

## January 2018 Message from Deputy Grand Regent Tammy E. Neff

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Let's get this New Year started out on the right foot and to help with this Moose International has extended the Active Military/First Responders Promotion through April 30<sup>th</sup>! This is the PERFECT opportunity to honor your obligation and sign a new member. (We don't anticipate incentives of this nature in the future so please take advantage of it while you can.) These individuals bring three things to the Moose that are desperately needed, a shared commitment to serving others; a youthful, energetic viewpoint that can reinvigorate our fraternal units; and the potential to step into leadership positions within our lodges, chapters and Moose Legions. Take the time over the next several months to identify individuals and organizations which step up in your community and invite them to join. The Moose cannot have enough members who recognize the benefits of giving to others and supporting causes purely because it's the right thing to do. **Don't stop inviting qualified candidates in other fields to join the Moose. Even though fees and dues apply to these groups, adding members will make your lodge/chapter stronger.**

### **Also to help us sponsor that new member Moose International has a new Double your Moose Rewards Campaign also beginning January 1, 2018!**

Double Moose Rewards can be earned by every sponsor, through the end of the February, 2018. For every new and former member reported and accepted in January and February double Moose Rewards will be given, getting you closer to redeeming valuable incentives. Encourage your membership to sponsor during these months to earn double Moose Rewards!

We are now accepting applications for the position of **Government Relations Chairman** for Illinois. The Government Relations Committee is a means to protect the Constitutional Rights of the Loyal Order of Moose and to assist in preserving the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Our priority is to protect the right of private assembly, freedom of association and self-government guaranteed by the First Amendment. The chairman should educate herself of local issues that impact the Moose Fraternity; report on litigation and legislative issues impacting the Moose Fraternity; foster favorable relationships with local legislators and officials; work closely with the Community Service Chairman and file reports as required. She must be enthusiastic, optimistic, friendly and helpful; willing to work harmoniously with the leadership within the state as well as the staff at Moose International. She is a volunteer and does not receive compensation for her efforts. The Government Relations Chairman will be allotted approximately 5 to 7 minutes during the Midyear and Annual Conference to report on any matters that may be affecting the Moose Fraternity. If you are interested in serving as the Government Relations Chairman for Illinois, please complete and return the WOTM Resume to the WOTM office as soon as possible.

Also the schedule for Mid-Year is on the IMA web page plus I will send a copy to each chapter!

Okay this article is long enough so here are my little thoughts for this month, "That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with." Plus, sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand. I wish everyone a very happy healthy and prosperous 2018!