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# Blue Goose Holds 107<sup>th</sup> Grand Nest Convention in Quebec City, Quebec JULY 9-12, 2013, Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac

185 Ganders, spouses and guests, including 10 children from across the US and Canada journeyed to Quebec City to attend the 107<sup>th</sup> Blue Goose Grand Nest Convention from July 9-12, 2013. The convention was held at the spectacular Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac in the heart of Old Quebec - within easy walking distance of hundreds of shops, restaurants, and attractions.

## Tuesday July 9, 2013

The Convention kicked off with a short walk down Rue Saint-Louis for a spectacular Welcome Party at the Quebec Garrison Club.

*The Garrison Club* was established by Canadian militia officers way back in 1879. It's a private club for meetings and get-togethers of military and social groups. The military origins of the Club are represented on its grounds by pyramids of cannon balls and an old cannon.

Our group was set up outside under a tent, and everything was just perfect. We had a choice of duck, pork, salmon or tilapia for our entrees, and the dinners were cooked to order on outdoor grills. Music and dancing followed dinner, and it was a great way to catch up with old friends and start the convention.

## Wednesday July 10, 2013

After a full breakfast, the 107<sup>th</sup> Grand Nest Meeting was opened by MLGG Guy Charron as he introduced the head table, Grand Nest officers, Convention Chair Jacques Cuierrier, the Grand Nest

wives, and the Honorable Order's PMLGGs.

A marching band named "Les Éclairs de Québec" showed great showmanship as they entered the room playing the theme from Rocky, before presiding over the presentation of the colors and the U.S. and Canadian anthems. They exited the room playing Michael Jackson's "Thriller".

The invocation was given by Father Denis Bélanger of the Notre Dame de Quebec Parish. He followed with a talk on the spiritual history of Quebec and told us that the parish was celebrating its 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We all recited a prayer together signifying spiritual growth.

Our next speaker was Le Chateau Frontenac's Stephane Cote who congratulated Blue Goose on its longevity and welcomed us.

Grand Custodian Bill Olson, dressed as Francis Scott Key, gave us a history behind the Canadian flag and national anthem. He took some historical liberties as he stretched the truth by weaving in some little known Blue Goose connections along the way.

MLGG Charron introduced the Quebec Convention Committee and Grand Wielder Terry Maloney welcomed us (en française) and congratulated the Quebec Pond on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Grand Nest Historian Jerry Hale pointed out an omission in the introduction of the Grand Nest Officers and called up Bob Partridge and Kevin Brady of the Hartford Pond to receive their Grand Nest Bartender symbols of office.

The Convention's Memorial Service was conducted by Lorena Kohlruss, Lynne Fawcett, and Isabel McNab of the Alberta Pond. As piano music softly played in the background, the name of each Pond was shown on a screen, and then announced, as the members of that Pond stood in unison. If a Pond lost a member during the year, the name was displayed on a screen with a blue sky, white clouds, and images of geese in flight.

Three PMLGGs were eulogized. PMLGG George Harwood eulogized PMLGG Cliff Needham (1994) as "an ambassador of the Order in word and deed". Grand Custodian Bill Olson eulogized PMLGG David White (1985) who incurred a significant personal debt to fund the convention during his MLGG year. The National Capital Pond started an annual golf outing to repay that expense. Penn Pond MLG Frank Marx eulogized MLGG Joseph W. Knowlan (1971), who at the time of his passing was the Order's oldest living PMLGG.

The Memorial Service closed with the singing of the Blue Goose hymn and a screen of remembrance with alternating poetic verses of French and English as geese flew off into the horizon.

The Ontario Pond conducted a "1970's discotheque" themed Model Initiation ceremony that was preceded by a crowd-pleasing introduction in the form of a French lesson. Our language instructor was Christine Fortier, who in a star-making performance played her role with equal parts of naughty schoolteacher and dominatrix. She led a rousing crowd participation lesson on

English to French translations using words from the Blue Goose ritual as examples. Her final word was discotheque –and it was a clever transition to what happened next.

The Ontario Pond marched in dressed in their 1970's finest. We saw a nod to Billy Preston's towering Afro, to John Travolta's Saturday Night Fever white suit, and all manner of paisleys, sparkles, platform shoes, miniskirts, and bell bottoms. There was even a disco ball. Musical breaks during the ritual included songs by KC and the Sunshine Band, Sister Sledge, and Kool and the Gang. Twelve "super cool" goslings were initiated as they changed from "jive turkeys" to Blue Goose.

The All Industry Luncheon featured a charismatic address by business consultant and motivational speaker Steven Finn. He played 12 seasons in the National Hockey League (most of them as a Captain or Assistant Captain) with the Tampa Bay Lightning, Los Angeles Kings, and Quebec Nordiques. Some of the themes he covered were keeping an open mind, confidence and mental toughness, the power of visualization, and seeking out and learning from the extraordinary visionaries you encounter through life. Finn was well qualified to give that last piece of advice, seeing that at some point in his career he played alongside Mario Lemieux and Wayne Gretzky, perhaps the greatest players of his generation. Finn spoke eloquently on the nature of superstardom (magnetism and humility) and challenged us to realize that "all of you represent Wayne Gretzky to somebody."

