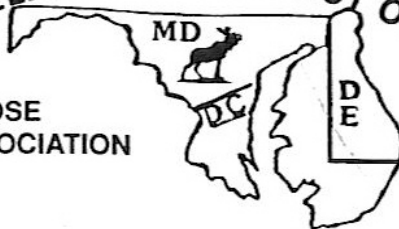




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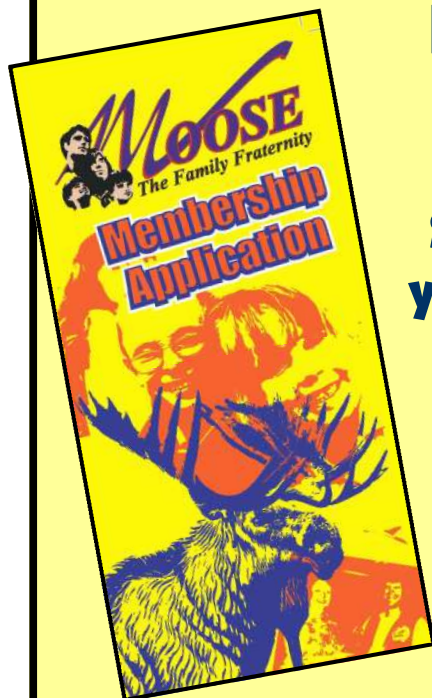
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Got a problem in your Lodge or Chapter? Call one of these people. If you don't call, they won't know you need help!

Thought for the day:



If you want a place in the sun, you've got to put up with a few blisters. Abigail Van Buren

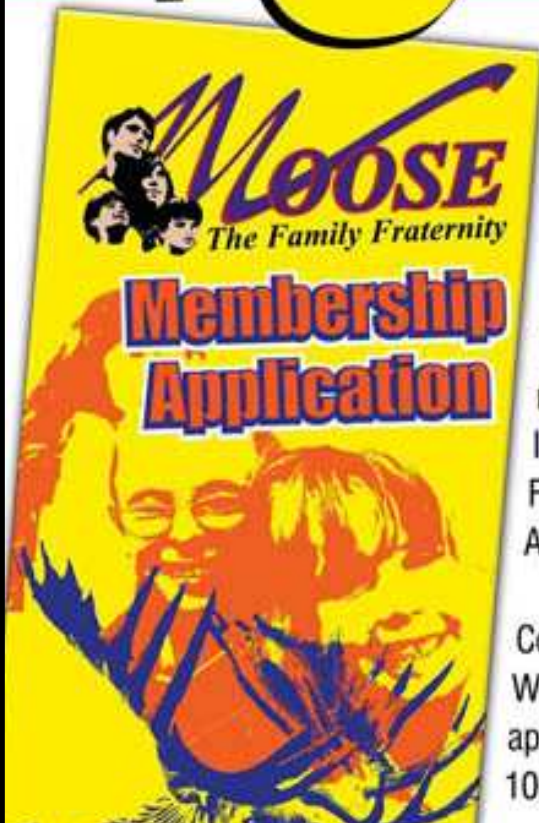
**Beginning February 1, for three months,
Moose International waives ALL revenue
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**\$0 Application
Fee!**

FEBRUARY 1 - APRIL 30, 2011

*That's right! Lodge, Chapter
& Moose Legion applicants pay . . .*

\$0 Application Fee!



No application fee required for ANY membership application transmitted to Moose International between 12:01 a.m.(CT) Tuesday, February 1, 2011 and 10 p.m.(CT) Saturday, April 30, 2011.

Completed applications must be remitted WITH full first-year dues. (And, all such no-fee applications must be reported as "Enrolled" by 10 p.m.(CT) Tuesday, May 31, 2011.)

**Everybody likes to get a birthday card - especially our children and seniors!!
Here's a list of our Mooseheart and Moosehaven residents' birthdays - send them a card!**

Our Boys at Mooseheart:

Daniel Bowen - 6/18
Paul Flores - 10/5
Prince Kollis - 12/1
Nezra McCarty - 5/18
Aaron Moka - 4/20
Kendall Owens - 10/4
Vernon Owens - 9/14
Angel Rodriguez - 2/14
Dominik Solis - 3/18
Juan Solis - 6/23

Addresses:

Boy's Name, MD-DE-DC House
c/o Sunshine Dept.
115 James J. Davis Drive
Mooseheart, IL 60539
✉
Resident's Name
1701 Park Avenue
Orange Park, FL 32073
✉

Our Residents at Moosehaven:

Genevive S. Loman - 6/5
James J. Lupo, Jr. - 1/24
Blanche E. Neighoff - 3/19
Edward Pelkey - 7/28
Mary Pelkey - 5/24
Irene "Sandy" Raynor - 2/22

From the Desk of MD-DE-DC Regional Manager Jim Hale



Message from the Regional Manager -

Another Moose year is just about to go into the history books and I hope your lodge is one of those that have shown great progress this year. If not, it's because enough effort was not put into it by **all** the officers. Where are you standing on membership? Membership Retention? Financially? Is your Lodge on target to receive the Premier Lodge Award?

In all my years of Moose membership, I don't think I have ever seen a year that has been so full of membership incentives as this past year. Everything from incentives to join, a chance to win trips, a chance to win a car, zero application fees, free dues and now the chance to receive a free Life Membership. There is no excuse why every Lodge in this fraternity is not showing greater growth and greater prosperity this year. So why do some Lodges flourish and some Lodges fail? Maybe it is time to look at the officers you elect to be the keepers of your lodge. Each elected office comes with specific duties and if your elected officers are not fulfilling these jobs, maybe, just maybe, you voted for the wrong individuals.

All too often we see individuals run for office because they think it will help them in achieving a higher degree instead of by demonstrating leadership. Or they do so thinking they will get their way paid to conventions? These are not the right reasons for running for office. **NOW IS THE TIME** to make changes. But do your prospective officers really understand what that involves? Let's take a brief look at the goals and duties of the officers:

The Governor: 1) Should be knowledgeable about our organization, its practices, of people's strengths and talents; and about the changing world around our organization. 2) Should have a vision and see how things can be better. 3) Be motivated and inspired and determined to move forward and the ability to communicate with people.

The Junior Governor: The duties of the Junior Governor is: 1) The Vice President of the corporation. 2) Attend Lodge, Board of Officers, and House Committee meetings 3) Assist in preserving order and decorum in meetings 4) Serve on the Mooseheart/Moosehaven Admissions committee. 5) Serve on the Rookie of the Year Committee 6) Assist the Governor in counting votes.

The Prelate: The duties of the Prelate include: 1) Attend Lodge, Board of Officers meetings and House Committee meetings 2) Preside in the absence of the Governor and Jr. Governor. 3) Serve on the Rookie of the Year Committee 4) Remain alert to the responsibilities of the Governor and Jr. Governor 5) Serve on Auditing Committee 6) Visit the sick, disabled and distressed and provide full report.

The Junior Past Governor: The duties of the Junior Past Governor include: 1) Attend Lodge, Board of Officers and House Committee meetings 2) Assist in completing projects begun in preceding year 3) Preside at meetings in the absence of the Governor, Junior Governor and Prelate 4) Serve on Mooseheart/Moosehaven Admission Committee 5) Serve as the Installing Officer 6) Serve on Rookie of the Year Committee 7) Serve as chairman of Moose of the Year committee.

The Administrator: The duties of the Administrator include: 1) Attend, record and maintain minutes of all meetings 2) Sign and file the minutes properly approved 3) Draw and sign all checks as necessary 4) Collect funds from all sources, including committees, and issue receipts for all funds received 5) Deposit all funds, but not less than weekly 6) Keep an accurate accounting of all income and expenditures on computers 7) Retain and file all original documents 8) Compile all required reports including membership and financial 9) Maintain all required records on membership 10) If selected, serve as representative to the Supreme Lodge and as a delegate to State Association meetings and conventions 11) Along with Governor and Treasurer, shall be responsible for the securities and valuable papers in a safe place. (*continued on page 5*)

The Treasurer: The Treasurer is the Treasurer of the corporation and his duties include 1) attending Lodge, Board of Officers and House Committee meetings 2) Ensure Administrator makes deposits no less than weekly 3) Receive duplicate deposit slips, initial and retained by Administrator 4) Shall be the custodial of all securities along with Administrator and Governor 5) Perform other duties as required by the laws of the Order 6) Sign authorized checks 6) Conduct weekly inspection of financial records ensuring they are current and consistent with receipts and expenditures 8) Serve on Rookie of the Year committee 9) Perform duties of

Jim's Message Continues

Administrator whenever a vacancy occurs.

