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## Weekly Update

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# LOOK AT THEIR FACES!



These men form part of the delegation to the Mid-Year Conference back in February, and, by looking at their faces, you can tell that they are interested in what's going on, in the reports being given, in new information with regard to the Moose program being shared.

What's at issue is the question, "Why aren't Delegates being given the best, most current information?"

Let's back up just a tad: Mid-Year is designed to educate and to train, but it also contains an element of significant reporting on activities, events, and issues relative to the Moose program at large and in Ohio. And it is to the element of reporting that this column addresses itself. Further, it is NOT the purpose of this column to point fingers and to blame; rather, it is to give examples that



demonstrate the need for Ohio State Committee Chairmen to be informative and to be timely with their reports.

Granted that Mid-Year is in February and that Founder's Day is in October; but what are the plans for that weekend? Which Lodges are planning bus trips and extend open invitations to all Ohio Moose to join?

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Nothing has been mentioned about our Camp-O-Rama weekend.

If one were an ardent euchre player, how could he find out when and where are our state-sponsored tournaments?

Money is donated in the parades of checks each August for the Scholarship Fund, but one never hears about who from Ohio will be graduating from Mooseheart High School and when he'll graduate and what will be his future educational needs and what is the current status of the Fund.

And, with regard to the sports programs' beginning to see fewer and fewer participants, as one administrator put it at Mid-Year, these sports chairmen are "in their own little world for one day a year!"

So, fellow State Board Chairmen, what do we do? Ohio has the best, absolutely (and this is not bragging or boasting) the best, communications team in place in the Fraternity. By way of their individual and collective efforts--Phil Dick and his promotion of local lodge utilization of MooseVision programming, Jim Grandy and his weekly updates on the Website, and Steve Speaks and his creative efforts on our Website.

The answer is clear: At every State Board meeting, **YOU SHOULD HAVE SOMETHING TO REPORT**. Especially at Mid-Year and at Annual Convention, you should have something to report, whether it's an oral report on the conference/convention floor or a written hand-out/broadside at the registration desks in the hallway immediately outside the Floor.

The implication is equally clear: If you have nothing to report, one immediately wonders whether it is that you have done nothing! And if you are doing nothing, then ought you not to resign your chairmanship so that another **WHO WILL DO SOMETHING** can be appointed in your place?

**THINK ABOUT IT!**



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Secretary John Sipes can do more with a raised eye-brow during roll call than others could do were they to have a microphone in hand!



By-laws Chairman Jim Grandy reports on the status of the Association By-laws in reference to new changes made by General Laws changes.



District Presidents play a vital role in the dissemination of information to our lodges.

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# Selling "STUFF" -- A Pain Or An Important Function?

Every Mid-Year Conference and Annual Convention, Fundraising Chm. Sid Meinhart sets up something in the hallway and pesters all delegates and representatives of the Women of the Moose to buy whatever it is that he is currently selling.

**QUESTION:** Why don't we ever get either an oral or written report of the results of these sales activities? Again, it's simply a matter of wanting to know what's going on!



"Chicken" Staugler and his best Moose buddy pose for "Gimme 5!"

## Chuck "Chicken" Staugler Travels Across The State With His "Gimme 5" Moose To Promote This Important Support For Mooseheart!

As Regional Chairman for the "Gimme 5" Program, Chuck "Chicken" Staugler, Celina Moose Lodge 1473 willingly goes wherever he can to promote this very important support program for Mooseheart.

The concept of contributing a mere nickel twice each day to support our children at Mooseheart doesn't look like much on the surface, but on close examination, a five-year contribution, which is Moose International's request, amounts to less than \$190 but constitutes a huge donation in the great scheme of things!





# We Are A Part Of Our History!

OSMA History Chairman and Curator of the OSMA Museum Jim Stonerock once again has Galion 303's Farence Beach's keen eye for

history to thank for the following article which appeared in the Marion, OH, Tribune on Tuesday, July 16, 1912 under the headline: MOOSE LODGE TO BUILD A HOME.

"Plans for a Moose home in Marion although rather vague at the present have assumed more definite shape since the carnival brought here by the lodge proved so remunerative (sic). The \$404 realized by the Marion organization from the attraction has been transferred to the building fund of the order.

"This amount would do very little towards the erection of a suitable home for the Moose lodge in Marion but the prospects for securing the balance of the required amount seem exceptionally bright at this time. Fifty of the local members have been asked and each one has pledged himself as being prepared and willing to buy \$100 worth of stock should the building become a certainty. Officers of the order state that they believe practically every member will stand at least an equal share of the responsibility and in many cases even a larger amount of stock will be taken in the new venture.

"Should this amount be available from each member at least thirty thousand dollars would be at the disposal of the building committee. Those in charge intended to take no action in the matter until next year when the chances of securing a suitable building site (sic) seem more advantageous.

*"You have the capacity to choose what you think about. If you choose to think about past hurts, you will continue to feel bad. While it's true that you can't change the effect past influences had on you once, you can change the effect they have on you now!"*

"The Moose lodge met Monday evening and initiated a class of twelve. Thirty-three applications were voted upon and accepted. These will probably be initiated at the next meeting to be held in one week. There was a splendid attendance. An invitation was read and accepted from the members of the chapter located at Columbus for a basket picnic to be held at Glenmary Park Thursday, July 25. At least two hundred members of the local organization will attend with their families. In all about three hundred will represent Marion at the affair."

