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BUILDING A BRIDGE TO THE NEXT GENERATION

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It is once again time for the Holiday Lights to go on at the Mooseheart Campus. The CNMA has donated \$2000.00 again this year. We are asking all Fraternal Units to donate \$10.00 to help off set the cost of this most worthy project. This will allow our Association to continue to be a Proud Sponsor of the Holiday Lights at our beloved Mooseheart.

The Holiday Lights continue a process of increasing awareness of the campus within its surrounding communities begun last summer with the visit of the Carson & Barnes Circus to campus.

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News and Notes from the Travels of your President - - - Henry Weaver



Gentlemen as we go into this year we are already behind in membership. Hopefully you all are informing your lodges what your quota is? It is plus one. Just remember that for every lodge in this association that does not reach this quota you will each need to be plus two. If every lodge has just one more member than last year, we

have a shot at being the Top Association again. We have done it before and we can do it again.

The holidays are upon us and all will be preparing for Thanksgiving, and Christmas dinners and parties. Which is why we are asking that every lodge, district, Moose Legion, and Chapter might support the programs that we are paying now? Such as the Christmas Lights at MooseHeart. This program is open to the community at Mooseheart. They have asked each of the associations to pay for a decorated section and this will continue to be an expense every year. We will also be sending a \$50.00 Gift Card to all the Ca/Nv children we sponsor at Mooseheart, and to all the seniors we have at Moosehaven. The association is struggling just as most of the lodges are and we are asking that each unit please donate \$10.00 to this most worthy project. All donations can be sent to the Ca/Nv Moose Association Secretary Chuck Dombrow at PO box 178563, San Diego, Ca. 92177. Please mark the memo line of your check Christmas Lights and thank you for caring.

The other program we instituted at the last convention is the "forget me not seeds". The purpose of this program is to boost our "cradle fund" or endowment. Those of you who attended the International convention at Anaheim saw that we weren't even in the top ten Associations in endowment contributions. This was kind of an embarrassment since we are the second largest association in the union. I hope that all of you will continue to support all of these important programs, and remember that this is what we are all about.

It is our intention to lead this association to be the Top Association when we go to International Convention in Tampa Florida. I have been very busy since being elected as your Association President. I have only visited 22 lodges

in the past two months. I am attempting to visit all of you. I am so very proud of this association and all of our members. And would like to shake every one of your hands and personally thank you for all that you do.

My wife Roxanne and I would like to thank Palmdale Lodge #507 and everyone from all over California and Nevada for attending the dinner the lodge gave for me. It was very humbling to hear all that everyone had to say. It is truly an honor to be your Association President and we are going to be the Top Association this year. I really can't say thank you enough especially to the Lodge, the officers and to all who attended. I am forever grateful. And thanks to all who attended.

We have sent a sizable check to Moose International for the roof project but still are short of our goal. I believe we are only half way to the amount we committed to. We hope you will also contribute to this worthy project. Bob Bakman is working so hard as the chairman of this project. Good job Bob.

If you are traveling this holiday be safe and remember to visit the other Moose Lodges around the country. You belong to a Moose Lodge, but you are a member of the Loyal Order of Moose an International Fraternal Organization, so there are lodges throughout every state that could use your support. Please stop in to some of them and give em a hand. You'll be surprised at how many great lodges there are and the friends you will meet.

Please thank our two fund raising chairmen Bill Kling, and RJ Barcalow. They are doing a great job and we are very thankful for all they are doing. Thanks Guys.

Remember our troops and there families keep them in your prayers. Have a great and very happy holiday. Be safe and God bless Mooseheart and Moosehaven and all of you my brother and sisters.

Fraternally
Association President
Henry V Weaver





Regional Manager - - - - -

Charlie Lopez

THIS COULD BE YOUR LODGE

From A Story Appearing in The Downer's Grove Patch (IL)

Tony Cesare: Moose Love

Drafts and stories at the hippest bar in town. By Tony Cesar - November 7, 2011

Have you ever stepped off the Metra train at the Downers Grove [Main Street station](#) or been strolling along downtown after date night dinner and had your curiosity piqued as you glanced up at the imposing brick building just North of the tracks with the letters LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE pin-mounted to the façade in bold all caps? I have. **True story.**

Stepping off the train one August evening with a neighbor back in 2004 we found ourselves with no wives to report home to (Bunco night) and so I suggested [Ballydoyle](#) and a pint of Guinness. My neighbor had another idea. *"Let's go to the Moose Lodge,"* he said.

"The Moose lodge?," I replied, eyebrows raised. *"Are you serious? The big scary building kiddie corner from that other big scary building that has the church and the yoga place? Dude, you can't just walk in there, it's members only. You need to know the secret handshake or wear a velvet hat with antlers or something. You can't just stroll in there!"*

We went in. I had always been curious about what went on beyond the frosted glass. From the outside it always struck me as a time capsule to a long gone Americana, a retro temple dedicated to war stories and Aqua Velva. I had visions of Barney and Fred sitting at a wooden table under a dim fluorescent bulb, splitting a pitcher of Hamm's Beer and bitching about Mr Slate (*Break up that stone? Let him get off his ass and break up his own G%\$#@! stone! Too afraid to get his hands dirty!*). Truth was, I was just as curious as my neighbor.

