



REPORT OF THE MOOSE LEGION

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LODGE
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DIRECTOR OF MOOSE LEGION**

**(Report Updated July 8, 2010
with Ritual Results)**

Good morning my Brothers. It is a privilege, as Director of the Moose Legion, to deliver to you this Annual Report. You have a Moose Legion Council that is working hard to make plans for a new era of Moose Legion prosperity. Our success depends upon our membership stepping up to the plate to make things happen.

Allow me to share some things from this past year with you. Last year's report was given by Shawn Baile who was then leading this department. At the beginning of January this year you got a new, full time Moose Legion Director. It has been a whirlwind six months - but we are getting things in place and organized for positive forward movement.

In fact, "On the Move" is the title of a framed picture I received for Christmas from my brother-in-law's family last year as I was preparing to come to work at Moose International. It shows a moose moving through the woods constantly working towards his destination.

It hangs in my office as a reminder that we must be constantly moving if we will ever get anywhere. "On the Move" has been our motto - our theme and slogan, but more importantly it must be our action plan.

Membership is of course the thing that drives so much of what we are able to accomplish in any given year. We are so grateful to our members and their families who give so much to support the program of the Moose Legion and contribute to the positive achievements of the Degree of Service.

This past year saw 2,600 individual sponsors bring in some 4,980 applications that were accepted on LCL.net during the "Be a Piece of the Solution"

Campaign. Unfortunately this was not enough to offset losses that were incurred from members not renewing their membership.

The net result was a decrease in active membership of 3,030 members setting our year-end number at 60,569 active members. While it is disappointing to report a loss - it is, at least - less reduction than was reported last year.

We have started this year with active numbers in the plus column for the month of May - and June was looking good also. Hopefully, we have turned the corner and we will continue to build going forward.

We launched a three-month campaign titled "On the Move" for March, April, and May. This program rewarded sponsors with a free year's dues for getting onboard by sponsoring, and then having reported as enrolled, at least two members during the campaign.

Those qualifying sponsors then had a chance at a one of three Life Memberships that were awarded. The winners were David Lee Riggle; East Kentucky Moose Legion No. 161, Michael A. Brown; Kanawha Valley Moose legion No. 123, and Jerry Hegar; Alaska Panhandle Moose Legion No. 215. This was well received by our membership.

This three-month effort produced 440 sponsors of two or more applications. Other than last years stimulus program - which this closely mirrored - these numbers are more than double what we produced in similar periods two and three years ago. We must therefore conclude that the membership endorsed this as a positive program that directly rewarded them!

This year the Moose Legion will once again have an annual membership campaign to reward and thank sponsors. Medal of Honor and Elite Ring programs will continue along with participation in the International 25 Club for qualifying members. We will also offer a lapel pin to be awarded for sponsoring one member. Free dues will be offered members for sponsoring and enrolling two members during the period.

One of the things missed in the three-month program was an award for the Life Members sponsoring two. Well gentlemen, this year we've got you covered. Life Members this year, who would not qualify for a year's dues will be awarded a specially designed Moose Legion Umbrella. Like I said - we've got you covered!

Last year, the Moose Legion once again came through with various fundraising efforts. With leadership from our International President Mike Roach, and Special Funds Chairman Paul Curtis, the Moose Legion Council led the charge of our jurisdictions to another banner year of financially supporting our philanthropic endeavors at Mooseheart & Moosehaven.

We are happy to report all 175 jurisdictions completed their commitments to the fundraising efforts this year. The Mooseheart van project brought in \$73,038.56 this year alone- completing a \$150,000.00 commitment.

Our efforts to supply funding for the Youth Awareness Scholarship program saw total donations for the year of another \$33,647.91 contributed to this cause. This was actually \$2,348.41 over our goal.

The Moose Legions again stepped up to fund a June trip for the boys of James J Davis home at Mooseheart to visit Moosehaven. John Capes asked for \$4,200.00 and the Moose Legions were quick to take on this project. We collected \$4,825.00 to cover any increases in gasoline and food for our students. As President Mike Roach said – we had over-runnages again!

We continued our Endowment Fund Competition this past year. Coming to the top in their respective categories were the following jurisdictions:

Faith Division: (200 members or fewer) for the 3rd year in a row coming in with contributions of \$18.06 average per member – Triangle Moose Legion No. 113.

Hope Division: (201 to 400 members) coming in at \$14.85 average per member – Alaska Panhandle Moose Legion No 215.

Charity Division: (401 members or greater) for the 2nd year in a row coming in at \$10.16 average per member – Blue Hen Moose Legion No 186.

This friendly competition of donating to the Endowment Fund will continue this year, only better! We have made changes to allow a doubling of the number of divisions. Starting this year, we will have six categories, Faith, Hope, Charity, Loyalty, President's and Director's divisions. This will provide more jurisdictions a chance to be tops in this competition.