The duties of the three Trustees include: 1) Attend meetings 2) Take inventory of all furniture, fixtures, paraphernalia and other property at least annually 3) Take House Committee merchandise inventory monthly 4) Examine and approve all bills except recurring overhead bills weekly 6) Conduct quarterly inspection of physical properties, with special attention to the cleanliness, state of repair of Lodge Home, Social Quarters and furnishings and equipment.

Furthermore, the Administrator and Governor shall be the delegates to International, State Conventions, Mid Year Conferences and District Meetings. For more information and list of detailed duties, read the General Laws of the Order or check out the Moose International publication **“Forward in the Good –Onward in the Right”**.

A quote we have all used was made by our 35th President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, “And so my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.” I believe the same can be said about our Lodges. Ask not what your lodge can do for you; ask what you can do for your lodge. If we all lived by this motto, we would see **Flourishing Lodges** instead of Failing Lodges.

The mission of our organization is to strive for excellence in four areas: 1) A fraternal program of community service within our Lodge and Chapter system; 2) To provide a family environment and education for our children in need and in residence at Mooseheart, Illinois; 3) To provide the needs of senior members at Moosehaven, Florida; and, 4) To promote membership growth and financially strengthen our fraternity.” Our fraternity will continue to flourish if we remember our mission and our ever present need to continue in our good works.

To each of you that have sponsored new or former members this year, we say ‘thank you’; to each of you that have held a Lodge office this year, we say ‘thank you’. To those of you that serve our Association as an Officer or Committee Person, we say ‘thank you’. We are better because of you and your dedication.

Fraternally,

JIM

A PLATINUM OPPORTUNITY
MARCH 1 — APRIL 30, 2011

In commemoration
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Director General William B. Airey is celebrating his 70th birthday, but YOU could get the gift of a lifetime.

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THROUGH APRIL 30, 2011

Director General William B. Airey celebrates his 70th birthday on March 1, 2011

During these 2 months, each sponsor credit earns you a chance at one of **70 L.O.O.M. Life Memberships** to be awarded!

One Life Membership will be awarded daily for 60 days — March 1 - April 29 — then 10 more on April 30 for a total of 70! Recipients will be selected by random drawing at Moose International. All applications must be transmitted to the Membership Department by 10 p.m. CDT on Saturday, April 30, 2011.

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Community Service - St. Baldrick's



The T-shirt says it all!

TeamMoose Raises over \$6000 to Fight Childhood Cancers

Story and Pictures by: Joan M. Neal - Essex Chapter 783

A couple years ago, Don Vasold of Gardenville Moose Lodge #1242 joined a friend of his at a quirky event that had people paying to have their heads shaved! The event was called "St. Baldrick's Shave-a-Thon" and its purpose was to raise badly needed funds for research to fight juvenile cancers. Why shave their head? To show solidarity with children who loose their hair in the course of chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

The event was held at a local restaurant that year and hosted about 65 shaves. Participants were friends and families of



Newly Shorn TeamMoose Leader, Don Vasold clowns around with his moose hat cum puppet

children battling this disease. Don described a mom telling about her toddler who had just passed away two months prior to this event and he soon found himself overcome with emotion. He left the room unable to imagine if he were in her shoes and has since, joined other shaves each March to have his head shaved. Last year at the March 2010 District Meeting, Don asked other Moose members from the Mighty 3rd District to join him in the cause. Only members of Gardenville Lodge volunteered to be shaved and raised over \$3200. This year, Don again tried to rally members of the Mighty 3rd District. Not many answered, 13 members (10 from Gardenville Lodge and 3 from Essex Lodge #70) raised funds and surrendered their locks to the razor! It may have only been a few brave brothers, from one pre-teen to septuagenarians answering Don's rallying cry, but they've raised over \$6,000 with more pledges to be counted and collected! Don expects the total to be well over \$7,200! These guys truly live the Moose Motto "*No man ever stands so straight and so tall as when he stoops to lift up a child.*"

The event organizers gave a total of 194 shaves, \$94,000 collected before the event with an unofficial total of \$120,000 with more expected. For more information on St. Baldrick's or to donate on behalf of any of these brave brothers, visit <http://www.stbaldricks.org>. To join TeamMoose for the 2012 event, contact Don Vasold at Gardenville Moose 1242.



TeamMoose Before: Sitting L to R, Chuck Neal, Don Vasold, Russell Sprague, Hank Pattilo. Standing L to R, Vernon Lindsay, Michael Buttion, Keith Mahia, Mike Collison, Wayne Danielak, Dave Louden. On Screen in back ground, Child Ambassador Christian who lost his battle with cancer at the age of two in the fall of 2010



TeamMoose After: Sitting L to R, Russell Sprague, Chuck Neal, Michael Buttion, Don Vasold, Standing L to R, Hank Pattilo, Wayne Danielak, Vernon Lindsay, Dave Louden, Keith Mahia, Mike Collison. Not pictured: Dennis Carler, Dominic Vasold, and Dominick Lepke

Community Service - St. Baldrick's



Russell Sprague of Essex came out to support the team since he already sports a close shaven pate. Moved by his brothers' sacrifice and the stories of the brave families represented at the event Russ donated and joined TeamMoose on the spot and surrendered his beard to the razor!



Point of no return! Chuck Neal of Essex Lodge temporarily sports a reverse Mohawk



Dominick Lepke stands like a man to fight for other children!



Big smiles from Don and Dominic Vasold just before shedding their hair!



Keith Mahia, Wayne Danielak, Dave Loudon, and Dennis Carter in varying stages of baldness.



"I haven't been this bald since I joined the service in 1959!" quips Vernon Lindsay of Essex Lodge 70



Two thumbs up from Hank Pattillo

Thank you, Jean, for sending this great article showing the community service given by members of the Loyal Order of Moose. Great job, Team Moose, for the greatest of causes and thank you for being a part of the St. Baldrick's Shave-A-Thon to fight children's cancer. Let's keep the ball rolling on Community Service!

Association President John Cihak



Well, another Mid-Winter Conference has come and gone. I hope everyone learned something, enjoyed the meetings (which were not long and boring) and took some good information home to your districts and lodges. Can you believe all the incentives that have been given to us to sign new and former members? Sign two and get your next year's dues paid by Moose International. Sign 3 from 11/1 to 4/30 and get three free chances on a new car. No application fee from 2/1 to 4/30 and from 3/1 to 4/30 International is giving away 70 Life Memberships. In my nearly 30 years as a member, I have never seen anything like this. In addition to these, you have your lodge campaigns and the association Top Lodge and Top Sponsor awards. So, let's finish big and hopefully our efforts and enthusiasm will not end with the Moose fiscal year, but will continue throughout the association year and beyond.

Moose International and the Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia Moose Association will continue to give our members the tools to be successful. Let's use those tools and our initiative to increase our membership, to strengthen our lodges and support our children at Mooseheart, our seniors at Moosehaven and our communities.

Finally, speaking of enthusiasm, thanks to Russ Robinson we can build even more spirit within our association by continuing with these questions – **“Who's House? – Our House! - Why? Because We Care!** So, with just 35 days remaining in the Moose year, there should be no doubt that **“The TIME is NOW! – to - FOCUS on MEMBERSHIP!”**.

Yours in Fraternalism,

John J. Cihak

President

“NOW IS THE TIME”



Give the Gift of Live - Donate Blood!!

Blood is urgently needed in the MD-DE-DC area. The Blood Banks are very low. We have had so many catastrophic events recently that we need to be prepared and fill our Blood Banks. I am asking that all Lodges consider holding a Blood Drive or get together with nearby Lodges and jointly hold a Blood Drive. If your Lodge is having a Blood Drive or a Joint Blood Drive, you need to advertise it in your area at local stores and public places. If you need information regarding how to have a Drive, contact me and I will help your Lodge get the proper information. If you hold a Blood Drive, please let me know so I can report it to the Association. Remember, this is a Community Service function and will go on your Community Service Report. My email is cillfloey@hotmail.com; telephone 301-599-8727.