After the luncheon, the regional meetings were held between 2:30 and 3:30, followed by several

Grand Nest Special Committee Meetings between 3:30 and 4:30.

The evening's Family Night Dinner was held at Espace 400e, and the venue was terrific. It's a multi-level facility, with a large upper dining area, a lower section that acted as a bar and place for gaming tables, a large area under a canopy, and a perimeter deck area that gave you a gorgeous view of the harbor and the 10:00 PM laser/multimedia show that was projected on the side of a building. George V Catering provided the food, and it was wonderful from start to finish. The large buffet stations included shrimp, scallops, sliders, steak, noodles, croquettes, the variety was endless everything was scrumptious, and the presentation was incredibly creative.

#### **Thursday July 11, 2013**

MLGG Guy Charron called Thursday's meeting to order, thanked the regional officers for meeting yesterday and asked them to present their minutes as soon as possible. Next, Guy introduced the Deputy Most Loyal Grand Ganders from all regions, and introduced Grand Wielder Terry Maloney for the roll call of delegates. Terry asked the first-timers to stand and be recognized. Terry called the Ponds in alphabetical order, as the delegates from Alabama to Wisconsin checked in.

Grand Supervisor John Paris introduced MLGG Guy Charron to report on his year in office. Guy commented that his term passed very quickly. He thanked the Quebec Pond for selecting him as their Grand Nest officer, and also thanked the Convention Committee, convention planner, Jacques Cuierrier, and his wife Johanne for all of their support and patience during his term.

During his term as MLGG, Charron attended the Michigan Pond's Christmas Luncheon and sang "O Canada" for 300 guests. He also attended the National Capital Pond's Christmas Luncheon, the April Grand Nest Mid Year in Salt Lake City (where he saw his first NBA game, and in April he attended the Eastern Region NYC Cruise and visited the 9/11 Memorial.

Charron reported that membership is increasing and reminded us of the importance of adding younger members who are very web savvy, and he encouraged the Ponds to maintain their websites.

He also exulted that "the South is back", and acknowledged the accomplishments of Linda Meik, George Harwood, and Larry Lewer to revitalize several Ponds. He closed by thanking his fellow Grand Nest officers and Terry Maloney. He was happy to have served as MLGG, and spoke fondly of Blue Goose's family oriented focus and the core beliefs present in our three precepts.

Grand Wielder Maloney's report praised the Southern Region for their "fine job in setting up strong pockets of membership throughout the region". He spoke about the GN website and how it is generating 10 membership inquiries per month that are sent to the DMLGGs for follow-up.

Membership is up 10% and he challenged everyone to understand that it is our responsibility to pass our love of Blue Goose to the newer generations. He urged all members to share their e-mail addresses with the Grand Nest and commented that we don't e-mail blast our members with any advertising, just Blue Goose information.

He warned our newsletter editors not to use any copyrighted materials. During the past year we ran a poem and that generated a legal inquiry. We have a liability policy for copyright infringement and golf outing liability. He also suggested that we get an insurance certificate from any caterer.

The ten largest Ponds were announced, with Michigan in the top spot, followed by Quebec, Ontario, St. Louis, Hartford, Edmonton, National Capital, Nova Scotia, New York City, and Alberta.

Grand Nest Historian Jerry Hale gave his report, thanked the Grand Nest for their support and said how honored he was to serve as Historian. He said that we had a sad and uplifting year; we lost 3 PMLGGs, but we also saw growth spurts and renewed interest in Florida, Georgia, Ohio, Charlotte, and Providence. He reminded the Ponds of their obligation to write and record their history, update their websites, and send in their newsletters. He saw no indication that any Pond was recording their history over the past year. Jerry drove many displays from the Grand Nest archives to the convention, they are quite expensive to ship (around \$500), and they are set up for viewing. He was contacted by someone from London who wanted to donate a Blue Goose Jim Beam decanter.

Judge Advocate Robert Ross opened his report by saying there were no active lawsuits against the Honorable Order. He did stress that the copyright issue mentioned earlier by Terry was important. It may seem like an innocent issue where one of our newsletters ran a poem and credited its author, but it was found in a computer search and the Pond was sued. Even though our liability carrier

responded, he cautioned us to be careful of using outside photos and material. There are lots of complicated issues with this matter, if anyone has a question about our insurance coverage, contact Terry Maloney for clarification.

A small matter handled by the Judge Advocate's office was the replacement of the word "secret" with "sacred" in the ritual, Robert urged everyone to modify any copies of the ritual you may have in your possession.

There were no referrals this year to either the Jurisprudence or Constitution & By-Laws Committee. Ongoing initiatives include efforts to quantify charitable activity to enhance marketing efforts and future expansion, bilingualization, and regional reorganization.

Grand Keeper Linda Meik thanked Terry Maloney and his family for the hospitality extended to him during her audit. Blue Goose had a new accountant this year, and Terry explained Blue Goose finances, revenue, expenses, and assets to both. Linda asked the Ponds to pay for their pins in a timely manner to reduce the corresponding Grand Nest expense. Pond dues are slow to make their way back to the Grand Nest, and Linda reminded the convention that the Constitution says dues are payable in September. She urged the Ponds to make a payment in September and update as necessary as the year unfolds. Convention Chair Jacques Cuierrier reported on the Golf Outing and announced the winning team (for the third year in a row) was PMLGG John Bishop's team.

