

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes, July 28, 2020. Tonight's Meeting is being held at, "The Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

Samuel W. Grinnell
G.A.R. Post # 283 Hall
Sunfield, Michigan

I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:05 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander Steve Martin opened the July 28, 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, M. Hoffman, and T. Kolean.

III. Roll Call of the Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Welcome to Guests:

We have one guest tonight. Present is Todd Cordell of Russell A. Alger, Camp # 462.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made to approve the January 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes as transmitted. Second. Motion passed. Thank you to Brother Payne for preparing the January 28th minutes in my absence.

VI. Treasurers Report:

Treasurer James B. Pahl gave the Treasurers Report dated, January 28, 2020 - July27, 2020. Motion made to accept the Treasurers Report, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

Treasurer Pahl informs Camp # 17 that Brother Leland Howe never paid his 2020 Camp # 17 dues. He will be dropped from Camp # 17 membership. He may reinstate with the payment of dues, plus a required reinstatement fee.

VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, and thoughts and prayers expressed for the following Brothers: Don Shaw, Past Commander-in-Chief, has heart issues, Brother Bankhead had some recent surgery, Brother Russell had his Gall Bladder removed, no word on how he is doing. Brother Park reports Dana Traub is having breathing problems and is in the hospital. Concerns expressed for John Shumway.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates, for Membership:

We have an incomplete application for: Larry Mitchell, from East Lansing. We are unable to take any action on his application, tonight, for that reason.

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 7:30 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 Officer meetings in March and June were cancelled. Combined our Camp will be submitting at least 100 additions/corrections at the September, 2020 meeting.

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. We hope to have his completed application at the September meeting.

Veterans Day:

No Report.

Patriotic Instructor: No Report.

Programs and Publicity: No Report.

Hall Restoration: Discussions on the need to have a professional inspect the underneath structure and foundations of the Old Sunfield G.A.R. Hall.

Memorial Day: Almost all, Memorial Day, and 4th of July, 2020, planned events were cancelled due to COVID-19. Saturday May 23, Mt. Hope Cemetery, G.A.R. had a program on Memorial Day, (observed). The Parade in Eaton Rapids was cancelled.

Remembrance Day Activities: The 14th Michigan, plans to participate in the 2020, Remembrance Day, activities, in Gettysburg.

Grinnell Award: No report.

XIII. Orders and Communications:

SUVCW National Issued the following General Orders:

- #11 -Revokes the charter of, Camp # 51, Department of Ohio.
- #12 -Sets up an exploratory committee to look into hosting the 2022 National Encampment.
- #13 -Order creates a real estate ownership committee.
- #14 - Defines the number of Associate Members allowed to belong to a Camp.
- #15 -Rules in effect until the Covid-19 pandemic ends.
- #16 -Reports the passing of, Sister Celestine Hollings, age 100. She was 2003, National President.
- #17 -Lists five requirements that are in effect during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- #18 -The Lincoln Tomb, event, scheduled for April 18,2020, cancelled.
- #19 -Extends the deadline for the S.U.V.C.W Scholarship Award.
- #20 -Revokes the Charter of, Abe Lincoln Camp # 2, in Missouri.
- #21 -Establishes the number allowed in a group during COVID-19.
- #22 -COVID-19 guidelines concerning the number of people allowed in a

group.

- #23 -Once a Department is awarded the right to hold a, National Encampment, by the, Encampment Site Committee, a National Encampment Host Committee Chair, shall be appointed by that Department Commander.
- # 24 - Recognized, " Memorial Day", this year.
- #25 - Reports the death of, Past Auxiliary President, Sister Ora Moitoso
- #26 - Reports the death of Real Daughter, Irene Triplett, on May 31, 2020. She was from Wilkesboro, North Carolina.
- #27 -Reminds Brothers of two documents to refer to, with current happenings, with monuments. Please review General Order # 2, 1917-1918, and The Battlefield Flag, and Monument Policy, August, 1917.
- #28 -Allows the states of Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee to combine into one Department.
- #29 -Condemns defacing, destruction, or removal of any monument dedicated to the, Union, in the Civil War.
- #30 -Places the, Department of Connecticut, in suspension.
- #31 -Notifies Brothers the National Encampment scheduled for August 13-16, 2020 is cancelled due to COVID-19.
- #32 -National is asking for nominations for annual awards. Nominations accepted until August 14, 2020.

