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Official Communication for May 5, 2016

Dues Rate Increase effective for August 2016 dues payments

During the opening joint session of the 2015 International Moose Convention in Nashville, Director General Hart announced that the Supreme Council had approved an increase of the ABCD by \$2 for fraternal years 2016-17, 2018-19 and 2020-21 for members of the Loyal Order of Moose if we did not have a collective increase in active members for the Loyal Order of Moose, Women of the Moose and Moose Legion. An increase in active members was not met this past fiscal year; therefore a \$2 increase will be assessed effective for your August 2016 dues. Per the General Laws, if your current dues rate does not meet this minimum amount, you will need to increase your dues.

International Moose Convention Pre-registration Ends Saturday, May 21, 2016

If you or other members are planning on attending the 2016 International Moose Convention in St. Louis, pre-registration for this event ends Saturday, May 21st. Save money and time by registering now! See below for details and visit www.moose2016stlouis.org for access to registration, accommodations and other important convention information.

- Pre-Registration rates are:
 - Registration: \$50.00 online / \$60.00 by mail
 - Optional Breakfasts: \$30.00
 - Optional Luncheons: \$35.00
 - Optional Dinners: \$40.00

- All forms submitted electronically or postmarked by mail after May 21, 2016 or onsite in St. Louis are considered regular registrations and will be assessed the following:
 - Registration: \$100.00
 - Optional Breakfasts: \$45.00
 - Optional Luncheons: \$50.00
 - Optional Dinners: \$60.00

As a reminder, Lodges are required to have a representative at the International Convention for the Premier Lodge Award and Supreme Council Grant consideration.

Technology Notice

Buying a new computer? Windows 10 is now supported by all Moose International programs, such as LCL.net and QuickBooks. Any questions, please contact Member Services at 630.906.3658.

2016-2017 Moose of the Year Selection

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. The Lodge's Moose of the Year selection will be submitted to Moose International electronically, via the Admin Menu. **Submissions will begin being accepted on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 and end on Friday, July 15, 2016.**

The Junior Past Governor may convene this committee and identify their Lodge's Moose of the Year selection any time after May 1, 2016, so their selection is ready to be submitted between June 15, 2016 and July 15, 2016.

A new year has begun!

Moose – Raise the Roof -- May 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017

The Moose Fraternity has '*Built Our Foundation*' over the past twelve months, but now it's time to '**Raise the Roof**' in support of our children, seniors and communities during the upcoming campaign year, May 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017.

Last year we focused on growing our lodges and chapters – our foundation – in order to support our core values. Now it's time to build on that success and push above those levels so that our communities can hear our celebration loud and clear.

In order to expand our ability to support key endeavors, we need to rededicate our efforts in production and retention. This means creating higher value at the local and International levels so that members don't hesitate when a renewal notice arrives. Utilizing proper new member

orientations and creatively implementing your Lodge's Preferred Member Program are just a couple of suggestions for realizing a successful year of membership growth.

This year's one member award, a 'Moose – Raise the Roof' lapel pin, should be awarded by each lodge, chapter or Moose Legion after a member sponsors his/her first candidate during the campaign year. Individuals attaining membership in the Moose International 5 Club will receive a "5 Club" logo static window decal, and funds generated by these members will help support the Administration Office replacement roof at Moosehaven. This award is made possible by your State/Provincial Moose Association, WOTM and Moose Legion.

A new program that was announced during the International Convention in Nashville, *Moose Rewards*, provides valuable incentives to our members. Please remember that for each new or re-enrolled member that is sponsored during the 'Moose – Raise the Roof' campaign, your members will receive *Moose Rewards* points that they can eventually redeem for offerings important to them. For members who sponsor their first candidate "ever," they will receive 6,000 points, which is nearly enough in itself to reach the first redemption level. Look for more information at www.mooserewards.org.

