

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

The Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2023. This is our Keith G. Harrison annual dinner-meeting. The dinner is being held at the, Welch Museum in Sunfield, Michigan. The meeting followed with all moving to the old Sunfield G.A.R. Hall.

I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:00 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander D. Grimes opened the September 26, 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, S. Martin, J. Pahl, R. Payne, R. Shull, and B. Shumway.

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

III. Roll Call of the Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Guests:

Guests present tonight include: Department of Michigan Commander Gary Swain, Department of Michigan Secretary Dick Denney, Brother Chuck Worley, Chris Allen, Rod Weaver, Graham DePue's parents Vincent and Kayleen DePue, and Andrew Moore.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Commander D. Grimes asked the Camp # 17 Brothers if they have any objections, or questions about the July 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes. There were no objections. Motion by Brother D. Bankhead to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report:

Camp # 17 Treasurer J. Pahl provided the report dated July 25, 2023 - September 26, 2023. Motion made by R. Payne to approve the report as submitted. Second. Motion approved. We collected \$370 for tonight's meal. The caterer asked to have one-half of the money collected donated to the Welch Museum.

VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers were expressed for the following Brothers: Brother D. Bankhead's wife who is doing fine now per Brother Bankhead, and Brother J. D. Park's wife. Concerns expressed for, Brothers D. Arnold, M. Hoffman, W. Peabody. Continuing concerns expressed for Brother R. Hamilton and his family following the passing of his wife Ruth Ann Hamilton. 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:

A recess was not taken.

XII. Committee Reports:

By-Laws: No Report.

Investigating Committee Report:

No applications to Report on.

Memorials and Graves Registrations:

Brother M. Hoffman provided this written report. The Department Graves Registration Officer meeting was held on September 9th in Lansing. I was unable to attend. Rick Danes updated the group about ongoing efforts by SUVCW to synthesize with Find a Grave and identify those changes made by SUVCW. The group will shift to meeting twice a year, the next time on May 4, 2024. Camp # 17 continues to submit additions/corrections to the DGRO for review and inclusion in the National graves database.

G.A.R. Monuments: No Report.

Eagle Scout Certificates: No Report.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: We gave an application to prospective member Andrew Moore who attended tonight's meeting. He will attempt to complete it and attend the November 26, 2023 Camp # 17 meeting.

Remembrance Day:

-Brother Payne indicates that at least three Brothers plan to attend Remembrance Day ceremonies this year.

-The Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum will be open on, Remembrance Day, November 11, 2023.

Patriotic Instructor: No Report

Programs and Publicity: No Report.

Hall Restoration: - No Report

Memorial Day: - No report.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

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

-#27 -The Department of New York proposed change to the C&R.

-#28 -Lists the Awards passed out at the National Encampment.

-#1 -Lists administrative changes for the 2023-2024 year.

-#2 -This General Order lists the qualifications for membership into SUVCW. A vote is called for. It is later amended to just ask for a vote from each Department.

Special SUVCW Orders:

-None.

Special Message:

-None.

**SUVCW Department of Michigan
issued the following Department
Orders:**

-# 10 -Discharges the Kalamazoo Lincoln Project special committee.

-#11 -Re: 2024 Annual Department of Michigan Site Selection Committee is discharged. The site of the 2024 Department of Michigan Encampment is Okemos, Michigan.

Camp # 17 Orders: No Orders.

XIV. Old Business:

-The Charlotte Courthouse Square Association display and program about the Civil War, 6th Michigan, September 23, 2023, turned out to be a great event. The location was the Courthouse in Charlotte. Several Civil War groups participated to make it a

success. Rod Weaver who headed up the event and is present tonight provided us with a special thank you.

XV. New Business:

Camp # 17 received the 2023 Horace W. Greeley Award. We were given a special ribbon for our Camp # 17 flag and a Certificate.

-Todd Cordill of George B. Anderson Camp # 58 informed us some time ago that Camp # 58 desires to hold an event in Okemos. He asked for permission From Camp # 17 to do so. Additionally, their plans include inviting other Civil War associated groups to participate. The event is the, Meridian Historical Village Festival, Okemos, Michigan, October 7, 2023, 10AM to 4PM. Those of us present from Camp # 17 at the time he asked for permission to hold the event gave him a verbal go ahead to host it. Brothers Jon Armstrong, and David Grimes will attend working the event.

-We will have nominations for 2024 Camp # 17 Officers, and election of Officers in January 2024. Any Brothers desiring to hold an office should notify Commander D. Grimes, and Chaplin R. Russell.

XVI. Good of the Order:

-Camp # 444 will be conducting a special ceremony in Clare, Michigan. The date and time, October 7th, at 2 P.M. The location is the cemetery at 820 Cedar St. -Brother Jim Pahl read the list of deceased Camp # 17 Brothers in honor of our annual Keith G. Harrison dinner-meeting.

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

-Museum President Chris Allen being present provided a few words. His vision is to move the museum forward by increasing, communication, the number of programs and special events. Some include:

-By entering into the electronic communications era with e-mails, and databases.

-We plan is to increase the number of events, this including events for children. He is anticipating this will get parents involved in the museum.

-On September 24th we celebrated our 10th Year Anniversary. At 3PM our speaker provided details on the Sultana disaster. Internet photos of the event show a great attendance.

-The museum plans to be open all Saturdays in October. Volunteers are being asked for.

- We have a children's event coming up in October.

-“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.

Camp # 17 Website:

curteniusguardcamp17.org

Pass the Hat:-Passing the hat Camp # 17 collected \$73.00.

XVII. Closing Ritual:

Camp # 17 closed the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17, Secretary

