

# Weekly Update

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# Leading the Association

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**President Mike Thatcher**

**“We especially ask that peace and harmony prevail in our Association and that prosperity may attend it and every member.”**

**Secretary John R Sipes**

**“ . . . a burden heavy to one is bourn lightly by many.”**



**Vice President Arnie Holley**  
**“Let kindness of heart, and insistence for the respect of your brothers be retained.”**

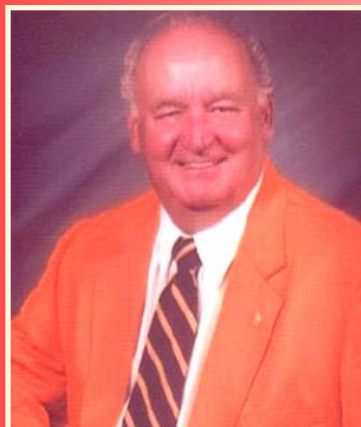


**Regional Manager Dwaine Brown**

**“It’s the legacy of fraternalism ‘ . . . one for all and all for one.’ This humanitarian spirit has transformed countless lives since the founding of the Loyal Order of Moose.”**



**Prelate Robert Haley**  
**“Mooseheart. Call it love. . . call it security. . . call it a heartwarming chance to turn tragedies into triumphs.”**



**Treasurer Jim Ludwig**  
**“By the respect you show for our Order and its undertakings you will set an example worthy of your brothers to follow.”**





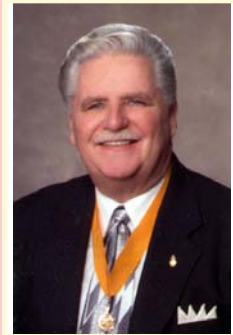
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**Supreme Councilman Danny Albert**

“Be strengthened in your innermost soul, for it is you who helped make this dream come true - it is you who built this City of Childhood known now and forever to all the world as Mooseheart.”



**Past Supreme Governor Don Eisel** - “At Moosehaven we have a program of activity, responsibility and recognition, which is bringing sunshine and happiness into the twilight of their years.”

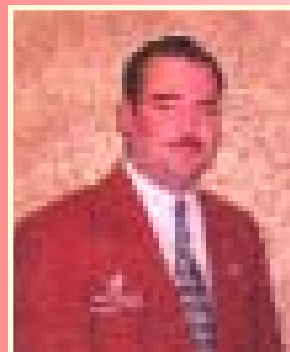
**Int’l Sports Committeeman Buck Dials** - “Two noble moose, leaders of their herds, met in deadly combat.”



**Chairman Emeritus, Publications Committee, Jim Grandy** - “There is a destiny that makes us brothers; none goes his own way alone; that which we send into the life of others, comes back into our own.”



**Int’l WebMaster Steve Speaks** - “Whether it’s a kind word, a helping hand, or a loving act of charity, just making the effort, day by day . . . individually we do make a difference.”



**Legal Advisor Jeff Knapke** - While the enrollment ceremony has transitioned, the heart of it will forever be etched into the hearts and minds of all Moose.”

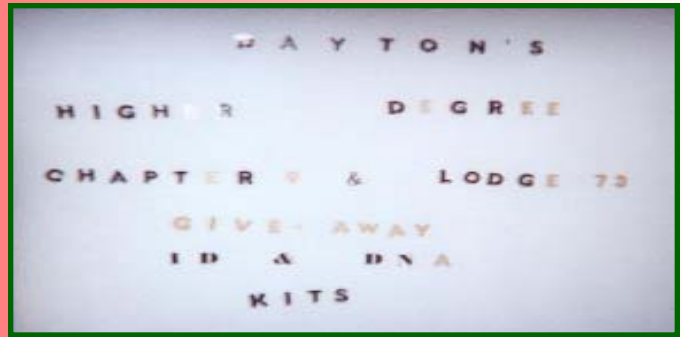
# In-house Higher Degree Committees Have Opportunities To Have Fun and To Serve! . . . just ask Dayton 73!

Dayton 73's Higher Degree Committee was quite active again last year. It purchased ID/DNA kits for the children in the Lodge and distributed them at the various children's parties and whenever a parent wanted one.

These kits contain places for dentists, medical doctors, pictures, finger prints, and DNA.

Pictured below are four-year-old Hayden Kneisley and his mother Nikke who completed one of the kits at the Lodge.

Additionally, just recently the Committee purchased a life membership for Mary Collett who is a 50-year member of Chapter 9 and one for Bob McDaniels.



**Pictured are Past President Mark Hanna, Mary Collett (recipient of a life membership), and Nancy Caserta, Vice President of the Dayton Higher Degree Committee.**



**LEFT: Bob McDaniels proudly displays his life membership, given to him by the Dayton Higher Degree Committee.**

## **Wanna-Be" American Moose Idols, Take Note -- Karaoke Contest on Thursday, August 14th at Annual Convention**

Costs involved are \$5 per contestant at the Lodge level for their contests; \$10 per contestant at the District level (two people per lodge) for their contests; and \$20 per contestant at the Finals.

All proceeds are ear-marked for the Special Olympics Fund.

If every District holds a contest, the two best from each District would advance to the Finals. That's 30 people.

