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Headquarters, Department of Maryland

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1. The 2010 National Encampment was held in Overland Park, Kansas from 12-15 August. The Department of Maryland had eight (8) voting members present. There were a number of important decisions made there that affect our Department.
2. National per capita dues will raise by \$5 immediately (new \$23). It has been over ten years since the last time it was raised. There was concern that we might experience a drop in membership over this issue (We did last time it was raised.), but we have been dipping into our reserves to pay our expenses. This year it was about \$13,000 and it would have continued every year each year higher. Camps are directed to announce this change to per capita dues at the earliest so they can plan for it come January.
3. PDC Lee Stone of Lincoln-Cushing Camp accepted an award from CinC Leo Kennedy for “Best Camp” based on his personal experience in all the Camps he visited while serving as Commander-in-Chief. Congratulations to Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2 for continuing to uphold the ideals of this order.
4. The 2011 National Encampment Committee distributed “goodie” bags to each of the Allied Orders in attendance. These bags contained general information on the hotel and encampment details, information from the local community in Reston, VA and National Park Service brochures on the Battles at Manassas, VA. I made a short presentation to the Encampment on this subject.
5. Brad Schall of Kansas was unopposed in his bid for the office of Commander-in-Chief. Brad is a good friend of mine and I know he will be very supportive for our Department. The Department of Maryland provided a framed photograph of the CinC laying a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Dead (prepared by PDC Steve Hammond) as a thank-you gift to Leo Kennedy for his service as CinC.
6. Your Department Commander was also unopposed in my run for National Secretary. In my new position, we now have a vote on the Council of Administration.
7. Next year the National Encampment will be held in our own Department at Reston, Virginia. Hosting a National Encampment is a significant endeavor. We have a strong committee working on this and doing a great job. As we draw nearer, we will need even more manpower. Camp Commanders are requested to canvass their membership for any persons desiring to help. Please provide contact information for these volunteers to the Committee Chairman Michael Paquette of the Fredericksburg Camp.

Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

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Commander, Department of Maryland
(Including VA, WV, MD, DC and DE)