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Brothers:

In light of events at the recent National Encampment, it has become clear that we need a larger presence at these Encampments. It has been suggested that we need a minimum of six representatives in order to effect change at the National level. Therefore, I am suggesting that our department begin now to groom representatives for next year's encampment at Lansing, Michigan on August 10-13. If each camp could send one (or more) representative to the National Encampment, that would be quite sufficient for our purpose of being heard and wielding no small amount of power for the ideas we wish to support. More than one representative per camp would be nothing short of tremendous! Our thinking is this: as each camp sends its representative(s), that camp would help to support their brother with a donation in order to help defray the cost of the trip. The department has a fund that helps with defraying these costs, however it would not be enough especially if we send six or more to National.

Please consider coming together as one department, as one brotherhood, as one uniting force so that the Department of New Jersey not only will be heard, but will effect change of a positive character for brothers across the nation!

In my acceptance speech at our Department Encampment I talked about the three R's: Recruitment, Retention, Remembrance. In view of what happened at National, I'd like to add Respect. Let us push to become more vocal, more powerful, more inclusive for others, who like us, want the same benefits but don't know how to voice their needs.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Fred Mossbrucker, Commander
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