



President's Message May 2018

May flowers and Summer heat have arrived with a force! We are in full swing with Grand Conventions and newly elected/installed Grand Officers. To all of you I wish a very *successful* year.

Again, it was a busy month; visiting the Grand of Washington, Midnight Sun # 2 in Alaska, and then off to visit Snake State # 6 for a wonderful visit with its Auxiliary members, veterans and both Post and District VFW Commanders. Then it was off to Grand of Arizona for a great time and a visit to Camp Verde and the Famous Well. I wonder what one that is? I've rested a weekend and I'm ready to go again.

New Grand Presidents might I make a suggestion? Next year you will again have Supreme representatives coming to attend your Grand Convention. PLEASE make sure someone meets them at the Airport and assign them a "page." These Representatives do not know your area and arriving in a strange city with no one to meet them is disappointing and scary. In addition, provide them with an itinerary for the weekend. So, if the "page" assigned to escort them is unavailable, they know times to be where and when.

Remember, I can't stress enough when our Supreme Convention will be and its location in Kansas City (Overland Park), Missouri July 26 -29, 2018. Reservations may be made at the Marriott Hotel, 10800 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66210. Reservations can be made by calling 800-228-9290. Be sure to identify your affiliation with the Military Order of the Cootie to receive the discounted rate. The link on the Supreme MOC website may offer additional information regarding the Supreme Convention. Please remember to complete the advance Registration and Credential forms sent with last month's General Orders.

TIP: This is a fun organization so make your meetings fun and more will want to come back. Ask your members why they are there? Then, as part of your oath was, to prevent within your power, certain things; number one should be to stop the bickering, back-biting and more members will come back to your meetings. Remember YOU control the meeting!

Final Checklists: Audits, required donations in, Chairman's reports sent to Supreme and/or Grand Chairmen? Are supporting documents attached. Presidents, is your resume attached and not just a running list of where you went. I have heard rumors that another vacancy is going to be announced. Any Candidates; you need to make your intent known now!

Our funds for Special Projects continues to grow; SPSP is over \$13,000 and **National Home** over \$6000. Please dig deep so our National Home kids and 4-H projects are funded. THANK YOU, you are all awesome.

Loyally,

Penny Sue Cacoulidis
Supreme President

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