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### **W. RAY KESLING**

Past Supreme Governor Ray Kesling serves as Chairman of the Moose Charities Board of Directors. He was appointed to this post in 2006 at 118<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Chicago. Ray served as Supreme Governor during the 1999-2000 Moose year; he had served on the Supreme Council since 1990.

Ray joined the Moose in 1970 as a member of Nitro, WV Lodge 565, where he holds a Life Membership. He served through the chairs, including those of Governor, Prelate, and Treasurer. Ray served as Administrator for Nitro 565 for 31 years.

Ray joined Kanawha Valley Moose Legion 123 in October 1973; he holds a Life Membership in that Moose Legion unit. He has served in all officer chairs and is a Past North Moose.

Ray is a Past President of the West Virginia Moose Association, and continues to serve as Association Secretary. He is a Past President of District 4 and was a Deputy Supreme Governor. Internationally, prior to his election to the Supreme Council, Ray had served on the Mooseheart Board of Governors.

A member of the 800 Division of the Moose 25 Club, Ray won the first-ever "Lodge Administrator of the Year" Shining Star in 1989. His Lodge also received the Shining Star Award as "Lodge of the Year" in 1989. Ray received the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 1977 and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 1981.

Ray served in the U.S. Army for three years. Outside of the Moose he has affiliations with the VFW. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and watching football and basketball in his spare time.

Ray and his wife Betty reside in Scott Depot, WV. They have five children, ten grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

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