June 7, 2020

RE: Convention Chair Report to the 2020 Spring Assembly

Before program, I am sure I would have been quite proud to say I got to be Convention Chair for two years on the outside, On the inside I am happy to be cause now I have a better idea of what I am doing. As Tradition 1 states: *Our common welfare should come first; personal progress for the greatest number depends upon unity.”*  A quick timeline:

**January**

The Area met on January 3rd, on January 8th, the State of Connecticut closed the Red Lion. I stated; “I hate when my gut feeling are right”, or was that my HPs quiet voice preparing me for the decisions that were later made.

**February**

On February 1, we met as a committee at the new location / convention venue (Hartford-Farmington Marriott) for the first time and were quite hopeful of still having the 43rd CT-AFG Convention as the Covid-19 pandemic was beginning to take hold of the US.

**March**

In early March, the Marriott offered dates in June, this past weekend in fact, to postpone our Convention, but as all know the Pandemic didn’t allow us to proceed. In early April, we decided that the 2020 convention was not possible to hold.

**Today**

As we stand now, the summary of Convention account for this year will be negative of approximately $3000, The Area gave us $5,000.00 in seed money to start, and expenses incurred included, but were not limited to; decorations, sales and souvenirs, program printing, flyers and committee member mileage.  Plus another $1000 deposit to the Red Lion Hotel (requested refund being sought).

Convention Budget Summary is as follows:

Bank Balance as of 4/30                   8619.94

Outstanding Checks                         (2639.02)

Check to Deposit (Hotel Refund)     3000.00

Deposit due from Eventbrite            611.82

Available Funds                              9,592.74

Registrations for Convention          8,700.00

Convention Reimbursements         (1,960.00)

Prepaid 2021 Registrations             6,740.00

With the reimbursements having been sent, the committee is anticipating returning approximately $2000 of the seed money to the Area once the reimbursements have been accounted for. This fall, we will meet (possibly by Zoom format) to begin the 2021 Convention Planning. It will still be the 43rd CT-AFG Convention

At this time we, cannot recommend to the CT-AFG Board to sign a contract with the Hartford – Marriott Hotel for the 2021 Convention until we have more information on the Safely Living with Covid-19. As a committee, we will be looking at the possibility of an On-line Convention Format of meetings, programs, etc. Any questions by members and concerns can be sent to the Committee via the Convention link on ctalanon.org webpage. I would also like to thank members for their patients during these unusual times.

Until then, Stay Safe and Zoom to meetings as needed. I would also like to thank members who stepped up to get the online meetings going, hosting and sharing your Experience, Strength and Hope reminding me that I am not alone.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick L.

2020-2021 Convention Chair