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**Sponsor a new member between  
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**Sponsor gets an entry for every application submitted with all dues and fees. There will be a drawing by the Membership Dept. Computer at Mooseheart after May 1, 2008. The more members you sign, the more chances to win!!**

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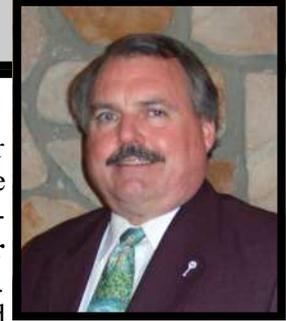
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*Got a Moose Problem? Contact a Deputy Regional Manager!!  
They can't help, if you don't ask.*

**From the Desk of**  
**MD-DE-DC Regional Manager**  
**Dave Greenaway**



**PLANNING FOR APRIL 30<sup>th</sup> AND BEYOND**

By the time you read this we will have 30 days to have attained our goals for the 2007-2008 Membership Campaign. For the Chapters to make their years and the Lodges to qualify for **Premier Lodge Status** certain criteria have to be met. The Association has been working with the Lodges to attain these goals, by holding **Governor and Administrator Seminars**. We have a newly structured Membership Committee. We have shown a better monthly performance with new applications being submitted to Moose International. In February, 100% of our lodges submitted a new or former member application. We have had 90% or better of our lodges submitting monthly since June 2007.

Many of our Lodges have gone back to the basics of short-term membership campaigns within the lodge. The most successful program is - ***Sponsor two new members and have your dues paid for one year***. Ladies, this will work for the Chapters, too. Hats, t-shirts, Moose Bucks, hams, flowers, candy, etc. are great monthly incentives. There is no reason (only excuses) to not show a gain in active members in any of our Fraternal units. Our membership likes the benefit of receiving something for sponsoring new members.

Memorial Day is celebrated May 26, 2008 and there is no better time to plan to sell **Flight 93 Ties** at the local Mall, Wal-Mart or Target (with their permission, of course). This is a great way to expose the good works of your Lodge and Chapter to the general public. No dispensation is needed to set up and sell ties and take donations for the **Flight 93 Memorial**. We are the only way the public has to readily contribute to this memorial to heroism. Plan now – May 26<sup>th</sup> is not that far away. The Association will make ties available on consignment, but we need to know today how many you would need. If you need ties contact Jim Bolling or John Krass.

Now is the time to make plans for the **Annual November Seminar in Reno, NV**. Moose International will be announcing the seminar soon. The event will focus on how to treat our most valuable asset – our Moose members. How can we be **“The Friendliest Place in Town”**? How can we make sure that there is no excuse for a member not to renew his/her dues at renewal time. Make plans to send your key Social Quarters employee to this seminar. Imagine the good will and excitement such a trip would instill in your employees. You need to plan now for November.

The **Moose Travel Program** offers an Alaskan Cruise August 30 – September 9 2008. Details are on the Moose International website at [www.moosintl.org](http://www.moosintl.org) or by visiting the Association website at [www.mdmoose.org](http://www.mdmoose.org). Plan now for the **2008 International Convention in Las Vegas, NV**, in June. Register before **April 28, 2008** and the Early Bird registration is only \$35.00. As I explained at the Mid-Year Conference in February, the **25 Club Event** has changed and the entertainment events will be wonderful. Make your reservations today, because rooms at **Bally's and Paris** are limited.

As I write this letter, we have **45,712** active members of the LOOM and WOTM in Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia. Our realistic goal for next year should be **51,000** active members. We need to brag about what we are, what we do and what we have done for our communities and our families. I believe in you, and I am betting on you that we will finish the year with a net increase in active membership, and be in the Top Ten Associations, again.

Thank you to the **870 plus** members that made our Mid-Year Conference in Ocean City, MD a huge success. You made me proud with your record attendance at our sessions and your generous contributions, totaling **\$45,193.00**, to our programs and to Moose Charities. Your support of **Gimme 5** was outstanding. Your continued generosity fills my heart with pride. Keep on doing what you do best – supporting Mooseheart, Moosehaven and our communities.



Fraternally,  
*Dave*



# Planning on going to Las Vegas in June?



***Early Bird Pre-Registration fee of \$35 ends April 28th!!  
You can register online at [mooseintl.org/membersonly](http://mooseintl.org/membersonly),  
click on the image above & print out the registration form  
to mail or copy the form in the Moose Magazine.***

**Don't miss the fun & fellowship at the  
International Convention in Las Vegas!**

*Here's the schedule of events:*

**Higher Degree Evening - Sat. June 21      \$25 each - Limit 2**

*An evening with Ronnie Milsap & Roy Clark*

**Extravaganza - Tues. June 24                      \$30 each - No Limit**

*Down Memory Lane with Neil Sedaka*

**You can register for the:**

**Pilgrim Breakfast, Fellowship Lunch and/or Moose Legion Breakfast**

**Star Recorder Luncheon, College of Regents Dinner**

**and/or**

**Academy of Friendship Breakfast**

*meal ticket prices vary*



**Don't wait till it's too late!!  
Register early & save - after April 29th registration is  
\$50 per person**

***Come on out to Vegas & learn firsthand  
what the new theme is and what's happening in***



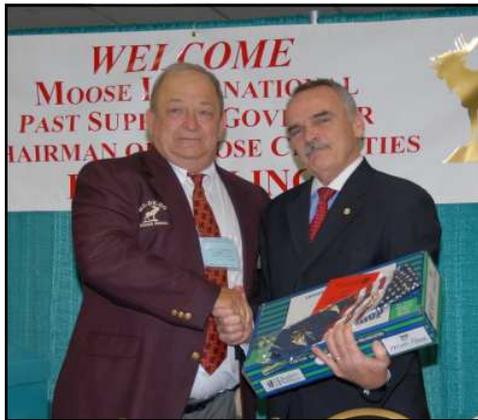
**Our Fraternity!**



# Moose Candy is Still Going Strong!!



A. Lee Poole Moose Legion #111 President Richard Weston is busy loading Moose candy to donate to a local servicemen's club for a fund-raiser.



Kevin Smith represented US Senator Joe Biden at the Joint Session of the Mid-Winter Conference. He spoke and was presented with a "Flight 93" tie and a box of Moose chocolate.



Members of the American Legion 166 Honor Guard from Ocean City, MD presented an exceptional show of the retiring of an American Flag. After their presentation, State President Ralph Shockley gave their presiding officer boxes of Moose chocolate and "Flight 93" ties for each member of the team.



Eight year old Michelle Marie, from Aberdeen, MD, sang a moving rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" as part of the opening of the Joint Session at the Mid-Winter Conference. Afterwards, State President Ralph Shockley gave Michelle a box of our Moose chocolate.



# Community Service



Frederick Moose FC #371 held their Valor Award Program on February 16, 2008 to recognize local firefighters and police personnel for their outstanding work performed in the Frederick community. Great job, Guys and Gals!!

Kalway Johnson (in the center of the photo) received a donation of \$500 from Wayne Morgan, Sr. and Lloyd Snyder of Frederick Moose FC #371 for the Babe Ruth Baseball Program.



Frederick Moose FC #371 donated \$250 to the Cal Ripken Little League Baseball. Wayne Morgan, Sr. and Lloyd Snyder presented the check to Michael Dixon (in the center).

The Boys Scouts of America received a donation of \$1190 from Frederick Moose FC #371.



\$250 was donated by Frederick Moose FC #371 to the Frederick City Police Kids' ID Program to replace a computer printer.

Frederick Moose FC #371 held a used eye-glass drive for the Lions Club to fill the need of people in the Appalachian Mountains.



# Community Service - Mac Style

College Park Moose Family Center #4532 has a member, Martin (AKA Mac) McGehee, who with his wife, Linda, and other “helpers” collects donuts, cookies, candy and other items for boxes they prepare for the men and women who are patients at Walter Reed Hospital due to injuries sustained in the line of duty in military service.

Mac and his group are only allowed to enter the Rehabilitation area of the hospital to take their treasures of goodies for the employees working with the men and women in Rehab, for the patients and their family members. Each week the group has delivered 10 dozen donuts and many boxes of cookies and candies for the patients. At Christmas, they made up 150 boxes and delivered them to Walter Reed. They don't stop at Christmas, either. Boxes are



Mac and Linda's church have also become involved by making cookies and joining in the process of assembling the gift boxes.

Regional Manager Dave Greenaway has gone on several trips with Mac and his crew to help deliver the donuts and boxes to the hospital. Past Grand Regent Betty Steiner has also joined in.

This is an ongoing project for Mac and Linda. Ten dozen donuts are delivered once a week, along with Moose candy, cookies and other small items that the patients might

want or need.

Funding for this project comes from two different Bingo games held at two local nursing homes, donation of pizza boxes from 3 Brothers Pizza, and the generosity and help of many individuals.

Mac appreciates all the help the College Park Moose FC and Chapter have given him throughout the year. He hopes to double what he has done so far and would like to invite other Lodges, Chapters and individuals to join in his efforts to show the guys and gals at



filled and delivered for other holidays, too - Valentine's Day, Easter, etc.

