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Greetings Brothers of the Pennsylvania Department,

I hope this communication finds you and your families well.

It seems that we are finally beginning to move out of pandemic protocol and that we will be able to begin easing back into our normal Memorial Day traditions. I encourage all Pennsylvania Department Brothers who are able to safely participate in a parade, community ceremony or place flags on veteran's graves to please do so as your health and circumstances allow. I realize that we will be heading back to normal at different paces depending on individual circumstances.

I am happy to announce that the Gettysburg Memorial Day Parade will again be held on Monday, May 31 after being cancelled last year due to COVID. I registered the Pennsylvania Department to participate along with Hartranft Camp 15 of Harrisburg which has marched in the parade for many years. Any Brothers who will be in Gettysburg are welcome to march with us. The parade forms on Lefever Street at 1PM and steps off at 2PM. The Memorial Day program held in the National Cemetery after the parade is second to none and well worth attending. Anyone who has questions may call my cell phone at 717-571-6877.

The flyer is attached for the **Silent Sentinel Project** provided by Isaac Eaton Camp # 504 that I had sent with last year's Memorial Day communication for those not able or who choose not to attend a large event this year. This observance can be done by one person or a small group and provides an excellent way to honor our ancestors while maintaining social distancing.

There are many ways that we can honor those who made the supreme sacrifice for our country, and I ask that Camps or individual Brothers who are able to do so, please submit your photos to the Banner and Battle Cry of Freedom.

May God Bless You and keep you safe as we continue our mission to keep green the memory of the Boys in Blue.

So ordered this 28th day of May 2021,

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Greg Kline, DC  
Commander  
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: Rob Koenigsberg Dept. Sec./Treas.