
SONS OF THE UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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P R O C E E D I N G S

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: If officers will assume their respective stations, all will be in order.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER RON MARVIN, to what purpose shall we devote these moments of our Annual Meeting?

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER RON MARVIN: To the memory of our deceased Brothers who were honored members of our order and this Department.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Would you care to read the names of the people you are honoring right now?

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER RON MARVIN: Yes, Commander. I will read the names of our departed Brothers. Unfortunately, we do not have a bell, so I will give a moment of silence after each name.

Deland Duncan (phonetic), Garfield Camp, Number 142. James Allen Show (phonetic), Governor William Dennison Camp, Number 1.

Richard Eugene Wilson (phonetic), Jacob Parrott Camp, Number 33.

Eric Templeton (phonetic), member at large.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JAMES A. DAVIS: We are happy to have with us today some representatives from the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Would you, Margaret, please come forward, and read the names of the people that you are honoring.

AUXILIARY MEMBER: I don't know how many members of the Auxiliary have passed this year, but I know that one member of my Auxiliary, John S. Townsend, Camp 108, Auxiliary Number 108, Frost Auxiliary 108, Mae Frost passed away, and I know many of you know Mae Frost.

Sister Mae Frost was born May 22, 1932, and passed away August 13, 2021 at the age of 89. She was laid to rest in the Frost cemetery near her home where many of her ancestors were laid to rest. She became a member of John S. Townsend Auxiliary Number 108 in Frost when she was 16. She loved to recall when she and her sister were pages at the National Encampment that year, and that they left glitter from their long gowns throughout the hotel. She was a past Department President and held many offices in the Auxiliary, but her favorite office was that of Patriotic Instructor. She was the National Patriotic Instructor in 2004, 2005.

She would speak about the piece of the battle flag that her grandfather, Zemus (phonetic) Frost brought back from the Civil War. She had a photo of herself with her grandfather that she was very proud of, as she should have been. Sister Mae, we miss your enthusiasm for patriotic endeavors, and doing what is right. You were not shy about sharing your thoughts regarding any matter. We miss you.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Thank you very much.

Chaplain, have you any word of comfort for us from the Holy Book, which has an honored place on our altar?

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN BRENT DAVIDSON: Yes, I do. One bit of information before I do the blessing. You'll see the internment flag up here on the altar. It is to honor any of our Brothers who passed this year who were veterans.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Jesus said, I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. He also said, let not your hearts be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house, there are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Secretary, were our Brothers true to our order, and did they loyally support it?

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: They did, Commander.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS
: Patriotic Instructor, were our Brothers true to the principles denoted in the flag of your station; patriotism, strength, and courage?

DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR MICHAEL MERSHON: They were, Commander.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Senior Vice Commander, were our Brothers true to the principles denoted by the flag of your station; charity and purity?

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER RON MARVIN: They were, Commander.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Junior Vice

Commander?

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER JOHN HUFFMAN: They were,

Commander.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Thank you. Brother Guide, were our Brothers true to the flag of our country, and were they ever ready to defend it against all enemies?

BROTHER GUIDE JARED ROBINSON: Yes.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Does any Brother wish to offer tribute to the memory of our departed Brothers? If so, he may now speak.

Brothers, what attitude should we always maintain towards the memory of our departed Brothers?

IN UNISON: The faults of our Brothers we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVISON: The Chaplain will lead us in prayer.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN BRENT DAVIDSON: Our Father, who art in heaven, the father of our Lord Jesus, and a father of us all, we pray for your blessing to abide upon this humble service. Bless the memory of our departed Brothers. Bless and comfort those near and dear to them by the ties of the flesh for eternity. Help us, each one, to appreciate more and more of the blessings we receive daily from your greatest heart of love, and help us to prove our gratitude for all those good gifts by our lives of usefulness and integrity. Bless our friends and Brothers that are away from here, and may be worthy of them and you. Lead us graciously by your strong right hand, and make us all good citizens we are privileged to be in this goodly land, which you have given us. We ask this in the name of our Savior, Amen.

IN UNISON: Amen.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Would any of our sisters of the Auxiliary care to say something about the person of whom you are honoring.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think they did.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Anybody want to say anything else?

AUXILIARY MEMBER: I just want to say (inaudible - away from microphone) so well, and she was just a wonderful person.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Anybody else? Requiescat in pace. This concludes the memorial service. We will reconvene at 9:45 for the business meeting.

(Break in proceedings)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: The officers and members of the 140th, here that, 140th Annual Encampment of the Department of Ohio Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War now will come to order.

The Secretary will call the roll of officers.

Guide, will you please determine whether all present are entitled to remain? Jared Robinson, would you please assist? Everyone get out your current membership card, please.

While they are doing that, I have a few introductory remarks. The 2021/2022 year, it was the best of times. Foremost, my wife and I celebrated our 60th anniversary.

(Applause.)

Second, I had the great good pleasure of attending a number of events of the Sons, including some of the Camp meetings, and I had the tremendous pleasure of meeting some of you and getting know others of you better than I had before. That has been a great blessing.

On the other hand, it was the worst of times. To steal from a well-known utterance by the Queen of England, the year is not one on which I will look back with undiluted pleasure. An example from the home front, five weeks ago today, we had a toilet stack back up in our house to the second floor. We had two holes excavated in our basement by jackhammer. It was an expensive adventure and a stinky one as well.

With respect to the Sons of Union Veterans and the Department of Ohio, it has been a most busy year. A glance through the some 28 Department orders reveals it's been a crazy year too. Indeed, there have been times when I wish the bylaws called for a Department psychiatrist, but enough unbridled frivolity.

Every man (indiscernible) in the Department owes a great debt of gratitude to Brother Jim Crane. At the beginning of the year, he signed on to be Chief of Staff, a tough enough task in the best of times. Then through a truly amazing series of unpredictable events, he became first an aide to the Department Council, then a (indiscernible) holder member of the Council. Then we the sudden resignation of the Secretary/Treasurer followed immediately by that of the Assistant Department Secretary/Treasurer, he volunteered to assume the critical roles of Department Secretary and Department Treasurer at the same time. This allowed us to carry on and make it to this hall on this day without the Commander-in-Chiefs

putting up a contract on the Department of Ohio. Brother Crane, my kepi is off to you.

(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So what say we talk about what all good we've done this year, and lay great plans for a great future. Mr. Guide, are we ready?

DEPARTMENT GUIDE GRANT BATES: Yes, sir.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. Everyone here is, and we're ready to begin.

The Secretary will please call the roll of the officers of the Department. As you are recognized, please rise, and wave.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: R.A. Davis?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Senior Vice Commander, Ron Marvin.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER RON MARVIN: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Junior Vice Commander, John Huffman?

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER JOHN HUFFMAN: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Crane was here, but he may not, be --cannot find him. Shane Milburn from the Council

PDC SHANE MILBURN: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: I know you're here. Mike Spaulding is in Gettysburg, and Department Council Member 3, Pete Hritsko.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF JOHN HUFFMAN: Here, present.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Patriotic Instructor?

DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR MICHAEL MERSHON:
Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Chaplain Brent Davidson?

CHAPLAIN BRENT DAVIDSON: (No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Counselor, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby?

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DON DARBY: Present.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Color bearer, Jared Robinson?

COLOR BEARER JARED ROBINSON: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Guide Cameron Lowery?

GUIDE CAMERON LOWERY: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: GAR Records Officer, Richard A. Davis?

GAR RECORDS OFFICER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: GAR Highway Officer, Pete Hritsko?

GAR HIGHWAY OFFICER PETER HRITSKO: Present.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: And no historian. Graves Registration Officer Kent Dorr?

GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER KENT DORR: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Eagle Scout Coordinator is not here.

Signals Officer, Brian Brown, is not here. And Buckeye Bugle Editor, Ron Marvin?

BUCKEYE BUGLE EDITOR RON MARVIN: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Buffington Island Rep, Jim Oiler, I don't believe he's here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Assistant Secretary, Kelly Hopkins?

ASSISTANT SECRETARY KELLY HOPKINS: Present.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Sir, the roll is called.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Thank you. Brothers, upon what principles is our order founded, and what duties do we inculcate?

IN UNISON: Fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brothers, we meet again as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual session to review the work of the past, and plan for the future. May our conduct and our deliberations be marked by mutual tolerance, fraternal courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our country, to our order, and to ourselves. Chaplain will now invoke the divine blessing. Uncover.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN BRENT DAVIDSON: Our Heavenly Father, Divine mighty ruler of the universe, who looks down upon the government of men, we earnestly ask your favor to bless our native land, and preserve in purity and integrity is free the institutions for all mankind. Bless our order. Grant that it may long exist, and that it may continue to be an instrument of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to carry out properly its principles and objects. Keep in our minds the memory of those who sacrifice so much that the life of the nation might be preserved, and deal with them as in all things with your special blessing. Give us your aid in conducting the business for which we are assembled, and so bless us that charity and justice and peace and harmony shall remain a cloak on us. Amen.

IN UNISON: Amen.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A DAVIS: Color Bearer, Jared Robinson, please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER ERICHARD A. DAVIS: By the virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby declare the 140th Annual Encampment of the Department of Ohio Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly open for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it.

Here are some ground rules we will follow for this Encampment. We will abide by the latest edition of Roberts Rules of Order. The parliamentarian for today is our Counselor, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, and he deserves an extra little flag of credit because he deliberately for this meeting

ordered a copy of the latest edition of Roberts Rule of Order just for us. So thank you, Brother Darby.

Each officer is not to read the report he submitted, and all updates are not to exceed three minutes. So as to keep that time limit, I have asked the Department Junior Vice Commander, John Huffman, to serve as the official timekeeper.

If a given officer or camp did not submit a required report by the published deadline, no oral report may be given today. Afterall, to do otherwise would not be fair to those who submitted their reports on time.

Any Brother wishing to be recognized will raise his hand, and wait to be called upon. Once recognized by the Chairman, ordinarily the Department Commander, each Brother is expected to identify himself and his camp clearly. The reason for this is that Assistant Secretary, Kelly Hopkins, is recording this whole operation, the entire meeting, and keeping notes as to who says what so that we will have an accurate record of the official minutes and proceedings of this Encampment. No Brother will be permitted to speak more than once on subject unless answering a question. Exceptions may be authorized by the Department Commander.

We are on a time limit for this building and this room. So please bear that in mind as we work our way through a busy agenda as quickly as we can.

If you have to visit the head, that's for the Navy people in the room, if you have to go potty, that's for the rest of us, you please do so following standard procedures that are in place for the Sons when leaving or entering an in-session meeting. By special arrangements with the Clintonville Womans Club, the larger restroom on this floor of the building is reserved for males, special deal for today only.

All discussions will be conducted in the spirit of fraternity, charity, and loyalty. Afterall, those are the principles on which our order was founded.

Brother Secretary, please conduct a roll call of the camps of the Department of Ohio.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Dennison Camp

Number 1?

DENNISON CAMP NUMBER 1 REP.: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Fearing Camp Number

2?

FEARING CAMP NUMBER REP. 2: Here.

Number 7? DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Brooks Grant Camp
Lytle Camp Number 10?

LYTLE CAMP NUMBER 10 REP.: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: McLaughlin Camp
Number 12?

MCLAUGHLIN CAMP NUMBER 12 REP.: Here.

Number 21? DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: McKinley Camp
(No audible response.)
Vienna Camp Number 26?
(No audible response.)

Parrott Camp Number 33:

PARROTT CAMP NUMBER 33 REP.: Here.

43? DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Triem Camp Number
(No audible response.)
Enderlin Camp Number 73?

ENDERLIN CAMP NUMBER 73 REP.: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Casey Camp Number
92?

CASEY CAMP NUMBER 92 REP.: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Sherman Camp Number
93?

SHERMAN CAMP NUMBER 93 REP.: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Townsend Camp
Number 108?

TOWNSEND CAMP NUMBER 108 REP.: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Cadot-Blessing Camp
Number 126?

(No audible response.)

Garfield Camp Number 142?

GARFIELD CAMP 142 REP.: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Commander, that's roll call.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Thank you. I appoint Brothers James H. Houston, Bradley A. Tillman, and Kent Dorr as the Committee on Credentials. I appoint Brother Houston as the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials. You already have seen those gentlemen occupying their usual place at the beginning of the meetings.

We are indeed honored to have Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette with us today. Brother Paquette, on behalf of the Department of Ohio Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I extend to you a hearty welcome to our Encampment. As I understand it, you wish to stay, sit where you are rather than play musical chairs and come up here, which is great. Brothers, please join me in welcoming Commander-in-Chief Paquette.

(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Commander-in-Chief Paquette, if you would like to make any remarks at this time, you may do so.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL PAQUETTE: May I do so from the floor?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Oh, please.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL PAQUETTE: Just let me turn the mic on.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL PAQUETTE: Brothers, this is indeed a pleasure to be here today, and this is one of the Department Encampments that I've been looking forward to attending for the last four or five years.

In my mind, we have a handful of departments that really set the standard for our order, and Ohio in my mind is definitely one of those departments that sets where we should be as an organization. So it truly is a pleasure to be here.

I have some close personal friends that I've served with on National Committees, specifically Jim Houston and Jim Crane, but a number of you I'm familiar with from working at the National organization.

So I have additional remarks to make later as we get closer to lunch just to give you an update on what we are doing at the National level to bring you up to speed. So you deserve to know what the National organization is doing for you as members. So I hope to bring you up to date with what we're doing, and there are a couple of topics that I want you to be aware of for your delegation for the National Encampment, a couple of items that we need to vote on at the National Encampment.

Again, a pleasure to be here. Thank you.

(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: A number of past Ohio Department Commanders and Past Commanders-in-Chief are here with us today. Please rise as I call your name as you are willing and able.

Robert E. Grim, Department Commander, 1994; Commander-in-Chief, 2002.

(Applause.)

Donald E. Darby, Department Commander 2001; Commander-in-Chief 2005.

(Applause.)

James H. Houston, Department Commander 2002.

(Applause.)

Jon B. Silvis, not here today. Alas, he was registered. Sorry.

Bradley A. Tilton, Commander of the Department of Ohio in 2004.

(Applause.)

Ken Freshley; he was Commander-in-Chief, or excuse me, Department Commander in 2006. He was Commander-in-Chief in 2013.

(Applause.)

Donald L. Martin. Donald L. Martin was Department Commander in 2011, and Commander-in-Chief in 2016.

(Applause.)

I've seen him around here. Oh, good, Tim Graham. Tim Graham was Department Commander in 2014.

(Applause.)

Shawn Cox was Department Commander in 2015.

(Applause.)

Pete Hritsko was Department Commander in 2016 and he is now Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Applause.)

James T. Crane, whom some of you may know, was Department Commander in 2017.

(Applause.)

Kerry Langdon, we just notification he is not here today. He's not feeling very well.

Shane Milburn was Department Commander in 2019.

(Applause.)

And Mike Spaulding, as you heard, is not here.
Did I overlook anybody? I think I -

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You're good. You're good,
yeah.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay, good.
At this time, would the Chairman of the Committee on
Credentials, James Houston, please present us with a first
report. Brother Houston?

BROTHER JIM HOUSTON: There's 46 registered as of
right now. One is registered that is not (inaudible - away from
microphone) guests. We will review this to make sure that the
qualified attendees are valid delegates, and we'll report back
to you later on that.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Thank you. I
hereby appoint the following committees/moderators instead of
the general one-man committees: Constitution, regulations and
bylaws, Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert Grim; Official Reports,
Past Department Commander, Shane Milburn; Resolutions, Brother
John M. Huffman, the Department Junior Vice Commander; and
parliamentarian, Brother Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-
Chief.

Secretary/Treasurer Crane, please deal with the
minutes from last year's Encampment.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: The
minutes are in the front of the book that was passed out from
last year. I don't know if anybody has any questions or not,
basically at this time, I entertain a motion to approve the
minutes.

BROTHER FRESHLEY: So moved.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother
Freshley is moving. Do I have a second?

BROTHER MILBURN: Second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Second is
Shane Milburn.

Past Commander-in-Chief Darby?

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DON DARBY: Brothers of the
Order, I would rise to oppose approving these minutes as they
are incomplete. I will give you one example that's showing that

under Secretary, on page four, on page four of the minutes, under Secretary/Treasurer Jonathan Davis, it says there was a motion requesting the McClellan Camp by Darby be dropped and all monies be given to the DC or a representative, seconded by Medert, date set for 6/5/2019 amendment made by Tilton, which was accepted. What amendment?

The second part of this, this is there was also a motion made that the Department Commander, through the Secretary, issue letters to the members to inform them of the revocation of their charter, and that they be permitted to deal with moving to other camps. That's not reported.

The second part of the minutes, you see on page five a list of see published reports. Where are those reports? Those should have been accounted for in this, in these minutes, and should not be overlooked.

It is also there are no proceedings to deal with this Encampment. So I find that as well as being out of order.

So I would move to maintain the history of this august body that these minutes not be approved until they are totally correct. There, I'm done.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: There is a motion on the floor, of course, but so your comment comes under discussion.

Brother Martin?

BROTHER DON MARTIN: I was supporting Brother Darby's statement.

ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT SECRETARY KELLY HOPKINS: When they get up, say their names.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Yeah. When you speak, please say your name, and the camp that you represent. We know both of you, so I'll ask both of you, the last one was Brother Martin.

Are there any other items of discussion?

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: Brother Darby, you're the Counselor for the Department. How do we handle that?

BROTHER DON DARBY: You're going to go for a vote. You either approve it, or you don't approve it.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY JAMES CRANE: I cannot make any motions, gentlemen.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: The motion is already on the floor. Is there any other discussion? Are we ready for a vote? Are we ready? All that are in favor of approval of the minutes, as presented in the handout, say aye.

(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All of those that are in favor of disapproval of the minutes, as stated in the handout, please say the same thing?

(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: The motion is defeated. The minutes are not accepted.