The brothers and co-workers at College Park Lodge and Chapter join in and help Mac and Linda to gather items and fill the boxes. Members of



military hospitals that someone really cares about them and wishes them the best in their recovery.



# Christmas at the Lodges



Santa & Mrs. Claus visited Aberdeen Lodge and Chapter at Christmas time along with a friendly balloon artist. Aberdeen also held an annual Christmas breakfast for the local Veterans.



Newark Lodge #630 had it's annual Santa visit on December 16, 2007.



## In the Spotlight

### MD-DE-DC 2008 International Moose of the Year Robert T. Manning

The 2008 International Moose of the Year for MD-DE-DC Moose Association is Bob Manning. Bob has been a member of the Loyal Order of Moose since 1954 when he joined Aberdeen Lodge #1450. He has served in all of the chairs at his Lodge, except trustee, serving as Governor twice and Administrator three times. As a member of the Ritual Team at Aberdeen, Bob has been its chairman for over 40 years. Bob has served all of the chairs, to include President in 1966-67, in his District and was the President of the Council of Higher Degrees in 1998-1999. After moving up the chairs in the State Association, Bob was the President in 1981-1982. He has held many chairs for several years to include Deputy Director of Conservation, Pilgrim Chairman, Incorporation and Taxation, Moose Charities and is currently on the Moose International Community Service Committee.

In 1960, Bob received the Fellowship Degree of Honor and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 1971. As a member of the 25 Club, he is in the 125 Division.

A veteran of military service, Bob is also a retired Government employee. Bob and his wife, Nellie, live in Aberdeen and have 5 children and 4 grandchildren. Congratulations to Bob on this most deserved accomplishment in his Moose career. State President Ralph Shockley presented Bob with his plaque.



### MD-DE-DC 2008 International Co-Worker of the Year Rose Dalton

Aberdeen Chapter #1209 is proud to have one of its members be chosen as the International Co-Worker of the Year for the MD-DE-DC Moose Association. Rose Dalton was selected due to her dedication and hard work in the Chapter and her community. She is very involved in her community by volunteering at a local nursing home and working with charity fund-raising. Rose is credited with raising monies for the Maryland Hospice, National Kidney Foundation of MD in the name of the WOTM, Multiple Sclerosis Society, the local nursing home's Bingo store, funds to help a local church keep its doors open and Walking for Alzheimers.

Rose is also very active in her Lodge and Chapter. She is currently serving as the Junior Regent and, organizes and hosts parties with all the extras that make the events special to all. She cooks at the Lodge several times a week and sets up after funeral luncheons for members and their families.

This co-worker uses a lot of her time and talents for the benefit of others by running raffles, making up Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, baking and selling brownies twice a week to benefit the Lodge and the Kidney Foundation. She has also donated one of her kidneys so that another person's life could be saved.

Aberdeen Lodge and Chapter are most fortunate to have such an outstanding co-worker who is talented in many, many ways.

Congratulations to Rose and we wish her all the luck she can hold in her future endeavors. Deputy Grand Regent Barbara Johnston presented Rose with her plaque at the Joint Session of the Mid-Winter Conference.



### Moosehaven Resident Josephine Jones

Josephine Jones joined what was then Suitland Chapter #1350 (now Marlboro Chapter #1350) on January 5, 1970. She was so busy supporting herself with two jobs that she never was able to accept a chairmen's responsibility, but was always willing to work at different functions the Chapter had when she could and served on various Committees. Jo enjoyed the friendships she made so much that in 1972 she purchased a Life Membership in the Chapter. In 2003 she was accepted into Moosehaven. She says in her own words, "I have enjoyed every minute since I first came to Moosehaven and I volunteer for anything and everything whenever needed." We salute Jo for finding time to be involved in her Chapter and wish her many more happy years at Moosehaven.





# R. Robert Dale Scholarship 2009

## Class of 2009 R. Robert Dale Scholarship Program Benefiting the Children of Moose Members

There is no better way to help the youth of our Fraternity than to offer them the opportunity to further their education and that is exactly what the R. Robert Dale Scholarship is all about.

**The following requirements must be met in order to be eligible to receive an R. Robert Dale Scholarship, the applicant must:**

be member of the High School Class of 2009

have a father or mother who is a paid-up member of the Moose

**-or-** live in the household, **and** be under the legal guardianship of a paid-up member  
must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (C+) or higher on a 4.0 scale

The application can be found in the members-only section of the Moose Web Site at,  
<http://www.mooseintl.org/portal/Publications/Press/RRobertDale.asp>.

**Applications must be returned to Moose International no later than June 30, 2008.**

All qualified applicants will be placed in a random drawing to be held in the fall of 2008 at  
their Moose Association Annual Convention or at Moose International.

Winners will be notified by mail. Their scholarship check for \$1000.00 will be mailed  
directly to the college of their choice.

Questions on the R. Robert Dale scholarship Program can be addressed to:

**John Lyons, MD-DE-DC Scholarship Chairman by calling (302) 999-8252, or**

Ron Kozuszek at [rkozuszek@mooseintl.org](mailto:rkozuszek@mooseintl.org) or by calling (630) 966-2219

## REMEMBER: DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS JUNE 30, 2008

mail applications to: **R. Robert Dale Scholarship  
Member Benefits  
155 S. International Drive  
Mooseheart IL 60539-1177**

After the R. Robert Dale Scholarship recipients are selected  
another drawing will take place  
for the

## John Lyons Scholarship



Winners are drawn from the applications submitted for the  
R. Robert Dale Scholarship  
to receive one of

**5 - \$500 Scholarships and  
2 - \$250 Scholarships**



Winners are determined by a drawing at the Annual Conference in Dover, DE.  
Let's see if we can get a larger number of applicants for the Class of 2009!!!!

# News & Views from State President Ralph Shockley

Brothers & Co-Workers,

Congratulations to all of you who contributed to making the Mid-Winter Conference in Ocean City a great success! We were very fortunate to have Ray Kesling as our official visitor and also his lovely wife, Betty. Brother Ray passed on a lot of important information at all the sessions, but of all his great accomplishments has had with the Moose, the thing he is most proud of is being a member of the Loyal Order of Moose. I received a lot of positive feedback on the various topics that were discussed at the meetings through the format of a panel discussion. What a special treat it was to have Michelle erdeen Lodge #1450, to open our joint tional Anthem. This was certainly an The attendance for the Moose Legion “Hawaiian Luau” banquet on Saturday “gentlemen” in grass skirts looked



number one priority. The Association people that they know to sign up. Ten event on Thursday night and the evening was good. Some of the very good.

At this point, Membership is our needs everyone to get those qualified lodges have already obtained their first quota and are still working to sign up more new members. There are several lodges that are close to obtaining their quota and, with a little extra effort, they will reach their goals.

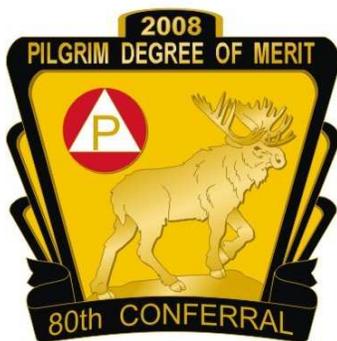
Just a friendly reminder that on May 4, 2008 we are having a “Moose Day” at the Bowie Baysox Stadium in Bowie, MD. We are looking forward to our members bringing out their children, grandchildren and other members of their family. This should be a fun-filled afternoon where everyone can relax and enjoy the atmosphere of a baseball game with their Moose family. Contact Frank Courtney by email at [frank@millcourt.net](mailto:frank@millcourt.net) to get your tickets or any other information related to this event. Hope to see you there!

Since the conference, my wife and I have enjoyed traveling to several of the Districts and to many Lodges with special events. We have enjoyed all of these and all the members of the Lodges have shown us great hospitality and made us feel very welcome.

We look forward to seeing many of you in future events at your Lodge. Please let me know when you are having something special and I will try to attend.



Fraternally,  
*Ralph Shockley*



## 2008 is the 80th year for the Pilgrim Degree of Merit!!!

**Commemorative Pins will be available at  
the State Meeting on March 30, 2008  
for \$5.00 each**

# Happenings at the Lodges



The Easter Bunny came to visit Aberdeen Lodge!



Along with the Children's Easter Party, the Aberdeen Lodge and Chapter serve Easter Breakfast to veterans in the area. Kudos to the Lodge & Chapter members for caring!!



**It's Green Cap time, again!** In the photo on the left, Green Cap Carroll Naik (2nd from left) is recognized for her achievement by Frederick Chapter 437. On her right is Debbie Frye and on her left is Connie Van Ravensburg and Deputy Grand Regent Barbara Johnston. In the photo on the right, Dundalk Chapter #97 is honoring Catherine May for her achievement. From left to right are Green Caps Iris Brown, College Park #1262; JoAnn Cofelice, Edgemere #1146; Honoree Catherine May, Dundalk #97; Susan LaWall, Glen Burnie #1176 and Belinda Mitchell, Laurel #1327. Congratulations to all Green Caps in our State Association.



