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Department Headquarters was established at Hotel Essex, Friday, April 25, at 1 P.M., for the registering of delegates and issuance of credentials.

On Friday evening, April 25, at 8 P.M., the annual concert and ball and reception of delegates was held at the State armory, Lawrence, Mass.

FIRST SESSION, SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1919.

The Twentieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, United Spanish War Veterans, opened in the State armory, Lawrence, Mass., in compliance with General Orders No. 6 of the Department of Massachusetts, and was duly called to order at 10.30 A.M. by Department Commander Timothy W. Kelly.

The assembly was sounded by Department Musician John J. Hille-gass, and the colors were escorted to the platform by Department Color Bearers Comrades Everard Whittemore and Louis Nordstrom.

Prayer was offered by Department Chaplain Rev. William F. Dusseault.

At this time the Department Marshal, Comrade Abner B. Jubrey, escorted to the platform His Honor John J. Hurley, Mayor of Lawrence.

Department Commander Timothy W. Kelly: "Comrades, it is with great pleasure that I introduce His Honor the Mayor of Lawrence, one of the best friends the Spanish War Veterans have in Massachusetts. Stephen J. Ryan Camp No. 7, which is located here, gets practically everything they wish from this city, and this

man is responsible. Without any further remarks I introduce His Honor John J. Hurley, Mayor of Lawrence."

Three cheers were given by the delegates for the Mayor of Lawrence.

Hon. John J. Hurley, Mayor of Lawrence: "Department Commander and Delegates of this Convention: On behalf of the city government of Lawrence I welcome you to what we consider one of the best cities in New England, and I assure you that the members of the city government of Lawrence will lend every effort in their physical make-up to entertain you to the best of their ability. The keys of the city are at your disposal, and I myself personally will volunteer to do anything I can to make your stay here a pleasant one.

"No doubt you have heard the unpleasant advertising the city of Lawrence has had, but I feel satisfied that after you are here twenty-four hours more you will realize that it is a law-abiding community. As you go through the streets you will find no better streets in any city in the country, and you will find other things which make it a good place to live in. I assure you that I, as well as the other members of the city government, will do our best to entertain you. In conclusion, City Hall is open, and I will do my share in making your present stay here a pleasant one."

The Department Marshal escorted His Honor John J. Hurley, Mayor of Lawrence, from the platform.

At this time Department Commander Timothy W. Kelly instructed the Department Marshal to escort to the platform Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Gihon and Past Department Commanders Henry J. McCammon and Michael J. Murphy.

The Department Commander announced that the next order of business would be the reports of the Department officers and committees. The Department Adjutant read the names of the Committee on Acts and Resolutions, as follows: Edward J. Gihon, P.C.C., Camp 39, Wakefield; Jerome A. Petitti, D.J.A.; Richard R. Flynn, P.D.C., Camp 1, Boston; Albert L. Potter, P.D.C., Camp 8, Gardner; Sanford E. Worthington, P.C., Camp 9, Fitchburg; George Kenney, P.C., Camp 13, Roxbury; Gilbert W. Hunt, P.C., Camp 19, Lowell; Daniel M. Casey, P.C., Camp 26, Gloucester; R. C. Green, P.C., Camp 28, Worcester; Frank A. Sandland, P.C., Camp 29, Taunton; Frank C. Gray, P.C., Camp 39, Wakefield; Sydney H. Cliffe, Commander, Camp 40, Adams; Herbert S. Flint,

P.C., Camp 44, Malden; George H. Fox, P.C., Camp 54, Plymouth; Thomas Todd, Jr., P.C., Camp 55, Concord; Richard A. Plunckett, P.C., Camp 56, Everett.

The Department Commander announced that the Committee on Resolutions would meet at 12 o'clock in the committee room. Senior Vice Department Commander Jere J. Shea was called to the chair, and Department Commander Timothy W. Kelly read his report for the year.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

LAWRENCE, MASS., April 26, 1919.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Twentieth Department Encampment.