Now, Brother Darby, what would you like to have, as Department Counselor, what do you think should happen?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department Counselor of Ohio, I would move that the current or the future Department Commander direct the Department Secretary to make these corrections correct or right, these minutes right, which means the addition of those reports that are mentioned, and basically you would have to listen to the recording to, if it's available, to make it correct.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Some people might consider that you're a little bit disingenuous here in that to the best of our knowledge, there is no recording from the last Encampment.

BROTHER DON DARBY: That's not my problem.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: True. But it's also true.

BROTHER DON DARBY: That's the Department's problem or issue. But at a minimum, all those reports that say see published reports need to be added to minutes. And once again, this is a prime example of why it should have been recorded. It's our history. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Here, here.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Any other comments? Is there a second to that motion?

BROTHER DON MARTIN: Don Martin, Enderlin Camp, I second that motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A DAVIS: Is there any discussion of the motion now on the floor, the motion being that presumably the incoming Department Commander shall take such steps as are necessary to make the minutes as nearly representative of what actually happened a year ago as is possible to do for presentation. Any comments? Are we through?

BROTHER KENT DORR: Commander?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER: Oh, I'm sorry.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Come to the mic. Come to the mic.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Or you can take this one if you'd like.

BROTHER KENT DORR, Kent Dorr, McLaughlin Camp 12. Okay. If we go ahead and do this, what -- are these minutes then to be presented at the next Encampment for approval or what is the end step?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Darby, as the maker of this motion, would you like to change the motion or add to it.

BROTHER DON DARBY: Are you asking me as Department Counselor for an opinion?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Well, it's hard to ask you not in both, but in this case, it is as the mover of the motion.

BROTHER DON DARBY: I would suggest that the -- as the Department Council ask for the Department when the Encampment is not in session that the Department Council can approve those minutes when they are completed.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Martin, as the seconder, are you prepared to accept that change?

BROTHER DON MARTIN: I do.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All right. We now have the motion has been changed a little bit, that the minutes from the 2021 meeting are to be corrected, and approved or brought to the attention of the Department Council who will then accept them or not accept them on our behalf. Is that a fair statement?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Yes, sir.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Does anybody have anything he wishes to say on that changed motion? Are we ready to vote? All in favor say aye.
(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, like sign?
(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: As you see, this fine gentleman -- Jim Crane, Department Secretary/Treasurer, as you see this gentleman at the end of the table, we are doing a Zoom meeting for this.

ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT SECRETARY KELLY HOPKINS: No.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: No, we're not?

ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT SECRETARY KELLY HOPKINS : Well, we're trying to.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: So we're recording this correct? That's the point I was getting to. So we can start doing the proceedings because they're being recorded. Therefore, that's why I'm asking you to all go to the microphone if you have something to ask or say. Thank you.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Yeah. This operation is not just to be pains in the tush. It's because, as has been pointed out already, we do not have a very good recent record of keeping minutes and proceedings of our get-togethers, and that clearly is wrong, and we are going to fix it from this point onward if we all have the guts to do it.

We now will review the reports of Departments officers and camps. As a reminder, given that all of us today already have copies, the actual submitted reports are not to be read. There is a three-minute time limit for an oral update on the submitted report.

A reminder, if a given officer or camp did not submit a required report by the published deadline, which was well published, no oral report may be given now. Officers' Reports Chairman Shane Milburn, please guide us through the reports.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Good morning, everybody. Shane Milburn, Past Department Commander, member of the Department Council.

Commander Davis, I do believe it is tradition that the Commander give his report verbally. So if you would stand back up or you can sit there.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: We are on a tight schedule. I've already talked with the Department Counselor, and he said it's okay if I don't read my report verbatim. Are there any questions or comments about my report? Otherwise, my report stands as read. Okay.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Okay. Thank you, Commander.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER RONALD MARVIN: Nothing more to add.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Thank you.
Junior Vice Commander John aka Larry Huffman, do you have any additions or corrections?

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER JOHN HUFFMAN: Sir, there are no changes, no corrections.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Department Secretary/Treasurer Jim Crane, do you have any additions or corrections?

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: No, sir.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Thank you. Department of Ohio Council report. Mike is our Chairman this year. He's out in Gettysburg celebrating his 50th class reunion. So I'm going to act as the Chairman today.

I have the honor to report that we met this morning before the Encampment to review the books for the month of May. We met several other times during the year during the 20-year audit. Everything appears to be in order.

At the 20-year meeting we, or 20-year audit, it was brought up that we need to start researching a place to store our property. I looked at one storage area in the Columbus area. It was actually cheaper to put the stuff in a climate-controlled area than it was to put it in just a general storage area, which is not common because everywhere else, it is just the opposite. It's about \$100 more to put it in a climate-controlled area. So I guess that would be a recommendation, John, when we get to that. It's in addition to this.

As we pointed out in the 20-year audit, we need to find a way to pay for this. So we need all ideas from all the people we can get on how we're going to budget this.

Also we discussed recording devices for recording the proceedings and the meeting itself, and it looks like that's already been covered too. I see we have a recorder. And I've heard discussion that, Jim, do you have any idea on the cost of the translation. Wasn't there something put out about that? Jim was part of our Council at a certain point in the year.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: Brother Shane, I would pass that down to Brother Hopkins down there. I believe -

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Brother Kelly?

DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT SECRETARY KELLY HOPKINS: Thank you. A transcriber can, that I know, was able to do it. She gave us an estimate of \$3.50 a page. That's about two dollars cheaper than the average right now. So it depends on how long the meeting is and how much we talk is how much it's going to charge.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Thank you, Kelly. So Brother John, that will also be something that will -

DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT SECRETARY KELLY HOPKINS: Let me, that's the proceedings. So that depends on not the Secretary typing up minutes, but just using the proceedings. There won't be a time, and it will be what we call transcripts is the proceedings. So let me clarify that. Sorry.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: So we'll need to talk about that later in the recommendations as how we're going to manage to pay for that as well.

And that's the end of the Council report.

And Department of the Chief of Staff report, James Crane.

BROTHER JAMES CRANE: Sir, I have nothing to add.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Thank you, sir. Department Patriotic Instructor, Michael Mershon.

BROTHER MICHAEL MERSHON: Nothing to add.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Department Newsletter Editor, Ronald Marvin.

BROTHER RONALD MARVIN: The only thing to add is I am -- will be working on the next issue. I've received numerous articles and images from our fellow Brothers regarding Memorial Day activities. So I appreciate everyone submitting articles and information.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Thank you, Brother Marvin.

GAR Records Officer, R.A. Davis, do you have any additional?

BROTHER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Nothing to report.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Thank you. Ohio Department Graves Registration, Brother Kent Dorr, do you have anything to add?

BROTHER DORR: Nothing to add.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Thank you. Department of Ohio Eagle Scout Coordinator Michael Spaulding, he is not here. So I'm going to assume he has nothing to add.

Monument and Memorials Committee Chairman report, Senior Vice Commander Ronald Marvin.

BROTHER RONALD MARVIN: We had received one request, which upon consultation with the Counselor and others, we felt that it did not fit according to the C&R, and so it was declined.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Thank you, Brother Marvin. Department of Ohio GAR Highway Officer report, Brother Peter Hritsko, do you have anything to add to your -

BROTHER PETER HRITSKO: Nothing to add to.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Thank you. All right. Here comes the camp reports. Governor William Dennison Camp Number 1. Do you have anything?

BROTHER DOUG WASHBURN: Nothing to report, Doug Washburn. Should I go up there?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Yes, please.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: If you can talk loud enough, you can say it because he should be able to -- I mean.

BROTHER DOUG WASHBURN: Okay. Camp Dennison. I have nothing new to report.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Well, thank you. What was your name again?

BROTHER DOUG WASHBURN: Doug Washburn, Senior Vice Commander.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Thank you.

BROTHER STEVE BALL: I'm Steve Ball, Patriotic Instructor, Camp Dennison. This is Brother Washburn's very first state Encampment, and he's excited to be here. Very quickly, I would like to say I don't know if it's in the report or not, but Doug Washburn (indiscernible) in the Union Cemetery here in Columbus, Ohio ordered and replaced 51 missing markers in Union Cemetery. And I just wanted to make sure that everybody knew that Mr. Washburn is doing his job as a Brother. Thank you.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Great job. Brooks Grant Camp isn't here, correct? Brooks Grant isn't here?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: General William H. Lytle Camp Number 10.

BROTHER ROBERT KIDD: Robert Kidd, Commander (inaudible - away from microphone.) Nothing to add.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Thank you. Commander?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We didn't get it.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, I got it.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You did get it?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

BROTHER MILBURN: Jacob Parrott Camp Number 33.

BROTHER MICHAEL SHERMAN: Michael Sherman, Camp Commander, Jacob Parrott Camp Number 33. Our report stands as read.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Thank you, Commander. Sergeant Richard E. Enderlin Camp Number 73.

BROTHER DON DARBY: Nothing to add.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Thank you, Commander. That was Don Darby by the way. Henry Casey Camp Number 92.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Nothing to add.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Thank you, Senior Vice Commander Kelly. Townsend Camp Number 108.

BROTHER CARL DENBOW: Carl Denbow, the Camp's Commander. I have two additions or corrections. One is an

addition that the Frost GAR Hall, we have received capital improvement funds, \$50,000 through the good offices of Representative Jay Edwards. The bill has been signed by the governor. So we'll be receiving those funds shortly. It wasn't as much as we asked for, but it's a significant amount and will allow us to make some very needed repairs.

And the other is just an update. A number three, which was written in the future tense, has now been completed.

BROTHER MILBURN: Thank you, Commander.

Cadot-Blessing Camp 126 isn't here.

Thus is the officer and camp reports, Commander.

BROTHER DENNIS CARTER: Dennis Carter, Commander Sherman Camp Number 93. My camp report stands as present. I was skipped over.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: I'm sorry. I didn't see it in the booklet, sir. I'm sorry. Would you -

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: 93?

BROTHER DENNIS CARTER: Just before 92.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: It's before 92. That's probably why I didn't get it.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Oh, it's just the back page. It's not labeled. It's right before 92 on the back.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: I see it now.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There's no title on the top of it.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: I apologize for the omission, Commander. Thank you for your report.

That is the end of the officer and camp reports, Commander.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Thank you very much.

We now will review the committee reports. Again, submitted reports are not to be read, and there is a three-minute time limit for oral updates.

The Monuments and Memorials Committee, you've already done your report basically. Do you have anything more you want to say at this time?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Nothing more, Commander.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Anybody have any comments or questions for the Chairman of the Committee?

The Encampment Site and Funding Committee; James T. Crane is the Chairman. Do you have anything you'd like to say?

BROTHER JAMES CRANE: Yes, I do. First that I'd like to thank everyone for being here. I think this is the second largest one we've had, at least since I've been around. And I want to thank all the Camp Commanders and Secretaries for putting up with me the past five months, and helping me get some of this work done.

Brian Brown is not here today. Denny's here, his dad. Brian had to put up with a lot of stuff this year from me and him and whoever, and you know, I just wanted to recognize him for doing the good work he is. And I do believe he's redoing the Department website, Denny Brown?

BROTHER DENNY BROWN: There's an update coming.

BROTHER JAMES CRANE: Okay. For lunch, the last thing I have to say is for lunch, there's a reserved table for Commander-in-Chief Paquette and Alison (phonetic) who is the National President. So we'll be sitting there. And the rest of you can stay where you're at. If you have a wife, you're welcome to sit with her, and have lunch, all right. That's all. Thank you.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Thank you. Any comments, questions? Okay. We will deal with the report of the Special Committee on Department Bylaws a bit later.

Department Junior Vice Commander Huffman, are there any recommendations from officers or committee reports that need to be discussed?

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER JOHN HUFFMAN: Department Junior Vice Commander John Huffman. Yes, sir, there is recommendations concerning the storage unit, recording devices, and transcribing the proceedings. I'm wondering if we should discuss this now. It's just going to be a budget item, budget question, dealing with finances.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : It will be moved to the budget discussion.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER JOHN HUFFMAN : Commander, as far as I can see, that's all we have.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : All right. Thank you very much.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER JOHN HUFFMAN: Yes, sir.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS :

Secretary/Treasurer Crane, has the Department received any communications?

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE:

They have, Commander. You know, I don't really like talking too much, but I received from the temporary National Secretary, just so you're all aware, there was a change in the forms this year. The ROTC award for number seven has been changed. So if you have something there, make sure you get the new form.

Also, the Camp status report form number 30, they've added number five, a checkbox for termination of dual status to indicate a brother who terminated his dual status at camp.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

(Inaudible - away from microphone).

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE:

Oh, sorry.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

Don't mean to interrupt.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE:

My fault. I thought you were going take me to lunch. Form 40, the Camp Patriotic Instructor annual report, there's a new form for that. Form 41, Department Patriotic Instructor, that annual report has changed. Form -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS:

You all are taking notes, aren't you? These are very important things.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE:

They can read the proceedings now. Form 42, National Patriotic Instructor annual report has changed, and that's it for that one.

The next one is I received an email from a Mrs. Benjamin, and that was passed on to the Dennison Camp, I do believe.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

I'm not aware of that.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE :

Okay. All right. Never mind. We also have here a Camp resolution has been endorsed and that Brother Pete Hritsko for Office of Senior Vice Commander whereas Pete Hritsko has served in SUVCW numerous offices at the National, Department, and Camp levels; whereas Brother Hritsko's obligations and charges and many of the defenses in the Department of Ohio, his service, unlimited experiences in the National offices and the James A. Garfield Camp and the Department of Ohio. Brother Hritsko has a tenure of 16 years in good standing with the SUVCW. Whereas, Brother Hritsko has been the recipient of two service awards by the

James A. Garfield Camp Number 42; and whereas Brother Hritsko's duties as the Department of National GAR officer has provided him invaluable experience, exposure to the Brothers and an intuition into the task of promoting SUVCW. Now, therefore, it be resolved that James A. Garfield Camp endorses and recommends the election of our esteemed Camp Brother in a Department of Ohio, Brother Hritsko to the office of National Office of Senior Vice Commander, Sons of Union Veterans.

I received that from Kent L. Freshley, the Camp Commander and Past Commander-in-Chief, and it was attested by their Camp Secretary.

Next we have a resolution by the Department of Michigan. They are endorsing Robert Payne (phonetic), Past Department Commander, for the National Council and administration position.

The next one we have is from the Department of Michigan for Donald W. Shaw (phonetic) for the National Quartermaster's position.

We have another one from, a resolution of the Department of Michigan for National Quartermaster. Did I just read that one, sheesh. Sorry about that, gentlemen. My bad.

Next one, we have a letter of intent for Brother John Huffman to run for the Senior Vice Commander's position. Do you have any pass outs?

BROTHER JOHN HUFFAMAN: No.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE : Let me see here.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : That's for the Department of Ohio.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE : Correct.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Would you like to jump up a couple?

BROTHER JOHN HUFFMAN: No, sir, I'm good.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: I have an intent (indiscernible) from Brother Rob Marvin to run for the Department Commander of the Department of Ohio, and we have -- that's that.

I have one here from Jim Oiler that says that the Cadot-Blessing Camp voted on and passed the Ohio Department Bylaws.

And that's all I have, Commander.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Thank you very much. I would entertain a motion from somebody on the floor that perhaps would have to do with Brother Hritsko's running for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother Freshley?

BROTHER KEN FRESHLEY: I make that motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is there a second?

BROTHER JOHN HUFFMAN: I second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Huffman is the second.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Who was first?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Well, there are two seconds, so two and two and a half.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'll be a third, yes.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: I don't think the Department Counselor will let us get away with that. I don't think there's a chance anyway.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Move to second. I'm sorry.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: He was the second or Shane Milburn, whichever you can spell better.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't have a mailing list though.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Or you're better keeping it covered.

Is there any discussion? All in favor of that motion, I could be really mean, and ask him to state it completely for the record, but I think that we all understand what we're doing here. Okay. All in favor, please signify by say aye.

(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : I know that was illegal. I didn't ask for nos.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You're learning.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: That's one of the most -- he and I have crossed swords sometimes during this year. But I have to say the Department Counselor is a very important member of the staff of the Department because he keeps us all honest, and I appreciate more than I will ever tell him in person for the advice that he's given, and I will stop there. But you're a valuable member of the staff, and thank you for being here. So we -- did I hit the hammer? I think I did hit the hammer, so we're steady with that.

We will now turn to old business. Please save all new business for later on. First item of old business is the members at large. Secretary/Treasurer Crane, do we need to approve members at large dues for the upcoming year?

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: Commander, we do. They've been at \$31 for a while. So we need somebody to make a motion to accept the members at large dues for this coming year.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Here's your opportunity, Brother Miller.

BROTHER MILLER: I'll go ahead and move.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. That has been moved. Do we have a second?

BROTHER CARL DENBOW: Second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Second Mr. Denbow. Is there any discussion? Do you all understand what you're voting on? The members at large dues will be \$31 for the upcoming year. Are you all comfortable? All ready? All in favor, say aye.

(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : All opposed, say no.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Who seconded that?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Who seconded it?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Denbow seconded it. Say it's the guy in the kepi. Wearing that beautiful red ribbon won't help any. Okay. All in favor, say aye. Oh, we did that. All opposed, like sign?

(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : So ordered.

Second, the Ohio Senate Bill 59, now in effect, that's the Ohio Veterans Heritage Protection Act, was the subject of Department Order Number 21. All of you (indiscernible) had an ample opportunity to digest that. As Commander-in-Chief Grim, are you willing to answer any questions or do you have anything you'd like to say on this subject?

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF GRIM: Bob Grim, Henry Casey Camp Number 92. I just want to thank all those people who helped. It was a team effort to get this project done, and we started way back with Don Grant getting his state representative to introduce the bill, and it took a long time to get this accomplished. But I see a lot of people here today that was at the state house that first time the boys of Lancaster brought in a Sherman canon and Commander-in-Chief was -- their Commander was there himself.

