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Summary of 94th National Conference
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The 94th National Conference is now history. Several items were discussed and meetings were informative. Summary: From now on the Notice of Death form will continue to be sent to the Department Chaplain, Division Chaplain, Jerry Bradley, jerrybradley622@centurytel.net. In addition to the NOD form, a Transmittal will be required indicating the deceased member information; use code (NOD) and send through normal channels.

Quinn: A re-startup of Quinn was discussed by the five western divisions with the intent to get together and solve problems that are present west of the Mississippi. The MWD will vote on the proposal in St. Louis at the Fall Conference. If passed the meetings will be hosted by revolving divisions, and held at Mid-Winter and National Conventions. The schedule will start at the 2017 Mid-Winter chaired by the NW Division, followed by the Southwest, Midwest, Rocky Mountain, and Southern Divisions. For the initial discussion to re-form the Quinn, all five divisions were present.

Members – at – Large may be placed in a phantom detachment under the department to maintain contact and may get some MAL's to rejoin a local detachment. At the very least, most MAL members are Life members and this would allow the department to receive a portion of the Life member refund. Additional information when the decision is made.

Bylaws: No Bylaws were reviewed during the convention due to the proposed bylaws not being mailed out by the required date. Bylaws will be reviewed during the 2018 National Convention in Buffalo, NY along with the new proposed Administrative Procedures.

Information required by National. All detachments and departments are required under the Not for Profit Federal Law to maintain current, accurate 990 and Not for Profit reports to National Headquarters. The Trustees (Officers) are charged with the responsibility to ensure

the information is received. The MCL bylaws require the information and instructs that if the information is not received, the charter may be forfeited. Federal charges may be filed under the article requiring Trustees to operate under federal law and organization bylaws. Please get this information in as I do not want to see any attempts to pull a Detachment or Department Charter for a violation of the oath of office. Additional information required to be sent to National through the Department and Division in the Report of Officers Installation (ROI) and the Life Member Audit (LMA). National's new database will be on line around October 1, 2017 and detachment member information will need to be accurate and complete. Training will be available for all paymaster to get them familiar with the new system. All non-life members will be due on 09-01- of each year.

First time in a long time the National Budget is in the Black and the League is free of debt.

The 2018 95th National Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency, Buffalo NY. The 2019 National Convention will be in Billings MT. Additional convention information to follow.

To meet disclosure requirements all Board of Trustees received a new e-mail address. Please contact me through HHarris@MCLeague.org or 785-640-6077.

It is an honor to have the National Commandant, Wendell Webb, Chief Devil Dog, Leonard Spicer, and MODD Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog, Alan Scanning as members of the Midwest Division.

Semper Fidelis,

Harvey L. Harris