The Grand Nest Committee reports on Charity, Website Enhancement, and

Communication followed. Linda Meik told us that it was "important to remember what we do". Based on information submitted by the Ponds, in 2012-13 Blue Goose donated \$171,164 to charity—a pro-rated average of \$45 per member. Linda stated that all Ponds did not report their charitable activities. She reminded us that its equally important to track all matters of charity, be they money, time, collections, gifts, etc. She said that our Ponds awarded \$7,750 in scholarships during the year. She asked for Ponds to submit photos of their charitable activities so she can consolidate them.

Linda recognized several "Blue Goose Charity Heroes". She cited Jon Hale of the Hartford Pond for his touching reflections on the Sandy Hook shootings. Hartford's All Industry Gathering co-benefited the Sandy Hook First Responders. Linda also cited the Virginia Pond's Mary Kay Marchetti for her work and shared a touching note from the USO.

MLGG Guy Charron summarized the importance of charity by saying it's a key to attracting new members. He also thanked Jon Hale for his work on the Sandy Hook benefit and the Eastern region NYC cruise.

John Paris reported for the Website Enhancement Committee and spoke of the revamped grand Nest website. Our values of Character, Charity, and Fellowship have been made more prominent, as have the links to the Ponds. He wants to add a "Charity" tab to promote all of the charity work being done by the Ponds. The Utah Pond has a new website with tabs for "Pond Activity", "Convention Activity", and "Sponsors". Utah's convention finances are up to \$60,000 from "a



humble start” and he thanked the 2014 Sponsors.

Bill Olson’s Communication and Marketing Report was next. In 2011, the Committee’s report asked questions about how Blue Goose can better communicate with our Ponds, our Regions, and the general industry. He reported that communication has improved tremendously using social media, adding blogs to websites, and increased newsletter visibility. The Eastern region now has a regional newsletter that publicizes all regional events for those members that travel. Blue Goose’s involvement with social networking sites such as Linked In and Facebook have helped connect the organizations to hundreds of people. We have had “Meet and Greets” at the PLRB Conference for at least three years, most recently a very well attended reception in Boston. The Eastern regional PLRB in Charlotte will be next, and we have big plans to leverage the upcoming Meet and Greet into growth for the North Carolina Pond.

He said that adding a Charity tab on the website is a major goal and can be used for recruiting, because charity and fellowship represent major components of our marketing strategy. Bill said “we are all a part of the claim process”, and he encouraged the members to reach out to all of the business partners they know – adjusters, attorneys, accountants, engineers, restoration contractors for recruiting.

He finished his report with recommendations, some of which included a focus on member retention, website creation and updating, partnering with other associations, participating in PLRB Meet and Greets (March 16-19, 2014 in Indianapolis), hosting educational meetings for CE

Credits, using social media, and GN funding a budget line item for marketing and website assistance.

The morning’s program concluded with the presentation of the Grand Nest Awards. The **Membership Cup** for the greatest % of increased membership was won by the **Texas Pond**. The **Fellowship Cup** for the lowest % drops & resignations was won by the **Manitoba Pond**. The **No Drop Out Cup**, awarded for no dropped members, was won by the **Penn Pond**. The **Peace Garden Award Cup**, awarded to the Pond with the most first time convention attendees, was won by the **Ontario Pond**. The **Link of the Year**, awarded to a Pond with an Outstanding Website, was won by the **National Capital Pond**. The **Gordon Crowther Charity Award**, for the Pond with outstanding charitable activities, was won by the **Edmonton Pond**, and the **Regional Challenge Cup**, awarded to the region with excellence in five combined membership criteria, was won by the **Southern Region**.

The Regional Charity Awards concluded the morning’s program. The **West Region** Charity Awards for the Highest % increase and Most new & reinstated members were both won by the **Oregon Pond**. The **Central Region** Charity Awards for the Highest % increase and Most new & reinstated members were both won by the **Dayton Pond**. The **Southern Region** Charity Awards for the Highest % increase and Most new & reinstated members were both won by the **Texas Pond**. The **Eastern Region** Charity Awards for the highest % increase and Most new & reinstated members were both won by the **New York City Pond**. The **Canadian Region** Charity Awards for the Highest % increase

was won by the **Quebec Pond**, and the award for the Most new & reinstated members was won by the **Saskatchewan Pond**.

### Friday July 12, 2013

After breakfast, the Utah Pond’s Bill Christiansen presented a preview of the 2014 Convention, to be held on July 22-26, 2014 at the Marriott Salt Lake City Center. The room rate will be \$139/night. It will be the 167<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mormon pioneers settling in Utah in 1847, and one of the planned events will be the Days of 47 Rodeo at the Energy Solutions Arena. Transportation choices from the airport to the hotel will range from \$3 by rail to \$8 by shuttle. There is a “free fare” mass transit zone in the downtown area.

Quite a bit of information on the convention and Salt Lake City can be found at <http://www.bluegooseutah.org/>

We saw a promotional video that promoted many of the visitor sites, natural and man-made attractions of the area, such as Temple Square, Olympic Park, Gateway Plaza, museums, shopping, and an art center. We learned that Salt Lake City has 140 restaurants, 60 bars, and 39 historic buildings. Golf will be at Mountain Dale Lake, and there will be an optional 2½ hour historical tour.