So if anyone has any questions about the bill, I'd be happy to try and answer them for you. But I want to thank everyone who made this possible.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Anybody have any questions that he would like to pose? Personally, I think you and Brother Grant had done a phenomenal job in this whole operation. And this was not just a quickie, this has been the culmination of a number of years of activity and this is one of the good things that the Sons of Union Veterans. I see the Commander-in-Chief is standing, so.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL PAQUETTE: Commander Michael Paquette, Commander-in-Chief. I would just like to pass on compliments from the National organization on this accomplishment, Brothers. I do appreciate the level of effort. And what I think is equally important is you were able to come together as a Department to get this accomplished, and that's where our organization is about. So thank you. I know it was published in the Banner, but a personal thank you from me for the efforts in getting that bill passed.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: At the danger of exceeding my authority, would you please all rise and let us give a round of applause to Brother Grim.

(Applause.)

I suppose in true Civil War fashion, we should be (indiscernible) but that may be more than the building can stand.

Are there anymore items of old business that are worthy to be discussed at this moment?

Brother Darby?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department Counselor. I would call your attention to

page seven of your report. It is the non-approved minutes. There was an issue that I brought up concerning the 2019 National Encampment where we had some delegates that said they were coming to the Encampment and then failed to show. We went one whole day having two Brothers at the Encampment that were not allowed to vote because they were alternates. And I had mentioned in this report that the Bylaws Committee check the language and have the -- if you don't show up the first day at the start of the Encampment, you're not a delegate when there's two alternates or whoever, how many alternates are there, become delegates and take your place.

We should not -- this Department should not wait a whole day and lose out on some important votes that happen. So that's -- I don't know whether the bylaw Committee addressed that or not. So that's something that we need to, when we get to the bylaws, we need to insert that.

Secondly, and I can't remember the Brother who sent it to me, but there was a report on the Ohio Genealogical Society booklet or pamphlet or whatever they come up with that gave kudos to the SUVCW with the Last Soldier Project. And in my recollection, that's the first time that organization has ever given us any kind of ink on that, and it was about a, I don't know, a half a page that dealt with the Last Soldier Project that started -- it started in this Department and it is now a National thing. So just so the Brothers, it's on page -

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 63.

BROTHER DON DARBY: 63, yeah. Who said that?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Me.

BROTHER DON DARBY: Okay. There we go. It's on page 63. But it's a good kudos to us. I'm done.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Thank you. And thank you for your comments about the Genealogical Society library. They have just had a change in the directorship of that operation, and so this may be a sign of things changing in that organization.

So are you all aware of the Ohio Genealogical Society library up in Bellville? It's worth -- they have probably the largest collection of Ohio Genealogical documents and information in the State. It's a little bit of a pain in the neck to get to, but once you're there, they are completely helpful. And if you are a member, a lot of their stuff is online. So you might want to look at that. That's the Ohio Genealogical Society.

Are there any other things that we would like to talk about with respect to old business? All right. Let us move to new business.

The National Encampment, Brother Jim Crane, would you, as Chairman of the National Encampment Site Committee, care to provide us information on the upcoming National Encampment?

BROTHER JAMES CRANE: Quickly, if the reservations go up to July 1st. So if you don't make the reservation for the hotel by July 1st, you may not get in because they have a right to increase the rate for our group after July 1st. It's up to them totally to either accept that rate or not. So please make your reservation before July 1st.

The dates this year are August 11th at Grand Rapids Hotel up there in Grand Rapids. So you know, come on up. If you haven't been to one, it's pretty interesting. You get to hear some of the people in this room get up and talk a lot. So that's kind of neat so you remember who they are. I'm not looking at that table over there. That's all.

Would you like me to go ahead and do future National Encampment?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Yes, please. Next item is the future National Encampments, same person, same voice.

BROTHER JAMES CRANE: We signed the contract in Nashua, New Hampshire for 2023. I don't have the dates of that in my head, but we'll be going there. And we're currently working on the Department of Kentucky to do 2024, and hopefully in the next ten days that contract will be signed, sealed, and delivered to the Commander-in-Chief.

So that's about it. Other than that, we've been talking to people, and hopefully by the time Commander Paquette gets out, then we'll have '23, '24, and '25 done for him. That's all.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Any questions of the -- yes, sir?

BROTHER SCOTT FREEMAN: Scott Freeman, Lytle Camp. I didn't hear, what was the city in New Hampshire?

BROTHER JAMES CRANE: Nashua, New Hampshire.

BROTHER SCOTT FREEMAN: Nashua?

BROTHER JAMES CRANE: Yes, sir. I think I forgot to say the State.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Actually, Brother Darby was questioning the -- on the top of the -- according to form 35, the Department Annual Report, the Department of Ohio has 429 members. That means we are entitled

to a certain number of official delegates, plus our automatic delegates. If you are planning to attend the National Encampment this year, please see the Department Secretary immediately after the closing of this Encampment. Depending upon how many delegates the Department is allowed, he will do his best to cover requests for delegate cards.

And as Brother Darby said, occasionally there has been the problem that some official delegates have not, in fact, attended the Encampment, and the Department thereby has lost votes to which it is entitled. And that's not only useless for the Department, but it's also not very polite and not very fraternal. So please, please, if you are going to the Camp or to the National Encampment as a delegate, show up, be there, be in your place, make sure you're in the room when the votes are taken so that the Department of Ohio maintains its position as the premiere department in the Sons of -- oh, I'm sorry, that's impolite, isn't it.

I will now entertain a motion to effect that the Secretary will issue to each non-delegate member of the Department who wants one a card as an alternate delegate so that if for some reason not everybody shows up, if there is somebody else there, he already has the paperwork that allows him to move into that -- yes, sir?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department Counselor. Point of order, Commander. The delegates who are going to attend need to show their hands so this Encampment can vote them as delegates. Everyone else will then be voted in as an alternative.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: I stand corrected. You're absolutely right.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We do that later.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. We will do that part later. But be thinking about, examine your conscience, and if you wish to attend as a delegate to the National Encampment, be prepared for the coming action. Thank you.

Let's next talk about Remembrance Day, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Remembrance Day 2022. Past Commander-in-Chief Grim, do you have anything you would like to say about the 2022 Edition of the SUCVW Remembrance Day?

BROTHER ROBERT GRIM: Commander, this is Bob Grim, Henry Casey Camp Number 92, Commander of the SVR, we as the SVR unit administer Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, and we actually do four things. We have an SVR breakfast in the morning for those who haven't been there before. We have a ceremony at the Williston Monument, and then we have a fantastic parade through

the building. They call it the Borough of Gettysburg, and then we have a military ball in the evening. So there's something for everyone to do.

This year it will be on November the 19th, which is the actual day that Lincoln arrived there in 1863, and gave his now famous Gettysburg Address. And many of our Department members are involved in this project. Brother Darby, who takes care of the breakfast for us; Past Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley who takes care of the Williston Monument Ceremony for us, and I invite everyone to consider attending if you haven't been there before.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Anybody have any comments or questions? A number of us, in the past, learned Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by heart, and some of you in this room, I expect, are among that.

But nobody ever seems to say what was the street address of the house at which he stayed. So my question to you is what was Lincoln's real Gettysburg address? The folks from Lytle Camp will recognize the stupidity of my comments like that, but --

Is there any other new business other than next year's budget and proposed revisions to the bylaws that we need to discuss?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm sorry.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Since we had no idea how fast things were going to go, in the draft script, this was going to be lunch time. But it's stupid to waste money and waste time while the lamp is burning. So let us now go to the financial report for the 2021/2022 year. Secretary/Treasurer -- please present the financial report at this time.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: Yeah, we're ahead of schedule, and naturally what I'm trying to do is (indiscernible) Dave Medert and Don Darby's Department Encampments so we can finish first. They're not going to do it. It was a good thought. Never mind. I'm getting there.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is this a self-fulfilling prophecy, sir?

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: It could be. In the package you have the Department Treasurer report. As of 5/31 in the checking account, we have \$11,735.65. The savings account, which encompasses part of the permanent fund is \$1,414.83 for a total of \$13,150.48.

We have three CDs at Wright-Patt Credit Union. We have a 6-month CD for \$2,500. That actually is money that came from the Department general fund. And also, the one underneath

it, the 12-month. So there's actually \$7,500 that the Council voted to move that out of the checking account and move it into something that's going to draw some interest, correct, Brother Milburn?

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Correct.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE : And then, we have the 12-month CD, which is \$10,000 which encompasses the rest of the permanent fund that's also drawing interest.

So for the earned interest for the CDs for a year, which ended in March for the CDs, the interest is \$119.17, a far cry from \$1.14. So that's that.

I do not have the Wright-Patt Credit Union stuff. I won't get that until the end of June. They were opened up last year, in March of last year. So their actual term for the year ended in March. So we don't do anything with the money until the end of June. We did -- we do rollover all three CDs, so we're pretty much right there. That was voted on by the Council. So the total is \$17,619.17.

Total assets is \$30,769.65.

You can read the next stop, paragraph, an audit was performed by the Department Council and the Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander from June 1st through April 30th of this year. The audit was approved by the Department Council on May 22nd, 2022.

Actually, you will see, if you read the 20-year audit, you'll see where recommendations from the Council as to have quarterly reviews by the Department Council and the three elected officers of the Treasurer's books. So instead of waiting until today, and do a 12 months, we figured that we could expedite things if we did quarterly audits, correct. So that's being done. It was decided to do the audit early at the first (indiscernible) months of our fiscal year to expedite the audit at the Department Encampment. The audit of May will be done at the Department Encampment on June 11th, 2022. They were offering (indiscernible) at this time basically would you or Brother Hritsko like to discuss the audit?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I will audit -- I'll review it up there, but I've told the reports I gave them.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: You did? Great. Never mind. But I've told the reports I gave them.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Everything's great. For the month of May, everything's great.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: Well, you know I never listen to you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I know.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: I'm sorry. 2021/2022 budget versus actual is listed on the next page. The 2023 budget follows to be discussed at the Department Encampment. Several changes have been added to the budget.

The 20-year audit as requested by last year's Encampment was completed by the Brothers Milburn, Spaulding, and Crane in December of '21. A meeting was held at the Clintonville Womans Club on January 29th, 2022. Their findings were presented to the attendees who were there, and they asked questions.

One question that was arisen at that time was the permanent fund. In reviewing the check logs, we could find it appears that the balance in the permanent fund at that time was \$11,414.83, which if you go to the front page, you can take the two permanent fund entries, and that equals that. The permanent fund has grown from \$10,302.91 in 2000 to \$11,534. You would say now, wait a minute. The previous one said \$11,414, but that current interest, if you add those in there, actually it's \$11,534, which we have not done yet. That's a paper movement which we'll discuss later here. So actually you can cross that out so it doesn't confuse you instead of the so \$11,534, just put in the same number \$11,414.83.

I apologize but my brain was working on overtime that night, and I thought I should include that interest in that amount.

So one would hate to assume that throughout the years, monies had to be donated to the fund, and it has grown to the previous number today. We do not know the sum interest was deposited, I'm sorry, we do know the sum interest was deposited in the last couple years, but it was not a significant amount. Discussion later on the permanent fund that is stated in the bylaws. So that will be -- that will come up during the bylaws. A best guess estimate of the interest earned from 2000 until 2022 would be in the \$1600 to \$1800 range.

We do know from the 20-year audit that at least \$1400 can be accounted in interest earned from the investments. We had one request that we could find for \$500 that was granted in 2018. No proof exists as to how the permanent fund grew over the years, but we do know that the amount there is correct as of now, and I guarantee you it will be correct from now on until I go to the grave.

I'll back up a little bit. In 2008, the Department Secretary/Treasurer at that point was myself. We did some CDs in there, and we know at the end of three years, we had \$900 in interest for those three years on those CDs from 11,000. 2013, they were renewed, and there was another \$700 in there. So

that's like 1600 bucks. The other interest that's in there, I think only Jesus knows because it's not in the check logs and stuff, so I'm not going to sit here and tell you where it came from because I do not know. Maybe it dropped down from the sky.

So anyhow, that's my financial report. And if anybody has any questions, go ahead and ask, but hold up, hold up for the budget, the actual budget until we -- if there's any questions about the financial report, go ahead and ask. Yes, sir, Brother Darby.

BROTHER DON DARBY: Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I was just wondering on the CD that Wright-Patt, do you have an interest rate we're getting on each one of those? Do you have those at hand? I mean, it's no big thing, but I was -

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE : It's 0.5 percent, a half a percent right now, and I would say that once next year comes, well, at least the six-month one, that we would have to review that because we may not roll that over because there may be higher interest rates at that point, which would be --

BROTHER DON DARBY: Is that for all three?

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE : No. That's just for the one. That's the six-month one. That rolls over in September and actually two of them do, I think. Hold on for a second. Let me get back to that page. Yeah, two of them are 12-month CDs so those would go ahead and renew next March. But of course, I think the Council at that point would probably hesitate to see if there's better advantages to get more interest at that point.

BROTHER DON DARBY: What are we getting on those two -
- those -

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE : 0.55.

BROTHER DON DARBY: And we're getting 0.5 on the six-month?

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: On the six-month, that's correct.

BROTHER DON DARBY: Thank you.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE : Anyone else? We just wanted to throw that stuff in there, you know, as the permanent fund was an issue and I think that's resolved, Brother Milburn. So -

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: I believe so.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE : I think
so.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICAHRD A DAVIS: At this time, I
will entertain a motion to approve the financial report.

BROTHER CARL DENBOW: So moved.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother
Denbow. Second?

BROTHER DAVID RISH: Second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Second. Who's back
there? Oh, David Rish. Any discussion? All in favor of
approving the financial report as presented and modified,
signify by saying aye.

(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed,
signify a like sign.

(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS:
Secretary/Treasurer Crane, since you already have the
microphone, would you be prepared to do the proposed budget for
the year 2022/2023?

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: Yes, sir,
Commander. On the first page, you'll see Department of Ohio
2021/2022 budget. If you have any questions, there were some
things we voted at the Department in Canton last year to add to
that budget, which was \$500 for the Monument Memorials Fund. So
that was approved by the Department Encampment last year. So
basically you can look in there and find it.

So that was not used during this year. So if you look
at the 2021/22 budget, and you look at some of this stuff, so
you'll see the budget and any actual money that was spent and
then whether or not there's a variance. So this is a lot
clearer than just looking at budget numbers from last year.

So I did a comparison of what the budget was and what
was actually spent, which makes a lot of sense so you all know
what was spent last year, the last 12 months. So basically in
total income, you know, basically we were off. The actual was
\$7.00, so we're actually \$7.00 in the positive there.

And expenses, the budget was \$3,123, and we actually
spent \$2,984.55. So we were basically under budget by \$138.45.

When you look at the expenses, I'd like to point out
that, let me see here, get down to the bottom, and you'll see
the 20-year audit. So that expense of \$177.38 was to rental for
this place to do that, and also get some batteries to tape that

hearing that we had. So that was done. That cost \$177.38 that was not in the budget.

The Department Zoom, which we had to purchase because of the hearing council that took place, Brother Hopkins got that deal for \$160.77, and I do believe that is for a year. And anyone that wishes to use the Zoom that's a Department officer or the Department Commander can now talk to his Camp Commanders or whoever he wishes to go to so these people can have a little bit better communication. So Brother Hopkins, thanks for doing that.

And of course, you all know, which I said, was we're doing proceedings that are taped, and they're going to be put in there and so on and so forth.

We also had \$300 in the budget for Bluehost, which is down at the bottom for a Department website. That was over budget by \$131.64.

So actually, you will say well, all these things, we should have been over budget, but we never used the \$500 in the Monuments and Memorials, an expense that we voted on last year. So that really saved us. So if we would have spent that money, we would have been in the red by over \$600. So you know, that's not good. But I don't know if we ever balanced the budget or not. I had never heard that before.

Turning back to the next page is the 2022/2023 budget. And basically for the income, we have the registration for today. The Encampment luncheon I've estimated to be \$1,265 based on 45 people purchasing lunches. Future staff fund, actually that was \$325, not 300 for next year. Interest permanent fund was \$130. So for a total income of \$12,285.

The expenses, we have the Portland Community Association for Buffington Island, which is 50. Department Commander travel to the National Encampment is 500. The Commander-in-Chief representative visit, 275. The luncheon is 1,218 bucks. So the printing for the Department, actually that was done last week. I figured that was going to be \$200. Why? Because we have 55 people here today for lunch, but we have 45 Brothers versus 32 last year. So that increased that. Club rental, 200 bucks to pay for the rental of this place. Ribbons, that, past Department Commander Tilton has taken care of for almost as long as I've been here. So you can see what the budget is. So we actually came under budget a little bit on that. And the past Department Commander badge, well, you were expensive, but. Proceedings transcript, as you know, Brother Hopkins is doing that. So we're going to have that transcribed. We don't know how many pages that's going to be, but we figured right about anywhere from 45 to 50 pages. Brother Darby, do you know how many pages there are at National?

BROTHER DON DARBY: 800, over 800.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're going to need more money.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: The Townsend Camp, they'll continue to get the \$150 for the Frost GAR Hall. The Department Zoom, I raised that up 10 bucks because we don't know what that's going to be for next year. It's \$160 now. National program book for the ad is \$40.

Eagle Scout certificates, we leave at 100. And this year, the certificates, they were changed because the Eagle Scout certificates, I believe, they said "him" and I believe we had to change that to "they". So those certificates need to be changed because there's ladies now, young girls, for Eagle Scouts. So that got changed.

Department per capita is \$8,740. If you take that and deduct the amount that we take in, you'll see that it's about 1800 bucks.

Operating costs; office supplies, \$100, postage, 75, printing \$30 other than the printing for this Department Encampment.

