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Hilliard Lodge 2236 Has Eight Dedicated Ritualists and Remain OSMA Ritual Champions for 2007-2008

When the dust had settled (actually it was sifting snow) at Doubletree Hotel Cleveland South on Saturday, February 9th, 2008, the cream of Ohio's Ritualists had risen to the top. (Editor's Note: We apologize for mixing all these metaphors. Truth is, the Ritual Team from Hilliard 2236 was plain butt-kicking tough once again!

It was not so much that the members of the other eight participating teams were not outstanding; rather,

when you looked at the final scores, it was more than evident that the Hilliard team simply out-performed their competitors!

Pictured below are the Champions with Class Reps Mike Erb and Steve Whitehead seated in the front. The other members are Daniel Denney III as Past Governor; Bobby Gabert, Jr. Governor; Toby Pollitt, Prelate; Fred Bowman, Orator; and Dan Denny, Governor.

Dan Totten, Kenton 428 placed 2d as Governor, while Dan Denney, Hilliard 2236 was 3rd.

Ties all over for Sgt-at-Arms, with Dick Wells, Newark 499 and Mike Tassone, Ravenna 1234 in 2nd (T) and Dick Baum, Kenton 428 and Dave Manczak, Hamilton 36 3rd (T).

As Orator, Pat Thomas, Kenton 428 was 2nd and Fred Bowman, Hilliard 2236 was 3rd.

As Jr. Governor, Bob Gabbert, Jr., Hilliard 2236 was 2nd and Jim Voge, Newark 499 was 3rd.

As Past Governor, Gene North,

THE WINNERS ARE

GOVERNOR

1st Tie

- Charlie Hafner
Mogadore 1082
- Duane Gross
Indian lake 1533

JR. GOVERNOR

1st - John Spier

Indian Lake 1533

PAST GOVERNOR

1st - Jim Witker

Sylvania 1579

SGT-AT-ARMS

1st Tie

- Tom Erb
Hilliard 2236
- Tom Ziegler
Sylvania 1579

OUTSTANDING RITUALIST

- Toby Pollitt, Hilliard 2236
- John Spier - Indian Lake 1533

ORATOR

1st - Donald Georgieff
Sylvania1579

Newark 499 was 2nd, and Daniel Denney III, Hilliard 2236 was 3rd.



Dropping the Ritual -- Blessing or Curse?

. . . an editorial by Jim Grandy

Writing from the perspective as a long-time ritualist and chairman of a Lodge Ritual Committee, (let us say it plainly) **WE THINK IT'S A MISTAKE TO ELIMINATE THE RITUAL AND RITUAL COMPETITION.**

We know that the Ritual may continue to be performed at the local Lodge level, and we know that Associations may continue competition. That said, let's look at the issue.

We in Ohio long remember the dominance of some recent ritual teams, and here we're thinking of the outstanding team from Montpelier 312 which dominated the competition time and time again. But that dominance inspired other ritual teams, such as Hilliard 2236's great championship teams of the recent past.

Hilliard's success has inspired teams from Sylvania 1579 and Indian Lake 1533 and Ravenna 1234 and Hamilton 36 and Gahanna 2463 and Kenton 428 and Newark 499, for examples, to improve their performance such that each aspirant might become champion.

Each one of these teams involves at the minimum, eight men and their ladies who sacrifice their lives at least once a week, year in and year out, to improve their skills to the extent that they become strong competitors in the Annual Ritual Competition at Mid-Year.

Meanwhile, these ten or twelve teams inspire other Lodges to develop competitive teams, and immediately Lodge Teams such as Colonial City 2555 and Coshocton 935 and Zanesville 867 come to mind. These are aspiring teams. Who knows what other teams are out there, hanging in the backdrops, waiting their chance to step onto the performance stage?

All of these ritualists and their ladies bring a vitality to their Lodges by creating -- at least on a weekly basis -- business in the Social Quarters, service to their Lodges by perform-

ing an Enrollment Ritual and thus continuing the practice of delivering a special message.

Furthermore, these Ritualists and their ladies develop a kinship, a brotherhood, a fraternal spirit which will propel them to higher aspirations in our Order. If you look at our fraternal leaders--local, State, and International--you will discover men and women who have been, or continue to be, ritualists!

Let us speak even more plainly: we Moose ARE different people from the ordinary. We care about children -- witness what we do for total strangers' children at our Child City. We care about seniors -- witness what Ohio has done for Moosehaven. We care about our communities -- witness what our Lodges do in our local communities with regard to blood banks, highway cleanup, food for the hungry, clothes for the needy, as examples. We care about our children -- witness what we do for local scouting programs and sports programs for boys and girls and needy children at Christmas.

Yes, we Moose care!

Well, then, since we're so special people, why should we not continue to say to persons whom we've invited to join us, "We're special, and you're special too! That's why we invite you to initiate your membership in our Order by participating in a special Enrollment Ceremony, conducted by our outstanding Lodge Ritualists!

