Camp # 17 area. This, has been, an ongoing project. He plans to continue it this summer.

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 gave his report as part of our Memorial Day service. Brother Arnold read General John A. Logan's General Order # 11.

Program and Publicity:

-The Civil War Seminar, "Mexican War Veterans in the Civil", April 24, 2017 was well attended, and enjoyed by all present. -Scheduled Seminars include: -June 26, 2018 - Tom Nanzig, "Ten True Civil War Tales".. -October 30, 2018 Seminar titled, "13th Michigan Infantry". The speaker is Mike Culp.

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 Bankhead indicates he and Brother Hummer will get started.

Memorial Day: Camp # 17 participated in several Memorial Day events. They included:

-May 26, 2018, Annual Memorial Day event held at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Soldiers and Sailors plot. Arlington Cemetery event followed immediately after.

-May 27, 2018, Helen Edwins Tent # 30 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held a, Memorial Service

at the Sunfield United Brethren Church.
-May 28, 2018 Annual Eaton Rapids Memorial Day parade was a great success. Ten Brothers walked the, one and one half mile, parade route. Parade route lined, with people. Twenty-two Brothers attended the event.

-Discussion on the need of a banner to hang near the Mt. Hope Road entrance of Mt. Hope Cemetery to advertise our annual Memorial Day event there.

Remembrance Day Activities:

-No Report.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

XIII. Orders and Communications:

SUVCW National, issued the following General Orders:

- #25 - Brother James Crane steps down from the National Encampment Committee. He is, replaced by Brother Michael Paquette.
- #26 -Charter of the William T. Sherman/Billy Yank Camp 365 Department of Missouri, hereby revoked.
- #27 -Meritorious Service Award presented to Brother Gene Turner PDC, member of the Department of Oklahoma.
- #28 -Revocations of the Charters for Department of Chesapeake: Lauray-Carlisle Reunion Camp # 1881 and Charles Summer Camp # 25.
- #29 -Mary Walker Medal presented to Sister Carolyn Dryer Department of Illinois Auxiliary to SUVCW.
- #30 -SUVCW Scholarship winners announced.
- #31 -Memorial Day message from Commander-in-Chief Mark Day

SUVCW Department of Michigan, issued the following General Orders:

- #26 -General Order announces Department of Michigan Vice Commander Robert Griggs turned in his resignation effective March 6, 2018. He will not run for 2018 Department of Michigan Commander.
- #27-Nominations for 2018-2019 Department of Michigan Officers posted to the Department website.
- #28 -Details Department of Michigan five year strategic Direction plans.
- #29 -Dale Aurand named to fill the vacated Department of Michigan Senior Vice Commander position.
- #30 -Department issues, recommended, education, and additional duties for Department of Michigan Officers,

document.

#31 -150th Anniversary of General Logan's General Order # 11, dated May 5, 1868.

#32 -Change of Department Headquarters to the location of the 2018 Department of Michigan Encampment location, May 5, 2018.

#33 -Ads reserve signers to the Department checking account to insure business conducted if a current signer is incapacitated.

#34 -Department Awards established in the By-Laws.

#1 -Newly elected Department of Michigan Commander Robert Payne assumes Command of the Department of Michigan.

#2 -Appoints a future Department site location Committee.

-Department of Michigan Commander Robert Payne issued a 150th Anniversary Memorial Day message.

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

XIV. Old Business:

New By- Laws vote require. We will address this at the July meeting.

XV. New Business:

-Please see the, (Attached Document), listing the Department of Michigan 2018-2019 Officers.

Motion to have our, July31, 2018, Camp # 17 meeting at the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Second. Motion passed.

Camp # 17 Council called a special meeting. A list of Brothers vetted to fill vacated Offices.

Installation of new Officers required, to fill, Office vacancies created by Camp Commander Robert Payne being required to resign his Camp # 17 Commander, because he elected Department of Michigan Commander.

Senior Vice Commander asked Department of Michigan Commander Robert Payne to take the stage and performed, Installation of Officers, to fill the vacated Offices.

New Camp # 17 Officers:

Mark Hoffman - Commander
Steven Martin -Senior Vice Commander

Tim Kolean - Junior Vice Commander
Appointments:

Jon Armstrong - Color Bearer

-Commander Hoffman Presented a Past Commander badge to Robert Payne

XVI. Good of the Order:

-Annual Civil War reenactment, at Ella Sharp Park in Jackson, Michigan is August 25, & 26, 2018.

-Brother Pahl extended a Camp # 17, and Department of Michigan Encampment congratulation to Robert Payne. He elected to Department of Michigan Commander.

-Motion made to request going to the Sunfield, Welch Museum for our Camp # 17, September 25,2018, Camp # 17, dinner. Second. Motion passed. Brother Benedict will check into the availability and report back.

Commander Hoffman handed out two books to Brothers desiring to read them..

Thank you to Commander Hoffman for bringing refreshments for all in attendance tonight.

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

-April 7&8, 2018 the museum held a 152nd Anniversary Commemoration of the G.A.R. SUVCW Brothers displayed their private collections of Civil War G.A.R. artifacts.

-May 22, 2018, "The Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", displayed, a seminar titled, "Civil War Journal from the 2nd Michigan Infantry". The presenter was Patricia Camburn Zick. The Old Hall filled with attendees. Everyone enjoyed the seminar.

-July 17, 2018 Brian Egen to present a seminar titled, "Gettysburg: Behind the Scenes". He spent three month's on set during the recent filming of the movie, "Gettysburg".

-"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.

-Have you logged onto, "Curtenius Guard Camp # 17", website lately? Many summer events are, planned. See the, "Michigan History Partners", list.

Pass the Hat: We did not pass the hat.

XVII. Closing Ritual: Camp #17
Commander Hoffman closed the meeting at 8:50 PM.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold E. Holcomb
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