## Harrington Chapter #1229 Celebrated 57 years on January 19, 2008.

The Chapter and Lodge #534 honored Charter Member Eleanor Seamans for her continued years of service to her Chapter. In the picture below, Doris Raymond is pinning a corsage on Eleanor. Senior Regent Sylvia Kemp read Eleanor's history of accomplishments during her 57 year membership. Governor Don Chambers and Senior Regent Sylvia Kemp celebrate the longevity of the Chapter and the

Lodge awarded Eleanor a free pass to every event, meals and drinks in the Lodge for the rest of her life. Congratulations to Harrington Chapter and Eleanor for 57 years of continued service to the Women of the Moose.



## Government Relations Message by State Coordinator Bessie Staab-Hickman

The Mid-Winter Conference was busy and fruitful, and the joint opening session on Saturday morning was "awesome". The American Legion #166 from Ocean City went above and beyond what was requested. I have never witnessed a color guard receiving a standing ovation, this group did and deserved every recognition, and the little ""Mighty Mite" lady who was gracious enough to sing our National Anthem put the icing on the cake!!!! Someday we will probably be spending money to see her or buy her CD's.

Kevin Smith the representative from Senator Biden's office presented our association with a flag that had been flown over the national capitol in honor of the Loyal Order of Moose Fraternity for all our community service endeavors, Mooseheart and Moosehaven. He had no idea when he attended that the ones there represented so many people. He has asked that we include the senator in our invitations to our conference in Dover, and took one of our communicators to share with the senator. We need these positive reactions from our legislators. They need to know we are an asset and make a difference in the lives of folks in our respective communities, not because we must, but because we are "Moose" and that's what we do. I believe that anyone who did not take the opportunity to attend this joint opening really missed a highlight of our conference. Perhaps when they hear others talking about it they will make a real effort not to miss the next one.

Bessie Staab-Hickman - Government Relations Coordinator MD-DE-DC State Association



There's a email going around with a website address where you can pick out a thank you card to be sent to a soldier who is currently serving in Iraq. These cards are drawn by children in schools across our country. You cannot pick who gets the card, but it will go to some member of the Armed Services. It only takes a second and wouldn't it be wonderful if they all received a big bunch of these cards? The web address is: [www.letssaythanks.com](http://www.letssaythanks.com). Let's join in and send some cards to the guys and gals overseas. **As always - thanks for caring!!!!**



It's never too late to consider donations to *Operation Uplink*. *Operation Uplink* is a unique program that keeps military personnel and hospitalized veterans in touch with their families and loved ones by providing them with a free phone card. Using contributions from supporters like you, *Operation Uplink* purchases phone cards and distributes them to servicemen and women who are separated from those they care about. Let's remember the men and women who are fighting for our continued Freedom. Donations can be sent to Delaware VFW Quartermaster Jesse Kitson at 167 Carnation Drive, Magnolia, DE 19962. The checks are to be written to "**Department of DE VFW**" and earmarked for "**Operation Uplink**". If you live in Maryland and want to donate to the Maryland VFW, check with your local VFW and get information about who and where you need to send your donation. This is a most worthy cause in that our military personnel and hospitalized veterans need to know that we care about them and giving them a way to stay in contact with family and friends would be a great way to let them know we appreciate what they have done to preserve our Freedom.

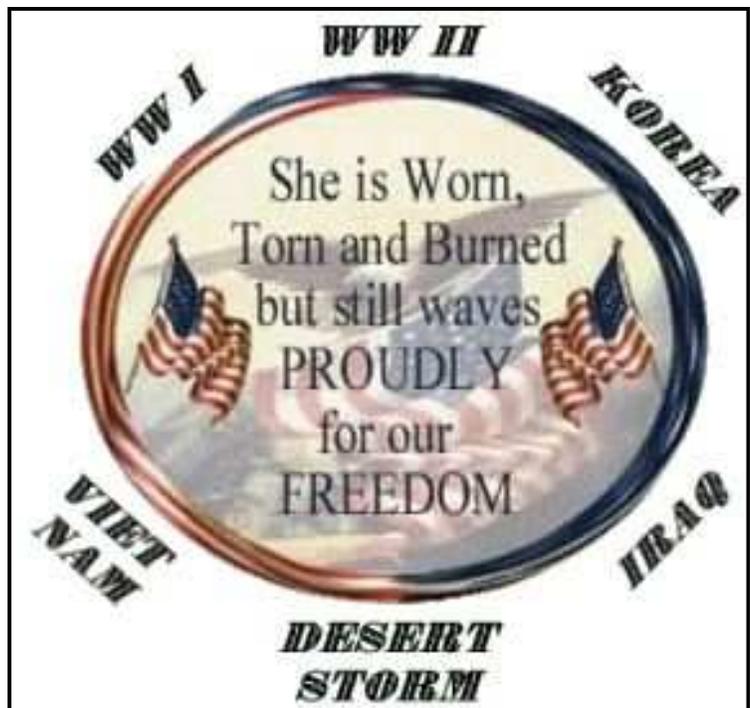
# Presentation of the Colors at Joint Session Mid-Winter Conference Feb. 23, 2008



Commander Pearson



The Honor Guard from Ocean City American Legion Post #166 honored the Joint Session at the Mid-Winter Conference by presenting the colors and demonstrating how our U.S. flag is folded and presented to survivors of veterans of our Armed Forces. Commander Pearson read the beautiful words telling the meaning and thoughts for each fold of the flag. Their presence made the opening of the joint session memorable with their precise movements in completing their task; after they were finished, State President Ralph Shockley presented their leader "Flight 93" ties for each of the men involved in the prestigious ceremony. May we be ever grateful for the freedoms we take for granted as a result of the jobs done by the brave men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.



# “Flight 93” Ties are still Available



## The FLIGHT 93 Commemorative Tie

**Join the men and women of the Moose in honoring the valor of the civilian heroes whose courage saved many innocent lives. The proceeds of your purchase of this commemorative tie goes to help build the National Park Service’s Flight 93 Memorial, on the sacred meadow in Somerset County, PA, where they gave their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.**



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# News from the District Presidents



## District 1 - Tommy Dean, Jr., President

Hello to one and all from the 1<sup>st</sup> District,

It was great to see such a large turnout for the mid-winter conference. There were lots of good ideas and information shared with each other. The official visitors were very interesting to listen to. It is now getting to be crunch time for our quotas. Let's roll up our sleeves, dig in and get it done. Soon there will be elections with new officers and old ones working together. It is the job of you veteran officers to help them with their transition into the role of a lodge officer. At this time I would also like to thank all the lodges, chapters, officers and members for their support throughout the year. I also look forward to meeting all new chapter and lodge officers at the next district meeting.

Please don't forget the PFC Higher Degree Banquet on March 29<sup>th</sup> 2008 at Camden-Wyoming #203. Lots of effort has gone into this, now let's make it the resounding success it can be. Look forward to seeing you there.

Opening day is coming soon and so is your chance to see the Bowie Bay Sox play!!!! Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2008 Tickets/Contact: Frank Courtney (301) 655-9742. There is a limited so act soon.

**Remember an application a day keeps Dave away!!!**

*Fraternally, Tommy Dean, Jr., President*

## District 3 - John Krass, President

Another Moose calendar year is quickly drawing to a close.

We in the 3rd District have grown to some degree, but there is still room for a great deal of improvement, while other areas just need a bit of polishing to get the job complete.



We still have hopes that most of our Family Centers will attain the Premier Lodge Award. This not an easy task with all the new requirements, but our brothers are working on it very hard.

One of the highlights (SHINING STAR if you will) of the year so far is the selection of the Moose of the Year and Co-Worker of the Year for the MD-DE-DC MOOSE ASSOCIATION. I must congratulate ABERDEEN MOOSE FAMILY CENTER, #1450 for producing both Co-Worker and Moose of the Year. It has been a few years since one lodge has produced both.

Co-Worker of the Year was won by ROSE DALTON, who holds the office of Junior Regent this year. This Co-Worker is a tireless contributor to her Chapter, her Lodge and her Community. There is nothing Rose will refuse to do to raise funds for a worthwhile cause. Her resume is full of projects that she has taken on singlehanded for our Fraternity. I hope the enthusiasm of this Co-Worker continues on throughout her Moose career.

What can I say about the Association MOOSE of the YEAR, ROBERT (BOB) MANNING? He is like the ENERGIZER BUNNY. He just keeps GOING AND GOING AND GOING. There is not much BOB has not done in the FRATERNITY. He has covered and rounded all the bases, from Lodge assignments, Committees, Lodge Offices, District Offices, Association Committee and Offices, to International Committees and Appointments. He has been a mentor for our younger members to look up too. He has truly shown them what fraternalism is about.

***CONGRATULATIONS ROSE AND BOB. YOU HAVE MADE ABERDEEN MOOSE FAMILY CENTER AND THE THIRD DISTRICT EXTREMELY PROUD.***

The 3rd District is looking forward to the upcoming Moose year with the new Boards of Officers and working closely with them to make the MIGHTY THIRD DISTRICT THE BEST IT CAN BE.

