

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes, May 30, 2021. Tonight's meeting is being held at the, G.A.R. Hall, in Sunfield, Michigan.

I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:00 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander Robert Payne opened the May 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: J. Armstrong, D. Grimes, K. Harrison, M. Hoffman, H. Holcomb, J. Pahl, R. Payne, R. Shull, and B. Shumway.

Officers Excused: D. Arnold, D. Bankhead, B. Benedict, and T. Kolean.

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 K. Harrison to approve the March 30, 2021 Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report:

Treasurer James B. Pahl gave the Treasurers Report dated, March 30, 2021 - May 29, 2021. Motion made by Brother K. Harrison, to accept the Treasurers Report, as transmitted. S. Martin, second. Motion passed.

VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers were expressed for the following Brothers: Concerns expressed for Brother Peabody. He is reported as having been very ill. Concerns expressed for Brother Hummer. Brother Haines is having reported medical issues. Doctors reported to be running tests. Upon receiving test results they will determine the procedures needed, if any? Brother Arnold mentioned, during a phone call, that he is scheduled for a minor medical procedure. Brother Shumway stated his son John Shumway's health is more concerning. The memorial service for Richard Orr, PC-in-C is September 11, 2021.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates, for Membership:

We have a completed application from Thomas Carl Hayhoe.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

The old ballot box was located and the Brothers cast their votes for membership for Thomas Hayhoe. Commander Payne announced we have a new Brother, Thomas Carl Hayhoe. He was greeted with a round of applause when he, reentered the meeting room.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

The candidate being present we proceeded to initiate Brother Hayhoe. Commander Payne conducted the installation ceremony. Upon completion the Camp, again, broke into applause to welcome him.

XI. Meeting Recess:

Meeting recess, taken at 7:50 PM.

XII. Committee Reports:

By-Laws: At the last meeting we presented, proposed By-Laws changes, to correspond with National. The proposed changes to the, By-Laws are, amendments. They 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.

Commander Payne called for a vote on the proposed By-Laws changes. Motion passed, unanimously.

Memorials and Graves Registrations:

Brother Mark Hoffman, presented his Graves Registration Report: I am preparing the next batch for submission to the Department GRO. Looking for any volunteers to help with chasing down leads this summer in various cemeteries, in Eaton Ingham, and Barry. Also, I am looking for volunteers who have Ancestry and/or Fold3 subscriptions and want to help with confirmation packets to establish Union service.

G.A.R. Monuments: No Report.

Eagle Scout Certificates: No Report.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

Veterans Day:

No Report.

Patriotic Instructor: Commander Payne read General John A. Logan's, speech on Memorial Day.

Programs and Publicity: No Report.

Hall Restoration: No Report.

Memorial Day: Camp # 17 participated in these Memorial Day events:
-May 29, 2021, (Saturday), Mt. Hope Cemetery - Brother Shumway, conducted the Mt. Hope Cemetery service. Lansing Mayor Andy Schor was invited to, provided a few appropriate words about Memorial Day. The Little Arlington Cemetery service followed.

We plan to participate in the:

-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.

Remembrance Day Activities: No Report.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

XIII. Orders and Communications:
SUVCW National Issued the following General Orders:

- #14-This order is about lobbying.
- #15-Order provides Clarification of Guidance in the constitution, and regulations regarding issuance of membership cards.
- #16-Passing of, Auxiliary, to the Son's

Past President Langley.
-#17- Order is about the, "Observance of Memorial Day".
-#18-Provides a definition of so-called, "Paper Camps".

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following Department Orders:

- #15-Provides 2021, Department of Michigan Annual Encampment details.
- #1-Nathan L. Smith takes Command of the Department of Michigan.
- #2-Lists the 2021-2022, Department of Michigan, elected and appointed Officers.
- #3-Past National and Department Chaplain William McAfee passes away, May 11, 2021.
- #4-Provides, SUVCW Brothers, Memorial Day observance details.

XIV. Old Business:

-No Report.

XV. New Business:

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

XVI. Good of the Order:

-The post on the historical sign in front of the old Sunfield G.A.R. Hall, has deteriorated and needs to be replaced. This problem is to be looked into.

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

-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.

-On April 3, 2021, we celebrated the, Grand Army of the Republic, 155th Anniversary. Two floors of artifacts were displayed as well as special displays.

-May 18, 2021 we showcased, "Historic Ft. Wayne Yesterday, and today". The program was very interesting, and the presentation was excellent.

-Sunday May 30, 2021, the museum was open for Memorial Day.

-Monday, May 31, 2021, at 11:00 AM, was the Annual Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Day Program on, G.A.R. Island. Camp # 17 participated.

-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.

Brother Harrison provided, last minute, details for the Eaton Rapids Memorial Day parade, and events.

Brother Pahl informs us the spring edition of the Banner was mailed. You should have received a copy by now.

-The 2021 National Encampment will be held, August 4-9, 2021, in St. Louis, Missouri. Several, Camp # 17 Brothers, plan to attend.

May 13-14, 2022 - The Department of Michigan Encampment will be held at The DoubleTree, by Hilton on 28th St. SE in Grand Rapids.

-The 2022 National Encampment is in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The location 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. Auxiliary, plans to join in the Encampment. The, Daughters, and Relief Corp, will not be joining us.

Brother Harrison referenced a latest Historical Magazine article, The Champion.

Websites:

“Curtenius Guard Camp # 17”,
Department of Michigan

Pass the Hat: We did not pass the hat.

XVII. Closing Ritual:

Camp # 17 Commander Robert Payne closed the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17 Secretary