Floyd E. Johnson, Blood Chairman

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Newark, DE - 100 Hygeia Dr.

Dover, DE - 221 Saulsbury Rd.

Salisbury, MD - 1309 Mt. Hermon Rd.

Baltimore & Washington, DC

Call Floyd and Millie Johnson

and they can

direct you as to who you
need to call for information.

Happenings around our Association



New Castle Moose FC was the host of the 6th District Banquet to honor Past President Ron Martin on Jan. 29, 2011. Mike Hurst brought his "A Touch of Elvis" Show to the Lodge to entertain all who came. Jennalyn Yon is a young singer and sang like an angel. Mike gave out scarves to some of us lucky ones.



The lady in the photo on the left is Roy Clark's sister. She helped Mike pick out the ladies to give the scarf to. Connie LaRock let him know she wanted a scarf and she got it, too!! Ron Martin hollered out that he better not sit on his lap, but Mike didn't pay heed to his warning. Judy ended up with the scarf. A good time was had by all.



Happenings around our Association



Ron Sweetman presented a plaque and gavel to Past President Ron Martin at the 6th District Banquet held at New Castle Moose Family Center on January 29, 2011. Ron was thanked for his years of service to the District and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Before Christmas last year, Barbara Johnston created this beautiful lap quilt and chanced it off at the Association meeting in November. Tom Bowman was the lucky winner of the quilt.



A Dog's Purpose (from a 6-year-old)

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

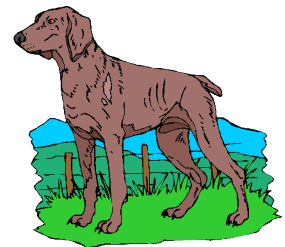
The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives.

Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try and live...

He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life -- like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?"

The Six-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."



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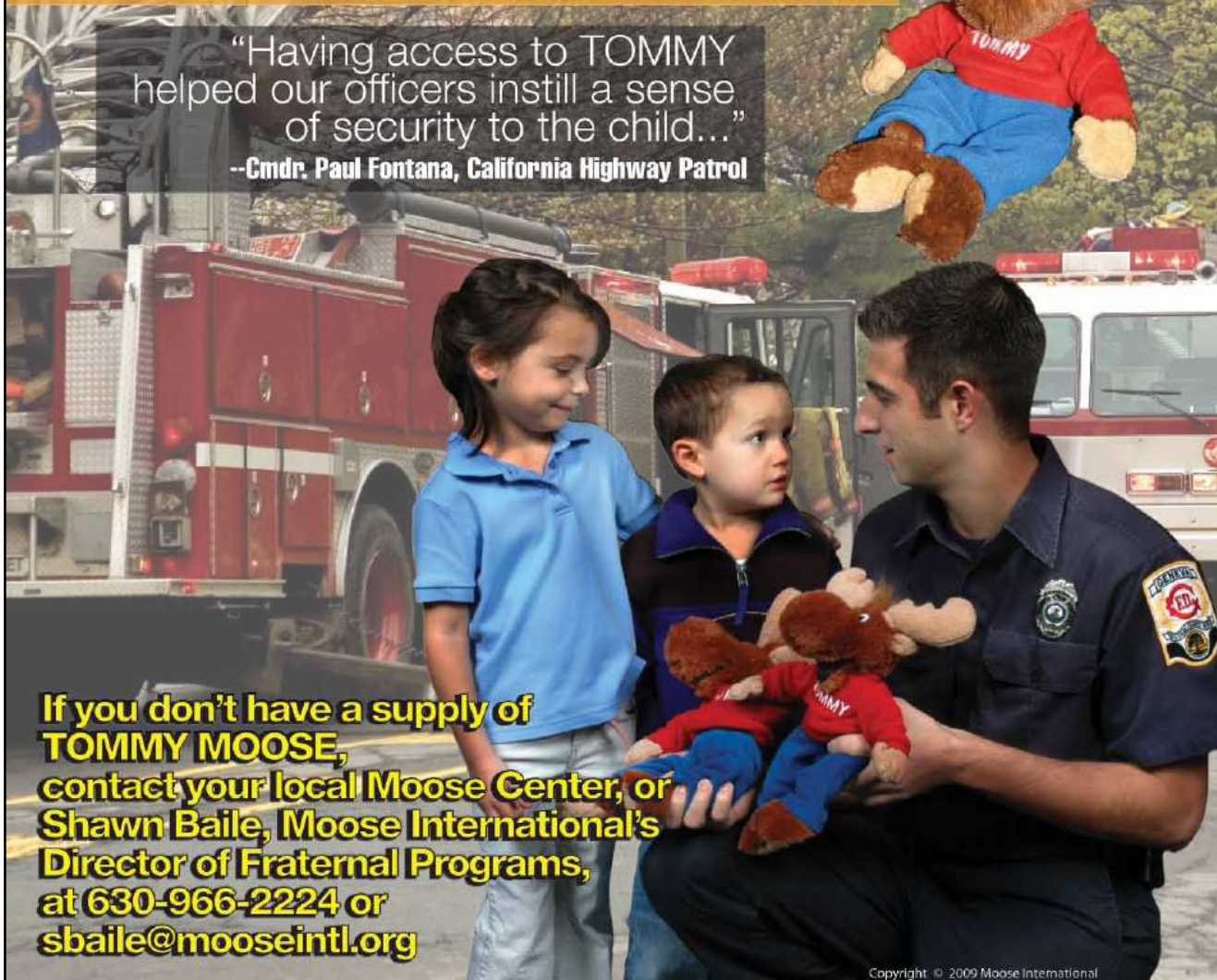
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Government Relations Message by Association Coordinator Bessie Staab-Hickman

Going through the listings for Delaware General Assembly I find little or no legislation pending that would have an impact on our lodges. The entire proposed budget will be aired soon that may change things. Maryland has several that would bear watching Senate Bill 4 First reading, Senate Bill 9, Senate Bill 128, Senate 249 House 39, Senate Bill 875. These range from getting special liquor license's in individual counties, video gaming, and slot machines for some non-profits. To find all legislation, go to State of Maryland General Assembly or Delaware General Assembly. In Maryland don't forget you have a bill pending that will increase the cost of alcoholic beverages if passed. That information was handed out at winter conference. Listings of all Senators and Representatives are now published on the web sites. The District of Columbia has Wards they are listed also. Each Lodge and Chapter should have National, State, County, City, Ward or whatever pertains to their area for reference and use. I was really encouraged when several Lodge brothers came and asked for information, and I received the names of several chapter members who are currently serving as chairpersons. Perhaps this program will finally get the attention it deserves.



Has anyone noticed the leap in prices? It is not just at the pumps it's \$.50 on milk, eggs, meat, ice cream just to mention a few. Gas prices jumped when unrest in the Middle East was aired before there was ever one tanker to reach our shores. My question is why? The majority of our oil does not come from the Middle East and we only import 8% from Libya. Years back this was called gouging our president stated when asked why we did not tap into our reserves his answer was (or words to that effect) we have to worry about our allies and world economy. What about our economy? At the rate of some increases you won't be able to afford the gas to go to work (if you are fortunate to have employment). Again perhaps I'm overly suspicious BUT that just seemed to give the Oil industry a green light to keep raising prices and of course when that goes up so does everything else. Another e-mail is the Bakkan Oil Strike - why is that not being developed? I've sent my e-mails and made calls asking that question of our officials, don't have an answer yet, I'll share if and when there's a response.

There are several e-mails being passed about Red Skeleton's "Pledge of Allegiance". If that doesn't make your chest swell and your eyes get drippy nothing will. Let's pray for those in harms way. "God Bless America and her citizens wherever they may be".

Respectfully Submitted, Bessie Staab-Hickman



Let's Say Thanks!!!!



Send a postcard to one of our members of the US military by logging onto

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There are over 80 postcards made by school children across our country. Choose one and have it sent today to tell our soldiers that we remember them and hope they are home soon. It only takes a few minutes to send someone a note from home!!