*Fraternally, John Krass, President*

# News from the District Presidents

## District 6 - Calvin Pettitt, President

The Mid-Winter conference was busy, informative and pleasant. I really thank all the district lodges for getting all your paperwork in on time and once more 100% reported. To all of you who assisted with our hospitality room for the 6th district a big "Thank You". Not having to dress up for a dinner to share an evening and meal was an extra treat. Anyone who missed our joint opening session missed a great presentation of our colors, the American Legion #166 did an outstanding presentation. We are having the representative from Ronald McDonald House, Ben Smith, and his wife Terry at our March district meeting where he will speak about the operations and mission of the Ronald McDonald House. Keep up on the new incentives for membership "We're Betting on you" and add the extra effort for the "GIMME 5". "The GIMME 5" is not getting the support it needs to meet it's goals, so that extra oomph is needed. Happy St. Pat's Day to everyone.



*Fraternally, Calvin A. Pettitt, President*

## District 7 - Carl Salo, President

Spring Greetings from the seventh! Its just around the corner and that means all lodges are getting a new slates of officers in place. I wish them all the best of luck in being able to find able workers and not just a name. The present group of lodge officers are doing a great job and they are all pushing for a huge membership increase, using all the short term promotions before they leave office. We are striving to be the best in the Association and hoping to boost the rating of the Association for Dave and our own pride. Lets "*git-er-done*".



*Fraternally, Carl Salo, President*

## District Happenings



The March 2nd meeting of the 6th District was held at Newark Lodge #630. Ron Smith and his wife, Terry, were guests from the Ronald MacDonald House in Wilmington, where they have been volunteers for many years. Ron spoke of the history of the Ronald MacDonald House and the many opportunities they have for volunteers to participate in helping the people who use the facilities when needed. The Newark Lodge #630 and Chapter #705 made donations to the Ronald MacDonald House - \$50 from Linda Snow (a co-worker from



Tulsa, OK Chapter), \$50 from the Chapter and \$300 from the Lodge. Also, MD-DE-DC Regional Manager Dave Greenaway visited the meeting and was on hand to present a certificate to Newark Governor John Wilson and Chapter member Bessie Staab-Hickman for the Lodge and Chapter's involvement with the Youth Awareness Program.

## District 7 President's Ball



Marylou Hurd, Doris Nichols and Peggy Miles served the meal.



Harry & Linda Blendt did super job in organizing and running this event for the 7th District. It was a huge success!!



Ann & Ed Barnes ran the cake-wheel.

# Ocean City 2008 Mid-Winter Conference

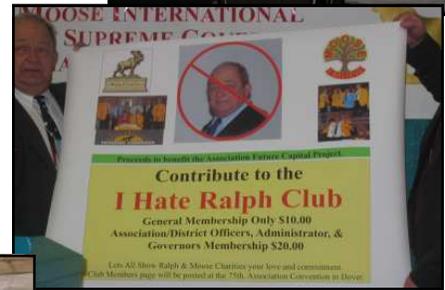


The Polar Moose Club 2008

They dove in and came out quickly!!



LOL!



# A Message from our Deputy Grand Regent Barbara Johnston

Co-Workers,

A lot has happened since the last Communicator. The Mid-Year Conference and the Academy of Friendship Session held at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City was a great success. So many co-workers said it was a great conference. Our Official Visitor, Past Grand Council Member Linda Terry from Austin, made the conference interesting and filled with great information and fun. She shared her knowledge with us and helped to rejuvenate our enthusiasm in all of us. I hope that all the co-workers went back to their Chapters to share all the information they received during the conference.



Thursday evening was the Moose Legionnaires Dinner and Comedy Show. The meal was delicious and the comedian was hilarious and used some of the audience for her show. What a great time.

The Banquet on Saturday Night had a Luau theme. The dinner food was all Hawaiian dishes. A good time was had by all. The Silent Auction held at the banquet was a great success. Many thanks to the State Association for selling grass skirts, leis, and hats.

The Academy of Friendship Session went well and the co-workers who took part in the session did an inspiring and excellent job. We had 76 coworkers receive their Academy of Friendship Degree on February 24, 2008. What a great ending to our weekend.

We had 452 coworkers registered and the weekend would not have been a success without the tireless efforts of many individuals. The officers and co-workers of Patuxent Chapter #2173 were the Hostess Chapter for the weekend. To all of you, many heartfelt thanks. And special thanks to co-workers from other chapters who graciously assisted the hostess chapter. My love and thanks to the current and past international officers and deputies who assisted before, during and after each session. What a great bunch of ladies.

The Annual "PFC" Banquet will be held in Camden-Wyoming on March 29, 2008. Please buy your tickets if you haven't already done so. I believe it will be a fun evening.

Please remember to sponsor new candidates so our membership can increase. I believe that we can help to keep our membership growing, now and in the future.



Sincerely,  
*Barbara Johnston*  
*Deputy Grand Regent*





# I BELIEVE!

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN MAY 1, 2007 - APRIL 30, 2008

Moose - An international organization of men and women, **ROOTED** in the **BELIEF** of caring for young and old, strengthening communities and celebrating life.

### Sponsor 1 Member -



Sponsors of 1 Lodge or Chapter Member will receive a bronze-toned Lapel pin.

### Sponsor 2 Members -

#### Women

Chapter co-workers will receive a gold-toned campaign charm.



#### Men

44 Weekly Random Drawings, beginning on July 12, 2007, will provide Lodge Brothers an opportunity to receive a \$200.00 US Bank VISA® Gift Card\*. (void where prohibited)



### Sponsor 3 Members -

For each of 10 months, beginning August 2007, one Lodge and one Chapter sponsor will receive a \$500.00 US Bank VISA® Gift Card\*. (void where prohibited)

### PLUS!

On 12/05/07 and 5/06/08, one Lodge and one Chapter sponsor of 3 members - during the campaign - will be awarded a \$1,000.00 US Bank VISA® Gift Card\*. (void where prohibited)

### Moose International 5 Club



Men and women sponsoring 5 members during this campaign will be awarded membership in the '5 Club' and will receive their respective laminated membership card and a beautiful antique-styled 'touch' desk lamp. Lodge sponsors receive this award as a gift from their respective Moose Association. Chapter sponsors will receive the award from the Membership Department at Moose International.



**Sponsor 25 Members** to earn membership in the Director General's Circle of Distinction or Women of the Moose Heart of Distinction.

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# International Sports Events

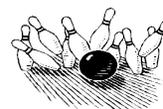


## Moose International Bowling (Men's & Women's)

April 5 - June 8, 2008

Hosted by Windsor, Ontario Lodge #1499

Phone: 519-253-1834



Do I need a passport to enter Canada?

If you are a US citizen, you only need a document such as your birth certificate and government-issued photo ID (e.g. driver's license) to enter Canada. By June 1, 2009, or earlier, a new American law, the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) will require anyone, including US citizens, entering or re-entering the United States by land and sea to have a passport or other appropriate secure document.

WHTI currently requires anyone, including US citizens, entering or re-entering the United States by air to have a passport or a NEXUS card when used at a NEXUS kiosk or designated airports.

At this point, only requirements for travel by air to the United States have changed. Americans can continue to use documents such as their birth certificates and government-issued photo ID (e.g. driver's license) to cross the Canada-US border by land and sea until the WHTI is fully implemented.

International visitors to Canada who are not US citizens must carry a valid passport and visa (if required). Citizens from the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Mexico, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Australia and others do not require a visa to enter Canada. Visit Citizenship and Immigration Canada <<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>> online for a complete listing.

## Darts - Men's & Women's

April 18 - 20, 2008

Hosted by Winchester, VA Lodge #1283

Phone: 540-667-8284



## Softball - Men's & Women's

July 18 - 20, 2008

Hosted by Springfield, OH Lodge #536

Office Phone: 937-322-6913

Danny Dewitt: 937-206-8452



## Mixed Golf Scramble

June 7 - 8, 2008

Hosted by Salisbury, MD Lodge #654

Phone: 410-546-4633

## Horseshoes - Men's & Women's

July 26 - 28, 2008

Hosted by Taylor Township, MI Lodge #887

Phone: 313-291-1398

## Pool - Men's & Women's

July 1 - 5, 2008

Hosted by Bedford, VA Lodge #1897

Phone: 540-586-9368



## Golf - Women's

April 25 - 27, 2008

Myrtle Beach, SC

Phone: 585-721-5281



## Golf - Men's & Women's

August 2 - 3, 2008

Hosted by Elkhart, IN Lodge #599

Phone: 574-264-1712

For more information check web site [www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org)

For inquiries about hosting a future sporting event contact the  
Fraternal Programs Department/International Sporting Tournaments at

630-859-2000 Ext. 6224 or

email Henry Houch, Jr. Assistant Director Fraternal Programs at

[hhouch@mooseintl.org](mailto:hhouch@mooseintl.org)







# 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

Charles James Bryson #495, Bruce D. Halling #1295, Donald E. Shreves, Jr. #453

### 50 Division

William F. Freedy #562  
 Charles E. Rathel #654  
 Russell Sprague, Sr. #1952  
 Leonard L. Willis #1321

### 125 Division

James Edward Copel #831  
 Francis Webb #1728

### 175 Division

Stanley E. Windsor, Sr. #1381

75 Division - Thomas W. Remus #203



**Special Membership Campaign Jan. 1, 2008 - Apr. 30, 2008**

**WE'RE BETTING ON YOU!**

Sponsor just 2 members in your Lodge or Chapter during this special campaign, and the Membership Department at Moose International will send you a custom-designed deck of professional playing cards.

