

## Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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### DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes,  
November 24, 2020.

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

#### **I. Opening Ritual:**

At 7:04 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander Steve Martin opened the November 24, 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, S. Martin, J. Pahl, and R. Shull.

**Officers Excused:** J. Armstrong, D. Arnold, D. Bankhead, B. Benedict, and M. Hoffman, T. Kolean, W. Peabody.

#### **III. Roll Call of the Camp:**

Roll of the Camp not called.

#### **IV. Welcome to Guests:**

We have guests tonight. Present are L. Dean Lamphere Jr. P.D.C., and Lloyd Lamphere Sr. P.C.C.

#### **V. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion from Brother Harrison to approve the September 29, 2020

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

#### **VI. Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer James B. Pahl gave the Treasurers Report dated, September 29, 2020 - November 24, 2020. Motion made to accept the Treasurers Report, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed. Brother Pahl is collecting 2021 Camp # 17 dues in the amount of \$41.00

#### **VII. Concerns for Brothers:**

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers were expressed for the following Brothers: Brother Bankhead in the loss of his daughter Kim Bankhead. Brother Benedict is reported to be doing better. Brother Hummer is recovering from COVID-19, and the loss of his wife due to COVID-19. Dana Traub is doing better, but memory issues. Brian Shumway reports that John Shumway is doing well. Laverne Aves is doing great. He is reported to be just turning age 90.

#### **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 7:38 PM.

#### **XII. Committee Reports:**

**By-Laws:** No report.

#### **Memorials and Graves Registrations:**

Brother Mark Hoffman, E-Mailed the Graves Registration Report: I continue to collect information and corrections on burial locations of Union Civil Soldiers from Michigan and/or buried in Michigan. The next GRO meeting is December 12<sup>th</sup> via conference call. In December the camp will submit information to the department on another 35-40 soldier burials via mail.

**G.A.R. Monuments:** Brother Pahl plans to continue the Civil War cannon and monument documentation project in, 2021.

**Eagle Scout Certificates:** No Report.

**Military Affairs:** No report.

**Membership:** Discussion on an incomplete application from Thomas Hetchler. He lives in Battle Creek, but originally from Eaton Rapids. Mr. Hetchler, previously indicated, he has his application filled out. We learned from Brother L. Dean Lamphere that, thought to be applicant, Larry Mitchel forwarded his application to another Camp. Brother Payne has a couple prospective members he is working with.

#### **Veterans Day:**

No Report.

**Patriotic Instructor:** No report.

**Programs and Publicity:** No Report.

**Hall Restoration:** Commander Martin, and Brother Aaron Dickinson are yet, trying to find a time they can coordinate a time with a, professional building inspector, to obtain an inspection of 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 were cancelled. A pop up, "Flash Mob", was planned, but because of COVID-19, Pennsylvania closed the state to anyone traveling there from another state. It was then cancelled.

**Grinnell Award:** No report.

### **XIII. Orders and Communications:**

#### **SUVCW National Issued the following General Orders:**

-# 42-This General Order congratulates the recipients, and lists all the, National Awards, presented for 2020.

-#1-Commander -in -Chief Brian C. Pierson takes command. He discusses the challenges of holding the 2020, 139<sup>th</sup> National Encampment, virtually, lists those filling Officer Positions, and the, 2020, Awards presented to well deserving Brothers from across the country.

-#2-Commander-in-Chief Brian Pierson presents a 2020, Meritorious Service Award with a Gold Star, to Brother James McGuire, Department of Rhode Island.

-#3-Recognizes, Veterans Day, and provides some of the history behind the forming of it.

#4 -Although the, Official Ceremony, for, Remembrance Day, November 21, 2020 is cancelled due to COVID-19, it is our duty to honor the Union Civil War servicemen. The history of, Veterans Day, is stated, and, it states, an unofficial ceremony will take place

with a wreath-laying at the Albert Woolson monument at 11 AM.

-#5 -Concerning the, Award of Meritorious Service, presented to Brother Joseph Hall, Jr. Department of Rhode Island.

#### **SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following Department Orders:**

-#6-Anounces Junior Vice Commander Ramsey has stepped down.

-#7-Anounces the Department Council has chosen Brother Gary Swain to fill the position of Junior Vice Commander.

-#8-Anounces the 2021, Department Encampment, will be held May 1, 2021, at the Okemos Conference Center, Okemos, Michigan.