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Moose Legion Celebration April 29 - May 1

Chesapeake Bay Moose Legion #183 2011 All State Moose Legion Celebration at Essex Moose Family Center #70 Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, April 29th

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Registration
Buffet Dinner
DJ Entertainment



Saturday, April 30th

7:00 AM - UNTIL
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Registration
Buffet Breakfast
MLEC Training - Ron Sweetman
Bus Trip to National Aquarium
Kids Activities (to be announced)
Conferral of New Candidates
Incoming Officer Orientation - Ron Sweetman
Dinner & Entertainment - Leslie Avenue Band

Sunday, May 1st

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
10:00 AM - Conclusion

Buffet Breakfast
Closing Ceremonies (to be announced)



Guest Speaker - Johnny O, Jr.
Color Guard - SP - Dundalk

MD-DC-DE Moose Legion Ambassadors & their Territory

Bruce Dewey - 302-270-0109

A. Lee Poole #111 - President Ralph Shockley

Chesapeake #183 - President David Taylor ⚡ Blue Hen #186 - President Larry Clark

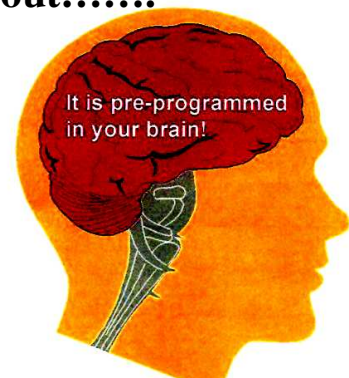
Charles Neal, III - 410-598-3955

Baltimore #10 - President Robert Lindsay ⚡ Capitol #155 - President John Bayer
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How Smart is Your Right Foot? Try this out.....

You have to try this please, it takes two seconds. I could not believe this! It is from an orthopedic surgeon - this will confuse your mind and you will keep trying over and over again to see if you can outsmart your foot, but you can't! It is pre-programmed in your brain!!

1. While sitting at your desk in front of your computer, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.
2. Now, while doing this, draw the number '6' in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction.



Milford Moose FC 1st Annual Car Show



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2011



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Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament
Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino
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HORSE SHOES

Men's/Women's Horseshoes
Strasburg, VA Lodge 403
(Jul. 29-31)

BOWLING

Men's/Women's/Mixed Bowling
Parkersburg, WV Lodge 1118
(Apr. 15-Jun. 5) Weekends ONLY



GOLF

Men's/Women's/Mixed
Scramble Golf
PGA Natl. Resort & Spa
Palm Beach Gardens, FL
(Aug. 5-7)

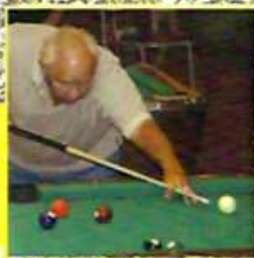


DARTS

Men's/Women's Darts
Clarksburg, WV Lodge 52
(Apr. 15-17)

POOL

Men's/Women's Pool
Lynchburg South, VA Lodge 1727
(Jun. 15-18)



SOFTBALL

Men's/Women's Softball
Elgin, IL
(Aug. 26-28)

Visit the Moose International website at

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John Lyons Scholarship Golf Tournament

Food - Fun - Fellowship

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2nd Annual John Lyon's Scholarship Golf Tournament



Jonathan's Landing Golf Course
1309 Ponderosa Dr., Magnolia, DE
Saturday, May 14, 2011



Registration 7:00 AM

Shotgun Start 8:00 AM

Entry forms are available online to download at www.mdmoose.org
- or -
call Ron Sweetman at 302-731-8145 or (cell) 302-757-2976 and he
will send you one.

Entry fee is \$65.00 per player - includes green fees, cart, food and
FUN!! Make checks payable to MD-DE-DC Moose Association and
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Proceeds from this Golf Outing will go to the John Lyon's Scholarships
which will be awarded at the Annual Association Convention in August.



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Enter as a player or sponsor!
We wish for a most enjoyable,
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Blue Hen Moose Legion #186 Meat Shoot



Blue Hen Moose

Legion # 186

Meat Shoot

Sunday, May 15, 2011

at Lewes Rehoboth Lodge #646

Meat Shoot Competitions

Morning & Afternoon Sessions

Starting @ 9:30 AM

15 Shooters per Session * - Consisting of:

10 Meat Prize Rounds (\$2.50/Shot)

1 Cash Prize Round (\$5/Shot -50/50)

3 Additional Rounds (\$2.50/Shot) Optional

BYO Shotgun - 12 Gauge Shells Provided

Reserve Your Time Slot ASAP

First Responders Will Get First Choice

Prize Winners for Scatter Target Cards Sold at All
Lodges will be Determined and Awarded.

Proceeds benefit the Blue
Hen Moose Legion # 186

Cooked to order Breakfast
will be available 8:30 AM
until Noon - Buffet Lunch
from 1:PM until 3:30 PM -
\$4/Plate

(Members & Qualified Guests Only)

Winners will have their
choice from assorted meat
and seafood prizes from
the available stock.
Multiple winners will be
encouraged to claim a
variety of product.

Scatter Target Cards sold
at the Lodges must contain
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to notify winners, who
need not be present to win.

Reservations must be made
before May 10, 2011.

Dave Borek - 302-236-0649

Joe Nitowski - 215-205-9516

Bill Fellows - 302-934-1005

Deputy Supreme Gov. Ralph Shockley

Dear Brothers and Co-Workers:

I hope you are both refreshed and energized if you were fortunate enough to have attended the Mid-Winter Conference in Ocean City, MD in February. The speakers were very informative and new ideas were discussed and, hopefully, you will carry these back to your lodge to improve the operation of your lodge. The Moose Legion dinner on Thursday night was a huge success. Congratulations to all the recipients who received awards at the dinner.



We are on the last months of our physical year, continue to sign up new members. There are lots of promotions out there to encourage you to do this. Please continue to push for the Premier Lodge Awards. This is a very prestigious award and all lodges should try to receive it.

We are all looking forward to a visit from Jan Fregulia in April. She will be doing "Meet and Greets" at several different lodges in the area. Please try to attend because all these lodges are working hard to make her visit a success.

Looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming Moose Activities.



Fraternally yours,
Ralph Shockley
Deputy Supreme Governor

Those who Braved the Cold Atlantic Ocean!!



**BRRRR
THAT
WATER
LOOKS
COLD!!**



News from the District Presidents

District 2 - Russ Robinson, President

Brothers and Co-workers,



Hope this message finds all of you in good health, and ready to break the binds of "Cabin Fever". Recent numbers seem to back the fact that people are ready and willing to get out, and join the Moose. With all of the programs available, and the most recent 70 Life Membership giveaways.....WOW!! It certainly has sparked a friendly competition between myself and former District II president Clint Rawlings. At the moment I believe he is leading, but look out, here I Come.....lol! Remember get the word out!! If we set and relish our recent accomplishments, they will be just that, recent and gone. So, along with my brothers from District II, I personally challenge each and every one of you to sign-up AT LEAST one new member. Remember the kids at Mooseheart, and our elders at Moosehaven are counting on us.

One more time WHOSE HOUSE???

Fraternally, Russ Robinson

District 3 - Wayne Kraft, President

Greetings from the Might Third District!

I hope everyone enjoyed the Mid-Winter Conference at Ocean City, MD. This event continues to be a great opportunity for everyone to have fun, fellowship and increase our knowledge about our Fraternity. We must share that knowledge, also known as information, with all our members so we all can FOCUS on membership, improve our Lodges and continue our mission. Congratulations to all the award-winners, many from our very own Third District!! One major disappointment from the Conference was the poor session attendance by Lodge officers. At our closing meeting the Regional Manager commented that some Lodges were eliminated from contention for the Premier Lodge Award because of absenteeism.



But "THE TIME IS NOW" to get back to our fraternal business, sign up members and fulfill our obligation to support our children at Mooseheart and our senior members at Moosehaven. Some of our Lodges continue to be successful in obtaining new members and retaining former members despite economy concerns. Other Lodges are not sharing in that success. One of the reasons for this disparity is the lack of promotion for the various campaigns. Ask yourselves these questions: "Are we actively recruiting new members or are we just waiting for them to stroll through the door?" and "Are we telling our relatives, friends and co-workers the story of the Loyal Order of Moose?" Your answer will provide the guidance for your Lodge efforts. As we approach the end of the Moose year we really need to promote the fantastic membership campaigns, including the \$0 application fee.