**SPONSOR BONUS OPPORTUNITY:**  
 Each deck of cards contains a uniquely-numbered 2008 International Moose Convention insert card. When you earn this special deck of cards, and register for the Las Vegas convention, simply take the numbered insert card with you to see if you are the recipient of a **BONUS** award. Bonus awards include trips to the 2009 Chicago Moose Convention, Life Memberships in the Moose, Catalog Sales gift certificates, and much more.

\*Insert cards are randomly inserted by the manufacturer of the playing cards, are not transferable and cannot be replaced. Only one bonus opportunity will be provided each qualified sponsor.  
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## MD-DE-DC State Membership Awards - 2007-2008

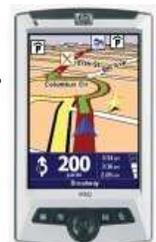
### **WIN A HAND HELD TomTom GPS**

Winners will be listed in the June-July-August Communicator

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### **TOP TEN Membership Producers through 2-29-08**

Annapolis #296	134	Westminster #1381	104
Camden-Wyoming #203	119	New Castle #1578	102
Mechanicsville #495	110	Essex #70	96
East Sussex #2542	109	Bay Country #831	88
Salisbury #654	104	Frederick #371	86





# Sunshine Grandparent Program



Has your Lodge or Chapter ever considered adopting a Grandparent from Moosehaven? New Castle Chapter #1418 and East Sussex Chapter #2204 share a Grandmother at Moosehaven. She is such a delight and loves to hear from them. You can send your Grandparent gifts and cards on their birthday and Christmas; also keep in touch throughout the year.

When your Lodge or Chapter approves sponsoring a Sunshine Grandparent you simply complete the request form on the Moosehaven website at [www.moosehaven.org](http://www.moosehaven.org). The Sunshine Grandparent Chairman will assign a resident or couple to you along with information about their name(s), birthday, wedding anniversary date, date of arrival at Moosehaven and a picture (if available). Then it is up to you to contact them.

Though it is not necessary to shower your Sunshine Grandparent with gifts, the best first gifts are stamps, stationary and/or phone cards. This gives them materials to correspond with the Lodge or Chapter.

Everyone loves to be remembered on their "special days", especially our Moosehaven residents. If the Lodge or Chapter sends a check, it should be made payable to the Grandparent and earmarked "gift". The check can be cashed and deposited into their account for future use. This monetary gift is 100% money for the use of the resident.

The Lodge or Chapter can even request a certain resident to be their Sunshine Grandparent. On page 28 of this magazine our MD-DE-DC Moosehaven residents are listed and surely would love to be chosen as a Grandparent in our State Association.

To participate in this great program, you can email Sandy Bolick at [sbolick@moosehaven.org](mailto:sbolick@moosehaven.org), or call her at 904-278-1210. Give it a try - what are you waiting for?

**Bring some Sunshine to our seniors at Moosehaven!**



## Happy Anniversary!



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

March 2	Sparrows Point/Dundalk Lodge #1228	Instituted in 1929
March 5	Frederick Chapter #437	Instituted in 1941
March 5	Marlboro Chapter #1350	Instituted in 1959
March 6	Cambridge Chapter #1084	Instituted in 1949
March 10	Mechanicsville Lodge #495	Instituted in 1974
March 18	East Sussex Chapter #2204	Instituted in 2001
March 20	Caroline County Lodge #2332	Instituted in 1988
March 24	Glen Burnie Chapter #1176	Instituted in 1950
March 26	Easton Lodge #1520	Instituted in 1950
March 31	Smyrna-Clayton Lodge #2046	Instituted in 1985
April 8	Middletown Chapter #1453	Instituted in 1959
April 18	Baltimore City MSC #2631	Instituted in 2004
April 19	Waldorf Lodge #1709	Instituted in 1953
April 21	Williamsport Lodge #2462	Instituted in 1996
April 22	College Park Chapter #1262	Instituted in 1951
April 23	Rockville Lodge #1540	Instituted in 1950
April 24	Baltimore Lexington MSC #2638	Instituted in 2005
April 26	Indian Head Lodge #1712	Instituted in 1953
May 4	Cambridge Lodge #1211	Instituted in 1947
May 6	Bay Country Lodge #831	Instituted in 1973
May 7	Patuxent Chapter #2173	Instituted in 2000
May 8	Smyrna-Clayton Chapter #1088	Instituted in 1986
May 9	Harrington Lodge #534	Instituted in 1948
May 12	Brunswick Chapter #660	Instituted in 1944
May 16	Bel Air Lodge #1952	Instituted in 1962
May 26	Milford Chapter #1949	Instituted in 1991
May 29	Reisterstown Lodge #1577	Instituted in 1950

# In Memory of Fallen Members



## Joseph Steiner

Held the Fellowship Degree of Merit  
College Park Lodge

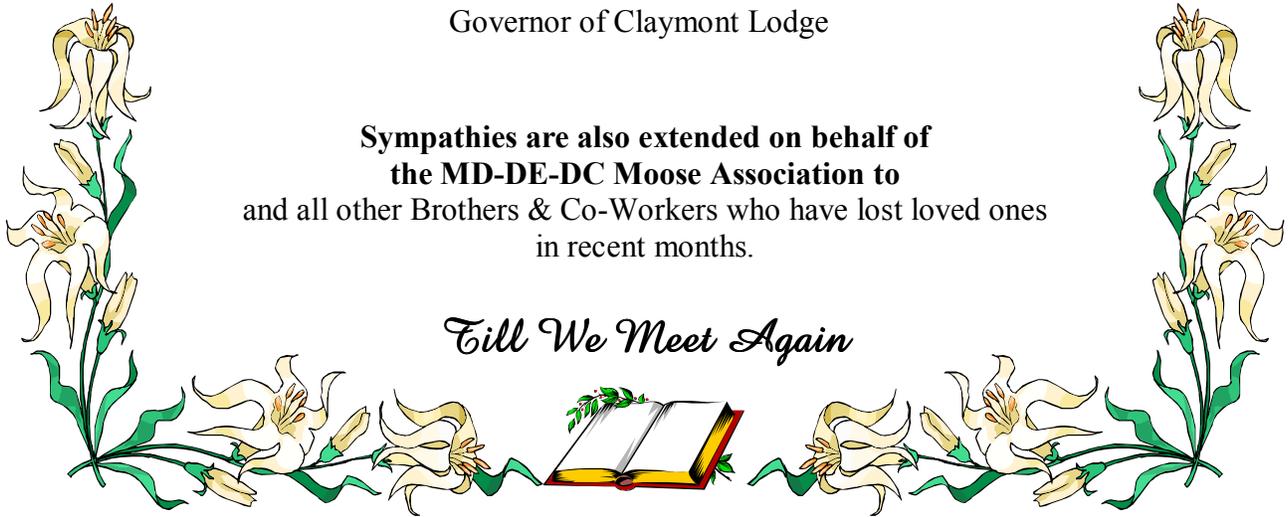


## Samuel Keenan

Governor of Claymont Lodge

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

*Till We Meet Again*



## Just Stay

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. 'Your son is here,' she said to the old man. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened. Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement. The nurse brought a chair so that the Marine could sit beside the bed. All through the night the young Marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile. He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious to her and of the night noises of the hospital - the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients. Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night. Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited. Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her. 'Who was that man?' he asked. The nurse was startled, 'He was your father,' she answered. 'No, he wasn't,' the Marine replied. 'I never saw him before in my life.' 'Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?' 'I knew right away that there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here. When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed.'

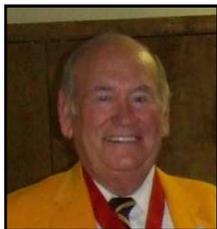
The next time someone needs you ... just be there. Stay.

I received this story in an email; whether it's true or not, I only hope we can all experience the caring this young Marine had for someone he didn't know, but felt compelled to stay with him to the end. *the editor*

# Moose Legion News

## Moose Legion Ambassador - Dallas Hayman

I want to congratulate the Chesapeake Bay #183 Moose Legion on getting their Key Club in February for all Directors in Membership.



It looks like Blue Hen #186 Moose Legion and the A. Lee Poole #111 Moose Legion will also get their Key Clubs in Membership.

All three Moose Legions - the Blue Hen #186, A. Lee Poole #111 and Chesapeake Bay #183 - all got their Moose Legionnaires of the Year in on time.

