

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

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Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes, March 29, 2022. 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 March 29, 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: J. Armstrong, D. Bankhead, D. Grimes, H. Holcomb, T. Kolean, R. Payne, and R. Russell.

Officers Excused: D. Arnold, B. Benedict, M. Hoffman, S. Martin, W. Peabody, and J. Pahl, R. Shull.

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 January 25, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion by Brother D. Grimes to accept the meeting minutes as presented. A Second provided by Brother D. Bankhead. There being no

objections Commander R. Payne called for a vote. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report:

Treasurer James B. Pahl, being in Virginia and excused, Commander PR. Payne asked Brother H. Holcomb to fill in for him. Commander Payne asked Brother Holcomb to present the Treasurers provided in an E-Mail from Treasurer J. Pahl. The Report dated, January 25, 2022 - March 23, 2022. Brother H. Holcomb gave the report. Commander Payne asked if there are any objections, or questions about the treasurers reports. There being none, a motion was made to accept the treasurer's report as read. Second. Motion passed. Commander Payne announced the Treasurers Report, is now approved as transmitted.

VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers were expressed for the following Brothers: Continuing concerns expressed for Brother M. Hoffman who has leukemia, and for Brother K. Harrison with stage one lung cancer. Possible concerns discussed for Brother's D. Arnold, B. Benedict, W. Peabody, and M. Bennetts.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates, for Membership:

No new applications.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

No applicants.

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: We have proposed changes to, Article II sections, one, and two. Additionally, we have a recommendation to amend the Department By-Laws from the Richard Greene Award Committee. These will be voted on during the, Department of Michigan Encampment.

Memorials and Graves Registrations:

Brother Mark Hoffman E-Mailed the following Graves Registration Report: I attended the March 11, 2022, quarterly DGRO meeting in Lansing. Good discussion on the great new features coming soon in the Department graves database, for researching Michigan men who served in the Regular Army, and various, new research sources available online. I submitted 44 additions/corrections to the Department GRO.

G.A.R. Monuments: No report.

Eagle Scout Certificates: No Report.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

Veterans Day:
No Report.

Patriotic Instructor: Patriotic Instructor, Brother D. Bankhead provided a report on where the, Michigan name Wolverine's originated. It is thought to have originated in a tavern on the Old Chicago Road between Detroit and Ann Arbor. They were said to have a joke about serving wolf steaks,

(Actually lamb). A lady mentioned Wolverine. Additionally, in the Civil War on this day the, Battle of Petersburg, is taking place.

Programs and Publicity: No Report.

Hall Restoration: No Report.

Memorial Day:

-Camp # 17 expects to participate in the following, Memorial Day, events. They include:

-May 28, 2022, Mt. Hope Cemetery,

Saturday, 10:30 AM.

-May 30, 2022, Monday, Camp # 17 is invited to participate in the Eaton Rapids Parade at 11 AM, and G.A.R. Island ceremony at 1 PM.

-May 30, 2022 Camp # 17 Meeting - Commander Payne will notify us as to a decision as to the Camp # 17, meeting location and time.

Remembrance Day Activities: No report.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

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

General Orders:

-#5 - Announces, Installing Officer Reports, due to National by March 15, 2022.

-#6 -Department Commanders are allowed to lobby in support of H.J. Res 58, and H. J. Res 26.

-#7 -Announces policies for the use of photographs, and videos.

-#8 -A, Commander-in-Chief, appointed committee is to review membership qualifications.

Special Orders:

-None

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following Department

Orders:

-# 13 -Suspend Camp 180 and Camp #250 due to non-filing of, Form 22, paperwork.

-#14 -Reinstates, Carpenter Welch Camp # 180.

-#15 -Special Committee Report on Insurance Coverage, and discharge of the, Special Committee.

XIV. Old Business:

Commander Payne instructs Brother D. Bankhead to continue to complete and send the, Eaton County Historical Grant, application in for possible grant money for the historical sign posts at the, Sunfield G.A.R. Hall.

XV. New Business:

-It determined we need to replace the U.S. Flag for the, Sunfield G.A.R. Hall, flag pole. Commander R. Payne instructed Brother D. Bankhead to obtain the flag. It then determined it best to have a motion for this, and that we need to obtain all three flags. Brother R. Russell made a motion to have Brother D. Bankhead acquire all three flags. Second. Motion passed. Brother Bankhead agrees to acquire the flags.

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Commander R. Payne, and Brother Steve Martin, have previously, presented their letter of intent to run for the Office of, Department of Michigan Council. Motion made by Brother H. Holcomb that Camp # 17 Brothers endorse Brother R. Payne and Brother S. Martin for the Office of, Department Council, and any other Department Office Brother S. Martin is offered. Jr. V.P. T. Kolean provided a Second. Motion passed.

-Motion made by Brother H. Holcomb to drop all Brothers from the Camp # 17 Roster who are not current on their 2022 dues as of this meeting. All Brothers dropped maybe reinstated automatically with the payment of the full amount of their 2022 annual dues, plus the National reinstatement fee of \$10.00 within the 2022 year. A Second provided from Brother D. Bankhead. Motion passed.

Commander R. Payne states he will cover the \$10.00 reinstatement fee for the Brothers with unpaid dues.

-Commander Payne instructed Secretary H. Holcomb to send an E-Mail, and USPS mail letter to the Brothers who currently have unpaid 2022 dues. Secretary H. Holcomb agrees to do this, immediately.

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) was well attended and enjoyed by all present.

-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. A 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.

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

April 16, 2022, several will attend the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois.

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 8:00 P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

Secretary