

NEWPORT LODGE #1236

February 2008

Quote of the Month:

“Drink Beer! It removes unsightly flab and wrinkles” ~Anonymous

Letter from the Governor:

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and having a wonderful winter! Tough to do when the heat bill arrives! Oh well, it makes us appreciate the other three seasons. The winter doesn't slow down our activities at the lodge. We're going full steam ahead! Check out the calendar and see!

I want to personally thank every member who took the time to fill out the smoking survey! What a great response we had! Almost 70 members responded, with the results being about a split 50/50.

Most of the winter functions have already been planned and we're already working on spring and summer! Don't miss the Newport Winter Carnival Events, especially the parade! Veronica and the crew have been hard at work on our float and it looks to me like we've got another winner! This would make three in a row! Another favorite is the golf (frozen open); organized by our own Lari Bell. Rumor has it that we will also be hosting a medieval murder mystery dinner on the closing afternoon! We also have the sliding event on Saturday!

The Super Bowl bash was a "Don't Miss It" event whether you're a football fan or not. There was a pig roast and plenty of other great food! Half price refreshments were served from 4 to 5pm with drink specials every half hour after, including lots of door prizes too!

Get well wishes to Pilgrim Paul Wilson, who took a spill on the ice recently, and broke some ribs. Also brother Tom Teague is recovering from his mishap. Hope to see you both at the lodge soon!

In parting I remind you to "Do one good thing for someone every day!"

Fraternally Yours,
Randy A

Attention Moose Legionaires !!!!

The Legion Celebration in Dover went well! Congratulations to Chris (Scrath) Starcher for his "Moose Legionnaire of the Year" Award! Thank you to all who attended! A great time for all!

The other five-windows are in for the upstairs. They will be installed within the next month or so. There has been some remodeling done in the kitchen. We would like to thank Ray DeCesare for his hard work in the kitchen and other areas he has worked.

The Legion Breakfast still going well. They are the 3rd Sunday of every month. The next one will be February 17th, 7 to 10 am with meeting to follow, so mark your calendars.

We are now discussing a new ceiling for the Dick Doxter room. All working bodies and hands are needed to complete the work.

Fraternally yours,
Legion President
R.Craig Williams

LETTER FROM THE PAST GOVERNOR:

A short note from me, which I told the board of trustees that I would take care of.

First, the smoking survey, we were all happy to see 77 of our 250+ members took the time to fill out the survey. And that was all it was (a survey). This is in no way a vote to change anything. We needed to know how people felt about smoking in our lodge. 36 were in favor of smoking, 38 were in favor of NOT smoking, 3 did not care, so for now we will stay the same. I hope that this decision does not change your mind about coming to the lodge.

My next item is the “Gimme Five” program. I am glad to offer my time to take this project into my hands. I will try not to bore you with useless information that you don’t need to read. Rising costs have made this something that international had to address. It takes 32 million to keep Mooseheart and Moosehaven going every year. The \$23 that international keeps of your dues every year is not keeping up. I don’t know about you, but I don’t want to see our dues go up to raise \$142 million in five years to keep what we stand for going. Ten cents a day for every member for 5 years will do this.

International wants me to bore you with four pages of “PLEASE HELP US”. I won’t do that. There is a jug on the bar, if everyone puts 25 cents a day in the jar, they come into the lodge, we will put this money to the kids and seniors at Mooseheart and Moosehaven. That will cover you and one member that do not come in everyday. If you would like to, you can do it via the Internet as explained below.

Gimme Five! Frequently Asked Questions

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.

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.

Can I make a donation online?

- Yes, go to www.mooseintl.org and click to link to Moose Charities or go directly to <http://www.moosecharities.org> and click on the Gimme Five! icon then follow the directions.

Can I set up an automatic withdrawal to fund my donations to Gimme Five?

- Yes, go to www.moosecharities.org and download a Direct Debit enrollment form.

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.

WOTM Newsletter

Greetings from the Women of the Moose!

We hope this finds you healthy, happy and WARM in the New Year!

