

A.C.T./UCT DOMINION GRAND # 31

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NEWSLETTER

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GRAND COUNSELOR David Pagee

We have just finished a Grand Session in Calgary. Larry Pilon and his Council are to be congratulated on a very well run Session. The golf was great and the meal after so fantastic, as well as the Thursday night Executive dinner. The spouses were shown around the beautiful Calgary, Elbow Falls and Bragg Creek areas and had a wonderful time.

Congratulations to Jack Blenkinsop from North Bay Council on being elected as Grand Sentinel. I know he will be an asset to the Grand. David Cumming has come on the Executive and it's nice to have David with us. Sylvia Herman was also elected to a two year term as our Grand Treasurer.

I would like to welcome Lil McDermott from Council # 1016 as my Grand Chaplin for the coming year.

David Pagee Grand Counselor

GRAND PAST CONSELOR Gary Mighton

I would like to thank our A.C.T./UCT Grand 31 Board of Directors for a job well done this past year and also at the Grand Meetings in Calgary. A special thank you to Melorie Davies, who I appointed as our Grand Chaplin, for the beautiful Memorial/Necrology Service she conducted on Sunday morning at the Grand Meeting. Congratulations to Chair Larry Pilon and his Calgary North Council 1015 for putting on another great Grand Session. Everything was well planned and your hospitality was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the committees and volunteers for a job well done. North Bay next year, Red Deer in 2011 and Medicine Hat in 2012 have their work cut out for them to keep up such high standards. Thank you also to the Delegates who attended and made the decisions needed for A.C.T./UCT to carry on. We all enjoyed the meals, meetings and functions Calgary North arranged for us.

Welcome to Grand Counselor David Pagee and his newly elected Board especially Grand Secretary Rick Warner from Kelowna West, who did a great job his first year on the job and at his first Grand Session. Neil Pickering was missed but Rick, with some electronics help from Kevin Herman, did an excellent job. Our, newly elected Grand Sentinel, Jack Blenkinsop from North Bay, will take over the Cancer Committee Portfolio from our incoming Grand Counselor David Pagee. Everyone moved up one position to make room for Jack and your new Grand Page Lyle Silzer, from Moose Jaw, will continue to look after Medal of Honor program. Grand Conductor Dave Syrota, from Medicine Hat, will continue as Chair of Membership Committee. Serena Olsen, from Red Deer, is now our Grand Junior Counselor and stays on as Membership Expansion Director as does Executive Director Dwight Hunter, from Edmonton 1016, as Membership Retention Director. Serena will be our first lady Grand Counselor in 2010-2011. Past Grand Counselor David Cumming, from Cranbrook, ran for election with Gil. Hartley, from Sudbury, and were elected to the 2 year term Executive Seats. David will look after the Youth and Drug Awareness Portfolio' Past Grand Counselor Ron Pifer, from Orillia ran for the open 1 year seat on the Executive and I Gary Mighton Ottawa 200 1047 , am now your Grand Past Counselor. Thanks again to Bud Gallo for filling in for the year on the Executive. Others continuing with the same portfolios are Sylvia Herman as Grand Treasurer, Gil. Hartley, with the Safety/ Welcome / Publicity Committees and Ron

Pifer , with Intellectual Disabilities and Miscellaneous Committees. Grand Counselor David Pagee appointed Lil McDermott from his Council, Edmonton 1016 as his Grand Chaplin for the year. Lil is a long time active member of the Edmonton Council and I know she will enjoy being your Grand Chaplin. We are all here to serve you but we need your help, input and support. Let's work together and try to bring in more new members. We all enjoy being A.C.T./UCT members, maybe they will too.

We will have a good group of our A.C.T./UCT Grand members representing you at the Supreme Session in Granville, S.C. in July. Larry Pilon starting his second year on the Supreme Board of Governors will be moving up to Supreme Page. Our appointed Delegates will be David Pagee and Serena Olsen and our elected Delegates are Melorie Davies and Sylvia Herman. Others attending will be David Cumming, Canadian Task Force and Past Grand Counselor's Assoc.; Jerry Giff, appointed Examining Finance Comm; Chris Phelan, Canadian Comm. Board of Directors and myself on the UCT Charities Trust Fund Comm. Lindsay Maxwell, who won the Angus Mulligan Award for contributing the most to the Grand Session in Calgary, is on the Canadian Task force and as a UCT employee will be working a lot of the time. There will be about 14 A.C.T./UCT members at the Supreme Session including some of our Spouses.

Gary Mighton Past Grand Counselor

MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION

What an amazing year with 20 Councils receiving awards for new members added to roster. When we attend the Supreme Session in Grenville in July, it will be a thrill to see several of our Councils receiving the Medal of Honor, many of them Gold Medal of Honor. Remember, in order to qualify for this award meetings must be held in July and August. It is easy to have a function with very little effort required. Just remember to record the event with the number of members and guests attending. Also, all Councils have the benefit of experienced support from the Grand Executive this year as past individuals are in the same positions. We would like to present ourselves as the MEMBERSHIP TEAM – working toward the same goal.

