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From Your Governor

This month I start this news letter with mixed emotions. On the one hand I am extremely proud of the performance of last years Officers and also of this year's Officers.

We have survived a forced shutdown and reopening of the Lodge, however our membership and participation by our members has dropped. We have over a hundred members who are in arrears and dropping their membership.

Everyone needs to remember that this Lodge was started in 1922 as a Family Fraternity, with the goal of providing for children in need and along the way with providing a comfortable retirement for Seniors. This is why we are

staying open and trying to continue the caring for Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

In order to maintain this goal and go forward we need every member to encourage their fellow members to renew their membership and even help by signing up new members. We have a nice Lodge, so let's use it.

Now let's discuss our current situation. **That's participation by our members.** We need you to show up for our planned events. You asked for more to enjoy, so we have extra events planned. Our Wednesday and Friday meals are important for our financial health. So support your Lodge and join us for Dinner. **Come on out and help us to make it better !!!**

Just how important are Volunteers???

Well here is a perfect example!!! The appearance of the Lodge tells a lot about the people who are members of the Lodge. **Questions: Do the members care about the appearance of the Lodge? Is the Lodge respected as part of the community? Is the outside and the inside something you would be proud to part of, as a member?**

You all know that this Lodge operates with the assistance of Volunteers. We keep asking for volunteers to step up and help, but it's the same few who answer the call.

Your Lodge Officer's accept the responsibility of taking care of the operations of the Lodge, to see that all the rules and regulations of Moose International, the City, the State and the Federal Government require are being followed.

Now that in itself is a huge task which takes time, but on top of that our members expect that the Officer's and the few volunteers we have, are supposed to carry the load for all our other members.

An example of how you can help can be seen in this issue of the Antler. Three members of our Euchre Club asked me if we could get together and trim the bushes outside the Lodge and spray the parking lot, for the weeds growing up through the cracks. Dick Mansanz, Ron Walters and Fritz Bendle, were the three. I thanked them and joined them and then John Reynen also volunteered to help.

We picked a Tuesday morning and in short order we completed the task. I am so proud of the few men and women who we have that are regular volunteers.

I only hope and pray that more step up before the ones we have, give up and drop out.

WOTM News . . . Greetings Ladies,

We would like to thank all of you who attended the WOTM Dinner Dance Fundraiser. If you were not there you missed a good time.

Remember the WOTM Bake Sale is the first Friday of every month from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

A big thank you to all of you who have donated baked goods for the sale.

The WOTM meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there. **Pat Parisot, Jr. Grand Regent**



Fritz Bendle with tractor and sprayer. He donated the Weed Killer Chemical



Ron Walters trimming and shaping the bushes



Dick Mansanz raking & hauling the trash to the dumpster.



John Reynen and Bob Hammortree taking turns with the trimmer

Bus Trip to "Jumer's Casino" - Always a fun trip. Bingo on the bus and a movie to watch on the way home. \$5.00 in Casino Money and free Buffet Lunch. Free drink and \$1.00 off the Dinner on return to the Lodge. Sign up at the Bar now, or miss a fun trip.



Early Bird
is \$ 1,143.00

Doors open at
4:00 pm and there is food available
at 5:30 pm and also a full service
cash bar for your enjoyment.



Fireball is
\$ 6,000

Crossfire is
\$ 14,000.00



September Dinners for your

Dining Pleasure

Dinners are being served from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
(Happy Hour Every Wednesday 4 - 6:00 pm)

A Fish Sandwich now available on Friday Nights.

