

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes, March 30, 2021.

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

I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:07 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander Robert Payne opened the March 30, 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, T. Kolean, J. Pahl, R. Payne, B. Shumway, and R. Shull.

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

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 January 26, 2021 Camp #

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

VI. Treasurers Report:

Treasurer James B. Pahl gave the Treasurers Report dated, January 27, 2021 – March 29, 2021. Motion made to accept the Treasurers Report, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed. Treasurer Pahl informed Camp # 17 that we have three Brothers with unpaid 2021 dues. Brother Swix has requests an Honorable Discharge. Brothers Peabody and Doty are the other two. Motion made by Brother Pahl to take, \$82.00 out of the, Benevolent Fund, to cover Brothers Doty and Peabody, and to grant an Honorable Discharge to Brother Swix. Second. Motion passed. Rosie Best, of the, Daughters, is asking if the sons have forgotten them in regard to paying for a portion of the utilities for the Old Sunfield Hall. A decision made to address this, again under, The Good of the Order.

VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers were expressed for the following Brothers: No one has heard from Brother Peabody? Concerns expressed for him. 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. Brother Park informed us a few days back that Brother Dana Traub passed peacefully. Due to COVID all funeral plans are delayed. Laverne Aves is having some challenges

currently. He just turned 90. Motion made to do, something formal, in respect for Brother Hummer in the loss of his wife due to COVID. Second. Motion passed. Commander Payne will draft a special letter.

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 7:50 PM.

XII. Committee Reports:

By-Laws: Brother Kolean -National has proposed changes to the, By-Laws. The proposed amendments include:

-Section B: Expanding the time when we can elect Officers and Delegates to the Department Encampment.

-Section C: Expands when Camp Officers can be installed to the meetings from September through January.

-This to be brought up and voted on at the May 30, 2021 Camp # 17 meeting.

Memorials and Graves Registrations:

Brother Mark Hoffman, E-Mailed the Graves Registration Report: Continuing to submit proof of Union service information to the Department Graves Registration program for our three counties and Michigan soldiers buried elsewhere. We had a Dept. GRO conference call meeting on March 13 and Brother Danes reported that there are major

improvements coming soon to Dept. graves website. I provided our committee with an updated reference for sources to be used in researching Union Sailors and Marines. I'm always looking for camp Brothers who are available to help with specific cemeteries, and have subscriptions to Ancestry and Fold3, and are willing to try to help document wartime Union service from the hundreds of, "maybes", that have been identified in our previous cemetery walks.

G.A.R. Monuments: Brother Pahl intends on continuing documenting the Civil War monuments, and cannons located in the Camp # 17 covered area over the summer.

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 has included him in many E-Mails, including notifying him of meetings. No word back.

Veterans Day:

No Report.

Patriotic Instructor: No report.

Programs and Publicity: No Report.

Hall Restoration: Commander Payne explains the weather has not been good to accomplish the objective of getting individuals to look at, and determine if repairs are needed to the Old Sunfield Hall's foundations and supporting structure. Hopefully we can get to looking at this, potential problem, as the weather improves.

Memorial Day: Camp # 17 plans on participating in the following Memorial Day events:

-May 29, 2021, (Saturday), Mt. Hope Cemetery. Brother Shumway will handle the Mt. Hope service.

Commander Payne will be attending Brother Lamphere's wife's funeral that is scheduled for the same time.

-May 30, 2021- The Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum is scheduled to be open.

-May 30, 2021 - Camp # 17 meeting at the Sunfield Hall.

-May 31, 2021 -Memorial Day Parade at 11:00 AM in Eaton Rapids. The Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall is open to the public. Volunteers are requested, and needed. Secretary Holcomb is to E-mail an announcement to the Camp # 17 Brothers about this event.

Remembrance Day Activities: Gettysburg is planning on having, 2021, Memorial Day activities.

Grinnell Award: No report.

XIII. Orders and Communications:

SUVCW National Issued the following General Orders:

-#11-Past Commander-in- Chief Mark Day is appointed counselor. He replaces PC-in-C Don Darby.

-#12-Regarding licensing requirements for items bearing the names, "Sons of Union Veterans", and or S.U.V.

-#13-All camps and departments owning real estate property which accommodates public access or events are required to carry liability insurance. A policy

number has to be provided to the Executive Director, annually.

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following Department Orders:

-#12-Lists the, Nominating Committee, and about the, Letters of intent, for the 2021 Department Encampment.

-#13-Suspends Camp # 7 and Camp # 250 for failing to file form # 22.

-#14-Reinstates Camp # 7 and Camp # 250 after they filed form 22.

XIV. Old Business:

-Because we neglected to ask for a motion to elect delegates to the 2021 Department of Michigan Encampment we had to refer back to the last set of delegates elected to determine our 2021 elected delegates. The last elected delegates were elected at the November 2018 Camp # 17 meeting. They are David Rehkopf, and Tim Kolean. If attending the 2021, Department of Michigan Encampment, they are allowed to register as delegates. All additional, Brothers attending, other than those with standing credentials, must register as alternate delegates.

XV. New Business:

-Any funeral service for Brother Dana Traub is delayed because of COVID. We are to be notified of a future time and date for a service as we get past COVID.

XVI. Good of the Order:

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

-Brother Keith Harrison provided this report: Our March 16th Seminar on Soldiers Clothing and Personal Equipment, presented by Roger Stone

was enjoyed by a full house.

The, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", has rescheduled the program: The (Major General Alpheus Williams) - Speaker Jack Dempsey.

This program has been rescheduled for November, 2021. -

-April 3, 2021, (10 AM to 5 PM), we will celebrate the, Grand Army of the Republic, 155th Anniversary. We plan to have two floors of artifacts displayed as well as special displays. Sunday May 30, 2021, Museum is open for Memorial Day.

Monday, May 31, 2021, 11:00 AM – Annual Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Day Program on, G.A.R. Island.

-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 17th 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.

-A discussion took place about the requirement we obtain liability insurance. Motion to see if the, Daughters have liability insurance and if they don't look into obtaining Liability Insurance. Second. A motion to amend the motion that we determine if the Daughters have liability insurance and if they don't we that we look into liability insurance, get quotes, and bring the insurance quotes to a meeting. Second. Motion to amend the amendment that we determine if the, Daughters, have liability insurance, and if they don't, to seek the possibility of having liability insurance to cover our activities.

This amendment to the amendment, to supersede the motion, and first amendment. It will become the motion. Second. Amendment to the amendment passed, therefore the whole motion passes.

May 23, 2022 the Department Encampment will be at the same Hilton Hotel in Grand Rapids where the National Encampment is being held.

Brother Pahl informs us the spring edition of the Banner is being prepared .

-The 2021 National 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 28th 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.

-The, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, is upcoming April 17, 2021. Several Camp # 17 Brothers plan to attend and participate.

-Motion made by Brother Park that we help the Daughters with the, Old Sunfield Hall, utilities bills. This payment to cover the utilities bills for the, September, November and January times we normally meet there. We are to send them \$90.00. Second. Motion passed.

Websites:

“Curtenius Guard Camp # 17”, Department of Michigan

Pass the Hat: We collected \$65.00.

XVII. Closing Ritual:

Camp # 17 Commander Robert Payne closed the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17 Secretary