After the presentation, Bill Olson led the group in the singing of “Happy Trails”.

Terry Maloney called the delegate roll call and asked all of the Pond Welders to stand and be recognized. Ken Miller made a formal motion that next year’s Convention will be held in Salt Lake City. The motion was seconded by Bill Christiansen, and it was accepted by acclamation.

Nominating speeches for the 2013-14 slate of Grand Nest officers ensued, and PMLGG John Bishop installed John Paris of the Utah Pond as Most Loyal Grand Gander, Bill Olson of the National Capital Pond as Grand Supervisor, Randy Wilson of the St. Louis Pond as Grand Custodian, Linda Meik of the Texas Pond as Grand Guardian, and Mark Robertson of the Edmonton Pond as Grand Keeper. John Bishop and Grand Wielder Maloney presented the new officers with their Grand Nest pins and ribbons. .

Mark Robertson, the Grand Nest's newest officer shared his thoughts with the convention. He thanked Jim Gardiner for nominating him, and said he was "truly excited to join the Grand Nest". He said that he loved seeing the younger members of the Canadian Region, and knows they will provide the Honorable Order with "new ideas, energy and enthusiasm." The 2018 Convention will be in Edmonton

Most Loyal Grand Gander John Paris' Address of Acceptance followed. He thanked PMLGG JoAnn Clark for helping the Utah Pond's effort to host a convention. He thanked Joe Coccia, Guy Charron, and Bill Olson for their

confidence and encouragement. Salt Lake City last hosted a convention in 1974, and he is looking forward to 2014's convention, which will fall on the Utah Pond's Centennial year.

He thanked his wife Zelma for her years of support to the Pond and to Blue Goose. He thanked Guy Charron and the Quebec Pond for a great convention.

John pointed out that "Blue Goose members are unique" and "our hearts are in the right place". We need to look no further than our Cardinal Precepts to know that. He also spoke about the importance of communication, and that how wide-spread use of web sites and e-mail had made it "easier than ever" to bring us together and to get younger.

He said "it's important to continue to do what we do best" and that is charity. John pledged "to do what needs to be done to keep us successful." He congratulated Mark Robertson on his appointment to the Grand Nest, and closed with "see you in Salt Lake City".

PMLGGs John Bishop, Jerry Hale, and Marc Thurber "analyzed" Guy Charron's year in office as MLGG.

Thurber said Guy was a true Blue Goose in heart and is "committed to the causes we cherish". He spoke of Guy's qualities- how he is sociable, has a good sense of humor, his tolerance, how inspirational he is, and how he is "someone we like to be around and laugh with". Grand Wielder Terry Maloney presented Guy with his PMLGG pin and plaque.

The Family Luncheon was held at Beauport Beach where we enjoyed a barbecue lunch and dance lessons.

That evening, the Convention culminated with a cocktail reception and Grand Nest Ball. The Banquet Band was 1945, a seven-piece swing band of 5 musicians and 2 female vocalists

The Quebec Pond hosted an outstanding convention and we were all impressed by the glorious beauty of Le Chateau Frontenac and Quebec City. We are very grateful to Convention Chairs Jacques Cuierrier, and the Quebec Convention Committee for their efforts to plan and produce such a successful and thoroughly enjoyable event.

Respectfully Submitted - Dan Rich



## Grand Nest Officers 2013-2014



**Men Pictured Left to Right:** Gerry Hale, Terry Maloney, John Paris, Randy Wilson, Mark Robertson, Robert Ross, Bill Olson

**Women Pictured Left to Right:** JoAnne Hale, Lynn Maloney, Linda Meik, Zelma Paris, Libby Wilson, Peggy Robertson, Laurie Ross, Michelle Fitzwater





Most Loyal Grand Gander Report  
107<sup>th</sup> Grand Nest Convention  
Guy Charron, MLGG 2012-2013

Grand Nest Officers - Past and Present-  
Delegates, Ganders and Guests

Before starting, I would like to say a few words in French.

Aujourd'hui, je tiens encore à remercier l'Étang du Québec de m'avoir choisi pour être Officier du Grand Nid et subséquent le Très Grand Féal Jars. L'année de mon terme a passé très vite et pour moi ce fut une remarquable expérience en plus d'avoir rencontrer des membres des autres Étangs. J'ai pu constater que l'Ordre Honorable de l'Oie Bleu Internationale est très bien connue et respectée.

Également, je dois remercier le support durant ces dernières années du Comité Convention qui a travaillé régulièrement soit Marc, Diane, Sylvie, Patrice, Johanne, Claude, Annie et notre planificatrice Julie Massicotte qui a travaillé très fort pour que le tout soit parfait. J'aimerais spécialement remercier mon grand ami et Responsable de la Convention Jacques Cuierrier qui a mis beaucoup d'heures ces deux dernières années et à toujours été là pour me seconder. En résumé, je crois que nous sommes très fiers d'avoir travaillé et pris le temps de bien planifier notre Convention dans la Ville de Québec. Merci encore à vous tous.