Fraternally, Wayne Kraft

District 6 - John Wilson, President



Our 2010-2011 Moose Year is quickly coming to an end and will close at the end of April. We all need to assess our goals and try to accomplish the membership and financial requirements to make the year a successful one. Hopefully, we will have a good year and receive the coveted Premier Lodge Awards. If not, "THE TIME IS NOW" to plan for a better year in 2011-2012.

Soon we will be electing and installing our new officers on the Lodge and Chapter sides of our Fraternity. Be sure to look at the qualifications of the candidates when you are voting for the new Governor and Senior Regent to be sure you have people in office who will work together to lead your Lodge and Chapter to a successful year.

Congratulations to all of the award winners at the Conference. Keep up the good work and be there to help the new officers in their leadership of our Fraternity.

Fraternally, John Wilson

News from the District Presidents

District 7 - Harry McGray, President

Hello Brothers and Co-Workers,

I hope you had a good time at the Mid-Winter Conference. I know that I did. It was informative as well as having the opportunity to see our Brothers and Co-Workers throughout the Association. We must not lose the momentum; we must continue to sign new members. There are many programs that Moose International is offering as well as the short term programs in our Lodges. Also, we need to concentrate on member retention. If we lose them out the back door we will be just spinning wheels and go nowhere. I want to thank all Lodge Governors and Administrators for getting their Reports in on time. We have good Association Leadership and we are all striving to make the MD DE DC Moose Association number one.



Fraternally, Harry McGray

District 4 - John Stokes, President

Dear Brothers and Co-Workers,

By now all the Fraternity knows that the Association has taken on the MD-DE-DC House in lieu of our yearly project. We have all heard Jim Hale state that it takes \$180,000.00 a year to run our house and, if you were at the mid-year in Ocean City, you would know there is no doubt that it's our house.



I disagree with the Association on only raising 2/3rds of the funds needed. Instead of raising \$120,000.00 as our target, we need to raise the full amount. With approximately 24,000 members of the LOOM the amount per member comes to \$7.50. A Lodge with 160 members would need to raise \$3,750.00 and a Lodge of 1,300 would need to raise \$9,750.00. Notice the word RAISE. For Lodges who have slots where they must donate 50% to charity, the funds could come from this source. Other Lodges need to plan fund raisers.

Starting May 1st the officers have a responsibility to see that their Lodges are fiscally sound. This means most of our Lodges must raise money for the MD-DE-DC House and not take it from Lodge funds.

Can we raise all the money needed? We won't know until we try. Some Lodges can afford more than their share thus helping those Lodges that cannot.

Brothers, this is a heavy responsibility and we must give it our best try!

Fraternally, John Stokes

District 8 - Tom Niblett, President

Dear Brothers and Co-Workers:

This message goes out to all Jr. Governors, your time is almost upon you, taking on the responsibility of running your Lodge is Big, but making sure all your chairman are in place and ready to work toward one goal, by making your lodge Bigger and Better, this will make your job easier. Governors as you are getting ready to turn over your office, you should be talking to your Jr. Governor telling him some of the things that worked for you and also some of the mistakes that happened. With everyone working together this will make sure your Lodge moves forward.



Hope this works for everyone

Fraternally, Tom Niblett

R. Robert Dale & John Lyons Scholarships

R. Robert Dale Scholarship

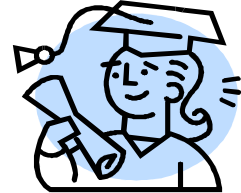
Is there a High School Junior in Your Life?

Enter your Class of 2012 high school students **NOW** for a chance to win a \$1,000 R. Robert Dale Scholarship!!

Here are the requirements:

The Applicant must:

- Be a student in the Graduating Class of 2012
- Have a parent, step-parent, grandparent or legal guardian who is a member of the Moose
(Applicant not required to live in same house)
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (C+) or higher
- Send the completed application by **June 30, 2011**
(Application must be completed in its entirety to be valid.)



The application is available from the Lodge Administrator or Chapter Recorder. Or it can be found online in the **MEMBERS-ONLY** Section of www.mooseintl.org under 'Find it Here; A-Z links' click on 'Scholarships'. Mail or Fax the application to the address or fax number on the bottom of the application.

After the drawings for the R. Robert Dale Scholarship, a \$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded at the MD-DE-DC Moose Association Annual Convention in Hunt Valley, MD in August, 2011

ALSO,

Your High School Junior will be eligible for drawings in the

John Lyons Scholarship Fund

after the R. Robert Dale Drawing

There will be:

5 Scholarship drawings for \$660.50

2 Scholarship drawings for \$335.50



If a Lodge & Chapter sponsors 20 applicants, they would be entitled to a separate drawing for an R. Robert Dale Scholarship

Don't miss this chance for these opportunities for your student to win a Scholarship in one of these drawings. The same application applies to all Scholarships.

For more information, contact Association Chairman Ron Sweetman at 302-328-8756



New 25 Club Honorees



The MD-DE-DC Moose Association is proud to announce the names of our **25 Club** honorees:

New 25 Club Members

Wayne Baker #203
Donice Chambers #534
John Guido #2431

Robert Lee Hall #2393
Ray LaBrosse #1709

Steve Morgan #495
Clinton Rawlings #2462
Valerie Sprague #783

75 Division

William A. Fogler, Sr. #1856

150 Division

Frank Courtney #658
Richard Griner #630

200 Division

Stanley E. Windsor, Sr. #1381

Circle of Distinction

William R. Price #654 - received Centennial Watch

50 Year Members

James C. Dunn #831	William Mann #1582
Bernice S. Jamison #97	Richard D. McDermott, Sr. #1228
Thomas C. Karlson, Sr. #1228	Cletus Resh, Jr. #1952
Robert F. Linard #1381	Bernard L. Wiles #371

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Lodge Operations Analysts for MD-DE-DC

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If your Lodge has any problems and needs help, these are the guys to call.

Remember - Sign 2 members a year and -

NEVER PAY DUES AGAIN!!!



Gone but Not Forgotten



Margie Doerr
Resident at Moosehaven
Member of Elkton Chapter



Carl Salo
Member of Harrington Lodge
Held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit



Ronald Krantz, Jr.
Member of New Castle Lodge
Held the Fellowship Degree of Honor



Till We Meet Again.



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call.
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Task left undone must stay that way.
I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
Ah yes, these things I, too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

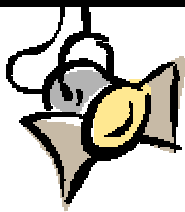
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me.
God wanted me now. He set me free.



Sympathies are extended on behalf of the
MD-DE-DC Moose Association to
and all Brothers & Co-Workers who have lost loved ones in
recent months.



In the Spotlight - Pilgrim Carl Salo



Carl Salo was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose for nearly 28 years having joined Middletown Lodge #1295 in May of 1983. He later transferred to Elkton Lodge #851. In 1987, Carl transferred his membership to Harrington Lodge #534 when he moved to Felton, Delaware.

Where does one start when one has done so much, for so long, for so many? Carl took an active interest in his Lodge and was asked to be the Membership Chairman in 1988. He has filled the years by the use of his hands and love in his heart for our Fraternity and its people. For the past 24 years, Carl has been dedicated in service to every unit of our Order starting with his home Lodge in Harrington. He spent a lot of time in the kitchen cooking for Wednesday Seafood Night, Friday Night Buffet, and preparing dinners for the Forresters, Senior Citizens and Fellowship functions on Saturday nights. He also volunteered his time at the Moose Stand at the Delaware State Fair every July.

Carl was not only busy in the kitchen - he also chaired or worked on a committee, including numerous Community Service projects. He participated on the Christmas Basket Committee for needy families for the past 14 years.

Or he could be found in the Ballroom practicing his Ritual part. An avid ritualist, Carl believed in the Moose story and enjoyed opportunities to relay the message. Knowing many of the parts, Carl was asked to fill in on many occasions. In 2003, when

he was serving as Orator with his team, he finished in first place in his part, as well as being the Top Ritualist in the Association.

In Carl's involvement at the Harrington Moose Family Center, he served as a maintenance mechanic, pipefitter, welder, carpenter and a millwright. Whatever task he was involved in, he did it well.

