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are living proof of  
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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 outstanding preferred-member sponsors:



## **25 Club**

**Walter Fugate, Waverly 2263**

## **50 Division**

**Timothy L Robinson, Indian Lake 1533**

## **75 Division**

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## **Century Division**

**Randy O. Rine, Coshocton 935**

## **175 Division**

**Grady A Gausmann, Cincinnati 2**

## **Ohio's Newest "Life" Member**

## **250 Division**

**Mark W Harper, Mansfield 341**

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Ohio Moose do our best for Special Olympics? Read on

... At a fundraising dinner for a school that serves children with learning disabilities, the father of one of the students delivered a speech that would never be forgotten by all who attended. After extolling the school and its dedicated staff, he offered a question:

“When not interfered with by outside influences, everything nature does, is done with perfection.

“Yet my son, Shay, cannot learn things as other children do. He cannot understand things as other children do. Where is the natural order of things in my son?”

The audience was stilled by the query.

The father continued. 'I believe that when a child like Shay, who was mentally and physically disabled, comes into the world, an opportunity to realize true human nature presents itself, and it comes in the way other people treat that child.'

Then he told the following story:

“Shay and I had walked past a park where some boys Shay knew were playing baseball. Shay

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asked, 'Do you think they'll let me play?'

I knew that most of the boys would not want someone like Shay on their team, but as a father I also understood that if my son were allowed to play, it would give him a much-needed sense of belonging and some confidence to be accepted by others in spite of his handicaps.

“I approached one of the boys on the field and asked (not expecting much) if Shay could play. The boy looked around for guidance and said, 'We're losing by six runs and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him in to bat in the ninth inning.'

Shay struggled over to the team's bench and, with a broad smile, put on a team shirt. I watched with a small tear in my eye and

warmth in my heart. The boys saw my joy at my son being accepted.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three.

In the top of the ninth inning, Shay put on a glove and played in the right field. Even though no hits came his way, he was obviously ecstatic just to be in the game and on the field, grinning from ear to ear as I waved to him from the stands.

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At this juncture, do they let Shay bat and give away their chance to win the game? Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat.

Everyone knew that a hit was all but impossible because Shay didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, much less connect with the ball.

However, as Shay stepped up to the plate, the pitcher, recognizing the other team was putting winning aside for this moment in Shay's life, moved in a few steps to lob the ball in softly so Shay could at least make contact.

The first pitch came and Shay swung clumsily and missed. The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball softly towards Shay.

As the pitch came in, Shay swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball right back to the pitcher.

The game would now

be over. The pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could have easily throw the ball to the first baseman.

Shay would have been out and that would have been the end of the game. Instead, the pitcher threw the ball right over the first baseman's head, out of reach of all team mates.

Everyone from the stands and both teams started yelling, 'Shay, run to first! Run to first!' Never in his life had Shay ever run that far, but he made it to first base. He scampered down the baseline, wide-eyed and startled. Everyone yelled, 'Run to second, run to second!'

Catching his breath, Shay awkwardly ran towards second, gleaming and struggling to make it to the base.

By the time Shay rounded towards second base, the right fielder had the ball. The smallest guy on their team who now had his first chance to be the hero for his team.

He could have thrown the ball to the second-baseman for the tag, but he understood the pitcher's intentions so he, too, intentionally threw the ball high and far over the third-baseman's head.

Shay ran toward third base deliriously as the runners ahead of him circled the bases toward home. All were screaming, 'Shay, Shay, Shay, all the

Way, Shay'

Shay reached third base because the opposing shortstop ran to help him by turning him in the direction of third base, and shouted, 'Run to third! Shay, run to third!'

As Shay rounded third, the boys from both teams, and the spectators, were on their feet screaming, 'Shay, run home! Run home!'

Shay ran to home, stepped on the plate, and was cheered as the hero who hit the grand slam and won the game for his team

'That day,' said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, 'the boys from both teams helped bring a piece of true love and humanity into this world.'

Shay didn't make it to another summer. He died that winter, having never forgotten being the hero and making me so happy, and coming home and seeing his Mother tearfully embrace her little hero of the day!

**BUT STORIES LIKE THIS ONE DON'T END HERE!**

Associated Press columnist Tim Dahlberg writes about how high school rivals put compassion on display

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The coach never considered any other option.