The space was everything I had imagined. A well-worn pool table sagged just to the right of the front door and all I could think was "if only it could talk, the stories it could tell." There were dark hallways leading off the main room from which you could make out the gray silhouettes of folding chairs, tables and crock pots.

The main room was cavernous, built as solid as a bomb shelter encased in lead. The lights cast dim shadows around a small bar surrounded by the elder statesmen of the community, slumped over cold drafts and ashtrays. Every expression suggested a willingness to engage in an argument over politics or lawn care at a moments notice.

Blue-collar chic, a workingman's Nirvana. It was perfect. We sat at the bar and ordered drinks. A grizzled old veteran of many a Tuesday night glanced up from his beer.

"Are you guys members?" Ugh, saw this one coming. *"No!"* My neighbor cheerfully explained. *"Why?"* The older gentleman shifted upright in his stool. *"You can't drink here unless you're a MEMBER! You can't just \$#@! walk IN HERE."*

I set my beer down and shifted my weight toward the door. No way I was mixing it up with Ralph Kramden at the Moose lodge five blocks from home. How the hell would I explain that to the wife? My neighbor was unfazed. *"Well, how do you become a member?"* he asked.

Ralph clenched his fists and pulled himself up from his stool. *"You gotta be sponsored by a MEMBER!"* he growled. *"Are you a member?"* my neighbor asked. *"G-Dam right I am, 19 years!"* *"Great! Will you sponsor me?"* Ralph slowly sat back down on his barstool. *"Yeah, sure!"* he said.

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Alan Phillips - - - Vice President

Create Some Interest.

Now with the holiday season sneaking up on us, maybe membership is not the top priority on your list. But now more than ever, we need you to turn your attention to the task of membership production. What greater gift can you give than the gift of membership; it truly is the gift that keeps on giving. Not only to the recipient, but to Mooseheart and Moosehaven. There are a lot of great membership campaigns going on right now, but from what I have discovered from visiting the many great lodges in our Association, is that the local in-house membership campaigns seem to generate more interest for our members to go out and sign new members. Now you might ask what is an in-house membership campaign. An in-house membership campaign is just like what Moose International does with the annual awards associated with signing new members, or what California/Nevada is giving away for their sponsors of new candidates. They each have a budget every year to develop promotions to entice a member to go out and sign their friends and family. The problem with their campaigns is they are trying to develop a membership campaign with awards that cover the entire membership in all geographical areas of the Fraternity and or Association. The best advantage of an in-house membership campaign is you have a smaller area. Hence your lodge.

How do you come up with ideas for your in-house campaign? Well there's no book to pick suggestions out of. You might just need to think outside the box. Maybe ask your members what they would like to see as awards. You might ask, where does the money come up with to offer these awards? The money you put towards your awards is completely up to your membership. But please don't forget that the average Moose member spends about 565 dollars a year at your lodge. How much are you willing to pay out to get back 565 dollars? The award money that you put out is a one-time opportunity to entice new members. So as you can see this is a win win for you lodge. And what lodge can afford not to have new members. So at your next Officers meeting, please put your heads together and come up with some exciting opportunities for your members to go out and sign their friends and family. The more members that you enroll into your Lodge, the more money your lodge makes, the more money your lodge makes the more money goes toward the greater good. Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the members of the California/Nevada Moose Association the very best holidays ever.

Fraternally

Alan Phillips

CNMA Vice-President



A promotional banner for a tournament. On the left is a circular logo with a moose head and the text 'MOOSE INTERNATIONAL' and '2012'. The main text reads: '3RD ANNUAL TEXAS HOLD 'EM January 8-12, 2012 REGISTER TODAY!'. On the right, it says 'Prize Fund Exceeds \$97,000!' in large, bold, yellow and red letters.



Notes from the Association Secretary - - - Chuck Dombrow

Mid-Year Conference Coming Soon Things You Should Know

Mid-Year Conference hotel reservations, pre registration and meal selection forms will be in the mail the first week of December. Please do not set them aside, make your reservations as soon as possible. We must fill a percentage of our rooms or the Association will have to pick up additional cost, cost we cannot afford.

Making Hotel Reservations

Reservations will be made directly with the Hotel by calling their **toll-free number (800) 723-6500**. The Hotel will make every effort to ensure that attendees receive the group rate for our Association by asking if callers are attendees of a convention. (Make sure you say, you are with the California Nevada Moose Association.)

In order to confirm a room reservation, the Hotel will require a credit card guarantee of arrival of guest room and tax charges. Checks and major credit cards are accepted.

Refunds will be issued on individual reservations canceled 48 hours in advance of arrival date. Written authorization is required to confirm any transfer of room deposits.

We are out of Visalia

The weekend of November 5th we moved all of our merchandise sale items and Convention /Registration equipment to a Fernley, Nevada storage shed. This will save our Association thousands of dollars a year in transportation cost.

The move was exciting, we happened to pick a day when it was snowing at Donner's Pass, glad we won't have to experience that again.

