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are living proof of
this promise . . .**

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Annual Lodge Insurance Report

To all of you who have turned in your completed Annual Lodge Insurance Report for 2009, **thank you**.

As a reminder to the rest of you, the Annual Lodge Insurance Report **is due on April 1, 2009**.

The report form can be found in the Risk Management section of the Members Portal of the Moose International, Inc. website

www.mooseintl.org).

Please complete and return this report to the Risk Management department by April 1, 2009.

<http://www.mooseintl.org/portal/pdf/RiskMgmt/AnnualLodgeInsuranceReport.pdf>

Moose Legion Economic Stimulus Plan Poster

All Lodges are requested to immediately go to the link below, print a copy of the " Moose Legion Economic Stimulus Plan " poster and to post it on the Lodge' s Moose Legion Committee bulletin board.

Additional copies may be posted near the other "Moose Economic Stimulus Plan" promotional materials in your Lodge.

<http://www.mooseintl.org/portal/Publications/Press/pdf/09-MooseLegionStimulusPlan.pdf>



The road to achieving 25 Club status has several mile-markers: It begins in your first year as a Moose member with sponsoring that first applicant; then, four more times that year, you sponsor applicants, thus achieving the 5 Club status, which grants you the opportunity to enjoy a great evening at Mid-Year or Annual Convention, and, on sponsoring five each year for five years, you waltz into the 25 Club where you receive your gold lapel pin which entitles you to participate in subsequent 25 Club events, state and International.



Following are our most recent 5-Clubbers!



Donna Lee Grigalunas, Barberton 61
Debra L Roseberry, Middletown 183
Donna J Gohring, Marion 448
Geraldine Sarnes, Whitehall 865
Deborah Miller, Willard 1779

William J Sweeney, Ironton 701
Richard A Golec, Uhrichsville 740
Henry D Goudy, Uhrichsville 740
William DeHart, Barberton 759
Bill Miller, Van Wert 1320
R Virgin Cecil, Woodsfield 2247
Scott R Gossett, Lexington 2511

**Congratulations Women of the
Moose and Men!**

Dwaine Brown's Message to all Ohio Pilgrims . . .

TODAY'S SUBJECT: e-mail addresses

Fellow Pilgrims!

I have the e-mail address of all Ohio Pilgrims who are presently on the State board (at least the addresses of those who chose to so indicate on our directory form). I would like to have a complete e-mail address listing so that I can

- a) know who is NOT on-line
- b) know who is on-line

to enable me to keep Ohio Pilgrims abreast of both the good and the not-so-good things involving our Pilgrims.

It seems that some people change e-mail servers about as often as they change their shorts; the result is that e-mail communication is never near the most effective means of communicating that it can be. Ohio Pilgrims have to be smarter than the ordinary person; when you change e-mail servers, you have to notify all those who have your address.

Our attempt to create a telephone pyramid has met a similar resistance. Yet, we often hear the lament "But nobody called me!" Well, we can't call you because you changed your phone number and didn't bother to tell any one. The same reasoning applies to e-mail addresses. We won't e-mail you if we don't have your current e-mail address.

Won't you help us to make our Pilgrim communications network the best of the fraternity?

Thanks, Brothers

Dwaine

Demonstrating Newsletter's Values

In the March issue of Mogadore Moose Lodge 1082's newsletter, the following article appeared, an item of general knowledge but which is not generally known:

"We have all heard the haunting song, 'Taps.' It's the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually creates tears in our eyes. But do you know the story behind the song? If not, we think you will be pleased to find out about its humble beginnings.

"Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

"During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or a Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

"Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain

reached his own lines. He discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a langern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son!

"The boy had been studying music in the south when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy had enlisted in the Confederate Army.

"The following morning, heart-broken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate.

"But out of respect for his father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

"The haunting melody, we now know as 'Taps' used at military funerals, was born!"

Thanks, Mogadore 1082, for this inspirational bit of information!

Come on, Ohio Moose! Let's keep those applications coming in!

LAST YEAR at this time, Ohio had signed only 6,613 new or former members. This year, we are gaining on that number by our having signed 5,609.

This year, Florida is whipping our "booty" with a whopping 9,648 apps, and Pennsylvania with 6,746|

As we all know, Florida has a

distinct advantage, despite the sad economic downturn that this past year has brought. We also know that we can't overcome a 4,000 app deficit, BUT we CAN maintain our position provided that we continue to encourage our preferred-member sponsors to take advantage of the stimulus campaign.

Remember, more members mean more \$\$\$\$ for your Lodge!



SPONSOR MEMBERS

MOOSE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN

NO APPLICATION FEES!

FROM MARCH 1, 2009 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2009

FOR APPLICANTS TO LODGES AND CHAPTERS
*COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE REMITTED WITH 1ST YEAR'S DUES.
APPLICANTS MUST BE ENROLLED BY MAY 31, 2009.

SPONSORS EARN CREDIT IN "BEYOND BELIEF" & "Become a Moose Tracker" MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGNS.

Your Moose Member Benefits

NEW MEMBERS ENJOY:

- AFFORDABLE FAMILY RECREATION ACTIVITIES
- SAVINGS ON EVERYDAY PURCHASES
- BUDGET PRICED MEALS & ENTERTAINMENT
- PRIDE IN MEMBERSHIP

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MEMBER BENEFITS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
[HTTP://WWW.MOOSEINTL.ORG/PORTAL/BENEFITS/DEFAULT.ASP](http://www.mooseintl.org/portal/benefits/default.asp)

MOOSE THE FAMILY FRATERNITY



Coping With Today's World

TODAY'S SUBJECT: THE CELL PHONE

As we age and continue to wander out and about, we encounter situations which have nothing to do with age. Consider . . .

“The Other Stall . . . “

Traveling down the interstate and needing to use the restroom, I stopped at a rest area and headed to the restroom.

I was barely sitting down when I heard a voice from the other stall, saying, “Hi! How are you?”

I’m not the type to start a conversation in the restroom and I don’t know what got into me, but I answered, somewhat embarrassed, “Doin’ just fine!”

And the other person says, “So what are you up to?”

What kind of question is that? At that point, I’m thinking ‘This is too bizarre!’ so I say: “Uhhh, I’m like you--just traveling!”

At this point I am just trying to get out as fast as I can when I hear another question. “Can I come over?”

OK--this question is just too weird for me, but I figured I could just be polite and end the conversation. I tell the voice in the other stall, “No! I’m a little busy right now!!!”

Then I hear the person say nervously, “Listen, I’ll have to call you back. There’s an idiot in the other stall who keeps answering all my questions!”

CELL PHONES -- Don’t you just love ‘em?