

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes, July 27, 2021. Tonight's meeting is being held at the, Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum, Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:14 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander Robert Payne opened the July 27, 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, J. Pahl, R. Payne, R. Shull, and B. Shumway.

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

III. Roll Call of the Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Welcome to Guests:

No guests present tonight.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Commander Payne asked the Camp # 17 Brothers if they had any objections, or questions about the May 30, 2021 meeting minutes. There being no objections, Commander

Payne announced the May 30, 2021 minutes are approved, as transmitted.

VI. Treasurers Report:

Treasurer James B. Pahl, handed out, and then presented the Treasurers Report dated, May 30, 2021 – July 26, 2021. Commander Payne asked if there are any Objections, or questions about the treasurers report. There not being any objections, or questions, Commander Payne announced the Treasurers Report, is approved as transmitted.

VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers were expressed for the following Brothers: Brother Bankhead is recovering from surgery and reported to be doing well. Brother Kolean is recovering from a surgery. Concerns expressed for Brother Peabody. Brother Haines is having reported medical issues. Brother Arnold is reported doing well following a procedure.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates, for Membership:

No applications.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

No new applications.

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 changes.

Memorials and Graves Registrations:

Brother Mark Hoffman E-Mailed in the Graves Registration Report: We continue to research and submit the names of Union Soldiers, and Sailors for the Department Graves Registration Database. I will follow up with Dave Grimes, and Tom Hayhoe who have offered to help.

G.A.R. Monuments: Brother Pahl reports, he was driving through Springport and noticed a monument he was unaware of. He plans to investigate his finding when time.

Eagle Scout Certificates: No Report.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

Veterans Day:
No Report.

Patriotic Instructor: Brother Pahl read off a list of military happenings that occurred on this day in history.

Programs and Publicity: No Report.

Hall Restoration: No Report.

Memorial Day:

We participated in the:
-May 31, 2021, Memorial Day Parade at 11:00 AM in Eaton Rapids. The Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall was open to the public.

Remembrance Day Activities: No Report.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

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

-#19-This order reports the passing of 2009, Auxiliary Past National President Janice Harding .

-#20 -This order reports the passing of 2002, Past National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons, Cynthia Brown.

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following Department Orders:

-Special Message #1-J. Richard Greene Award.

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. No one has any additional information.

- We have a request for a donation to support the, Abraham Lincoln Project, in Kalamazoo. This is to produce a statue of him, and place it where he spoke in Kalamazoo. Motion made by Brother Park to donate \$100.00 to the project. Second. Motion passed.

-At the September Meeting we will be taking requests for Camp # 17, Officers for 2022.

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. It determined the state will not replace it. Brother Hoffman and Dickinson have obtained estimates for the cost of replacing what needed. They lack an exact amount, but believe it is around \$500.00. A Motion made to authorize, an expenditure of, up to \$500. Second. A discussion took place on asking the community for donations. The question is how to ask for donations. The Sunfield Picnic was mentioned as a method. Motion

made to amend by Brother Park to make this a community project. Second. Amendment passed. Motion passed.

-We plan to participate at the Sunfield Picnic requesting donations.

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

-On Tuesday, July 20, 2021, the "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", showcased, "Jackson's Role in the Underground Railroad". The speaker was Ms. Linda Hass.

-Civil War Soldiers Camp is August 10, 2021. We have around a dozen kids signed up currently.

-Sunday, September 19, (3 PM), we will showcase a seminar, The Eleventh Corps at Gettysburg. The speaker is Dr. Jim Paula.

- Tuesday, November 16, 2021 the, "Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum", will showcase a seminar, Major General Alpheus Williams. The Speaker is Jack Dempsey.

-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 received a donation to place in the old, Sunfield G.A.R. Hall. It is an 1898 Civil War Ribbon.

-The 2021 National Encampment will be held, August 4-9, 2021, in St. Louis, Missouri. We have been informed that mask's are required when indoors. At least five Brothers from Camp # 17 plan to attend.

May 13-14, 2022 - The Department of Michigan Encampment will be held at The DoubleTree, by Hilton, 4747 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. A 2022, National Encampment, ribbon is designed, and being submitted. For a first time in history the, Women's Relief Corps, will meet with us.

Websites:

“Curtenius Guard Camp # 17”, Department of Michigan

Pass the Hat: We collected \$104.00.

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