

Cancellation of Dept. of California October Convention

On Saturday, 8 August 2020, the Department Board of Trustees met via Zoom to discuss the upcoming Department Convention. It was determined that, with the status of both the State of California and all of the Counties surrounding Sacramento, it would be in the best interest to cancel the Department convention for 2020. This decision was based on the uncertainty of:

- 1) Ability to safely conduct a meeting with potentially 50 or more people in a public venue whether indoor or outdoor
- 2) Governor Newsom's closure of public meetings with 25-50 people and not knowing when this might be lifted
- 3) The safety of our aging members being potentially exposed to the Corona Virus in a public environment

For those of you who have made payments to the hosting detachment, you will be required to contact the Folsom Detachment for a refund. If you ordered a Convention Challenge coin, let the Detachment know if you still want to receive it for the \$10 you paid (it will be mailed to you). If you don't let the Folsom Detachment know your wishes, they will refund the cost of the Challenge Coin as well. Also, if you have made reservations at the Hampton Inn Hotel, you will need to contact them to cancel your reservation. Contact information for these two entities will be posted on the MCLCAL.ORG website as well as the Detachment's website.

Additionally, there is no need to register as a delegate or pay for election fees. This will be a no fee election with each Detachment Commandant representing their respective Detachments in the voting process.

Finally, in addition to the election election and bylaws issues, we have:

- 1) Passage of 2020-2021 budget and
- 2) Determination of future conferences and conventions

The "Board" will meet again on August 11 or 12 in order to determine how best to implement the emergency election procedures approved and forwarded by National to each Department. We hope to have a specific procedure in place that will employ contacting each Detachment Commandant for detachments that are in "good standing" and are eligible to vote in the elections.

Typically, being in good standing suggests that at a minimum; Detachment elections have been held within the past 12 months, ROIs have been submitted to both Department and National AND that elected and appointed Detachment officers are current in their dues. Much of this Detachment information is available on the Department roster which was sent out to all Paymasters and Commandants that we have email addresses for. The National/Department roster we will use for purposes of this election will be the one dated June 30, 2020. Your status and voting strength is generally available on this document on the last page of your Detachment listing.

More information concerning the election process will follow within the next 14 days.

Semper Fi,

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