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DEPARTMENT ORDER 5  
SERIES 2024-2025

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**CONFLICT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT BYLAWS AND NATIONAL REGULATIONS**

1. References:
  - a. National Regulations Chapter II, Article I, Section 3, footnote 37.
  - b. National Regulations Chapter I, Article I, Section 4.
  - c. Department of Kansas Bylaws Chapter II, Article II, Section C.
2. Reference 1a, above, states “<sup>37</sup> All Department Bylaws must be approved by the Commander-in-Chief. Any provision of a Department By-law which is inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution or Regulations is null and void. Department policies which are not part of the Department Bylaws do not require the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. CinC Mellor, 132nd, 279 (General Order 5).”
3. Reference 1b, above, states “Section 4. No Charter shall be surrendered by any Camp, so long as five Brothers thereof, in good standing, demand its continuance; and provided further, the Department Commander and each and every Brother of the Camp shall receive at least twenty days’ notice, in person or by mail, of the intention to surrender the Charter.” The required number of Brothers in good standing was changed from “ten” to “five” at the 142<sup>nd</sup> National Encampment in 2023.
4. Reference 1c, above states “No Charter shall be surrendered by any Camp, so long as ten brothers thereof, in good standing, demand its continuance; and provided further, the Department Commander and each and every brother of the Camp shall receive at least twenty (20) days notice, in person or by mail, of the intention to surrender the Charter.”
5. I find Department of Kansas Bylaws Chapter II, Article II, Section C, is inconsistent with National Regulations Chapter I, Article I, Section 4, as it pertains to the number of Brothers in good standing who may demand a camp’s continuance.
6. Therefore, Department of Kansas Bylaws Chapter II, Article II, Section C, as it pertains to the number of Brothers in good standing who may demand a camp’s continuance, is null and void.
7. This item has been referred to the Department Bylaws Committee to for amendment of the Bylaws.

IN: FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,



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