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are living proof of
this promise . . .**

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75 Division

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QUESTION: Why do the successful Lodges and Chapters perform so much better than the ones that are barely surviving?

ONE ANSWER: Perhaps it is that their leaders promote and follow our Moose programs and, when it comes to fraternalism, practice what they preach!

This kind of leadership follows the good management practices that Moose recommends and are totally accountable for all finances. It promotes the membership campaigns offered by MI and by the OSMA, along with creating their own. It follows the guidelines for the conduct of meetings and ceremonies. It reaches out to their communities to provide that little bit of extra support that makes life better. Such action builds a good image and reputation by the Lodge's and Chapter's participation in blood banks, food drives, road cleanups, youth athletics, scouting groups, and so on. This is called "Productive Self-Interest"--a good deal for everyone!

This kind of leadership also collects and remits the Endowment Fund regularly, and it raises funds to donate to Moose Charities. It promotes that little extra support to make the lives of children and seniors better by adopting a Sunshine Child and a Moosehaven Sunshine Resident. Does your Lodge and Chapter do these things?

Thank You, Ohio Moose, for an Outstanding Finish in Production!

Regional Manager Dwaine Brown reminds each Lodge . . .

1) that it should make sure to enter the Lodge's 2009-2010 officers on LCL.NET. I hope that Administrators, Recorders, and Moose Legion Secretaries have entered their 2009-2010 officers promptly. The 2009 International Moose Convention credentials will have been printed by May 7th. To ensure that all officers' current title is on their convention credentials, you will have had to ensure that their names had been entered by May 7th.

2) that it should promote life memberships as the recommendation is to raise the price from \$600 to \$1,000!

3) that it should consider continuing the stimulus campaign on your own by giving your new members a rebate of \$20 Moose Bucks. This \$20 costs the Lodge less than \$10, as the MooseBucks have to be spent at the Moose Home. Remember how the stimulus helped you increase your membership? Let's continue that growth for the sake of your lodge's future.

4) that it's too late to pre-register anyone from your Lodge for Chicago's upcoming convention, but it's not too late to make plans to be there and to register on site.

5) that it's not too late to remember the sacrifices of the folks of "Flight 93." "Flight 93" commemorative neck ties are still available, and you can use your charitable dollars to purchase them. Please order some today!

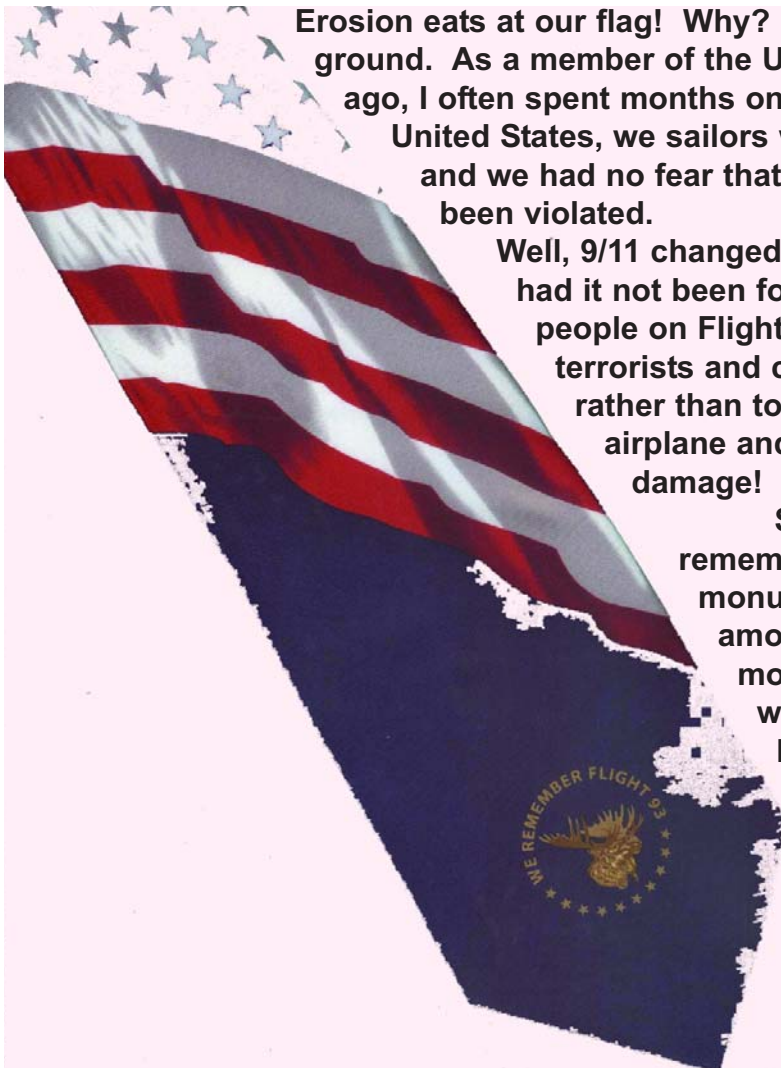
6) that it should be attentive to the International Website, especially Administrators, recorders, and Moose Legion Secretaries. Why? The IRS Form 990, 990 EZ, and 990N forms and instructions are now posted and available on the website. You must carefully read the cover letter and complete the worksheet to determine your Lodge, Chapter, or Moose Legion's filing status first, as the Form 990 has been extensively revised this year. Most Lodges, because of these revisions, will be filing Form 990 EZ this year!

