

International Moose Legion President's May 2010 Message

As of this writing, it is mid May and elections (for most) are over. As International President, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome the New Board of Director's of each jurisdiction. By now I am sure that all of you already have plans for having a successful year. Planning and monitoring throughout the year is very important. Please don't forget how important Assistant Secretary's and Lodge Moose Legion Committees are to the Moose Legion in our fraternity. Even the small things add up, but good people in these areas are no small thing!

I have been getting a lot of emails and phone calls about the convention in Nashville. As all of you know the Opryland Hotel was under water. Our Director General Airey and the staff at Moose International are working very diligently on the Nashville conferences and convention. See the article: "Our New and Improved 2010 International Convention In Downtown Nashville – We Think, *Better Than Ever!*" information that is now posted on the web site. Check it out for some very good news!

Very few times in history have we ever had the Women and Men meetings all under one roof. Most of our International Convention meetings are held in two or three different hotels any way, the Supreme Lodge in one, the Women of the Moose in one and the Moose Legion and Ritual Competition in another. Once again, Moose International is on top of it. We will have a convention, and it's still going to be a good one! We are asking you to be patient and understanding and be sure to read the Director General's report on our web site, and watch the website for further updates as they are confirmed.

I don't have the information at this time on membership and retention but it appears that we were well on our way to make our goal in membership production for the year. But once again, retention is going to be a factor in building this degree. I would like to thank all of our sponsors this year for signing at least one up for Mikey.

I would also like to talk a little bit about the International Moose Legion President's project, the Football Blocking Sled. As it is complete and the blocking sled has been purchased, we were all hoping - I would like to use my favorite word - that we would have "overrunnages". And we did have!

We will be purchasing some more items for the Rambler Football Team, a Jug Sports passing football machine, a two man football training chute and four aluminum player benches for outdoor sports. We didn't have enough "overrunnages" to cover it all so once again I have asked 4 Moose Legions to help out with \$479.00 each. I would like to thank the following Moose Legions, Lone Star 97, Sooner Moose Legion 174, Old Dominion 148 and Bull Run 185 for stepping up to the plate and volunteering to help out so that we could get every thing the Ramblers need.

I don't have the very final actual numbers yet due to shipping costs, but we are working on it and hope to have this complete with in 30 days. Scott Hart will give me numbers as soon as everything is purchased and then I will give a full report to you in Nashville. Again thank you so much to all of the Moose Legions that donated money to the International President's project(s) this year. I am overwhelmed with your generosity.

Once again I would like to mention my good friend and little brother, Joe Birner, who told me one time – “When you need something for our children at Mooseheart all you have to do is ask. The Moose Legions will come thru every time.” How true this is! It just goes to show you the Moose Legions are On the Move.

We look forward to seeing every one at the Moose Legion Conference, WOTM Conference and the International Moose Convention in Nashville, July 1st through the 7th. What a great time we will have!

Thank You for your support, and remember the Moose Legion is ‘On the Move’.

International Moose Legion President - Mike Roach

