



**Department Order No. 3**  
**Series 2021-2022**  
**Department of Illinois**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

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June 8, 2021

**Committee Appointments**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of Illinois, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by the National Constitution and Regulations, the National Policies, and the By-Laws of this Department, it is hereby ordered as follows:

According to the Department Bylaws, the Standing Committees shall be as follows: **Bylaws, Legislative, Membership, Communications and Technology, Nominating, Ceremonies and Rituals, Credentials, Department Encampment Site Committee, and the Stephenson Plaza Committee.**

The Department Commander has the authority to establish and appoint the Chairmen as are necessary for the proper operation of the Department. Special Committees which shall exist for the time designated in the creation thereof. Duties and Responsibilities shall be defined at the time of Committee creation.

All Standing and Special Committees shall, except as where otherwise noted, consist of Brothers of this Department in good standing within their respective Camps. The Commander shall appoint the Chairman of each committee unless otherwise specified. The Commander shall serve as member ex-officio on all Standing and Special Committees unless otherwise noted.

The following Brothers are hereby appointed to Committees of the Department of Illinois:

**The Bylaws Committee** shall be chaired by **Senior Vice Department Commander Gary Gunderson** and also include **Department Counselor Harry Reineke IV** and **Department Secretary Leigh Franklin**. Additional Brothers may be added to the Committee as necessary by the Senior Vice Department Commander with consent of the Department Commander.

Camps and Brothers may bring recommendations for changes in the Bylaws to the Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee shall include these recommendations in their report to the Department Encampment with the Bylaws Committee's recommendations. The Committee shall annually review these Bylaws, bringing any necessary revisions to the attention of the Department membership. The Senior Vice Department Commander shall submit any approved amendments to the Department Commander for his signature and forward a copy of the reviewed Bylaws to the Commander-in-Chief within 60 days following the Department Encampment. The Bylaws committee shall, after the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, submit a copy of the revised Bylaws to the Department Signals Officer in electronic format for posting to the Department website. Camp Commanders and Secretaries shall also receive an electronic copy of the newly amended Bylaws.

**The Legislative Committee** shall consist of the **Department Commander Joe Hutchinson, Department Secretary Leigh Franklin**, and **all Camp Commanders** of the Department.

The committee shall keep itself informed of all legislation which may be introduced, of such a nature as to affect the interest of this Order and/or the other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, or the patriotic interest of the people, and may recommend to the Camps, subject to the approval of the Department Commander, any action that the Committee deems advisable or expedient. This committee is not limited to only State issues but shall include local issues as well. Lobbying in the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is PROHIBITED but individual brothers are encouraged to write to their representatives as citizens.

**The Membership Committee** shall be chaired by **Junior Vice Department Commander Lars Jacobsen** and consist of **all Camp Junior Vice Commanders**.

The purpose of the Committee shall be to put forth proposals and implement programs for the recruitment of Brothers into the Order.

**The Communications and Technology Committee** shall be chaired by the **Signals Officer Bobby Welch** and be assisted by **CC Dave Wildemuth**. They may be assisted by additional members of the chair's choosing with the consent of the Department Commander.

The committee shall contact Camps to provide content and serve as administrators for the Department's Social Media accounts and advise officers and committees about the latest technologies pertinent to the Department.

**The Ritual and Ceremonies Committee** shall be chaired by **PDC Harry Reineke IV** and consist of **Camp guards**.

The committee shall assist Camps with appropriate use of the Ritual in performing ceremonies at Camp functions. It shall help Camps to organize Camp Guards and provide training to these groups. It shall provide guidance and assistance in regard to dress and appearance of Brothers assisting in ceremonial functions.

**The Nominating Committee** shall consist of three (3) Brothers who are NOT currently ELECTED to an office of the Department. [Volunteers will be sought at the October meeting.](#)

The Committee's purpose shall be to prepare a slate of officers, listing one or more Brothers for each elected office, for the presentation at the Annual Department Encampment. Nominations from the floor will continue to be accepted at the Annual Department Encampment.

**The Credentials Committee** shall consist of the **Department Secretary Leigh Franklin, Department, Assistant Secretary Steve Aarli and the Department Treasurer Robert Welch** with the Chair selected by the committee.

The Chair will handle the process of pre-registration of Delegates if prescribed by the Department Encampment. At the Department Encampment, the Credentials Committee will ascertain that all Delegate Credentials are in order and issue each approved Delegate a Voting Card and Delegate Ribbon. All Delegates who have not pre-registered will be required to register with the Credentials Committee at the Encampment to receive their Delegate Ribbon and Voting Card. Upon completion of Delegate registration, the Credentials Committee will prepare a record of the statistics of the Delegates, along with the allowed voting strength of each Camp. Visitors to the Department Encampment may receive a Delegate Ribbon as a souvenir if sufficient quantities are available. Visitors will not be provided with a voting card as they are not eligible to vote.

**The Department Encampment Site Committee** shall be composed of not fewer than three (3) Brothers. Members of the committee for 2021-2022 are **PDC Nick Kaup, CC Dave Wildemuth and CC Joseph Kessler**.

The Department Encampment Site Committee shall select the time and place with approval from the Department Commander for the Annual Department Encampment and midterm meeting.

**The Stephenson Plaza Committee members are CC Steve Haight, Bill Johnson, PDC Jim Lyon, PDC Nick Kaup, Larry Werline, PDC Tom Oestreicher**. The chair will be elected by members of the committee.

The committee shall collect and distribute all funds donated to the Plaza project and provide a report of the same to the Department Encampment. They shall also maintain the flags at the site, and plan the annual Stephenson Memorial Service.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this **08th** day of **June**, in the year of our Lord two-thousand twenty one, and of the independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-fifth.

/s/ Joseph M. Hutchinson  
Department of Illinois Commander

Attest by: /s/ Leigh Franklin  
Department of Illinois Secretary