INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
AND CLOSING CEREMONIES
Friday, June 23, 2023

CHAIRMAN MASOPUST: Good Morning, we have an exciting session ahead as we bring to a close the 135th Meeting of The Moose Fraternity, the 111th Annual Conference of the Women of the Moose and the 57th Annual Moose Legion Conference.

I am happy to announce that during the Moose Charities Workshop held Thursday, June 22nd, we received over $376,000.00 during the March of Checks. On behalf of the Moose International Board of Directors we thank you for all your fundraising efforts. I would like to thank everyone for making this an incredible Moose year and for your unfailing support of Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

I now call to the podium our Credentials Chairman, and I get to say something about him since he called me “Brucie”, Tommy Boy Kronenburg, for the final registration report.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN THOMAS B. KRONENBURG (Muskego, Wisconsin Lodge 1057): Good Morning Moose family! Thank you, Chairman Masopust. Chief Executive Officer Hart, Representatives, Brothers and Sisters, this will be the final report of the 2023 Credentials Committee.

We, the undersigned members of the Credentials Committee hereby certify that 2,816 Representatives, Past Presidents, Past Regents and Alternates have been registered and that the foregoing is a true and correct report of the 135th International Moose Convention.

In addition, we have registered 1,027 members of The Moose for a total registration of 3,840!

This report respectfully submitted by the Credentials Committee, myself as Chairman, Thomas Kronenburg, Muskego, Wisconsin Lodge 1057, Tama Mitchell, Hillsboro, New Hampshire Lodge 1091, Dan Froning, Mobridge, South Dakota Lodge 1685 and Ann Baikie, River Park, Illinois Lodge 2578. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MASOPUST: Thank you Brother Tom. Members, you have heard the report of the Credentials Committee. I will entertain a motion from the floor. Motion by Past Governor James Esposito, Lauderdale Lakes, Florida Lodge 2267. I need a Second. Second by Past Senior Regent Julie Penton, Lauderdale Lakes, Florida Lodge 2267. All in favor vote by the normal sign of the Order? Those opposed? So carried.

Now, let's begin the 2023 Installation Ceremony of The Moose, the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion. This morning, we will install into office the dedicated men and women of The Moose Fraternity who have been selected, either by election, appointment, or by fraternal law, to serve The Moose during the 2023 – 2024 year. The installation team will consist of Grand Chancellor Barbara McPherson, Chief Executive Officer Scott D. Hart, Junior Past Chairman of the Board Bruce J. Berger and Grand Regent Cathy Funkey.

Grand Chancellor Barbara McPherson please begin our installation ceremony.

GRAND CHANCELLOR MCPHERSON: Good Morning. We know many of you would like to take pictures during this installation ceremony, and we encourage you to do so, providing it does not disrupt the ceremony.

Let me begin by recognizing our Women of the Moose Chapter Advocates, who were installed on Tuesday morning. These ladies give much of their time and talent to work with our chapters to ensure success on a number of fronts. Would all Chapter Advocates present this morning please rise to be recognized? Thank you again for stepping up to serve our chapters in such a meaningful way.

The members of the Women of the Moose International Higher Degrees Board are selected from Chapter members who have earned the College of Regents Degree. Their term of office is for a period of two years and each year three new members are appointed. The President of the Women of the Moose Higher Degrees Board is appointed from the ranks of past members of the Academy of Friendship, Star Recorder and College of Regents Boards. It is the duty of the President to conduct the Annual Session for the conferral of all degrees

of the Women of the Moose, as well as preside over each respective Annual Meeting held in conjunction with the International Conference.

Past International Board Members, who will remain on the Women of the Moose International Higher Degrees Board, will you please escort the Chapter Members, who have accepted appointments, to the center of the platform.

