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GRAND COUNSELOR

We have a great year ahead of us and we will succeed in a positive manner when we all work towards the same goal. The Supreme Session will be very informative and we will share with you the changes that will be announced in Indianapolis. I would encourage all Councils to contact me if you have any Special Events in your plans this year. I will try to attend if my schedule permits. I would encourage all Councils to read my detailed report under separate mailing. Share ideas with one another through e-mails and/or telephone. Focus on: "Owning the Podium" reach beyond and who knows what the end result will be!

Fraternally: Serena Olsen Grand Counsellor

MEMBERSHIP

Your membership committee for the 2010/2011 fiscal year are as follows:

Dave Syrota – Membership Chair

Dwight Hunter – Member Retention

Lorne Kuchelyma – Membership Expansion

Lyle Silzer – Medal of Honor

These Committee members are ready to assist all Councils in your membership activities to help strengthen and grow our numbers.

Fraternally: Dave Syrota Grand Junior Counsellor

GRAND SECRETARY

North Bay Council should be congratulated on a great Grand Session. Not only were they very well organized but they had a direct contact with the weather man & had fantastic sunny and hot weather the whole time of the Grand Session. Although only 17 of our 28 Councils attended this Session there was a lot of work done by all who attended & those who participated. I will be serving my 3rd year of the 3 year term of office this year & I plan to run again next year for the next 3 years as I think I may now be able to say that I have a good idea of what the Grand Secretary is suppose to do. I have enjoyed being your Grand Secretary but I still need a little more help from all Councils in getting their reports in on time & correctly done. As example the NEW OFFCERS –LOCAL COUNCILS report is 2 pages. On the bottom of the 2nd page it asks for the COUNCIL OFFICE ADDRESS. Many of the reports do not have this information filled in. This is important as some Councils have a mail box address & this is the only place I can find that address. That is why some of you write back to me & ask why I am not sending correspondence to the box number. Please check your copy of this report & let me know if I have the correct address. I am still waiting on 4 Councils to return this report.

Congratulations to Lorne Kuchelyma of Saskatoon # 1031 on being elected as our new Grand Sentinel. Dwight Hunter of Edmonton # 1016 was returned for his 3rd term as Grand Executive. & Melorie Davies of Ottawa 2000 # 1047 as our fourth Grand Executive. Marg Rumsey of Red Deer # 1021 is our newly appointed Grand Chaplin. Many thanks to outgoing Grand Past Counselor Gary Mighton of Ottawa 2000 # 1047 for his 17 years on our Grand in one capacity or another. Ron Pifer 9 years as an Executive Officer and Lil McDermott Past Grand Chaplin. I look forward to seeing everyone in Red Deer in May 2011

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GRAND TREASURER

Thanks to North Bay for a superb Grand Session and their exceptional hospitality. These good humoured members worked tirelessly to entertain and make us feel welcome.

As we move into the 2010/2011 Grand Year we are working towards balancing our budget for the next Grand Session. This necessitated changes to travel and expenses for members travelling within Canada and the US for the Supreme Session.

It has taken many years of determined effort to make our presence known at Supreme Session. This required members to become involved and sit on many of the Supreme Committees. Our success was realized when our own Larry Pilon was elected to the Supreme Executive moving up the ladder to eventually become Supreme Counselor. With Jerry Giff running for the Supreme Board of Governors we will become an unforgettable force at Supreme.

We support our Members on these Committees by paying their Flight plus \$ 50.00 per day. The portion not included at this time is \$ 130.00 per day (3 days) that Supreme pays to delegates attending Supreme.

We would encourage our local Councils to support their members attending Supreme for the portion that is not included (\$ 390.00).

Fraternally: Sylvia Herman Grand Treasurer.

INTELLECTUAL DISSABILITIES/MISCELLANEOUS

I was appointed Chair of Intellectual Disabilities and Miscellaneous Charities Committees by your Grand Counselor Serena Olsen. Thanks to Past Chair Ron Pifer for doing such a superb job as previous Chair of these Committees. And I am sure that if I need help I could rely on him for his expertise.

