



Annual Convention Time!
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Whose
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Is
This?

It's Your Lodge if . . .

Your Lodge is a top-notch facility;

Your Lodge has an innovative Board of Officers;

Your Lodge has outstanding activities; and

Your Lodge presents cutting-edge opportunities to serve your community!

Fun

Community Service

Family Activities

Fellowship

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

EDITORIALS NOTE: We've had positive feedback on this monthly page. We're glad you like to learn of these fine lodges' birthdates. We'll publish the dates each month!

Ten Lodges Celebrate Anniversaries in August!

<u>LODGE</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY DATE</u>
Hillsboro 2402	August 2, 1992
Findlay 698	August 8, 1911
Dover 707	August 8, 1911
Xenia 1629	August 11, 1915
Gahanna 2463	August 24, 1996
Jackson 1569	August 27, 1914
Uhrichsville 740	August 27, 1944
Mogadore 1082	August 27, 1944
W orthington 1427	August 28, 1949
Lake Erie 552	August 31, 1934

Remember: If one of these Lodges happens to be a favorite place that you like to visit, perhaps you might want to choose the anniversary celebration time for your next visit. Check in your directory for the telephone numbers, and give the Lodge a call for the details on their celebration this year. Have a great time!



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

by **Danny Albert**
**Senior Golf
Chairman**



Seniors Golf has become my passion since stepping in for “Big Daddy Mays.” Already I’ve learned many things from our seniors who are always ready to give advice, their remarks usually being prefaced by “I usetacould. . .” I want to share their wisdom with you; so, despite Committeeman Jim Parker’s best advice, I’m offering you my profound observations on the great game -- one great concept each week for six months (I’ll bet that some of you didn’t think I could think ahead six months, right?)

OBSERVATION #1 – DON’T BUY A PUTTER UNTIL YOU’VE HAD A CHANCE TO THROW IT!

(Now isn’t this obviously sage advice?)

Danny

Administrators and Recorders, Take Note!

ADMINISTRATORS and RECORDERS !

Please be aware that if you have a member whose status is in the category “Dropped,” dues are to be collected by the Lodge or Chapter and deposited to their General Fund. The member’s dues payment must then be reported by transmitting them as a reinstatement (code #3) in LCL.Net.

Dues payments for members who status is in the category “Active” or “Expired” must be submitted to Moose International Dues Processing Center at 8338 Innovation Way, Chicago, IL 60682-0083.

Please include the member’s Moose ID number, Unit number, and the word “Dues” on the face of these checks.

Keep heart! We’ll have all the bugs worked out eventually, and we’ll have everything sailing smoothly!

REMEMBER, FRATERNAL LAWS APPLY TO MEMBERS, NOT TO EMPLOYEES!

General Governor David Chambers takes on a hair-splitting issue and makes it clear by distinguishing between members and guests.

Chambers writes, "Section 60.2 of the General Laws and the private policy allow good standing "members" to sponsor guests into a lodge -- not employees. There is nothing in our General laws allowing an "employee" to sponsor someone into a lodge as a guest."

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE HAS A BIG RESPONSIBILITY HERE

Chambers explains, "When a member is in the lodge on the clock and receiving pay as an employee, he or she is in the lodge as an employee -- not as a member.

"The status of 'employee' gives the person certain legal rights that members of the House Committee should never forget. You cannot treat an employee in the same manner you treat a member. Horse playing, joke-telling, and other conduct permissible with a member could have devastating ramifications if done with an employee (even if that employee is a member). Unfortunately, the definition of employee could also encompass volunteers receiving tips, free meals, etc., because receiving such compensation could classify them as employees.

THE Taxing Authorities COULD BE INTERESTED

"Anyone receiving tips, free meals, drinks, etc. for volunteering could be classified as a paid employee and the compensation, if over a minimum amount, is reportable to taxing authorities. For instance, a member receiving drink chips and/or meals a couple of times a week worth \$20 for volunteering would receive over \$1,000 compensation by year's end (not including tips received), which is far above the minimum reporting amount. If the lodge gets audited and this practice is discovered (which has happened), the penalties and interest could far exceed the taxes. Although I am unaware of anyone being criminally charged, it could also possibly be a criminal violation to fail to report this income to taxing authorities."

A FINAL REMINDER

Administrators, House Committee Members, Social Quarters Managers must constantly be on the alert to the nuances of both our General Laws, as they apply to our members, and to taxing laws, as they apply to our employees (who may also be members).

