

Proposed amendment to Article VI Section 1 of the Department Bylaws entitled Department Permanent Fund which currently reads as follows:

Article VI
Department Permanent Fund

Section 1. The Permanent Fund of the Department of New York shall consist of *all monies given or bequeathed to the Department and not designated for some other purpose by the donor or testator*, and such other monies as may be added thereto by vote of the Department Encampment or the Department Council. **(language in italics to be deleted by amendment)**

To read as follows after amendment:

Article VI
Department Permanent Fund

Section 1. The Permanent Fund of the Department of New York shall consist only of monies specifically given or bequeathed to the Department for such permanent fund, and such other monies as may be added thereto by vote of the Department Encampment or the Department Council. **(Language in italics to be added by amendment.)**

Rationale: This current section substantially tracks the language in the National Constitution regarding a Permanent Fund. The problem this amendment seeks to correct is that currently any donation made to the Department unless specifically designated otherwise must be deposited in the Permanent Fund. Currently, the funds in that fund are less than \$2,000.00. Only the income from the permanent fund can be spent by the Department and only that income accumulated in the year that the Department seeks to use it. Currently that income is miniscule. Since the Department has chosen at the last encampment to begin to raise funds and encourage donation to the Department it is feared that we may receive donations that are not designated for any specific project and therefor would then need to be deposited in the permanent fund though that may have not been the intention of the donor. Accordingly, this amendment makes it clear that only donations specifically designated to go into that Permanent Fund be deposited there.

Proposed Amendment to Article VII Section 8 of the Department Bylaws entitled Headquarters and Officers which currently reads as follows:

Section 8. The Department Commander shall, in consultation with the Department Secretary, also appoint an Assistant Department Secretary who shall be responsible for preparing the Encampment Proceedings which, upon review and approval of the Department Secretary, shall be posted on the Department website in accordance with these bylaws and shall further assist the Department Secretary in such other ways as determined by said Department Secretary.

To read as follows after amendment:

Section 8. The Department Commander shall, in consultation with the Department Secretary, also appoint *one or more Assistant Department Secretaries, one of which* shall be responsible for preparing the Encampment Proceedings which, upon review and approval of the Department Secretary, shall be posted on the Department website in accordance with these bylaws and shall further assist the Department Secretary in such other ways as determined by said Department Secretary. *In addition, the Department Commander may, if requested by and in consultation with the Department Treasurer, appoint an Assistant Department Treasurer, who shall assist the Department Treasurer in ways as determined by the Department Treasurer.* **(Language in italics to be added by amendment.)**

Rationale: Upon consultation with the current Department Secretary and Assistant Department Secretary during the midyear meeting it was felt that one or more additional Assistant Department Secretaries may be needed to assist the Department Secretary in performing the increasing amount of paperwork required by the position. This amendment allows the appointment of an additional assistant or assistants if requested by the Department Secretary. As to an Assistant Department Treasurer this allows the Department Commander, if requested, to appoint an Assistant Department Treasurer in the event the currently elected Department Secretary becomes temporarily unavailable or incapacitated or if needed due to increased workload the Treasurer needs additional assistance.

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