### **XIV. Old Business:**

-The, Eaton County Historical Society, sent us an application to fill out to obtain grant money for any needed project we might have. A discussion on if any needed repairs to the, Old Sunfield Hall, under structure might qualify? Brother Cox spoke -up, indicating he is a member, and believes those types of repairs to a historical structure qualify. The application was passed on to those looking into obtaining an inspection from a professional. If it is determined repairs are needed, perhaps a grant will provide money to cover a portion of, likely sizable, repair costs.

### **XV. New Business:**

- Nomination and election of Camp # 17 Officers: Commander Martin called on Camp # 17 Chaplain David Grimes to present the Nominating

Committee Report Brother Grimes read the slate of nominated 2021 Officers. He informed the camp we lack nomination for the positions of Commander, Sr. Vice and Jr. Vice Commander. He provided nominations for the other officer positions. Commander Martin asked for nominations for Commander. Brother Payne was nominated for Camp Commander. Brother Payne confirmed he agrees to serve. There were no other nominations for Commander. A motion was accepted to close nominations for Commander. Second. Motion passed. Brother Pahl moved that when there is only one nomination for a position that candidate be elected to that officer position, Second. Motion passed. Nominations were opened for Sr. Vice Commander. Tim Kolean was nominated. Motion made to close nominations for Sr. Vice Commander. Second. Motion passed. Nominations for Junior vice Commander were declared open . Brother Grimes was nominated for Jr. Vice Commander. He stated he agrees to serve. Second Motion passed. All the other nominated Officer candidates were currently holding that Officer position. Commander Martin asked for any additional nominations to fill any of the open Officer positions. Commander Martin then announced, there being no other nominations for any Officer position, he is open to a motion. Motion made that there, being no other nominations, and that the nominated candidate to fill an Officer position remain unopposed that that nominated candidate be elected as 2021 Officer for that Office. Second. Motion passed.

-2021, Camp # 17 Elected Officers:

-Robert Payne - Commander  
-Timothy Kolean -Sr. Vice Commander  
-David Grimes. -Jr. Vice. Commander  
-Harold Holcomb -Secretary  
-James B. Pahl - Treasurer  
-Keith Harrison - Camp Council  
-Ronald Shull -Camp Council  
Wendel Peabody- Camp Council

We will be the installing Camp # 17  
Officers at our January 26, 2021  
Camp # 17 meeting.

#### **XVI. Good of the Order:**

- Brother Pahl announced that, Ritual Books, are being, re-done, with many changes. Brother Pahl, has several old books which he is willing to hand out to Camp # 17 Brothers for free.

-Brother Payne made a motion to donate \$40.00 to the, Daughters to cover some of the old Sunfield Hall monthly expenses. Second. Motion passed.

-Brother Payne made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the, Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum. Second. Motion passed

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

-Brother Keith Harrison indicated that due to the Chinese virus issue, programs had to be cancelled. The "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", has rescheduled t two programs: The (Major General Alpheus Williams) - Speaker Jack Dempsey. This 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. This program

has been rescheduled for March 16, 2021. All is depending on the virus situation at the time.

-The Museum has men's, G.A.R., ties available for sale for, \$30.00. -"Annual Sponsorships", from \$25 to \$200 are available for the, " Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum. Please consider becoming an, Annual Sponsor.

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

-Watch our website, (<https://garmuseum.com>), for listings of future events.

- We have a new donation of a cannon ball to the museum.

- Brother Pahl announced we have what we believe will be a hotel reserved for the 2022 National Encampment. It is the, Doubletree by Hilton, 4747 28<sup>th</sup> St. SE. Grand Rapids MI 49512. They do have a free shuttle service to and from Gerald R. Ford Airport. The airport is located about 2 miles to the South. The, Auxiliary, has plans to join in the Encampment. The Daughters, and Relief Corp will not be joining us.

-Brother Payne explains that President Lincoln, in a proclamation, set aside a National recognition day for Thanksgiving.

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

Brother Pahl just received a phone message from Brother Frail indicating all proceedings will be

scanned and online. This is great news. It is getting accomplished, free of charge.

#### **Websites:**

"Curtenius Guard Camp # 17",  
Department of Michigan

**Pass the Hat:** Pass the hat collection amount was, \$103.00.

#### **XVII. Closing Ritual:**

Camp # 17 Commander Steve Martin closed the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17 Secretary