Unforeseen costs, basically last year I believe it was \$300, and basically I dropped that down to \$200. So and usually what that is is if a past Commander-in-Chief passes away or, like, past Commander-in-Chief, Andy Johnson, who has been named back in this order, I do believe, Brother Darby and Martin, so Freshley, so he had a lot of friends out there, and a smart guy. So anyhow, the Department Commander has a right to spend so much money on some of that stuff. But so we threw that in there.

So the total expenses is \$12,433, and actually the cashflow, we would be short \$148 for the year. Brother Freshley?

BROTHER KEN FRESHLEY: Ken Freshley, past Commander-in-Chief. I have one question on this. Looking back on last year's, the club rental was \$300, and this year you only have it under \$200. Did they lower the cost?

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: I can answer that, but I don't think we want to know.

BROTHER KEN FRESHLEY: So in other words, you worked some magic is what you're -

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: Correct.

BROTHER KEN FRESHLEY: Okay.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: Today's luncheon, instead of being a sit down is a buffet. So it had something to do with that.

BROTHER KEN FRESHLEY: Okay.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: So --

BROTHER KEN FRESHLEY: I just saw a difference in, you know, from 300 to 200. I just wanted to make sure our budget --
DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: We worked real closely with Kristen (phonetic) here, the manager. So hopefully that's where we're at, so.

BROTHER KEN FRESHLEY: Withdraw my question.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: Thank you, sir.

Yes, sir, Brother Darby.

BROTHER DON DARBY: Don Darby, past Commander-in-Chief, former Counselor. I believe you were short \$500 in that you did not have the memorial fund on here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE : I think that's going to be handled during the Department Bylaws. I can add it, but I think we have to wait until we get to the Department Bylaws.

BROTHER DON DARBY: It's a special line item. We'll either approve it or we won't approve it (end of audio). (Audio restarts and begins mid-sentence) Department Commander to travel to the Department Encampment, okay. It's been (indiscernible) Ray Nagel the Department Commander -

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- six.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm six. So he was (inaudible - away from microphone.)

BROTHER DON DARBY: Yeah. So it's been almost 20 years. I would recommend that we, at least, raise that amount to \$700. One, it's been 20 years since we did it; two, two nights ago on national news, they said that the same plane ride, it cost you \$140 last year now cost you over 250. Granted, I don't think anyone's going to fly to Lansing, but you have National coming up. You have some other places.

And it's a lot to ask the guy one, to be Department Commander; and two, for him to shell out the money out of his own pocket. So those are two things that I would move that need to be added to the budget.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is the -- let's split those into two things. Is this a motion?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Yes.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : That you add \$500 to the Monuments and Memorials fund.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

(Officers confer.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Okay. Would you state your motion as it's in your head for the increase in the Monuments and Memorials fund.

BROTHER DON DARBY: I make a motion to -- oh, we're doing Monuments and Memorials.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Correct.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

BROTHER DON DARBY: Is the increase in the Department Commander's travel?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Okay. So we're doing it in reverse order?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Yeah.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Yeah, all right. That's fine. So everybody reset brain. The motion is -

BROTHER DON DARBY: The motion is to increase the Department Commander's fee for travel to the National Encampment from 500 to \$700.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD DAVIS : Is there a second?

BROTHER KEN FRESHLEY: I will second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Freshley is second. And Milburn is alternative second.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: (Inaudible - away from microphone)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A DAVIS : Is there any discussion on that. And of course, my first question is this retroactive? Is there any discussion?

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Where do you get the funds?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Say it again.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Where's the funds at?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : The Assistant Secretary has asked where is the money coming from.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Same place the \$500 (inaudible - away from microphone.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: A pregnant pause. Brother Freeman?

BROTHER SCOTT FREEMAN: Scott Freeman, Lytle Camp, Number 10. I just had a question, what is this intended to cover? Is it intended to cover the full expense of the Encampment?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : This was one of the reasons that Brother Crane said that we -- that perhaps this should have been moved when we talk about the bylaws revision. The bylaws, the Department Bylaws are relatively clear as to what that money should be spent for. On the other hand, there is a National Monuments and Memorials award that is given --

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: No, no, this is travel.

BROTHER DON DARBY: We're not talking about Monuments and Memorials.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : I'm sorry, reset brain. Repeat what you said.

BROTHER SCOTT FREEMAN: The question was about the proposal to raise the \$500 allotment for travel to the National Encampment to 700, which still doesn't seem like a lot of money to me if you're going 1,000 miles away for three nights or four nights. I just wonder what, is it to cover airfare, gasoline if he drives, and if it's intended to cover the whole amount or just supplement.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Supplement.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Well, I can say that from last year, the \$500 covered the room, and nothing more, and it didn't completely cover the room.

BROTHER DON DARBY: This year, I'll give you an example, I think it's 208, or I'm sorry, \$180 -- \$128 a night for you have to get there Thursday, Friday night, Saturday night, and you bail on Sunday, so three nights at that amount, plus gas at five dollars plus a gallon, and I've heard that it's more expensive in that state up north. So that will teach them. But then I'm a Notre Dame fan. So that and then, you want to throw in the meals, that's like, at least, \$25 a shot or whatever you want to buy at the hotel because some -- most times you're trying to get yourself right out -- you don't have enough time to get to the cheap places to eat. So that would give you an idea of, you know.

And then, if you go to Nashua, that's going to be probably 250, \$300 to fly to Nashua and back if you're lucky. So that gives you an idea. It's -- I don't think you ever get enough money to cover. You're going to have something out of your pocket, but we don't want to make people broke doing it.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, a brief and quick question is I wondered shouldn't it be more like 1,000, and (inaudible - away from microphone) -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Commander-in-Chief Paquette, you've been having a series of some meetings for Department Commanders, and at one of these you talked that the National organization head has been changing their amounts. As a guideline, what sort of monies do you guys have?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'd say thousands.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: \$10,000.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL PAQUETTE: So the Commander-in-Chief has a \$15,000 budget for traveling. I'm not going to touch that this year because I think the reservations before all this gas nonsense started. But for other officers like the Secretary/Treasurer, Quartermaster, they have a \$5,000 budget, but they're expected to travel for the various Council administration duties.

But the rule of thumb for anyone traveling representing me at a Department Encampment that I'm not able to travel, that was changed five, eight years ago to \$750 max. So that is the number that National is using right now for someone traveling in the Commander-in-Chief's place to travel to a Department Encampment. I believe that is your question.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Yes. Thank you very much.

Any other comments or questions? Are we ready to -- yes, sir?

BROTHER DON DARBY: If the Brother back there wants to increase the amount, I'm sure the Department Commander is not going to be offended, but it's his call. You can make an amendment.

BROTHER FREEMAN: At least for consistency with the National policy, I would motion to amend it to 750.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : This is Brother Freeman from Lytle Camp.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did he make a motion?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, he did.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : That's a motion to amend.

BROTHER DAVID RISH: Second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: And David Rish has seconded the motion to amend. Now, are you comfortable with that? Would it bother you if it raised from 700 to 750?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Point of order.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I have something to say.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Where are you getting the money at still?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Commander, there is no such thing as a friendly amendment. An amendment is an amendment. You have to vote on the amendment first, and then on the whatever it comes out to. So you're going to have to vote on his motion first.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : All right. So the Freeman amendment is before the house. You had something you wanted to say?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible - multiple speakers)
discussion?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Yeah, this is discussion now.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: If we take some of the additions that we want to add in here, somebody needs to come up with about \$1,000 to balance the budget unless, you know, it's going to deplete some of the checking account funds. So I just want everybody to know that we're going to be

operating at \$150 loss already without adding Monuments and Memorials, and giving the Department Commander another 500 bucks. So that's \$1,000. So you're looking at being over budget by almost 1200 bucks. That's all I have to say.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You want to say something?

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: No. I'm just trying to figure out where you guys are going to come up with the money because I'm not adding it up.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Is there any further discussion on the amendment to motion?
(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: The amendment is to change the amount proposed from a \$700 per year to \$750. That's the statement of the amendment. We will vote on that. And then, if that passes, well, in either case, we will go back to the Darby proposal. Do we all understand what's going on? All in favor of the Freeman amendment, signify by saying aye.
(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICARD A. DAVIS : All opposed, signify a like sign.
(Some members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: The motion passes. So the amendment is modified, or excuse me, the proposal, the Darby proposal is modified. We are now voting whether we wish to add to the Department budget \$250 to increase the amount paid to the Department or reimbursed to the Department Commander from \$500 to \$750 for expenses associated with his attendance at the National Encampment on behalf of the Department of Ohio. You all understand what's going on? Is there any more discussion, or are we ready to vote?
(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : We're ready to vote. All in favor of \$750 being the total amount, signify by saying aye.
(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, signify like sign.
(Some members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: It is \$750, which means an addition to the budget of \$250.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Correct.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Any other discussion with respect to the budget? Yes, sir?

BROTHER SCOTT MOODY: Scott Moody, Townsend Camp. Earlier this morning, there was discussion of climate-controlled storage for our archives, and that's not on the budget at all, and I'm sure that's going to be a significant amount of rental costs.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: That's correct. We looked at trying to find a place to store our 17 boxes, or however many we have, and those records, some of them are fragile. And so we've been looking at that. Brother Milburn looked at some of that stuff too, and Brother Hopkins looked at some storage. So I can't add that to the budget until somebody makes a motion to add it to the budget.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: There's a whole lot involved in that. Shane Milburn, Department Council. There's a whole lot involved in that. A location has to be determined before we even know an amount to spend because like I was telling you up there earlier, I found one in West Columbus where it was cheaper to get a climate-controlled unit on the third floor than it was to get just a regular unit down on the first floor. And I don't know, there's a lot more involved in this than just throwing numbers, you know. We've got to set our location. We've got to decide how much money you want to spend on it, where the money's coming from. There's all kinds of stuff involved in that.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So you're saying we do not have enough data at this moment to make a formal proposal. What sort of a ballpark figure do you think we're going to get stuck, or excuse me, are going to get charged for this?

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: A five by two (indiscernible) in West Columbus was \$79 a year for a third-floor climate-controlled room.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : \$79 a month?

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: \$79 a month.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : So that's \$1,000 a year more or less?

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Yes.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : You all know how much money we got, and you all know how much the income is. If anybody proposes money, there ought to be a concomitant proposal to raise our income somehow, and that's going to have to be as a bunch, \$100 a month. There are 429 members. That

means that your dues will have to increase or some other way, we'll have to get at least two dollars more per person per membership.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible - away from microphone.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : So these are all related issues.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The Department gets four dollars per year.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A DAVIS : So just think about that as you are thinking of what proposal you might -- and Brother Freeman, would you care to speak?

BROTHER SCOTT FREEMAN: Scott Freeman, Lytle Camp Number 10. I would just like to say we got \$11,000 in the jar, our operating fund. It would not kill us in given years to spend \$1,000 for the increased costs of doing business. The ultimate answer to more income and you have dues haven't been raised for 20 years, especially the miniscule dues at the Department level, but we need more members. We need to (inaudible - away from microphone) business for our organization, and these implemental increase in our costs won't be an issue.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: If we add several things in here, what we're talking about, it could be what, maybe \$2,000. So how long does it take to eat up another \$2,000 in five years? So that's ten grand. So have at it because somebody else is going to have to handle that, not me. So -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : State solely what you're wanting to do. Do you want to spend all of the organization's general funds on recurring expenses year by year by year? If not, how are you going to make enough money per year to cover the expenses you want to cover, and that there (indiscernible) of those two unless the secret good sugar daddy in the room comes forward and gives an endowment of \$10 million to the Department, then we have a lot more freedom. But I think that's unlikely, oh, except Brother Rish is going to do this.

BROTHER DAVID RISH: No. I'm going to make a motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Oh.

BROTHER DAVID RISH: May I?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A DAVIS : That's what it's for.

BROTHER DAVID RISH: You know, our dues on our Camp are \$15. And I feel that four dollars is ridiculous. I move that we raise the Department dues to \$10. That will give you \$15,000 more dollars a year in the budget. Then we can actually do things. Thank you.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Rish has made a motion to raise Department dues from four dollars -- a four-dollar Camp dues or no, individual dues to the Department from four dollars a year to \$10 a year. Is there a second?

BROTHER MICHAEL SHERMAN: I second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Who are you?

BROTHER MICHAEL SHERMAN: Michael Sherman, Commander, Camp 33.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A.DAVIS: It has been moved and seconded to raise the individual dues due to the Department from four dollars a year to \$10 a year. Is there any discussion? Sir?

BROTHER MICHAEL SHERMAN: I'd like to make one point that --

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Would you please come to the microphone. I'm sorry. And it's not that I'm just being a meanie, it's that Hopkins is being the meanie. And state your name and camp again, please.

BROTHER MICHAEL SHERMAN: Michael Sherman, Commander, Camp 33. I would state that, well, we have \$500 that was not spent, as noted in the expense report. So maybe that should be at least removed and reconstructed as to where we want that money to go.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Well, that's -
- the motion on the floor is that we raise the individual dues due to the Department from four dollars a year to \$10 a year. Do you have anything you want to say on that particular motion?

BROTHER MICHAEL SHERMAN: No, nothing else.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Freeman?

BROTHER SCOTT FREEMAN: Scott Freeman from Lytle Camp Number 10. I have a question, are those Department dues defined in the bylaws? Because if they are, I don't think we can simply change (inaudible - away from microphone).

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Brother Darby, do you have, as the Department Counselor, could you please comment on that?

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: What section? I can't remember. I saw that. It's all in the membership dues, and I can't remember what section it is.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I got it.

BROTHER DON DARBY: Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department Counsel. I believe there's not a dollar amount in the bylaws, but I believe that there is -- it says that we would increase -- we would have an amount above what the National -- if National increased their dues, we would automatically increase our dues so that we could continue to get the four dollars, I believe. I'm not real sure.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So what should we do at this moment as the parliamentarian and the Counselor -

BROTHER DON DARBY: If you want to vote to increase the bylaws, then that will automatically change the -- if you want to vote to increase the amount of money, the dues, that would automatically change the bylaws.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The bylaws do not have an amount -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. So you're saying the bylaws at the moment do not have a specific amount.

BROTHER DON DARBY: I don't believe so.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICARD A. DAVIS : If we -- if the assembled multitude says \$10 a year, that becomes -- Brother Grim?

BROTHER BOB GRIM: Article 4 of the current bylaws says there shall be fixed at each Annual Encampment by the majority vote of the members present in voting per capita dues to be paid by each Camp and forwarded with required reports according to the number of members recorded.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Thank you. So you're saying that we can make a recommendation, but it has to go to the Camps -

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: We can do it right now?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Any further discussion on this question. The basic question before us is do we raise the individual dues to the Department from the current four dollars a year to \$10 a year? That's the basic question. Am I right?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That is the basic motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : That's the motion.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Call the question.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Are you ready to vote? Don't call the question. That demands a two-thirds vote. Please don't do that.

BROTHER DAVID RISH: May I refresh myself a little bit?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Yes, David Rish.

BROTHER DAVID RISH: That brings about 2500?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

BROTHER DAVID RISH: That would raise an additional \$2500. Forget the 1700 and some dollars out of 430 members. That would bring us to 4300. So that's a little more money in the pocket.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Crane, do you have anything you want to say at this moment as the sitting treasurer?

BROTHER JAMES CRANE: No. It's up to the (indiscernible) and the Camp to vote.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Are we ready to vote? Brother Freeman?

BROTHER SCOTT FREEMAN: Permission to speak on this issue one more time?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Yes, go ahead, please.

BROTHER SCOTT FREEMAN: Scott Freeman, Lytle Camp Number 10. I would just -- I have a feeling some of our camps aren't represented here. Most of our members aren't represented here. If we vote, I'm not saying it's wrong, I don't think it is, but if we vote an increase in the Department's dues 200 or 150 percent, whatever it is, the two and a half times what it is now, I have a feeling that some of the membership may (inaudible - away from microphone).

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Darby, are you speaking as Department Counselor or speaking as yourself?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. To the Brother who brought that up, I agree with you. However, those camps who are not present waived their right to vote.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I agree.

BROTHER DON DARBY: Those members who do not appear here have waived their right to vote. We have a quorum, which is agreed to in the bylaws. If we decide to raise it, I'm sorry that some people are upset, and I'm sorry that fixed incomes will take the hit. But this is an organization, but it is also a business, and we have to be fiscally sound in order to carry on the business that we've taken on. So that's my two cents.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Thank you. And as it is my understanding that this Encampment is, in fact, the ruling body for the Department. So it's a decision of this organization at this time that is in effect.

All right. Are we ready for a vote? The vote is do we raise the amount of individual dues from each member to the Department of Ohio from four dollars a year to \$10 a year? All in favor say aye.

(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, say like sign.

(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: We have raised the dues from four dollars a head to \$10 a head per year. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: A point of information, when does that become effective?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Get out your wallet.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Next year.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : No. It would be next year.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Next year meaning next year.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Next dues.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 2023 when the dues -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER. DAVIS: When the dues come due again.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: In '23. We need to go back to approving the budget. If we can go, hold up, if we can go back to the discussion of the Monuments and Memorials, maybe we cannot vote on the budget right now. Maybe we can set that aside until we discuss the bylaws because I think according to the Department Bylaws, basically what funds the Monuments and Memorials (indiscernible) is the interest from the permanent fund, and that's what it says.

Now, there's a change to that with the bylaws coming up, so I suggest that we not vote on the 22/23 budget until after that discussion of the bylaws because I would say we are in severe conflict if we vote to put \$500 in there. I would say that's out of order, but that's just me because it states in the actual section where not the permanent fund, but the section that addresses the Monuments and Memorials, right now it says, the money that funds the Monuments and Memorials fund is the interest from the permanent fund. So what happens if we go back and we look at the \$1.14 a year, does that mean that that only \$1.14 a year? That's why I'm saying we should set it aside and not vote on it until the discussion of the bylaws. Brother Darby, or go ahead, Brother Martin.

