

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

The Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for May 30, 2023. This meeting is being held at the, Samuel Grinnell G.A.R. Hall, in Sunfield, Michigan.

I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:04 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, R. Shull and B. Shumway.

Officers Excused: B, Benedict, A. Dickinson, and M. Hoffman.

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 about the March 28, 2023 meeting minutes. There were no objections. Motion 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 March 28, 2023, to May 30, 2023. He continued, explaining the report. A motion by Brother R. Shull to accept the Treasurers reports as presented. Second. Motion passed

VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers were expressed for the following Brothers: Brother Bankhead's wife had a major emergency and is in Sparrow Hospital. Concerns expressed for Brother Howard Lloyd and his family following the passing of his wife June Lloyd. Her service scheduled for June 14, 2023. Expressed concerns over health issues for, Brother M. Hoffman, Brother R. Hamilton, and his wife. Brothers J.D. Park & R. Payne spoke with Brother W. Peabody. In a note to Secretary H. Holcomb Brother J.D. Park explained Brother W. Peabody has several medical challenges of which Camp # 17 members are aware. Brother. Payne indicated the same concerns at tonight's meeting. 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.

Investigating Committee: See New Business.

Memorials and Graves Registrations: Camp G.R.O. continues to submit new and corrected records for the Department graves database. I plan to attend the June 10th meeting of the DGRO. Hopefully, we will receive an update on solutions for the problems with the new on line database.

G.A.R. Monuments: A discussion took place about Camp # 17 Brothers considering a visit and dedication of various monuments within the three Counties Camp # 17 covers.

Eagle Scout Certificates: No Report.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

Veterans Day: The Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum will be open on November 11, 2023. Brother Payne suggests we invite DeWitt Camp # 58, and Jackson Camp # 7.

Patriotic Instructor: Brother R. Payne gave this report. At the time of the Civil War Lansing's population was three thousand. Five hundred of Lansing's population participated in the Civil War. It was a sizeable percentage of the population.

Programs and Publicity: No Report.

Hall Restoration:

Brother R. Payne reports that the Historical sign post was installed. It is now taller and looks great.

Memorial Day:

-Camp # 17 participated in the following Memorial Day events. They included:

-May 27, 2023, Mt. Hope Cemetery

and shortly after, Little Arlington Cemetery.

-May 28, 2023, five Brothers attended the Sunday Daughters Service.

-May 29, 2023, Monday, Camp # 17 participated in the Eaton Rapids Parade at 11:00 A.M. and the G.A.R. Island Ceremony that followed soon after. The Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum, was open all day.

Remembrance Day Activities:

Several Camp # 17 Brothers attended 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:

-#22 -Revocation of Colgrove-Woodruff Camp # 22.

-#23 -Temporary replacement of the Council of Administration Brother Christopher Workman.

-#24 -This Order explains SUVCW weapons regulations.

-#25 -This Order provides the history of the establishment of Memorial Day.

Special SUVCW Orders:

-No Special Orders.

Special Message:

-#6 -Announces the new SUVCW Website: suvcw@suvcw.org

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following Department Orders:

-#1 -Lists the Department 20-23-2024 term of office/staff and committee assignments.

-#2 -Announce the suspension of Camps # 3, and 250 for failure to file form 27.

-#3 - This Order reinstates Henry E. Plant Camp # 3.

-#4 -Order establishes a Website Redesign Committee.

-#6 -This order informs the Brothers about the history of Memorial Day.

Camp # 17 Orders: No Orders.

XIV. Old Business:

-No old business.

XV. New Business:

-Brother J. Pahl explains that an Investigating Committee of three needs to be formed to investigate and verify that the lineage on a submitted new member application is correct. Commander Grimes is to appoint the Investigating Committee members. Commander D. Grimes asked for volunteers and two volunteers. Brothers C. Orr, and J. Armstrong volunteered. He will appoint another Brother at a later date, plus an alternate.

XVI. Good of the Order:

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

-Programs and Special Events include:

-Saturday, April 8th 2023 the, Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum, held 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 were on display.

-Tuesday May 9th Brother J.B. Pahl was the speaker for the seminar titled, Michigan's Civil War Monuments Project.

-May 29th - The Eaton Rapids Annual Memorial Day Parade, (11 AM), plus Memorial Day Programs,

held at Memorial Park, (12:30 PM).

-July 1st - July 4th - A Civil War Living History Program followed by the, 4th of July Parade on Tuesday July 4th is planned.

-August 8th -The 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, was held in Midland over the weekend of April 1, 2023. Congratulations to Brother S. Martin elected 2023-2024 Department Sr. Vice Commander, and Brother R. Payne elected to the 2023-2024 Office of Department Council of Administration.

Camp # 17 Website:

curteniusguardcamp17.org

Pass the Hat:

-We did not, Pass the Hat.

XVII. Closing Ritual:

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

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17, Secretary