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**Ruling on Department Requirement to Pay Per Capita Dues of Suspended Camps**

1. A question has arisen regarding Departments' responsibility to pay Per Capita for Camps which are under suspension.
2. To address this question, the National Counselor conducted a thorough review of the Constitution & Regulations and found the following:
  - (1) There is no specific direction stating that a Department must pay the Per Capita Tax for a Camp which is under suspension.
  - (2) Furthermore, once a Department Commander has issued a Department Order suspending a Camp, that Camp may conduct no other business other than addressing the issue which led to the suspension.
  - (3) A Camp which has been suspended has no representation at nor status in the Department Encampment until such time as it has acted to fulfill its reporting and Per Capita obligations.
3. After reviewing the C&R the National Counselor issued an opinion that Departments are not required to payout Per Capita for Camps under suspension.
4. Therefore, in accordance with the National Counselor's Opinion, it is ruled that a Department is not required to pay Per Capita to the National Organization for a Camp under suspension. However, once the Camp has forwarded its reports and Per Capita and the Department Commander lifts the suspension, the Department is obligated to forward the required Per Capita to the National Organization.

Ordered this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of July, A.D. 2021

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