BROTHER DON MARTIN: I just want to talk a little bit that and maybe forestall some of the conversation with the bylaws. The bylaw conversation merely says that it will become a line item. There is nowhere it's coming from. There is no amount set, just that it will be a line item.

So traditionally what's happened, I know the permanent fund was supposed to fund this, but it's not in a number of years. And what's happened is the Encampment has authorized amounts to be given to be placed in the Memorial fund, and that's where that money is coming from. It's coming from before the Encampment that says we want to add to the budget this year, largely because there's nothing in the permanent fund. So that's why I'm thinking this will be a point. Even with the change in the bylaws, and all that's going to do someone from the floor is still going to have to set an amount if the bylaws

are approved. And so I think we should go ahead, if we're going to set an amount, then we might want to do that before the budget is approved.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Grim, you are the Committee on Bylaws and the regulations and so on. Could you please tell us does the bylaws allow us, at this time, to give money other than the interest from the permanent fund or specifically donations to the Monuments and Memorials fund?

BROTHER GRIM: Commander Bob Grim, Henry Casey Camp 92. There's nothing that prohibits us from doing that, except it says the permanent fund interest will be used for the Monuments and Memorials.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So is it your interpretation is that the interest must be used for the Monuments and Memorials fund, but more money could be put in?

BROTHER BOB GRIM: Right.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: From the general fund.

BROTHER DON MARTIN: Don Martin, Enderlin Camp. I would remind the Commander that, again, this is the ruling body right here. So this body can decide to do that, and it would not be a violation.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Unless it's in violation of our own bylaws. Are we allowed to violate our own bylaws simply because we're an Encampment?

BROTHER DON MARTIN: Well, that's a whole other discussion that I really don't want to get into.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : But it doesn't matter because he said that he doesn't see that it would be a violation. Okay. So the question is, the motion before -- yes, sir?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. If you keep beating this horse, you're going to get more flies. What I suggest, and before I'm only mentioning right now, there has to be a bylaw for Monuments, I'm sorry, not a bylaw

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Line item.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: A line item.

BROTHER DON DARBY: A line item for Monuments and Memorials. We can hold off on the amount in that until we take care of the bylaws. But if the bylaws do not -- if we get rid of the interest rate thing, because it's not going to be -- if you do that, you're going to get like a buck 75 a year, and I mean \$1.75, not a 175, we can take care of that when we do the bylaws because we can change the bylaws at this meeting to incorporate that. So basically you have a line item that says Monuments and Memorials, leave it blank, and then let's deal with that. So I basically said all that to say maybe you just need to table this damn thing until we get to bylaws.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Exactly, table it.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Do I have to have a motion for that or can I -

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : -- or can I just say it? Three, two, one.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Darby. Any second? You're making a motion to table?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Yeah, make a motion to table this to the bylaws.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. There is a motion has been made to table this discussion to put in the budget a line item for the Monuments and Memorials, but with nothing in it right now.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Correct.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Do I have a second? Brother Hritsko is the second. Any discussion needed? All in favor of tabling that, signify by saying aye.
(Several members responding.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, like sign.
(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : So ordered. We had better be thinking about -- oh, we have one more thing because we've got to break for lunch. Otherwise, that lovely young lady in the back will be throwing knives at us.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) Camp 33, Jacob Parrott. In the 21/22 budget, if you look at the actual expenses, the income was 3399, the expenses 2984.55. That is not a minus \$135, but is actually \$414 as a profit. Our income exceeded our expenses, so that number needs to be corrected.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: I'll deal with you after lunch; is that good?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER JAMES CRANE: Okay.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. We are going to break for lunch. Brother Guide, will you please go down to the women of the Auxiliary and tell them that we are eating in five minutes, 10 minutes.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Do we need a motion?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: To do what?

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Break.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: No. We don't need a motion to break. All right. So Guide, will you please go notify the ladies of the Auxiliary that lunch will commence in five minutes.

For the photographically inclined, this might be an opportunity to take photographs of people if you want to do that.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I suggest we do that after lunch.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Chaplain Davidson, will you please attend to the Bible?
(Break for lunch.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Ladies and gentlemen, and I can say that advisedly this time, we're ready to start again. But there are a few things that need to be done. For one thing, we are very pleased to have women from the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War here with us today.

And I'm going to ask Allison, and she refused to give me her last name, it is Pollitt, but she gave me her official acronym NAPASUVCW, would you please come forward for a few words.

(Applause.)

AUXILIARY NATIONAL PRESIDENT ALLISON POLLITT: Now, what did that stand for?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: National Almighty High Potentate of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

AUXILIARY NATIONAL PREIDENT ALLISON POLLITT: Thank you, sir. Thank you for having me. I am so surprised to see so many familiar faces. I had no idea Ohio was this close to me.

So most of you know, I'm originally from Wisconsin, so I'm not too far away, but I currently am living in Missouri, a bit of a drive, but it was definitely worth it. I am so glad to be here, and I wish you all the best today. And that's really all I had to say. So thank you for inviting me.

(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Thank you very much. Let's give the Auxiliary a round of applause.

(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. Young ladies, if you would like to retire, we will proceed with the fun and games of, or excuse me, the proceedings of the afternoon.

The 140th Encampment of the Department of Ohio Sons of Union Veterans again will come to order.

Chaplain Davidson, will you please take care of the Bible?

I believe that we were about ready to deal with -- oh, that would be (brief pause). Brother Darby, is this the appropriate time to talk about the governance for the National Encampment, or shall we wait later on?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Wait.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Commander.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. Brother Darby?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Commander, I need to have you rule a motion that I made out of order. In the bylaws, it says under budget, Article 5, Paragraph 4, the Department Commander shall be reimbursed by the Department for his attendance at the National Encampment in the amount fixed by the Department Council not to exceed \$500, and as approved by the Department Encampment with the purposes of compensating the Department Commander for travel, budget, I'm sorry, for travel, lodging, and meals. That's the part, the \$500 is the part that's out of order because it would change the bylaws.

And according to that, under Article 10, actually Article 9 of the current budget, the current bylaws, the

additions and amendments need to be posted 20 days in advance of the Encampment. As this was not done, that motion was out of order. So I need you to call it out of order.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So what you are saying is that until next year's Encampment, we are set -

BROTHER DON DARBY: No, sir. I didn't say that. I said you can't do it today. You can have a special Encampment in 30 days to deal with correcting that number, actually 20 days from today if you -- well, no, 30 days. You could have the Bylaws Committee look at that amount, change it or make a recommendation to change it, and then the new Department Commander can have a special Encampment, even if it's by Zoom, to take care of this issue, and then they could award the incoming Commander the extra \$250.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : So your motion then is to refer this issue to the next Department Commander.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Motion to rule it out of order.

BROTHER DON DARBY: No. I need you to rule that what I -- the thing that we voted on is out of order.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Correct.

BROTHER DON DARBY: How you handle it from then on is on you or the Encampment or whoever wants to do it, but you need to rule my \$200 increase out of order.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: 250.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 250.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: 250, from 500 to 750 travel, line item.

BROTHER DON DARBY: So just say you were out of order.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : You were out of order.

BROTHER DON DARBY: Now, if somebody wants to make a motion to take care of that, they can do that.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is there a motion on the floor to take care of that; you can do it. Yes, sir.

BROTHER SCOTT EDELMAN: Scott Edelman, Sherman Camp (inaudible). I would like to make a motion that the Council and the Commander meet with (inaudible - away from microphone) you know, do an amendment to the bylaws, and make the announcement to 750.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Sold. You are asking the Encampment to request or even order the incoming Department Commander and incoming Council to deal with it in align with what's going said; is that what you're saying?

BROTHER SCOTT EDELMAN: Yes.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Sir?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I would offer an amendment to what the Brother said, to remove the dollar amount and just make it say the Department Commander shall be reimbursed by the Department for his attendance at the National Encampment in an amount fixed by the Department Council and approved by the Encampment for travel, lodging, and meals. And that way, we don't have to redo this dollar amount every time we want to increase.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Brother Edelman, is that what you actually said?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Exactly.

BROTHER SCOTT EDELMAN: Something like that.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : The answer is yes. Is there a second to that?

BROTHER DENNIS CARTER: Dennis Carter, Sherman Camp.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Dennis Carter, Sherman Camp. Is there any discussion to that? All in favor, say aye.

(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : All opposed, like sign.

(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So ordered. Are we ready to talk about bylaws, speaking of which? No objections?

Department Order Number 9 established a special commission on Department bylaws. And Special Department Order

Number 3 provided you all with their report. Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert Grim, is the chairman of that Committee, and he will now moderate our discussions on the proposed revisions to the Department bylaws.

Brother Grim, would you please -- would you care to come up and take the podium?

BROTHER BOB GRIM: Brothers, this is the fun part of the Encampment. The bylaws require us to read all of the changes that need to be made, even though you had a special order that listed the changes proposed by the Committee, and everybody has had a chance to study that very carefully.

The first part that we will take a look at is Article 2, Section 4. We want to add a little change there. It currently says special meetings may be convened. We want to insert special meetings, then the insertion is of the Department Encampment. And I move on behalf of the Committee that we accept that change.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is there a second?

BROTHER LARRY COLLINS: Second.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Who did it?

BROTHER LARRY COLLINS: Larry Collins, Lytle Camp.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Grim made the proposal. Brother Collins of Lytle Camp is the second. Any discussion? All in favor, signify by saying aye. (Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, signify the like sign. (No audible response.)

BROTHER BOB GRIM: Okay. In Article 2, Section 5, paragraph 2, it says sub-district meetings may be held jointly. We want to remove the following language: The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and we keep the part that says other allied orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Auxiliary to the Sons is not necessary since that's part of the allied orders. And the Committee moves that we accept that.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is there a second?

BROTHER DAVID RISH: Second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Dave Rish is second.

Is there any discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Several members responding.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : All opposed, like sign.

(No audible response.)

BROTHER BOB GRIM: In Article 3, Section 2, an appointment of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, and we want to add the following language: Or an Assistant Secretary or an Assistant Treasurer. The Committee moves that we adopt that.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Is there a second to that proposal?

BROTHER RON MARVIN: Second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Senior Vice Commander Marvin has made the second.

Any discussion? All in favor, say aye.

(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, like sign.

(No audible response.)

BROTHER BOB GRIM: Article 3, Section 3, paragraph 2, we want to insert the following: The Department Secretary/Treasurer or a Secretary/Treasurer shall have oral and transcribed copies of the record of each Department meeting. Transcribed copies of the record will be distributed throughout the Camps of the Department. And then, in addition to the foregoing, the Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain and we move that that language be adopted.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is there a second?

BROTHER MERSHON: Second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Mershon of Lytle Camp is the second.

Any discussion? All in favor, say aye.

(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, like sign.

(No audible response.)

BROTHER BOB GRIM: At Article 3, Section 3, add a new paragraph 3 the following language: When the office of Department Secretary/Treasurer is held as two separate offices, the Department Secretary shall pay over to the Department Treasurer all monies received by the Secretary, receiving a receipt for said monies. The Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the Department proceedings of the Department Encampment or special Encampments as well as the minutes of all Department Council meetings. When the office of Department Secretary/Treasurer is held as two separate offices, the Department Secretary shall draw requisitions from the Treasurer for all bills, the same approved by the Department Commander using Ohio Department SUVC form and there's a blank there where they can insert whatever number they want. The Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer shall perform such other duties and keep other books and records as the Department may require of him. He shall make a monthly report of the financial and numerical strength of the order and cause the same to be distributed to all members of the Department Council.

And then, as a Subparagraph to that, A, maintaining the charge and custody of the charter, papers of incorporation, and the seal of the Department of Ohio SUVCW.

And then a Subparagraph B, maintain the charter and custody of all records and other property of the Department not otherwise provided for by other Department officers.

And then a Subparagraph C, prepare a meeting agenda at the Department Commander's direction, obtain minutes of all meetings of the Department Encampment. He will cause said minutes to be distributed to all Department of Ohio Camps after approval by the Department Commander.

And Subparagraph D, follow up on all delinquent reports required from the Camp and Camp-at-large secretaries or secretary/treasurers and the Department membership-at-large coordinator and report such delinquencies to the Department Commander and the Department Council.

And Subparagraph E, require each Camp secretary or secretary/treasurer to submit a copy of the IRS acceptance of the annual filing of the IRS Form 990 with the Camp's annual report form, and report to the Department Commander any camp that fails to do so.

And then Paragraph F, Subparagraph F, the Camp Secretary shall report all duties pertaining to his office, keep all books and records, and shall provide duplicate annual reports submitted to the Department, and we're going to insert the language there Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer.

The Committee moves that we adopt that, those approvals.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is there a second?

BROTHER LARRY COLLINS: Second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER: Second, Larry Collins of Lytle Camp.

Is there any discussion? Brother Milburn?

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: How can we approve without a form number? Don't we need a form number plugged into that?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Form number is 13574.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Is that really going to be what the number is?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't -

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: No.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Yes. That's what the number is going to be, 13574.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Okay. You have a (inaudible - away from microphone).

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Make a note on that.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : 13574.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: 13574.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : We want to keep this simple, you know, and in Roman letters. Any other discussion?

All in favor, say aye?

(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, like sign.

(No audible response.)

BROTHER BOB GRIM: All right. Article 3, and a new Section 3, Paragraph 4, when the office of Department Secretary/Treasurer is held as two separate offices, the Department Treasurer shall receive, hold, and account for all monies paid to him, and pay out the same upon the order of the Department Secretary, approved by the Department Commander using Ohio Department Form Number, and I guess the Commander is going to create a new number here. He shall prepare annual reports required by Section 15A and Section 15.6 of public law 605, 83rd

Congress, Second Session, and see that they be approved by the Department Commander and Department Council.

And then, at Subparagraph A, all accounts of the Department of Ohio SUVCW will have three signatures on the account, those being the Department Secretary/Treasurer or Secretary, Treasurer, it says the Secretary/Treasurer or the Assistant Treasurer, and the most senior member of the Department Council.

And then, Subparagraph B, he will maintain a spreadsheet containing at a minimum of date, funds received, check number, from whom the check was issued, reason for, the amount of the check and the deposit date. He will further maintain deposit slips to all financial institutions listing the check numbers deposited. He will also have a spreadsheet reflecting credits, pay outs, with a minimum of date of issue, check number, to whom and reason, amount, Department of Ohio SUVCW form number authorizing the payment.

And the new Subsection C, all deposits of Department of Ohio monies will be through face-to-face transactions either inside the bank or through drive-up windows. No ATM deposits are authorized.

Under new Subsection D, the Treasurer, Secretary/Treasurer will arrange for a monthly accounting of all funds and payments made during that time. He will also arrange for an annual audit to be completed prior to the Department Encampment by the Department Council, presenting all bank statements, checkbooks, spreadsheets, and Department of Ohio form numbers, name, and authorizations.

A new Subsection D, Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer will submit in his annual report to the Department Encampment copies of all forms, bank statements, and spreadsheets for the financial year. The originals of these forms will be maintained in accordance with Article 5 of the National Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

New Subsection F, the Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer will file the necessary Department IRS Form 990 during the time period required by the Internal Revenue Service and provide a copy of the IRS acceptance of the 990 form to the Department Commander, and provide a copy to the Department Secretary due to the Department Secretary where the office of Department's Treasurer is held as a separate office.

The Committee recommends adoption.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is there a second?

BROTHER DAVID RISH: Second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Dave Rish is the second. Of course, in keeping with the previous number, the new form number is 13575. Any discussion?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I have a question.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Okay. Is that for both of them?

BROTHER BOB GRIM: No.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is this form made up, Commander?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't know of a form by that number yet.

(Inaudible - multiple speakers.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: When that form is created, we'll add that number, and it will be allowed. Is that okay, Brother Darby?

BROTHER DON DARBY: I think if those numbers are in, what's the word I want, if they follow the suit to the same number consistent with what we currently have for Department forms. However, I believe, Commander, that if the Ohio -- Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department Counsel. I believe, Commander, at the Special Encampment that we had in January, the Senior Vice Commander was directed to provide those forms to the Council and the Secretary within -- by the first day of March. Has that not occurred?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Department Secretary, have you received anything? I have not received anything. Have you not received -- okay. We have not received those forms.

BROTHER DON DARBY: I guess the question is why.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Marvin, do you have any comment on that?

BROTHER RON MARVIN: I did not get them completed. It slipped my --

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Microphone, please.

BROTHER RON MARVIN: That was something that I failed to do. It slipped my mind that I needed to do that. I did not get those completed in time.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So to the present question, we need a form in that bylaw, a number, in that bylaw. Can I -- I flippantly created an imaginary number; can that number be used?

BROTHER DON DARBY: If that's what you -- if this is what this group votes on, yes.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Well, they've already voted on one of those numbers.

BROTHER DON DARBY: Well, then, yes. You can continue on with those arbitrary numbers.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Okay Well, let's carry on with that. The previous issue is something we can't deal with right now. Do we understand where we are? Are you ready to vote? Any further discussion?

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Under discussion, so Department prepare an annual report for the Department form of 13575, and then on Section B, what is what, another number? Because that authorizes a spreadsheet payouts, and that one should -- so that's another -
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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Well, if we're going to continue with the (indiscernible) then the next number should be 13576.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Yes, sir. Thank you.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD: Any other comments? Are you ready to vote? All in favor, say aye.
(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, say nay.
(One member responding nay.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Freeman from Lytle Camp said nay. Passes.

BROTHER BOB GRIM: Okay. Article 3, new Section 3.5, Paragraph 5, the purpose of the three-member Department Council is to devise and recommend measures to help ensure the financial stability of the Department and to fill vacancies which may occur in elected Department offices.

Subparagraph A, the Department Council immediately after its installation shall meet and elect a Chairman and a Secretary.

Subparagraph B, the Department Council shall devise and recommend such measures as will enable the Department to meet all its necessary expenditures.

