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Salem Moose News

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THE MOOSE FRATERNITY: A LEADER IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

By compiling an exemplary record of community service, the Loyal Order of Moose has earned an outstanding reputation as one of America's leading fraternal and service organizations.

Community activities in Moose Lodges are intended to supplement the humanitarian services that limited government resources can't provide. Every one of the more than 2,000 Lodges is urged to participate in a "Six-Point Program" outlined by the fraternity's Community Service Department. These six areas of concentration include:

1. Youth Awareness / Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)
2. Youth Sports
3. Scouting and Yellowstone YCC
4. Senior Citizens/Moosehaven/Food & Shelter
5. Mooseheart
6. Local Volunteer Services

Perhaps the most prominent point of the "Six-Point Program of Community Service is the Moose Youth Awareness program, in which hundreds of bright, enthusiastic teenagers are recruited each year and then guided to create and deliver their own distinctive "KidsTalk" presentations to help younger children make positive, healthy choices in life. The teenagers present these "KidsTalks" to groups ranging from ages four to nine. Every year, Moose "KidsTalk" reaches up to 100,000 youngsters across the U.S. and Canada. Dedicated to the betterment of humanity, the Moose fraternity has also actively supported national health endowments throughout its history. These have included the Kidney Foundation, Muscular

Dystrophy, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Cerebral Palsy, Arthritis Foundation, Epilepsy Foundation, and the Alzheimer's Association.

Special emphasis is placed on Community Service activities for youth. The Moose is an active participant in youth Special Olympics, as well as youth baseball, softball, basketball, hockey and soccer. Hundreds of Lodges are charter sponsors in local Boy and Girl Scouting groups. The key to the success of any Scouting troop is leadership. Moose members are active leaders in local Scouting programs, building the future leaders of your community. Moose sponsorship of Scouting includes Lodges that are chartered partners with a Boy Scout unit or provides financial support for Boy and Girl Scout units. It also provide for Lodge donations of \$50 or more in a fiscal quarter to the Scouting programs a Mooseheart. Youths are also served by the Moose fraternity's complete financial underwriting of the Youth Conservation Corps program at Yellowstone National Park. Every summer, YCC gives selected youths from all over the continent (including at least four from Mooseheart and three more from Moose families) an unforgettable eight-week work/learn/earn opportunity in the vast beauty of America's premier national park.

Other Moose-sponsored projects include "Adopt-A-Highway," "Meals on Wheels," and feeding the homeless, and sometimes, housing them temporarily in the wake of natural disasters or other emergencies. . . Years ago, Moose "Youth Honor Day" played an important role in reducing vandalism on Halloween night. "Operation Santa Claus," in which Lodges collect toys and distribute them to needy children, has been

responsible for providing thousands of children with gifts at Christmas. Additionally, most Lodges sponsor more locally-tailored projects designed to fit the needs of the area in which it is located.

Counting volunteer hours worked, personal miles driven, and monetary donations, Moose men and women contribute nearly \$90 million annually in Community Service donations throughout North America. Lodges everywhere are making substantial contributions to society by providing the initiative, organization, and manpower to make our communities better places to live.



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Board Of Officers

LOOM

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 Susan Ridenhour.....Recorder
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Sick & Distressed

Let your Chaplain or Prelate know when someone is sick so that we may visit them or help in whatever way we can.

January-February Birthdays

January 3) Steve Stewart; 4) Jerry Gentry; 7) Robert Cafaro; 8) Vinny Birch; Rick Gordon; Dennis Keith; 9) Roanld Pechanek; 10) Robert Deyerle; 11) Benjamin Witkege; 12) Gene Willis; 14) Larry Saul; 15) Dave Vorhees; 16) Roy Lynch; Pete Myers; 17) James Helm; 18) Mike Tench; 19) Robert Hudson; 20) Steve Elmore; 22) Barry Ramsey; 23) David Paschal; 24) Clint Keifer; 25) Carl Eubanks; Charlie Webster; 27) Mikel Elliot; 28) Tim Brown; 29) Daniel Gardner; Wayne Simmons; 30) Joshua King; 31) Steve Bratcher; Wayne Carlson

