

Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

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Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes, January 25, 2022. Tonight's meeting is being held at the, G.A.R. Hall, in Sunfield, Michigan.

I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:15 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander Robert Payne opened the January 25, 2022, 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. Bankhead, D. Grimes, H. Holcomb, J. Pahl, R. Payne, and R. Shull.

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

III. Roll Call of the Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Guests:

No guests were present.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Commander Payne asked the Camp # 17 Brothers if they have any objections, or questions on the November 30, 2021 meeting minutes. There were no questions. Motion by Brother Bankhead to accept the meeting minutes as presented.

Second. There were no objections. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report:

Treasurer James B. Pahl, handed out, and then presented the Treasurers Report dated, November 30, 2021- January 25, 2022. Additionally, he provided an, Annual Income, and Expenses Report. Treasurer Pahl explained the reports. The Annual Report shows we spent more than we took in. Commander Payne asked if there are any objections, or questions about the treasurers reports. A motion made to accept the treasurer's report as read. Second. Motion passed. Commander Payne announced the Treasurers Report, is now approved as transmitted.

-Before the start of the January 25, 2022 meeting, Treasurer Pahl informed the Camp # 17 Brothers that he and the Council Officers performed an audit of the Camp # 17 Books.

-Brother Pahl informed the Brothers, Kalamazoo Lincoln Project, presented Camp # 17 a nice streamer ribbon for our Camp # 17 flag. The ribbon is white. He presented the ribbon to Commander Payne. Camp # 17, made a donation to the project last year.

VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers were expressed for the following Brothers: Commander Payne had knee surgery on January 5, 2022. He continues with the recommended therapy. Continuing concerns

expressed for Brother M. Hoffman's who has leukemia, and for Brother K. Harrison with stage one lung cancer. Brother M. Bennett had COVID and is reported to be better. He is home now. Brother Hamilton indicates he cannot attend meetings because he has to care for his incapacitated wife. They are in, Caraveth Village, Middleville. Brother Pahl's, son, and Camp # 17 Brother James A. Pahl has COVID. He is reported doing fine.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates, for Membership:

Brother Grimes presented an application for Cody Eugene Orr of Eaton Rapids. The application is incomplete at this time. He is the grandson of Andrew H. Sexton, 5th Regiment, Kansas Calvary, Company B. He enlisted August 12, 1861, as a Private. He was mustered out September 3, 1864, in Leavenworth, Kansas, as a Private. Motion made to accept him in to brotherhood, pending, a properly signed application and the required funds. Second. Motion passed.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

The old Ballot Box, located and the Brothers cast their ballots for applicant, Cody Eugene Orr. Upon completion of the voting Commander Payne was present the Ballot Box. He announced we have a new Brother, pending the completion of his application.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

No new members present to initiate.

XI. Meeting Recess:

We did not take a meeting recess.

XII. Committee Reports:

By-Laws: No changes to report.

Memorials and Graves Registrations:

Brother Mark Hoffman E-Mailed in the Graves Registration Report: The December DGRO meeting was cancelled. I sent our packet of 54 more Michigan names/burials for the, Department Database. The next meeting will be in March.

G.A.R. Monuments: No report.

Eagle Scout Certificates: No Report.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

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:

-#3 -Issuance of a replacement charter for General Frederick Lander Camp # 5 of the Department of Massachusetts.

-#4 -Announces the passing of real son John Wilson Oliver of the Department of Tennessee.

Special Orders:

-#2 -Announces the passing of Department Commander William Pollard of the, Department of Texas.

-#3 -Appoints a, Board of Inquiry, to investigate Constitutional regulation violations by the, Departments of Colorado, and Wyoming.

Message to the Membership:

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following Department Orders:

-# 10 -Announces the creation of Camp # 444, General Orlando M. Poe, to be headquartered in Cadillac, Michigan. Additionally, this order realigns and creates new boundaries for the camps by creating boundaries for Camp # 444.

-#11 -Opens the Nominations for the, Abraham Lincoln Award. Three Brothers have been nominated.

-#12 -Lists Brothers appointed to serve on the, Officer Nominating Committee, and informs Brothers that those interested in running for a, Department Officer, position should submit their letter of intent.

