

Comrades,

How do you figure out your Post's delegate strength (and delegate fees) for the upcoming Department Convention? First, take your Post total membership number on May 31, 2018. You get this from National MEMSTATS, found on National's website. Divide that number by 30 and round up any fraction. For example, if your Post has 301 members on May 31, your initial delegate strength is 11. This means that your Post can cast 11 votes for any measure that comes up for a vote at the Convention.

But certain positions add to your Post's delegate strength. If your Post Commander is present for the voting (or Senior Vice in the Commander's place, or Junior Vice in the Commander's place), add 1 delegate vote. If your Post has a Department elected officer, add 1 delegate vote. If your Post has the Department Chief of Staff, Adjutant, or Inspector, add 1 delegate vote. Add 1 delegate vote if your Post has the National Council member or a Past Department Commander. Finally, add 1 delegate if your Post has the District Commander as a member.

If this sounds complicated, you are correct. There are a few caveats. If one person fills more than one of the above positions, that person only counts for 1 vote. Let's say the Department Surgeon is also your Post Commander. He only adds one extra delegate vote for your Post; not two. In addition, if any person occupying a position mentioned above decides to cast his vote apart from the Post, the Post loses that delegate vote and the person gets one vote alone. Once you have figured out your delegate count, multiply that figure by \$6.00 and that is your Post's delegate fees due before the voting begins. (If anyone who counts for an extra delegate vote decides to vote alone, he owes \$6.00 to the Department QM.)

Quick takes: 1) If your Post elected a new Quartermaster for the upcoming year, he will have access to National's Quartermaster Tools after July 1. So the outgoing QM needs to assist the new QM until that date. 2) Many Posts have By-Laws requiring dual signatures on Post checks as a safeguard. Be aware that most banks or establishments will cash any check with one signature, no matter what your By-Laws say. 3) Just a reminder that Quartermaster Bond rates are the same as last year, and that a QM Bond application must be filled out and returned with the bond dollar amount.

I hope to see many of you at the Department Convention!

Yours In Comradeship,

Pete Callaghan

AUDITS SUBMITTED	JUNE '17	SEP '17	DEC '17	MAR '18	BUDDY POPPIES ORDERED '17- '18	QM BOND ORDERED 2017- '18
9723	X	X	X		\$58/500	\$65.00/\$26,000 Pd./F
District I	X	X	X		X	\$10.50/\$3,000

						Pd./F
1054	X	X	X	X	\$174/1,500	\$100.00/\$40,000 Pd./F
9555	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$65.00/\$26,000. Pd./F
9612	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$65.00/\$26,000. Pd./F
District II	X	X	X		X	\$17.50/\$5,000. Pd./F
8180	X	X	X	X	\$348/3,000	\$87.50/\$25,000 Pd./F
9985	X	X	X		\$58/500	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd./F
10033	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$65.00/\$26,000. Pd./F
10216	Post102 16	merge d	with	Post 8180	\$116/1,000	\$65.00/\$26,000 Pd./F
10223	X	X	X	X	\$174/1500	\$65.00/\$26,000 Pd./F
12147	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd./F
District III	X	X			X	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd./F
727	Post 727	merge d	with	Post 9957	missing	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd.
9957	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$75.00/\$30,000 Pd./F
District IV	X	X	X	X	X	\$35/\$10,000 Pd./F
9876	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$125.00/\$50,000.

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9951	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$35.00/\$10,000. Pd./F
10217	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$42.00/\$12,000. Pd./F
10249	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd./F
11575	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd./F
12074	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd./F
12146	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$70.00/\$20,000 Pd./F
12163	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$52.50/\$15,000 P/F
District V	X	X	X	X	X	\$52.50/\$15,000 Pd./F
1509	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$70.00/\$28,000 Pd./F
2917	X	X	X	X	\$232/2,000	\$65.00/\$26,000. Pd./F
3457	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$65.00/\$26,000. Pd./F
District VI	X	X	X	X	X	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd./F
124	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$48.00/\$13,000. Pd./F
2485	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$400.00/\$160,000. Pd./F
9892	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$35.00/ \$10,000.

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11447	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd./F
12130	X	X	X	X	\$58/500	\$10.50/\$3,000 Pd./F
District VII	X	X	X	X	X	\$35.00/\$10,000 Pd./F
*F = Bond application form received.						