February 1) Joseph Anderson; 2) Brian Akers; 3) Joseph Divers; Willie Mason; 4) Donald Rakes; Jeff Vaught; 7) James Kell; 8) Jay Finlayson; 9) George Terry; 10) James Cooper, Sr.; 12) Jay Frye; 13) Reid Johnson; Gregory Roye; 14) James McCallum; Pat Rhodes; Ken Ruff; John Shupe; 15) Billy Hiner; Nuel Wallace, Jr.; 16) Jim Stafford; 18) Jessie Overfelt; 19) Donnie Howard; Jerry Payne; 20) Larry Hale; 22) Eddy Caywood; James Snidow; 23) Roy Fralin; Bruce Kropff; E J Miles, Sr.; 27) Bruce Degerdon

Welcome New Members

Member/Sponsor

- Barry Ramsey/Chris Thomas
- Scott Lynch/ Pat Driscoll
- Thomas Csarnogusky/Brian Nimmo
- Brandon Scott/Victor Dowdy
- Alvin Lawson; Curt Dickerson/
Richard Layman
- Richard Freeman/Jay Frye
- Donald Riley/Reid Johnson

We welcome our new members and congratulate the members who sponsored them for fulfilling their oath of obligation. We urge each member to sign their friends and family into our order so that they may help us in expanding our fraternity and growing our lodge. We ask you to attend meetings so that you may keep up with current happenings in the lodge and participate in the governance thereof.

District Meeting
January 8
Vinton
1121
1 PM

Senior Moments

Beginning Sunday, January 22nd, members of the LOOM and WOTM will hold Luck of the Draw Dart Tournaments every Sunday afternoon. To add some excitement, there will also be a High Dart Out pot and a Mystery Out. Please join us on Sunday afternoons for fun and a chance to win some money. For more information, see Paula Hodges, Brian Nimmo, or Tammy Huffman.

See you at the Lodge! Paula Hodges, Senior Regent



The Governor's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT ONE FOR OUR LODGE!

Hope everyone had a great holiday. Most of you know we have decided NOT to purchase the building at this time. We will continue to lease the property. Our Salem WOTM have been great supporting LOOM and working on various projects. We can't say enough how much we appreciate all your efforts to make our Lodge a great place. Thank You! You are a great team.

ELECTION TIME! NEW OFFICERS NEEDED!

Are YOU interested in becoming an Officer of our Lodge? Do you want to make a difference and help our Lodge grow? YOUR talents are needed. Consider becoming an Officer. Let the Nominating Committee know you are interested. The Nominating Committee will get together in February, 2012 to help choose our 2012-2013 Officers.

A Special "THANK YOU" to ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS! Just look around the Lodge and see what your efforts have accomplished. You should be proud of yourselves. Your officers are definitely proud of You. Thanks for making our Lodge welcoming.

Butch Bryant, Governor

SOCIAL QUARTERS
HOURS OF OPERATION
SUNDAY.....12-10
MONDAY.....12-10
TUESDAY.....12-11
WEDNESDAY.....12-11
THURSDAY.....12-11
FRIDAY.....12-1 AM
SATURDAY.....12-12
SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT
SQM Reid Johnson
540-387-2809

From the Administrator

Greetings Brothers and Co-workers:

Here's wishing a happy New Year to one and all. With the New Year comes new challenges, new goals, and new opportunities. Let's determine what they are, and together, meet them head on. Together, we can make this the best year the lodge has ever had.

Please remember to keep your personal information up to date so we can reach you when necessary and get things to you through the mail. That is the only way we have to keep you informed of special meetings and functions that are important to the lodge and to you.

Beginning January 1, and running to April 30, there will be no membership application fees, so sign up as many members as you can. Help your lodge grow, and at the same time strengthen the defending circle. There are also some nice prizes out there for signing members. See Brother Kelly Huffman or Brian Nimmo for details.

