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In regards to the Soldier's Monument project: As brought up at the Department Encampment in June, the Federal Government has come through with the entire funding for the restoration project. This was totally unexpected by both the National Park Service and the Gettysburg Foundation. The result is that the Foundation has been forced to return over \$350,000 in donations already raised for the project. Likewise, we are obliged to return the funds that we raised as well.

The Department Commander has been trying to work out a means to apply the funds raised to another project related to the monument. After months of trying to get a decision from the NPS there has been no headway made. Therefore it is so ordered that the Department Secretary return all donated funds to the Camps from which the funds were raised.

Thank you to all camps and members that stepped up to raise funds. Even though the result is not what we expected, the efforts made to raise those funds are a testament to the determination and unswerving loyalty to the memory of the boys who wore the blue.

So ordered this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

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Attest:

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