Fraternally yours,

Dwaine Brown
Regional Manager



A Reminder from Regional Manager Dwaine Brown



Erosion eats at our flag! Why? To answer, let me provide this background. As a member of the United States Navy too many years ago, I often spent months on board ship, and, on returning to the United States, we sailors were greeted with welcoming bands, and we had no fear that our country's boundaries would have been violated.

Well, 9/11 changed all that, but it could have been worse had it not been for the courageous efforts of the 40 people on Flight 93 who valiantly struggled against the terrorists and chose to cause their airplane to crash, rather than to allow the terrorists to take over the airplane and to do, they did not know, what kind of damage!

So here we stand at a crossroads, remembering their valiant effort by creating a monument to them, with a bit of bickering among those who want to see this monument created. Just read this past week's newspapers to see the report of bickering.

But we Moose don't bicker! Remember the old Ritual in the part of Orator, "... Strong and majestic, the Moose is unique ... "?

Well, that's still true of the Ohio Moose! We don't care about the strong and majestic part; we just get the job done! Well, we need to "git-r-

done!" Let's get behind the efforts of the unselfish ones of the Flight 93 Committee. Let's prove to our Ohio veterans of all armed forces that we support their actions!

How can we do this, you may ask? One answer, provided by Moose International, is to promote the "Flight 93" Necktie Campaign. This campaign brings all Moose, not just Ohio Moose, together in a "common cause." (That's familiar, eh?) Call me, if you need help in buying the Flight 93 Tie Campaign.

Dwaine Brown, Regional Manager
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Remember, if you don't have your preferred member sponsor party already on the books, it's time to get busy and show these men how important they are to your operation!



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



**PREFERED MEMBER PARTY
AT YOUR LODGE DURING MAY OF EACH YR.
HOW CAN YOU ATTEND → SIGN A MEMBER DURING
MAY 1ST – APRIL 30TH 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!**

"I thought you'd never ask!" Yep! It's golf season!



It was a sunny morning, a little before 8:00 A.M. on the first hole of a busy course, and I was beginning my pre-shot routine, visualizing my upcoming shot when a piercing voice came over the clubhouse loudspeaker: "Would the gentleman on the women's tee please back up to the men's tee, please?"

I could feel every eye on the course looking at me. I was still deep in my routine, seemingly impervious to the interruption. Again the announcement: "Would the man on the women's tee please back up to the men's tee, please?"

I simply ignored the guy and keep concentrating, when once more the man yelled, "Would the man on the women's tee please back up to the men's tee?"

I stopped, turned, cupped my hands and shouted back, "WOULD THE IDIOT WITH THE MICROPHONE KINDLY KEEP QUIET AND LET ME PLAY MY SECOND SHOT?!"

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. TITLEIST

featuring comments from golfers of renown . . . (continued)

13. *The ardent golfer would play Mount Everest if somebody would put a flag stick on top. - Pete Dye*

14. *I'm hitting the woods just great, but having a terrible time getting out of them. - Buddy Hackett*

15. *The only time my prayers are never answered is playing golf. - Billy Graham*

*More verses from this ancient text will appear throughout the season.
Danny Albert, Chairman*

Let's Talk Tax-Exempt Organization Info!

Thomas Orwell's novel, ANIMAL FARM, is predicated on the thesis that all animals are created equal but that some animals are more equal than others!

Well, all nonprofit organizations are not created equal! Moose International has had to field some questions regarding the deductibility of donations to lodges and Moose Charities. Following is how the IRS treats these donations differently.

Moose International, Inc. is a tax-exempt 501(c)(8) not-for-profit fraternal organization. A 501 (c)(8) organization is defined by the IRS as a . . . Fraternal beneficiary society, order or association operated under the lodge system or for the exclusive benefit of the members of a fraternal beneficiary society, order or association operating under the lodge system which provides for the payment of life, sick, accident, or other benefits to the members of such society, order, or association or their dependents.

All subordinate entities including Moose Associations, Moose Legions, Moose Lodges and Chapters are also classified as 501 (c)(8) tax-exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code. They are all considered member-benefit organizations and their main purpose is fraternal, not charitable. The tax-exempt function is related to the causes that these groups raise funds for.

Does this mean that any donations to the lodge are not deductible? NO. Donations may be made to the lodge; however, the only charitable tax deductible contributions that are allowed must be used exclusively for religious, scientific, literary, or educational purposes or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals or for the support of a recognized 501 (c)(3) public charity. If lodges are going to accept donations, they need to

have a separate segregated fund for those charitable donations, and they must follow all laws and IRS rules for handling those donations and giving receipts. Because the donation is to the 501(c)(8) organization, the donor may deduct contributions representing up to 30% of the donor's adjusted gross income if the individual itemizes on his/her tax returns.

Mooseheart Child City and School, Inc., Moosehaven, Inc. and Moose Charities, Inc. are classified as 501 (c)(3) public charities. They are all considered public benefit organizations, and their purpose is charitable, not fraternal.

Under IRS's Internal Revenue Code Section 170, individuals giving to 501 (c)(3) organizations that are either public charities, private operating foundations, and certain private foundations may deduct contributions representing up to 50% of the donor's adjusted gross income if the individual itemizes on his/her tax returns.

WHY CAN'T THE LODGES BE DESIGNATED 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATIONS?

The main reason is that they are private membership organizations. Also, charitable projects are not their main function. They operate for the benefit of our membership which would serve to defeat the qualification as 501(c)(3) organizations.

CLEAR AS MUD? If you have any questions regarding your tax-exempt status, please contact **Stacy Herrmann at 630-859-2000 EXT 6517** or at the following email:

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The Helpdesk@mooseintl.org has furnished this information.