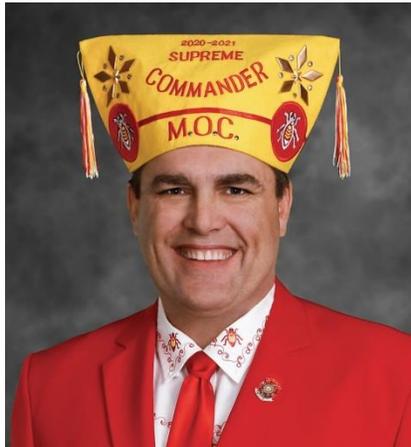


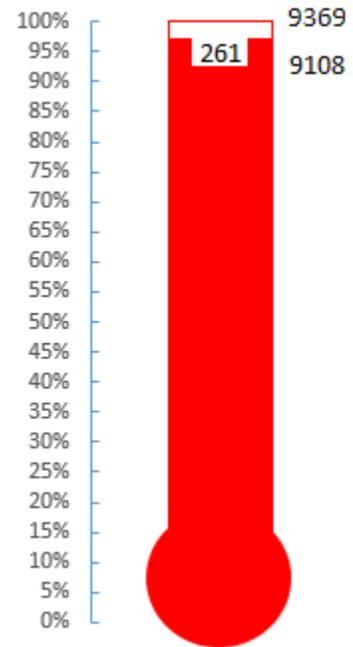


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Listen Cooties, Cuties and all of the Crummies who will painfully make their way through the following gibberish. We conducted another lousy, unproductive, and boring Supreme Council of Administration call last night. Two weeks ago, the Grand Commanders suffered through my ramblings. I am very excited to host the Supreme Commander's Homecoming this weekend in Phoenix, Arizona at Post 9400. If you haven't bought a ticket, it is not too late. Please contact Weezie Burrell at (602) 615-0093 or email her at: [burrell.beth@yahoo.com](mailto:burrell.beth@yahoo.com) for more information. We originally announced events would start about 1pm, but it will be a little later than that. SO, bring all of your jokes and war stories to

share in the Post Canteen. Bring a few dollars also; I was told there will be a raffle or two. Of course, we couldn't be the Cooties if there wasn't a 50/50 raffle or a raffle of some sort. Since there won't be any fines, you will have more money to spend. This will be a time for us to relax and enjoy our comradeship with each other. It has been a difficult year as far as getting together in comradeship. We have lost very dear friends, brothers and sisters. Through it all though, we have done an amazing job in membership! We have a few Grands who are actually starting new Pup Tents and there is work being done to reactivate a Grand. Each Friday, Dale and Gary post our membership numbers on the LOTCS.ORG website. Last Friday, our total was 9,108! We are only 261 members to be 100% + 1 in our organization and I'm hearing whispers of a few Pup Tents currently processing new members and even a new Pup Tent or two still to be processed. This means GROWTH for the first time in many years. This year has been a tough one, but let's finish strong! It is a HUGE statement to ourselves and our parent organization that the COOTIES ARE HERE TO STAY! We are STILL going to be out in the hospitals, nursing homes, Veterans homes and we are STILL going to have fun doing it! Let's surpass 9369 so I can call our VFW Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch and tell him the great news. I might even invite him to our Grand Commanders' Zoom meeting to brag. If I do that though, we need MAXIMUM participation for the meeting. If you are not getting the meeting invite, please email me and I will add you to the list. Although the meetings are titled "Supreme Council of Administration





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Meeting” and “Grand Commanders’ Call”, everyone is invited. We are very transparent and aren’t afraid to professionally discuss the issues of our great organization. If you get an invite, feel free to pass the invite along to any Cooties who might be interested in getting involved.

We would be MUCH closer to our membership being 100% in the MOC if all of our current Grand and Pup Tent Officers were paid up in their membership. If you recall your Tickle last month, I warned that this month I would name Grands that have OFFICERS who are unpaid. Next month, I will name specific Pup Tents and then, in the May issue, I will name individual officers who have not paid. SO, you have been warned. You are OFFICERS and should be the first to pay your dues on time. Perhaps you should just ‘Go Life’ and never have to worry about it again.

