



DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION #4

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and the Men from New York who saved the Union 1861-1865.

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Increase of National Per Capita

At the request of the brothers in the department of New York here is the background information for the increase of National Per Capita.

Issue and Voting on the National Per Capita:

Under New Business Brother Darby brought forward either increasing the National Per Capita or send the Banner electronically with no OPT out provisions.

The friendly amendment was to allow an OPT out provision which Brother Darby refused to accept. The 165 attending brothers voted on mandating the electronic version of the Banner versus hardcopy. After discussion the vote was counted as it was close. Unfortunately, the electronic version of the Banner was shot down.

The next issue was now to decide on the increase of the National Per Capita. It was brought to everyone's attention that there has been no significant increase since 2012. Also, that inflation costs has put us in the red in publishing the Banner. Brothers debated that \$10 increase was too much and should be phased gradually versus the one-shot increase. After a lengthy discussion it was put up to vote for a \$10 increase. At this point it was overwhelmingly passed versus the nays.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The vote to send the Banner electronically was close within 5-10 votes. Many Departments did not have their full number of Delegates attending National. For example, NY with PCinC, PDCs, and Delegates was authorized 41. We had only 2 attended.

If NY had at least half the Delegates attending the vote to send electronically and avert the increase of the National Per Capita would have had a completely different outcome.

POSSIBLE SOLUTION:

Ensure Department of NY have a good showing of Delegates attending National.

FUTURE DISCUSSIONS:

It is critically important for Camp Commanders to explain the benefits of attending the Department and National Encampments.

It's the Encampments that vote on the way we do business, the cost of business, and changes to our By-Laws. For our brothers to have a say; having delegates attend both encampments are crucial.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty

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