Like any major move it takes a lot of dedicated members and that we had. Reggie Mackay borrowed his company's truck and trailer at no cost (Harley Davidson). We were met in Visalia by Henry Weaver and we were loaded in an hour and a half and on our way to the Reno area. In Fernley we were met by Joe Rigazio and two other Fernley members, along with Bob Mackay, off loading in an hour.

TO ALL OF YOU
THANK YOU - - - THANK YOU!

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Deadline for next Newsletter is January 1, 2012. All articles should be sent to cmdombrow@yahoo.com.

* \$15.00 for individual subscriptions.



gimme five!

California - Nevada Moose Association Meeting Schedule

March 22 - 25, 2012, Association Mid-year Conference, Reno, Nevada
2012, International Convention, Tampa, Florida
September 6-9, 2012, Association Convention, Reno, Nevada



Bill Drake - - - - Prelate

Greetings!

Not at the fault of any of our Committeemen, I have been remiss in getting the new forms out to them. The new forms will be available within the next week for their use.

Taking an active interest in knowing how the Lodge is operated is really an obligation that we all share. Your Officers must provide all LOOM members with a forum twice monthly for members to have the opportunity to ask questions and to learn about issues and commitments, such as those items referenced above.

Every Moose member is entitled to know if Lodge Officers are compliant with rules of the Order and if the Lodge operation is solvent.

Why should you care? The answer here is easy. If the Lodge is being operated in compliance with all rules and regulations, are meeting their established goals and new leaders are being groomed, then the Lodge's obligations

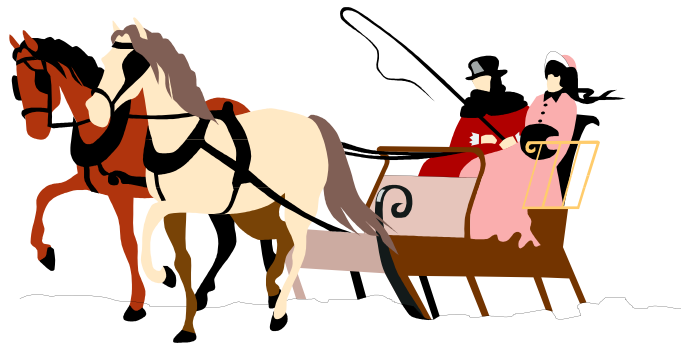
are likely being met with our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven! They depend on us daily to keep them in our ultimate focus – for if we look away for just one moment, we risk the loss of one of them to an otherwise miserable existence. Then, we all loose.

As members of your Executive Board, our work is cut out for us as well. We continuously look for ways to help our organization succeed globally. Given that MEMBERSHIP is our lifeblood, we are always looking for ways to help increase membership totals, including searching for ways to help retain existing members. We can always use your help in these areas! Share ideas with your particular leadership teams to help Create Some Interest with new activities and events!

God bless,

Bill Drake
Prelate

*~ Success is measured by a willingness to keep on trying.
If we try to the best of our ability, we will achieve our set goals. ~*





Jeanette Ruiz - - - - Deputy Grand Regent

November has sure been a busy College month! It's always fun going to as many meetings you can fit into one day. A large group of us hit 4 meetings the first Saturday! I can truly say the Moose really is a Family Fraternity! I noticed so many grandmothers, mothers, daughters and sisters serving the WOTM as Officers, Chairmen and Collegians! Mothers were Investing Officers for their daughters, daughters were Investing Officers for their mothers and sisters were Investing Officers for their sisters!

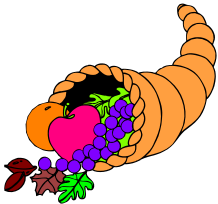
Our theme for this year is CSI, Create Some Interest. Our Chapter meetings are a great place to Create Some Interest. You can play games (Farkle), have a Pot Luck or do crafts before or after your meetings.

Or try an unusual fundraiser instead of the same old thing. Our lodge and chapter had a 70's dance. Everyone had a great time dressed in their finest 70's attire and rocked the night away with 70's music. It was something different and everyone enjoyed themselves. Another chapter had a coffee bar with an assortment of different coffees and karaoke that the members enjoyed.

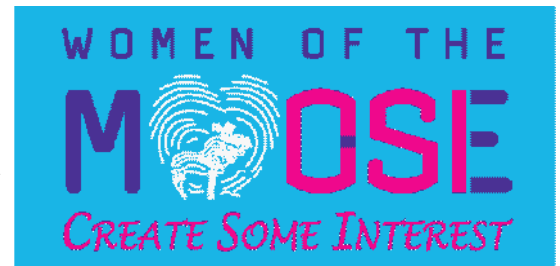
Whatever activity you choose to do, be sure to invite everyone to "get involved" and share in the fun!

The call letter for Star Recorders and College of Regents have been sent by International. Congratulations to all co-workers receiving those call letters!

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year from my home to yours!



Your Friend,
Jeanette Ruiz



Judy Sisson
Director of Operations



The Star Recorder and College of Regents Call Letters are in the mail! Grand Chancellor Barb along with Denielle, Charlotte and Sandy have worked long and hard to complete the Call Letter mailing before the end of October! So keep an eye on your mailboxes!



