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**General Order #19**  
**Series 2022 – 2023**

**Infamous or Heinous Crime, Flagging a Former Brother's File at the National Headquarters**

WHEREAS, from time to time, it is discovered that a brother of the Order has been convicted of an infamous or heinous crime in a court of law and thereafter he resigned from the Order. The Order needs to have a mechanism in place to protect the Order from the former brother trying to rejoin the Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED: Whenever a brother has resigned from the Order and it is discovered the brother has been convicted in a court of law of an infamous or heinous crime, upon notification and confirmation, the Commander-in-Chief shall instruct the Executive Director to place a flag upon the brother's file at National Headquarters to notify the Order if this brother attempts to rejoin the Order. Such flag shall contain the name and address of the court, the crimes convicted of and the date of conviction.

An infamous or heinous crime was defined by Commander-in-Chief Freshley in his General Order# 7, found of page 223 of the Proceedings of the 133<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment, "is a crime that is punishable by death or imprisonment in a state penal institution, with or without hard labor, for more than one year. A pardon, gubernatorial or presidential, does not erase the conviction or the criminal record".

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the definition is modified to read: "An infamous or heinous crime is defined as a crime that is punishable by death or imprisonment in a correctional facility, with or without hard labor, for a period of one year or more. A pardon, gubernatorial or presidential, does not erase the conviction or the criminal record."

This General Order #19, Series 2022-2023, issued on this 24th Day of February 2023

Respectfully In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,  
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