It didn't matter that his DeKalb High School basketball team had ridden a bus 2 1/2 hours to get from Illinois to Milwaukee, then waited another hour past game time to play. It didn't matter that the game was close.

Something else was on Dave Rohlman's mind when he asked for a volunteer to shoot two free throws awarded his team on a technical foul in the second quarter. His senior captain raised his hand. "You realize you're going to miss them, don't you?" Rohlman said.

Darius McNeal nodded his head. He understood what had to be done.

It was a Saturday night in February, and the Barbs were playing on the road against Milwaukee Madison. It was the third meeting between the two schools, who were developing friendly rivalry.

The teams planned to get together after the game for pizzas and soda. But the game almost never took place.

Hours earlier, the mother of Madison senior captain Johntell Franklin died. Carlitha Franklin had been in remission after a five-year fight with cervical cancer, but she began to hemorrhage that morning while Johntell was taking the ACT exam.

Her son and several of

his teammates were at the hospital late that afternoon when the decision was made to turn off the life-support system. Carlitha Franklin was 39.

Madison coach Aaron Womack, Jr. was going to cancel the game, but Franklin told him he wanted the team to play. And play they did, even though the game started late and Madison dressed only eight players.

Early in the second quarter, Womack saw someone out of the corner of his eye. It was Franklin, who came there directly from the hospital to root his teammates on.

The Knights had possession, so Womack called a timeout. His players went over and hugged their grieving teammate. Fans came out of the stands to do the same.

'We got back to playing the game, and I asked if he wanted to come and sit on the bench,' Womack said.

'No,' Franklin replied. 'I want to play.'

There was just one problem. Since Franklin wasn't on the pre-game roster, putting him in meant drawing a technical foul.

Rohlman didn't want to take the free throws, but the referees said the rule had to be followed.

That's when Rohlman asked for volunteers, and McNeal's hand went up. His

first attempt went about two feet, bouncing a couple of times as it rolled toward the end line. The second barely left his hand.

The Madison players stood and turned toward the DeKalb bench and started applauding the gesture of sportsmanship. Soon, so did everybody in the stands.

Franklin scored ten points and Madison broke open the game in the second half to win 62-47. Afterward, the teams went out for pizza.

Remember "P.A.P." -- Purity, Aid, and Progress? How is the above for an example!

Do you want to know why crazy Moose members and their friends jump into freezing waters, all to support Special Olympics?

Do you want to know why Ohio Moose Legionnaires support such outstanding programs of the Moose, such as the 'Gimme 5' and have such dedication as exhibited from Regional Chairman Chuck Staugler?

Do you want to know why Ohio Moose can hardly wait for the summer Special Olympics?

Well, Ohio Moose men and women, it's up to you to remember stories such as these when it comes time to step up to the plate for our children who are less fortunate because of handicap.

**Greetings, my fellow brothers!**

First, let me say **THANKS** for all you do for the Moose!

Just as we put this past winter season behind us, it seems as though we are putting something else behind us also. **GIMME 5**, where has it gone?

Where has **GIMME 5**, the fraternal fundraising program that was so important not long ago, gone? I was looking through all the different newsletters on the web site of our State Association and noticed that all the lodges are gearing up for the spring activities such as GOLF, Fish Fries, Easter Egg Hunts and bowling tourneys, and the list goes on and on.



We need the lodge **GIMME 5** chairman to keep it visible in the lodge, on the bulletin boards, in the newsletter, even on your lodge's 'MooseVision!' if you have it. We need to keep it visible so that members keep seeing it and will finally contribute. Remember the saying, "If you build it, they will come!" Same principle here: "If you ask

them, they will give!"

I have talked to many people who ask what it is all about. It seems they did not know anything about the **GIMME 5**, and after explaining it, they became more than willing to participate. I say the word "participate" because in today's economy, not everyone can afford the full 5-year commitment, but what about the one-year-at-a-time concept? I think that if you get the first year out of the way, the rest will fall into place!

We have to keep the **GIMME 5** program pushed up front. I'm sure we can find a little space in our newsletters to keep it in the sights and minds of our members, along with the golf leagues and fish-fries and all the other great news we read in our newsletters. Why not have a fundraiser at your lodge for the **GIMME 5** program? It is not just for individuals; yes, even your lodge can participate! I have one golf league that took up a collection, and they gave to the **GIMME 5**. There are countless ways we all can support the **GIMME 5** program.

