

DEPARTMENT ORDER #7

- 1.) Whereas pursuant to the National Constitution and Regulations, SUVCW, specifically Chapter V, Article VI, Sections 1, 2, 3(a) and 5, further formal charges have been filed against Brother Michael S. Bennett and these charges concern Camp offices.
- 2.) In accordance with National C & R Chapter V, Article VI, Section 15, I am suspending Brother Michael Bennett from all offices at both the Department and Camp level both elected and appointed until these charges are resolved. Said now vacant offices at the Camp level to be filled in accordance with the National C & R.
- 3) In accordance with the National C&R Chapter V, Article VI, Section 8, I will be appointing a hearing council and consolidating these charges with the charges referred to in my Department Order, #4 dated November 24, 2013.
- 4.) Brother Bennett is directed and ordered to turn over all camp records, financial records, checkbooks, savings passbooks, debit cards, ledgers or any other records or property of the respective camps in which he is officer to the respective Camp Council within 7 days of this order.
- 5.) In regards the Ellis Camp #124 in which he is listed as Camp Secretary/ Treasurer he is again reminded of the provisions of Chapter V, Article I, section 9 regarding "Record Retention" of the National C & R, which seeks compliance with the IRS requirement that not-for-profits comply with the Statement of Federal Accounting Standards. Among other things, this requires the retention of all cash receipt records for a minimum of 5 years from the end of the fiscal year, cancelled checks for a minimum of 7 years, and bank accounts statements for a minimum of 7 years including Checking, Savings, CD's and any other form of investments. It is my understanding that he has not turned over any financial records whatsoever to the Ellis Camp Commander and he is directed to do so within 7 days of this order.
- 6.) In regards the Sickles Camp #3, where Brother Bennett is currently listed as Commander, the Camp Council is to remove Brother Bennett from any camp bank accounts while he is suspended.

So Ordered this Day, December 12, 2013

Robert Pugsley, PCC
New York Department Commander
SUVCW