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Happy Holiday's To All!

As we go about our daily routine . . . it is time to give thanks for what we have, for many will go without this Holiday Season. Times are still hard for those that have lost everything due to the economy. We can bring joy to their faces with even a smallest assistance. Lodges and Chapters should be gearing up for the community Christmas parties and dinners. The smiling faces and full tummies after will always bring a warm reminder that the Moose was there for them.

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He bought a round and introduced us around. He turned out to be an amazing guy with an amazing catalog of stories about growing up in Downers Grove during the 1950s (suffice to say the presence of a wine bar in town makes many a member shake his head). I was hustled at 9-ball, five bucks a rack by a man who was old enough to be my grandfather's pediatrician and by closing I had lost the equivalent of a car payment. Another member bought me a shot of Wild Turkey, mocked my messenger bag (*hey, is that your purse?!?*) and pulled up his flannel to show off the scar from a recent surgery. Everyone at the bar cheered. Try re-creating THAT evening at [Another Round](#).

In the years since that introduction, I've had the pleasure of attending many a fish-fry and fundraiser within those brick walls, and I've met an incredible cross-section of our community. How is that possible, you may ask? Well, you see, something very strange has happened at the Moose Lodge in Downers Grove, something wonderful and unexpected.

It became the hippest place in town to drink a two-buck draft. During the last 10 years, membership has almost tripled to more than 1,000, among them such notable names as former Mayor Ron Sandack and many other Village Board and commission members. I'm always amused when the discussion turns political (and it ALWAYS does ...) on the pixels of Patchdom. Truth is, if you *really* wanted to know what's happening in local politics or community happenings, then you need to find a sponsor and pull up to the bar at the Moose, or join what is arguably the hottest bags league in town. You'll hear it all. Some of it might even be true.

Quite by accident (certainly not by design) the Moose Lodge has retained its retro charm (and a few wisps of mustiness) without alienating a younger crowd, the exact kind of members that sustain a lodge like this one. You couldn't invent a place with the hipster-cred of the Moose Lodge; it's the real thing. Just like Marie's Riptide Lounge in Bucktown, it has a charm that can't be manufactured, imitated or copied.

God Bless all of you for all you do and continue to do for our children at Mooseheart and seniors at Moosehaven.

From our house to yours . . friends and Moose everywhere . . .

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Fraternally, DV Gregory
 Judy and the boys



Women of the Moose Membership

By Carol Veach, CA-NV WOTM Membership Coordinator

BUILDING MY CATHEDRAL, Part 2

I told my daughter I was writing about working in the background even when there was no recognition for the labor. I called it "Building My Cathedral" and talked about being proud to do this on behalf of Mooseheart and Moosehaven. She sent me a little story and mentioned that she was surprised I didn't use it. Well, Nancy, I didn't have it at the time but I love it and here goes!

A traveler came upon a group of three hard-at-work stonemasons doing the same thing and asked each in turn what he was doing. The first said, "I am sanding down this block of marble." The second said, "I am preparing a foundation." The third said, "I am building a cathedral." Here's how this scenario might play out in our Moose Homes. A new member came into our Moose Home to see what was going on. She asked the volunteer at the bar what she was doing and heard, "I'm serving drinks and wiping tables." She asked the next co-worker the same question, with the response, "I'm serving members so they are happy coming to our Moose Home." Then the new member bent down and asked the co-worker wiping up the spilled drink from the floor what she was doing and her reply was, "I'm providing a loving home for youngsters at our Child City!"

Wow! - visionary thinking, great attitude, selflessness, seeing the big picture – Wow! I wish every new member could hear a heart-felt response like the last one! I wish every co-worker could feel that way about the reports they fill out, the dinners they cook, the meetings they attend and the chapter-sponsored community service they support. Being a Moose member means everything we do serves a larger purpose and we share the vision of "providing a loving home for youngsters at our Child City!"

Here's a thought provoking passage from Charles Handy's [The Hungry Spirit](#): "Cathedrals are incredible testaments to human endeavor. It is not only their grandeur or splendor, but the thought that they often took **more than fifty years to build**. Those who designed them, those who first worked on them, knew for certain that they would never see them finished. They knew only that they were creating something glorious which would stand for centuries, long after their own names had been forgotten. **We may not need any more cathedrals but we do need cathedral thinkers, people who can think beyond their own lifetimes.**"

For more than 100 years, Moose members have been cathedral thinkers. Let's make that our mind-set, our cathedral. "I'm providing a loving home for youngsters at our Child City!" This is one of the best Member Retention ideas I've ever come across.

MEMBERS MATTER - SPONSORS ROCK!

Sponsor just three members before February 28, 2012 and your name will go into a drawing to win \$500 or \$400 or \$300 or \$200 or \$100 – plus another five \$100 prizes! The Award of Achievement is in your hands – make it happen with an application!