Let us see if we cannot bring the **GIMME 5** program back to the top of our priorities list once again.

As I said in the beginning, **THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THE MOOSE!**

Fraternally,

Chuck Staugler  
Regional **GIMME 5** Chairman

# **"It's one of the General Laws!" is an appropriate answer!**

## **"EVERY LODGE IS REQUIRED TO HAVE REPRESENTATION AT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION!"**

That's the law! Is it hard to understand? To date, there are only 164 lodge administrators and 61 governors registered for the International Convention in Chicago--that's a fraternity-wide statistic!

We're not going to get into a long discussion here, men, but the case is that your Lodge ought to be sending at the very least your administrator and governor to Chicago.

You have an entire year to hold fundraisers and dinners, for examples, to raise funds to send these two delegates to the Moose International Convention. Thus, the excuse that you don't have the funds won't hold water!

With the General Laws changes potentially calling for some controversial items to be considered, every lodge should have representation at this Convention.

Rumor has it that some delegates are skipping Chicago and saving for the Nashville Moose International Convention. For individual delegates going to Convention, at their own expense, this is perfectly acceptable. BUT it is not acceptable as a lodge response!

If your lodge has not yet registered your representative, you need to do so at once. You don't want to miss the events on the Convention floor, nor do you want to miss the exciting trip to Mooseheart for graduation and for Pilgrim Conferral. See you in Chicago!

**GUESS WHO  
WON A GIFT  
CARD IN THE  
MARCH 27TH  
DRAWING?**

**YOU'RE RIGHT IF YOU  
CHOSE THE NAME OF  
O.S.M.A. SECRETARY  
JOHN R. SIPES!**

**(DRINKS ARE ON JOHN!)**

**All-Ohio  
Moose Legion  
Celebration  
at Springfield  
April 17-19,  
2009**



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**YOUR MOOSE LODGE  
IS HAVING A PARTY FOR YOU!**



**PREFERRED MEMBER PARTY  
AT YOUR LODGE DURING MAY OF EACH YR.  
HOW CAN YOU ATTEND → SIGN A MEMBER DURING  
MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> – APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH YR TO ATTEND!**

**DATE → In May \_\_\_\_\_**

**TIME → \_\_\_\_\_**

**EVENT → \_\_\_\_\_**

**FUN AT YOUR MOOSE FAMILY CENTER!  
PARTY TIME For Those Who Sign Members!  
MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND! SIGN A MEMBER!**

**It's time to start planning your Preferred Member Sponsor Party, slated for May every year. You've five weeks to "git-r-done!"**



# Use the “Beyond Belief” Sponsor Pins!

## It’s to your Lodge’s advantage to advertise at every opportunity!

Let’s take advantage of the next 30 days to sign new and former members, an opportunity to forego the usual \$20 application fee. It’s no April Fools’ joke, and it’s worth repeating: ZERO-dollar application fee through April 30th.

Boards of Officers of all Ohio Lodges ought to be pushing this last 30-day opportunity. Be sure to use the “Beyond Belief” sponsor pins so that sponsors can wear them proudly. Maybe an all-day ‘happy hour’ special might be in order for every one wearing a sponsor pin. Plastering copies of the Stimulus Poster all over the Lodge might help too. Regardless, the point is that taking advantage of this “stimulus” might create the best week, the best month of the year for your Lodge!

## MOOSE INTERNATIONAL JUMPS ON THE OBAMA BANDWAGON WITH ITS OWN STIMULUS PACKAGE!



For Lodges!  
For Chapters!  
For Moose Legions!

It’s a **two-month campaign** -- March 1 through April 30, 2009.

**NO FEE** -- that’s right! -- zero-dollar application fee during the entire two-month period!

Every Ohio Moose Unit should begin at once to promote this great membership campaign. Use it, along with the concepts promoted in page 2 of the February 18th update. Promote this campaign throughout your Lodge with table tents, place-mats, newsletters and websites, and especially ensure that your bartenders and wait-staff talk about this opportunity continuously and enthusiastically.

LET’S JOIN PRESIDENT OBAMA WITH HIS STIMULUS PACKAGE TO BOOST OUR OWN -- MOOSE -- ECONOMY! **IT’S A WIN-WIN SITUATION!**