

SUMMARY OF 2026-2027 DEPARTMENT COUNCIL MEETING ACTIONS

The summaries below indicate formal actions taken by the Department of Kansas Council for the period from March 28, 2026, to April 3, 2027. Voting members of the Council are:

Department Commander – James D. Thornton, PCC, Camp 5
Senior Vice Department Commander – Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Camp 4
Junior Vice Department Commander – Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Camp 4
Department Secretary (term exp 2028) – Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16
Department Treasurer (term exp 2028) – Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC, Camp 16
Council Member (IPDC) (term exp 2027) – Kent M. Melcher, PDC, Camp 10
Council Member (term exp 2027) – Jonathan A. Holder, Camp 16
Council Member (term exp 2028) – Bryan W. Wampler, Camp 5
Council Member (term exp. 2028) – Brent D. Whitten, Camp 4

SUMMARY OF APRIL 27, 2026, DEPARTMENT COUNCIL MEETING ACTIONS

1. A regular meeting of the Department Council was held on April 27, 2026, for the purpose of discussing and acting upon the business that came before it.
 2. Approved the minutes of January 19, 2026, Council meeting.
 3. Approved the Proceedings of March 28, 2026, 30th Annual Department Encampment (with minor typos corrected).
 4. Approved advertisement for 2026 National Encampment Book.
 5. Approved appointment of PDC Thomas E. Schmidt as Department Signal Officer.
 6. Discussed new ROTC Coordinator position.
 7. Approved motion to purchase three elected Department Officer badges at a cost of \$30.00 each for use by the new council members during their term of office.
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