

So what is a **Deputy Grand Regent** ? so I looked it up and broke it out one word at a time **Deputy:** Is a person to act as a substitute for a superior which in this case would be our Grand Regent Kim Pettit, **Grand:** Is denoting a most important item of its kind, which would be our causes Mooseheart & Moosehaven and **Regent:** Is a person appointed to administer a kingdom which would be our great state of Illinois. Man what was I thinking when I agreed to this.....

I wanted to start out with a little info for the ones that don't know me. I was born in a little town in Southern Illinois called Du Quoin known for its great State fair and home of the Hamiltonian Horse Race. My family spent many of summers there with my grandparents going to the fair. We moved to Lockport, Illinois because my only sister was in need of special schooling and somehow my Mom said this is where we needed to be so we packed up the family and off we went. (Not quite as bad as the Beverly Hillbillies) lol

Moving forward several years my Mom & Dad joined the Joliet Moose and they both got involved. My Dad becoming a Pilgrim before his passing in 1983 and my Mom a Past Deputy Grand Regent and later on the College of Regents Board before her passing in 2006! Plus one of my brothers has his Fellowship Degree, so you can see I have been a Moose brat for a very long time.

I would help my Dad at the lodge by stocking coolers, washing windows, dishes & even toilets; I had even painted & cooked long

before I was even eligible to become a member in 1982! And in between Moosin I have worked for a company call Christian Brothers Services for the past 30 years!

So here are some thoughts:

If all the sleeping moose would wake up!

The luke warm members would fire up!

The disgruntled members would sweeten up!

The depressed members would look up!

The estranged members would make up!

All the agitators would dry up and the delinquents would pay up!

“What a wonderful chapter we would have!

When we are signing that member or collecting those dues we should be selling our cause “Mooseheart & Moosehaven” not just what is happening down at the Lodge! For the Chapters tell them that \$22 out of your dues automatically goes back into caring for our children and elders! Tell them that it is the cheapest insurance policy you can buy in case you would ever need Moosehaven! (plus this life assurance policy is something that you can actually use while you are still alive!) Tell them stories of the children’s lives we have changed or literally saved!

Sell the programs and our community service projects! People will donate to all kinds of things if they believe in the cause! I have sponsored members over the years that have never been to the Lodge but they pay their dues each year and some of them for over 20 years now...why because they believe in the cause.....that or they are just afraid of me...lol

I want to thank my husband for his love and support my family for understanding the stuff that we missed because we had a Moose function, my Chapter for putting up with my OCD condition and still work with me thru it, and Moose International for having the faith and confidence in me to lead this great state of ours!

So on Monday my first official day as your new Deputy we will witness a solar eclipse! Now I don't know if this is a good sign or not but I am going with the odds in my favor that this is going to an awesome year!

Everyone have safe travels home until we meet again!