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Weekly Update

It's the fraternal thing to do -- the Ohio State Moose Association's program!

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More State Board meeting pictures will appear in next week's update. Ed.



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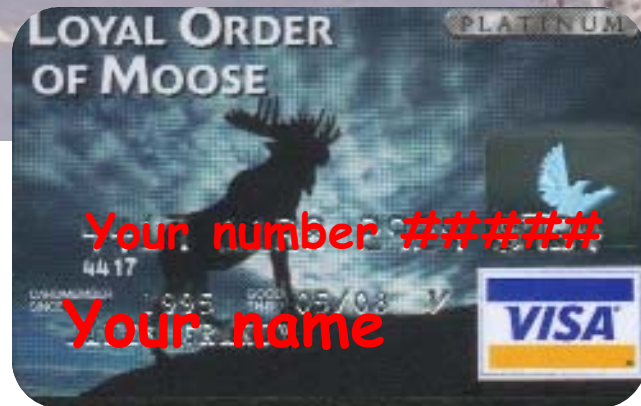
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The card for
your life now!

Give yourself the
freedom a Moose needs
to live the life he wants!

Regional Manager
Dwaine Brown speaks out . . .



- At one time, I was convinced that the ATM in every Lodge was THE ANSWER to a persistent problem of providing an adequate banking service to every member, and, at the same time, taking the Lodge off the hook with regard to bad checks.
- Hated was the introductory APR of most credit cards, an annual fee, and penalties for a host of things.
- But time saw changes: Gone were my objections, and apparently everyone else's too, for today, I have come to realize, almost everyone deals with his credit card.
- Obviously, it's time for every Moose Lodge to provide for ALL purchases via a credit card, whether it's a member's wanting to renew his dues, his wanting to pay for dinner for his family on a Thursday night, or simply buying a few beers for the guys.

So Let's Get with the Key to a Better Moose Life -- Promote Credit Card Usage!



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Hilliard 2236 proud to claim 2008 Ritual Championship

Dan Denney accepts the Champions Trophy from Chmn. Brian Bell.



LEFT: Prelate Bob Haley gives his report. BOTTOM LEFT: District 8 President Richard Couden reports the successes of his District for the past quarter. BOTTOM CENTER: Tax Advisor Paul Mackintosh reports. BOTTOM RIGHT: Moose of the Year Chmn. Rodney Seabert anguishes annually over his inability to convince Lodges to submit their nominees on time. He's a true optimist, for he believes 100% will report now!



Special Olympics Chairman Acknowledges Special Effort on the part of some lodges!



How one counts the ways that so many Lodges and Chapters go the extra mile in support of OSMA Special Olympics is a dilemma that Chmn. Dave Yutzy faces each year, for it seems that each year, the effort for these special persons grows and grows!



ABOVE and LEFT: Yutzy acknowledges the efforts of Jim Monroe, Administrator of Celina 1473 and Gov. Charlie Serfozo of Fremont 1286 for their special contributions to Special Olympics. **BOTTOM:** In an unrelated activity, Historical Chmn. Jim Stonerock reports on Museum successes.

The best way to forget your own problems is to help someone else solve theirs!



"It's the fraternal thing to do. . ."



by Don Freed, President of District 13 and OSMA Fraternal Planning Chairman

As administrator of Coshocton 935, I have learned many, many fraternal lessons. Foremost is this: not to over react!

With regard to the increase in the ABCD contribution to Moose International, let me share with you my column in the April issue of our District 13 newsletter.

"It's a trying time for Lodge Officers. It will be especially difficult for the newly elected Officers who lack experience of membership-building and Lodge finances.

"In today's world of the private clubs, you have to be a repairman, salesman, psychologist, marriage counselor, bouncer, lawyer and accountant. It's also beneficial to have some knowledge of surgery to get the sharp instruments out of your back and know a few scriptures in case the surgery doesn't go well.

"April 30 ends the current campaign of membership building for 2007-8. I congratulate those Lodges and Chapters that made their quotas. To be honest, I've never been about making goals or awards as it comes to my home Lodge. I figure if I do the math every day, the total will be right when I'm done.

"For those Officers, men and women, who are struggling with Moose International's recent notification of raising per capita fees, I offer the following suggestion: If you decide to raise your dues, it might be wise to do it at the beginning of the new campaign. Your fees will be going up \$2.00 (men) for the next five years, so you might as well get it covered now.

"I wish I could say it's the right thing to do, but I can't make the decision for you. As I see it, you must do the math. Can you generate more funds by enrolling more members at a lower dues base, thus

increasing sales, or do you generate more funds by gaining dues money per member, once a year?

"As a union negotiator, I've wrestled with a similar issue called a signing bonus. It looks appealing to get that large dollar amount up front, but in the long run, an hourly wage increase is always the better choice.

"Moose International's decision is not being taken lightly. Some are taking action on this raise and hopefully a wiser course of action will come of their efforts. Everyone in our fraternity must understand each others' difficulties as it pertains to sustaining our survival. 'A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many' is not just adage; it's how we have survived since our inception."

In conclusion, let me make this simple point: Lodge Officers, and especially Administrators, have to study the situation as it applies to their particular operation, and then they have to decide which is the wiser course of action to take FOR THEM -- whether to keep the dues at the same level and eat the ABCD increase for a year or two and then re-assess things, or to raise dues by September 30th.



IT WAS RAINBOW 35 ELECTING NEW OFFICERS BUT DISTRICT 13 DOMINATING ELECTIONS



Steve Ward, Administrator of Zanesville 867 dons mantle of Rainbow Moose Legion 35.



Junior Past President Dave Dittmar, Coshocton 935, (above right) accepts his new condition. Roger Warne, Coshocton 935, (above left) becomes the new Vice President of Rainbow 35. TOP: Steve Ward, Administrator of Zanesville 867 assumes the office of President of Rainbow Moose Legion 35. Past President of Rainbow 35 and also a member of District 13 is Ken Ourant of Newcomerstown 1337. George Wyler of Coshocton 935 is newly appointed as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, while Chuck Winsor of Zanesville 867 is named Sergeant-at-Arms. Congratulations, District 13, on such a strong showing!





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

. . . by Danny Albert, Golf Chairman



I'm not sure, but next week's just might be my final column for this off-season. I hope you've enjoyed the levity that editor Jim Grandy and I have injected into our passion for golfing and the desire to share it with others. If you haven't been out yet, then you owe it to yourself on the next nice day to take your sweetie with you, play only nine holes not caring about score, and share with her your love both for the game and for the out-of-doors. Can you believe the beauty of this season?

OBSERVATION #23 -GOLF IS THE PERFECT THING TO DO ON SUNDAY BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS END UP HAVING TO PRAY A LOT!

Statistics have always intrigued me because I've always wondered just where do these guys come up with this stuff. For example, I recently read that the statistics on sanity are that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness.

Think of your three best friends -- if they're okay, then it's YOU!

Since so many of us are getting up in years, I have felt more and more inclined to include comments about age in this column. I read the other day that when one of the reporters who were interviewing a 104-year-old woman asked her "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" She simply replied: "No peer pressure!"

Hit 'em straight, guys!