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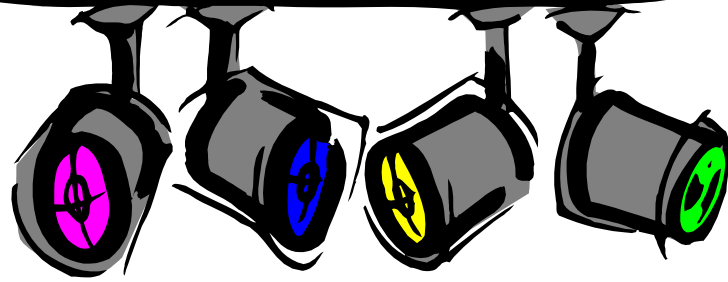
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In the Spotlight



Chuck & Nony Hetrick

Chuck joined the Loyal Order of Moose, Lemon Grove Lodge 1713 on May 27, 1968. Shortly after being enrolled he was placed in as Lodge Secretary by the Supreme Lodge Auditor. In May of 1971 he had to resign his position as Secretary because of his employment. He was elected Governor in 1972, a position he held for two years. He was elected District President in September 1975 for district 20, Southern California Area.

In September 1987, Chuck was appointed to the Special Service Committee to help coordinate the sale of all food functions for our Associations Mid-year and annual Convention, a position he still holds today.

During Chucks Moose career, he has been active in assisting Past Regional Directors, Buck Swan, Ted Hardeman and Robert Stefler on problem areas in the Southern California area

He served the Southern area as District Secretary for 14 years and during that time he assisted on the Administrator Advisory Committee.

In May of 1991 he was placed in the El Cajon Lodge as Administrator, acting by, then Regional Director George Montgomery, a job he held until May 2005.

Chuck received the Fellowship Degree in September 1976 and the coveted Pilgrim Degree of Merit in May 1992

Nony for the past 12 years has volunteered to receive and process all Convention and Mid-Year Conference food orders and pre-registration for the men's registration.

This has taken a great deal of work and pressure off the shoulders of the Association Secretary. She starts receiving the order forms about 3 months prior to the event. She has the meal tickets printed and fills out the pre-registration cards, makes up the bank deposits and has Chuck make the trips to the bank to make the deposits and she then forwards the deposit slips to the Secretary.

At the Conventions and Mid-Year Conferences Nony spends nine hours each day sitting at the table selling meal tickets, and handing out the tickets to those who have pre-purchased. She stays in constant touch with the hotel catering department to keep them informed on the amount of tickets sold for a particular meal. She doesn't get to attend the meetings, go shopping or attend any of the recreational events.

Nony is a very dedicated fraternalist and we feel so very fortunate to have had her doing the marvelous job she did. We can never repay for all she's done for us other than to say **THANK YOU NONY SO VERY, VERY MUCH!!!**



Bob Mackay - - - - Treasurer

MEMBERS, WE NEED YOU!

The recruitment of New Members in Our Fraternity is the **obligation** of all Moose Members

Each lodge struggles in some capacity, whether it is recruiting new members, retaining current members, or finding new volunteers to help with the many things that need to be done.

Each of us needs to fulfill our obligation to support our children at Mooseheart, our seniors at Moosehaven, community service, and keeping our lodges financially sound.

New members bring with them enthusiasm, a willingness to help, new ideas and financial support.

The Board of Officers needs to insure that the Orientation Schedule be posted and includes all of the New Members and any Current Members wishing to attend. Current and updated information provided will go “a long way” in helping to keep members informed of state, district and lodge programs.

*Wishing All..... A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
God Bless Our Troops!*



Correspondence Due Dates for December 2011-January 2012

- 12/1/2011 Registration Deadline is December 1, 2011 for Moose International Texas Hold 'Em Tournament.
- 12/10/2011 Transmit MONTHLY financial reports from QuickBooks
- 12/15/2011 Mail MONTHLY Moose International A/R Payment and Endowment Fund Remittance
- 1/10/2012 Transmit MONTHLY financial reports from QuickBooks
- 1/15/2012 Mail MONTHLY Moose International A/R Payment and Endowment Fund Remittance
- 1/31/2012 QUARTERLY Form 941 Employers Federal Tax Return submission deadline for Oct - Dec (U.S. Lodges Only)
- 1/31/2012 ANNUAL Form 940 FUTA submission deadline for 2011 Tax year
- 1/31/2012 Form W-2 issued to employees for 2011 Tax Year
- 1/31/2012 Form 1099 MISC copy B issued to non-employees paid more than \$600 in 2011 Tax Year
- 1/31/2012 Form 940 EZ Federal Unemployment Tax Return filing deadline
- 1/31/2012 Form 1099 INT copy B issued to individuals paid more than \$10 in interest in 2011 Tax Year



Cheryl Volden - - - Training Coordinator



Have you heard the news about **mandatory** training for Lodge Officers and Administrators? Beginning in 2012, a new requirement has been implemented that the **entire** Board of Officers of **every** lodge – starting with the Administrator must receive appropriate training in order to be in office. Director General Bill Airey answered the important question of why this requirement has been implemented. ***“Because we care: We want you and your Lodge to survive—and thrive. We want your officers to know how to protect the Lodge and themselves personally. We want you to be knowledgeable of your duties and responsibilities as well as those of the other officers. We want you to be proud of your Lodge and all it represents to you, your members, Mooseheart, Moosehaven and the community.”***