We must remember that our fraternal laws apply only to members, not to employees. Can it be any clearer? Bartenders/employees should NOT be signing in guests while working, even if they are members!

Twenty-five Ohio Lodges Earn Merit Award in 2006

Count 'em -- 25 -- that's right!

Twenty-five Ohio Lodges earned Lodge Merit Awards for 2006.

Many Ohio Lodges had their string of consecutive Lodge Merit Awards broken, thanks to the problems and conditions inherent in the new gaming laws. Some even

came close to having shut their doors, thanks to these problems and conditions. But they over came these issues and have begun a new skein of awards, beginning with the announcements of their names on the list for 2005-2006. Winners are listed below:

Hamilton 36
Dayton 73
East Liverpool 122
Trumbull 186
Norwood 301
Trenton 330
Kenton 428
East Palestine 467
Painesville 490
Middletown 501
Springfield 536
Ashtabula 547
Lake Erie 522

Portsmouth 762
New Riegel 872
Logan 873
Cortland 1012
Urbana 1215
Newcomerstown 1337
Lafferty 1462
Celina 1473
Indian Lake 1533
Port Clinton 1610
Gahanna 2463
Loveland 2583

To earn the Lodge Merit Award for 2006-2007, Lodges have a strict five-item criteria to follow. Moose International has announced that the annual Lodge Merit Award program recognizes Lodges for achieving each of the following goals:

- 1) The lodge must have a minimum of 100 active (good standing) members at the end of the fiscal year (except MSCs).**
- 2) The lodge must show an increase in active (good standing) members at the end of the fiscal year.**
- 3) The Lodge must have shown an increase in net assets for the fiscal year.**
- 4) The Lodge must follow the General Laws of the Order (violations confirmed by the General Governor could cause disqualification).**
- 5) The Lodge shall participate in District, State and International meetings,**

workshops, training seminars, schools and conventions, as required by our General laws (violations confirmed by the Regional/Assistant Regional Manager could cause disqualification.

If all of the above listed requirements are met, the Lodge shall receive a merit Award banner and appropriate chevron(s). lodge Merit Award pins, with the year earned, are mailed to the Lodge for each elected officer qualifying for the award. (Additional pins will be made available, at a nominal cost, to be presented to those persons who assisted the Lodge in achieving this prestigious award.) A Lodge Merit Award Certificate, encased in an easel for display in the Lodge home, is also mailed to the Lodge.

The announce of lodges qualifying as lodge Merit Award recipients will continue to be part of the annual Internal Moose Convention.

Moose Legion "Power of One" Program Explains . . .

"The Power of One" is a self-monitored recognition program for Moose Legion units to recognize members' collecting of delinquent dues or securing reinstatements from past Moose Legionnaires. The International Moose Legion Department will not maintain any records for recognition in this program. The Moose Legion Council has opted to give each Moose Legion unit the opportunity to self-manage the program, keep records and present awards as their Board of Directors determine. The key to the success of this effort is the participation of Moose Legion Officers.

Every Moose Legion Secretary must maintain accurate records and remit all collected dues to Moose International while the Junior Past President ensures that the program is being promoted and executed properly. Each Assistant Secretary should keep a list of those Moose legionnaire in his Lodge whose dues are in arrears as well as actively assist in collecting delinquent dues.

Moose Legionnaires earn credit in "The Power of One" program by collecting dues from a member whose status is "Expired" or secures reinstatement from a member showing as "Dropped."

Collected dues are remitted to the Moose Legion Secretary who will record the name of the member collecting the

dues--so that he may receive proper recognition--and write a check payable to Moose International for the dues. Checks must include "Moose Legion Dues," the member's MID number and new expiration date in the memo area. Send the check to the lockbox for proper credit.

The member collecting the dues receives the appropriate award from the Moose Legion unit. Members remitting their first captured delinquent dues or reinstatement applications are rewarded with "The Power of One" Moose Legion lapel pin.

Additional awards are available in increments of five. After a member has remitted delinquent dues or a reinstatement application for his 5th member, he will receive the "I Saved 5" chevron to attach to the original pin.

Individual Moose Legions are responsible for purchasing the pins and chevrons from Catalog Sales at Moose International; they are responsible for monitoring productivity; and they are responsible for distributing awards to their members.

A cautionary note is "The Power of One" efforts will not be credited toward the Moose Legion Medal of Honor or Elite Ring.

Questions about this program will be answered by the International Moose Legion Department at 630/922-2227.