Je dois aussi remercier ma chère épouse qui m'a supporté et aidé durant ces cinq dernières années. Elle a été très patiente avec moi et m'a encouragé constamment temps. Merci mon Amour.

Today, I would like to thank again the Quebec Pond for selecting me to become a Grand Nest Officer and subsequently The Most Loyal Grand Gander. My term as Most Loyal Grand Gander has passed so quickly and it has been a remarkable experience and a successful year in regards to meeting members of other Ponds. I have noticed that The Order of The Blue Goose International is well known and respected.

It would go without saying that I have to thank the support I received from the Convention Committee that have worked very hard over the years planning this event. Thanks to Marc, Diane, Sylvie, Patrice, Johanne, Claude, Annie and our event planner Julie Massicotte who worked very hard to make this Convention perfect. I would especially like to thank my good friend and our Convention Chairman Jacques Cuierrier who has worked many hours these last two years and has always been there to support me. Overall, I believe that we are very proud of the work and time it took to plan this Convention in Québec City. Thank you all again.

I would also like to thank my wife who has helped and supported me these last five years. She has been very patient and encouraging during that time. Thank you my Love.

As you MLGG, one of my accomplishments was to visit as many ponds in the US and Canada during my term. In early December 2012 at the invitation of Joe Coccia and the Michigan Pond, I attended their Annual Christmas Dinner where I met members of their adjoining puddles and we discussed matters such as communication, membership and our Québec City Convention. The next day, I was also invited to their Annual Xmas Charity Event. I was given the honor to sing all by myself the National Canadian Anthem in front of 300 people!!!. Thanks to Joe for supplying me with the words in English seeing as I am use to singing them in French. Overall it was a great experience and I thank the Michigan Pond.

Then the next week, at the invitation of Bill Olson and the National Capital Pond I attended their Annual Charity Event which is known as The John Brenner National Capital Annual Charity Pond. Again a wonderful experience to meet fellow ganders and see how our Blue Goose Organization is so well recognized and respected. I would especially like to thank Bill Olson who chauffeured me around to visit Washington DC. Thanks to the National Capital Pond for inviting me.

In April 2013, I attended our Mid Year Meeting in Salt Lake City. The meeting was a success. John Paris was a great host and I attended my first ever national basketball game. It was great. Salt Lake City is a beautiful

city with the Rockies in the background. The city is so beautiful that I hope all will attend the National Convention in 2014. Thank you Utah Pond for your invitation.

At the end of April, Johanne and I were invited by Gerry Hale of the Hartford Pond to attend an Eastern Region Event which included members of all their Ponds. It was a New York City Lunch Cruise with a spectacular view of New York City. We also visited Ground Zero. We really enjoyed our day and we thank all the members of the Eastern Region for their hospitality.

Unfortunately, I was invited by the BC and Ontario Ponds but could not attend. I would also like to thank them for their invitation.

Membership is increasing which is very important to continue the success of the Blue Goose Organization for many more years. It is also important to keep approaching the younger generation in the insurance industry to become new members. They are the future of Blue Goose. I also would like to stress the fact that this younger generation is using the Web more and more. The Grand Nest has redone their Web Site for that purpose and now sixty percent of our Ponds have a Web Site, therefore I encourage any Ponds who do not have a Web Site, to do so as this is a great communication tool. I would like to thank the Communications and Marketing Committee especially Bill Olson and Dan Rich in particular who have contributed their time to the success of this project.

The Southern Region is back. The Grand Nest Officer of that region Linda Meik has done quite a job and should be congratulated and let's not forget George Harwood and Larry Lewer also for their contribution. The South is back and we have witnessed an increase in membership and re-vitalization of several Ponds. We hope that the Georgia Pond can rise again. Overall, it is good news and we must now concentrate on doing the same with the Western Region.

I also would like to thank the Grand Nest Officers present and past who have supported and kept me focused: John Paris, Bill Olson, Randy Wilson, Linda Meik, Robert Ross, Gerry Hale, Lorena Kohlruss and Joe Coccia.

OH!! Did I forget someone, Oh my Goodness, my most Loyal Employee Terry Maloney, please excuse me, how could I. I've known Terry since 1997, and during these years we have developed a friendship. He has always been there to help me in keeping me focused on doing a good job for the Order. Terry is the Blue Goose. I truly respect Terry and I am proud to say he is a good person and is respected by everyone in the Blue Goose and I am grateful to have met you. Now as your former employer, I want to say thank you and I Love You Man!!!

Overall, I am happy to have accepted this challenge and it was a great opportunity to meet other members and to see that the Blue Goose is such a great Organization. It is family oriented and guided by three principles which are charity, character and fellowship. These principles should be followed in our daily lives.

Thank you all for having giving me this honour and I hope I met with all your expectations during my term as your Most Loyal Grand Gander.  
Merci à tous pour cet honneur.

Guy Charron  
PMLGG  
Québec Pond

**Newly Elected Most Loyal Grand Gander Acceptance Speech**  
**107<sup>th</sup> Grand Nest Convention**  
**John Paris, MLGG 2013-2014**



Thank you Past Most Loyal Grand Gander Charron.

Grand Nest Officers, Delegates, Ganders, and Friends. I am honored to be here to day to accept the orders office as your next Most Loyal Grand Gander for 2013. I appreciate the importance of the position you have placed with me and promise to do my best for the order and to make 2013 a great successful year.