Accepting appointments to the Women of the Moose International Higher Degrees Board are:

Jill Derr – Greeley-Evans, Colorado Chapter 2220 / Lodge 909;

Linda Franklin – Enid, Oklahoma Chapter 1587 / Lodge 1740;

Cindy Fridley – Charles Town, West Virginia Chapter 1028 / Lodge 948;

And as President of the Women of the Moose International Higher Degrees Board, from Surfside Beach, South Carolina Chapter 1950, Lodge 2351, Tammy Trulove!

The Grand Council of the Women of the Moose is the policy-making Board in all matters pertaining to the Women of the Moose, subject to the approval of the Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors. Each year four Chapter members are appointed to serve on the Grand Council for a two-year term of office. It is my pleasure to announce the names of the incoming Grand Council:

From Thompsonville, Connecticut Chapter 1302 / Lodge 1525, Katherine Coppinger;

From North Hudson, New Jersey Chapter 810 / Lodge 848, Kathleen Furlong;

From Canton, Georgia Chapter 972 / Lodge 2129, Wanda Kellogg;

And from Juneau, Alaska Chapter 439 / Lodge 700, Rosa Rice.

GRAND CHANCELLOR MCPHERSON: Incoming board members please turn and face the podium. Please raise your right hand, and repeat after me:

I solemnly pledge - that I will faithfully perform - the duties of the office – to which I have been appointed. - I promise that I will comply - with the rules and regulations - of the Women of the Moose - and be ready to aid other members - when called upon. - I will encourage our members - to increase the membership of our Chapters - through membership building and retention. - I further promise - to serve the Women of the Moose – and will uphold our program - and all of its changes – to the best of my ability, - so help me God.

Thank you, you may lower your hand. Please turn to face the audience.

New Board Members and Grand Council members, please take your assigned seats.

CEO HART: Our incredible Field Staff have done an amazing job of serving you this Convention as your Assistant Outer Guards, Assistant Inner Guards and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. Let's give them a round of applause in appreciation for a job well done!

Just as Grand Chancellor McPherson recognized the Chapter Advocates, I would like to call attention to the Moose Legion Area Managers and Moose Legion Ambassadors. These men work hard to assist, guide and grow our Moose Legion jurisdictions. Would our Moose Legion Area Managers please stand to be recognized with a round of applause. Moose Legion Ambassadors as well. Thank you for making the Moose Legion stronger, wiser and full of fun!

Now for those elected, appointed or named at this 135th International Moose Convention, as I call your name, you will take your place on the stage as directed by Past Supreme Governor Joseph Serwa.

To the Supreme Forum

For a one-year term as Chief Justice:

Daniel R. Williams, Sr. – Berkeley Springs, West Virginia Lodge 1483

For a 7-year term:

Patricia Cihak – Charm City East, Maryland Lodge 70

To the Judiciary Committee

For a one-year term as Chairman:

Donald Snovel – Palmer, Alaska Lodge 793

For a 2-year term:

Peter Harrigan – Lindenhurst, New Jersey Lodge 1421

Cheryl Volden – Oxnard, California Lodge 561

To the Moose Legion Council

For a one-year term as President:

Charles L. Barber – Sunnyvale, California Lodge 2049

For a one-year term as Vice President:

Ronny D. Serio – Knoxville, Tennessee Lodge 1560

For a one-year term as Junior Past President:

Daniel Gooch – Woodbury, New Jersey Lodge 2585

For a two-year term as Moose Legion Councilman:

Steve Hennen – Ortonville, Minnesota Lodge 407

Ted Burton – Meridian, Mississippi Lodge 1628

To the Pilgrim Council

For a one-year term as Pilgrim President:

Rodney A. Hammond – Kissimmee, Florida Lodge 2056

For a five-year term as Pilgrim Councilman:

Bruce J. Berger – Sellersville, Pennsylvania Lodge 1539

To the Heart of the Community Committee

For a two-year term as Chairman:

Greg Muter – Sylvania, Ohio Lodge 1579

For a two-year term:

Mannuel B. Propst – Timberville, Virginia Lodge 2335

Julie Anderson – Panama City, Florida Lodge 1389

Linda Goessling – Mascoutah, Illinois Lodge 815

To the Activities Committee

For a two-year term as Chairwoman:

Stephanie Aanonsen – Green Bay, Wisconsin Lodge 801

For a 2-year term:

Matthew L. Boardman, Sr. – Janesville, Wisconsin Lodge 197

Lisa Wise – Lindenwold, New Jersey Lodge 548

To the Loss Prevention Committee

For a two-year term:

Sharon M. Davis – Anniston, Alabama Lodge 1669

Karen L. Bowman – Hilliard, Ohio Lodge 2236

Larry Koniwczny – Dale City, Virginia Lodge 2165

To the Boards of Directors

To the Mooseheart Board of Directors:

Harry L. Johnston, Chairman – Greeley-Evans, Colorado Lodge 909

Brian Chew – Lexington, Ohio Lodge 2511

Rebecca Hoffarth – Kennewick, Washington Lodge 482

Bill Rose – Lodi, New Jersey Lodge 1971

Nanci Statler – Newport, North Carolina Lodge 2194

Daniel Humphreys – Erwin, Tennessee Lodge 939

Jamie Ellis – Indiana, Pennsylvania Lodge 174

To the Moosehaven Board of Directors:

Rodney A. Hammond, Chairman – Kissimmee, Florida Lodge 2056

Allan Marx – Verde Valley, Arizona Lodge 1449

Cynthia Raslavsky – Red Rock, Nevada Lodge 252

Christine Brooks – Horseheads, New York Lodge 1476

Terry Treadwell – Woodbridge, Virginia Lodge 583

Susan Grooms – Miamisburg, Ohio Lodge 1645

To the Moose Charities Board of Directors:

Bruce J. Berger – Sellersville, Pennsylvania Lodge 1539

William Cutter – Thompsonville, Connecticut Lodge 1525

Leonie “Lea” Richardson – Mascoutah, Illinois Lodge 815

Donald Ridenhour – Salem, Virginia Lodge 2573

Joy Bliss – Albert Lea, Minnesota Lodge 1703

Michael Shane – Hobart, Indiana Lodge 783

Dan Prouty – Newark, Ohio Lodge 499

Officers of Moose International

For Moose International Board Director

For a four-year term:

Wendy Matthew – Chatham, Ontario Lodge 1692

For Moose International Board Director/Chaplain

For a 1-year term:

John R. Reiter – Inverness, Florida Lodge 2112

For Vice Chairman of the Moose International Board of Directors

For a 1-year term**:**

Robert K. Funkey – St. Clair Shores, Michigan Lodge 1837

For Chairman of the Moose International Board of Directors

For a 1-year term:

John R. Sipes – Gallion, Ohio Lodge 303

Chief Financial Officer

Joseph R. Mech - Downers Grove, Illinois Lodge 1535

Chief Compliance Officer

Rick King – Mooseheart, Illinois Lodge 2655

Director of Membership

Michael A. Rios, Jr. – Suffolk, Virginia Lodge 141

Moose International Sergeant-at-Arms

Ron Morgan – Pullman, Washington Lodge 943

Moose International Inner Guard

Robert Brasefield – Woodbury, New Jersey Lodge 2585

Moose International Outer Guard

Jon Kunze – Bellefontaine, Ohio Lodge 2563

And myself as **Chief Executive Officer**, Scott D. Hart - Mooseheart, Illinois Lodge 2655

Jr. Past Chairman of the Board Bruce Berger, you may now proceed to install these officers and committeemen and women for the ensuing year.

INSTALLING OFFICER BRUCE J. BERGER (Sellersville, Pennsylvania Lodge 1539)**:** My brothers and sisters you will raise your right hand and repeat after me, using your name where I use mine:

I, Bruce J. Berger, (PAUSE)

do most solemnly promise (PAUSE)

that I will diligently and faithfully (PAUSE)

perform the duties of the position (PAUSE)

to which I have been elected or appointed.

