

## Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes, January 26, 2021.

Tonight's meeting is being held at the, Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall, and Museum, Eaton Rapids, Michigan

#### I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:22 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander Steve Martin opened the January 26, 2021 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, and J. Pahl.

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

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

Roll of the Camp not called.

#### IV. Welcome to Guests:

No guests present tonight.

#### V. Approval of Minutes:

Motion from Brother Harrison to approve the November 24, 2020 Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes, as

transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

#### VI. Treasurers Report:

Treasurer James B. Pahl gave the Treasurers Report dated, November 24, 2020 - January 26, 2021. Motion made to accept the Treasurers Report, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed. Treasurer Pahl informed Camp # 17 that , IRS form 990, was filed and we have received approval. Treasurer Pahl is collecting 2021 Camp # 17 dues in the amount of \$41.00. He read a list of those currently having outstanding 2021 dues. A Camp # 17 audit was completed January 26, 2021.

#### VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers were expressed for the following Brothers: Brother Parks is still quarantining due to COVID concerns for his immediate family. A communication with Brother Hummer determined he is still recovering from COVID-19. Camp # 17 continues to extend thoughts and prayers for the loss of his wife. Ron Shull, notified me he is taking care of Dana Traub, and quarantining as a caution. He did state that Dana has obtained his first COVID vaccine shot. Laverne Aves is having some challenges currently.

#### 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 7:40 PM.

#### XII. Committee Reports:

**By-Laws:** No report.

#### Memorials and Graves Registrations:

Brother Mark Hoffman, E-Mailed the Graves Registration Report: The December Department GRO meeting was cancelled, and I sent our submissions via U.S. Mail. Our next meeting will be in March and I will submit another batch from Camp # 17. Brothers interested in helping with this work, either on the computer, or inventorying cemeteries, can contact me directly.

**G.A.R. Monuments:** No report.

**Eagle Scout Certificates:** No Report.

**Military Affairs:** No report.

**Membership:** Discussion on an incomplete application from Thomas Hetchler. He lives in Battle Creek. He was, originally from Eaton Rapids. Secretary Holcomb will attempt to make contact with him and extend an invitation, for him to attend the March 30, 2021 meeting.

#### Veterans Day:

No Report.

**Patriotic Instructor:** No report.

**Programs and Publicity:** No Report.

**Hall Restoration:** No report.

**Memorial Day:** No report.

**Remembrance Day Activities:** No Report.

**Grinnell Award:** No report.

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

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

-# 6-This General Order lists SUVCW IRS determination, 501(c3), status.

-#7 -Announces a, National Policy on Monument Protection, and Preservation.

-#8 -Announces the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore on December 14, 2020. Allen Moore was PC -in- C in 1982.

-#9-Announces the passing of Union Soldier widow Helen Jackson. She was the last known documented widow of a Civil War Veteran.

-#10-Announces the passing of, Women's Relief Corps, Past National President Lucille Streeter.

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

-None.

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

-The, Eaton County Historical Society, previously, sent us an application to fill out to obtain grant money for any needed project we might have.

Needed repairs to the, Old Sunfield Hall, under structure might qualify? Commander Martin promises to work at filling out and submitting the application next week.

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

- Installation of Camp # 17, 2021 Officers: Commander Martin asked Department of Michigan Officer Keith Harrison PC-in-C, to come to the podium and take command to install the 2021, Camp # 17 Officers.

-The Camp # 17 Officers, for 2021:

-Robert Payne PDC - Commander

-Timothy Kolean -Sr. Vice Commander

-David Grimes -Jr. Vice. Commander

-Harold Holcomb -Secretary

-James B. Pahl PC-in-C - Treasurer, & Memorials Officer

-Keith Harrison PC-in- C - Camp Council, & Historian

-Ronald Shull PC -Camp Council

- Wendel Peabody- Camp Council, and Guard

-Mark Hoffman - Graves, & Programs

-Paul, (Dave), Arnold PDC - Patriotic Instructor

Dave Bankhead PC -Eagle Scout

-Jon Armstrong -Color Bearer

-Brian Shumway PC- Chaplain

Bruce Benedict - Guide

Following the installation ceremony a round of applause congratulated the 2021 Officers.

Discussion about obtaining an extra, door key, for the old, Sunfield G.A.R. Hall, Sunfield, Michigan. It determined that it is up to the Daughters.

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

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

-Brother Keith Harrison provided this report. 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.

-April 3, 2021,(10 AM to 5 PM), we will celebrate the, Grand Army of the Republic, 155<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

We plan to have two floors of artifacts displayed as well as special artifact displays.

-All is depending on the virus situation at the time.

-We have additions to the museum we are excited about. They include; an 82# cannon ball, a document from Cairo Michigan, and the, Medal of Honor, presented to Brevet Brigadier General Frederick W. Swift, of the 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry. The medal was awarded in the 1890's for his action of, gallantry, at Turkey Creek, Tennessee, November 16, 1863. The medal was purchased years ago when it was legal to purchase one.

-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.

Brother Pahl informs us the latest edition of the, Banner, is in the mail.

-The 2021National Encampment will be held, August 4-9, 2021, in St. Louis, Missouri.

- 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.

May, 30, 2021 Commander Payne will attend the funeral of Brother Lloyd Lamphere's wife. He will not be able to attend the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Memorial Day, event. Commander Payne asked for a volunteer to conduct the Ceremony. 2021, Camp # 17, Chaplain Brian Shumway will accept doing that.

-Commander Payne informs us that on this date, January 26<sup>th</sup> during the Civil War years, the following three things happened. They were:

-January 21, 1861 - Louisiana seceded from the Union.

-January 26, 1863 - Permission was granted to Massachusetts Governor John Andrew to raise a militia of African Descent. -

January 26, 1864 - The Battle of Athens, Alabama. 600 Confederate Calvary attacked 100 fortified Union troops. The Union defenders repulsed the Confederates after a two hour battle.

**Websites:**

"Curtenius Guard Camp # 17",  
Department of Michigan

**Pass the Hat:** We did not, pass the hat at this meeting.

**XVII. Closing Ritual:**

Camp # 17 Commander Robert Payne closed the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17 Secretary