We have a budget for rewarding sponsors of new members. Over the past 2 years we have increased the payout amount and this year it would be a thrill to increase this amount again! We will follow the same format as in the past but the method of payout may change. We will inform you later.

We trust that you will have a great year in each of your Councils. Remember, E-mails are great but telephone conversations are a great benefit for moral building. Contact your membership Team at any time and we will be pleased to assist in any way that we can.

I will be meeting in person several individuals at the Supreme Membership Breakfast on July 7th in Greenville. If any Councils have concerns that you would like brought up , please contact me before July 1st as we will be leaving on the 2nd.

Fraternally : Serena Olsen Grand Junior Counselor- Chair Membership

MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION

A record number of Councils added NEW MEMBERS last year. The challenge is before us and we can do it again. Remember if goals are not set we have nothing to reach for. The summer months may be quiet time for most Councils but that doesn't mean we stop talking about our great organization. Always present ourselves positively the crowds will follow us. A quote from the Children's Services Centre in Red Deer is " When you

believe in miracles.....anything can happen! “ We can apply this same philosophy in our Councils and results will happen.

Have a great summer and see you in the Fall.

Serena Olsen Grand Junior Counselor Chair. Membership Expansion

GRAND SECRETARY

I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE Calgary North 1015 on a very successful Grand Session that they hosted May 28th to 31st. This Grand Session was my first as Grand Secretary and I want to thank all those who helped me set up for the Session. This Grand Session would not have been recorded if not for the expert help of Kevin Herman. This past year has gone very smoothly with the transformation and help from Neil Pickering. This has been a learning year for me and will make this next year easier as I now have a full year of experience to draw upon. I look forward to working with everyone this year and most of all our new Grand Officers led by David Pagee. Please keep the reports coming in a timely manner. I ask all Council Secretaries to do their best to mail the paperwork to the correct office. Home Office is UCT in Calgary not the Grand Secretary.

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I look forward to working with everyone in the months to come.

Rick Warner Grand Secretary

GRAND TREASURER

The Calgary Grand Session 2009 was very successful with many of our concerns including mileage and per diem and increased per capita taxes resolved. Changes in mileage and per diem for delegates attending Grand Sessions were:

From: \$ 50.00 per day and \$.25/per km one way

To: \$100.00 per day and \$.35/per km one way

Per Capita Taxes will increase as at June 30th 2009-06-29:

From: \$ 3.00 per quarter per member

To: \$ 4.00 per quarter per member

Thank you all for your input and I hope the personal time I spent with some of you was positive and answered your questions.

I have been elected for a second 2year term as your Grand Treasurer and am looking forward to the many rewards and challenges that this position presents.

Your vote to send me to Greenville SC as your Supreme Delegate is appreciated. I look forward to bringing back knowledge and experience that will enhance my position on our Grand.

Sylvia Herman Grand Treasurer

YOUTH AND DRUG AWARENESS

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

This is a learning curve for me as I take on this new role and I would appreciate everyone's assistance as we move through this year.

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 leaders of tomorrow.

Hold Hands Day update:

I have heard from Cranbrook Council 1023 on their activities at the May 2nd 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 an 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 the Fall and Winter season.

Fraternally

David Cumming Youth and Drug Awareness Chair (dcumming@telus.net)

PUBLICITY/WELCOME

We are pleased to announce that David Carnes, Sudbury Council 1051, is looking after our new web site. I encourage you to explore it and the associated links at (www.act-uct.com) .

The newsletter competition continues to be very active. Congratulations to this years Harry Aaron Award winner, Toronto East Council 1065, for a job well done and runner up , Sherwood Park Council 1022.

Congratulations also go out to Lindsay Maxwell, Calgary North Council 1015, on receiving this years Angus Mulligan Award for his contributions during the Grand Session

Please keep forwarding your Newsletters to myself and other Councils where you deem fit. The Newsletter competition is getting more and more competitive and this year should be a difficult one to judge. Too bad we don't have more than one award!

Fraternally; Gil. Hartley – Publicity/Welcome Comm. Chair.

SAFETY

This year's Safety Competition had good participation and the posters were excellent. Thanks to my committee of Susan Warner (1003), Elly Opdenkelder (1023) and Ron Swenson (1022) for their valuable contribution.

This years winners were:

Regular Upper: Ottawa 1046 – Ricardo Casgill – Anderson

Regular Middle: Ottawa 1046 – Cassandra Ethier

Regular Lower: Saskatoon 1031 – Debdon

Intellectual Upper: Cranbrook 1023 James McFarlane

Intellectual Middle: Calgary 1014 Michelle G.

Intellectual Lower: Calgary 1014 Olivia M.

Congratulations to these winners. Columbus has confirmed receipt of these posters for the Supreme Competition and we wish them well in the judging at this level.

I look forward to another strong competition this year and encourage all Councils to participate.

Fraternally

Gil. Hartley Safety Comm. Chair.