



Don't Be Blue! Winter's Almost Through! **THINK MOOSE!**



**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!

Fun

Community Service

Family Activities

Fellowship

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TIPS Training A Must – Here's A New Opportunity For Your Servers!

Brad Gruber has announced at 11:00 A.M. on April 29th & 30th at Marion Moose Lodge 889, he will conduct a TIPS Training Program for interested candidates. Administrators, Social Quarters Managers, and Governors are reminded that all Ohio Lodge must have their servers TIPS-trained by May. The cost of this program is \$30 per prospective server. The reason "prospective" is included is that even if your servers are volunteers, each must be TIPS trained. Be safe! Be sure!

Gawd! You've Got To Love The Irony!

Any Ohioan who has been busted for DUI and any Ohio Lodge that has been busted by state officials' practicing duplicity will appreciate this article. From the internet comes this article entitled "DUI* West Virginia Style."

Only a West Virginian could think of this! From the county where drunk driving is considered a sport, comes this true story. Recently a routine police patrol parked outside a bar in Ripley, West Virginia ~

After last call, the officer noticed a man leaving the bar so intoxicated that he could barely walk. The man stumbled around the parking lot for a few minutes, with the officer quietly observing. After what seemed an eternity and trying his keys on five different vehicles, the man managed to find his car--which he fell into! He sat there for a few minutes as a number of other patrons left the bar and drove off.

Finally he started the car, switched the wipers on and off (It was a fine, dry summer night.), flickered the blinkers on, then off a couple times, honked the horn, and then switched on the lights. He moved the vehicle forward a few inches, reversed a little, and then remained still for a few more minutes as some more of the other patron vehicles left.

At last, the parking lot empty, he pulled out of the parking lot and started to drive slowly down the road. The police officer, having patiently waited all this time, now started up the patrol car, put on the flashing lights, and promptly pulled the man over and carried out a breathalyzer test. To his amazement the breathalyzer indicated no evidence of the man's having consumed any alcohol at all!

Dumbfounded, the officer said, 'I'll have to ask you to accompany me to the police station. This breathalyzer equipment must be broken.'

'I doubt it,' said the truly proud hillbilly. 'Tonight I'm the designated decoy!'

In case you wondered . . .

What actually is the responsibility of the *GOVERNOR*?

The Governor is the president of the legal corporation of the lodge. He presides at all meetings of the board of officers, all regular meetings, and any specially scheduled meetings of the lodge. The Governor's primary objective is to promote the fraternal operation of the lodge. His major specific responsibilities include maintaining order and decorum at meetings, ensuring that meetings are run according to Robert's Rules of order, appointing certain designated officers and the chairmen of all standing and special committees except as otherwise provided in the General Laws, and to ensure the continuing activity of committees by appointing replacements as needed.

The Governor is NOT--and cannot be--the manager of the Social Quarters. He has no authority over the Social quarters, except when he is presiding at a House Committee meeting.

How about the responsibilities of the *SENIOR REGENT*?

The Senior Regent is the presiding officer of all meetings of a Women of the Moose chapter, including Chapter Night, Board of Officers, business meetings, and any other special meetings of the chapter.

Major responsibilities of a Senior Regent also include appointing all chairmen of chapter development, standing and special committees, as well as all appointed officers, the ritual director, and the musician, signing the secretary/treasurer chapter minutes book immediately after all minutes are read and approved by the chapter, dividing the entire membership of the chapter, and appointing every co-worker to serve on one of the eight chapter development committees.

You Might Want To Use This Idea For Next Year . . .

Below is a 'clip-and-save' piece that you might want to run next year in your December, January, and February newsletters with regard to your announcement of the meetings of the Nominating Committee and the need for Lodge officers. Additionally, if Governors begin in November Lodge meetings to encourage members to begin to thinking about upcoming elections, this kind of an inclusion in the newsletter could be most helpful.

We're Lookin' For a Few Good Men!



It is time once again to set our slate of officers for the next year, which will run from May 1, 200__ through April 30, 200__.

Please consider taking a place on the Moose Board of Officers. **YOU CAN** make a difference in our Lodge!

If you would like to be considered for a board position, please fill out the nomination form below and give it to an officer of the Lodge.

I, Brother _____ wish to

be considered for the office of _____.

I recognize the responsibilities and duties of the office, and I am willing to devote the necessary time and effort required by this office, if elected.

SIGNATURE

DATE _____

Status of Annual Good- Standing Certificates

According to General Governor David Chambers, new procedures for issuing Annual Good-Standing Certificates ought to be more efficient since his office will be sending certificates only to those lodges that actually need one. A lodge will be considered in good standing unless notified otherwise. Lodges in good standing may install officers without actually receiving a certificate as indicated in Section 33.9 of the General Laws.

Following is the criteria used by Chambers' office:

1) Each February, Regional/Assistant Managers shall report to the General Governor's office those lodges in his jurisdiction NOT in good standing and the reasons for this determination.

2) The Regional/Assistant Regional Manager shall e-mail each lodge in his territory that is not in good standing, informing the lodge what is required for the lodge to return to good-standing status.

3) All good-standing lodges requiring a Certificate of Good Standing (usually for legal reasons – bingo, gaming, etc.) shall e-mail the General Governor's office requesting a certificate.

4) Upon receiving a request for a Certificate of Good Standing and verifying good-standing status, the General Governor's office will e-mail an electronic Certificate of Good Standing to the lodge.

5) In those rare situations when an actual certificate is required, the General Governor's office will print and mail a certificate with original signature and seal.

Construction of New C-Wing Quietly Goes On At Moosehaven!

Although we report on the progress of the new C-Wing at Moosehaven only every 4-6 six weeks, the construction moves on at a regular pace, guaranteeing that contractors will meet deadlines.

Workers have steadily knocked down, torn up, worked over – whatever – from the old portion of the Paul P. Schmitz Health Center, and, as you will see by way of next month's pictures, they have begun to make sense of the whole thing for our uninitiated eyes.

It'll be great to see the final picture, assuring our seniors of a great place to be.



Do you recall how in the old Ritual, we talked of our senior members having a golf course for their use? Don't you wonder whatever happened to that expanse? Perhaps before our next monthly update of the C-Wing construction, one of our officials will be able to tell us where the golf course fits in with the new C-Wing and the rest of the complex.