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Gentlemen of the Moose Legion;

Well, here we are almost full circle. We're completing our agendas and adding the finishing touches to what appears to be an International Convention in Milwaukee and at Mooseheart long to be remembered. And, we've just completed the fiscal year 2012-2013 and are now opening a whole new chapter to be recorded as part of our fraternal history.

As always, the debate will be good year versus bad year. I tend to be an optimist. I view our fraternal glass as being half full rather than half empty. Even though we may not have accomplished some of the goals that we set out to achieve, we've placed ourselves in position to realize greatness in the future as we commence upon our Moose Legion Centennial.

If I've gained nothing else from traveling throughout the Fraternity this past year, I'm encouraged to see Moose Legionnaires and their ladies supporting all aspects of our great Fraternity.

The hospitality has been second to none. I've witnessed the personal giving of member to member with a sharing in fraternalism. I've seen financial giving to Moose members in need, to Moose Lodges in need, and certainly to our very own Moose Charities that is always in need.

I've see tremendous ritual performed at the Moose Legion jurisdictional level. I commend those ritual staffs that are willing to sacrifice of their time and money to practice, travel, and perform in order to create the best possible impression of our fraternal program to our Moose Legionnaires and ladies whether they are long standing members or brand new to the Degree of Service.

I'm also very pleased to announce that there appears to be resurgence in the performance of Moose Lodge ritual. There appears to be some movement toward rebuilding the Moose Lodge ritual program in different areas of the country to tell the story of the Moose to those upon their initial entry into our Fraternal Order. There are many of us that applaud this movement.

Words cannot express my true feelings of joy and exuberance as to what I've witnessed while traveling the Fraternity this past year. It just goes to enforce that which I've been saying for years, "I'm not a life member of the Moose or the Moose Legion, but I am a member for life". I don't believe that there is enough time for me to give back to this Fraternity for all that I've received. And, all this greatness that I've received is in large part due to the relationships that I've been so fortunate to experience with you, my fraternal Brother over these many years of our serving the Loyal Order of Moose.

I am hopeful that we of the International Moose Legion Council are supporting your wants and needs for the betterment of our Fraternity. You can contact me or the International Moose Legion office and I promise that your concerns will be considered by our Director and your Moose Legion Council.

I truly appreciate all that you do for the Fraternity that I hold so dear. And, working our program together, we can accomplish so much more.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Mark

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