The Moose Legion Awards Banquet in Ocean City was held on Thursday night and was a great success

with a dinner and comedy show. Approximately 220 people attending. The comedienne was Brenda O from Baltimore, Maryland.

All three Moose Legions did a great job in Endowment with Blue Hen #186 leading all Moose Legions in the country.

I hope all three Moose Legions make their quotas; it looks good at this time. It has been a pleasure and a great year as your Moose Legion Ambassador.

I thank all Moose Legionnaires and their ladies from the bottom of my heart for all that you do.

Fraternally,  
*Dallas S. Hayman*  
Moose Legion Ambassador



## Photos from the Moose Legion Dinner



Moose Legion Ambassador Dallas Hayman and Moose Legion Regional Manager E. Mark Phillips presided over the ceremonies. After the dinner and prior to the entertainment, awards were given to all the Moose Legionnaires nominated from the lodges in the MD-DE-DC State Association. Also, two special awards were given to two women who have helped their Moose Legion in many ways throughout the year. Doris Allen from New Castle Chapter #1418 and Linda Blendt from Smyrna-Clayton Chapter #1088 were both awarded for their time and talents given to Blue Hen Moose Legion #186 by Moosehaven Chairman of the Board Ron Sweetman. Great job guys and gals!!

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On March 2, 2008 Al Crump from New Castle #1578 and Bill O'Neill from Elkton #851 were enrolled in the Blue Hen Moose Legion #186 at the meeting in Camden-Wyoming #203.



## MD-DC-DE Moose Legion Ambassadors & their Territory

Dallas Hayman

A. Lee Poole #111 - President Richard Watson

Chesapeake #183 - Pres. Tom Bowman ⚡ Blue Hen #186 - Pres. Rick Griner

Wayne Morgan

Baltimore #10 - President Bud York ⚡ Capitol #155 - President Mark Alderman

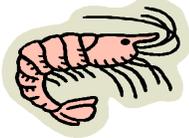
Western MD #218 - President Tom Roberts

# Capitol Moose Legion #155

## Shrimp Feast

to be held at Marlboro Moose FC #1856

April 27, 2008 1 - 5 PM



*Steamed/Fried Shrimp, Fried Chicken  
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies, French Fries  
Draft Beer, Coffee/Tea*

**\$25 per person in advance - cut-off date April 20, 2008**

*Kids 6-12 \$15.00, under 6 - free*

**\$28 per person after April 20th or at the Door**

## Annual Crab Feast

to be held at Waldorf Moose FC #1709



July 20, 2008 1 - 5 PM

*Crabs, Crab Soup, Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs  
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw*

**Games of Chance - 50/50s**



**\$25 per person in advance**

**\$30 per person at the Door**

**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:

Jonathan Coral - 4/18/1991  
Paul Flores - 10/5/1995  
Pedro Gonzalez - 7/27/1989 \*  
Andy Greenaway - 8/16/1990 \*  
Nezra McCarty - 5/18/1994  
Devin Moore - 4/28/1993  
Vernon Owens - 9/14/1992  
Dominik Solis - 3/18/1995  
Juan Solis - 6/23/1996  
Jake Stegeman - 2/9/1990 \*

### 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

\* 2008 Seniors at MD-DE-DC House

### Our Residents at Moosehaven:

Larry Grosso - 7/23/1922  
Emmett C. Johnson - 9/6/1922  
Josephine Jones - 7/15/1923  
Genevive S. Loman - 6/5/1919  
James J. Lupo, Jr. - 1/24/1927  
Edward Pelkey - 7/28/1930  
Rosa Saudade - 2/13/1918



# MD-DE-DC Moose Legion All-State Celebration

Hosted by Baltimore Moose Legion #10  
at Glen Burnie Moose FC #1456 on April 19 & 20, 1008

Price for weekend - \$25 per person (basket bingo & lodging extra)  
*tickets available through your Moose Legion Secretary or on site*

Check [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) or [www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com) for lodging  
and use Moose savings code 00801789

**Twisted Sports** - all participants must compete off-handed - various prizes for individual & team winner (ping pong, horseshoes, darts, etc) and a riding lawnmower obstacle course. Also, a new challenging and great fun card game!

**POC** - for the pool tournament is Bob Hardee, Jr., A. Lee Poole Moose Legion #111 at [bbHardee21@verizon.net](mailto:bbHardee21@verizon.net).

**Prizes** will be awarded for things like: individual traveled most distance; the ML with the most people in attendance; the largest family present; ML with the most Pilgrims, Fellows and/or Legionnaires present, etc. ... Baltimore ML #10 will be handicapped in these events due to "home field advantage".

??QUESTIONS??

Call Bill Highberger at 410-923-3760 or  
email at [whighberger@netzero.net](mailto:whighberger@netzero.net) or [legion10@mooseunits.org](mailto:legion10@mooseunits.org)

## SCHEDULE

### Saturday, April 19, 2008

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 9:00 AM        | Coffee/Donuts all morning                   |
| 10:00 AM       | Ticket Sales all day                        |
| 1:00 PM        | Fun Time-Twist Sports                       |
| 2:00 PM        | Charity Basket Bingo                        |
| 3:00 PM        | Pool Tournament                             |
| 4:00 PM        | Lawnmower Demo Race<br>(weather permitting) |
| 6:00 PM        | Dinner Buffet                               |
| 7:00 PM        | Guest Speaker                               |
| <b>8:00 PM</b> | <b>Comedy Stage Hypnotist</b>               |
| 9:00 PM        | Live Band/Dancing until 11:30               |

### Sunday, April 20, 2008

- |          |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|
| 9:00 AM  | Coffee/Donuts all morning |
| 10:00 AM | Business Meeting/Awards   |
| 11:00 AM | Enrollment of Candidates  |
| 12:00 PM | Guest Speaker             |
| 1:00 PM  | Buffet Lunch              |
| 2:00 PM  | Music/Dancing in Lounge   |

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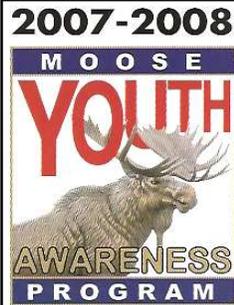
**Russ Clarke**  
**Comedy Stage Hypnotist**  
April 19, 2008

Baltimore #10 Moose Legion  
& Glen Burnie Lodge M.F.C #1456  
1911 Crain Hwy. South  
Glen Burnie MD

Showtime 8:00 PM  
\$10.00 Donation  
Reserve Your Tickets Now!  
Call (410) 923-3760



# Our MD-DE-DC Moose Youth Awareness Coordinators Ernie Megee and Pat Cihak



We are in the conclusion mode of the 2007-2008 Moose Youth Awareness Program. So far in Delaware I have received only one Kid's Talk Report with rumors that another is on the way. Friday, March 7, 2008 was the deadline. Reports received after that date will be ineligible for our State Association Scholarship consideration. As you are aware, the program for this year had considerable changes that did put new life into the program. These changes resulted in more participation at our Student Congresses. After this year's program is put to bed, we must begin our work on the 2008-2009 program. As I advised at our Mid-Winter Conference, we will be having only one Moose Youth Awareness Student Congress which will be earlier in the Fall to hopefully avoid competition with other school activities such as homecomings and testing. You will need to mark your calendars - the Student Congress will be held at Bay Country Moose Family Center #831 on September 19 and 20, 2008. Although the program has not been finalized, we are intending to have an overnight stay at a local motel. Also new for the 2008-2009 year, we will have three students representing our Association at the 2009 Moose International Moose Youth Student Congress instead of one from Delaware and one from Maryland. The extra student will represent our State Association from Washington, DC. The Lodge Governors should begin to received information regarding the 2008-2009 program shortly after the Lodge elections and installation of officers.

Fraternally,  
Ernie Megee, Youth Awareness Coordinator



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If 500,000 Moose members utilized this link once a day, \$5,000 a day would be generated toward operational expenses at Mooseheart & Moosehaven. If that happened 365 days a year, \$1.825 MILLION would be generated for Mooseheart & Moosehaven!

So - when you need to search a topic on the Internet, use [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com).

