

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

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for November 26, 2024. The meeting is being held at the Old G.A.R. Hall, in Sunfield, Michigan.

I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:00 P.M. Camp # 17 acting Commander R. Payne opened the November 26, 2024, 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, S. Carr, M. Hanes, H. Holcomb, S. Martin, J. Pahl, R. Payne, R. Russell, and R. Shull.

Officers Excused: M. Hoffman and B. Shumway.

III. Roll Call of the Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Guests:

Guests present tonight include:
Gregory Alan Bowers

V. Approval of Minutes:

Acting Commander R. Payne asked the Camp # 17 Brothers if they have any objections, or questions about the September 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes. There being no objection Camp acting Commander R. Payne announced the minutes are accept.

VI. Treasurers Report:

Camp # 17 Treasurer J.B. Pahl

provided the report dated September 24, 2024 to November 6, 2024. There being no objections acting Commander R. Payne announced the Treasurers Report is approved.

VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers were expressed for the following Brothers: D. Bankhead is doing better, continuing prayers for J. D. Park's wife, Brothers M. Hoffman, W. Peabody, C. Czopek wife, and J. Shumway. Howard Lloyd's funeral service is scheduled. Concerns expressed for Brothers B. Frail who is ill, Brother D. Arnold, and R. Shull who had a prostate biopsy and they found a malignancy.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates, for Membership:

-A new application from Gregory Alan Bowers. His lineage chain is to his Civil War Great Grandfather.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

- Motion by J. B. Pahl that Gregory Alan Bowers application accepted subjected acceptance of the investigating committee. Second. Motion passed.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

-Pending new Brother A. Bowers initiation subject to approval of the investigating committee. Initiation to be held after approved.

XI. Meeting Recess:

-A recess was not taken.

XII. Committee Reports of the Camp:

By-Laws:

- No Report.

Investigating Committee Reports:

- Gregory Alan Bowers application forwarded to the investigating committee.

Memorials and Graves Registrations:

-Brother M. Hoffman provided this written GRO Report for the November 26, 2024 meeting. Continue working with other Michigan Camp GROs on the migration of our information into the National Database. Camp # 17 counties are largely done, though there is always an ongoing effort to clean up existing and new ones. Completed the process for getting admin rights to the National Database and have added/edited about 140 records since our last meeting. Let me know of any errors or omissions that you come across.

I would appreciate hearing from any Brother who can help by doing onsite research about an unmarked CW Veteran grave in Rosehill Cemetery, Eaton Rapids.

G.A.R. Monuments:

- No Report

Eagle Scout Certificates: No Report.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership:

-Anticipated new membership applications;
Brother M. Hoffman in an e-mail says a Caleb Robinson is interested in joining. Brother H. Holcomb invited him to attend a meeting.

Remembrance Day:

-No report.

Patriotic Instructor: No report.

Programs and Publicity: Brother D. Bankhead will look into locating a room in Sunfield where we might hold seminars.

Hall Restoration: -No Report.

Memorial Day:

- No report.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

Veterans Day: No Report.

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

-#4-General Order lists Council of Administration Meetings-Attendance and Participation regulation updates.

-#5-Lists how the Sons can help the disasters in the South.

-#6-Passing of Department of Ohio Commander James H. "Jim" Houston Jr.

-#7-Sections # 1 & #3 of the policy loan and/or deposit of artifacts is rescinded.

Special SUVCW Orders:

-None.

Special Message:

-None.

**The SUVCW Department of Michigan
Issues the following Orders:**

-# 12-Michigan Camp Grant Committee appointed.

-#13- Eagle Scout Scholarship approved.

-#14-Brother Paul Davis appointed to several Committees.

Department Special Messages:

- #5-Phishing E-Mail Scams Warning.

Camp # 17 Orders: No Orders.

XIV. Old Business:

-Camp # 17 Brothers joined Camp # 58 again this year at the Heritage Festival event in Okemos, Michigan.

XV. New Business:

-Department Encampment is March 29, 2025. It held at the Okemos Event Center, Okemos, Michigan. Reservations are on the Department of Michigan website.

-Acting Commander R. Payne opened nominations for the 2025 Camp # 17 Officers. Secretary H. Holcomb was asked to read each nomination from the slate of Officers. Following each nominated Officer he asked the Brother if he will serve. All Brothers nominated agreed to serve. Only one Brother was nominated for each office. Commander R. Payne announced that nominations are closed.

Brother H. Holcomb made a motion to elect the entire slate of nominated Officers, and to nominate as delegates to the 2025 Department of Michigan Encampment March 25, 2025 the following Brothers as Delegates who do not having standing credentials. The Delegates nominated are Brothers R. Russell, Brother M. Hanes, and Brother H. Holcomb. Any additional will be filled alphabetically by Brothers attending who do not have standing credentials. Motion Seconded by Brother M. Hanes. Motion passed. The following is the slate of 2025 Officers elected:

-Steve Carr Commander
-Aaron Dickinson Sr. Vice Commander
-Dave Bankhead Jr. Vice

Commander

-Robert Payne Patriotic Instructor
-Robert Payne Council
-Ron Shull Council
-Dave Bankhead Council
-J. B. Pahl Treasurer
-Harold Holcomb Secretary

Installation of Officers is to be held at the January 28, 2025 Camp # 17 meeting. Department Commander S. Martin, in attendance, was notified of the installation date.

-A discussion about the old Sunfield Hall ownership took place. Motion made by Brother D. Bankhead that the Daughters be contacted about concerns for ongoing preservation of the Old Sunfield G.A.R Hall. Second. Motion Passed.

-Discussion about Camps doing cemetery work in varying areas not in a local Camp territory.

XVI. Good of the Order:

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

-Please see the 2024-2025, Events and Presentations list on the museum's website.

-“Annual Sponsorships”, from \$25 to \$200 are available to help support the, “Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum. Volunteers are needed to work the first two Wednesdays of each month.

Camp # 17 Website:

curteniusguardcamp17.org

Pass the Hat:-Passing the hat
-collected \$84.28.

XVII. Closing Ritual:

-Camp # 17 acting Commander R.
Payne closed the meeting at 8:40
P.M.

Our next scheduled Camp # 17
meeting is to be on Tuesday, January
28, 2025. The meeting time is 7:00
PM.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb
Curtenius Guard Camp # 17, Secretary