

Announcement No. 1

Headquarters, Department of Maryland, January 6, 2010

Brothers,

Most camps in the department have held elections for officers who will serve during the upcoming year. You are reminded to submit your election results and annual reports in a timely manner to the Department Secretary, Brother Ken Chew (PDC). Additionally, I request that you send your election results and camp 2010 schedule of activities electronically to the Department Signals Officer, Brother Chris Holcombe, so he can post the information on the Department web site. If you have photographs of camp activities forward them to him so they can also be posted. Brother Chris's email address is holcombe1@yahoo.com.

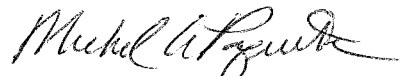
Camp Commanders, if your camp wishes to submit a resolution for approval during our upcoming Department encampment, send it to the Department Secretary by 15 March. This will allow the Department staff to resolve any issues with the resolution prior to the encampment and ensure that it is in a final or near final state at the encampment.

I encourage all brothers and especially camp officers to provide input for the Department newsletter to the editor, Brother Jeff French, so he can publish it. The newsletter is a great way to get the word out to the rest of the Department on what your camp is planning or doing. We have some great projects underway and there may be other brothers out there who would participate if they were aware of your activities.

As we approach our annual Department encampment, I ask that each camp consider if any brother merits special recognition at the Department or National level. If a member of your camp has done a stellar job in recruiting, fund raising, interacting with the public, publishing articles or in any way promoting the welfare of our order, I'd like to hear about it by the end of February. I would hate to see a brother's hard work over looked due to a timing issue in getting the required paperwork to National.

I hope to see many of you at the Department encampment, which will be held at the Quality Hotel Conference Center in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia on Saturday, 24 April 2010. This promises to be a very interesting and unique venue as this year is the 150th anniversary of John Brown's raid. Details on the encampment are available on the flyer on the Department web site and have also been published in the most recent Department newsletter.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,



Michael A. Paquette
Department Commander