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## Official Communication for June 24, 2015

### 2015-16 Supreme Council Lodge Grant Program – Final day to submit applications - June 30<sup>th</sup>

You have **less than one week** from today to submit your application for this program as the final day to submit your application is Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, no exceptions. The Supreme Council has moved the application dates for the 2015-16 Lodge Grant Program to the spring in order to allow lodges to start projects prior to the winter months. Last year, financial awards were not announced until late December, which delayed many outdoor projects in the north due to weather restrictions. This year, the projected time frame for the next \$1,000,000 grant award announcements is early September.

**Electronic Submission.** Supreme Council Lodge Grant Applications must be submitted to Moose International electronically using the Admin Menu. Place your mouse-pointer over “Forms” on the menu bar, left click on “Grant Request”; then submit requested information. Once you have completed your form, select “Save” and your request is automatically submitted to Moose International. You may edit your form as many times as necessary prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>, and your most recent version will be retained by M.I. after you hit save.

If you are unable to attach a quote, fax it to 630.966.2225 – attention Kurt.

The (200/200) and (500/500) that appears on the application, simply indicates the amount of characters you are allowed to type into that box.

Only one grant application can be submitted per Lodge.

**Submissions are being accepted now through Tuesday, June 30, 2015.**

### 2015 Moose of the Year Selection Open – Final day to submit selection – July 10, 2015

Keep in mind this deadline is immediately following the International Convention, therefore we suggest you get your selection entered prior to your departure to Nashville. This program recognizes each Lodge's selection of its most outstanding member as their **Moose of the Year**. Since ALL active members of the Order may be considered as a Lodge's Moose of the Year nominee, it is our belief that **no Lodge has an excuse to not participate in this recognition program**. Submitting a timely Moose of the Year is one of the criteria for a Lodge to earn the Premier Lodge Award.

The Moose of the Year is selected by the Lodge's Junior Past Governor, serving as Chairman, and at least three other Past Governors of the Lodge. If three (3) active Past Governors are not available, the Governor may appoint other Lodge Officers to the selection committee. Additionally, if the Junior Past Governor is not available to serve as Chairman, the Governor may appoint any Past Governor of the Lodge to serve in this capacity. The Moose of the Year selection should be based upon the member's overall record as a Moose during the past year, with particular attention paid to his membership efforts, his support of Moose Charities and his contributions to his Lodge and community.

**Electronic Submission.** Lodge's Moose of the Year selection will be submitted to Moose International electronically using the Admin Menu. Place your mouse-pointer over "Forms" on the menu bar, scroll down and select "Awards". It automatically fills in the awards section as "Moose of the Year 2015". Under Member, select the arrow down button and click on the selected winner. Then click SAVE. Your selection is automatically submitted to Moose International.

**Submissions are being accepted now through Friday, July 10, 2015.**

## **Pre-registered for the International Moose Convention, don't forget to bring your credentials and your donations for our Heart of the Community drives!**

If you pre-registered for this year's International Moose Convention in Nashville, your Name Badge and, if ordered, paid Grand Ole Opry tickets, 25 Club-earned Grand Ole Opry tickets, or 4<sup>th</sup> of July General Jackson Showboat tickets have been mailed to your address of record. Please **be sure to bring these items with you** to the Nashville Convention. Due to demand, no additional tickets are available to any of our events. If you have Grand Ole Opry tickets for Sunday evening's performance that you will not be using, please turn them in at the Moose Member Center in Delta Lobby B by noon on Sunday. These will be redistributed to 25 Club members that did not receive tickets.

As our International Convention in Nashville quickly approaches we are excited to once again find ways to contribute to our host city. As part of these efforts, we will be collecting items for several local organizations. We encourage all lodges and chapters to consider holding a drive for these items locally throughout the month of June, and then bring the items along to Nashville to be part of our collective donations. The drives we are hosting are:

- Canned and non-perishable food items for Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee
- Clothing for Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee
- School supplies for Safe Haven Family Shelter
- Children's books for Book 'Em, a non-profit organization that provides books to economically disadvantaged children

All donations should be dropped off in the designated area (Delta Lobby B) at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel before Monday, July 6 so the items can be turned over to the respective organizations that day. Thank you in advance for your consideration and your assistance!

## **Appointments Can Now Be Made for Red Cross Blood Drive at International Convention**

If you are not volunteering during our Heart of the Community efforts in Nashville, you can still contribute to our causes during a blood drive that will be hosted by the American Red Cross at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. The blood drive will take place from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM on Monday, July 6, which are the same hours as all of our other Heart of the Community projects. Appointments can be scheduled for whole blood donation or double red blood cell donation.

Walk-ins will be welcome for the blood drive, but those with advance appointments will be given priority. If you would like to schedule a blood donation appointment, please contact Assistant Director of Membership Shawn Baile at (630) 859-2000 x6257 or [sbaile@mooseintl.org](mailto:sbaile@mooseintl.org).

## **Opry Mills Offers Free Coupon Book Worth Hundreds of Dollars in Savings**

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