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Department Communiqué No. 1

Monday, June 17, 2013

Brothers of the Department of Missouri:

I wish to thank all of the Brothers who attended the 16th Department Encampment this year. I also would like to thank the Encampment Committee who worked very hard on putting it all together, which is no easy task. I am very excited to be able to serve the department this coming year as your commander. My main goal is to leave the department in better shape than when I started.

In accordance with a vote taken at the March 2013 Department Business Meeting, the position of Archivist of Records is hereby abolished and its duties transferred to the Historical Records Committee. I would like to thank Brother John J. Martin, PDC, for his service in this role. I would like to remind all camps in the department of the records archives process. Each camp needs to submit its records for historical purposes to the Missouri State Archives office nearest your camp. We have not worked out the process for our two camps in Arkansas at this point in time. This project was developed by Brother John J. Martin, PDC again many thanks for his service.

One of my goals is to grow this department over this next year. I hope to use the Department Junior Vice Commander and each Camp Junior Vice Commander to help get this done. I would like to bring in two new camps, with at least one somewhere on the west side of the state. We have many cities that could support a camp: St. Joseph, Kirksville, Joplin, Carthage, Sedalia, and Hannibal, just to name a few. I also wish to challenge every brother in this department to bring into our brotherhood one new member between now and the next Department Encampment in 2014.

I am planning to visit as many camps as my work schedule allows over the next year. I would like all Camp Commanders to contact me with the date and times of their respective camp's meetings at their earliest convenience.

I have one more thing to ask: I would like to have one Brother from each camp serve on the 2014 Department Encampment Committee and have some recommendations for locations by the October meeting. If you would like to serve please contact me by email with your request to serve as soon as possible.

Together, we can achieve great things. I want to build a Department where camps will work together to accomplish bigger and better projects and goals.

If at any time you have any questions, concerns, or ideas to help improve this department, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Larry D. Dietzel, P.C.C.



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Attest:

Randal A. Burd, Jr., P.C.C.



Secretary
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Department Communique No. 2
Thursday, November 7, 2013

Brothers of the Department of Missouri:

I would like to clarify the Department Order #4 that was issued on October 28, 2013, addressing the National Order #3. At this time the National Organization of the SUVCW will not approve any Junior membership applications sent in to them and all such applications will be held in limbo until the 2014 National Encampment or until after a policy is drafted dealing with youth protection.

If you have an interested party, you may take the application and monies and send it in but it is unknown how long this will take to get approved. You may also take the application and hold it until such time the national approves and accepts such membership again.

I again ask that any time you have members under the age of 18 at your camp functions, make sure the parent or guardian of said member is present. In addition, I suggest that we follow the Boys Scouts' policy of two-deep leadership, never allowing any one-on-one contact with the youth. Please do not place yourself into a situation that could be questioned or expose you to allegations of misconduct.

We must always think outside the box and adapt with society, while protecting ourselves, our organization, and its membership. All it takes is one incident to bring bad press upon us that can't be undone.

If at any time you have any questions, concerns, or ideas to help improve this department, do not hesitate to contact me.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry D Dietzel', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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