In 1989, Carl began his lead-



ership role by serving in the appointed officer chairs and right through the elected positions until he became Governor in 1994-1995.

He would serve as the Membership and Blood Bank Chairman in the 7th District. Also, Carl served as Assistant Sgt-At-Arms and Sgt-At-Arms for his district, as well as Finance Officer.

In 1989, Carl joined the Blue Hen Moose Legion #186 and became actively involved in the Moose Legion and the Moose Legion Committee at Harrington Lodge. He served on the Blue Hen Moose Legion Ritual Staff and progressed through the chairs to become a Past President.

The Fellowship Degree of Honor was conferred upon Carl in August of 1995. Carl became a member of the "25 Club" in February of 1995 after he signed up his 25th member. Throughout

his Moose membership, he has sponsored more than 50 members into the Fraternity.

The Loyal Order of Moose wasn't the only organization that benefited from Carl's dedication to service. He was also a member of the Whiteford, MD American Legion Post for 35 years; he was a Life Member of the Greenwood, DE VFW; Past President of the Muddy Creek, PA Civic Association and a Committee Member of the Felton Methodist Church.

Carl's years in our Fraternity were filled with activity, dedication and service leading him to be called to the House of God at Mooseheart on May 27, 2006 to receive the Pilgrim Degree of Merit.

Carl would say that when he earned his Pilgrim Degree, it was not time to "step aside" and rest on his laurels, but time to "step up" and use his knowledge and experience for the betterment of the Loyal Order of Moose. So, Carl kept on going and was appointed as Moose Legion Ambassador in 2007. He was responsible for three Moose Legions in his jurisdiction and held this position for two years with outstanding leadership and direction.

Some time ago, Carl realized that he wasn't able to continue doing most of the things he had done in the past. He would say "it isn't easy letting go". He was a special man and a special Moose. Carl has left his mark on this Fraternity and represented all that is good, true and best in a Fraternity he loved so well.

We will mourn him, we will miss him, but we will **never forget him**.

Till We Meet Again, Carl!

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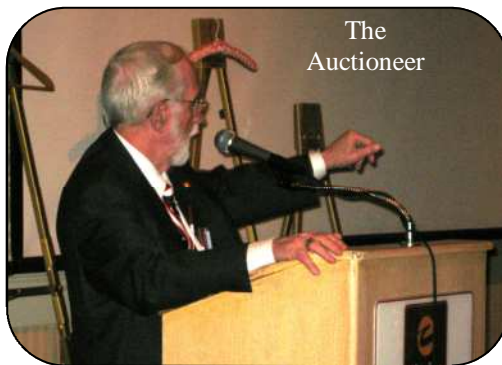
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MD-DE-DC Councils of Higher Degrees



Meeting Schedule

Black-Eyed Susans Council
Check with Council Officers

DelMar Council

January 9, 2011 at New Castle

April 9, 2011 at Belair

June 11, 2011 - Picnic at Milford

August 13, 2011 at Seaford

October 8, 2011 at Banquet at Camden-Wyoming

Menu, Time and cost TBA later

Lunch at 12 PM, Meeting starts at 1 PM

All Degree Holders welcome to attend these meetings



Congratulations!!



**MD-DE-DC
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A. Lee Poole
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 Great Job, Guys!!



Happy Anniversary!



to all Dedicated Lodge & Chapter Members
 who have made these Anniversaries possible

March 2	Sparrows Point Dundalk Lodge	Instituted in 1929
March 5	Frederick Chapter	Instituted in 1941
March 5	Marlboro Chapter	Instituted in 1959
March 6	Cambridge Chapter	Instituted in 1949
March 10	Mechanicsville Lodge	Instituted in 1974
March 18	East Sussex Chapter	Instituted in 2001
March 20	Caroline County Lodge	Instituted in 1988
March 24	Glen Burnie Chapter	Instituted in 1950
March 26	Easton Lodge	Instituted in 1950
March 31	Smyrna Clayton Lodge	Instituted in 1985
April 8	Middletown Chapter	Instituted in 1959
April 18	Baltimore City MSC	Instituted in 2004
April 19	Waldorf Lodge	Instituted in 1953
April 21	Williamsport Lodge	Instituted in 1996
April 22	College Park Chapter	Instituted in 1951
April 23	Rockville Lodge	Instituted in 1950
April 24	Baltimore Lexington MSC	Instituted in 2005
April 26	Indian Head Lodge	Instituted in 1953
May 4	Cambridge Lodge	Instituted in 1947
May 6	Bay Country Lodge	Instituted in 1973
May 7	Patuxent Chapter	Instituted in 2000
May 8	Smyrna Clayton Chapter	Instituted in 1986
May 9	Harrington Lodge	Instituted in 1948
May 12	Brunswick Chapter	Instituted in 1944
May 16	Bel Air Lodge	Instituted in 1962
May 26	Milford Chapter	Instituted in 1949
May 29	Reisterstown Lodge	Instituted in 1950

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Balcony (8C)	\$550.00pp	\$100.00pp

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7 Day Exotic Eastern Caribbean October 1 - 8, 2011

Date	Itinerary	Arrive	Depart
Saturday, Oct 1	Miami, FL		4:00 pm
Sunday, Oct 2	Half Moon Cay, Bahamas	9:00 am	5:00 pm
Monday, Oct 3	Fun Day at Sea		
Tuesday, Oct 4	St. Thomas	9:00 am	6:00 pm
Wednesday, Oct 5	San Juan	7:00 am	3:30 pm
Thursday, Oct 6	Grand Turk	11:00 am	5:30 pm
Friday, Oct 7	Fun Day at Sea		
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A message from Our Grand Regent Libby

Hello Co-Workers,

Well, in my neck of the woods, we have been having some pretty nice weather and it looks like Spring is on its way!

Hopefully all of you have successfully held your 3 nominating committee meetings and were blessed to get co-workers to run for the elected offices of the Chapter.

If not, then hopefully you realize you are to continue to hold these meetings, until you get your elected chairs filled for the 2011-2012 chapter year. If you are not sure how to handle this, the newly updated election procedure handbook that can be found on the WOTM website and refer to your General Laws, beginning on page 64. **Please remember to do it right the first time and avoid problems later.**



With approximately 6-7 weeks left to prepare for the completion of another chapter year - April 30th, will be here before you know it!

Another reminder, **“The Time Is Now”** for us to set our aims and goals and focus more on the road to individual and chapter success! Our General Laws state all forms must be submitted in a timely manner, in order for the Sr. Regent to make her personal honors. All 114's – thru February – should have been read to the chapter and mailed out by now. Your 166's, for all **completed fundraisers** should be e-mailed by now. If your completed forms have not been sent, **“The Time Is Now”** to do so!

More importantly, **“The Time Is Now”** to check your membership. Another requirement for the Award of Achievement is to end April 30th with one (1) more ACTIVE member on the rolls.

Talking about members, do you still believe the new announcement about \$0 application fee that was approved by the Grand Council of the Women of the Moose and the Supreme Council; which is effective from February 1st thru April 30, 2011? In my recent travels, it seems everyone is working it and talking about it! What better chance to get new members, or those re-enrolled members? What an opportunity! An opportunity like this doesn't come along that often, so please take advantage of it so your chapter can earn the Award of Achievement and the co-workers can earn their personal honors.

Along with this, you also have the opportunity to

earn the Grand Chancellor's cash. Congratulations to all the winners. Every co-worker has an equal opportunity to sponsor candidates and pocket her share of the loot. Just think – your name could be drawn and you will have that extra cash to take to Anaheim! Remember, each week through April 30, 2011, \$500.00 will be awarded to two (2) lucky sponsors of a new or re-enrolled member. For each new or re-enrolled member transmitted and reported as enrolled, a chance to win will be entered into the drawing. Also, along with this comes the opportunity for participating sponsors from this campaign, in attendance at the Women of the Moose Sessions in Anaheim, California during the 99th International Conference of the Women of the Moose to be eligible to win additional exciting, cash award opportunities. Additionally, on May 1, 2011 - \$1,000 will be awarded to each of the top five (5) chapters with the largest percentage of an increase in membership. WOW!! If this isn't enough of an incentive, all sponsor credits will count toward all current membership programs including, but not limited to, Free Dues for sponsoring & enrolling 2 members between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011; Moose International 5 Club; Moose 25 Club and the Grand Chancellor's Heart of Distinction recognition programs.

