Commander-in-Chief Douglas R. Niermeyer called to order the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States at approximately 1:20 p.m. Friday, February 11, 2005 at the Channel Inn, Washington, D.C.

Chaplain-in-Chief Agnew gave the invocation

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Frick read the Preamble of the Order.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Schaeffer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recorder-in-Chief Kane read the roll call of Officers and Commanderies:

**OFFICERS**

- Commander-in-Chief, Douglas R. Niermeyer: Present
- Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Benjamin C. Frick: Present
- Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Karl F. Schaeffer: Present
- Recorder-in-Chief, John K. Kane II: Present
- Registrar-in-Chief, Adam P. Flint: Present
- Treasurer-in-Chief, Lee Allen Tryon: Present
- Chancellor-in-Chief, Keith Harrison: Absent
- Judge Advocate-in-Chief, Herbert K. Zearfoss: Present
- Chaplain-in-Chief, Christopher M. Agnew: Present
- Surgeon-in-Chief, W. Courtney Fleenor: Absent
- Editor-in-Chief, Thomas P. Curtis: Absent
- National Webmaster, Keith Harrison: Absent

**COMMANDERIES**

- California: Absent
- Connecticut: Present
- District of Columbia: Present
- Illinois: Absent
- Indiana: Present
- Iowa: Present
- Kansas: Absent
- Massachusetts: Present
- Michigan: Absent
- Missouri: Present
- Nebraska: Present
- New York: Present
- Ohio: Present
- Pennsylvania: Present
- Rhode Island: Present
- Texas: Present
- Virginia: Present
- Wisconsin: Present

Recorder-in-Chief Kane distributed the Minutes of the 119th Annual Congress of the Commandery-in-Chief Of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, held October 2, 2004, at the Hotel Menger, San Antonio, Texas.

MOTION: The Minutes be approved as written.

MOTION: Judge Advocate-in-Chief Zearfoss; SECOND: Councilor-in-Chief Burden

MOTION PASSED

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**Commander-in-Chief Niermeyer:** Presented his written report outlining some of his goals when he took over as Commander-in-Chief of the Order. He challenged each Commandery to begin thinking of projects that they would like to be involved in down the road. He also stated that will need to develop programs to keep our Junior membership involved and to instill a greater sense of pride in them in regard to belonging to the Order.

**Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Frick:** Gave a verbal report on the CWLURRM supported by comments from Judge Advocate-in-Chief Zearfoss. A new Executive Director John C. Rumm has been appointed who has experience in getting grants.

**Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Schaeffer:** Presented a written report stating that the locations of the 121st, 122nd, 124th Annual MOLLUS Congresses have been firmed up. He included supporting documentation with each location. He is also hopeful that Vice-Pres. Cheney will sign his application.
Recorder-in-Chief Kane: Presented a short written report outlining some of the needs of the Recorder Office. He also made a sales pitch on the MOLLUS scarves and paper products.

Registrar-in-Chief Flint: Presented his report listing the new Companions that have been admitted to membership since our last Congress. Gave recognition to the Illinois Commandery for submitting the most correct applications for this year.

Treasurer-in-Chief Tryon: Presented a detailed financial report. He is happy to report that all the active Commanderies have paid the assessments for 2004. He was, however, disappointed that the only contribution to the Memorial Fund was from DOLLUS. He further emphatically stated that he was not in favor of a member roster.

Judge Advocate-in-Chief Zearfoss: Reported that he received notification that MOLLUS is a 5% beneficiary of the residue of the Thomas L.W. Johnson Estate, which is estimated to be over $50,000. He worked with Lee in trying to identify the person we need to talk to at the Topsy Harrison Smith Foundation in order to get on their grant list. Treasurer-in-Chief Tryon will work with C-in-C Niermeyer on grant applications. C-in-C Niermeyer and Jr.Vice-C-in-C Schaeffer then read letters about Tom L. W. Johnson.

Chancellor-in-Chief Harrison: Absent. C-in-C Niermeyer read his written report. The report discussed referrals to Commanderies, new Companions and advertisements. The ad in Civil War Courier appears to be good, 5 times per year at $344.25. Consensus is to advertise in it.

Editor-in-Chief Curtis: Absent. C-in-C Niermeyer discussed the need for a new editor we have some ideas but nothing definitive. Appointed Adam Flint to be Quartermaster to work with Recorder-in-Chief.

Report on the Status of Relations with the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (ALBC): Councilor-in-Chief Burden; handed out a written report outlining on what has transpired in regard to the ALBC. We apparently are being well received and have at this time a lot of freedom of movement in regard to how we want to participate.

Virginia Commander Kane: Briefly discussed the June Reenactment and Memorial service to be held at Mt. Zion Church near Middleburg, Va and invited Companions from other Commanderies to attend.

Battlefield Preservation/Historic Sites/Archive & Museum Committee: PC-in-C Carroon stated all grants had been paid and he recommended a monument to Lt. Col. Albert Pope, 34th Mass. Who was an active MOLLUS Companion and founder of a major bicycle industry. The Committee needs referrals for new grants.

(C-in-C Niermeyer & Councilor-in-Chief Burden left for a meeting at the White House)

OLD BUSINESS
Sr. Vice C-in-C Frick, discussed briefly the problem of referrals of potential Companions not being acted on by the Commanderies. The reasons for this lack of action need to be investigated. He also discussed the need for Commandery-in-Chief support for certain Commanderies. It was noted that Don Twist took Malcolm Smith’s place as NY Commandery’s Recorder. There are concerns about the activity or lack of activity in the California Commandery. Some discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS
Sr. Vice C-in-C Frick brought up the subject of doing projects with other Civil War Organizations. A lengthy discussion ensued. It was decided, however, not to do anything at this time.

Commandery Charters; there was a brief discussion; some Commanderies have charters others do not. There is a good bit of confusion as to what they look like and who printed them. The subject is to be investigated.

National Roster Project; the pros and cons of printing a national roster were discussed. It was decided to look into it further in October.

MOLLUS ROTC Awards Program; Texas Commander Simmons presented a written report regarding the proposed program. Discussion ensued. The proposed program is to be considered at a later date. Attendees seemed favorable toward the program.

NECROLOGY (Will be held at banquet)
Meeting Adjourned by Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Frick at 4:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

John K. Kane II
Recorder-in-Chief

APPROVED: October 15, 2005