

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

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for, March 28, 2023. This meeting is being held at the, G.A.R. Hall, Sunfield, Michigan.

I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:20 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander David Grimes opened the March 28, 2023, 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, M. Hanes, H. Holcomb, J. Pahl, R. Payne, and R. Russell.

Officers Excused: B, Benedict, M. Hoffman, and S. Martin, R. Shull, and B. Shumway.

III. Roll Call of the Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Guests:

No guests.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Commander D. Grimes asked the Camp # 17 Brothers if they have any objections, or questions on the January 31, 2023 meeting minutes. There were no objections. Motion made by R. Payne to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report:

Camp # 17 Treasurer James B. Pahl provided the Camp # 17 financial report dated January 31, 2023, to March 28, 2023. He continued, explaining the report. A motion by Brother Payne to accept the Treasurers reports as presented. Second. Motion passed.

-Treasurer J. Pahl explained that he submitted IRS, Form 990N, and received, IRS, approval back.

Motion by Treasurer J. Pahl for Camp # 17 to pay from the Camp # 17 treasury the dues of all six Brothers who have unpaid 2023 dues. This eliminating the need to drop Brothers from the Camp # 17 Roster when filing the Annual Report for 2023, The Report being due. Second. Motion passed.

VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers were expressed for the following Brothers: Brother K. Harrison's family following his passing. Expressed concerns over health issues for Brother D. Arnold, Brother M. Hoffman, Brother R. Hamilton, and his wife. Brother W. Peabody is, waiting on his health to improve for a surgery. Possible concerns discussed for Brother B. Benedict, and Brother J. Shumway.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates, for Membership:

No candidates.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

No candidates.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

No new Brothers to initiate.

XI. Meeting Recess:

No meeting recess taken.

XII. Committee Reports:

By-Laws: No Report.

Memorials and Graves Registrations: No Report.

G.A.R. Monuments: Camp # 17 Monuments Officer Brother J. B. Pahl reports he plans on coordinating with other Department of Michigan, Camps on, G.A.R. Monuments, Officers Reports. This to make sure, all completed and filed, form 61.

Eagle Scout Certificates: No Report.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

Veterans Day: No Report.

Patriotic Instructor: Brother R. Payne gave this Report. He explained the following items of history on Clara Barton. She was instrumental in starting the Women's Relief Corps and the forming of the American Red Cross.

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 27, 2023, Saturday, Mt. Hope Cemetery at 10:30 and shortly after, Little Arlington Cemetery.

-It unknown if the Daughters have any Sunday service scheduled.

-May 29, 2023, Monday, Camp # 17 is invited to participate in the Eaton Rapids Parade at 11:00 A.M. and the

G.A.R. Island Ceremony that follows.
-The Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum, will be open all day.
-Volunteers are needed to help out at the Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum.
-The May 30, 2023, Camp # 17 meeting will take place in Sunfield, Michigan at 7 P.M.

Remembrance Day Activities:

At least two-three Camp # 17 Brothers plan to attend the April 15, 2023, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

XIII. Orders and Communications: SUVCW National Issued the following

General Orders:

- #18 -Revocation of General George G. Meade Camp # 5, Department of the Chesapeake's Charter.
- #19 -This order defines a heinous crime, flagging a former Brothers file at the National Headquarters.
- #20- Revocation of, Joshua L. Chamberlain, Camp # 69, Department of Maine's Charter.
- #21-announces the Revocation of General Alvin C. Voris, Camp # 67, of the Department of Ohio.

Special Orders:

- #2 -Announces the failure of the web site, Go Daddy, for forwarding E-Mail's. Separately, it provides a list of Brothers who agree to allow use of their E-Mails.

Special Message:

- #6-The skill set survey was resent to all Brothers to complete.

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following Department Orders:

-#5 -SUVCW National Special Committee Report to Review Membership Qualifications, draft of January 23, 2023.

-#6 -Announces the Suspension of Camp # 180 for failure to file form 22.

