



REGIONAL PRESIDENT SOUTHWEST LETTER NUMBER 8

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Shipmates,

The 55th Southwest Region Convention is in the record books so I thought I would give a briefing on the events that occurred for those who were unable to attend.

It was voted and passed that the Southwest Regional Convention for the year 2011-2012 would be held in Las Vegas Nevada at Arizona Charlie's Resort and Casino on the second weekend of August 2012 and will be sponsored by Fabulous Vegas Branch 90. This has become an issue that will require some additional action as it has been determined that Arizona Charlie's can not accommodate us and so we will be relocating to another site, potentially the Palace Station Casino, more will follow as all the details get ironed out.

Shipmate Stanley Lewandowski, Branch 289 was elected as your Region President.

Shipmate Charles Baker, Branch 90 was elected as your Region Vice President.

Shipmate Vic Miranda, Branch 9 was elected as your Region Treasurer.

Shipmate Ray Caston, Branch 70 was elected as your Region Secretary.

The issue of the overall winner of the essay contest was brought up again and it seems that the resolution to change the Region Standing Rule passed at last years convention, somehow fell through the cracks and did not get submitted to the National Board of Directors for Approval. Upon my return home I got together with our Parliamentarian and we have drafted a resolution that I will hand carry to National for submission and approval at this year's National Board of Directors National Convention Preboard meeting.

The Committees all held their meetings to judge all the entries that they received and here is a listing of the Award Winners for this year.

Public Relations

Group 1	1 st Place: Branch 61	2 nd Place: Branch 289	3 rd Place: No Award
Group 2	1 st Place: Branch 175	2 nd Place: Branch 163	3 rd Place: Branch 70
Group 3	1 st Place: Branch 120	2 nd Place: Branch 84	3 rd Place: Branch 47
Group 4	1 st Place: No Award	2 nd Place: No Award	3 rd Place: No Award
Group 5	1 st Place: Branch 272	2 nd Place: No Award	3 rd Place: No Award

Note; no entries were received for Group 4

Americanism and Patriotism

Group 1	1 st Place: Branch 289	2 nd Place: Branch 61	3 rd Place: No Award
Group 2	1 st Place: Branch 175	2 nd Place: Branch 70	3 rd Place: Branch 9
Group 3	1 st Place: Branch 47	2 nd Place: Branch 120	3 rd Place: Branch 84
Group 4	1 st Place: Branch 77	2 nd Place: No Award	3 rd Place: No Award
Group 5	1 st Place: Branch 27	2 nd Place: No Award	3 rd Place: No Award

Youth Activities

Group 1	1 st Place: Branch 289	2 nd Place: Branch 61	3 rd Place: No Award
Group 2	1 st Place: Branch 163	2 nd Place: Branch 175	3 rd Place: Branch 9
Group 3	1 st Place: Branch 120	2 nd Place: No Award	3 rd Place: No Award
Group 4	1 st Place: Branch 85	2 nd Place: Branch 77	3 rd Place: No Award
Group 5	1 st Place: No Award	2 nd Place: No Award	3 rd Place: No Award

Note; no entries were received for Group 5

Shipmate of the Year; Ernest Cowell, Branch 85

Hospital, Welfare and Rehabilitation

Group 1	1 st Place: Branch 289	2 nd Place: Branch 61	3 rd Place: No Award
Group 2	1 st Place: Branch 175	2 nd Place: Branch 70	3 rd Place: Branch 9
Group 3	1 st Place: Branch 84	2 nd Place: Branch 120	3 rd Place: No Award
Group 4	1 st Place: Branch 85	2 nd Place: No Award	3 rd Place: No Award
Group 5	1 st Place: Branch 62	2 nd Place: No Award	3 rd Place: No Award

Shipmate of the Year; Francis Pittington, Branch 175

Membership and Retention

Group 1	1 st Place: No Award	2 nd Place: No Award	3 rd Place: No Award
Group 2	1 st Place: No Award	2 nd Place: No Award	3 rd Place: No Award
Group 3	1 st Place: No Award	2 nd Place: No Award	3 rd Place: No Award
Group 4	1 st Place: Branch 77	2 nd Place: No Award	3 rd Place: No Award
Group 5	1 st Place: Branch 260	2 nd Place: Branch 62	3 rd Place: No Award

Yours in Loyalty, Protection and Service

Glenn Holz

Regional President Southwest