I also hope you have taken advantage of the new Women of the Moose membership campaigns that are now in effect: Get on the Bus and Recipe for Retention and if not, look into the others that will be forthcoming in the months ahead.

With all the above opportunities to get those members to join, there are some chapters which already have their own campaigns in effect, if you don't, perhaps your chapter would like to do that for a change of pace!

And, last but not least, let's not forget the programs of the Women of the Moose, Moose Charities and Gimme5. Our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven really do need us, so please continue to support these programs to ensure the future of our Twin Cities. Remember, their future is in our hands and **“The Time is Now.”** Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!

*In friendship,
Libby*



Libby's GimmeFive Message

Happy Spring! Now that the snow is gone, we should think good thoughts for the upcoming months.

As I think of spring and our children outside playing, what comes to mind but Illinois and our very own Mooseheart! They too are our children!! Where would they be without us – our love, our support and most importantly our donations!

Talking about donations – Once again at our Mid Year Conference in Ocean City, the fundraisers were a success. The total amount donated to Moose Charities earmarked the Gimme 5 program, totaled \$2,249.50. Also personal donations collected were \$826.00, so the final total amounted to \$3,075.50.

At this time I would like to thank all the Past State/International Officers that helped with this task. They sold homemade jelly, salsa, pickles, nuts, etc. We also had 50/50 tickets at each of our 4 meetings. And again, Christa Mumford donated a beautiful diamond necklace and bracelet.

If you haven't already fulfilled your individual 5 year total donation of \$182.50, there is still time to do so. You can mail them directly to Moose Charities, earmarked GimmeFive. Remember, they are fully tax deductible.

The Gimme Five District chairmen have the responsibility to keep in touch with the Chapter Moose Charities Chairman, in her district to make sure they are or will be holding at least one or more fundraisers for Moose Charities. By now all chapters should have the Moose Charities chairman in place, since this is now one of the 9 chapter development chairmen. If you don't have that chair filled as of today, you need to do so immediately, and let your district chairman know so they can advise Phyllis and me. This can't be said enough – **"THE TIME IS NOW"** for every unit, every member to move forward! We need to sell our brand, the programs of the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose and get the word out about the good we do for others. Let us work together – As a Team - to accomplish what needs to be done to ensure the future of our Twin Cities, by supporting our programs and most importantly Moose Charities.

Last note, don't forget Jan Fregulia, Executive Director of Moose Charities is coming to our Association for a Meet and Greet between April 13th and 16th. She will be visiting Dundalk, Annapolis, Seaford, Harrington and East Sussex. We hope you mark this date on your calendar and try to attend at least one or more. We are also hoping that you, as an individual, will be able to make a donation. Checks are to be made payable to Moose Charities (which is fully tax deductible) earmarked MD-DE-DC Home and will be presented to Jan individually!

Regardless of how large or how small your check will be, all donations are welcome and will help fund our yearly commitment of \$120,000, to fully fund our MD-DE-DC House. Remember these are our children and they are what we are all about, and **"THE TIME IS NOW"**.

Fraternally,
Libby

P.S. Also, when you get time, please check out the Moose Charities website and see how we can also help with collecting Box Tops and participate in the Recycling program.



Moose Legion Councilman Danny Williams



Moose Charities & “Gimmefive”

Here are a few ways that **GIVING** to “Moose Charities” can help our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven.....

“Tribute Gifts”

In “Memory” of – Your memorial gift will serve as a lasting tribute to the life of a friend or a loved one.

In “Honor” of – Honorary gifts serve as a lasting tribute and can be directed to any fund requested.

“Employer Matching Gifts”

Many companies match the charitable contributions of their employees. You can double the impact of your generosity by using your company’s matching gift programs. Visit your Human Resources Department and ask for a matching gift form.

“Gimmefive”

We are in our 4th Year of a 5 year program, asking our members to donate \$36.50 per year, for 5 years or \$182.50 for 5 years in advance. Fraternity wide we have had 28,253 members participate, donating \$4,299,024.16.

Here in MD DE DC Moose Association we have had 723 members participating for a total donations of \$110,097.20.

We still have a little over a year to donate to this “Endowment Fund” special campaign to ensure the future of both Mooseheart the “Child City” and school and Moosehaven the city of contentment for our seniors.

“School Support Programs”

Many companies will help you maximize your donations (monetary or not) to Mooseheart Child City and School.

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“Partnerships Programs”

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For more information contact www.moosecharities.org

The goals are set.....THE TIME IS NOW!

Questions? Call me at 304 258-1127 or E-mail me at

DannyWMoose@aol.com or contact Moose Charities at

www.moosecharities.org.gimme5.asp



“Auction at the Banquet” – Held on February 19, 2011

Thank you to all for the donations (most especially Frank Courtney), the buyers, the committee and the Auctioneer Larry Dean for this year’s Moose Charities Auction.

We raised \$2,258.00 in bids

“Large Moose Raffle”

The winner was Mark Alderson and we raised \$705.00 for the MD DE DC Home Project.....

“Thank You” “Thank You” “Thank You” “Thank You”

Youth Awareness in Action



The Youth Awareness Program for our Association has concluded for this year with a deadline of February 28th for the students involved to complete at least 3 Kids' Talks and send their reports in to Coordinator Ernie Megee.

On February 25, 2011, Sarah McCall finished her presentations to 2 groups of children. Sarah was sponsored by Essex Chapter #783. One of the schools Sarah spoke to advised that they had an issue with student conduct in the cafeteria, so Sarah put together a special presenta-



tion for them, to include a slide show, to show them how to conduct themselves in the cafeteria. The other two Kids' Talks were about Stranger Danger and included a slide show and a special stick-on police badge for each student. The Winter weather wasn't very cooperative with Sarah's scheduled Kids' Talks - whenever her scheduled day came around, there was snow and/or ice so she had to cancel. But, thanks to one of the school liaisons, Lindy Hall, Sarah was able to present her last two talks on February 25th, to complete her requirements. Great job, Sarah!! We wish you well in the judging.



There were a total of 15 students who participated in the Youth Awareness Congress in early October, 2010. Five were from Maryland and 10 students came from Delaware to the Congress held at the Elkton Moose Family Center #851. The reports presented to Ernie will be forwarded to a Moose Lodge Teen Club at the Milford Moose Family Center to be judged. Two winners will be chosen to represent MD-DE-DC Moose Association at the International Congress held in Charlotte, NC.

Watch for news of the next Youth Awareness Congress and get your teens interested in participating in next year's Kids' Talks.



A Message from our Deputy Phyllis Brainard

Hi Everyone,

What a time we had at our February conference. Our official visitor Sandra Richards was great and I had many compliments about her. We raised money for our projects. Thanks to all that helped in any way, without all of you - co-workers and lodge brothers - we wouldn't have been able to do all that we do. I am looking forward to our Annual Conference in August, hope to see twice as many members as we had in February. Congratulations to all our new Academy of Friendship members. Enjoy your spring and summer and I know that I will see a lot of you when Jan comes to visit for our MD, DE, DC Home fund raiser.



Before I close I must ask for more member participation in our GIMME FIVE PROGRAM. My records show that out of all of our members, chapters, lodge, Moose Legions, Fellows, Pilgrims, and Higher degree councils that have made donations the numbers total only 724 donations for a total of \$111,541.02. We need to take this program seriously. I know that membership is down, but we have a great opportunity to increase our membership and therefore should be able to have more members, lodges and chapters to get this done. **REMEMBERING ALWAYS THAT WITHOUT US MOOSEHEART AND MOOSEHAVEN CAN NOT CARRY ON.** So give what you can afford and let your heart be your guide.