In the social quarters, start looking for some changes to the menu, and maybe some expansion to happy hour times. Members have been making suggestions, and we have taken notice. If you have suggestions, please share them with me.

Thanks for taking your time to read the newsletter. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the lodge!

Reid Johnson, Administrator



Special Meeting

Sunday January 22 @ 2:00 PM

To discuss and vote upon the terms of our new lease

All LOOM MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND!

UPCOMING EVENTS

BLUE RIDGE MOOSE LEGION CELEBRATION SATURDAY JANUARY 7TH

This is the first time a Moose Legion Celebration will be held at our Lodge so we ask all of our Moose Legion Members to please attend and help out. The schedule is as follows:

11:00 AM Board of Director's Meeting

12:00 PM Lunch available for purchase

1:30 PM Registration (\$1 fee)

2:30 Orientation for new candidates (candidates must be registered by this time)

3:00 PM Conferral; Presentation of Lodge MLY Awards and David Mullins Award

4:30 Social Hour \$5.00 for 2 cups (must attend conferral to participate)

DISTRICT 11 MEETING VINTON 1121 SUNDAY JANUARY 8TH 1 PM

Join us for our District Meeting where all the Lodges in District 11 come together to share ideas and discuss what is happening in their lodges and the Moose Fraternity. There is a free meal for all who attend and Vinton's cooks have never let us down!

VMA MID-YEAR CONFERENCE JANUARY 12-15TH NORFOLK

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LODGE MOOSE LEGION BREAKFAST SUNDAY February 5th from 9-NOON

Join us for our monthly real southern style breakfast consisting of eggs (any style), sausage gravy, biscuits, hash browns, bacon, fruit, and coffee \$5 for Moose Legion members and \$6 for all other members and their guests. Special prices for children so bring the whole family!

Is there a High School Junior In Your Life?

Winners are randomly drawn and will be notified by November 15, 2012.

Each \$1,000 check will be mailed directly to the college of their choice.

There is no better way to help the youth of the 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 for the R. Robert Dale Scholarship.

The applicant must:

Be a student in the high school graduating Class of 2013

Have a father, mother, step-parent, grandparent or legal guardian who is a paid up member of the Moose (Applicant is NOT required to reside in the same household)

Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 (C+) or higher on a 4.0 scale

Send the completed application by the deadline (*application must be completed in its entirety to be valid*)

The application can be found in the Members Area of www.mooseintl.org. Click on Membership located on the far left of the page, then R. Robert Dale Scholarship Program in the dark blue navigation bar.

Faxed applications must be received by June 30, 2012.

Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before June 30, 2012.



**Next Moose
Legion
Conferral
January 7
Salem 2573**

**Sign Two
New
Members
get free
dues next
year!**

**New
Campaign
CREATE
SOME
INTEREST!**

ATTENTION ALL MOOSE LEGION MEMBERS

The next conferral will be held at our Lodge. If you are a member of the Moose Legion and a member of our lodge please show your support by attending this event. We have done many projects for our lodge and fraternity and we would like you to be a part of these efforts. We have completed many projects since moving into our new building, tables for the Social Quarters, a roof over the entry way, and our latest project, the Safe Surfing Billboards to name a few.

We started a 9 PM Friday Night drawing on Nov 4th for a Visa gift card to raise funds for our projects. It has been successful thus far. We used the money to buy turkeys for the food drive. Get your ticket today from the bartender and enter to win \$25. This will continue every

Friday so you can win every week!

Join us today! Sign two members to the Moose Legion and have your next year's dues paid! To become a Moose Legion member one must sign one member in a year or sign three members within six months of joining. It is that simple to reach the second Degree of our Order. So sign a member today and speak with a Moose Legionnaire about sponsorship into the Degree of Service.

Our Creed is to "do one good thing for someone each day" so come out and join the fun degree while we Create Some Interest in the Moose fraternity!