Be sure to designate *Mooseheart* as your Charity in the "Who Do You GOODSEARCH For" bar

**Bull Moose Chopper Raffle** - Proceeds to Benefit Mooseheart "Child City" & School. Tickets are \$20 each and can be ordered from the Moose website. The bike was built by



"The XX Chromes" - a

team of 4 women bike builders, in 3 days at the Chicago Cycleworld International Motorcycle Show in front of a live audience to benefit our "Child City" - Mooseheart. The bike will go on a raffle tour across the country, and the winning ticket will be drawn on August 11, 2008. Order your tickets soon to get a chance to win the **Bull Moose Chopper!!**



# Messages from the Deputy Supreme Governor Ernest E. Megee, III



## Deputy Supreme Governor Report

Please keep pushing Moose Charities' "GimmeFive" Campaign. As explained at our Mid-Winter Conference, the original one million dollar Endowment Fund was for the building of a new "Child City", later to be called "Mooseheart". The plan was for the operating expenses to be paid from the interest earned from this fund. Naturally, over the years, the combination of the up and down market, which has eroded the interest earned, has not been able to keep up with the inflation rate. Thus, the "GimmeFive" Campaign was established as a new Endowment Fund that will, hopefully, cover the lion's share of costs at Mooseheart and Moosehaven through the first half of this century. All that is being asked of you is that you help us by asking all members of the Lodge and

Chapter to donate just ten cents a day, which totals seventy cents a week, or \$2.80 a month, and just \$36.50 a year. Moose International is hoping to raise over \$182,000,000, including accrued interest, over a period of five years. Please contact all Moose members and ask them to participate so that we could possibly advert another substantial increase in the ABCD portion of our dues. The important thing to remember is all of us have to participate. For more information, go to [www.moosecharities.org](http://www.moosecharities.org). You can donate at any district, association or international meeting, through your Lodge or Chapter Chairperson, or give online at [www.moosecharities.org](http://www.moosecharities.org). Remember, since we are a 501(C)(3) charity, your donation is tax-deductible.

## Deputy Regional Manager Report

I have been attending meetings at our Lodges, Moose Legions and Districts. In all of these, I have noticed that our dues cards are not being checked before being admitted into these meetings. This is of great concern to me when the Lodge Governor, Moose Legion President, or the District President asks the Sergeant-At-Arms or the Inner Guard "Are all present entitled to remain?" or "Are all Moose Legionnaires present in good standing in their Lodge and Moose Legion?" How can the Sergeant-At-Arms or the Inner Guard truthfully answer that question when I have witnessed on several occasions that neither the Sergeant-At-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms or Inner Guard are checking dues cards? Please start checking dues cards at ALL meetings.



Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ernest E. Megee, III".



## Memories of Supreme Governor Eugene Huggins' visit to MD-DE-DC



## Looks who's participating in the "GIMME FIVE"

Senior Regent Betty Snyder, from Moosehaven's Opportunity Chapter of the Women of the Moose, is handing a check for \$10,950 to Grand Regent Marge Walsh. This amount was raised by the Chapter members at Moosehaven to cover \$36.50 x 300, the rough number of residents at our "City of Contentment", for their first year in the "Gimme Five" program. Grand Chancellor Jan Fregulia and the entire WOTM Grand Council were also there to accept the presentation. Later in the day, Marge Walsh handed the check over to Len Solfa, MI's Chief Operating Officer and the Executive Director of Moose Charities. **If these ladies can do it, why can't we?**



## Fraternal Fundraising with Libby

Special thanks to everyone who donated to the Gimme Five Program and also to everyone that helped at the tables. If you haven't already heard, the men raised \$4878.50 and the Women collected \$6126.50. Total amount donated and collected at the Mid Year Conference was \$11,005.00, and I just recently received another \$100 donation. I feel this was a great start and it wasn't possible without **YOUR** help.



For 8 months now I have been asking the chapters to send me names of the chairmen that will head up this project and help make the personal contact with your members. Out of 47 chapters, we have a total of 20 chapter chairmen to date. Please – get those names to me so we can get started on this crucial task we have undertaken. Danny Williams is also getting chairmen for the Lodges, so brothers, please get in touch with him if you are willing to work with the lodge membership.

We need **YOU** to get the word out. We are asking you, the chapter & lodge chairmen, to send out letters, make that personal phone call and reach those members that don't come out and participate, and would be willing to set aside 10 cents each day for our kids at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven.

Many of our members, for various reasons, don't participate on the chapter or lodge level, but still hold membership, because they believe in our cause. They know that we are here for Mooseheart and Moosehaven. They are more than likely - willing to participate in this worthwhile endeavor.

I know we have members that complain that we are always asking for money - and, yes – it is true and always has been that way. This is what we are here for, and it is not only us asking for money, it is the same in **any** organization that you belong to.

If we look back in the past, we always come thru. Look at the millions of dollars we raised for the Life Care center. That was a goal that seemed unreal to all of us, but **we did it**. So now, we need to accomplish this goal also, even though you feel it isn't possible or necessary.

Co-workers & Lodge brothers, to ensure a better tomorrow, we need to make the smart choice today. If every Moose participates in the Gimme Five program we can reach a goal which our fraternity has struggled with for more than 90 years – financial security for Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

For decades, we have expressed our pride in these two great Moose campuses, and our members tell us that they want to keep these two campuses healthy and operating well into the future.

If you were at the conference in Ocean City you saw the DVD's of our children **and** our seniors. You saw **what a difference WE** make in THEIR lives.

The Gimme Five program can establish a legacy we can all be proud of, but only if we **ALL** participate. A handful of us can't do it alone. We need each and every member to set aside that 10 cents a day - \$36.50 a year for 5 years – total \$182.50.

Again, thanks for all you have done and will continue to do for our organization and remember:

**TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN**

Fraternally, *Libby*



**gimme five!**

# Travel & Fundraising with Danny Williams



White Star Tours - 2 days + 1 night



Christmas in New York City - *Including a visit to Atlantic City*

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If you are interested in this trip, call Danny Williams 304-258-1127 or email him at [DannyWMoose@aol.com](mailto:DannyWMoose@aol.com)



## gimme five!

### "GIMME FIVE" -- What Is It? Nothing More, or Less, Than A Simple Plan to Help Ensure The Future of Mooseheart and Moosehaven

Five cents -- set aside from the change you pour into your pocket or purse in the morning. Five more cents -- set aside from the change you empty from your pocket or purse in the evening. Just that: a nickel in the morning, a nickel in the evening, set aside and sent to Moose Charities, for the kids of Mooseheart and the seniors of Moosehaven.

That's the new "GIMME FIVE" program -- it's really nothing more than that. But it's also nothing less than this:

If anything close to the entire membership of the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose were to do just that much . . . every day . . . for five years . . . it could ensure the financial future of Mooseheart Child City & School in Illinois, and of our Moosehaven retirement community in Florida -- without having to keep coming to Moose members every year to ask for more. How can this be? Remember the wisdom of our Enrollment Ritual: "A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many." Then, do the math: We honestly believe that very, very few of our nearly 1.3 million Moose men and women would find it a hardship to set aside a nickel in the morning, and a nickel at night, for Mooseheart and Moosehaven. But let's be conservative and say that only 1 million can or will do so. For each of those caring members, then: Five cents in the morning, five cents in the evening is ten cents a day -- or **\$36.50 a year**. That amount multiplied by 1 million members . . . is **\$36.5 million per year**. After five years, by the end of 2012, that could be **\$182.5 million** -- *before* accumulating investment interest is added in. **All of this from five cents in the morning and five cents in the evening.**

It's that simple -- but participating in "Gimme Five" can be even simpler: Instead of trying to remember to physically set aside a nickel in the morning and a nickel in the evening from now through 2012, you can... -- **Mail Moose Charities a check for your annual "Gimme Five" contribution of \$36.50, or all five years at once for \$182.50, to Moose Charities, 155 S. International Dr., Mooseheart, IL 60539-1100. (Any questions, please phone Moose Charities at 630-966-2200.)**

Donations can be made by check, check by phone, debit card one time or monthly withdrawal or by credit with a one time or monthly donation

Make a secure Gimme Five donation at the phone number above or online at:

[www.moosesecharities.org/Donate.asp](http://www.moosesecharities.org/Donate.asp)

-- Visit the Gimme Five Direct-Debit Plan webpage at: <http://www.moosesecharities.org/pdf/Gimme5.pdf>

Donations can be made by check, check by phone, debit card one time or monthly withdrawal or by credit with a one time or monthly donation

As you do, know that all contributions to the Gimme Five Program -- are KEPT SEPARATE from any other donations -- ensuring that they are not used for any other purpose. And because Moose Charities is registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)3 charity.

**YOUR ENTIRE CONTRIBUTION IS 100% TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.**

If EVERY Moose participates in the Gimme Five program, we can reach a goal for which our fraternity has struggled for more than 90 years -- financial security for Mooseheart and Moosehaven. We have expressed our pride in these two great Moose humanitarian creations for decades -- and our members have told us, loudly and clearly, that they want to keep these two campuses healthy and operating well into the future. **Well, the GIMME FIVE program can make that happen -- but only if we ALL participate! Let's make it happen -- together!**

Sincere fraternal regards,

MOOSE INTERNATIONAL

William B. Airey, Director General

Leonard J. Solfa Jr., Chief Operating Officer

### Gimme Five! Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Who should contribute to Gimme Five?** Every member of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Women of the Moose is urged to contribute. The program will only be successful if near-100% participation is achieved.
- 2. How much should I donate to start?** This is up to you--any amount will be appreciated as long as you reach the \$182.50 total within five years. The sooner we receive your donation, the more interest it will earn for Mooseheart and Moosehaven. That breaks down to an annual donation is \$36.50
- 3. Can I make a donation online?** Yes, go to [www.moosintl.org](http://www.moosintl.org) and click to link to Moose Charities or go directly to [www.moosesecharities.org](http://www.moosesecharities.org) and click on the Gimme Five! icon then follow the directions.
- 4. Can I set up an automatic withdrawals to fund my donations to Gimme Five?** Yes, go to [www.moosesecharities.org](http://www.moosesecharities.org) and download a Direct Debit enrollment form.
- 5. Is my donation tax deductible?** Yes! Moose Charities has a 501(c)3 Tax status. Your donation will be confirmed with a "thank you" letter from Moose Charities, which will serve as proof of your tax-deductible donation.

