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The National Treasurer, Brother David McReynolds, is ill. The nature of the illness has to do with the spread of cancer. The extent of the illness is such that it can be classified as dire. Despite this condition, Brother David has, with the help of his family and Assistant National Treasurer Michael Downs, tried to keep up with fulfilling the duties of the treasurer's office. Brothers McReynolds and Downs are to be commended for this devotion to the Order and to the duties of their offices.

The above described situation has been causing strain on both of these brothers. Additionally, there have been some questions raised that can only be dealt with by a treasurer who has full authority to act in that capacity. The use of an Assistant under these circumstances does not allow for that full independent authority. I have been observing these matter since the onset was first made known. Those observations include social media postings, emails, telephone conversations and a personal visit with Brothers McReynolds and Downs, as well as conversations with others doing business with our treasury. As Commander in Chief, it is part of my job responsibility to make observations and findings as to matters going on within the Order. This is my responsibility under Regulations Chapter III, Article VII, Section 1. Based on my observations, I have concluded that due to the serious illness brother McReynolds is suffering, he is temporarily unable to fully discharge the duties of his office. That being the case, I declare the office to be temporarily vacant due to circumstances beyond anyone's control. I am taking this step with the knowledge of Brother McReynolds and his agreement that we do this to allow for the appointment of an Acting National Treasurer, to serve until Brother McReynolds is once again able to take the responsibilities of the office back.

The Office of Treasurer now being temporarily vacant, it now falls to the Council Of Administration to name an Acting Treasurer. This is their responsibility under Regulations, Chapter III, Article VI, Section 4. For that position, I would suggest the appointment of Brother James B. Pahl. Brother Pahl is currently Assistant National Treasurer with signature rights on our accounts, is a Past Commander in Chief as well as a Past National Treasurer in his own right. He has agreed to do the job if appointed by the Council.

I now further call upon the Constitution and Regulations Committee to begin development of an amendment to Regulations that would directly address the temporary disability of elected national officers.

Ordered this 26th Day of June, 2019

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