I would first like to thank PMLGG JoAnn Clark. She worked very hard getting the Utah Pond to accept holding the 2014 Grand Nest Convention and her efforts and results are greatly appreciated. I also had many conversations with Terry prior to make the announcement and he has showed the full support. After I made the announcement, Joe Coccia shook my hand and said I'm watching your back. Lorena has also shown exceptional interest along with Bill, Guy and many many others.

I also would like to thank co-convention chairmen PMLG Ken Miller and PMLG Bruce Christensen. They never doubted for a minute that we should hold the 2014 convention and that I should be the candidate. I also thank the many others that have contributed their time and money to make this a successful convention. Holding the convention was discussed openly at our monthly meetings for 4 months. With strong positive and negative comments made at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> month, Ken Miller called for the vote and it passed 21 to 4. I was probably more shocked than anyone in the room but very excited to hold a grand nest convention on the Utah Pond's 100 year Anniversary. Thank you Utah Pond Ganders for your confidence and support. This was perfect timing as our last Utah Pond Grand Nest Convention was in 1974. I'm sure some people in this room remember the Hotel Utah in Salt Lake City.

I would also like to thank my wife Zelma. She has shown full support for me and the Utah Pond the entire time and has been involved in all fundraising and other events. From cooking with Pat Christensen, Ginni Miller and others at our golf tournament to selling items at our annual yard sale to donation \$214 to become a member of our 2014 club.

We now have 46 2014 club members. Many are from outside the Utah Pond, people sitting in the audience today with the confidence and desire to make our convention a little better. For that we thank you because it has made a huge difference. We have held a 50/50 drawing at the convention every year and have split \$1600-\$1800 with the lucky winner every year. This shows support rarely seen in any organization.

The people of the Blue Goose are definitely unique and different than any other organization I have ever been associated with. I have made many new friends in my association with the Blue Goose and value every single one of them. I made a comment last year that I would like to have a Blue Goose tie. Phillip Sbar from Collingswood New Jersey heard me make the comment and mailed me a Blue Goose tie which I am wearing.

Guy, thank you for running a fantastic convention. I think I can speak for all of us, we had a great time and sincerely appreciate the efforts of you and the Quebec Pond.

Being a fraternal organization consisting of insurance and insurance related members, the Blue Goose is very unique and it's the people that make it so great. With the precepts of character, charity and fellowship, it shows our heart is in the right place with helping others that are not so fortunate at the top of the list. Although it's very important for our organization to grow, it's equally important to continue our success.

Communications is very important. Communicating with each other and getting the word out about the Blue Goose. With websites and email it is very easy for us to communicate, to find out what other Ponds are doing that makes them a success. If you don't have a website, I'm sure you have heard from Bill Olson and encouraged to get one. It brings us closer together.

New younger membership is important but continuing to do what we do best is equally important. To be a successful puddle or pond. To be a successful member of your Puddle or Pond. I promise as your Most Loyal Grand Gander to continue to dedicate my efforts to make this a successful organization. I will listen to you and do what I can to help with your success. I'll stand alongside my fellow Grand Nest Officers and Deputy Most Loyal Ganders who have agreed to take on the responsibilities of the Grand Nest. We will do what is right for the Order remembering that we represent you.

As my first formal duty, I am proud to announce the appointment of the new Grand Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg. Congratulations to Mark Robertson. You will be a great addition to the Grand Nest Officers and I look forward to the 2018 convention.

I thank you for your vote of confidence but most of all, I thank you for your friendship and hope to see you in Salt Lake City next year.

**GKGGGE -Address of Acceptance  
107<sup>th</sup> Grand Nest Convention  
Mark Robertson, GKGGGE 2013-2014**



Firstly I would like to thank my friend PMLG (Edmonton Pond) Jim Gardiner for the nomination, and PMLG (Edmonton Pond) Mike Sherban for seconding the nomination and PMLG (Manitoba Pond) Kevin Wallis for closing the nomination. I would also like to thank the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International Edmonton Pond for electing me to be their representative to the Grand Nest Executive.

During the course of this convention I have been asked by several ganders if I felt excited at the prospect of being elected to the Grand Nest. I have to say that as the convention progressed I felt the excitement and enthusiasm build. What really grabbed my attention and caused the most excitement came during our regional meetings. It was the young delegates representing Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, Saskatoon, Manitoba and BC ponds that really sparked the excitement. Their discussion and responses to the age old questions of “why join” the Blue Goose and “how new members to their ponds joined” was enlightening and brought renewed optimism for the future of our order. When we hear stories the likes of Brennan Mills the delegate from Saskatchewan who recalled his attendance at previous conventions with his father and family. How he enjoyed participating in the youth programs offered at those conventions and now being a delegate himself and bringing his young family to this convention. Seeing the family continuity within the order really brings the excitement and enthusiasm for the future of our order.

I am excited at the prospect of being a member of Grand Nest Executive for the coming five years. I am looking forward to having the opportunity to meet with each of you and to get to know you all a little better.

I would like to thank all of you for this opportunity to serve as your representative on the Grand Nest Executive. I am looking forward to the many challenges ahead and will work to fulfill the Order’s expectations of me.