At the Convention on August 14th, the 30 people will be narrowed down to the top five. The five will sing their same song again, and from these five, three places will be awarded trophies and \$\$\$cash\$\$\$ amounts of \$500, \$300, and \$150. Ted Haas has done a great job in setting this all up. Consider:

One of the best karaoke systems in Ohio is the featured karaoke team of Larry and Deedy Humphrey, oddly enough, from Dayton. they have over 5,500 songs from which to select.

Following are the guidelines:

- Each Lodge is requested to have a karaoke contest.
- If there is no contest at your Lodge, you can still enter at another Lodge in your District.
- Two winners--members in good standing--come from each Lodge. If a winner is unable to attend the Convention, the next-place winner may attend.
- By May 1, 2008, each District needs to have had a karaoke contest from their Lodge winners to get the two finalists from the district to Convention contest.
- If a Lodge has no contest and obviously no contestants, please send \$20 to

Chairman Ted Haas, Dayton 73.

- If a finalists provides his or her own karaoke CD, it must be in the CDG format; and it is recommended that he/she provide it beforehand to Ted Haas.

### **FINAL CONTEST RULES**

- Three persons will do the judging.
- Each finalist will fill out a sheet with his/her name and Lodge number, the name of the song, and the song number.
  - As a finalist, you will be given a number. All numbers are put into a jar, and when your number is pulled, that is the order in which you will perform.
    - \* You will know your number before the contest starts.
    - \* If two or more people select the same song(s), whoever does the best job will be the winner.
    - \* All song titles will be posted before the finals begin.
    - Finalists will be judged on the following three characteristics:

--song difficulty

--quality of voice

--overall performance/personality

- \* When you fill out your slip, include the following:

your full name

your District number

your song name

your song number

If you have any questions, contact Ted Haas, OSMA Sergeant-at-Arms, at 1/937/256-5310.



## Hello, Ohio Golfers! Here's the Latest Inside Poop!

by Danny Albert, Golf Chairman



Well, Brother Grandy aced me out again last week, but ever-enduring as I am, I will nonetheless continue my maybe-weekly column.

When my buddy Buck and I played a “posh” course last summer, after hitting bad shot after bad shot, Buck said to his caddy, “I think I’m going to drown myself in the lake.”

The caddy asked innocently as hell, “Think you can keep your head down that long?”

My friend, Earl, won first prize at a Father’s Day Tourney this year, and the prize was simply an envelope. When Earl opened the envelope, he was very surprised to find a voucher for a free visit to a local brothel. Since he had never been to one, he decided to go the next day, even though the prospect made him quite nervous.

The girls were very friendly, and soon he found a lovely young lady who led him to her room. Five minutes later, she came running to the Madam and asked, “Can you tell me what a Mulligan is?”

**OBSERVATION #4 - THE LESS SKILLED THE PLAYER, THE MORE LIKELY HE IS TO SHARE HIS IDEAS WITH YOU ABOUT THE GOLF SWING.**

## We Discover A Left-over Picture From Halloween . . .



too good to be true!

And you thought Steve Martin was a wild and crazy guy!

Who would have believed that Past President Dave Simpson and Eunice could get so into Halloween, eh? Well, the picture at left--which came into our hands quite by nefarious means--clearly demonstrates yet another side to both Dave and Eunice that only members of their home Lodge, Dayton 73, knew about and, apparently had to share with the rest of us. They make a rascally pair, don't they? Aaaaaarrrrrrrgggggghhh!

## WHERE ARE YOU MOOSE LEGION AMBASSADORS?

You were requested to get the names, addresses, and telephone numbers to editor Grandy so that they could be posted on the website for everyone's convenience. To date, only Ambassador Mike Hays has come through.

Come on, guys! Help us out with this thing!

## Are You Taking Advantage of the MOOSE Discount with TIPS?

Health Communications, Inc. (HCI) continues to offer a discount for servers taking the on-line course. MI recognizes this course--eTIPS--because it meets MI requirements. To see if Ohio recognizes eTIPS, go to the follow URL:

<http://www.gettips.com/eTIPSstateregs.shtml>

For complete information on this subject, refer to the December 14th bulk e-mail, page 3.

Remember, you don't want ever to let a server step behind the bar untrained! It's a lodge responsibility to assure that servers have appropriate training prior to employment.

## IS YOUR LODGE GUILTY?

Here's a shocking piece of news off the bulk e-mail from last Friday. There are 54,655 applications that have been accepted at MI but have never been reported as enrolled. Of this number, 36,044 are from lodges.

Hold on here--with the changes to the General Laws, no longer is a ritual enrollment mandated. What possibly can be the hold-up?

Remember, applicants completing and signing the current application form, including the "Obligation of Membership," may be reported as "enrolled" as soon as they have been favorably voted upon by the membership and have paid their first year's dues.

If an applicant applied on the old styled application that did not include an "Obligation of Membership," you merely need to invite them to sign their obligation and collect their dues prior to reporting them as enrolled. Once enrolled, all new members should then receive an orientation either in person or through the receipt of printed materials. Following is a link from our website to an "Obligation of membership" form that can be printed:

<http://www.mooseintl.org/portal/pdf/mem/ObligationOfMembership07-24-07.pdf>