

Brothers.

To have had the opportunity to Represent and Serve this Association as your President has been an **Honor** -- a **Privilege** -- and a **Pleasure**.

Brothers, let me assure you that your Executive Board is **very proud** of **what you do**, yes, we have our challenges from time to time. But by working together we find a way to overcome them and move forward.

I respectfully submit to you, **there is not a challenge out there that this Association can not only meet, but will overcome.**

This is just one of the reasons the Virginia Moose Association is always recognized as one of the **TOP Associations** in our Fraternity.

This year I have had the pleasure to make 83 Visitations.

I cannot thank you enough for your **Fellowship** and **Hospitality**.

Each and every one of these visitations were unique with the exception of one thing, and that is **PRIDE** -- Brothers, the pride you displayed in your **Lodges**, your **Celebrations**, **Functions** and **Events** was **overwhelming**.

To see that, and be a part of that is something **we will never forget**.

Brothers, you notice I said **we**, because she was usually there with me, and I thank my lovely wife, Marie, for all the **support** she gave me.

In Closing: I would like to Thank the VMA Executive Board for all their support and guidance, and of course that includes Ms. Paula our Executive Administrator. **Brothers you have a tremendous Board.**

I thank all the Associations Appointed Officers, Associations Chairman. The District Presidents and Secretaries, Officers, Committee Chairman and Committee Members for all you have done and will do. Moose Legion Officers and Legionaries thank you for your Great service. The Moose Riders you are doing a great job.

Brother Matt, our Regional Manager, and our Deputy Regional Managers thank you all for your support and help.

A **big thank you** to all Brother Governors, Administrators and Lodge Officers for doing THE GREAT WORK you have done and will do.

Brother Governors -- Administrator -- Lodge Officers and **All my Brothers**  
As I have said before, **You are the VMA** -- your **hard work** and  
**Dedication** to our Fraternity, our Association and your LODGEs is the  
reason the VMA enjoys the Great Status it has today. **My hat goes off** to  
Each and Every one of you and **I Thank you all.**

To the WOTM, thank you for everything you do.

Brothers, as your President this year , My Goal was to always strive to  
**sustain** and **enhance** the **Proud image** of the Virginia Moose Association  
which you and those that came before us, have worked so hard to shape.  
This year was truly Committed and Dictated to you in an attempt to reach  
that Goal. I truly hope that I have lived up to your expectation.

How well I realize that with-out your -- **Confidence** and **Trust in me.** I  
would have never had this **HONORED** opportunity. **I will never forget**  
**that and will be always grateful to you.**

**Brothers, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.**

**Thank YOU. !!!!!!!!!!!**

Fraternally,

Rusty Byrd  
Past President