Thank you all for your support and we in Edmonton hope to see you all in 2018.



**GKGGE - Biography**  
**Mark Robertson, GKGGE 2013-2014**



Born in 1956 and married to Peggy Robertson.

Graduated in 1980 from the University of Alberta with a Bachelors degree in Commerce  
Completed my Associate in the Insurance Institute of Canada in 1987  
Completed the Canadian Accredited Insurance Broker designation in 1989

Started my career in the insurance business in September 1982 with Royal Insurance as a commercial lines underwriter in Calgary Alberta. Moved into the marketing department and to Edmonton, Alberta in the spring of 1985. In 1987 Peggy and I moved to Smithers British Columbia to begin a career as an Insurance Broker. We moved back to Edmonton the Spring of 1990 taking on the position as manager for the Continental Insurance office in Edmonton. Decided to make another foray into the broker side of insurance in the fall of 1992 with McIntyre Agencies becoming a partner/owner in 1994 until the business sold in the fall of 2007 to Challenge Insurance Group Inc where I continue to work to this day.

Joined the Honourable Order of the Blue Goose International in November 1994 and served as Most Loyal Gander of the Edmonton Pond in 2006. I was fortunate to attend the 2006 Grand Nest Convention in Milwaukee Wisconsin for the 100th year celebration and subsequent conventions in 2009 (Reno Nevada) and 2012(Calgary Alberta). Have served in the past on several committees for the Edmonton Pond including the Charity Luncheon / Charity Gala and most recently the Convention 2018 Feasibility Committee.

July 8- July 12, 2013  
Annual Convention and Meeting  
Report of the Judge Advocate  
Year Ending July 1, 2013



Most Loyal Grand Gander, Grand Nest Officers and Ganders:

During this Annual Meeting of the one hundred and seventh year of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International, I am pleased to give this report to you as the Judge Advocate.

It has been my great pleasure to serve again as the Judge Advocate under the administration of Guy Charron as the Most Loyal Grand Gander. He has been a dedicated leader of our Order. MLGG Charron has paid close attention to every Region and he has worked closely with Grand Nest Officers to address important issues facing our Order, such as potential growth of Ponds, charity, website enhancement, communications as well as marketing of our Order, future conventions and international funding issues. While doing so, he has fostered enthusiasm, growth and humor within our Order.

While the Grand Nest has been very active over the year 2012 through 2013, there have been no issues referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. The Constitution & By-laws Committee received and evaluated one proposed amendment, which involved membership. The proposal, however, was tabled by the Grand Nest.

As always, the Grand Nest continues to focus on the Order's charitable activities and ways to quantify our efforts. Charity goes hand in hand with marketing efforts, which will translate into the expansion of the Blue Goose. The Grand Nest has also focused on the Regional structure of the Order as well as efforts to make Grand Nest forms "bi-lingual."

As we endeavor to pursue our guiding principles of charity, character and fellowship, we must be mindful of the importance of increasing membership, expanding our reach within the insurance community and strengthening our leadership for the continued vitality of our Order.

It has been a great honor and a distinct pleasure for me to serve the past year as the Judge Advocate of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International.

Fraternally,  
Robert Tayloe Ross  
Judge Advocate, PMLG

## AWARD PRESENTATION

### ***GORDON F. CROWTHER CHARITY AWARD:***

The criteria is based on all types of varied works of charity. The winner of this year's award is the **EDMONTON POND**

### ***ST. JOE VALLEY POND MEMBERSHIP AWARD:***

This coveted award for the greatest percentage increase in membership went to the **TEXAS POND**

### ***LINK OF THE YEAR***

Outstanding internet Pond web site winner is the **NATIONAL CAPITAL POND.**

### ***HEART OF AMERICA POND'S FELLOWSHIP AWARD:***

This year the pond with the least percentage drop in membership by reason of drop-outs and resignations was the **MANITOBA POND.**

### ***KENTUCKY POND'S NO DROP-OUT AWARD:***

This is an extremely difficult award to achieve. This year's winner was the **PENN POND.**

### ***PEACE GARDEN AWARD:***

This award is presented to the Pond having the most First Time attending conventioners. The winner this year is the **ONTARIO POND.**

### ***REGIONAL CHALLENGE AWARD:***

The best Region determined by using 5 membership award criteria is the **SOUTHERN REGION**

<b>East</b>	NEW YORK	.....	12 - Most New & Reinstated
	NEW YORK	.....	10.34% - Best % Increase
<b>West</b>	OREGON	.....	13 - Most New & Reinstated
	OREGON	.....	48.15% - Best % Increase
<b>South</b>	TEXAS	.....	37 - Most New & Reinstated
	TEXAS	.....	57.81% - Best % Increase
<b>Central</b>	DAYTON*	.....	42 - Most New & Reinstated
	DAYTON*	.....	43.75% - Best % Increase
<b>Canada</b>	QUEBEC*	.....	38 - Most New & Reinstated
	SASKATCHEWAN	.....	20.59% - Best % Increase

