

CNMA MIDYEAR CONFERENCE REPORT 2010

Good morning my Brothers!!!

First off let me let me recognize the members of your Moose Scholarship Committee: Charley Bright, Mike Hennessey, Andy Higgins, Bob Inderbieten, Gary McGrath and Steve McKelvey. Also let me recognize Nick Bailey, District 15; Wayne Parker, District 22; and Russ Nelson, District 2 who have helped to promote this Program.

Next I want to have all of the District, Moose Legion, and Council Of Higher Degree Presidents and Secretary's to please stand and be recognized for all the effort they have put into promoting and supporting this program. Lets give them a big Moose Thank You.

So where are we? As of March 1st, 2010 we have collected \$184,125.00 towards our 5-year goal of \$245,000.00. So give or take a little we came into this Conference \$60,000.00 short of our 5-year goal.

So what's the problem you ask? Well Gentlemen, we have a lot of the pieces of the puzzle missing that we needed and still need to complete the puzzle and reach our objective.

To be precise Gentlemen we have 27 Lodges that have contributed nothing towards helping us make sure that our young adults will have funds to continue their education upon graduation from Mooseheart. That's pitiful! Pitiful! The remaining Lodges, many of the other Fraternal Unit and Individual members within the boundaries of this Association have contributed something and many have contributed more than their share. To those we say Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!!

What are we going to do? Well if the 27 missing pieces contributed just \$250.00, we would be almost \$7000.00 closer to the goal. If the 10 Lodges that have been trying, but have not reached their first \$250.00 goal could, it would bring another \$1000,00. If the 57 Lodges that are below the \$1250.00 5-year expectation would each contribute \$250.00, it would bring in another \$13,950.00. That totals \$21,950.00. WOW, and I'll bet I can walk around my Lodge and get another \$50.00 to make it an even \$22,000.00. Are YOU willing to do the same; if so, it will help us to reach our goal.

This campaign was scheduled to end on September 12, 2010 at the completion the Annual Convention in Palm Springs and the final Awards made available at the 2011 Midyear Conference here in Reno. We have requested, and the Executive Board has agreed, to extend the final date to qualify for Recognition Awards to December 31, 2010. This will allow all Fraternal Units that may be close to an Award based on their donations total in September, to donate enough money to reach whatever Award level they wish to attain and still leaves us enough time to order the Awards.

Remember you can find all of the latest information on the Association website under the Scholarship link, and if you have questions all of the Committee members contact information is available on the same link. My Brothers, every donation, no matter the amount, will help us complete the puzzle, reach our goal and fulfill our obligation to our California/Nevada children at Mooseheart. It is a heavy burden for a few, but it can be borne lightly with help from all of you.

My Brothers this concludes my report. Thank you and Good Morning.

Robert Bakman
Scholarship Committee Chairman