

Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

Office of the Commander-in-Chief

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Revised General Order #25

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Brothers,

1. Upon further examination of the Regulations of the Order it is apparent that this Order affects other areas in the Regulations. In order to understand the ruling of C-in-C Spinks, one must understand the history of the Organization and where the Order stood when the order was written.
2. When Commander in Chief Spinks wrote this decision the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was at its zenith. The Order was flush with Members and there was not a problem filling any of the vacated positions, in fact there was a great deal of political contest even at the Camp level for the seats of the Council and Junior and Senior Vice Commander.
3. At the time this Decision worked. Unfortunately the Order has greatly declined in Membership over the last 100 years and in some cases there are not enough Brothers to even fill the elected seats without even filling the appointed positions.
4. There have even been cases where the elected Officers of one Camp joined and were elected the Officers of other Camps in order to revive a Camp that was on the verge of collapse. This has happened several times here in the Pennsylvania Department with great success. These Camps where this happened now are some of the most active and vibrant in the Department.
5. As a result it is sometimes necessary for a man to hold more than one elected office in a particular Camp or in several Camps at the same time.
6. This even affects the required number of Members to form a new Camp. The current requirement is a minimum of five (5) Members to form a new Camp. Simple math will prove that someone must fill more than one seat in order to fill all of the seats of the Camp.
7. Therefore I hereby repeal General Order #25 until such time that it can be brought to the floor of the National Encampment and settled by the Brothers seated there in.

So ordered this 24th day of June, 2008;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Donald Palmer
Secretary
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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