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Don't Be Blue! Winter's
Almost Through!
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**The Friendliest Place In Town
-- Your Moose Lodge!**

Can Your
Lodge Be
Pictured
Here?

It should be pictured. . .

If your Lodge is a top-notch facility;

If your Lodge has an innovative Board of Officers;

If your Lodge has outstanding activities; and

If your Lodge presents cutting-edge opportunities to serve your community!

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An Open Letter To Moose International

What with all the changes in the dues paying system, it is difficult to find the right person with whom to talk in regard to membership concerns. As editor of our on-line newsletter updates, I receive many, many comments, questions, and criticisms from administrators and governors. Two issues which they have raised with me are issues which in my view ought to be addressed by Moose International.

First, since administrators no longer receive a portion of their salary for renewal of dues, then administrators surely must ask themselves, "What do I care?" whenever the issue of retention arises. Administrators have to be the first-line-of-defense, so to speak, but if they have no monetary interest at stake, then indifference to this matter will probably be their response.

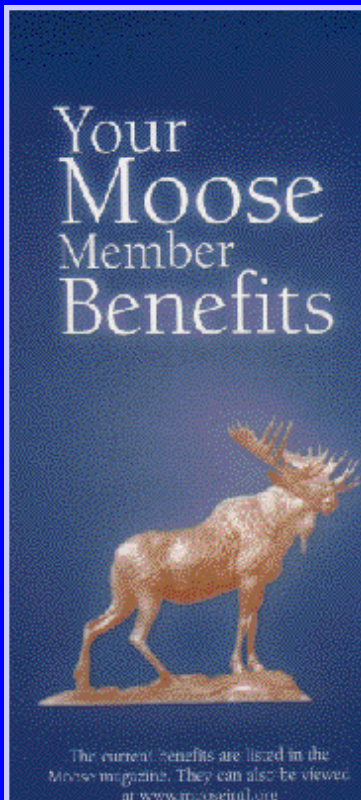
SOLUTION: Put administrators back on the payroll! Give them their percentage, for it's to Moose International's obvious advantage.

Second, why should Moose International care who pays a member's dues? Since their induction into the Moose, I have paid my children's dues each year as my gift to them. Now I can no longer do so, resulting in at least one child's having dropped out.

SOLUTION: Change the instructions at the lock box so that whenever a check comes in with a member's MID, his dues can be accepted regardless of who signs the check or whose credit card gets hit!

What we're looking for here, Moose International officials, is not to embarrass you; rather, it is simply to find ways to retain our members and to pay their dues.

Jim Grandy, Editor



Look What Extra Benefits Accrue From Your Moose Membership!

Moose International has seen fit to include a pamphlet whenever you next have dues renewal to demonstrate what extras there are available to you--all because you are a Moose member.

These benefits include great discounts at over 15 hotel/motel complexes. Car rentals, cross-country floral purchases and delivery, GMAC automobile and recreational vehicle insurances, even travel awards, among other opportunities.

The point is that because you are a Moose member, all you need do is to take advantage of these opportunities.

To learn more, simply go to your current Moose magazine. Or if you're on-line, go to . . .

www.mooseintl.org

and get all the details.

Take Advantage of the R. Robert Dale Scholarships by Applying Now!

HO--OOOOO! The annual R. Robert Dale Scholarship article appears in the most recent Moose Magazine. Furthermore, materials are now online to help juniors in high school, whose parents or legal guardians are members of the moose, to take advantage of the scholarship program offered through Moose international. To qualify, students must be part of the graduating Class of 2007 and carry a 2.5 out of 4.0 accumulated grade point average. Online at www.mooseintl.org, you will find a printable application form, an informational promotional flyer to print and display on the bulleting board in your Moose Lodge, a press release to modify and place in your Lodge publication and a press release for your local newspaper.

