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Brothers of the Department of New Jersey, SUVCW:

Hello! It has been some time since I last communicated to you all. My apologies. I've been busier than a one legged man in a butt kickin' contest. Anyway...

We are approximately one month from the National Encampment in Michigan. We are sending a very strong contingent of brothers who are dedicated and driven to succeed in the department's quest for action. These brothers are: Dave Hann, PDC, Dr. David Martin, PDC, Jeff Heagy, PDC, Ron Brower, PDC, Rob Wilhelm, PDC, Tom Ricks, PCC, Les Salsbury, CC, Matt Wilhelm, CC and Billy Locke. If I have missed someone, please let me know and I will amend these orders.

They will be presenting to the National Organization for consideration two resolutions. One concerns the dual membership resolution that we have been valiantly fighting for years. We believe that there are now a substantial number of departments that support our resolution and look forward to presenting it once

again on the floor at National. The other resolution concerns the recent actions concerning the Confederate memorials. Brothers I believe that we not only have the strength through our department representatives to be successful, but we may have enough support nationally to get the dual membership resolution passed and the Confederate Memorials Resolution heard and supported nationally as well.

I sincerely believe, due to the hard work of our representatives in the past, National is starting to take notice of the dedication and resolve of our tiny department. I believe National has taken note of our constant and many activities within the state and our participation in Remembrance Day too. This is why we need to keep sending in to the *Banner* articles that show us in action; articles that show us recruiting, swearing in new brothers and preserving our Civil War heritage.

If you know the brothers going to National, send them an email. Call them. Encourage them. Support them. Keep them in your thoughts while they attend the meetings and speak to be heard. Let them know we are 100% behind them and wish them well.

As for our individual camps, do not forget to add at least one project to your camp's "To DO" list. It has been my experience that one worthy project combined with phone calls, not emails, usually creates greater participation among the brothers. There are so many projects to be considered. Anything of a Civil War nature and dear to your heart can be a project. However, don't just be an "idea man" but be a "brother of action!" Pitch your idea. Ask for advice. Consider all options/ideas. Specifically ask brothers for help. Delegate specific jobs. Be patient. Communicate. *Communicate. COMMUNICATE!*

If you cannot think of a project, ask another brother. Between the two of you, you could start a fire in the camp that would garner for your camp some valuable PR and grow your camp as well.

All it takes is a spark...one brother...YOU! YOU be the action! YOU get the new brothers involved! YOU get fired up! Take the summer to identify the project and them get started in the fall. *And watch your camp and our Order grow!!!*

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Commander FMossbrucker
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