Effective Jan 1, 2012, all Administrators are **required** to attend the 3-day Administrator School, as well as the two-day hands-on technical training course (2-HOTT), which is a prerequisite to the Administrator School. Existing Administrators will have **three** years to complete this training if they have not already attended. New Administrators must complete this training **prior to**, or within **six** months of, taking office. All who attended this training in 2011 will be certified for three years from the date that they attended training. It is the Administrator’s responsibility to ensure that there is no gap in certification while he is in office, and he is required to attend every three years. ***Those who fail to comply will not be allowed to serve as Administrator.***

Effective May 1, 2012, all elected Lodge Officers, including Administrators, are required to attend the Lodge Leadership & House Committee one day training. All officers must attend this training **prior to, or within 60 days of**, taking office. All who attended this training in 2011 will be certified for three years from the date that they attended training. It is the officer’s responsibility to ensure that there is no gap in certification while he is in office and he is required to attend every three years. ***Those who fail to comply will not be allowed to continue to serve as Lodge officers.***

There is no need to wait until you are elected to attend training—as training will be offered year-round, to any Moose member. Why not plan ahead and attend--so that you are prepared to take office in the event that you are offered the opportunity?

Wondering where you can find training scheduled in California or Nevada? Go to the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) website at www.ca-nvmoose.org, and select **Fraternal Education**. A series of calendars can be found with all training sessions offered within the Association. This section will be updated by December 15th with the required sessions being offered between January and August of 2012. Stay tuned to this section of the website for other training sessions being offered throughout calendar year 2012.

Use the **Fraternal Education, Fraternal Ed Info** portion of the CNMA website to contact the training staff with any questions or concerns you may have or to request that a trainer come to your location and assist you.

The CNMA training staff wishes each of you a wonderful and thankful Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Any questions or concerns about **LCL.net**, **QuickBooks**, or training within the Association can be directed to me at (805) 338-1305 or send an email to cheryl.volden@verizon.net.



Greetings all and I want to take this opportunity to say Thank You to the following lodges and all the Lodge Officers, members and Coworkers who helped and sponsored the following Youth Congresses: Fernley, South Lake Tahoe (first time), Orland, Grass valley, and the Richmond Moose Lodge. We truly appreciated all your work and devotion.

I would also like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the new YA Chairman Joe Rigazio in Nevada. He conducted the two YA Congresses in Northern Nevada and did a great job. Also, in speaking of conducting YA Congresses, a "BIG Thank You" to Bob and Alice Mackay, for starting the YA Congress in Orland California. I arrived late as my truck broke down in route to the lodge.

To date we have only have 22 students for California North. However I have already been approached for a makeup session in Bay Area District 6.

The students are now challenged to do their three 'Kids talks" and get them turned in February 2012. With the Christmas parties in the lodges, this provides an opportunity for the students to get their talks done early. While at the lodge the students get to see a Moose Lodge function and of course we hope tell their parents about the Moose Lodge.

This all creates a Win-Win situation for the Moose Lodges, Students, and our Community. The students can be invited into a lodge dinner with their parents and be recognized for their efforts in Community Service. This provides the lodges the opportunity to introduce the parents to the Loyal Order of Moose. Win Win.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Fred Reichelt
Youth Awareness Coordinator Ca North
CNMA President 2010-2011



Grass Valley Moose Lodge



Orland Moose Lodge



South Lake Tahoe



Fred Reichelt - - - Jr. Past President

Greetings all and thank you for all you do.

The months of December and January are very special. The time to come together with family and lodge are very important. Think of the Christmas and New Years Eve parties for the lodge, family, and the younger children of the lodge. The Time is Now to **“Create Some Interest”** to show your friends and non members, what the Loyal Order of Moose and our Moose Lodges are all about. The thought of keeping our existing members and bring in new members should be your highest priority. We need to remind our members that our Moose homes/ Lodges provide a good place to meet and bring your families and enjoy your membership in a safe and warm environment.

We also need to remind our members of some of the other benefits of being a Moose member such as the following but not limited to:

Family and Entertainment:

- Online Magazine Store, Save up to 85% off news stand price.
- 5% off on all Sears Gift Cards
- Sears Moose Members Reward Program
- Moose Subscription Service - Save \$ and help our fraternity
- Sherwin-Williams Paints - Discounts from 5-20%
- FTD Flowers and Gifts. FTD.com Save 15%
- Hickory Farms - Delicious Gifts at Members 15% Discount
- North American Van Lines - Discount on Moves

Insurance Benefits:

- Moose VIP - Dental Insurance through DentalInsurance.com
- Insurance Central - Life Insurance Benefits Save up to 70% on Term Life Insurance
- Moose VIP - Medicare Supplement, Cancer Care, Accidental Death Benefits

Travel Programs

- Enterprise Car Rental Discount Program
- Hertz Car Rental Discount Program
- Cruise International Travel Rewards Program
- Choice Hotels offers Moose members up to 20% savings on hotel stays

Prescription and Medical Needs Discounts

- Moose Members Save 40% to 50% off LASIK!
- Moose Prescription Discount Program 20-25%
- Moose Vision Discount Program

Share your thoughts with your brothers and co workers and develop common goals. Use the benefit of being a member and encourage those members in the arrears or who have dropped their membership to come back. We miss them and the children at Mooseheart and seniors in Moosehaven also miss them.