I am a 16yr member, presently Senior Counselor of Ottawa 2000 # 1047, Past Counselor, 2008.09 Grand Chaplin of our Grand. For the last 11 yrs I attended as delegate or 1st alternate at Provincial Conventions, Grand Sessions and Supreme Sessions. I have been and still serve on several committees with local Councils, Committees at Grand Sessions and am presently 3rd Vice President of the Canadian Delegation at Supreme.

I look forward to serving as Chair and receiving reports from all local Council Chairs of these Committees.

Fraternally Melorie Davies Grand Executive Committee

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PUBLICITY/WELCOME

The Grand Session has come and gone for another year .Accolades go out to those Councils who participated in the Council Newsletter competition. The selection for the "HARRY ARON AWARD " this year was difficult and the committee sought professional assistance in the selection process'

Congratulations to Sudbury Council # 1051 for winning the year and also to the runner ups: St. Albert Council # 1024 and Edmonton Council 1016.

At last year's Supreme Competition for Councils with 199 or fewer members St. Albert Council 1024 and Toronto East Council 1065 won certificates of achievement.

Congratulations go out to these Councils for a job well done.

The ANGUS MULLIGAN WARD for contribution during the Grand Session was awarded to David Carnes Sudbury 1051. Congratulations Dave.

Please continue to forward your newsletters to myself and any other Councils or community organizations as you see fit.

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SAFETY

There was good participation in the Safety Poster Competition this year The committee of Lorna Pagee Council 1016, Ivor McBeth Council 1016 and myself reviewed the posters based on presentation, clarity and perceived impact on the viewers.

Congratulations to the following winners whose posters were sent on to Columbus for the Supreme Competition:

REGULAR EDUCATION:

Upper Level: " Don't Bully " Shelby Macdougall Calgary 1014

Middle Level: " Safety Is No Accident " Erin LaFond Saskatoon 1031

Lower Level: " Don't Play With Matches " Madison Cormier Calgary 1014

INTELLECTUALLY CHALLENGED

Upper Level: " Safety For Canada " Sheldon T Calgary 1014

Middle Level: “ Don’t Text And Drive “ Kyle Keys Cranbrook 1023

BEST OVERALL: “ Don’t Play With Matches “ Madison Cormier Calgary 1014

Congratulations to the winners and thanks for your support of this worthwhile community activity.

Fraternally : Gil. Hartley Grand Executive Committee

LAPSED MEMBERSHIP

I would like to thank all members and their Councils for their support in voting me back on the Grand Council. I have been involved for the past four years and will serve my next two years with pride and work as hard as possible in order to continue the great traditions of ACT/UCT Canada. I will be working with lapsed members again this term. We do need to start a trend towards attracting new younger members. I would ask that all of you bring this up at your Council meetings and present the info to the Grand Executive. We can put all your suggestions together and send out to the Councils for their assessment. Perhaps with everyone’s help we can come up with a system to attract new members and help all the clubs gain membership.

Will you please put on your next monthly agenda and monthly meeting agenda, MEMBERSHIP!! . Brainstorm and come up with some ideas and tips on how to attract new members and retain the members we have. With so many people willing to help others we should be able to come up with some innovative ideas to help our clubs continue to grow rather than shrink .Please send your ideas to me and thanks again for your support and have a great summer and bang up year 2010. We are all just people helping people one at a time.

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YOUTH AND DRUG AWARENESS

As your Youth and Drug Awareness Committee Chairperson I would like to hear from the Councils as your activities happen so I can share your ideas and accomplishments with other Councils.

As we remember that youth is the foundation to our Country and Councils, all of us need to encourage and mentor our youth as they grow into the leaders of tomorrow.

HOLD HANDS DAY UPDATE: I have heard from Cranbrook Council 1023 again this year, on their activities at the May8th event. They now play a key role in the success of the East Kootenay Children’s Festival. This is a free day for all children to attend with extensive and varied program. Their contribution has grown from a small volunteer part to where they are now the largest volunteer group participating both on the executive and during the event itself. They are also one of the top three financial supporters of the Festival. Way to go Cranbrook!

Does anyone else have information on their events that they would like to share?

Have a safe and relaxing summer as you plan all the varied activities for this fall and winter season.

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