Let's face it: some members of some Lodges in Ohio are looking only for the watering hole that the Lodge provides. Okay! We accept that. But if we don't provide opportunity for those new members, who have joined because they are altruistic to a degree, with a formal exposure to the higher principles of our Order, then, in our opinion, our Order is doomed and in short order.

Accordingly, Ohio Ritualists, voice your feelings to our leaders. Let Ritual reign!



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BELOW:
Tweety Bird
is the
Hilliard
team's
mascot.



**Let's Keep the Moose
Ritual Alive in Ohio!**

More Ritual Photos on Their Special Night at Mid-Year



TOP LEFT: Jackie and Mike Thatcher listen to Ritual competition results. TOP RIGHT: Dignitaries at the head table include WOTM Official Visitor Libby Schmidt, who chats with Deputy Grand Regent Sherry Fry. ABOVE: Diners at the Banquet seem to enjoy their fellowship. RIGHT: Hillard 2236 ritualist Dan Denny anxiously awaits the results.

Nadine Patterson, Ravenna Chapter 540 Named 2008 International Co-Worker of the Year - Ohio

A single word establishes the reason Nadine Patterson, Ravenna Chapter 540 was nominated and ultimately selected as Ohio's 2008 International Co-Worker of the Year: **SELFLESSNESS**.

On joining her Chapter, Nadine at once became active, attending Chapter and joint-Lodge meetings, becoming an officer, participating in Chapter dinners by cooking, baking deserts, or cleaning up.

She is an active volunteer in her community--volunteering for the school, purchaser of foodstuffs for the Women's Shelter.

Six times she has gone to Mexico on a medical Missionary team which goes to a different small village each day to help anyone with medical, dental, and minor surgical problems. The results of this team's effort sees 150-500 patients each day. Nadine operates the team's pharmacy, setting up the drugs by category (antibiotics, vitamins, etc.) and then fills prescriptions and gives patients directions in Spanish. She also labels all medications in Spanish.

She routinely invites homeless people for a Thanksgiving and a Christmas dinner. Her reasoning is that since she does not know how to cook for only one person, she has an abundance of food to share with others.

She has even gone to an Army base to invite several soldiers to her home for Christmas dinner.

Perhaps not her biggest endeavor but certainly one she got her Chapter involved with occurred when hurricane Katrina hit the southern part of our country.

Nadine made arrangements for hurricane relief collection at a local fire station, printed and distributed notices to businesses and restaurants and in the local newspaper in which she asked for food, blankets, towels, and clothing for the hurricane victims.

For ten solid days, Nadine worked 10-12 hour-days collecting, purchasing, and packing needed items. With the help of some fire-fighters, she packed everything into a rental truck and, with two Lodge members, set out on a drive to West Point, Mississippi. There they delivered the truck to a shelter and unloaded the packages.

On returning from this trip, she wrote "thank-you" letters to major contributors, and for her efforts, The red Cross awarded her recognition.

Chapter 540 believes that Nadine is the best, especially because she is retired from her job and is 71 years young.

Chapter 540 believes that the Chapter is quite lucky to have Nadine as a member and co-worker.

Chapter 540 believes that the Moose fraternity benefits greatly by having members such as she.

Congratulations, Nadine!

(Editor's Note: A picture of Nadine is not available, but we are certain that if, as the Chapter has indicated, you looked up the word "selflessness" in the dictionary, you'd find a picture of Nadine Patterson!)



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

. . . by Danny Albert, Golf Chairman



Whether you're a senior golfer and one just starting out, I'm sure you've had those times when you've had to discover whether the adage that a tree is ninety per cent air is true. And, if you're like me, you've found that a tree is ninety per cent wood and leaf! My observation this week is simple:

OBSERVATION #14 - THE SHORTEST DISTANCE BETWEEN ANY TWO POINTS ON A GOLF COURSE IS A STRAIGHT LINE THAT PASSES DIRECTLY THROUGH THE CENTER OF A VERY LARGE TREE.

So remember this, you can hit a two-acre fairway 10% of the time, but you'll hit a two-inch branch 90% of the time!

Ohio State Moose Association

Join Us In the
Walleye Capital Of The World!!!
For The.....
27th Annual Walleye Tournament
Saturday,
May 17th, 2008
Hosted by the PORT CLINTON Moose Lodge #1610

BETTER THAN EVER!!

4 Prize Levels for each of 2 Divisions*

Prizes for **LONGEST** Walleye
Prizes for **HEAVIEST** Walleye
"Sheepshead" Contest

*There will be a prize pool for both divisions provided there are enough registered anglers. If there are not enough registered anglers there will be one combined pool.

Weekend Activities

Friday Night
Check In5 till 10 P.M.

Saturday
Fish Check In.....2-4 P.M.
Derby Dinner.....5 P.M.
Awards Ceremony.....7 P.M.

\$60 per four person boat

Teams open to Moose Members ONLY

Walleye Derby Committee Contact:
William Dials, Sports Director • 1001 Broad Street • Ashland, Ohio 44805

Sports Director Buck Dials Reminds Fishermen and women . . .

get out those rods and and reels and get 'em cleaned up, oiled up, and ready for the Walleye Derby at Port Clinton on May 17th!