Create a plan to keep and bring back our members and Together Everyone will Achieve More. (TEAM)

I hope you had a great Thanks Giving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. God bless Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

Thanks again:

Fred Reichelt, Jr Past President,



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Blast Mos Def from the jukebox and the ghosts of generations of former members will emerge from the shadows and change the tune. Have you ever seen a ghost with Brylcreem? It's not pretty. **Jokes aside, it's important to note that this isn't just some dive bar, some convenient place to stumble home from on a Tuesday night. Moose International is a service organization "dedicated to caring for young and old, bringing communities closer together and celebrating life."** Mooseheart (located on the north side of Aurora), is "a home for children and teens in need, from infancy through high school. Dedicated in 1913 by the Moose fraternal organization, Mooseheart cares for youth whose families are unable, for a wide variety of reasons, to care for them."

Rest assured the money you spend within these walls ultimately goes to a greater good, which is a great excuse to have *just one more* before you leave. At a time when memberships in service organizations like this one have been steadily declining, Moose Downers Grove is thriving, and that's a credit to the community it represents and that has supported it.

"YOUR LODGE'S IMAGE REALLY MATTERS "

Charlie



2011-2012 Governor's Award of Excellence

Qualifications:

- Governor must serve a full term from May 1 through the following April 30
- Lodge must have 100 members in ACTIVE status at the conclusion of the Governor's term of office on April 30
- Lodge must have achieved a gain in ACTIVE members during the Governor's term of office ending on April 30
- Governor must sponsor at least one member during his term in office
- Lodge must submit a timely Moose of the Year nomination form
- Lodge indebtedness to Moose International must be less than the indebtedness at the beginning of the Governor's term on May 1
- Lodge must remit Endowment Fund contributions to Moose Charities in at least 10 months
- Lodge must make timely submissions of all Community Service Reports and Lodge Safety Inspection Forms as required by Moose International
- Lodge must comply with the General Laws throughout the Governor's term of office
- Governor, during his term of office, must have attended
 - ?International Moose Convention AND
 - ?Association Annual Convention AND
 - ?Association Mid-Year Conference

Without exception, ALL of the above conditions MUST be met in order to qualify for the award.



HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT MOOSEHEART



Seasons Greetings

From Your

California Nevada Moose Association



Hoping the Season finds you with family Around You - - Friends to Surround You, and Holiday Joys Everywhere. During this Season of giving, let us not forget Our Beloved Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

Happy Holidays from your Executive Board.

Henry Weaver, President

Alan Phillips, Vice President

Bill Drake, Prelate

Robert Mackay, Treasurer

Fred Reichelt, Jr. Past President

Chuck Dombrow, Secretary

Charlie Lopez, Regional Manager

Gail Marlatt, Assist. Region Manager





ROOF PROJECT COMMITTEE
Bob Bakman Chairman

Mooseheart School Administration Building Roof Project

There has not been a lot of change since the October letter that was sent to all Fraternal Units along with the latest spreadsheets and email, aimed at the different unit's accomplishments or lack thereof. As was stated in those missives we were at that time just over \$103,000.00 from our goal of \$275,000.00. At this time we can only reiterate that basic problem is a lack of participation by the Lodge's. To demonstrate the magnitude of the situation we share the following with all. Of the current 128 Lodge units: 23 have met their obligation by donating \$1200.00 or more; 11 have donated between \$800.00 and \$1199.00; 19 have donated between \$400.00 and \$799.00; 33 have donated between \$1.00 and \$399.00; and 42 have not yet made any attempt to meet their \$1200.00 obligation. In the organizational structure of the International the Lodge or Moose Family Center is the required basic unit which all other Fraternal Units have their roots. Thus we are suggesting that everyone, individually and collectively, gather together with the Lodge leadership and help them with ideas, suggestions, support, and work together with them toward meeting their obligation.

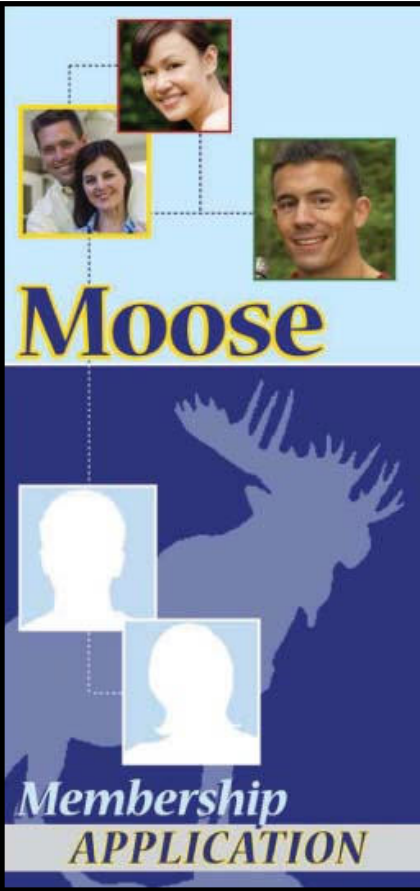
DON'T JUST STAND AROUND, JUMP ON THE BANDWAGON AND LEND THEM A HELPING HAND!!!