(PAUSE)

I hereby rededicate myself to the high ideals (PAUSE)

on which this noble fraternity (PAUSE) was established.

Thank you. You may lower your hand and return to your places in this room.

GRAND CHANCELLOR BARB MCPHERSON (Woodstock, Illinois Lodge 1329): Past Grand Regent Cletus McManama, please escort Grand Regent Cathy Funkey to the center of the platform.

Cathy, on behalf of the Women of the Moose members everywhere, I extend deep appreciation for the service you have rendered to the Women of the Moose as Grand Regent. The Women of the Moose had a most successful year under your leadership. I know you will continue to promote the international program of the Women of the Moose as a Past Grand Regent and as a trusted advisor.

Moving forward, you will serve the Women of the Moose as Past Grand Regent, and accordingly will accept the pledge of support taken by every Grand Regent upon leaving office.

Please raise your right hand and repeat after me. I sincerely renew my pledge - to the Women of the Moose - that I will continue - to diligently serve our fraternity - and encourage Chapters - to persist in their dedication - to Mooseheart, Moosehaven - and to our programs of community service. –

I further pledge that I will always - uphold the high ideals - and principles of the Women of the Moose - so help me God. Thank you, you may lower your hand.

Past Grand Regent Cletus, remove the Grand Regent's stole and invest Cathy with a long white stole, the regalia of a Past Grand Regent.

Cathy, as a token of our love and appreciation for your year of dedication to the Women of the Moose as Grand Regent, I am pleased to present you with the Past Grand Regent's medallion, as a symbol of your office during the 2022 - 2023 year.

Past Grand Regent Cletus, escort newly installed Jr. Past Grand Regent Cathy to her chair.

The Grand Regent is the presiding officer for the meetings of the Grand Council and International Higher Degrees Board

and the Annual International Conference of the Women of the Moose.

It is a pleasure to announce that the Chapter member who is receiving this honor today is from Twin Falls, Idaho Chapter 185. The incoming Grand Regent is none other than Debra Evans.

GRAND CHANCELLOR MCPHERSON: Incoming Grand Regent Debra Evans, please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

I solemnly and sincerely pledge - to perform faithfully and willingly - the duties of the office of Grand Regent. - I will strive earnestly - to be worthy of the confidence - which has been entrusted to me - to the best of my ability. - I will lead the members and Chapters - to greater heights in our fraternal program - and will ever strive to increase the membership - of the Women of the Moose - through

membership building and retention. - I pledge to serve the Women of the Moose - and will uphold our program - to the best of my ability - so help me God.

GRAND CHANCELLOR MCPHERSON: Thank you, you may lower your hand.

The regalia of the Grand Regent is the white cowl, lined in purple and edged in red, which are the official colors of the Women of the Moose. The tassel is white.

I ask Past Grand Regent Cathy Funkey, you may invest Grand Regent Debby with the regalia of the Grand Regent.

GRAND CHANCELLOR MCPHERSON: I take great pride in presenting to you the Grand Regent of the Women of the Moose, for the 2023 - 2024 term of office, Debra Evans. Grand Regent Debby will now address you.

GRAND REGENT DEBRA EVANS (Twin Falls, Idaho Chapter 185 / Lodge 612)**:** Thank you, Grand Chancellor

Barb and CEO Hart, for this amazing opportunity to serve the Women of the Moose as Grand Regent.

My love for this Fraternity has been timeless. I have been a member for 44 years but I always joke that I was born in the Moose Lodge since I have been involved with my parents as a little girl.

My first visit to Mooseheart was in 1993. As I pulled up to the main gate that first time, I cried. It was beautiful! What we do for our children and what our fraternity represents is so important to me. When we drove onto campus for graduation weekend 3 weeks ago, that same feeling came over me. My heart was happy.

Moosehaven is just as special to me. It creates a calming, peaceful environment for our Senior members that have worked so hard in their lives and now deserve the beauty and peace of the campus and of course, the water.