COMRADES:— I have the honor to submit my report as your Department Commander, in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws and Rules and Regulations of our organization.

At the time of my installation as your Department Commander in Boston one year ago I promised that with your co-operation I would do everything in my power to advance the interests of this organization, our Comrades and their dependents. I am now before you again to render an account of what has been accomplished during my term of office.

The conditions that had to be met and overcome during my administration have never confronted any of my predecessors, and I sincerely trust that the same conditions will never have to be met by my successors. Our country was still at war. Many Comrades had re-entered the service in the armed forces of the government, and many others were organizing and assisting in organizing a State Guard. Attendance at meetings was falling off, and later on the influenza epidemic was sweeping the country. Boards of health in cities and towns, in the interests of the public, were forbidding all public gatherings. Camps were not permitted to hold meetings. Visitations had to be temporarily suspended. Conditions were abnormal, and some time elapsed before Camps were pursuing their usual course as to meetings. Practically every member of my staff was suffering from the prevailing malady at one time or another, and the Comrades attached to Headquarters who were well were exerting every effort to keep alive the interests and work of the Department.

Notwithstanding these very great handicaps my report will show that we have very materially increased in membership and also financially. Without the assistance of Department officers, Camps and Comrades the measure of success attained could not have been accomplished; and I take this occasion, before my Comrades assembled in convention, to extend my personal, heartfelt thanks to each and every Comrade within the Department who so generously and ably assisted me.

HEADQUARTERS.

My first act after my installation was to appoint Comrade Dan D. Brothers of Camp 15, Lynn, as Department Adjutant, knowing his ability as an expert stenographer, his secretarial ability and training, and his apparent interest in the welfare of the organization. The work performed by this Comrade has justified his appointment. Under his supervision Headquarters was placed on an actively working basis, and was open for the transaction of business every working day during the year. On May 6, 1918, I appointed Comrade Wallace J. Columbus of Camp 12, Cambridge, First Assistant Department Adjutant. He performed his duties faithfully and efficiently until compelled to resign for business reasons. On Nov. 18, 1918, I appointed as his successor Comrade Charles C. Donoghue of Camp 3. This Comrade has proven, by his constant attendance at Department Headquarters and his ability in handling the affairs of the office to which he was appointed, a tower of strength to the officers with whom he has been associated. During the illness of Department Adjutant Dan D. Brothers he took over his duties and performed them in a highly creditable and satisfactory manner. On June 29, 1918, I appointed George A. Hanna of Camp 56 Second Assistant Department Adjutant. He was given charge of the card index, and personally went over every card and brought the index up to date. The work was tedious and required much of the Comrade's time, but I found him at all times cheerful and willing to perform his duties. I was at my desk at Headquarters every day, and gave the correspondence my personal attention. All communications were answered promptly. Through my daily presence at Headquarters I was able to assist by advice and material help many Comrades who visited to consult me on matters of interest to themselves or the organization.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

The Department Council of Administration held four meetings, and one referendum vote was taken and the members co-operated in every way possible. Practically every member being present at the meetings, the most harmonious feeling prevailed. Their advice and suggestions were very beneficial. I believe that the council should be increased by adding the Department Historian and Patriotic Instructor, who are active Department officers. I understand that a resolution is to be introduced along these lines.

GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION AND ANNUAL BANQUET.

This year as Department Commander I appointed a Reunion and Banquet Committee, according to Rules and Regulations, consisting of the Junior Vice Department Commander as chairman, the Department Inspector as secretary, the Department Quartermaster as treasurer, and the commanders of thirty-one camps in and around Boston, both 1918 and 1919 officers. The attendance at the reception to the Governor exceeded all previous years, and was a credit to the organization. After the reception the Comrades adjourned to the armory on Bulfinch Street for lunch. Through a typographical error the tickets read "banquet" instead of "buffet" lunch. This caused considerable comment, and the Junior Vice Depart-