When every unit is able to contribute something the burden becomes lighter.
 Fraternally, R.R. "Bob" Bakman, Roof Committee Chairman



All Units should have paid there \$400.00 annual commitment for the Mooseheart School Administration Roof Project. If you have not paid for the year 2009 and 2010, your Unit owes \$800.00, an obligation we agreed upon, three years ago.

We have extended the program one year to help our lodges fulfill their commitment to the project. Program now runs through 2012.

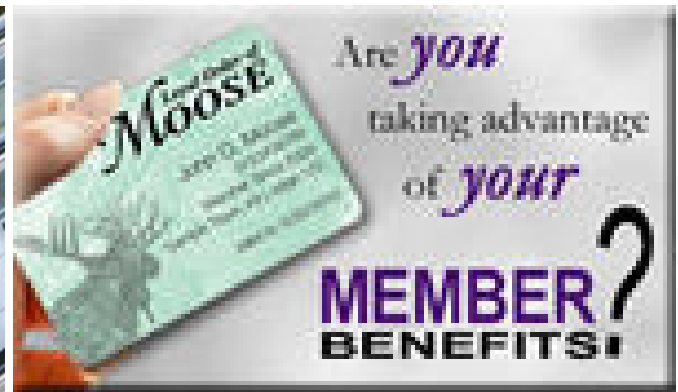


Moose

Membership APPLICATION

Moose

CREATE SOME INTEREST

Are *YOU* taking advantage of *YOUR* **MEMBER?**
BENEFITS!

Pay Your Dues Online Quick and Secure

Keep a Membership Application and Moose Legion Application with you at all times. The one that gets away, is the one you didn't have an Application for.

YOUR NEXT STEP IN FRATERNALISM



Create Some Interest

Moose

CREATE SOME INTEREST

Moose International Membership Campaign
May 1, 2011-April 30, 2012

WANTED!
LEVEL 1, 2011 - JULY 31, 2012
SPECIAL THREE YEAR INCENTIVE! CONFINES!
Sponsor 25 members during the period June 1, 2010 - July 31, 2012 will receive a custom-made Moosecraft Centennial watch by Stagen (Available in limited quantities only to qualified sponsors).

EVIDENCE
Official paper provided by your Lodge or Chapter

2 Member Award FREE DUES!
When your first two members are reported and welcomed during this campaign, we will pay your next year's dues in full for a special award in lieu of a year's dues.

4 MEMBER AWARD
Sponsor four members during the campaign and you will receive a trip for two to Las Vegas, Missouri or New York City. One trip to the campaign.

MOOSE AIRWAYS!
Sponsor four members during the campaign and you will receive a trip for two to Las Vegas, Missouri or New York City. One trip to the campaign.

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Sponsor five members and receive a Moose International Club wallet card and static window decal. Qualifying members will also be recognized for their support by receiving a deluxe pating knife and vegetable peeler gift set from American Made Cutlery - made possible by State & Provincial Associations and the Women of the Moose.

Sponsor 25 or more members and earn membership in the Director General's Circle of Distinction or the Women of the Moose Heart of Distinction. You will receive special recognition for achieving levels of 25, 50, 75 or 100.

Sponsor Sponsors of 100 or more members will receive transportation and five nights accommodations at the 2012 International Convention in Tampa, Florida.

Happy Birthday



MOOSEHEART

Child City & School Inc.



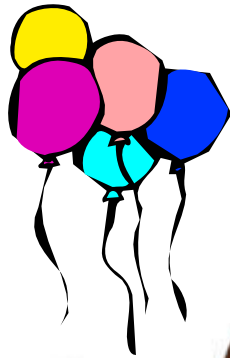
December



January



John Ranum
Campbell #1811
Birthday: 1-5-96



NO December or January Birthdays at Moosehaven



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TWO (2) MEMBER AWARD
SPONSOR TWO (2) NEW OR FORMER MEMBERS AND RECEIVE A "\$10.00 GIFT CARD" TO BE USED ONLY IN THE CNMA MERCHANDISE SALES ROOM DURING THE ASSOCIATION CONVENTIONS AND MID-YEAR CONFERENCES. CARD ONLY GOOD FOR USE BY MEMBER TO WHOM CARD ISSUED.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN
MAY 1, 2011 TO APRIL 30, 2012

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FIVE (5) MEMBER AWARD
SPONSOR FIVE (5) NEW OR FORMER MEMBERS AND RECEIVE A "\$25.00 GAS CARD"

California/Nevada Moose Association, Inc.
\$25.00 GAS CARD
GIVES ME GAS!

TEN (10) MEMBER AWARD
SPONSOR FIVE (5) NEW OR FORMER MEMBERS AND RECEIVE ANOTHER "\$25.00 GAS CARD"