Wed. Sept. 5th - Italian Beef Sandwich with
French Fries & Salad Bar. 9.75 Or Ham-
burger / Cheeseburger with Fries \$ 6.50

Fri. Sept 7th - Plated Fish Fry Dinner Baked
or Fried Cod, Baked Potato & Salad Bar.
Optional Shrimp or Chicken Strips. Or
Hamburger/Cheeseburger with Fries \$ 6.50

Wed. Sept. 12th - Hot Beef Sandwich with
mashed potatoes & gravy, Salad Bar
\$9.75. or Hamburger / Cheeseburger &
with Fries \$6.50

Fri. Sept. 14th - Plated Fish Fry Dinner Baked
or Fried Cod, Baked Potato & Salad Bar.
Optional Shrimp or Chicken Strips. Or
Hamburger / Cheeseburger with Fries \$ 6.50

Wed. Sept. 19th - Chicken Dinner Buffet,
Potatoes & Gravy, vegetable & Salad Bar
\$9.75. or Hamburger / Cheeseburger &
Fries \$6.50

Fri. Sept. 21st - Plated Fish Fry Dinner Baked
or Fried Cod, Baked Potato & Salad Bar.
Optional Shrimp or Chicken Strips Or
Hamburger/Cheeseburger with Fries \$ 6.50

Wed. Sept. 26th - Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner
with garlic Bread & Salad Bar, \$9.75 or
Hamburger / Cheeseburger & Fries \$6.50

Fri. Sept. 28th - Plated Fish Fry Dinner - Baked
or Fried Cod, Baked Potato & Salad Bar.
Optional Shrimp or Chicken Strips. Or
Hamburger / Cheeseburger with Fries \$ 6.50

Carryout dinners are available for purchase.

Lodge Improvements are ongoing !

Completed Items are:

- * New wash machine in the kitchen for apron and towel cleaning.
- * Dishwasher Paid Off - Lodge now owns it.
- * Walk in beer cooler needed new switches for the cooling system.
- * Bushes around the lodge needed trimming and the Parking Lot was sprayed to kill the weeds.
- * Aluminum Can project is underway. Save your cans and bring them to the Lodge.

Upcoming events !!!

Sept. 8th - Illinois Day at the Mooseheart Campus. Open to the Public, so bring your friends!!!

Sept 15th - Moose Legion river cruise at Sterling Lodge. 20.00 per person. See Mark for details.



Sept. 15th - "Mississippi Man" --- Dinner show here at the Lodge. Spaghetti Dinner meat sauce, Garlic Bread & Dessert.

Sept. 23rd - Moose Legion Breakfast and meeting 9:00 am. \$5.00 for Legion Members, spouse is free! The fourth Sunday will be the Legion breakfast.

Sept. 26th - Bus trip to "Jumer's" Casino. Sign up at the Bar now to reserve a seat. A day of fun on the bus and free buffet at the casino.

Oct. 13 - Denny Diamond's, Dinner show Words and music of "Neil Diamond"

Nov. 17 - Roy Orbison & Patsy Cline Dinner Show. Tribute by Trinadors Rocks Band.

Jan. 12 - June Carter & Johnny Cash, Dinner show, "June's Got The Cash" Tribute.

Feb. 16 - Geogia Rae Fiddle Champ Band "Future Bluegrass" Dinner Show.

April 20 - Chip Messiner's "John Denver Tribute" Dinner Show.

Note: All the dinner shows will be "Open to the Public." So here is an opportunity to bring neighbors and friends to visit our Lodge. Tickets are available at the Bar.

Lodge Moose Legion News

Hello everyone, as you know we have had a long recovery since last year. A lot of things have suffered including our Lodge Moose Legion. We started with doing a Meat raffle once a month to try and gain some interest not only from our Moose Legionnaires, but also from our regular members.

So starting in September every fourth Sunday of every month our Moose Legion will be doing a breakfast for Moose Legionnaires and their spouses.

Cost of the breakfast will be \$5.00 for a Moose Legionnaire and their spouses eat for free.

I am looking for volunteers who are willing to assist me and help make this happen. It will not magically happen by itself. Myself and a volunteer team can make this happen. It will take teamwork to make any planned functions successful.

As the saying goes "A burden heavy to one, can be handled lightly by many."

To all of our Moose Legionnaires I hope you will help get this activity off the ground, so then possibly in a few months time we can do other activities to get people interested in joining us as Moose Legionnaires.

In the meantime if you have a fellow member who expresses an interest in joining the Legion, invite him to the breakfast.

Mark Sandeen
Moose Legion Chairman

Without Volunteers our Lodge will not survive!! Sign up now with an Officer