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With the passage of the April 30<sup>th</sup> dead line to file the Form #27 annual reports and pay Department and National dues, the Department Secretary reports that the following camps have failed to file on time.

Gen. James A. Garfield Camp # 34

Capt. Theodore H. Howell Camp #48

Therefore these camps are hereby suspended for failure to file required dues and forms. A reminder that suspended camps cannot meet to conduct business until such suspension is lifted. Members of suspended camps may not be seated at Department or National encampments.

In addition to the camps listed above there are errors in multiple other camps' filings ranging from errors in the amount of dues paid to obsolete forms filed. Since they have in fact filed prior to the dead line the Department Secretary recommends that they be given until May 11<sup>th</sup> to correct these errors. These secretaries have been notified already by the Department Secretary of this. Any of these camps filing on obsolete forms or failing to provided corrections to their forms or dues could yet face suspension depending on the nature of the issue and status of communications in the issue. The worst thing that could be done in this matter is not communicating with the Department Secretary to find the solution needed.

My thanks go out to those many camps which have filed correctly and to those camps that have already made timely corrections to the incorrect forms.

As a reminder to avoid misunderstanding, there is no personal meaning to suspension intended for failures to file reports on time ever. Suspensions occur only to protect the Department from being suspended for failure to provide the data required of the Department by the National Organization. The

Department cannot be compliant without the camps within the Department also being compliant. Therefore any camps out of compliance are suspended to prevent them from impacting the entire Department or even the National Organization which must also show documentation of compliance with the National Charter and Constitutions and Regulations. Should any suspension be allowed to continue too long however, a revocation of charter may occur which would dissolve said camps. That is a step we truly do not want to reach and I would urge all camps to please file on time and accurately.

So ordered this 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of May, 2015

Douglas P. McMillin commanding

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Secretary/Treasurer