We have accomplished so much in the 100+ years of this Fraternity. If you look back at our history, each and every one of us should be very proud. Proud Past. And as we look forward to what is coming, our Bright Future.

I am looking forward to representing this great Fraternity as your Grand Regent. I am honored by this appointment and will strive to fill this position to the best of my ability. I want to thank my family for always supporting me and picking up the pieces when I need to be gone. Again, thank you Grand Chancellor Barb and CEO Hart for this amazing opportunity.

CEO HART: Thank you Debby. We look forward to hearing about all your adventures in the year ahead as Grand Regent – congratulations! Brother Bruce Masopust, would you please join me up here.

Bruce, you've done an absolute, outstanding job and this first gift is from Executive Director Gary "Peanuts" Urwiler, it's a bag of Moose Munch and what made me think of this was this last year and a few months you've chaired both of these International Conventions in Orlando as well as here in Reno. It's been like a great movie, if we could rewind the tapes and watch it, we could go through a couple bags of Moose Munch. That was just a little prop, it was just up here. Now for the serious stuff. This is a plaque commemorating your year of service, "*Presented to Bruce T. Masopust, Past Chairman of the Board of Moose International, Inc., June 23, 2023, with sincere appreciation and gratitude for invaluable service rendered*". Nice job buddy. This next one might actually be a first, I don't think Bruce Berger has a Past Chairman of the Board ring, but as a special gift from the fraternity, and there's only a few of these rings out there. This

is an amazing reminder of the service you have provided to our fraternity and it is my privilege to present to you your Past Chairman of the Board ring. And now I'd like to present you with your Past Chairman of the Board medallion. On the back, it's etched with your name and the date, June 2023, and I know you'll wear this with pride for many years to come. Now, elected to the office of Chairman of the Board of Directors for the term 2023 – 2024 is John R. Sipes of Galion, Ohio Lodge 303.

Brother Chairman Sipes, present yourself at the lectern in order that you may be officially installed into office.

INSTALLING OFFICER BERGER: Hello Brother Sipes. Place your left hand over your heart, raise your right hand, state your name where I state mine, and then remain silent and attend to the obligation, which you will assume in silence. I, Bruce J. Berger, (PAUSE)

in the presence of Almighty God, and those here assembled, (PAUSE)

do most solemnly and sincerely, reiterate and reaffirm, (PAUSE)

all obligations heretofore taken by me (PAUSE)

in any and all units of the Moose Fraternity. (PAUSE)

I will support the Constitution and General Laws of this fraternity (PAUSE)

and the mandates and orders of those in authority. (PAUSE)

I will, to the best of my ability, (PAUSE)

lead this fraternity to greater heights (PAUSE)

and continually strive to increase the membership of The Moose.

You will now repeat after me. To all of which – I pledge myself, - on my most sacred honor.

INSTALLING OFFICER BERGER: Brother Hart, I present to you, Chairman of the Moose International Board of Directors, John R. Sipes.

CEO HART: Thank you Brother Installing Officer Berger. Members of The Moose, it is indeed an honor and a pleasure to present to you, a Past Governor of Galion, Ohio Lodge 303, elected to office by the delegates attending the 135th Meeting of The Moose, and duly installed into office moments ago; the Brother who will serve this fraternity in the highest elected office of our fraternity during the year 2023 – 2024; he will make it rain buckeyes from OH – IO, OH – IO, OH – IO! Chairman of the Moose International Board of Directors John R. Sipes.

CHAIRMAN JOHN R. SIPES (Galion, Ohio Lodge 303): Thank you Brother Hart. Good morning - Sisters and Brothers of "**The Moose**"!

Before I get in to this too far, you know what's coming sooner or later, so let's do it sooner. OH – IO, we got that out of the way. I am honored and privileged to stand before you – the true "**Champions**" of our Moose organization.

What "**you**" have done in the past year – by "**making it happen**". You "**made it happen**" in membership promotion and retention. You "**made it happen**" in charitable giving to Moose Charities, and **you,** "made it happen" in serving your communities, day in and day out.

