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1. The National Counselor recently issued Opinion VI addressing the question whether or not a candidate for elected National office must be present at the National Encampment in order to be elected. The Regulations currently do not state attendance requirements for election to National offices. The only reference in the Regulations regarding attendance relates only to the office of Department Commander (Chapter II, Article IV, Section 2).
2. The foundation of Opinion VI is based on a precedent in which a nomination for a candidate for the Council of Administration that was not in attendance was allowed to proceed by vote of the National Encampment. Based on this precedent, Opinion VI stipulates that a candidate for National office need not be present at the National Encampment in order to be nominated and subsequently elected to National office. It also stipulates that brothers elected to National office that are not present at the National Encampment cannot assume the duties of office until they are formally installed.
3. This General Order is in agreement with the stipulations specified in Opinion VI with the exception of attendance requirements for the office of Commander-in-Chief. It is hereby ruled that in order to be elected to the office of Commander-in-Chief, the candidate must be present at the National Encampment in order to be nominated and subsequently elected.

Ordered this 5th Day of August 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.
Commander-In-Chief
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Attest:

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