

## **Department Orders #2**

### **Series 2005- 2006**

- 1. I wish to thank the thirteen Brothers of the Department who traveled to Nashua, New Hampshire for the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment. The Encampment was very cordial and productive. A report can be found in the upcoming issue of the "Messenger"**
- 2. Congratulations to Michigan Brothers elected to National office. Brother James B. Pahl, PDC, of Camp #17 was chosen Senior Vice Commander-In-Chief for the coming year while Brother Max L. Newman, PCC, from Camp #145 was re-elected National Treasurer. Brother Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC, of Camp #1 has been re-appointed as National Patriotic Instructor.**
- 3. In accordance with a mandate from the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment the Special Committee on Investment Optimization has developed an outstanding plan to increase the yield of the greater share of the Department's financial assets. On July 12, 2005 \$12,000 of the General Fund was transferred from a simple savings account to a high yield CD. This will increase the annual income from this principal by some \$450.**
- 4. With its mission accomplished, the Special Committee on Investment Optimization is dismissed with the profound thanks of the Department. Chaired by Department Treasurer Brian J. Shumway, this committee included Brothers Max L. Newman, PCC, James Week, PCC, and David F. Wallace, PDC.**
- 5. With regret, I have accepted the resignation of Brother Ty Streeter, PCC from the post of Department Patriotic Instructor. Please join me in wishing Ty continued success as he returns to the classroom to continue his education**
- 6. The Special Committee for Goals and Planning has developed a framework for the long range vision of the Department. They continue to detail this instrument and will offer a report of current progress at the 2006 Department Encampment. When completed, this long range plan will be of immense value to future Department administrations, assisting them in following a consistent direction and building off of the progress and achievement of prior administrations. Chaired by Brother Gary L. Gibson, PDC, the committee includes Brothers Brian J. Shumway and Charles Worley.**
- 7. With regret, I have accepted the resignation of Brother David Rehkopf from the post of Editor of "Michigan's Messenger". Please join me in wishing David continued success as he continues his service to the Order in other areas.**
- 8. I am pleased to appoint Brother Richard E. Danes to edit the Department newsletter, "Michigan's Messenger", beginning with the first quarter of 2006 edition. Most of you know Rick from the fine job that he has done in making Michigan's Graves Registration project the premier GR program of the entire Order. For some time Rick has also done an outstanding job editing the Camp #427 newsletter, "Arsenal Gazette". I'm sure that**

he will bring his extensive set of skills to the "Messenger". Please join me in welcoming Rick to his new post. When sending material for the "Messenger" Rick asks that you use the special e-mail address of [mimessrd@aol.com](mailto:mimessrd@aol.com) rather than his customary e-mail box.

9. I am please to announce the formation of a new Camp in my hometown of Mayville, Michigan. The LeValley- Heusted Camp #255 honors two of the last GAR Comrades from Tuscola County, it's prime area of service. Please join me in welcoming this, our newest Camp, to the Department.
10. Camps are reminded to appoint a Camp Signals Officer or other Brother who will accept the "Messenger" in electronic form and be responsible for disseminating it among his Camp's membership.
11. I extend profound thanks to all who helped with the Hospitality Tent at the Jackson Civil War Muster. Especial thanks to Brother Mark Heath, PCC and Commander Ron Tyrl and a host of other Camp #7 Brothers who arranged for us to have space and who helped set up and take down the tent. Thanks to DJVC Jeff Baker, Brothers Max Newman, Jim Pahl, and Matt Adair for their help and to all who stopped by, helping make the experiment a resounding success.
12. I regret to relate the news of the passing of Brother Wayne A. Gleason of the Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20. He was a Charter Member of the Camp. Although advanced years had robbed Brother Gleason of some of his vigor, he had, in the past been an active member in the Camp. All Charters will be draped for 30 days in his memory.

Submitted in F, C, & L,  
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