

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

The Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for November 28, 2023. The meeting is being held at the Samuel L. Grinnell Post # 283 G.A. R. Hall in Sunfield, Michigan.

I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:00 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander D. Grimes opened the November 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, A. Dickinson, D. Grimes, M. Hanes, H. Holcomb, S. Martin, J. Pahl, R. Payne R. Russell, and R. Shull.

Officers Excused: B, Benedict, M. Hoffman and B. Shumway.

III. Roll Call of the Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Guests:

Guests present tonight include:
-No guests tonight.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Commander D. Grimes asked the Camp # 17 Brothers if they have any objections, or questions about the September 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes. There were no objections. Motion by Brother R. Payne to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report:

Camp # 17 Treasurer J. Pahl provided the report dated September 26, 2023 - November 27, 2023. Motion made by R. Payne to approve the report as submitted. Second. Motion approved. Treasurer Pahl is accepting 2024 dues payments. The 2024 Camp # 17 annual dues amount is \$51.00. You may mail the 2024 Camp # 17 dues to James .B. Pahl at 445 W. Maple St, Mason, MI 48854-1519.

VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers were expressed for the following Brothers; Brother J. D. Park is recovering from his first eye surgery. The second is scheduled. Continuing prayers for the following: Brother Park's wife, Brothers D. Arnold, M. Hoffman, W. Peabody, B. Shumway is having back issues, B. Benedict, and 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:

-A Scott Dykstra provided his membership application. It turned over to the investigating to

investigate and verify his Civil War lineage and report back. He is a Hudsonville, Michigan teacher.

Memorials and Graves Registrations:

Brother M. Hoffman provided this written GRO report: We continue to identify and correct Union burials for the Department of Graves Registration efforts. Our next meeting of Department GRO is in May.

G.A.R. Monuments:

- Brother J. Pahl's plan is to get with the State of Michigan Officer and to obtain the Camp # 17 information they poses.

Eagle Scout Certificates: No Report.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: We gave an application to prospective member Andrew Moore. He was not in attendance tonight? Commander D. Grimes will attempt to make contact with him and invite him to the January, 2024 meeting.

Remembrance Day:

-Brother R. Payne states that about twenty Brothers from the State of Michigan attended the Gettysburg Remembrance Day ceremonies this year.

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

Patriotic Instructor: Brother D. Bankhead provided term of service details of a Joe Filko. He is 102 year old United States Marine Gunnery Sergeant, retired, and local WW-2 veteran. He was fortunate to make it home.

Programs and Publicity: No Report.

Hall Restoration: - No Report

Memorial Day: - No report.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

Veterans Day: Brother R. Payne provided a Veterans Day Report detailing several events that took place.

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

-#3 - Patriotic Instructor Brother Ben. Frail PDC is replaced by Brother Donald Martin PC-in-C.

-#4 -This General Order revokes the charter for Richard Clark Camp #210 Department of New York.

-#5- Announces the passing of Brother David Klinepeter of General John F. Hartranft Camp # 15 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

-#6 - Patriotic Instructor Brother Brian McManus PDC acknowledges appointment and accepts.

-#7- Reports the passing of Brother Eric Schmincke PDC and member of Anna M. Ross Camp # 1 of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Special SUVCW Orders:

-None.

Special Message:

-None.

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following Department Orders:

-#12 -The Department Chief will continue to coordinate the Department Commanders schedule.

-#13 -Provides a color coded map of

the territories for the Camps in Michigan.

Camp # 17 Orders: No Orders.

XIV. Old Business:

-Brother Todd Cordill, Camp # 58, in an E-mail thanked Camp # 17 for participating at the, Heritage Festival, in Okemos on October 7, 2023

XV. New Business:

-Commander D. Grimes opened nominations for 2024 Camp # 17 Officers. Following each nominated Officer he asked the Brother if they will serve. All Brothers nominated agreed to serve. Only one Brother was nominated for each office. Commander Grimes announced that nominations are closed.

-Brother J.B. Pahl made a motion to elect the entire slate of Brothers nominated as our 2024 Camp # 17 Officers, and to nominate as delegates to the 2024 Department of Michigan Encampment Brothers S. Carr, and J. Armstrong and A. Dickinson. Second. Motion passed.

-Camp # 17 2024 elected Officers:

-David Grimes -Commander

-Aaron Dickinson- Sr. Vice Commander

-Steve Carr- Jr. Vice Commander

- Dave Bankhead –Patriotic Instructor and Council

-Robert Payne -Council

-Ron Shull -Council

- James B. Pahl-Treasurer

-Harold Holcomb-Secretary

- Installation of 2024 Officers to be held at the January 30, 2024 Camp # 17 meeting. Commander D. Grimes to notify the Department of Michigan.

XVI.

Good of the Order:

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

-The museum has received a \$1000.00 donation from a bank in Charlotte, Michigan.

-Please see the 2024, Events and Presentations list, (Attached).

-“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 \$75.00.

XVII. Closing Ritual:

-Camp # 17 Commander D. Grimes closed the meeting at 8:06 P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17, Secretary

MICHIGAN'S G.A.R.**MEMORIAL HALL & MUSEUM**

224 South Main Street
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

**2024 Events and Presentations**

March 19, 7 pm: Deb Malewski – *Eaton Rapids in the Civil War presentation*

April 23, 7 pm: Kira O'Donnell-Allen – *Belles of the Ball: Women in the Civil War presentation*

May 21, 7 pm: John Urshell – *Andersonville presentation*

June 18, 7 pm: James Jackson – *Genealogy, Putting It All Together presentation*

August 13, 10 am - 3 pm: **Civil War Discovery Camp \$20**

August 20, 7 pm: Matt VanAcker – *Michigan in the Civil War presentation/book talk*

September 17: Ron Carley – *Abraham Lincoln*

October 17: Scott Cummins – *30 Year Anniversary of "Gettysburg," the movie*

All presentations are free and open to the public.
Donations are appreciated to help maintain the museum.

Visit us! The museum is open the first two Wednesdays of each month from 10 am until 3 pm. It is also open on patriotic holidays and city-wide events. You can call 517-922-6427 to schedule a visit by appointment. The museum can be rented for your special event or meeting.

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