Don Ridenhour, Lodge SMLC Chairman

From the Membership Chairman

BROTHERS AND COWORKERS, AS YOU READ THIS ARTICLE A NEW YEAR HAS BEGUN. I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!! WITH A NEW YEAR COME NEW HOPES AND DREAMS FOR US ALL. THE MOOSE HAS MADE IT EVEN EASIER TO SIGN UP NEW MEMBERS. THEY HAVE WAIVED THEIR APPLICATION FEE OF \$20.00 TIL THE END OF THE MOOSE YEAR. THAT MEANS IT ONLY COSTS \$35.00 TO SIGN UP A NEW MAN OR WOMAN. THEY HAVE EVEN EXTENDED THIS WAIVING FEE

TO THE MOOSE LEGION AS WELL. WHAT BETTER DEAL CAN YOU GET FOR THE FUN YOU CAN HAVE? SIGN THOSE NEW MEMBERS!!!!

FRATERNALLY,
KELLY HUFFMAN
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

International Membership Campaign

The new slogan is "CREATE SOME INTEREST".

NEVER PAY DUES AGAIN!! That's right, if you sign two members per year then you will never have to pay dues again. How easy is that? If you sign two members, not only does the fraternity benefit by increasing membership, but you do as well by meeting your obligation of membership and getting your dues paid for you!

From May 1, 2011– April 30, 2012 Sign one member and receive a nice lapel pin. Sign two members and qualify to receive free dues. Sign four members and get your name entered in a drawing for a trip for four to Las Vegas, Miami, or New York. Sign five members and qualify for

the Moose International "Five Club" and other rewards. Be sure to check with your Lodge to find out all of the many prizes available in this year's campaigns!

Remember part of your obligation is to sign new members into our fraternity. When signing them be sure to tell them about all of the great things we do for others. Tell them of all the great benefits of belonging to the world's largest philanthropic organization. Tell them about our great achievements of Mooseheart and Moosehaven and how we care for our children and seniors while having fun in the process! So go out and

CREATE SOME INTEREST in our fraternity today!!

Gimme Five !!!!! Time is Running OUT to Fulfill Your Commitment!!



I want to help but how do I donate?

First, Moose Charities wants to thank you for your kindness and generosity. Donating to this project will help to ensure that they are able to continually care for our children. There are several ways you can donate to the program. Please review the following suggestions and if there are any questions please contact Moose Charities at 630-966-2200.

Ways to Give...

- At the international convention you can visit the Moose Charities booth and donate using cash, check, or charge.
 - You can mail Moose Charities cash or a check at any time. Please send donations to:
Moose Charities, 155 S International Dr., Mooseheart, IL 60539.
- Call Moose Charities at 630-966-2200 and donate by providing credit card information over the phone.
- Visit the Moose Charities website at www.moosecharities.org and make a secure online donation.
- Fill a form to sign up for direct debit. You can obtain a form at the lodge and you can mail the form to Moose Charities at
Moose Charities, 155 S International Dr., Mooseheart, IL 60539.

Gimme Five donations are tax deductible and made directly to Moose Charities for the sole purpose of funding of Mooseheart and Moosehaven. No part of these funds goes for the operation of Moose International and all funds will be held in an endowment until the five year period is up thus earning additional interest. The money endowed will help us to insure that the doors will be kept open to help those children and seniors who are so important to the oath we all took when we became Moose members. For more information on the Gimme Five Program and what it is all about please talk to:

Reid Johnson, Lodge Gimme Five Chairman, or Don Ridenhour.

Editor's Note

Articles for
the next
newsletter
are due by
February 18

Did You know.....

.....that your membership in the Loyal Order of Moose entitles you to benefits through discounts from the following?

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| • Lasik eye surgery | • 5% off on Sears gift |
| • Prescriptions | • cards |
| • GMAC preferred pricing | • Sherwin Williams paints |
| • on auto insurance | • North American Van |
| • Car rentals from Hertz | • Lines |
| • and Enterprise | • Hickory Farms |
| • Hotels | • Long Distance calling |
| • Travel | • Cruises |

To find out more about these and other great benefits of being a Moose member visit www.mooseintl.org



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