

To Our Members,

I am writing this to thank MCAC and our membership of the great honor in bestowing upon me the Lloyd MacLean Memorial Award this year. It was an absolute shock and surprise when my name was called at the convention when I received this great honor, and I definitely was tongue tied in my somewhat emotional speech I felt both compelled and obligated to make. I believe I missed a lot in my somewhat hurried speech, something's I would like to add here.

In this life we all make choices, and there are many, many that choose to volunteer their time whenever called upon, or to volunteer when there is the need. I certainly am only one of many, many people that volunteer when called upon, so to be honored for this is certainly humbling. This award in itself and the meaning behind the award certainly speaks volumes to all the many deserving individuals that both have and have yet to receive the award. Many unselfishly give back to our associations, to our industry, and many give back to many other worthy causes, that for anyone to actually be singled out for an award is nothing more than a extremely humbling experience. There are so many deserving individuals, that anyone accepting the award must clearly acknowledge that all these others are equally as deserving. Personally I would like to acknowledge all of those that do as much or more then I have done for this association. It is such an honor to be placed on equal grounds with them, and I again thank all of you for this award.

As for my actual involvement in having been bestowed this award upon me, I personally made the commitment to give back equally or more to the industry then what I receive from it. I have always believed that it's the least one can do for the life one gets to enjoy, for both themselves, but more importantly for one's family. So the commitment to our industry runs deep in my immediate family. My three daughters have spent many times without me around to father them the way I always should, and my wife has not always had me present to be the husband one should always be. But they, like me, understood and continue to understand that in order to receive something from this life you have to give back also. I could not ask for more support then what I receive from my three loving daughters and most importantly the support of my loving wife Katie. So in accepting this award, I accept it for them as they have stood beside me always, and without their support and continuous understanding I would not be able to give back as much as I have been blessed to be able to give.

Thanks again for the wonderful award, my family and I will cherish it always.

Most Sincerely,

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