\* 2<sup>ND</sup> Year in a row

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HONORABLE ORDER OF THE BLUE GOOSE  
OPERATING STATEMENT

	12-13	12-13	13-14
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
501 DUES - CURRENT YEAR	62,868	68,184	65,978
502 CANADIAN RELIEF	0	0	0
503 DUES - PRIOR YEAR	3,495	1,543	(1,957)
511 SALES - EMBLEMS	3,198	3,000	3,000
531 INTEREST - MONEY MARKET	29	150	125
541 GN DONATIONS	252	-0-	-0-
TOTAL INCOME	<u>69,842</u>	<u>72,877</u>	<u>67,146</u>
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>			
601 GRAND NEST OFFICE	22,332	22,332	22,332
605 TELEPHONE	1,056	1,300	1,000
607 POSTAGE	438	200	250
611 OFFICE SUPPLIES	400	500	500
613 I.T. SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE	4,024	3,500	1,500
615 DATA SUPPORT	306	1,500	1,250
617 DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	0	250	250
619 ACCOUNTING	2,840	2,880	2,880
629 GNO - PRINTING, ETC.	819	200	200
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>32,215</u>	<u>32,662</u>	<u>30,162</u>
<u>MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES</u>			
609 INSURANCE & BONDING	6,004	6,167	6,004
621 GNO - POND VISITATION	2,754	2,000	1,985
623 GNO - CONVENTION	8,151	10,000	10,000
625 GNO - EXECUTIVE COMM TRAVEL	5,704	2,000	2,000
627 GNO - EMBLEMS	509	500	500
631 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS	1,050	2,200	1,800
633 SPECIAL OLYMPICS	500	500	500
637 MEMORIALS	0	100	100
641 DELEGATE EXPENSE	15,504	15,000	15,000
645 POND EMBLEMS	5,018	2,000	2,000
647 HOST POND FUND	3,194	3,100	3,000
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES	<u>48,388</u>	<u>43,567</u>	<u>42,889</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>80,603</u>	<u>76,229</u>	<u>73,051</u>
SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)	<u>(10,761)</u>	<u>(3,352)</u>	<u>(5,905)</u>



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 \*1909 – Geo. C. Main, Minnesota  
 \*1910 – Chas. H. Pescay, Louisiana  
 \*1911 – Thomas H. Williams, California  
 \*1912 – Wm. T. Benallack, Michigan  
 \*1913 – Ed. E. Wells, Colorado  
 \*1914 – Frank G. Snyder, Kentucky  
 \*1915 – Fred W. Ransom, Ohio  
 \*1916 – J. Ross Stewart, Ontario  
 \*1917 – E.G. Carlisle, Illinois  
 \*1918 – G.M. Wise, Missouri, Kansas  
 \*1919 – W.J. Sonnen, Illinois  
 \*1920 – John A. Hanson, Minnesota  
 \*1921 – E.D. Marr, Heart of America  
 \*1922 – M.M. Hauxhurst, Michigan  
 \*1923 – W.P. Fess, Manitoba  
 \*1924 – John F. Stafford, Illinois  
 \*1925 – W.E. Mallalieu, New York City  
 \*1926 – H. Vem Myers, Iowa  
 \*1927 – Wirt Leake, Texas  
 \*1928 – T.L. Geraghty, Quebec  
 \*1929 – J. Charles Harris, California  
 \*1930 – D.L. McCoy, Dakota  
 \*1931 – Henry L. Rose, Chesapeake  
 \*1932 – Wm. F.C. Fellers, Florida  
 \*1933 – D.A. McKinley, Washington  
 \*1934 – L. H. Bridges, Nebraska  
 \*1935 – Samuel A. Mehorter, New York City  
 \*1936 – T. Ray Phillips, Oklahoma  
 \*1937 – H.B. Leuty, British Columbia  
 \*1938 – J. Clark Buchanan, California  
 \*1939 – Ralph W. Hukill, Ohio  
 \*1940 – General J.R. Knowlan, Penn  
 \*1941 – Ben S. McKeel, Carolinas  
 \*1942 – Clifford J. Malcolm, Ontario  
 \*1943 – H.A. Reynolds, Colorado  
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 \*1945 – Thomas G. Linnell, Minnesota  
 \*1946 – P.M. Winchester, New York City  
 \*1947 – G.E. Edmondson, Florida  
 \*1948 – E.J. Beauvais, Quebec  
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 \*1950 – J. Ray Hull, Indiana  
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 \*1952 – Charles L. Beale, Texas  
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 \*1957 – Jules Simoneaux, Louisiana  
 \*1958 – R.L. Fenerty, Alberta  
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 \*1963 – Frank G. Chandler, Ontario  
 \*1964 – Lester L. Large, Oregon  
 \*1965 – Earl S. Hannan, St. Louis  
 \*1966 – K.S. Carmody, Chesapeake  
 \*1967 – Geo. H. Brussel, Florida  
 \*1968 – Harry Cutler, British Columbia  
 \*1969 – Frank Hunter, Arizona  
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 \*1912-14 Rudolph H. Wieben  
 \*1914-16 Bernard A. Lehnberg  
 \*1916-31 Paul A. Rudd  
 \*1931-37 Charles P. Helliwell  
 \*1937-51 Richard Kenzal  
 \*1951-61 Henry L. Mauritsen  
 \*1961-62 David Armitage  
 \*1962-88 J. B. Gravenstine

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