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Yah just never know quite whom to suspect as your neighborhood terrorist! This is "Tabby, the terrorist!"



While your cat might threaten, we've got faithful lab and her puppies in reserve!



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5 & 25 Club Party at Mid-Year Proves a Most Popular Event!

Oh, sure, it all began innocently enough, because the band showed up in Carribean Night costume and so had many of the attendees. . . . The music encouraged



couples to dance. . . .



BUT then Dorie Howdieshell got hold of the pirate's parrot, and all hell broke loose! First, the parrot beguiled Steve Speaks, who promptly spilled his beer. AND then, it



converted Eunice Simpson into some sort of love-bird, but, heavens be praised, Sandy Meurer was nearby to rescue Enice.

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NEXT, the parrot caught Jeff Knapke and Jim Grandy discussing strategy for their upcoming game of 8-ball. "You know, Dwaine, you'd better watch this parrot before it does real damage," advises Lawyer Knapke.



Steve Speaks becomes hero, talks bird to his should, traps it, and shoves its nose into a table card designating wire!



Hospitality Rooms Provide Great Setting for After Party



more pictures on next page. . .



HOW does our photographer George Grosser do this--get in front of the camera? All things are possible in



the hospitality rooms, even mugging for the camera or escaping an ice cube down the back!



APROPOS OF NOTHING AT ALL, since yesterday was the earliest that Easter Day can be, we thought you'd like to know that Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20th). The dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

Based on the above, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22nd) but that is pretty rare. As a matter of fact, this year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population (95 or older) have ever seen it this early, and none of us have ever seen, or will ever see, it a day earlier! Here are the facts:

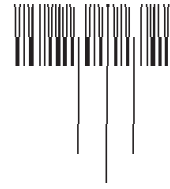
- The next time Easter will be this early (March 23rd) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913; so, if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!
- The next time it will be a day earlier (March 22nd) will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22nd was 1818.

Thanks go to Zanesville 867's Steve Ward for this tidbit!





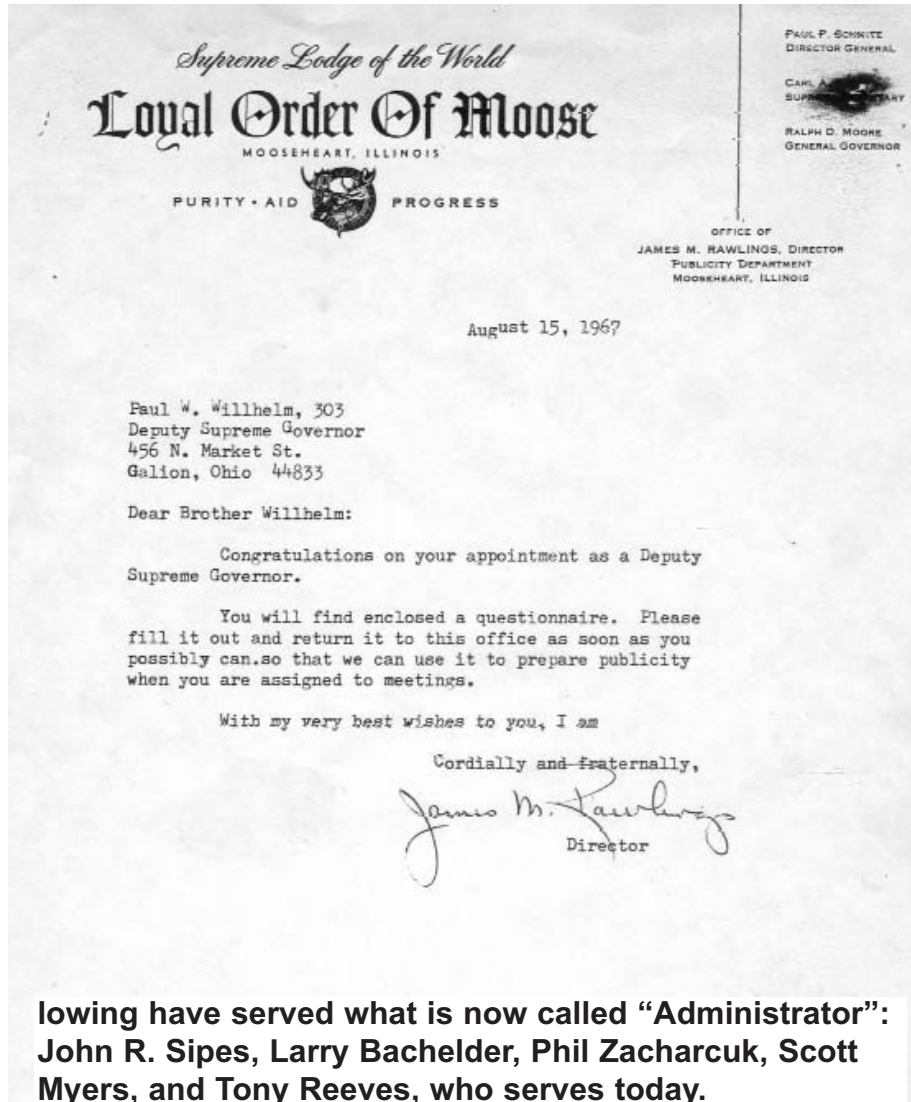
We Are A Part Of Our History!