# ARTICLES & PICTURES FROM THE PAST



Drill Team for Moose Legion #10 Ritual Team serving as Honor Guard for Sparrows Point-Dundalk Lodge #1228 class enrollment in 1954.



Baltimore Moose Legion #10 President Bud York is modeling the last of the Moose Legion #10 Drill Team uniforms. The last time he saw this used around 1968 or 1969 at Essex Lodge #70.



patch on shirt sleeve

## HATS WORN BY MOOSE LEGIONNAIRES



Many years ago, the Moose Legion outfit included the hat on the left. It was called a "FEZ" and was the same as used by Shriners and other organizations until 1939 when the Moose Legion decided to change to the hat on the right. It was called a



"TAH" ("HAT" spelled backwards). This came out as a replacement for the "FEZ" in the 1940s. Bud has one which he bought in 1940. The "TAH" was discontinued mainly because the General Moose Legion Membership stopped buying them around 1983-1984.

*Many thanks to Bud York for sharing these pictures and his memories of this Moose Legion history.*



# New “Premier Lodge Award” Program

## New “Premier Lodge Award” Program Replaces the Lodge Merit Award

After 22 years, the Lodge Merit Award program has ended. In its place, we have developed a new award that will mark the recipients as the type of lodge that any other lodge should want to emulate. In order for this to happen, the criteria for earning this award must include items that would distinguish a Lodge as a successful fraternal operation. We are pleased to present to you the **Premier Lodge Award**.

There will be two sets of determining factors utilized to determine award recipients; five mandatory criteria and 10 alternate criteria. All of the criteria are simple and easy to measure.

The mandatory criteria are:

- Increase in active membership (members in good standing) over prior fiscal year
- Increase in net assets over prior fiscal year
- Increase in Endowment Fund donations over prior fiscal year
- Representation at International Convention, Association Annual Convention and Association Mid-Year Conference (2 out of 3)
- Submission of Moose of the Year nomination form by July 1

The alternate criteria are:

- Four completed Community Service reports submitted by the quarterly deadlines
- Two completed Family Activities reports submitted by semi-annual deadlines
- Submission of Moose Legionnaire of the Year nomination forms by July 15
- Submission of Rookie of the Year nominations form by November 10
- Two high school students sponsored to Association Youth Awareness Congress
- Assigned membership quota attained
- At least \$100 contributed to Yellowstone YCC
- Participation in the Tommy Moose program
- Representation at International Convention, Association Annual Convention and Association Mid-Year Conference (Attendance at all three)
- Representation at leadership training session for Lodge officers

A Lodge must meet all five mandatory criteria and a minimum of five alternate criteria to earn the award. The level of award earned increases with the number of alternate criteria met. The levels for the reward are:

- ⇒ 5 mandatory criteria met + 5 alternate criteria met = Bronze Award
- ⇒ 5 mandatory criteria met + 7 alternate criteria met = Silver Award
- ⇒ 5 mandatory criteria met + 9 alternate criteria met = Gold Award
- ⇒ 5 mandatory criteria met + 10 alternate criteria met = Platinum Award

Questions? Please contact the Department of Fraternal Programs at 630-966-2224.

# State Ritual Competition at Ocean City



State  
Chairman  
John Cihak



Camden-Wyoming Lodge #203 - 2nd Place

Sparrows Point-Dundalk #1228 - 1st Place



Seaford #1728 - 2nd Place



New Castle #1578 - 3rd Place



Harrington #534 - 4th Place



## MD-DE-DC Councils of Higher Degrees

### Next Meeting:

Black-Eyed Susan Council - April 13, 2008 at Antietam

Officers at 12 PM, Membership at 1 PM

DelMar Council - at Salisbury - April 19, 2008, 1 PM



On October 20, 2007, Black-Eyed Susan Council of Higher Degrees held their Installation and Presentation Ceremony at College Park. The new officers installed are (left to right): Robert Mitchell, Prelate; Millie Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer; Diane Wells, President; Karan York, Installing Officer; Tim McIlwain, Vice-President and Bud York, Sgt-At-Arms. We congratulate all of the new degree members shown in the photos above.



# Cruising with the Moose

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August 30 - September 9, 2008



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#### Special Cruise Pricing for Moose Members and their Guests

##### Category Rates (7 Night Alaska Cruise)

Inside (JJ)	\$649.00pp
Oceanview (E)	\$1,099.00pp
Oceanview (EE)	\$1,174.00pp
Balcony (BB)	\$1,349.00pp
3rd/4th person	from \$399pp

*Transfers not included* \$75.00pp  
*Government taxes are additional.* \$93.06pp

##### (11 Night Alaska Cruise Tour)

Inside (JJ)	\$1,581.00pp
Oceanview (E)	\$2,031.00pp
Oceanview (EE)	\$2,106.00pp
Balcony (BB)	\$2,281.00pp
3rd/4th person	from \$1,210pp

*Land transfers are included* \$32.00pp  
*Government taxes are additional.* \$108.11pp

#### 7 Night Alaska Cruise or 11 Night Alaska Cruise Tour

(7 Night Cruise, August 30 - September 6) (11 Night Cruise Tour, August 30 - September 9)

#### "Diamond Princess"

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
Saturday	Vancouver	---	4:30pm
Sunday	At Sea	---	---
Monday	Ketchikan	6:30am	2:00pm
Tuesday	Juneau	8:00am	9:00pm
Wednesday	Skagway	7:00am	8:30pm
Thursday	Glacier Bay	6:00am	3:00pm
Friday	College Fjord	5:30pm	8:30pm
Saturday	Whittier	12:30pm	---

#### CRUISE TOUR ITINERARY

Saturday	Princess Rail to Denali & Princess Lodge
Sunday	Denali
Monday	Princess Coach to Fairbanks & Princess Lodge
Tuesday	Fairbanks - Depart for Airport

Rates are per person based on double occupancy and availability at time of booking. Final payment is due by June 1, 2008. Port charges are included. Government taxes and fees and airfare are additional. Cruises International reserves the right to correct all errors.

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I receive some thought-provoking emails like the one on the bottom of page 26. Here’s another one that claims to be a true story.

### THE SNEEZE

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With their rich maroon gowns flowing ... and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt.

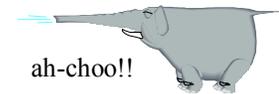
Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears.

This class would **NOT** pray during the commencements --- **NOT** by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it.

The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for the blessing on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine ... until the final speech received a standing ovation. A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened.

All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly **SNEEZED!!!!**



The student on stage ... simply looked at the audience and said, **“GOD BLESS YOU, each and every one of you!”** and he walked off stage ... The audience exploded into applause. This graduating class had found a unique way to invoke God’s blessing on their future with or without the court’s approval.

*This is a true story - it happened at the University of Maryland.*

*Miriam Rieg, Editor*

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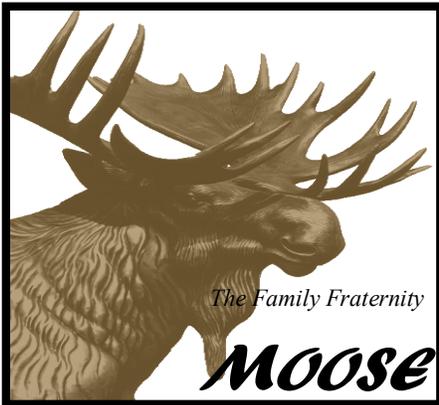
# **STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
<b>September 23, 2007</b>	<b>Bay Country #831</b>
<b>October 28, 2007</b>	<b>Marlboro #1856</b>
<b>November 18, 2007</b>	<b>New Castle #1578</b>
<b>December, 2007</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>
<b>January 27, 2008</b>	<b>College Park #453</b>
<b>February 21-24, 2008</b>	<b>Princess Royale, Ocean City</b>
<b>March 29, 2008</b> <b>March 30, 2008</b>	<b>Assn Higher Degree Banquet Camden/Wyoming #203</b>
<b>April, 2008</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>
<b>May 18, 2008</b>	<b>Frederick #371</b>
<b>June, 2008</b>	<b>No Meeting due to Intl. Convention in Las Vegas</b>
<b>July 27, 2008</b>	<b>Essex #70</b>
<b>August 21-24, 2008</b>	<b>Sheraton Hotel, Dover</b>

*Thank you,  
Jim Bolling, Secretary*



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***“No Man Stands So Straight and Tall  
As When He Stoops To Lift Up A Child.”***

*James J. Davis*

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