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following Department Orders:

- #16-This order appoints, Brother

James B. Pahl, as chair of the, 2022 National Encampment Host Committee

- #17 -Informs Camp, Patriotic Instructors, they need to submit their Annual Reports.
- #18 -Announces the, 136th Department Encampment to be held, VIRTUALLY.
- #19 -Announces parameters for the 136th Department Encampment, to be held, June 6, 2020.
- #20 -Lists exact procedures to follow to log in to the, 136th Department Encampment.
- #21 -Provides additional instructions on logging into the, Department Encampment.
- #22 -Establishes the, Officers Report Committee, for the 136th Annual Department Encampment.
- #1 &2 -Brother Terrance L. McKinch, assumes Command of the, Department of Michigan, for the 2020-2021 year.
- #3 -Informs Brothers of the passing of, Brother Neal Breaugh, PCC of, Robert Finch Camp # 14, Traverse City, Michigan.

XIV. Old Business:

- Motion made to submit a letter to National for the reinstatement of Brother Tim Kolean's, Past Camp Commander Credentials. Second. Motion to amend the motion pending Brother Kolean, first submit a letter requesting reinstatement. Second. Amendment passed. Motion passed.

XV. New Business:

- Motion to submit a \$100.00 donation to the, Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum, for the use of the facilities for tonight's meeting. Second. Motion passed.

-Motion to submit a check to the, daughters, in the amount of \$90.00. This to cover utilities for the, (March 31, 2020, and May 30, 2020), Camp # 17 meetings, that we expected to have there, but were cancelled due to COVID-19. Second. Motion passed.

-Motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$500.00 to, hire a professional inspector, to inspect the underneath structure and foundation, of the, Old G.A.R. Hall, in Sunfield. Second. Motion to amend to notify the Sisters, plus to authorize and give the Council, the authority, to make the decisions on what professional we hire, and the authority to authorize the expenditure of up to what we have in our, Hall Restoration Fund, to cover any repair/treatment for possible insect issues, as well as cracks, and sump pump in the low area in the crawl space beneath the hall. Second. Amendment passed. Motion passed.

-The June 6, 2020, Department of Michigan Encampment, was held electronically, with the help of the, "Zoom" website.

-The Department of Michigan, elected Officers for the 2020-2021 year are:

-Terrance L. McKinich, PCC – Commander

-Nathan Smith, CC – Sr. Vice Commander

-David Ramsey – Jr. Vice Commander

-Charles Worley, PDC - Council

-Steve Martin, CC - Council

-David Smith, PDC - Council

-Dick Denney, PCC – Secretary

-Bruce Gosling, PCC – Treasurer

-You may find the listings of the rest of the 2020-2021, Department of

Michigan, Officers, on the, Department of Michigan website.

-Thank you, Past Department of Michigan Commander Robert Payne for doing a great job in leading, and running the, Department of Michigan, for the last two years.

-The National Chairman for the, National Committee on Promotion and Marketing, is asking Departments and Camps to aide in preparing a good S.U.V.C.W recruitment video.

-August 1, 2020, the Department of Michigan, will hold a meeting at the, Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum, to begin preparations to hold the 2022, National Encampment. All Brothers are welcome to attend. Many volunteers will be needed to make it a great convention. Please consider volunteering.

XVI. Good of the Order:

Michigan GAR. Memorial Hall and Museum:

- All earlier in the year scheduled events were cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus.

-Brother Keith Harrison provides a list of happenings at the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum":

-2020 Seminars include:

-Tuesday July 21st, (7 PM) – Seminar, "Emory Paraday, and the Capture of John Wilkes Booth", (Speaker Kermit Douse). It was well attended.

-Sunday, September 20th, (3PM) Seminar -Major General Alpheus Williams, (Speaker, Jack Dempsey).

-Tuesday, November 17th, (7 PM), Seminar, the Eleventh Corps at,

Gettysburg, (Speaker, Dr. Jim Paula).

-Tuesday August 11th, (10AM – 3 PM), -Annual Civil War Discovery Camp for kids 7 – 14 years. –We have a new sign up for the Old G.A.R. Hall.

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

-“Sponsorships”, are available for, “The Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum”.

-Volunteers, needed to work days at the Museum. Please consider volunteering.

-Watch our website for listings of all future events.

-Brother Harrison informs us that today, July 28th is the anniversary of the 1866 forming of the, African American Buffalo Soldier Regiment. The Regiment was the first African American Military Regiment.

Websites:

“Curtenius Guard Camp # 17”, Department of Michigan

Pass the Hat: Pass the hat collection amount was, \$58.00.

XVII. Closing Ritual:

Camp # 17 Commander Steve Martin closed the meeting at 8:31 P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17 Secretary