International President Mike Roach also led a special President's Project fundraising drive. This extra program brought in \$11,550.00 and funded a new Red Rambler blocking sled, a football-training shoot, some player benches and a football-passing machine. Great job Mike!

A new capital project is also being taken on for this year. Our jurisdictions will be doing what they do so well – to raise funds for our philanthropic endeavors. We look forward to reporting on our accomplishments next year as we help "Light the Way" to Mooseheart's upcoming Centennial.

Our Moose Legion conferral is a very meaningful ceremony - welcoming our new members into the Degree of Service. With this being the only 'ritual' that most men now see in the Order it is important that we encourage and establish good working staffs all across this fraternity.

Our first competition utilizing the current ceremony was held this past November in Indianapolis. We had 21 staffs competing with the team from Volunteer Moose Legion No 12 of Tennessee coming out on top. This past week

we held our 44th competition, which saw an increase in teams entered. We will have a full report on that program shortly.

The Moose Legion Council is now making plans for the 100th anniversary of the Degree of Service. It just happens that - our centennial co-incides with that of Mooseheart. Some preliminary plans were shared at our Moose Legion Conference earlier in this past week. You will soon be hearing more of these exciting plans that will mark this significant milestone in our history.

We would like to take a moment and introduce our Moose Legion Council. Please hold your applause until all are introduced.

- From Oklahoma Councilman - Bruce Snider**
- From Wisconsin Councilman - Ed Lehmann**
- From South Carolina Councilman - Mike Mock**
- From California Councilman - Mark Klein**
- Our newest member from West Virginia Councilman - Danny Williams**
- From Arkansas - Secretary to the Moose Legion Council - Danny Smith**
- Our new JR. Past President: from Texas - Mike Roach**
- Our new Vice President: from the state of Washington - Paul Curtis**
- And for some brief comments - our newly appointed International Moose Legion President - from Pennsylvania - Bruce Berger**

(Bruce Berger Remarks)

Thank you Bob. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my most heartfelt thanks to all for your congratulatory greetings I have received. It is a tremendous honor and privilege to serve as your International Moose Legion President. I look forward to working with everyone.

Brother Governor, I am counting on you to make your Lodge Moose Legion Committee stronger tomorrow than it is today. The stronger the Committee the stronger your Lodge will be. Wishing you all nothing but the best!!!!

(Bob Neff)

Thanks Bruce.

The Degree of Service is - On the Move - to Build Membership - because - "The Time is Now"!

We now come to the part of the report that many have been waiting for. It is now my pleasure and honor to present the report of the Competition Judging Committee for the 44th Annual Moose Legion Conference and Ritual Competition.

First, allow me to recognize a group of individuals who truly are dedicated ritualists. These six Moose Legionnaires were the cream that rose to the top of Moose Legion Ritual during our 43rd competition.

Could we please have our present International Moose Legion Ritual Champions from Volunteer Moose Legion No 12 in Tennessee up here on the stage, so we can give you the recognition you so greatly deserve. These guys put it all together impressively in November. We will see shortly if they did it again this past week.

Serving on this championship team, in the part of President, Ralph Freeman; as Orator, Lowell Boyle; as Faith, Hugh Shipley; as Hope, Paul Honea; as Charity, Walter McQueen, and as Loyalty, Jimmy Oliver.

Would you all join me in applauding this great team? Thank you.

Last year in Indianapolis we had 21 staffs compete. This year we are happy to report an increase, as 31 staffs came to Nashville to compete. Thanks to all of them for participating.

Before we announce the winners I would like to introduce to you the Judging Committee. Please hold your applause until all are announced.

- **from the state of Michigan; Lonnie Mudgett**
- **from Texas but living in New York; Mike Peters**
- **from the Canadian Province of Ontario; Tim Gowdey**
- **from Florida; Jim Malsbury**
- **from Wyoming; Vaughn Downing**
- **from Indiana: Jim Shelton**
- **from South Carolina: E. Wendell Grimes**
- **from North Carolina; Earl Shelton**
- **and finally, serving as Committee Chairman, from Illinois; Henry Wimmer.**
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Let's give this committee of hard working and devoted Moose Legionnaires a big round of applause.

And - 'The Time is Now' for the results.

All individual and team awards and score sheets can be picked up immediately after the close of this session from the judges to the side of this stage. Please wait until the meeting is closed by our Supreme Governor before coming forward to pick them up.

The judges will be available following the close of this meeting to answer questions.

We will give the top three individual scores and all the names of those finishing with those scores. Ties are considered as one position. Finally, we will announce the top five places in the team competition.