Subparagraph C, the Department Council shall audit the receipts, expenditures, and the books of accounts of the

Department and make a report thereafter to the Department Encampment.

Subparagraph D, the Department Council shall fulfill the unexpired term by majority vote of the Council any vacancy which may occur in an elected Department office. The Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is there a second?

BROTHER CARL DENBOW: Second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Second, Mr. Moody, sorry, Denbow.

Is there any discussion? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, like sign.

(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Passed.

BROTHER GRIM: Okay. Article 3, a new Section 3, Paragraph 6, the existing language says the Department Patriotic Instructor shall be responsible for, and we want to strike out this information here, the rising of the Patriotic Instructor's fund for which a Grand Army Memorial donation shall be made to a charitable cause selected by the Department Commander, and with the approval of the Department Council. We want to strike that information, and then we want to insert this information: Performing his duties, as outlined in the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations, Chapter 2, Article 8. The Committee recommends adoption of this.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is there a second?

BROTHER RANDY SNYDER: Second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Second, say your name, please.

BROTHER RANDY SNYDER: Randy Snyder, Camp 12.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Is there any discussion?

Patriotic Instructor Mershon, do you have anything you want to say at this point, or are you fine?

DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR R. MICHAEL MERSHON:
I'm fine.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: He's fine.
All in favor, say aye.
(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed,
like sign.
(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : So ordered.

BROTHER BOB GRIM: Okay. Article 3, Section 5, all
Department -- this is existing language. All Department
orders -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Excuse me.
Yes, sir?

BROTHER DENNIS CARTER: Dennis Carter, Commander,
Sherman Camp. Sorry this is late, but I just noticed it. On
the previous motion, says the Department Council shall fill the
unexpired term upon a majority of the vote of the Council any
vacancy that may occur in an elected Department office. What if
there's a vacancy in the Council?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's an elected office.

BROTHER DENNIS CARTER: It's an elected office. So if
you only have two to vote, and they're split, what do we do?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Then the Department Commander
(inaudible - multiple speakers).

BROTHER DENNIS CARTER: Okay. As long as it's
covered.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. Are you
comfortable with that?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible - away from
microphone.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: And does
everybody recognize what's happening? Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. That's fine. Thank you.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Darby,
it's my understanding that if one of the members of the Council
leaves the Council for some reason, the two remaining members
select the third person to join them; is that correct?

BROTHER DON DARBY: (Inaudible.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay.

BROTHER DON DARBY: And if they are divided, if he wants John and he wants Sam, then the Department Commander makes the deciding vote.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. Does that help answer your question too?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible - away from microphone.) Thank you.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. Are we all comfy? Point, everything -- anything like this comes up, you go back to the C&R, you go back to the bylaws, and if it ain't there, then you go to Commander-in-Chief Paquette and say, now what.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible - away from microphone.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Freeman?

BROTHER SCOTT FREEMAN: Scott Freeman, Lytle Camp. The previous issue we were discussing, I know there's concern that this may violate the National C&R. I'm not an expert, but I know there's a chain of command in there for filling vacant positions at the Camp level, and if there's one at the Department level, in the National C&R would define that those vacancies can be filled according to the chain of command.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Well, as I understand it -

BROTHER SCOTT FREEMAN: I'm just raising -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER: -- the National C&R, it supersedes anything else. So if we screw up, then it's not valid. Am I correct in that interpretation, gentlemen?

BROTHER DON DARBY: The C&R rules (inaudible - away from microphone.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. Does that solve your problem?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, then we'll have bylaws that contradicts the National (inaudible).

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: If that's true, then the Department bylaws must be changed, and that's beyond our providence today.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Except if we don't do something -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. That's enough. Topic done.

I think, okay, we are voting on this last section. All in favor, say aye.

(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, say no.

(One member responding no.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Freeman has said no. Passed.

BROTHER BOB GRIM: Okay. Article 3, Section 5. All Department orders shall be posted, this is existing language, on the website by the webmaster as soon as practical following the issuance thereof. In addition to the foregoing, the Department Secretary/Treasurer, but we want to insert the word Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer, and the Committee recommends adoption.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is there a second?

BROTHER KEN FRESHLEY: (Indicating).

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Freshley is the second. Is there any discussion? All in favor, say aye.

(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, like sign.

(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So ordered.

BROTHER BOB GRIM: The same section, Article 3, Section 5, further down in that, we have a place where it says Camp Commanders and/or Camp Secretaries, then we have the word Secretary/Treasurers of the Department, and we want to insert the words Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain and keep an accurate file. The Committee recommends adoption.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is there a second? Don't all speak at once.

BROTHER KEN FRESHLEY: (Indicating.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Freshley has seconded. Is there discussion?
All in favor, say aye.
(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed,
like sign.
(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So ordered.

BROTHER BOB GRIM: Okay. Article 4, Section 4, existing language: The Department Commander shall suspend Camps that fail to file their required annual reports with the Department. And currently, the language says Secretary/Treasurer, and we want to insert Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer. And further down in that same section, we had the same type of thing, we want to insert the word Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer. The Committee recommends adoption.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is there a second?

BROTHER DAVID RISH: Yeah, second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Dave Rish is the second. Any discussion? All in favor, say aye.
(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed,
like sign.
(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So ordered.

BROTHER BOB GRIM: Okay. Article 5, Section 1, Paragraph 1, we want to add a new comment that says Department Commander badge, then we want to have a new Subparagraph A, Monuments and Memorials Fund, et cetera, so we're basically adding that the budget will include an appropriation for the Monument and Memorials Fund. The Committee recommends adoption.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is there a second?

BROTHER MICHAEL SHERMAN: Second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER: Who's second? Say your name again, please.

BROTHER MICHAEL SHERMAN: Sherman, Jacob Parrott Camp Number 3, Sherman is the last name, Parrott Camp, Michael Sherman.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. SHERMAN: Any discussion? Oh, Jim Crane. Oh, I'm sorry.

BROTHER KENT DORR: Kent Door, McLaughlin Camp 12. Is this going to -- are we establishing a Memorials fund or are we establishing that we're just going to vote money every year and maybe spend it? A fund is a fund. It has money and it stays in the fund. We have to decide which we're going to do.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Grim?

BROTHER BOB GRIM: Well, the existing language in this section says, the budget shall include an appropriation to conduct the business of the Department Headquarters, including necessary stationary or forms for Department officers, printing, proceeds, and incidental expenses, including a fix expense such as National per capita tax, Past Department Commander's badge. And so then we're going to add, and this would be required in the budget, a Monuments and Memorials Fund.

BROTHER DON DARBY: Commander?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Darby?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief, I believe in order in answer to the Brother's question, right now, all we've established with approving this is a line item, okay.

BROTHER KENT DORR: No, it's not.

BROTHER DON DARBY: We haven't got to the part where we're doing the money stuff or why we allow money to remain in that fund, okay. So if, for all actuality, you could call it Monuments and Memorial and as a line item or in this case, the line item is called Monuments and Memorial fund. And then, how we fill it or maintain it is about two pages down. Does that answer your question?

BROTHER KENT DORR: Well, then are we superseding what has always been the Monuments and Memorials fund even though we don't fund it? I mean, we stopped it being a fund because there's no money to fund it from the procedure that we set up. So we changed that, but we didn't change that it wasn't a fund. It's really not. Last year, we voted \$500 to go into that fund. Then we didn't put the money -- we took the money away. How does that happen? It's either --

BROTHER DON DARBY: Well, what happened -- what money did we take away?

BROTHER KENT DORR: We didn't use the \$500.

BROTHER DON DARBY: We didn't use the \$500.

BROTHER KENT DORR: So but doesn't that stay with the fund?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Which I said that's going to be determined in about two pages, okay. So right now, all you're voting on is a line item just the term Monuments and Memorials Fund as a line item.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: In the budget.

BROTHER DON DARBY: In the budget, okay. And right now, it's Monuments and Memorials Fund, line item, and it's empty. In two pages, we'll decide how to fill it.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: May we let loose on that until we have the next discussion, and then if you still think there's a problem, we can come back. Are you okay with that? Is everybody okay with that?

BROTHER KENT DORR: No. Commander, I move that we just strike that word fund.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I agree.

BROTHER DORR: A fund is something that's established and it's ongoing and it has money in it until it's spent. Well, last year, it didn't get spent, but we don't have it -- we still don't have \$500 in a fund. So let's just strike that word fund. And these are just examples of line items. So if we get rid of the word fund, I think we're good.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I agree.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Does this make sense to everybody rather than go through 40, 11 votes, could we say change this just to have the Monuments and Memorials be in the budget as a line item; is that okay?

BROTHER DORR: Exactly what --
(Inaudible - multiple speakers.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: It's the same, but it doesn't have the word "fund" in in it, which seems to be

the bone of contention. Does that seem to be -- so is everyone okay with that? Brother Martin, apparently not.

BROTHER DON MARTIN: Well, because it's slated as the word fund, and then we put money in it later, then we can have that money, and that money will just continue to roll over.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, it does not roll over. It's not rolling over.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It goes back to the general fund.

BROTHER DON MARTIN: Even if it's in the fund?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fund continues to roll over. But if it's a line item and it's not spent, then -

BROTHER DON MARTIN: All right. So you're saying a fund then we have to be a separate entity then?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

BROTHER DON MARTIN: Okay.

BROTHER JAMES CRANE: Jim Crane, Department Secretary/Treasurer. That's why we were talking earlier about all this stuff because the bylaws don't fit what we're trying to do. So yeah, I agree there should be a fund, no problem. But does that money if it does not get used, the permanent fund says it comes back to the general fund. So you've got the permanent fund, then you've got the Monuments and Memorials fund that we're trying to create, and there is no such thing as a fund for that (inaudible), okay. So you can, I agree with Brother Darby, you can put that in there, but then the bylaws, I think, have to be changed. But that's just me.

So if you look at the permanent fund in that section of the Department bylaws, it clearly states the permanent fund does not even mention the Monuments and Memorials fund. It doesn't. I've checked. So it doesn't say that. It only comes up when you get to the Monuments and Memorials Committee, that's when it comes. It was the last line in the bottom of that that says that that fund is supposed to be funded by the interest from the permanent fund. That's where I had the confusion.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible - away from microphone.)

BROTHER JAMES CRANE: Right. So if you strike something in the permanent fund and take that away, fine, right?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Do we understand what we're doing there? There's actually, as often happens, in playing parliamentarian of procedures, that means that we have to remove the letter "A" before Monuments and Memorials as well as the word "fund", so.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's correct.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. Brother Darby, parliamentarian, just carry on. He's waving at me, so I guess that's --

BROTHER DON DARBY: Yeah, keep going.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All right. Are we ready for a vote?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, sir.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What are we voting on?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: We are voting on -

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did we strike the (inaudible) and the word fund?

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Yes.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Yes, from the official recommendation of the Committee.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, thank you.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All in favor, say aye.

(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, like sign?

(One members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Who was that? Who was the -- Brother Denbow. So ordered.

BROTHER BOB GRIM: Okay. Now, we want to replace the existing Article 6 with a new Article 6, and then renumber the following articles that exist.

The new Article 6 deals with records and retention. Section 1, all records of the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held in accordance with

the National Organization Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section 2, all artifacts held by the Ohio Department of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held in perpetuity. If the Department of Ohio should dissolve, then all artifacts will become the property of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Committee recommends adoption.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is there a second?

BROTHER EDELMAN: Second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Edelman is the second.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Who?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Edelman.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Edelman.

BROTHER EDELMAN: Sherman Camp.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: I'm sorry. I was being too Deutsche. Is there any discussion? All in favor, say aye.

(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, like sign.

(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So ordered.

BROTHER BOB GRIM: Now, the renumbered number six becomes Article 7. And in Section 1, it says all -- this is existing language, all requests for funding shall be submitted in writing to the Monuments and Memorial Committee chairman at least 60 days prior to the Annual Department Encampment. Then we'll want to strike out the following language: The source of funding for the projects shall be interest earned for the Department permanent fund and/or from specifically designated donations. We want to replace that language with the following: A Monuments and Memorial fund shall be a line item in the Department budget, and reported in the Annual Department Proceedings. Department Committee recommends adoption.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is there a second? Dies for a lack of second.

BROTHER DON MARTIN: Second.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Who
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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Don Martin has got a second. Is there any discussion? Brother Freeman?

BROTHER SCOTT FREEMAN: Scott Freeman, Lytle Camp. I'm just wondering if for consistency with what we did before, we should remove the word "fund" here.

(Inaudible - multiple speakers away from microphone.)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He has to come to the microphone.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's a budget line item.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: You need to come to the microphone, please.

BROTHER SCOTT FREEMAN: Scott Freeman, Lytle Camp Number 10. I'm wondering if we should strike the word fund from the text there as we did before to avoid confusing this budget line item with the permanent (inaudible) fund.

BROTHER BOB GRIM: Well, we could insert the word appropriation and avoid all of -- Monuments and Memorial appropriation shall be a line item in the Department budget.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible - away from microphone) considering what Bob said. Could please repeat that.

BROTHER BOB GRIM: Change the word fund to appropriation, the Monument and Memorials appropriation shall be a line item.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That sounds good. Thank you.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Huffman?

BROTHER JOHN HUFFMAN: John Huffman, Department Junior Vice Commander. I'm having a real problem with this, and I have a feeling that there is other Brothers that may be seeing the light and scratching their heads and saying, why are we doing this. I say we keep it the Memorial fund, and if I'm not -- if I'm correct, the interest from the permanent fund goes towards the Monument Memorial fund, but it's not kept in there. I'm saying with the interest coming from the permanent fund be put

in the Memorial fund, and whether it's used or not -- or if it's not used, it remains in that fund.

Now, the \$500 that had been voted on by the floor, let's call that seed money. So we've got \$500 in there in the Memorial fund, and if it's not used, it stays in the Memorial fund. Our source of income then would be the interest from the permanent fund so we don't have to pull \$500 every year for Monuments and Memorials. If the money is not used, it stays in the Memorial fund and grows.

And I would also take the advice of the Counselor because right now, as it stands, let's say we get \$190 in interest. If, for some reason, that money isn't used, it disappears and goes into the general fund. That fund never grows. We start out with zero every year. Am I missing the boat here? Anyway.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Brother Crane.

BROTHER JAMES CRANE: Jim Crane, Department Secretary/Treasurer. I would agree with Brother Huffman that if it's not used, it stays there in the appropriation, not the fund.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

BROTHER JAMES CRANE: I would agree with that. So instead of -- if it's not used, it's not used, but it still remains a line item every year of \$500.

BROTHER JOHN HUFFMAN: Then if my understanding of the bylaws are correct that the Committee will then, can determine, put a cap on how much money can be given to any one project. And if there's more than one project, let's say we have \$1,000 in the Memorial fund, two projects come in and the cap is \$400, we can give both Camps \$400 for a (inaudible) or a cap. And whatever amount that the Committee comes up with. Am I correct on that, Counselor?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Don Darby, past Commander-in-Chief and Department Counsel. This is what I tried to tell you about doing away with fund. If you left the term fund in there, then the money would stay there by your definitions. So there's nothing to say you could leave it as the Memorial fund.

In answer to your question, we can't, right now, until the votes comes up, we have struck the portion, the line above it, that says the source of the project shall be the interest from the Department permanent fund. You struck that. So you either use the interest and put it in the fund to which you can add 500, 1,000, whatever you want to add.

And currently, there's no cap by the Committee. The Committee determines whether one's issued, whether money is given away in the amount that it is given away, and how it's

divided up. And I think that should stay under the purview of the Committee. But as far as it is right now, there -- if they vote to accept what he just read, there is no money from the permanent fund.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Correct.

BROTHER DON DARBY: And, you know, if you keep it a fund, then you can keep adding the money to it. So you have to decide what you want to do. You either keep the line above it as feed money, and then have the Department or the Encampment decide if there's extra money that they want to add to that every year as a line item. So it's your -- you decide what you want to do.

BROTHER JAMES CRANE: Jim Crane, Department Secretary/Treasurer. I will go ahead and give my spot up to past Commander-in-Chief Martin. Go ahead.

BROTHER DON MARTIN: As Brother Darby just brought up, and it sounds like we're talking about two different issues. So could I suggest we go ahead and split the issues, one, talk about whether to remove the strike of the source of funding as an issue, and then deal with the wording fund as the second issue.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Parliamentarian, how do we divide -- how do we ask the question of whether we want to divide the question.

BROTHER DON DARBY: Move to divide the question.
That's -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. So you are making a motion to divide the question. Do you all understand what's going on? I don't want to leave any -- it's fun playing parliamentarian games, but you get obfuscate real well in doing that. So what proposal are we -- the first part of the division, what is it, Brother Martin?

BROTHER DON MARTIN: The first division would be on the section that is struck starting with the word, the source of fundings, ending with designated donations. That would be one discussion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. So we are -- the first question that we're going to vote on, assuming there's a second, are we retaining the source of funding for the project shall be interest earned from the Department permanent fund and/or from specifically designated donations. Do we have that in or do we not have that in, correct.

BROTHER DON DARBY: Point of order. You have a motion on the floor to divide the question. You need a second and a vote.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: I just wanted to make sure I knew what the motion was. Do we have a second for that motion?

BROTHER JOHN HUFFMAN: (Indicating.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER: We have a second of the motion from Brother Huffman. Is there any discussion on this particular dividing the motion? All in favor of dividing the motion, signify by saying aye.

(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, like sign.

(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: The motion is divided. Now, we are at the point of the first part of the division, and the first part of the division is do we want to have the wording the source of funding for the projects shall be interest earned from the Department permanent fund and/or from specifically designated donations. A vote yes is we want to retain that word, and a vote no is we are not going to retain that sentence. Edelman?

BROTHER EDELMAN: I'd like to just have a moment of discussion. I'd like to have (inaudible) rationale for having it struck in the first place.

