

143rd ENCAMPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, SUVCW

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BYLAW CHANGE

Recommend that contingent on the Department Recruitment Medal award resolution being approved; the following is added to the Department Bylaws as follows:

Article XIII
Awards

Section 1. The Department of New York has Eleven (11) awards, which are presented at the annual Encampment.

Add Recruitment Medal after I and it will be J and change the rest accordingly after it.

I. The Camp Online Presence Award shall include social media pages and websites as determined by the Department Webmaster and Department Commander.

J. A Department Recruitment Medal will promote brothers within our department to actively recruit new members. The brother is recognized for being issued a Department Recruitment Medal.

Be awarded only at the Annual Department Encampment, except when disability or other excusable reason (decided by the Department Commander) is present.

If awarded to an individual more than once, a Bronze Oak Leaf is attached. The medal will be authorized for any brother who has recruited Ten (10) new brothers in a one-year period.

Medal will be presented by the Department Commander.

K. The James Gordon Bennett Jr. Award, a medal, is presented to the brothers of the Order who donated at least \$500 to the Department of New York in a year measured by the last day of the last encampment and the first day of the following encampment. All living past awardees will be recognized yearly at the Department Encampment with the singing of “Drunken Sailor” by the assembled brothers before the awarding of each year’s recipients.

L. The Danny Wheeler, PC-in-C Lifetime Service Award, a medal, presented to a member or associate of the Allied Orders in the Department of New York, who has distinguished themselves through continuous meritorious service over a significant period of time that reaches beyond the Camp level to have an impact across the Department or beyond to the national or international level.

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