You Are the "**Champions**"!

Just a short time ago, I was honored to be escorted into this hall by several past leaders of our fraternity, the Past Supreme Governors and Chairmen of the Board of Directors. Each of these men have been the leaders and mentors to many of us sitting in this hall.

They certainly represent the quality of leadership, which has brought our fraternity to where it is today. With a rich and storied history, this clearly demonstrates our "**Proud Past**".

With the unceasing leadership of our CEO Scott Hart, along with the Moose International Board of Directors, the many Department Heads and Field Staff at Moose International, we are certainly headed in the right direction and that direction is toward a "**Bright Future**".

A "**Bright Future**" for our children at Mooseheart, our seniors at Moosehaven and also for the communities in which we serve.

A short time ago I was reading an article in our "Moose Magazine". this article was centered on the importance of using our past experiences to "**mentor**" our newer members in our Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions.

This article stressed the difference between "**mentoring**" and "**molding**" and why one was so vitally important versus the other.

To "**mold**" is to create something that will be the same time after time. This is not necessarily a good thing as time **and** people change and have differing interest in our Lodges as these times change.

On the other hand, to "**mentor**" others is simply to give direction and guidance toward accomplishing a goal. To focus on an "**end result**" with varying ways to accomplish that goal within the guidelines of the Moose program.

Our "**Proud Past**" has established the guidelines and "**rules**" of the Moose, but our "**Bright Future**" allows us the flexibility to grow with the times with the wants and needs of our members in mind.

For some of us, our "**Proud Past**" may be dozens of years of membership in the Moose. For others it may be much less. But for all of us, we have an opportunity to unite and work together to **create** a bright future. A brighter future for all of our members, both older and younger members alike.

As we talk about younger members, this would be a good time to introduce our family in attendance here with us this week here in Reno.

But first, I would like to call up my beautiful wife Linda. She is my rock, my companion and my "**stabilizer**". I'm sure she will help me in case I forget any of my family's names.

We are very proud of all three of our "**Moose Member**" children and their families.

First, daughter Devon and her husband Ruben Ruiz, with their two daughters Anna and Bella.

Next, our son Nathan Mcrill and wife Candace with their children, Mila, Corbin and Charlotte.

And lastly, daughter Amanda, we call her Mandi, Collins and her “little” 13-year-old son, Zander.

I believe they’ve all have had a good time here in Reno this week.

In addition, I would like to thank my association, the OH – IO, Ohio Moose Association, it’s’ awesome Board of Officers and its members for supporting this journey.

I would like to review a few of my mentors over the years. Past Supreme Governor’s Danny Albert, Harry Johnston, Joe Koons, Fritz Griswold and many, many more as well as mentors from my early years of membership. Past Regional Manager Dwaine Brown, and Past Association Presidents from my association, Ted Bayles and Jim Monroe. All of

these individuals have certainly helped to create my Proud Past, and to prepare me for the Bright Future ahead.

As we close, Linda and I look forward to visiting the many Associations this year across our great fraternity. To see firsthand what you have created with your "**Proud Past**" and hear what you have planned for your "**Bright Future**".

On behalf of Linda and myself, have safe journey's to your destinations!

God bless Mooseheart, God bless Moosehaven, and may God bless each of you!

CEO HART: Well-spoken Brother Chairman! Our members are our champions and together our Moose light will shine brightly into the future. If you would so kindly remain here, at the podium.

CEO HART: Chairman, please stay here for a couple of things we have for you to take out in to the field with you, we

have a commemorative coin, which has your picture on one side and our campaign on the other side, so as you travel, you may give these to the men and women who are making a difference in this fraternity. And then also your gavel, engraved with your name and year as Chairman of the Board that you will yield during meetings of the Board of Directors. Our potential is absolutely unlimited and you, as Chairman, will continue to help us reach that. To grow our membership, increase our footprint in our communities, grow Mooseheart and Moosehaven and Moose Charities to greater heights. I present this to you Brother Chairman. And then Linda, to you. During Pilgrim and graduation weekend, we had a beautiful picture taken of John and Linda and a beautiful frame that's engraved with "*Chairman of the Board, 2023-2024, John & Linda Sipes*" and this is a gift to you Linda.

