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Official Communication for May 2, 2016

2016-17 Campaign Materials Available on website

Loyal Order of Moose and Moose Legion campaign materials should be arriving in your mailbox today, if not already. Women of the Moose materials will be going out this week. Please share this information with your Membership Chairman and get your plans in place for the Moose-Raise the Roof membership campaign. Additional information, such as tent cards and materials for your newsletters are available on our website.

2016-17 Supreme Council Lodge Grant Program Now Open

The Supreme Council has kept the application dates for the 2016-17 Lodge Grant Program to the spring in order to allow lodges to start projects prior to the winter months. Last year, financial awards were announced near the end of August, which allowed many outdoor projects in the north to begin before weather restrictions set in. This year, the projected time frame for the next \$1,000,000 grant award announcements is early September.

Please read the following information in order to improve your lodge's chances for securing a Supreme Council Lodge Grant:

1. Attendance at the 2016 International Moose Convention is still required and the application start and completion dates remain the same as last year in order to allow lodges the opportunity to start 2016 projects prior to the onset of winter. Lodges can begin applying on May 1st, with the final date for submitting an application being June 30th. No extensions will be granted. The process will be the same as last year, with access to the application appearing within the Moose Admin section on the website starting May 1st.
2. All lodges will have access to the application; however, those lodges not represented at the 2016 International Moose Convention in St. Louis will be eliminated following the meeting. At least one representative from the lodge needs to be scanned into a meeting of the Order to qualify.
3. Grants will be dispersed in quantities between \$500 and \$25,000.

4. Funds are to be used to repair, replace or upgrade current equipment and facilities which will make the Lodge more appealing/functional to current and future members. (i.e. – replacement of a water heater; roof repairs; new seating for the social quarters; replacement of worn carpeting; new signage; installation of a POS system; parking lot repair, etc.) Funds will not be granted to pay taxes, loans, past bills, or other financial obligations of the Lodge. Repairs and upgrades cannot be retroactive.
5. These are not loans – there is no monetary payback required. The Lodge will be required to sign a statement if a grant is awarded, however, pledging to become more Fraternal by following the tenets set forth by Moose International regarding Lodge activities, fraternal giving and Heart of the Community activities.
6. Whenever possible, always submit specific bids for each of the projects listed on your application. Attach the bid to your proposal if possible, but if you cannot, you must still list specific costs within the application. If selected, you will be required to supply the bid upon which the application was based. It is highly unlikely that you will be funded if you submit estimated costs with no justification.
7. Have some skin in the game. Very few lodges will receive the capped amount of \$25,000 as the Supreme Council seeks to help as many lodges as possible throughout the fraternity. If you do submit a request for \$25,000, or for any amount for that matter, please note how your lodge has – or is going to – contribute to the project either financially or through volunteer labor. If your project costs exceed the \$25,000 cap, you are more likely to be considered if you indicate whether partial funding of the project through a grant will allow you to move forward, with additional funding coming from the lodge or other sources.
8. If you list several projects on your application, always identify specific costs for each project and the order of importance to which you attribute each project on your list. Many of the awards during the last two years were for one or more specific projects listed within a single grant request.
9. If you are requesting funds for the “Smoke No More” incentive (lodges voluntarily going non-smoking in an area where smoking is allowed) please note that funds for the construction of any type of smoking structure (i.e. outdoor gazebo or room) will not be granted. Only the costs of cleaning or replacing smoke-damaged materials – such as ceiling tiles, carpeting, etc. – will be considered.

10. Size of the lodge makes little difference as long as you can show that you operate as a true fraternal unit. Grants have been approved for lodges ranging from 50 members to 2,000 members, but not for any that currently operate as little more than a bar.
11. Your fraternal record is taken into account when considering grants, including membership trends; contributions through Moose Charities; MI accounts receivable trends; Heart of the Community activity, etc.
12. Applications will be reviewed by the Territory Manager, the Regional Manager, Moose International staff, and the Supreme Council. Applications may be denied at any time during this process based on the request of the field staff or fraternal history of the Lodge.
13. Make sure your Territory Manager or Regional Manager thoroughly understands the projects for which you are requesting funds and how completion of the projects will enhance the lodge.
14. All proceeds granted by the Supreme Council will be forwarded directly to the vendor. The lodge must approve the work that was done and forward the invoice to Moose International.
15. A follow-up report, including before and after photographs, is required for all projects.
16. Finally, don't wait until the last minute to submit your application. While it has no bearing on whether you are approved for a grant or not, issues in regards to completing the application caused much distress among those who waited.
17. Questions may be directed to Kurt Wiebe in the Membership Department at kwiebe@mooseintl.org or 630-966-2228.

Officers Entry For 2016-2017 Can Now Be Entered

Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions can now enter their 2016-2017 officers.

Moose Charities March Of Checks At The St. Louis International Convention

We thank you - each member, Fraternal Unit, District, Council of Higher Degrees and Association for your donations to Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

As you make your plans and prepare for the St. Louis International Convention, please remember that there will be a 'March of Checks' at the Sunday afternoon Joint Session.

All donations need to be brought to the Moose Charities booth and donors of \$500.00 or more will receive a 'receipt' for presentation and recognition on stage. Please bring your donations to our booth no later than noon on Sunday, July 3. This will enable us to announce the total of all donations received at this convention.

And we invite you to bring your donations for the Moosehaven Centennial Project. This three-story apartment complex will improve the quality of life for our traditional residents and, at the same time, assist in reducing operating costs. And remember, you might very well be investing in **your** retirement home – your opportunity to live 'Another Day in Paradise'.

Let's meet in St. Louis!

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