BROTHER BOB GRIM: Well, the idea was that the amount of interest coming from that project was very small, and so we were going to have a Memorials fund which could be any amount of money that the Department wants to throw into it.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: As I interpret it, the current wording is money for the Monuments and Memorial fund can come from two sources, either the interest from the permanent fund or specially designated donations.

BROTHER EDELMAN: Okay, but not from a line item?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: That's correct.

BROTHER EDELMAN: Okay.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So are we going to -- so as I understand it, and Brother Darby, you

already have thunder clouds on your forehead, the -- are we going to retain the current situation or are we going to open up the fund for larger or for more income?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible - away from microphone.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is that correct? Okay. Do you all understand that? Is there any further discussion?

(Inaudible - multiple speakers.)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I got it.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is he making a motion or what?

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: No.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Yeah. There is a motion to divide the question. What we are doing now is the first part of that division is the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee to remove that proscription of where the money can come from, it can come from anywhere. Okay. So we have Brother Rish, why don't you speak first.

BROTHER DAVID RISH: Well, I may be wrong. You tell me. We just voted to raise the dues. What if we appropriate one dollar from each member of those due to go into the Monuments fund every year.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Who's going to be the treasurer?

BROTHER DAVIS RISH: Well, you got \$10 for being (inaudible), 430 members right now, it's worth (inaudible - multiple speakers).

BROTHER DON DARBY: If you want -- this is a separate, okay, thing, okay.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: This is a hypothetical discussion.

BROTHER DON DARBY: (Inaudible - multiple speakers) because we're dealing with this whether we're going to accept this being struck or not. Now (inaudible - multiple speakers) strike it then you can reinsert something else.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Richard, we have one hour to finish. This need to go.
(Multiple speakers.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. We're going to cut that right now. We are going to have a, let's see, you were standing. What do you want to say?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. My question is if we don't strike this, and we leave it the way it is, it says that the funding comes from the interest on the permanent fund, correct?

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. How much money is in that fund currently? How much money -

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: One hundred and -

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, not in the fund. How much is available that we can over add over the years that goes into the Memorials fund?

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Right now, that is \$119.17 because the records, the 20-year audit came out with the, right, that it's right now currently at \$119.17.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: For this year?

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: For this year.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Right. And we don't know -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: And that's all there is for -

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: We don't know what the other number is.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: For this year?

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Yes.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : As far as the 20-year audit could document, that's how much money we know for sure is available.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: For the Memorial fund or a line item.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. Folks, we are going to vote. Do we wish to accept the recommendation

of the Committee to remove the sentence that begins with "the source" and ends with "designated donations"? A vote in favor means we are going to remove that from the bylaws. You've already got that. All in favor, say aye.

(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : All opposed, say no.

(One members responding no.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: The motion is passed. Now, we go to the second half of the divided thing, and that is are we going to adopt the line, a Monuments and Memorials fund shall be a line item from the Department budget and reported in the annual Department proceedings. And that's already been moved and seconded. So we can carry on from there. All in favor -- oh.

BROTHER BRAD TILTON: Brad Tilton, Past Department Commander. I'm confused. I was under the impression we were going to change that word fund to -

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Appropriation.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Oh, okay. I'm sorry.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Monument Memorial appropriations.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: I'm sorry, that was my mistake.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Please reread (inaudible) I can vote.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So it would be, the wording that we are voting to add is a Monuments and Memorials appropriation shall be a line item in the Department budget and reported in the annual Department proceedings.

Mr. Denbow?

BROTHER CARL DENBOW: Yeah, Carl Denbow, Commander, Townsend Camp 108. I would actually argue in favor of the opposite, leaving the word fund in, I think, would create a fund and at that point, it would become a permanent fund, and then we could argue how much money to put in it every year. That's the reason I voted against one of the previous articles because I think we're -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. So --

BROTHER CARL DENBOW: We're empowered, are we not, to create a fund at this point?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Yes, but that's not what before the house right now.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Before the house right now is the word appropriation in it. Let's vote on that.

BROTHER CARL DENBOW: But what was originally proposed was the word fund.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: In Article 5.

BROTHER CARL DENBOW: And until we vote to take fund out, which I guess is what you're prepared to do, but -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: That's what the question is.

BROTHER CARL DENBOW: Yeah.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Are we adopting the following addition to the recommendation of the Committee, a Memorials, or excuse me, a Monuments and Memorials appropriation -

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: right.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: -- shall be a line item in the Department budget and reported in the annual Department proceedings.

BROTHER DENBOW: Okay -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: That's what we're voting on.

BROTHER CARL DENBOW: Okay. Well, I want to urge to vote against that and to keep the word fund.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Thank you.

BROTHER DON DARBY: No, you're not. Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department Counselor. That's not what you're voting on. What you're voting on is what is written.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

BROTHER DON DARBY: Appropriation is what you voted on two pages ago. Like I told you, this time you're voting on the wording a Monuments and Memorial fund shall be a line item in the Department budget and reported in the annual Department proceedings. That's what you're voting on. The word appropriation did not come into -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: It did not extend to this -

BROTHER DON DARBY: It was not -- he did not make an amendment or a motion to it. What you're voting on is this, what is written. And if you vote Memorial fund, then the money will stay there and roll over every year and not go back somewhere that you just cancelled.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: On Article 5, Section 1.1, you got rid of A and fund.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay.

BROTHER DON DARBY: You got rid of that, but now, you are creating a Monuments and Memorial fund in order to the money can stay there, and how much or whoever it gets there on. If I want to contribute \$500 to put it in there, fine, it stays there and it stays there forever until you guys spend it.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Well, your point is well taken. So we are currently voting on whether the wording, as recommended by the Committee, is retained or not. And the wording is, a Monuments and Memorial fund shall be a line item in the Department budget and reported in the annual Department proceedings. Are we all comfortable on that?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Apparently not.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Apparently not.

BROTHER BRAD TILTON: Brad Tilton, Past Commander. Is it appropriate to make a motion to change that word fund into appropriation at this time?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: You certainly could.

BROTHER BRAD TILTON: I move -- I so move.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is there a second?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Two seconds.
You got them both?

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: No. I don't -- give me a second. What's your name?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible - away from microphone) Camp 12.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: It has been moved and seconded that we modify the line to read: A Monuments and Memorials appropriation shall be a line item in the Department budget and reported in the annual Department proceedings. Sir?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're in discussion, right?

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Yes.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Yes, sir.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. So if it's the word appropriation, will the money then go away, go back to the general fund as an appropriation versus a fund?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : That is my -- we are having a nod from the parliamentarian and Counselor to the affirmative that that's what would happen.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So we'll be starting at zero every time -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: That's correct.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The permanent fund will then not be there, and -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: That's correct. So if it's appropriation, it ends every year. If it's fund, it continues. You all are comfortable or you all know that's what we're talking about? All in favor of that, say aye.
(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed to that, like sign
(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So then, we now go back to the words or we are voting on a Monuments and Memorials fund shall be a line item in the Department budget and reported in the annual Department proceedings, which is the wording that was proposed by the Committee. Are you ready to vote? All in favor, say aye.

(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, like sign.

(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So ordered.

BROTHER BOB GRIM: (Inaudible) we're ready for lucky Article 13. This changes Article 12 to Article 13, and we want to insert the word Secretary. The current language is that the Department Secretary/Treasurer, and we want to insert the word Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer. The Committee recommends adoption.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Is there a second?

BROTHER KEN FRESHLEY: (Indicating.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Second, Brother Freshley. Discussion? All in favor, say aye.
(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, like sign.

(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So ordered.

BROTHER BOB GRIM: Commander, that concludes the report of the Bylaws Committee.
(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. As we promised to do earlier, we need to go back to the budget to talk about the Monuments and Memorials fund, and I would turn this over to Brother Freeman.

BROTHER FREEMAN: Based on what was just voted on, we'll go ahead and put that money in the budget that I understand to be \$500. So with that, we'll put it in the budget for next year. So there it is. So that's going to be inserted. So I can't do a motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Do I have a motion to that effect?

BROTHER DON DARBY: I move.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Darby. Freshley is second. Discussion? All in favor, say aye.
(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, say aye.
(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So ordered. I'm a little bit disappointed in the Committee that you did not have an added point to have a Department pianist created because we had the pleasure of having had Edelman play the piano in the background, and but I cannot give him any sort of award or commendation so I will not do this. Would you please thank him.
(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Now we need to pop back to the question of the delegates at the National Convention. We have, as I said before, we have 400, well 429 members in the Department right now. What do we need to do, Brother Darby?

BROTHER DON DARBY: I got three people talking to me.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: But I have the microphone.

BROTHER DON DARBY: -- and it's all --

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Darby, what do we need to do in order to maximize the number of votes we have at the National Encampment?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Well, first off, you need to know how many --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Delegates.

BROTHER DON DARBY: Show hands, how many people are going to the National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan right now? So one, two, three, four.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You're not talking about the Commanders, just all about general members, right?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Yes. We got -- well, four of us don't count because our credentials are sent in from the National Order, five, okay. So you Brothers (inaudible) pieces of paper. Do you have those papers?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

BROTHER DARBY: You do?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible - away from microphone.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All right. I need a motion that those people are elected delegates to the National Encampment.

BROTHER LARRY COLLINS: So moved.

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: Second.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Who are they?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Milburn second, Collins, Larry Collins is the primary motion. I don't think we need any discussion on that. All in favor, say aye.
(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed,
nay?
(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So ordered.
Now, following up to that is -

BROTHER DON DARBY: The one thing you need (inaudible - multiple speakers) to understand Brother Crane or whoever the Secretary is, on the form, the installation form, will have a list of the delegates that are attending the Encampment. Those have to be listed.

Now, the motion comes up that the remaining Brothers be voted in as alternates as they are not sure of whether they're going to attend or not. So that's the motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. I have a motion. You just heard it from Brother Darby. Is there a second?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Oh, sorry.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL PAQUETTE: Mike Paquette, Commander-in-Chief. If you look at the form 449 the exact language for the language for the motion is in the 449, and it's all members of this Department in good standing as of this, the date of this Encampment, are eligible or elected as alternate delegates to the -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So it's already done.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL PAQUETTE: It's in the form. You still have to vote on that though. But the language is in the form if you want specific language for the motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. So Brother Darby has made that motion in the proper wording as described by the Commander-in-Chief. Is there a second to that?

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: (Indicating.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Second to that is Brother Milburn. I don't think we -- all in favor, say aye. (Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, same sign. (No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So ordered. We are now I need to remind you that we are very short on time. For the good of the Order, does anyone have anything he wishes to say for the good of the Order? I remind you that we are on a time limit basis.

Brother Jim Houston, do you have anything you want to say about the Foundation?

BROTHER JIM HOUSTON: (Inaudible - away from microphone) I hope all of you are aware of the Foundation and its efforts to continue the work of our Order by donations and so forth to further our aims.

I would like all of those who have contributed to the Foundation to raise your hand. Well, thank you very much. We appreciate that.

We appreciate the fact that many of you have joined the Amazon Smile program, and I want to reinforce that. The Smile program says that if you sign up with Amazon, and designate the SUVWCW charitable foundation as your charity, there is an amount that's forwarded to the Foundation by Amazon based on your purchases. So try and do that. Go to Amazon Smile on the Internet, and sign up for that.

We continue to have our merchandise for sale on the Internet and at National Encampments. And we also for a reward those who contribute to the Foundation through a certificate and a medal, it is determined by the amount of your contribution.

If you have any questions, please see me after the meeting, and we can follow up with that.

BROTHER DON DARBY: 198 days until Christmas for those of you who are buying things for your spouse from Amazon and using Smile.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

BROTHER DON DARBY: That was a paid political announcement from my wife.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: I ask all of you to remember our sick and otherwise suffering Brothers. Is there anything else for the good of the Order that we need to talk about at this moment? Brother Freeman.

BROTHER SCOTT FREEMAN: Scott Freeman, Lytle Camp. I just wanted to announce for I don't think most of you don't know, but William Brayman (phonetic) of Lytle Camp was the recipient of one of the \$2500 Sons of Union Veterans scholarships this year. So I'd like you to congratulate him. He's here as a delegate.
(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Any other for the work of the good of the Order?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indicating.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Yes, sir.

BROTHER KENT DORR: Kent Dorr, McLaughlin Camp 12. Just wanted to let you guys know, this is a project that we do at our Camp to help raise money. We procure these concrete statues, one's of Abraham Lincoln, this is a Union soldier. We brought down a couple today for sale if anybody wants to take one home. They're \$65. Just let us know. Thank you.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: We will now proceed with nominations and elections for officers of the Department of -- yes, sir?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible) report?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Oh, well, I'm getting there. Guard Cameron Lowery, please allow no one else

to enter this hall. Please take the steps necessary to secure the egress. The Guide and the Color Bearer may assist, as necessary, and appropriate.

Chairman of the Committee on credentials, Jim Houston, will you please provide a final report?

BROTHER JIM HOUSTON: This is the report of the credentials Committee. We have 45 individuals who registered today. I have reviewed their qualifications to vote, and in each -- let me review just the qualifications of a Camp's vote. First, every Camp Commander, Department Commander, Past National Commander-in-Chief receives a vote. Then an individual Camp receives one vote for existing plus today received another vote for each ten or major factor thereof of Camp membership.

So I've reviewed that for each Camp in the Department, and all are qualified for a vote in the fact that they attended today. In some cases, they might be short of votes based on their membership.

But let me just review how many votes we have here: Dennison Camp, two; Fearing Camp, one; Lytle Camp, ten; McLaughlin Camp, four; McKinley Camp, one; Parrott Camp, five; Enderlin Camp, three; Casey Camp, seven; Sherman Camp, five; Townsend Camp, three; and Garfield Camp, four. That's a total of 45 votes. And our Committee will be giving for contested elections, they will give paper ballots in that number that are qualified to vote.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: At this time, nominations for candidates for Department elected office of the year 2022 to 2023 are in order. First, however, I will entertain a motion that if there is only one nominee for a given office, the Secretary/Treasurer will record a single vote in favor of that candidate, and that Brother will be considered elected. Do I have a motion to that effect?

BROTHER SHANE MILBURN: So moved.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Milburn is the first. Second?

BROTHER JOHN HUFFMAN: Second.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Second is Brother Huffman. All in favor, say aye?
(Several members responding aye.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All opposed, like sign?
(No audible response.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: So ordered.
By the way, somebody left a spectacle case up here, and I don't want you to be out of focus for the rest of the meeting.

Are there any nominations for the office of Department Commander? Sir?

BROTHER MICHAEL SHERMAN: Michael Sherman, Jacob Parrott Camp 33, I'm here right now seeking a candidacy for the position of Department Commander of the Department of Ohio by Ron Marvin, Brother Ron Marvin. He is currently serving as Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Ohio, editor of the Buckeye Bugle, and also has served as Patriotic Instruction Officer and Senior Vice Commander during '21. He's also served Camp 33 as the Graves Registration Officer, Monuments Registration Officer, historian, reporter, scribe, and has previously served the Camp as Camp Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Patriotic Instruction Officer, Guard, and as a temporary fill in for the positions of Camp Secretary and Chaplain. Thank you.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Marvin, you have been nominated for the office of Department Commander. If elected, are you willing to serve?

BROTHER RON MARVIN: Yes, Commander, if elected, I will serve.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: What other offices of the Order do you currently hold?

BROTHER RON MARVIN: Currently, I am the Senior Vice Commander for the Department of Ohio. I am the editor of the Buckeye Bugle, the Department newsletter, and in the Jacob Parrott Camp, I am currently the Graves Registration Officer, Monuments Registration Officer, historian, reporter, scribe, and immediate Past Commander.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Thank you.
Are there any other nominations for the office of Department Commander?

BROTHER DON MARTIN: Don Martin, Enderlin Camp. I'd like to nominate Don Darby for the office of Commander. I've known Don for about 25 years now, and we are still friends. Don's had most every position that there is in National and also within the Department, and he's been Counselor with an expert knowledge of the C&R. So he's currently double retired, so he can dedicate all his time to the Department of Ohio.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Darby, you have been nominated for the office of Department Commander. If elected, are you willing to serve?

BROTHER DON DARBY: I am. May I make a statement?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Yes, sir.

BROTHER DON DARBY: Commander, Don Darby, past Commander-in-Chief. I've been doing this for 38 years. Never have I once stood in the way of someone I felt qualified for the job. I would like other be able to ask my fellow candidate three questions, if I may.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: I don't actually think that's appropriate here.

BROTHER DON DARBY: And why would that be, sir?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Because the time is for -- but you are the Department Counselor. So I can't very well ask you for a ruling.

Commander-in-Chief Paquette, what should I do in this position?

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL PAQUETTE: We're in nominations.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Say it again

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL PAQUETTE: I said we're in nominations.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: We're in nominations so you are out of order.

BROTHER DON DARBY: Okay.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: What other offices in the Order do you currently hold?

BROTHER DON DARBY: I'm the Camp Commander of Enderlin 73.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Thank you. Are there any other nominations for the office of Department Commander? Are there any other nominations for the office of Department Commander? Are there any other nominations for the office of Department Commander? Are there any other nominations for the office of Department Commander?

