

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes,
September 29, 2020.

Michigan's G.A.R.
Memorial Hall and Museum
Eaton Rapids Michigan

I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:05 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander Steve Martin opened the September 30, 2020 Camp # 17 meeting. Brothers were appointed to fill the vacancies of absent Officers by appointment, Pro-Temp.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

Officers Present: D. Grimes, K. Harrison, H. Holcomb, T. Kolean, S. Martin, J. Pahl, and R. Shull.

Officers Excused: J. Armstrong, D. Arnold, D. Bankhead, B. Benedict, and M. Hoffman.

III. Roll Call of the Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Welcome to Guests:

We have a guest. The Department of Michigan Secretary Dick Denney is in attendance.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made to approve the July 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes as

transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report:

Treasurer James B. Pahl gave the Treasurers Report dated, July 28, 2020 - September 28, 2020. Motion made to accept the Treasurers Report, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed. Treasurer Pahl informs us he received a new debit card for our account. He uses it a few times a year.

VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, and thoughts, and prayers expressed for the following: Brothers: Bill Lowe passed. Concerns expressed for his entire family. Brother Bankhead is doing well. Brother Benedict is doing better. Dana Traub is doing better. Brian Shumway reports that John Shumway is doing good.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates, for Membership:

No completed applications.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

No candidates for membership tonight.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

No new Brothers to initiate.

XI. Meeting Recess:

Meeting recess, taken at 7:25 PM.

XII. Committee Reports:

By-Laws: No report.

Memorials and Graves

Registrations: Brother Mark Hoffman, E-Mailed his Graves Registration Report: The

Department Graves Registration Officers conducted their September meeting via conference call. I submitted by U.S. mail more than 100 additions, and corrections for the, Department database, which includes Union Soldiers from Michigan buried anywhere, and Union soldiers from other states buried in Michigan.

G.A.R. Monuments: Brother Pahl states: I have been busy, but plan to continue this project in, 2020.

Eagle Scout Certificates: No Report.

Military Affairs: No report.

Membership: Discussion on an incomplete application from Larry Mitchell of East Lansing, and Thomas Hetchler, currently living in Battle Creek, but originally from Eaton Rapids. Mr. Hetchler, indicates he has his application filled out. We hope to have some applicants at the November meeting.

Veterans Day:
No Report.

Patriotic Instructor: Brother Payne P.D.C., gave the report. 166 years ago the 6th U.S. colored unit lost 87% of their men. This information was not published until 40 years after the end of the war.

Programs and Publicity: No Report.

Hall Restoration: Commander Martin, and Brother Aaron Dickinson are trying to find a time when they can coordinate with a professional inspector who will agree to inspect the, Old Sunfield Hall's, foundations, and underneath structure. They then hope to be able to make a decision on a direction if under the set cost limits.

or provide Camp # 17 direction on what is, or is not needed in repairs.

Memorial Day: No report.

Remembrance Day Activities: All the planned, 2020, activities are cancelled. However, Past Department Commander Payne informs us a, "Flash Mob", will happen.

Grinnell Award: No report.

XIII. Orders and Communications:

SUVCW National Issued the following General Orders:

- #33 -Reinstates the Department of Connecticut.
- #34-Reports the passing of Richard Orr, Past C-in-Chief 1997-1998.
- #35-S.U.V.C.W. 501-©-3, details.
- #36-Additional , 501-©-3, information.
- 36-Preliminary rules outlined for the 2020, National Encampment.
- #37-The, 2020, National Encampment, will be held on the website, Zoom.
- #38-Notifies all Departments that November 21, 2020 Remembrance Day activities are cancelled..
- #39-Notifies some state Departments that their By-Laws need to be updated. Michigan is not on the list.
- #40-Explains delivery issues of the Quartermaster Store. COVID-19 is the main issue causing any delays.
- #41-This General Order, forms the Department of Alabama. It becomes the 31st Department.

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following Department Orders:

- #4-Forms a, Kalamazoo Lincoln Project Committee, and encourages

all Camps to support the, Kalamazoo Lincoln Project.

-#5-This Department Order informs Department of Michigan Camps that they need to notify the Department on when they plan to hold, installation of officers. Camp installations may be held virtual.

XIV. Old Business:

-No old business.

XV. New Business:

-Brother Grimes is accepting applications of Brothers who desire to fill 2021 Camp # 17 Officer Positions. Nominations will take place at the November meeting.

XVI. Good of the Order:

-Brother Payne **P.D.C.** made a motion to send a check in the amount of 40.00 to the Daughters to cover utilities for the old Sunfield Hall. Second. Motion passed.

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

-Brother Keith Harrison indicated that due to the Chinese virus issue, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", needed to cancel the Museums September 27th Annual Commemoration and the program that had been schedule, (Major General Alpheus Williams) – Speaker Jack Dempsey. That program has been rescheduled for May 18, 2021. Another program that needed to be cancelled was Rob Stone's program on the, Soldier's Clothing and Personal Equipment. That program has been rescheduled for March 16, 2021. Depending on the virus situation at the time, the last program to be

scheduled for 2020, currently, is still on for November 17th, at 7PM. That seminar will be on the, 11th Corps at Gettysburg, and the speaker will be Dr. Jim Paula.

-Keith also mentioned that as a result of Jim Pahl's involvement, the Museum was fortunate to receive a donation from an individual from New York. The donation was a framed certificate for a Massachusetts's G.A.R. Post's membership in the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Association.

-The Museum has men's, G.A.R., ties available for sale for, \$30.00.

-“Annual Sponsorships”, from \$25 to \$200 are available for, “Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum”. Consider becoming an, Annual Sponsor.

-Volunteers, needed to work the first two Wednesdays of each month. Please consider volunteering.

-Watch our website, (garmuseum.weebly.com), for listings of future events.

-Brother Pahl reports the fall issue of the, Banner, was completed and mailed. You should have, or get a copy very soon.

-Brother Pahl states they expect 120-130 to attend the 2020 National Encampment virtually. Usually around 400 attend. The National Encampment is to be held, October 24, 2020, on the website, Zoom.

-Brother Pahl reports that 2021 annual dues are to remain at \$41.00. He announces he is accepting 2021 annual dues.

Websites:

“Curtenius Guard Camp # 17”,
Department of Michigan

Pass the Hat: Pass the hat collection
amount was, \$82.00.

XVII. Closing Ritual:

Camp # 17 Commander Steve Martin
closed the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17 Secretary