Report of the Immediate Past President, James F. Engler, Sr.: January 2017 Board of Managers Meeting

Since the Semi-Annual Meeting, I have been performing the role of Immediate Past President as well as serving on National Committees and as my chapter’s President.

Immediate Past President
My activities as Immediate Past President have focused on three areas: (1) serving as chairman of the Council of Past Presidents; (2) serving as heads of the Nominating Committee; and (3) serving as the National Trustee.

Council of Past Presidents
As the newest of the Past Presidents, I serve as the chair for the Council of Past Presidents, who advise and counsel the current officers. While no meeting has been called, I have proposed and had the current State President agree that a project I had in mind (creating a set of documents to help state officers, state chairmen, and chapters) is a good one. The progress is as follows:

- **Volume 1: Officers.** I have been expanding on materials I previously wrote for the positions of the vice presidents and state president, to include all the officer positions called out in our Bylaws. I have requested and received some feedback from current officers, which is being added to the volume.
- **Volume 2: Committees.** This volume will cover what each state committee chair needs to know to be successful, as well as what a member of each committee would expect to do. I had previously received some materials for some projects. This is being expanded as well, although I expect there to be some sections that are reserved for later updates.
- **Volume 3: Chapters.** The idea of the volume is to provide detailed information on chapter best practices and what a chapter needs to know to implement projects successfully. This one still needs a lot of work.

Volume 1 has been submitted to the Council for review; volume 2 has been written and will be submitted by the January BOM Meeting. Volume 3 is still being written and will be submitted to the Council and to chapter presidents for their review and input. The volumes should be submitted for BOM review by the time that the Semi-Annual Meeting is held.

Nominating Committee
I serve this year as head of the Nominating Committee. I’ve already put out a call for anyone interested in serving as Third Vice President or on the Board of Managers Class of 2017-2020. I have also requested anyone interested in serving as Assistant Treasurer, with the expectation of eventually becoming Treasurer. Per the Bylaws, the Nominating Committee consists of all the Past Presidents, and
two other Compatriots named by me. The two Compatriots are Gene Moyer (SGT Lawrence Everhart Chapter) and James Schaub (Charles Carroll of Carrollton Chapter). I announced these names at the Semi-Annual Meeting. Report of the Nominating Committee will be submitted separately.

**National Trustee**

I was sworn in as Maryland’s National Trustee on the last day of the National Congress in Boston. There was business transacted earlier in the week, at which point Compatriot Doug Favorite was serving as the National Trustee. My first full service in this role was at the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville. At the National Congress, the actions requiring the new trustee’s approval all related to administrative changes in names on accounts to reflect the election of the new General Officers. There has been no further activity since the MDSSAR Semi-Annual Meeting. The next event will be the Spring Leadership Meeting in March 2017.

**Other Activities**

My other activities are on the National and Chapter levels. There have been no major changes in the National level activity since my report at the Semi-Annual Meeting. At the chapter level, my activities are covered by the Westminster Chapter Report. I continue to serve as well as its Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, and Chair for the Graves Committee and for Americanism, working on the chapter’s Score Sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

James F. Engler, Sr.
Immediate Past President
Maryland Society