

Headquarters Move

Message from President General Bruce Wilcox

Compatriots,

I am delighted to report that, on February 23, 2008, the Trustees, after considerable debate, passed three motions from the Executive Committee concerning the initiative to move our Headquarters to the West Main Street area of downtown Louisville. The motions passed are as follows:

1. Exercise the Purchase Option on the Fulton Conway Building.
2. Defer the start of build out until sufficient funds have been raised including tax credits to fund it.
3. When the build out is complete, sell our current property and place proceeds into endowment for outreach education and operation of new building.

Further, the Executive Committee has verbally committed to report our progress to the Trustees and Membership at the Sacramento Congress. A more refined design will be presented as well as more refined cost projections and detailed project plan. Critical to the success of this project is the raising of sufficient donations to fund it. We believe that with the commitment we have to proceed that foundations, corporations, government agencies and, most importantly, our members, will be generous with their support.

I want to thank all who have offered comments, concerns, and questions, both for and against this proposal. This dialog has provided the input necessary to provide information and develop this plan into a form that the Trustees could feel comfortable with and approve. I assure you that we will make every effort to earn your trust and confidence as we proceed down this road to create a home for our Headquarters and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage that will do us proud.

Bruce A. Wilcox
President General

The quest to go ahead with the Conway building was presented in three motions - all of which received an overwhelming vote by the Trustees. The motions were as follows:

1. **To exercise the option to buy the Conway building.** The vote was 62 yes - 9 no
2. **To defer the build-out of the Conway Building until an additional 2 million dollars are raised to pay for the build-out.** The vote was 58 yes - 9 no
3. **After the build-out is completed,** the current HQ building and lot are to be sold and the money put in an endowment to pay for the upkeep and operation of the new facility. The vote was 64 yes - 7 no.