OSMA History Chairman and Curator of the OSMA Museum Jim Stonerock notes that often times, individual make real contributions to the history of the Ohio Moose simply by preserving instead of discard-

ing. Below is a case in point. Farence Beach, a member of Galion Moose Lodge 303 since 1972, found that when the Lodge was instituted in 1910, John Stevens was Governor and that in 1963, Paul Willhelm became the first Pilgrim of the Lodge. He found yet another typewritten paper with the names of Galion's secretaries, beginning in 1923. From 1923 to 1928, Percy A. Frank, Le. E. Place, Carl Monat, and Art Monat served as secretaries. Then W. A. Cooper stepped in for a year, with Carl Monat returning February 16, 1929 and served until 1933, at which time S. S. Motsinger was secretary. In 1936, John D. Williams served for two years until Kevin J. Cahil did a two-year stint. J. Ben Romine followed him in 1940, when E. E. Althouse stepped in for five years. In 1947, Howard L. Dysinger served the next four years, with Paul W. Willhelm taking over in 1951. Twenty-two years later, James A. Looker became secretary, and on November 12, 1979, Dwaine Brown became the man.

When Brown became State Director in 1994, the fol-



lowing have served what is now called "Administrator": John R. Sipes, Larry Bachelder, Phil Zacharcuk, Scott Myers, and Tony Reeves, who serves today.

Above is a letter from then Moose International Director of the Publicity Department James M. Rawlings sent to Galion's Secretary Paul W. Willhelm, appointing him a Deputy Supreme Governor.

We appreciate very much that Farence saw fit to see the value in salvaging a piece of our Moose history. Thanks, Farence!



A "Gimme 5" Success Story Unfolds . . .

Dayton Chapter 9 has a Gimme 5 Chairwoman who, despite being "kinda drafted," has taken her role seriously.

Her first project was to sell foam hearts for Valentine's Day. She even sold them at the Mid-Year Conference to enable Lodges to use them for decorations, making a total of \$335, donated at Mid-Year.

With the help of Chapter volunteers who later received pins for all their hard work, time, and donations for BINGO, Chwm. Sara Boes created a two-hour block of time at the Lodge, providing haircut and manicure service, playing BINGO, and serving food. That project netted \$157 for Gimme 5.

She even had her hubby Gail helping as a cook and food-server for the woman that day!

Now she is working up a 3rd project.

Submitted by Anita Farish, Recorder and photographer



LEFT: Stylist Renee Black pauses to pose. **BELOW:** Table of BINGO prizes.



Gail and Sara Boes indicate the secret of their success by their beaming smiles!



FAR LEFT: Doing the food service are Tama Russell and Lucy Morgan. **LEFT:** 50 yr. member Mary Collett.



Marketing Your Lodge Should Be

B-I-G

In Your Mind!

QUESTION: Why should your Lodge publish a newsletter if you don't use that newsletter to communicate with your members?

ANSWER: DON'T WASTE YOUR POSTAGE AND MONEY!

The answer above is not intended to be frivolous! Rather, it prompts other questions, such as the following:

- Why have any sort of food service if only a handful of bar patrons know of its availability?
- Why have beverage "specials" if only that same handful know about it?
- Why have an expensive BINGO license if you don't promote BINGO nights to your members?
- Why have an even more expensive gaming license, with many great kinds of tickets if the tickets are growing mildewed in the jars because there are no sales, and there are no sales because you don't promote tickets to your members by way of your Lodge newsletter?

**YOU'VE GOT TO PROMOTE YOUR OWN PRODUCT
TO YOUR OWN MEMBERS!!!**

It is perfectly legal for you to promote gaming in your own newsletter. Why keep it a secret?

As members of the Executive board read available newsletters on the website and later discuss their contents, the discussion above is a constant. We ask you, "What's the sense in producing a newsletter that doesn't tell your membership needed information?"





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

. . . by Danny Albert, Golf Chairman



Jim Grandy's buddy Tiger Woods finally failed to win a golf tournament at Doral this past weekend, despite a rain-delay that should have helped him get back his putting stroke. I mention this only for two reasons: one, to zing Mr. Grandy and two, to point out . . .

OBSERVATION #17 - EVERY TIME A GOLFER MAKES A BIRDIE, HE MUST SUBSEQUENTLY MAKE TWO TRIPLE BOGEYS TO RESTORE THE FUNDAMENTAL EQUILIBRIUM TO THE UNIVERSE!

I want to remind you that the Inaugural 4-Person Scramble is slated for Hiawatha Golf Course in Mount Vernon, hosted by Colonial City Lodge 2555. Teams may be composed of four men, or four women, or any four mixed. There will be team prizes in all divisions. A 10:00 A.M. Shotgun Start is the plan so that everyone will finish about same time. A facsimile of the entry form appears below.

1st ANNUAL 4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

MAY 10, 2008

HIAWATHA GOLF COURSE
MT VERNON, OHIO

\$50.00 PER PERSON/4 MEMBER TEAM

GREEN FEES & CART**BEER AND HOT DOGS ON COURSE
NEW YORK STRIP STEAK DINNER AT COLONIAL CITY LODGE

PRIZE MONEY AWARDED IN ALL THREE DIVISIONS

QUESTIONS?? CALL DANNY 419-589-6668

10 AM SHOT GUN START

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED ENTRY FORM WITH \$200.00 PER TEAM,
BY MAY 1, 2008

TO: DANNY ALBERT
579 DOGWOOD CIRCLE
MANSFIELD, OHIO 44903

RUN MORE COPIES IF MORE ENTRY FORMS ARE NEEDED.

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX THAT YOUR TEAM WILL CONSIST OF

4 MEN 4 WOMEN MIXED

PHONE NUMBER OF TEAM CAPTAIN _____

TEAM CAPTAIN _____

PLAYER 2 _____

PLAYER 3 _____

PLAYER 4 _____

REMEMBER: You've got to publicize our sports programs. Otherwise, they will continue to die on the vine, so to speak. Use your newsletters to get out the good word.

In the case of golf, for example, we get to play many really nice golf courses across the state, and this year's are no exception. You Seniors are really going to like Hickory Grove.

Any how, let's get out the word!

