



## Supreme Presidents Message



Happy New Year to all! Hopefully all had a Christmas and New Year's that was safe and one that brought you all the things you requested. It's time to say a hearty "Welcome to our new Auxiliaries and to those who have revitalized and are growing." We have new Auxiliaries and we have lost several too. If you know of an Auxiliary not in a Grand which is nearby look in on them and help if you can.

We ended 2017 with less than 69% in membership. Let's beat those bushes and get membership in. Remember, if dues are not paid, members are not in good standing and cannot attend meetings, receive hospital hours or hold office until those dues are paid. The Supreme Treasurer received numerous dues dated over a week ago. My dream for our Grands and Auxiliaries is to attain the elusive goal of 100%.

It was a busy past month (Angel's wings made it fly by so fast). The Cootie Christmas was well attended. Commander Dan and I enjoyed it so much, just watching the kids open presents. Thanks to the Grand of Florida and Michigan for all they did to make it so successful. The Supreme Commander and I provided a Christmas music CD and DVD to each house. When I got home it was rush-rush and then off again to Kentucky to attend a Christmas party hosted by both Nit Pickers #7 and Simpal #9. We had a great time and attended a Nit Pickers Auxiliary meeting the next day.

Now is the time for each Auxiliary to begin the selection and nominations for Officers for the ensuing year. Remember elections and installations must be completed by 31 March 2018. For those Auxiliaries considering folding, PLEASE contact me and let's see what we can do to save your MOCA. An Auxiliary turned in the charter with no minutes indicating a vote to close. So, it was returned, giving them time to regroup. Guess what? They just turned in 29 members! Isn't that exciting! It is also time for those considering running for Supreme Guard to get their letters of intent written and mailed.

Lots of Christmas cards were sent and received, which revealed a slight problem with our Auxiliaries and members when several cards were returned to me. Sisters and Brothers, it is your personal responsibility to inform your Auxiliary Secretary and Treasurer that you have moved so they can provide that information to Supreme. I know many have had great holidays and others have experienced sadness. To those we wish Condolences and to our sick Get well. God Bless and keep each one of you and Thank you for the Get Well cards! My toes are healed, and the stitches will come out tomorrow. It's hard when you can't walk; it helps us to remember how our military amputees feel. Thanks too for all the funds being sent in for my Special Projects: the 4 -H Barns and the Valhalla Ranch (PTSD) keep the funds coming.

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