Should there happen to be an error found, in either tabulation or posting, you have until 4:45 pm on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 to notify the Moose Legion

Department at Moose International. Any judgment calls made during competition are official and are not subject to review or change. Results are official as of Wednesday July 14th.

For individuals, 100 points would be a perfect score.

Finishing in 3rd place in the part of President, with a score of 99.125 points,

**We have a _2_ way tie,
William Greenfield of Kanawha Valley, WV, M L No. 123, and
George Bunt of Thunderbolt, FL, M L No. 201.**

**In second place with a score of 99.14584 points,
Roger Dale Bolick of Wenoca, NC, M L No. 78.**

**And in first place with a score of 99.16666 points,
Daniel E. Totten of Maumee Valley, OH, M L No. 30.**

**Finishing in 3rd place in the part of Orator, with a score of 99.05209 points,
August Prestano Sr. of Sailfish, FL, M L No. 197.**

**In second place with a score of 99.07291 points,
John Strauser of Victory, IN, M L No. 48.**

**And in first place with a score of 99.15625 points,
Lindsay Blair of Wenoca, NC, M L No. 78.**

**Finishing in 3rd place in the part of Faith, with a score of 99.08334 points,
We have a 2 way tie,**

**Davis Henson of Maumee Valley, OH, M L No. 30,
and
Richard Alex Ford of Wenoca, NC, M L No. 78.**

**In second place with a score of 99.10416 points,
Lawrence Sparks of Stone Mountain, GA, M L No. 21.**

**And in first place with a score of 99.14584 points,
William Cain of Victory, IN, M L No. 48.**

**Finishing in 3rd place in the part of Hope, with a score of 99.0625 points,
J. C. Patton Jr. of Sooner, OK, M L No. 147.**

**In second place with a score of 99.07291 points,
Russell H. Waldeck of Wenoca, NC, M L No. 78.**

**And in first place with a score of 99.09375 points,
Kenn Hilty of Maumee Valley, OH, M L No. 30.**

**Finishing in 3rd place in the part of Charity, with a score of 99.10416
points,
Mike Brown of Kanawha Valley, WV, M L No. 123.**

**In second place with a score of 99.11459 points,
James Carmichael of Maple Leaf, ON, M L No. 135.**

**And in first place with a score of 99.14584 points,
Alvin Stroud Jr. of Wenoca, NC, M L No. 78.**

**Finishing in 3rd place in the part of the Loyalty, with a score of 99.05209 points,
Calvin Rudd of Victory, IN, M L No. 48.**

**In second place with a score of 99.11459 points,
We have a 2 way tie,**

**Gary Harrod of Stone Mountain, GA, M L No. 21
and
R Jordan Boyette Jr. of Enocha, NC, M L No. 69.**

**And in first place with a score of 99.125 points,
Tim Hill of Kanawha Valley, WV, M L No. 123.**

**The top scoring ritualist for 2010 with a score of 99.16666 is from Maumee
Valley Moose Legion No. 30-
Moose Legionnaire: Daniel E. Totten.**

**And - "The Time is Now" to announce the team results. A perfect score
would be 600 points. The first place team will be invited to come on stage to
receive their championship medallions.**

**In 5th place with a score of: 593.41668,
South Florida, FL Moose Legion No. 46.**

In 4th place with a score of: 593.96877,

**(last year's Championship team)
Volunteer, TN Moose Legion No. 12.**

**In 3rd place with a score of: 593.98959,
Kanawha Valley, WV Moose Legion No. 123.**

**And in 2nd place with a score of : 594.11459,
Maumee Valley, OH Moose Legion No. 30.**

And our winner, and new International Moose Legion Champion Ritual Team with a score of: 594.53127,

Wenoca, North Carolina Moose Legion No. 78.

We invite the members of this staff on stage. They are:

Serving as President: Roger Dale Bolick,

Serving as Orator: Lindsay Blair,

As Faith: Richard Alex Ford,

As Hope: Russell H. Waldeck,

As Charity: Alvin Stroud Jr.,

And as Loyalty: Mack J. Shope Jr.

Our sincere thanks to all the ritualists, the class representatives, and other members who support them all year, and the judging staff for doing an outstanding job.

Congratulations to all competing ritualists just for having been here. We look forward to another great competition next year during our 45th Ritual Competition being held at Anaheim, California in conjunction with the Annual Moose Legion Conference.

Again congratulations to all ritualists and thank you very much for the job you do in the conferral of the Degree of Service.

Once again, score sheets can be picked up following the close of this meeting and the ritual judging staff will be here to the side of the stage, after the meeting to answer any questions. Any winners that were announced please come forward and see the judges to receive your prizes.

Brother Supreme Governor, that completes the report of the Moose Legion.

(report updated 7-8-10 with the names and scores of winners)