It's hard to believe, but there are only 3 1/2 months left in the Chapter Year, which means that it is time to elect our new board of officers for next year! The nominating committee will be meeting on February 14th and 28th to review and accept new nominations for the 200-2009 Chapter Year! The following positions will need to be filled; Sr Regent, Jr Regent, Recorder, Secretary/treasurer, and Chaplain. Additionally, we will need a Chairperson for each month and for several other special projects. There will be a posting on or near our bulletin board that briefly explains the specific duties of officers and Chairpersons. Also, nomination forms will be available. Anyone wishing to nominate a co-worker or their self should complete a nomination form and drop it in the WOTM box in the Social Quarters. Yes, there is commitment of time, effort, and sometimes tears, but the work is fun, rewarding and vital to the ongoing success of our Chapter and Lodge. So please consider how you can help!

There is a lovely **Valentine** Basket on display in the social quarters that is being raffled by Laura Sevene and members of her Moosehaven Committee in the month of February. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The basket will be raffled at our chapter night meeting on February 11th. On March 15th, Gary Economu and Pam Boomhower will be preparing a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner for our St. Patrick's Day celebration. Tickets will be on sale at the lodge for \$5.00 each. We hear that they cook a GREAT meal and don't think you could find a better deal. (Ham will also be served instead of corned beef, for members who can't eat it or don't like it!) Entertainment by GoDan will follow the dinner. Pam has made and donated two beautiful tapestries that will also be raffled on March 15th and tickets will be on sale at the Lodge beginning February 12th for \$1.00 each or \$5.00. As always, a great big THANK YOU to all of our faithful co-workers who show up at the lodge and do so much for so little recognition. Please know that we do notice what you do and are ever so appreciative of each of you and the contributions that you make. Alone we can do so little, Together we can do so much!

Yours in Faith, Hope and Charity,
WOTM Board of Officers

Special Request from our Deputy Supreme Governor

Hi everyone! News from the web.

I'm sure that all of you who own computers use a search engine to find things on the Internet Goggle, Yahoo, etc. You probably use this at least once every time you use your computer. Many people have their search website as the first thing that comes up when they log on to the Internet.

I would like to ask you to use GOODSEARCH.COM as your default search engine. It is powered by Yahoo, so you will get the same search results as if you searched from Yahoo.com. The difference in using GOODSEARCH.COM is that you can set a simple option so that every time you search for something using GOODSEARCH.COM, a donation is made to Mooseheart! **THIS DOES NOT COST YOU ANYTHING!** For each different internet search you make, Mooseheart gets a penny. This is not a huge amount of money, but this money is raised without anyone in the fraternity spending any money or making any effort! All search engines get advertising money from websites. GOODSEARCH.COM shares a portion of that revenue with charitable organizations. If just 300 members of your lodge use this just TWICE A WEEK you would raise over \$300 a year for our children. I don't know about you, but I'd sure rather make donations this way than sell raffle tickets! There is no down side to this program. It costs you nothing and the only effort involved is a few mouse clicks to make GOODSEARCH.COM your homepage and/or toolbar preferred search engine. The links to do that are right on the GOODSEARCH.COM home page. The first time you use it be sure and click on the button that allows you to select Moose International in the "WHO DO YOU WANT TO GOODSEARCH FOR?" box. NO COST! NO EFFORT! WHY NOT?

Gene Joyce

Deputy Supreme Governor

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Calendar of Events

Sunday Feb 3:

WOTM Breakfast...8-11am!

Friday Feb 8:

Twin Ridge Mountaineers Snowmobile Club Casino Night 7-10pm

Saturday Feb 9:

GoDan 7-11pm

Sunday Feb 10:

Winter Carnival Mid Evil Brunch 3-6

Tuesday Feb 12:

Line Dancing 6:30-8:30 - contact Liz Peck 398*1166 - 10 weeks for \$5.00 per person, per week.

Saturday Feb 16:

Jim Hollis 7 - 11pm

Sunday Feb 17:

Legion Breakfast 7-10 with meeting to follow aslo;
12-4pm Magic Show: Open to the Public-tickets at the moose lodge

Friday Feb 22:

“Hurricane Alley” 7-11pm

Wheel Barrow Raffle Winners

1st Prize - Wheelbarrow full of Food - Bill Clement

2nd Prize - \$50.00 - Kathy Devon

3rd Prize - \$50.00 - Donna Elie

4th Prize - \$25.00 - Bill Blement

5th Prize - \$25.00 - Paul Wilson

DONATIONS WERE GREATLY APPRECIATED!