To be included in the selection process, an application must have been postmarked and mailed or faxed to the Director of Marketing and Membership Development no later than June 30, 2006. The number of scholarships granted to any state or provincial Moose Association depends on the ratio of its eligible applicants to its membership. One winner is chosen for every 15 applicants in Associations up to 9,999 members; every 35 in Associations up to 74,999; and every 45 in Associations over 74,999 members. With 25 or more eligible students, your Lodge could conduct its own R. Robert Dale Scholarship drawing.

FIVE Important Lessons

EDITOR'S NOTE: Oops! While we promised one each week, we inadvertently missed last week's update. But, a week late, here's the promised lesson, "The Pickup!"

SECOND IMPORTANT LESSON -- Pickup in the Rain

One night, at 11:30 o'clock, an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway, trying to endure a lashing rainstorm. Her car had broken down, and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in those conflicted-filled 1960s. The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her into a taxi. She seemed to be in a big hurry, but she wrote down his address and thanked him. Seven days went by, and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console, color TV was delivered to his home. A special note was attached. It read: "Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain had drenched not only my clothes, but also my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away. God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others." It was signed: "Sincerely, Mrs. Nat King Cole"

Next lesson: Remembering Those Who Serve

LODGES: WAZZZZZZUPWIDYERGIIs?

While the headline is an attempt at humor, a serious issue behind it is the question: Just what is your Lodge doing for your service men and women who have been called to active duty?

You can bet that a service man or woman on duty in Afghanistan or Iraq or his or her spouse could worry less about whether his or her Moose Chapter or Lodge dues have been renewed. That person is obviously much more concerned about staying alive!

Is your duty clear here? What is your responsibility, Brother Governor, Brother Administrator, and Sister Senior Regent, with regard to your Lodge/Chapter members who have been called to active duty and their dues are about to expire?

Let us suggest that your Lodge and Chapter implement at once a program to pay their dues for them. If you choose to do so, you'll need to do at least two things: one, you'll need to send them a letter at their home address in which you inform them that you're renewing their Moose dues (and you might make other cool remarks as well!). Then you'll need to send a check in payment for their dues to Moose International, Dues Processing, 8338 Innovation Way, Chicago, IL 60681-0063.

The following information must be on the check:

Member's name, address, MID#, Lodge/Chapter name
and number and dues expiration date.

LISTEN UP, OHIO LODGES AND CHAPTERS! If you should decide to implement this kind of a program, let newsletter editor Jim Grandy know so that he can compile a listing of Lodges/Chapters-Support-Troops column for our weekly updates. Then Grandy will forward that information to Moose International for their use.

Latest Preferred Member-Sponsors Achieve Director General's Circle of Distinction!

Congratulations are in order for the following three men who have qualified for the 2005-2006 Director General's Circle of Distinction. These three men have seen 25 members enrolled during this period of time. Accordingly, each receives a custom-designed necktie in recognition of this accomplishment. Additionally, all three will be invited to a function scheduled in their honor during the 118th International Convention in Chicago in May.

Robert Bentz
Jerry Gabbard
Jim Monroe

Clyde Lodge 393
Middletown 501
Celina 1473

Congratulations, Brothers!



EDITOR'S NOTE: We've had positive feedback on this monthly page. We're glad to like to learn of these fine lodges' birthdates. We'll keep publishing the dates.

LODGE

ANNIVERSARY DATE

Northfield 2156	March 05, 1967
Fremont 1286	March 06, 1913
East Liverpool 122	March 07, 1912
East Palestine 467	March 10, 1916
Bryan 1064	March 10, 1916
New Riegel 872	March 13, 1917
Brewster 1102	March 13, 1949
Newark 499	March 16, 1911
Colonial City 2555	March 19, 2000
Fairborn 1068	March 23, 1986
Ravenna 1234	March 29, 1918
Massillon 481	March 31, 1911

Remember: If one of these Lodges happens to be a favorite place that you like to visit, perhaps you might want to choose the anniversary celebration time for your next visit. Check in your directory for the telephone numbers, and give the Lodge a call for the details on their celebration this year. Have a great time!



