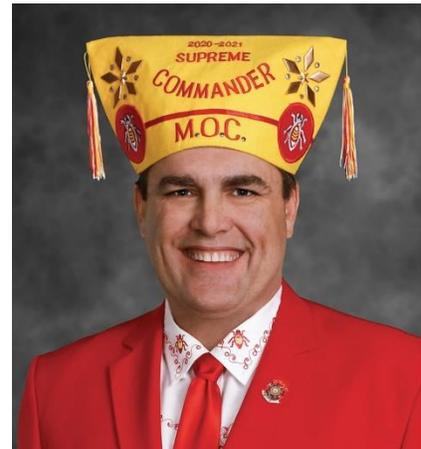




SUPREME COOTIE TICKLE 2020-2021 SERIES NOVEMBER



Listen Cooties, Cuties and anyone else that might be slightly amused! How things have changed since you were last 'tickled'! I hope that all of you are taking the necessary precautions for you and your family. For those of you who have COVID-19, follow your doctor's orders and isolate yourself as requested. Together we will get through this and will hopefully get back to normal soon. You should know by now that Cootie Christmas has been canceled. Be sure to reach out to Don Lynch or Eric Bell to find out how you can donate to the children and families if you normally take something for the Cootie Christmas celebration. I want to thank Don, Eric, Ken and Debora Thie for trying so hard to make Cootie Christmas happen.

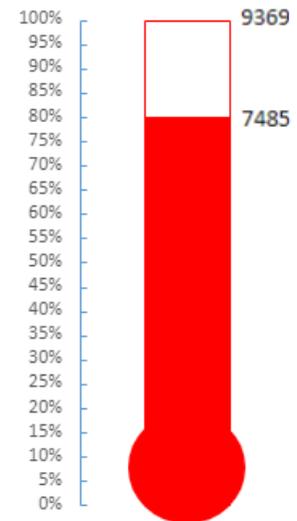


I have decided to go ahead and hold our Supreme Military Order of the Cootie mid-year Council of Administration in Springfield, Missouri December 4-6, 2020. I was pleased to address the MOCA in their mid-term on November 7th via Zoom video conferencing. They had good attendance and handled the video meeting very well! Thank you, Jen, for allowing me a few minutes of your valuable meeting time. The C of A will be held at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center. Please call the hotel at (417) 866-5253 and tell them you are with the Military Order of the Cootie. The room rate is \$104 per night with a free Continental Breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning. Keep in mind that the \$104 rate gets us the Hospitality Room, Meeting / Banquet Room and audio support for free. When you make your reservation, tell them your flight arrival time and they will provide airport transportation for you. So, if you consider free breakfast, free hospitality room, free meeting / banquet room and free airport shuttle, the room rate is very reasonable. If we do not meet a certain number of total nights reserved in our block of rooms, we will have to pay for the rooms not used, a fee for the Hospitality Room, Meeting/Banquet Room and audio support. So, if you are tempted to make a reservation with a wholesaler, please be a team member and use our block reservation. No profit is being made with your reservation. The banquet will offer Mushroom Marsala Chicken and Bacon Wrapped Pork Loin Medallion for \$29.95. Please contact Jim Thorpe at jwt1006@sbcglobal.net or call him at 417-844-6914 and let him know how many banquet tickets you will need. If you do not let Jim know that you need a ticket, you may not have a meal at the banquet. There will be a registration

fee of \$5.05 collected (total of \$35) to cover banquet servers' tips. Pup Tent 11 from the Grand of Missouri will host a Hospitality Room in the Kalahari Room on Friday night from 5pm-11pm. They will have sloppy joes, snacks, and drinks available. On Saturday night, Social Hour will begin at 6pm with a cash bar and dinner served at 7pm. The attire will be casual (Supreme Commander Polo Shirt is preferred) with our JVCINC Tim Borland as our guest.

The 2021 Supreme Scratch is scheduled to be held August 5-8, 2021 in Baltimore, Maryland. The BWI Marriott has been selected as our venue. The nightly rate is \$100 with free parking and transportation to and from the airport. The registration fee for the convention is \$15.00 if paid early or \$20.00 if paid at convention. The banquet this year will cost \$50.00. The number to call for reservations is 410-859-8300.

Membership currently stands at 80% in the MOC. Our organizational goal is 9369 this year. We ended last year with 9368 members and we are currently at 7485. We have a lot of work to do. You may view your membership standings by going to LOTCS.ORG and click the REPORTS tab and then scroll down and select the month. This will bring up an Excel spreadsheet with the data you need. Our organization needs committed members. SVC Olin Parks has been working in Illinois and Indiana to encourage Cooties and to get some interest stirred up. He was encouraged to get a very warm reception in several Indiana areas that were interested in starting a Pup Tent. JVC Dwight Hora has visited Oklahoma and Kentucky causing a raucous in hopes to also stir up more interest. Please visit your Department Councils of Administration and Convention promoting the MOC. If you are interested in an MOC table cover, please contact the Cootie Depot.



Speaking of the Cootie Depot, our organization is taking a big financial hit this year since we are not able to enjoy the convention sales as normal. Please contact Gary and Delpha at the Cootie Depot and stock up on your personal, Pup Tent and Grand supplies. If you want to have something customized or special made, they have a lot of experience doing that and will gladly help out.

I received an input from our MOCA President Jennifer Winn.

A little fun fact about our dearly departed Past Supreme President Head Madam Marjorie Johns. Have you really wondered how she became the "Head Madam"? Where did she get that name and why was she given that name? Some of you know and some of you do not, here is how it goes.

Early in 1986 before Marj became the MOCA President, she went to Alaska on one of her many outings. Somethings needed to be taken care of and Marj started instructing others on what to do. Miles Pierce, VFW Department Commander at the time, kept referring to her as "Head Madam", it stuck from then on. Miles always thought and loved her as a sister. She would stay with Miles & Jimmie Pierce from time to time when in Alaska.

After becoming Supreme President, that year's convention was held in Kansas City, Kansas. Three MOCA girls dressed up as hookers (I was a PSP then) and went to the MOC side during their meeting dressed as hookers to solicit funds for the VA Hospital at a Quarter (.25) a hug.

Those 3 girls are all Past Supreme President's now. With the money they raised throughout the year, Marj was able to present the Director at the VA Hospital a check for \$15,000.00. She told the young man (he was a redhead) that she was the Head Madam and do you know what Head Madams have? "He turned red face" and said, "Well, yes". She told him that her girls raised the \$15,000. One quarter at a time.

I will stop tickling you for this month with one last comment. The General Election is winding down. Everyone has cast their votes and the politicians and lawyers are finishing things up. Please do not allow political opinions hinder your service to our Veterans. I often share this analogy: Suppose you and I are alone fighting in a foxhole against an enemy and suppose you and I had totally opposite upbringings, cultures, political points of view, standards, color of skin, gender, gender preference, religious ideology, etc. When we are fighting together against a common enemy (Veteran PTSD, Veteran suicide, loneliness of a widow/widower or an orphan), I am not worried that your uniform (i.e., political ideology in this case). I am fighting for your life as you reload your ammo and you will be fighting for my life as I reload my ammo. We have a wonderful country that many of us have fought for and many we know died for. Let's honor that sacrifice by serving instead of political bickering amongst ourselves.

**Yours in the LOTCS,
Darin Combs
Supreme Commander**