As an organization, there are times that a different approach to overcoming its greatest challenges must be taken to see the real possibilities around us. We've been bold to make the necessary changes to not only preserve our fraternal heritage, but to see it thrive. We have shown the impact of many coming together as One is so much more powerful than One individual seeking to do the work of many. Our purpose of showing compassion to those in need in our communities, caring for our Mooseheart children, cherishing our seniors at Moosehaven and being thoughtfully concerned about each member of our Moose family has been unwavering and remains unwavering. Together we will realize an innovative and forward-thinking way to recognize fraternal achievement in The Moose. The future of our Higher Degrees will be decided by the voice of many, yours included. Please be prepared to offer your productive input in the months and

year ahead. As always, thank you for the amazing effort you put into your Lodge, Chapter, Moose Legion, District and Associations. The Moose is a better, stronger more vibrant organization with you as a key part of it.

Now, let's take the energy from this week in Reno and the first two months of the year and drive that right into our next stop for our International Moose Convention – New Orleans, Louisiana – "The Big Easy." Yea, who's ready to go back to New Orleans? We'll be downtown at the Sheraton, Marriott and Hilton from July 24 – 27, 2024. We had a fantastic time there in 2018 at our 130th International Moose Convention and you can expect the music, food, drinks, history and most importantly the people to treat you like family. Let's take a look at a short video sights, sounds and splendor of New Orleans.

[New Orleans Video Plays]

Look for convention and hotel registration to open mid-December, and if you know anything about this year, the Grand Sierra sold out in about three days and the Nugget in about four.

So look for that in mid-December and we'll give you advanced notice when that's going to happen and we hope to see you in bayou country in 2024! Now as we close, a final reminder - if you are attending the League of Guardians event tonight, it will be held at the National Automobile Museum starting at 6:00 p.m. A cash bar will be available prior to and during the dinner and transportation will be provided starting at 5:30 p.m. Transportation will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Nugget and Circus-Circus to come over here to the Sierra Resort with buses loading out in the main lobby, go down to your right, go past Chickies & Pete's, work your way to where the buses will be loading on the side of the

building. And then we'll work to get everybody back to the three locations.

[Two Raps of the Gavel]

Everyone please rise. I now call upon Director/Chaplain Robert K. Funkey to deliver the closing prayer.

DIRECTOR/CHAPLAIN FUNKEY: I know that you're excited about all the things you have learned this past week and are anxious to take those things home with you. I also know that your brains are scattered all over the place as you make final arrangements to head back home. So I ask you to pause, pause for just a moment and place your thoughts and your hearts in God's loving hands as we pray. Let us fold our arms and bow our heads. Heavenly Father, we thank you for the knowledge we have obtained during this 135th International Convention. We ask that you bless those who have been chosen to lead and those who continue to lead

our Fraternity. We ask that you increase their wisdom in order to provide the best guidance for this great fraternity.

We ask, Dear Lord, that you be with each of us as we travel our separate ways. Let us be renewed with Fraternalism so we will feel a new commitment to our cause. We also thank you for the friendships we have made or renewed during this convention. Please watch over those who serve and protect our Country so we may enjoy all the freedoms and privileges of everyday life.

We ask that you give us the strength and wisdom to use what we have learned from “Our Past” and build a strong and “Bright Future” for those dependent on our care, the aged at Moosehaven and the young at Mooseheart.

In your name Father we pray. I want you to know that the Board of Directors appreciates everything that you do, no

matter how large or how small. We love you for everything you do and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MASOPUST: Amen. I now declare the 135th Meeting of The Moose Fraternity, the 111th Annual Conference of the Women of the Moose and the 57th Annual Moose Legion Conference officially adjourned! **[one rap of gavel]**