There are two candidates; Brother Marvin and Brother Darby. Tellers, will you please conduct a vote?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is there a discussion of the candidacies?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Say it again.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is there a discussion of the candidates at this point?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: I don't think that's ordinarily offered. So I would say -

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, that's my question.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: I don't think that there should be a -

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The nominations were made by -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: The comments were made by the people who did the nominations. Am I correct in that? Okay. I'm correct in that since nobody said, no, stupid. Okay. The -- so we need to have a vote then. Tellers.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible - away from microphone.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. We have two candidates, Brother Marvin, Brother Darby. We will have a vote on -- should you do paper ballots?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, yes

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: All right. Will the Committee -- will you please do paper ballots.
(Multiple speakers/conversations.)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Microphone. Microphone is here.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Dennison Camp, two votes.
Go --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commander?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Somebody from Dennison Camp, please come up and get the ballots.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fearing Camp, one. Lytle Camp, ten. McLaughlin Camp, four. McKinley Camp is one. Parrott Camp, five. Enderlin Camp, three. Casey Camp, seven. Sherman

Camp, five. Townsend Camp, three. Garfield Camp, four. Did I get everybody?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, Commander, this is for Kelly.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Has everybody got their ballots? Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I guess we go up there and drop them off.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: If someone has not collected your ballot, please take it to the tellers.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do we have all of the votes in? Okay. All the votes are in.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commander, go ahead and announce it and see if all the votes have been turned in.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: He just said -

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Have all the votes been turned in? The polls are closed.
(Pause in proceedings.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : With the votes provided by the tellers, Don Darby has been elected the Department Commander.
(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Senior Vice Commander, are there any nominations for the office of Department Senior Vice Commander?

BROTHER DON MARTIN: Don Martin, Enderlin Camp. I'd like to nominate Brother John Huffman, Jr. to the office of Senior Vice Commander.

John is a retired band director, school teacher. John and I worked together for a number of years at Waverly High School.

He also served as in the 122nd Army Band at the Ohio National Guard, and retired from that as a First Sergeant. He's a member of the Military Loyal Legion of the United States. He was Camp Commander six years; is that correct?

BROTHER JOHN HUFFMAN: Seven.

BROTHER DON MARTIN: Seven years. Then the only way he could escape was to come to the Department well. So if he --

when he retired from teaching, he decided to spend all of his time and money, so he started the 73rd Ohio Regimental Band. So he is the creator of that band, and also the current director.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Huffman, you have been nominated for the office of Department Senior Vice Commander. If elected, are you willing to serve?

BROTHER JOHN HUFFMAN: Yes, Commander, I'm willing to serve.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Thank you. What other offices in the Order do you currently hold?

BROTHER JOHN HUFFMAN: Department Junior Vice Commander.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Thank you. Are there any other nominations for the office of the Department Senior Vice Commander? Are there any other nominations for the office of Department Senior Vice Commander? Are there any other nominations for the office of Senior Vice Commander of the Department?

In keeping with the motion, you are elected as the Department Senior Vice Commander.

(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Are there any nominations for the office of Department Junior Vice Commander? Are there any -- let's not always see the same faces.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, I know. The good thing is I'm not running for anything.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: You could be.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'd love to nominate Cameron Lowery, who is over here, for the office of Junior Vice. Cameron is a founder and charter member of the Tri-River Chapter Order of DeMolay. He's twice past Counselor of the Tri-River's Chevalier recipient. He's the current Senior Vice Commander of Townsend Camp 108. He's studying political science and prelaw with a minor in history at Ohio University.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The Ohio University.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Not to be confused with the other one.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible - away from microphone.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Enough.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He is an advocate of the 63rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry of the sVR. He's also Assistant Chaplain in the Son of Veterans Reserve. He's a National Committee credentials member, and he's current Department Guard and member of the Paramuthia Lodge, Number 25.

He's been a member of this organization for six years, junior member before that, and you could say that Civil War runs in his blood as his parents met at a Civil War event, and I'll leave it at that.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS : Brother Lowery, you've been nominated for the office of Department Junior Vice Commander. If elected, are you willing to serve?

BROTHER CAMERON LOWERY: Yes, I am, Commander.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. What other offices of the Order do you hold?

BROTHER CAMERON LOWERY: I'm the current Senior Vice Camp Commander, Townsend 108, and I'm also a current Department Guard.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Thank you. Are there any other nominations for the office of Department Junior Vice Commander? Are there any other nominations for the Department office of Junior Vice Commander for the Department? Are there any other nominations for the office of Department Junior Vice Commander?

In keeping with the motion that was passed earlier, congratulations, you are the newly-elected Department Junior Vice Commander.

(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: The office of Department Secretary has a three-year term. Are there any nominations for the office of Department Secretary? Are there any nominations for the office of Department Secretary? Brother Grim?

BROTHER BOB GRIM: Commander, it's my honor and privilege to nominate for the Chief Scribe of our Organization Brother of the Casey Camp. As a matter of fact, he happens to be the Senior Vice Commander, your current Assistant Secretary, Kelly Hopkins.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Thank you very much. Brother Hopkins, you have been nominated for the office of Department Secretary. If elected, are you willing to serve?

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: Commander, I'm willing to serve.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Thank you. What other offices in the Order do you current hold?

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: I hold Senior Vice at Camp 92, and Assistant Secretary for the Department.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Thank you very much. Are there any other nominations for the office of Department Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the office of Department Secretary? Are there any other nominations for the office of Department Secretary. Congratulations.
(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: The office of Department Treasurer is a three-year term. Are there any nominations for Department Treasurer? Brother Darby?

BROTHER DON DARBY: Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I put into nomination the name of James Crane. If you folks have been paying attention, and you were still awake at the start of this meeting, you will hear or you heard all of what Jim has done just this year. He has been the chief of staff. He has been a Department Counsel. He took over when things went south with the Secretary/Treasurer. He was the past Department Commander. He was the Department Commander. He took over, I mean, he's done (indiscernible) a pole dance, he's done just about everything -

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He's probably done that too, Don.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Oh, you missed that.

BROTHER DON DARBY: You know, he is a sailor. That's another thing. If you guys will remember the Department of the Navy, the Marines, you remember that when you vote. But he's done it all, and he's taken care of the Department. He cherishes the Department, and I don't think you can -- there is no other. So Jim Crane.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Crane, you have been nominated for the office of Department Treasurer. If elected, are you willing to serve?

BROTHER JAMES CRANE: (Indicating.)

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: There would be no nods.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible - away from microphone.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Just make whatever choice you want. I'm assuming yes, you will serve if you are elected?

BROTHER JAMES CRANE: (Inaudible - away from microphone) yes.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Okay. What other offices of the Order do you currently -- we don't have enough time. We're on a time limit. Thank you.

Are there any other nominations for the office of Department Treasurer? Are there any other nominations for the office of Department Treasurer? Are there any other nominations for the office of Department Treasurer? Allow me to be the first to congratulate you.

(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Department Council. The Department Council consists of three Brothers. Each is elected for a three-year term, with a new member elected each year. The one term on the Department Council next year will be filled by Brother Shane Milburn, who is in his second year since election. The two-year term on the Department Council will be filled by past Department Commander Spaulding, who is in the first year since his election. Are there any nominations for the next three-year member of the Department Council? Brother Freshley?

BROTHER KEN FRESHLEY: I'd like to nominate you for a Council of three years.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Brother Marvin, will you please come forward. I need to relinquish the gavel for you to ask me questions.

BROTHER RON MARVIN: Commander Davis, you have been nominated for the office of Department Council. If elected, are you willing to serve?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Yes.

BROTHER RON MARVIN: What other offices in the Order do you currently hold?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: At the moment, I am the Department Commander. I am the Department GAR Records Officer. I am on the National Scholarship Committee, and I am an aide to the National GAR Records Committee.

BROTHER RON MARVIN: Thank you, Commander.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Do carry on.

BROTHER RON MARVIN: Are there any other nominations for the office of Member of Department Council? Are there any other nominations for the office of Member of the Department Council? Are there any other nominations for the office of Member of the Department Council?

Hearing none, I congratulate you, Commander Davis.
(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: I declare the election of department officers for the 2022/2023 year concluded. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers, except for one, which would be immodest.

Commander-in-Chief, would you care to share some remarks with us, and would you like to pick a gavel?

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL PAQUETTE: Brothers, I'm going to cut my remarks short. Let me put this up here.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's really loose.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL PAQUETTE: All right. The one issue that I do want to share with you, because it's going to come up at the National Encampment, is when I took over as Commander-in-Chief this year, I was made aware that we had received a communication, a letter, from the General Services Administration about a monument in Santa Fe, New Mexico to Kit Carson. The letter was sent to Walter Bush, who is our National Monuments Registration Officer. He didn't have the authority to respond back as we told GSA. But the question the GSA was asking us is well, we understand that you own the monument in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Sons of Union Veterans, and we want to know what you want to do with it.

So it was not addressed during Ed Norris' Encampment because we were virtual, and by agreement, we were only doing critical business at the virtual meeting and for whatever reason, it never came up in business at the last Encampment. So it's going to be taken care of at this Encampment.

So in a nutshell, this monument was raised by the GAR because Kit Carson was a member of the GAR by his Brothers in Santa Fe. And the monument basically states his qualifications as an Indian fighter. Understandably, he's not appreciated by the Native Americans in the area, nor the Mayor. So currently, the monument has suffered some vandalism, paint, whatnot, but it's all boarded up.

The tricky part is it sits on Federal property. It's part of a historic plaza where the Federal courthouse is in Santa Fe. So the city has no jurisdiction over it.

So the GSA's understanding that we own it is based on the deed of conveyance applying to the monument. So we've been discussing this all year long amongst the Council administration. I actually had a conversation with the gentleman who wrote the letter two years ago. GSA has not really made any additional motion on this, and it's not anticipated that they're going to do anything prior to our National Encampment.

So the question is why are they asking us if we own it? Are they looking potentially footing us with a bill if their plan is to move it? I really couldn't get any determination in my conversation with this gentleman from GSA on what their plans are. And as you can imagine, since it's the Federal Government, there's all kinds of red tape that they need to go through because it's been declared a Federal marker, if you will. So it has those protections. And GSA in the 1970's did some repair work on it.

So the question facing us is not whether the monument is going to stay there. I believe that that question is going to be determined by GSA themselves on whether the monument can remain on the property or not. The bigger question is are we going to claim that we own it. So if we claim that we own it, then, you know, we may be saddled with some financial responsibility potentially which could be very significant.

And you know, as Peter and Shane can attest, we've spoken about this a number of times during the year at the Council Administration meetings. But this decision is going to also impact on our future use of the deed of conveyance. So in my opinion, this is bigger than a Council Administration decision because it's going to impact how we do business and how that deed of conveyance is used in the future.

So this will come up on the floor for a vote at the National Encampment. I plan to have some more background information on Kit Carson and the monument itself.

Bottom line is the GAR, we cannot find any record of the GAR passing this on to anyone. There's been deed searches. There's been searches in courthouses. So technically it could be abandoned property. And you know, the Federal Government does what it -- like, I said, I believe they're going to make the decision one way or another if it's going to stay or go. And I mean, there's opportunities to reinterpret it and to put a Native American spin on it. But bottom line, it probably will continue to be vandalized in the future.

The one bright light in all of this is the City of Richmond, Kentucky, which Kit Carson was born in that county, they're interested in the monument. They're in the process of creating a park for him in Richmond, and I actually had correspondence with the city manager this past week, and they still are interested in the monument depending on if there's a price tag attached to it, like, if they've got to come up with monies to move it. So none of the monies have been discussed.

The last thing I'll put out there, and I'll be done is the monument itself is made out of sandstone. So in the process of dismantling it and moving it, it could potentially be damaged or destroyed.

So just your delegates that you send to the National Encampment, just be advised that this is going to come up, and if you, as a Department, have any opinions one way or another, please pass that on to your delegates so they can represent you adequately at the National Encampment.

And I will end with that. So let's move on to the installations. Is that where we are, Commander?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RICHARD A. DAVIS: Yes, it is.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL PAQUETTE:

Commander Davis, in relieving you command of the command of this Department, on behalf of the officers, I convey to you their thanks and for the manner in which you have discharged your duties. I trust that in surrendering your command of this Department, your interest in the welfare of this Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors, which your fellow members can confer upon you, your continuing commitment will point the way for others who still serve the Order.

Commander Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments?

COMMANDER-ELECT DON DARBY: I am, Commander. I would ask that all these current sitting officers maintain their positions.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL PAQUETTE: With the exception of Counselor?

COMMANDER-ELECT DON DARBY: With the exception of Counselor, and that would be in question.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL PAQUETTE: Very good. Secretary, call the roll of officers elect and state staff appointees who, as their names are called, will rise.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Brother Darby, do you have a chief of staff picked out?

COMMANDER ELECT DON DARBY: No. Don Martin.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Chief of staff, Don Martin.

BROTHER DON MARTIN: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Put your coffee down, or whatever it is. Patriotic Instructor, Mike Mershon; Chaplain,

Brent Davidson; Counselor, Ken Freshley; skip the Guide for now; GAR Records Officer, R.A. Davis; Highway Officer, Pete Hritsko; Graves Registration, Kent Dorr; Buckeye Bugle, Ron Marvin; Kelly Hopkins.

Go to the new ones: Senior Vice Commander, John Huffman; Junior Vice Commander, Cameron Lowery; Crane's the Treasurer; would be Kelly Hopkins would be the Secretary; and the Council would be R.A. Davis, Mike Spaulding, and Shane Milburn. Department Commander, of course, he should be standing by now, Brother Darby.

BROTHER KELLY HOPKINS: You do Color Bearer?

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL PAQUETTE: Brothers, these are your regularly chosen officers for the next term. If any Brother has any valid reason why any of them should not be installed, let him now speak or forever hold his peace. You may be seated.

Guide, please present the Brothers, appointed Brothers, and elected Brothers to the altar. Junior Vice and Senior Vice on either side of the Department Commander. Good, you already did it, great. And for those of you that just keep falling in behind. I'd like the elected officers, for sure, up closer and just keep falling -- you want to be able to put your left hand on the shoulder of the Brother in front of you.

Officers, you have been selected to positions of great honor and trust. With the Commander, you will be responsible for the financial and material prosperity and interest of this Department, and the members of this Encampment confidently expect that your discharge of the duties and responsibilities resting upon you will be conspicuous for zeal, ability, and good works. I trust that you appreciate the great confidence placed in you, and that you remember that the success or failure of the administration of your Department will depend very largely upon the manner in which you discharge the duties of your respective offices.

Are you now willing to pledge solemnly to the faithful performance of your several duties?

(Several members responding.)

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL PAQUETTE: You'll each raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible. If you cannot reach the Bible, place your left hand on the Brother in front of you, and repeat after me, using your name where I do mine.

I, Michael Paquette, (each member stating their name, and repeating, as directed) having been regularly chosen as an officer of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, hereby renew the sacred obligation given at the time of my initiation and in the presence of Almighty God, and the members of this Encampment here assembled, do furthermore

solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I will to the best of my ability in word and deed and without fear or favor faithfully, honestly, and impartially perform all the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, so help me God.

You may lower your hands.

Encampment, attention. Guide, conduct the officers to their respective stations, acting officers vacating.

Commander, oh, Brothers, you may be seated.

Commander, by the votes of the members of this Encampment, you have been elected to the highest honor within their gift. Your election to this honorable position is an evidence not only of their regard and appreciation of your work and ability as a Son of Union Veteran of the Civil War, but it is an assurance that your conduct of the affairs of this Department will be characterized by faithful fairness and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Great trust and great cares await you, and to their faithful performance, I now most solemnly direct you.

As no work of this nature can be a success without the assistance of the Divine Provider, the Chaplain will ask his assistance and guidance.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we humbly ask your blessing on these Brothers assembled for installation. Grant them your wisdom that they may be able to perform their duties of the office to which they are to be installed with the knowledge that Thou Art ever watching over them. Keep them in good health that they will not falter on the way. Bless them with your great mercies that they might be competent to administer to the many problems that will confront them. Bless their every action in your Name through the mediation of your Blessed Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF PAQUETTE: Commander, your officers are now at their respective stations, and I am about to place you in full control. But first, I give to your care the charter of this Department. Prize it for the privileges it bestows and guard it sacredly for the filial heritage it represents.

Next, I place in your care the ritual of our Order and a copy of the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations for the government of this Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, both of which I advise you to study with care, to be true to its principles, and faithful to its teachings.

Lastly, you will receive this gavel, the emblem of your authority. One rap calls the Encampment to order and seats the same when standing. Two raps calls the officers to their feet. Three raps calls up the entire Encampment.

And now, by the virtue of the authority invested in me as the installing officer of the Department of Ohio Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the officers of this Department legally elected and installed and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties for the term

ending in June 2023 or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified, and installed.

Now, I am pleased to present you with the badge of the office of the Department Commander.

Commander, assume your command. Be true to your vow, faithful to your trust, and unflinching in your loyalty and rule with civility, impartiality, and firmness, and may your administration be successful.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER DONALD E. DARBY: Thank you, sir.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL PAQUETTE: Congratulations.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER DONALD E. DARBY: Commander-in-Chief, where did you go? You need to -

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL PAQUETTE: Oh, I'm sorry, you had a past Department Commander.
(Pause in proceedings.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER DONALD E. DARBY: At this time, I'm supposed to give some -- a speech. I'll make it swift.

Let's do this thing that we've obligated ourselves to do.

There being no further business to come before this Encampment, we will proceed to close.

Please give the attention to the Chaplain who will ask the blessing of God on our deliberations.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN: Our Father in Heaven, we pray you will deal with the events of this meeting as you deem proper (indiscernible). Please answer the heartfelt prayer of each one of us as permitted in your perfect will. Preserve us in health, strength, and integrity while we remain, and when our mission on earth is ended, take us to a better world. Amen.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER DONALD E. DARBY: Brothers, we are about to leave this Encampment and retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our conduct so as to bring honor and credit upon the great Patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful in our vows, mindful of our duties, and exhibit toward each other an unbroken fraternity, a tender charity, and an unswerving loyalty.

Color Bearer, please attend to the altar, and to the station banners.

I now declare the 140th Annual Encampment, Department of Ohio Sons of Union Veterans duly closed until next June.

And come up and get your delegate cards. Thank you, gentlemen.

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I, JANICE M. GRILL, hereby certify that the foregoing pages one through 152 constitute a full, true, and accurate transcript, from electronic recording, transcribed by me, of the proceedings of the 140th Annual Encampment of the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil war, held on June 11, 2022.

Signed and dated this 12th day of July, 2022.



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