-#7- The Department address is changed to the location of the Department Encampment for the period of March 31, 2023 to April 2, 2023 for the Department of Michigan Encampment.

Camp # 17 Orders: No Orders.

XIV. Old Business:

-A discussion took place about acceptable membership lineage on a prospective new member's application. This will be a topic at the Department, and National Encampments.

-Motion made to keep the eligibility for membership as it exists. This to become Camp # 17's expressed message at the Department and National 2023 Encampments. Second. Motion passed.

XV. New Business:

-Brother J. D. Park informs the Camp # 17 Brothers that we are approaching the 125th Anniversary of the construction of the Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall. He suggests getting with D.U.C.W, Helen M. Edwins Tent to consider additional signage which celebrates the 125th anniversary of the building dedication. Additionally, perhaps, plan an anniversary celebration along with the D.U.C.W. Motion made to coordinate with the Daughters to place a 125th anniversary marker/sign on the, Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Hall.

Second. 2024 is the 125th anniversary of the building original dedication. Motion passed.

Discussion of the failure of the National Go Daddy site and of the problems it created. Concerns surfaced with Go Daddy, including security concerns. National moved to GOOGLE's free website. The problems seemed to have resolved.

-Brother R. Payne informs us our Camp # 17 website is up and running. The site is at;
curteniusguardcamp17.org

-Brother J. B. Pahl said that the Spring Banner is being published.

-Commander Grimes informs us that Matt VanAcker has written a book on the Civil War. He will be giving a talk in Lansing on April 17, 2023. The book is mainly about Civil War Veterans who were from the Lansing area.

-Brother J. D. Park informs us. Ken Park President of the Parke/s Society visited the Michigan G.A.R, Memorial Hall and Museum. He honored Brother K. Harrison, a former editor of the Parke/s Society. Ken Park, from New York, traveled with a Parke Society Dedicated Service Award.

-Austin Blair Camp # 7, Jackson, is requesting Camp # 17 Brothers help to man the information booth at the August 26 & 27, 2023, Jackson Civil War Muster.

- Department of Michigan Secretary Dick Denney, in a note to all the Camp Secretaries and Patriotic Instructors noted all Annual Reports need to be received by the end of April. We usually try to accomplish this a few days after the March Camp Meeting.

Officer signatures are required on some of the documents. Camp # 17 Secretary H. Holcomb had a completed Camp # 17 Annual Report, for the year 2022, available to collect signatures and proper funds at the meeting. The needed signatures and funds were all obtained. This finalized the report and made it ready to be mailed on to the Department and to file copies in the Camp # 17 record books. Patriotic Instructor D. Bankhead informed Secretary Holcomb that the Patriotic Instructors report was completed and sent to the Department.

XVI. Good of the Order:

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

-Programs and Special Events include:
- The, Tuesday, March 14th (7 PM) seminar, Lincoln's Michigan Visit – Shocking New Discoveries, by Dr. Tom George was well attended.
-Saturday, April 8th 2023 the, Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum, will hold a celebration of the, 157th Anniversary and Commemoration of the G.A.R. Two floors of G.A.R. artifacts, memorabilia and other G.A.R. exhibits will be on display.
-May 29th -Annual Memorial Day Parade, (11 AM). Memorial Day Programs, held at Memorial Park, (12:30).
-July 1st - July 4th – Civil War Living History Program followed by the, 4th of July Parade on Tuesday July 4th.
-August 8th - Annual Civil War Discovery Camp for kids 7-14 years of age.
-“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.

-The, Department of Michigan Encampment, is in Midland over the weekend of April 1, 2023. Reservations are on the Department of Michigan website. Brother S. Martin is a candidate for Sr. Vice Department Commander, and Brother R. Payne is running for the Office of Department Council of Administration.

Camp # 17 Website:

curteniuscuardscamp17.org

Pass the Hat:

-Pass the Hat collected \$60.00.

XVII. Closing Ritual:

Camp # 17 Commander David Grimes closed the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb
Curtenius Guard Camp # 17,
Secretary