XIV. Old Business:

Brother Bankhead looked into historical regulations for protective windows for the old hall. He found that from a historical standpoint we are limited to storm windows.

These offer questionable protection. The objective is to install protective windows. Anything Camp # 17 Brothers agree to subject to the approval of the Daughters.

XV. New Business:

-Installation of 2022 Camp # 17 Officers. Commander Payne called on Brother James B. Pahl to install the Camp # 17 Officers. Brother Holcomb was asked to read off

each Officer position and the Brother selected to fill the position. Brother Pahl then, proceeded with the installation by calling off each Officer position and asking them to rise while he read the responsibility of that Officer position. He then asked them if they accept all the office responsibilities for the office. They all answered they accept the responsibility of the office. All, 2022 Officers, were then asked to present themselves at the Camp # 17 alter. Brother Pahl then proceeded in completing installing the Officers.

Camp # 17, 2022, Installed Officers:

- Rob Payne, PDC- Commander
- David Grimes - Sr.Vice Commander
- Tim Kolean - Jr. Vice Commander
- Harold Holcomb - Secretary
- James Pahl, PC-in-C- Treasurer, Counselor, & Memorials Officer
- Wendel Peabody - Camp Council, & Historian
- Ron Shull, PC - Camp Council
- Steve Martin, PC -Camp Council
- Rodney Russell - Chaplain
- Dave Bankhead, PC - Patriotic Instructor, & Eagle Scout Coordinator
- Mark Hoffman, PC-Graves Registration Officer, & Programs
- Wendel Peabody -Guard
- Bruce Benedict - Guide
- Mike Cox - Color Bearer

-Commander Robert Payne, and Brother Steve Martin each presented a letter of intent to run for the Office of Department Council. A motion made by Brother Holcomb to support both Brothers running for the Office of Department Council. Brother Grimes provided a second. Motion passed. The Camp # 17 Secretary is to forward the, letters of intent, for

Brothers Payne and Martin on to the, Department Nominating Committee.

- Brother Pahl did a title search on the old Sunfield Hall. He discovered the last deed is dated 1899, and is to the Sunfield G.A.R. The question is was a deed ever prepared and recorded conveying the property to the Daughters? Further investigation is needed. Again a discussion on this took place. Brother Bankhead will attempt to contact Rosie Best of the Daughters to see if she they can locate a copy of a deed she claims exists. Nothing more on this for tonight's meeting.

XVI. Good of the Order:

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

Upcoming Programs and Special Events include:

-Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7 PM, Seminar - Born Free & Equal - Michigan's Colored Regiment, (Speaker is Maurice Imhoff).

-Saturday, April 2, 2022, (10 AM - 5 PM), Grand Army of the Republic 156th Anniversary, (Two floors of G.A.R. artifacts and memorabilia and other special G.A.R. exhibits will be on Display.

-Tuesday May 17th, (7 PM), - Seminar: Lincoln's Winning Smile, (Speaker Cameron Brown).

- Monday, May 30, 2020 (10 AM - 5 PM), Museum is Open for, Memorial Day. The Eaton Rapids, Annual Memorial Day Parade is at, 11 AM

- All scheduled activities are 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 to help support the, “Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum. Please consider becoming an, Annual Sponsor.

-Volunteers are needed to work the first two Wednesdays of each month. Please consider volunteering.

-Watch our website, (<https://garmuseum.com>), for listings of future events.

-May 13-14, 2022 - The Department of Michigan Encampment is scheduled to be at the, Double Tree, by Hilton, 4747 28th St. SE in Grand Rapids.

-The 2022 National Encampment is in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The date is August 11-14, 2022. The location is the, Double Tree, by Hilton, 4747 28th St. SE. Grand Rapids MI 49512. A free shuttle service to and from Gerald R. Ford Airport is available. The 2022, National Encampment, ribbon is designed. A limited quantity is available for purchase.

-Brother Pahl informs us that tours are setup to the Ford Museum, and Meijer Gardens.

-Reservations for the Encampment's are listed on the Department and National websites.

Motion made to place a Camp # 17 advertisement in the National Encampment booklet by Brother Bankhead. Second. Motion passed.

Websites:

“Curtenius Guard Camp # 17”, Department of Michigan

Pass the Hat: We collected \$75.00.

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