5-Club Members Make Ohio Strong!

Beginning with the first of the year, the Membership Department at Moose International published this fiscal year's 5-Club members. The numbers from Ohio are almost overwhelming! It is obvious that these preferred member-sponsors are the bulwark of our Association!

Grady A Gausmann	Cincinnati 02	Bradley J Gruber	Marion 889
Charles R Garrison	Columbus 11	Richard A Williamson	Cuyahoga Falls 918
Ora E Moore	Columbus 11	Donald Freed	Coshocton 935
Robert L Schaffer	Columbus 11	Roger L Warne	Coshocton 935
Jerry Shorter	Columbus 11	Ryan Hall	Lancaster 955
Don Van Gundy	Columbus 11	John Starkey	Lancaster 955
Mark R Hanna	Dayton 73	Floyd Wiseman	Lancaster 955
Francis E Duke	East Liverpool 122	Joseph L Worley	Piqua 1067
John E Mills, Jr.	East Liverpool 122	John M McKenzie	Fairborn 1068
Tim L Albright	Trumbull 186	Daniel C Hudkins	Mogadore 1082
Scott Raines	Lima 199	Bob Jenior	Mogadore 1082
Joe Zofkie	Lima 199	Arthur L Greene II	Delaware 1167
Harold D Lewton	Canton 233	David Maggard	Delaware 1167
James G Rine	Canton 233	Bruce A Kessler	Norwalk 1248
Dennis A Reeves	Galion 303	Jeff Seville	Norwalk 1248
David JoHantgen	Montpelier 312	Charles A McGhee	Worthington 1427
William M Back	Greenville 329	Jim Monroe	Celina 1473
Brian Chew	Mansfield 341	Charles R Staugler	Celina 1473
Robert Bentz	Clyde 393	David Eugene Cushwa	Indian Lake 1533
Timothy L Warren	Clyde 393	Earl H Luthman	Indian Lake 1533
Loren J Puckett	Shelby 422	Norman Taylor	Indian Lake 1533
Timothy Grant	Massillon 481	Rick Sallisbury	Fostoria 1567
Rick Barrett	Newark 499	Ron Smith	Sylvania 1579
John F Cunningham	Newark 499	David L Grable	Chillicothe 1626
William E Snelling	Newark 499	Frank A Shewalter	Chillicothe 1626
Richard E Bennett	Middletown 501	Freddie Stamper	Miamisburg 1645
Charles F Blair	Middletown 501	Bill Gibson	Marysville 1651
James I Cresong	Middletown 501	Ken Miller	Willard 2153
Jerry Gabbard	Middletown 501	David W Hampton	Buckeye Lake 2434
John H Jack	Middletown 501	Jason E Brobst	Gahanna 2463
Larry L Klamo	Middletown 501	Lester Essig	Gahanna 2463
Douglas G Strahler	Springfield 536	Stephen P Speaks	Gahanna 2463
Freddie E Soddors	Springfield 536	Douglas Heath	Lexington 2511
Frank P Bisigni	Ashtabula 547	Ronald L Stull	Colonial City 2555
R J Rule	Niles 627	Todd Schmersal	Bowling Green 2569
Walter Davis	Cambridge 631	Timothy Setty	Loveland 2583
Thomas Kingrey	Ironton 701	Marvin Buchanan	Miami County 2611
Ted Murphy	Ironton 701	Tony Sage	Miami County 2611
Larry Wilfong	Barberton 759		
Harold (Sid) Glaze	Portsmouth 762		
George E Nolan	Portsmouth 762		
Bob W Stine	Tiffin 846		
Joseph Batross Jr	Zanesville 867		
Robert C Joseph	Zanesville 867		

CONGRATULATIONS, men, for your
outstanding efforts on behalf of our Association!