**ATTENTION WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:** As a side bar to this story from 1912, an adjacent advertisement saw ladies/ and girls/ oxford's and pumps listed on sale for \$1.98, all qualities originally listed at \$4 and \$.98 for all qualities originally listed at \$2.50. You could also buy bleached table linen in fine patterns for \$.17 per yard, and if you could use a dainty white, pink or blue parasol, the \$.75 model was selling for 37.5 cents.

Thanks again go to Farence Beach of Galion Lodge 303 for his contribution.



# Ten Good Reasons (or more) For O.S.M.A. Success . . .

As of March 27, 2008, the top ten Lodges in Ohio in submitting membership applications are the following (total apps are in parentheses):

Middletown 501 (393)  
    Indian Lake 1533 (349)  
        Celina 1473 (238)  
            Tiffin 846 (226)  
                Cortland 1012 (136)  
                    Port Clinton 1610 (134)  
                        Lima 199 (131)  
                            Chillicothe 1626 (128)  
                                Whitehouse-Waterville 2537 (127)  
                                    Newark 499 (124)

And then there are the next five -- Hamilton 36, Barberton 759, Norwalk 1248, Ironton 701, and Mogadore 1082.

And the next five -- Logan 873, Montpelier 312, Cincinnati 2, Wapakoneta 2654, and Circleville 2440.

And the next -- Findlay 698, Columbus 11, Elyria 778, Fremont 1286, and Hilliard 2236.

And the next -- Dayton 73, Clyde 393, Massillon 481, Coshocton 935, and Waverly 2263.

And the . . .

Well, you get the idea. **WAY TO GO, O-H, I-O (Moose, that is!)**

Now, if your Lodge is not listed above, if your Lodge didn't have a breakfast planned for this past Saturday morning (for example, and note that nothing was mentioned about a big-time event for Saturday night), if you drive past the Am-Vets or VFW or whatever and see Moose members' cars in their parking lots, then *if YOU ARE A SMART ADMINISTRATOR, you're going to go to your Board of Officers and say, "We need a special budget of \$100 or whatever so that your Governor and I can go visit those Lodges listed in the top ten above. We've got to learn the secret of their success, come back here, and duplicate it!" Hint, hint! We'll bet you'll discover that smart Lodges are doing the Moose Program!*

Or if you simply visit one Lodge, similar in size and situation to yours, you can learn the secret(s) of their success and return to your home Lodge and do likewise! The lesson starts from the concept that you can no longer afford to have few cars in your parking lot!





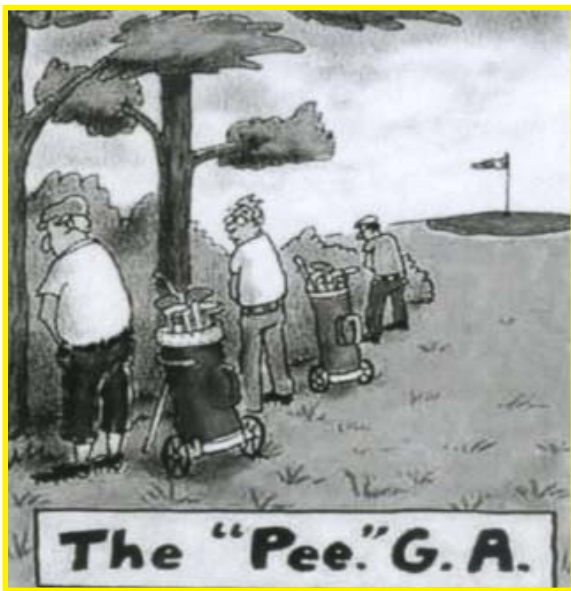
# Hello, Ohio Golfers! Here's the Latest Inside Poop!

. . . by Danny Albert, Golf Chairman



How many years do you have to play golf and how old do you have to be to figure out that "looking up" is the bane of golfing? It's the old giant fish-hook on a rope routine, right? Tie the rope around your neck and connect the fish-hook to your crotch! Got it?

**OBSERVATION #18 - WHEN YOU LOOK UP, CAUSING AN AWFUL SHOT, YOU WILL ALWAYS LOOK DOWN AGAIN AT EXACTLY THE MOMENT WHEN YOU OUGHT TO START WATCHING THE BALL IF YOU EVER WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN!**



## David Letterman's Top Ten Reasons Why Golf Is Better Than Sex!

- #10 -- A below par performance is considered damned good.
- #09 - You can stop in the middle and have a cheeseburger and a couple of beers
- #08 - It's much easier to find the sweet spot.
- #7 - Foursomes are encouraged.

- #6 -- You can still make money doing it as a senior.
- #5 -- Three times a day is possible.
- #4 -- Your partner doesn't hire a lawyer if you play with someone else.
- #3 -- If you live in Florida, you can do it almost every day.
- #2 -- You don't have to cuddle with your partner when you're finished.

**And the NUMBER ONE reason why golf is better . . .**

**When your equipment gets old, you can replace it!**



# ATTENTION: ALL LODGE ADMINISTRATORS

Fairy tales begin "Once upon a time." In the United States Military, similar stories begin with "And this ain't no s--t!"

Well, this is no fairy tale, and you do need to protect yourself.

**IF YOUR LODGE IS GOING TO BE AUDITED by the I.R.S.**, you need to make contact with Joe Mech, Treasurer, at Moose International before the audit.

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