Here are the Grands who have Grand and Pup Tent Officers who have not paid their annual dues:

Alaska	1 Officer	(1 Pup Tent)
Alabama	1 Officer	(1 Pup Tent)
Arkansas	5 Officers	(3 Grand, 2 Pup Tent)
California	3 Officers	(3 Pup Tent)
Colorado	2 Officers	(2 Pup Tent)
Florida	2 Officers	(2 Pup Tent)
Iowa	1 Officer	(1 Pup Tent)
Massachusetts	1 Officer	(1 Pup Tent)
Michigan	3 Officers	(2 Grand, 1 Pup Tent)
Missouri	5 Officers	(5 Pup Tent)
Montana	2 Officers	(2 Pup Tent)
North Carolina	3 Officers	(3 Pup Tent)
New Jersey	1 Officers	(1 Pup Tent)
New York	2 Officers	(1 Grand, 1 Pup Tent)
Oklahoma	1 Officers	(1 Grand)
Oregon	2 Officers	(3 Pup Tent)
Pennsylvania	3 Officers	(3 Pup Tent)
Tennessee	1 Officer	(1 Pup Tent)
Texas	1 Officer	(1 Pup Tent)
Wisconsin	1 Officer	(1 Pup Tent)

SVC Olin Parks is putting together his team to lead our lousy organization next year. It takes a lot of good people to make things happen. Honestly, Cooties, if you are looking for a



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position, elected or appointed, so you can get a new shag or you are in this for ‘power’, PLEASE don’t bother. Quite frankly, that’s one of the reasons our organization is in the state that it is in now. Too much flexing and not enough fixing. Too much wine and whine and not enough work. If you are ready to serve and are forward thinking, please reach out to Olin and see where you may fit it.

Now that Department Convention season is upon us, please find a way to represent the Cooties to your respective department. The Cootie Depot has some GREAT table covers to show off the MOC as well as ‘giveaways’ to help market ourselves. Do your best to get a few minutes to talk to our Department Comrades about the Cooties. We are not an organization of exclusivity, but inclusivity. We are not an organization where a Comrade must be ‘asked’ to join. I would like to see Cooties out recruiting at the VFW National Convention in Baltimore. Once we get a firm ‘Go’ we will look for volunteers to recruit members at the MOC booth. We really need the exposure and to use the booth for more than a Supreme Scratch registration booth. I would like to find a way to sign up an Atom on the spot, but we are still working that avenue. Speaking of the VFW National Convention, all indications are we are still a “GO” and I will update you if I hear anything different. I will be attending the VFW Council of Administration on Saturday and hope to find out more details.

Our Supreme Bylaws Committee made up of Marc Garduno (High Chair), Paul Works (Right Seat), Eddie Dandridge, Sr. (Rocking Chair) and Jerry Constable (Bench) have done and exceptionally great job reviewing the bylaws and recommending updates. This team did not sit back and simply wait for inputs from the Grands, but scoured the pages from the title page to the last page number to make our organization better. A huge ‘THAT’S LOUSY’ goes out to them. There are rumblings of the team next year diving into the Ritual to add tradition and bring us up to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century...stay tuned.



My Supreme Commander’s Project this year was the VFW National Home for Children’s Child Care Center upgrade. The entrance area was substandard and needed a lot of work. Sue Alverson, Director of Development sent me the pictures of how the entrance area looks now. If you have not been

to the National Home, you need to pay them a visit. If you have seen the Child Development Center before, you will love how it looks now!



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I hope to see you at my Homecoming this weekend. If not, then at one of the **Zoom** meetings aforementioned. **KEEP THEM SMILIN' IN BEDS OF WHITE!**

**Yours in the LOTCS,**

**Darin Combs  
Supreme Commander  
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