Thanks so much for every thing you do for Mooseheart and Moosehaven. May God bless you all and keep you safe,

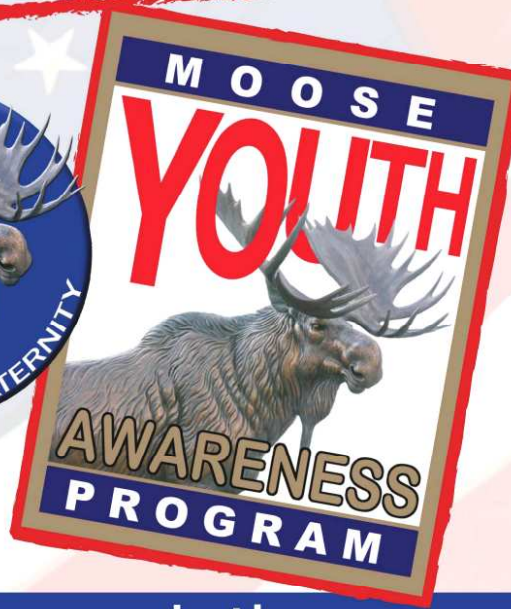


Fraternally,

Phyllis V. Brainard, Deputy Grand Regent



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A Challenge from the Grand Chancellor

Win the Grand Chancellor's Cash
*(for applications transmitted and reported as enrolled
between January 1 and April 30, 2011)*



Grand Chancellor Barbara McPherson is on a mission to increase the membership of the Women of the Moose to 500,000 members and she is willing to spend **\$25,000** right now to do it.

The Time Is Now for you to cash-in~break the bank~crack the safe. Every Co-worker has equal opportunity to sponsor candidates and pocket her share of the loot. Each week through April 30, 2011, \$500 will be awarded to two (2) lucky sponsors of a new or re-enrolled member. Winning names will be chosen randomly by computer draw. For each new or re-enrolled member transmitted and reported as enrolled, a chance to win will be entered into the drawing.

Participating sponsors from this campaign, in attendance at the Women of the Moose Sessions in Anaheim, California during the 99th International Conference of the Women of the Moose are eligible for additional exciting, cash award opportunities.

Additionally, on May 1, 2011, \$1,000 will be awarded to each of the top five (5) Chapters with the largest percentage of increase in membership.

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WIN THE
Grand Chancellor's
CASH

Barb is on a mission to increase membership of the Women of the Moose to 500,000 members and she is ready to spend **\$25,000.00**

Each week until April 30, 2011, two lucky sponsors of a new or re-enrolled member will be awarded \$500 each! For additional exciting cash award opportunities, participating sponsors should attend the International Conference in Anaheim.

\$1,000 will be awarded to the top five Chapters with the largest percentage of increase in membership.

Click Here for Info!

ADVICE FROM AN OLD WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAIN MAN

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.

Keep skunks and bankers and lawyers at a distance.

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.

Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.

Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.

Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.

Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.

It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

You cannot unsay a cruel, or unkind word.

Every path has a few puddles.

When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.

The best sermons are lived, not preached.

Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.

Don't judge folks by their relatives.

Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older
and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.

Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.

Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.

The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever
have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every morning.

Always drink upstream from the herd.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad
judgment.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.

If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin'
somebody else's dog around.

Love generously, Care deeply, Speak kindly.

Leave the rest up to God.

Fundraising for Mooseheart, Etc.



Campbell's Soup Labels for Education and General Mills Box Tops coupons are a great way to help our schools at Mooseheart. Just save the labels from the cans and clip the box tops to send in bundles of 50, either with a rubber band or plastic bag to hold them, to **Moose Charities, 155 South International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539-1100.**



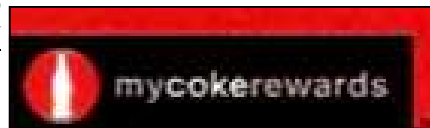
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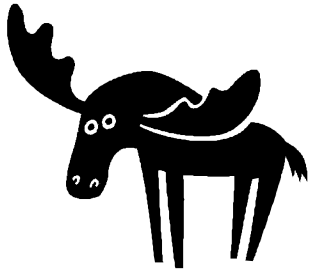


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2 Mooses Too Many!

Paddy and Mick, two retired old geezers, flew to Canada for an adventure. They chartered a small plane to take them into the Rockies for a week of hunting moose. They managed to bag a total of 6.



Loading the plane to return, the pilot said the plane could take only 4 moose. The two old timers objected strongly. "Last year we shot 6. The pilot let us take them all, and he had exactly the same plane as yours." Reluctantly, the pilot gave in and all 6 were loaded. The plane took off. However, while attempting to cross some mountains, even on full power, the little plane couldn't handle the load and went down. Miraculously, surrounded by moose bodies, Paddy and Mick survived the crash. Climbing out of the wreckage, Paddy asked Mick, "Any idea where we are?" Mick replied, "I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year."



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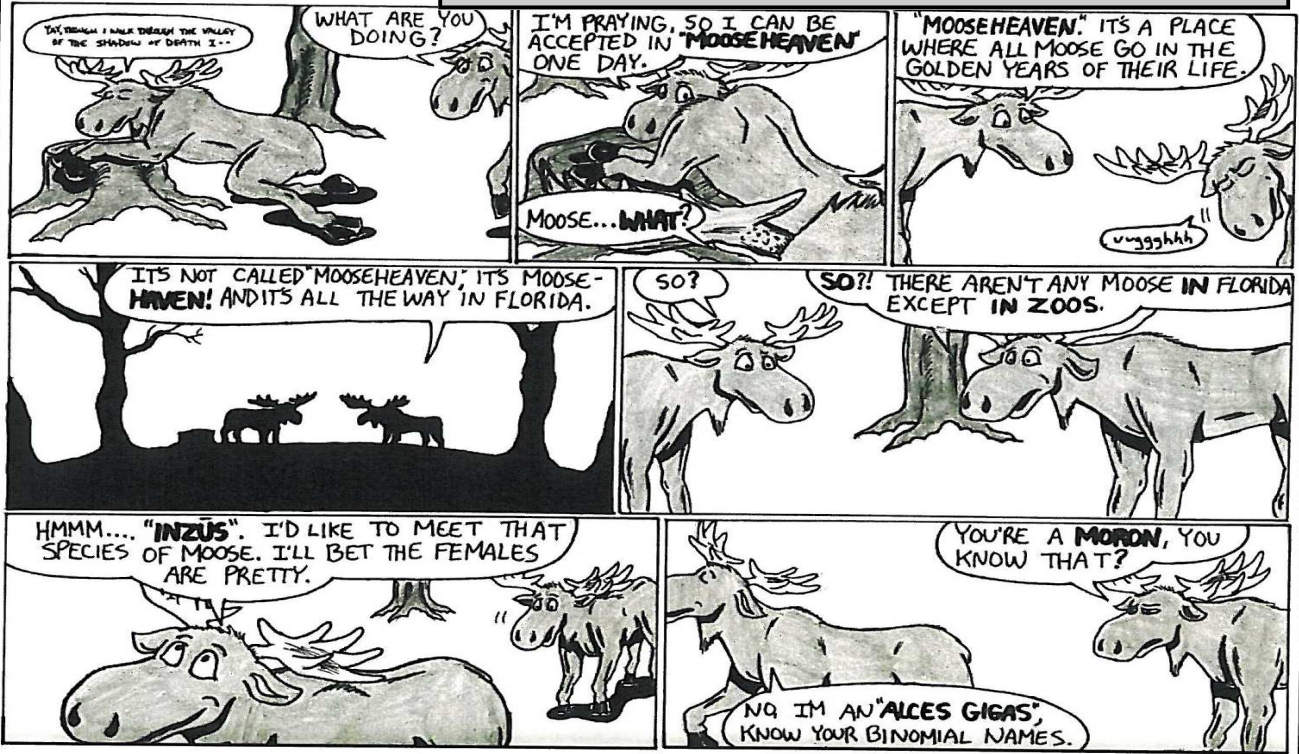
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March 26, 2011	Association Higher Degree Banquet - Elkton, MD
March 27, 2011	Elkton, MD
April, 2011	No Meeting
May, 22, 2011	Frederick, MD
June, 2011	No Meeting
July, 24, 2011	Silver Spring, MD
August 25-28, 2011	Annual Convention, Hunt Valley, MD
September 25, 2011	Annapolis, MD

Jim Bolling, Secretary

THREE, MOOSE

By Mike Thompson

Mike Thompson is a security guard at Moosehaven and, when he gets time, he is a cartoonist. This is one of his creations.



Note: Alces Gigas is the scientific name for the species Alaskan Moose.

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James J. Davis

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