

## Official Communication for April 19, 2017

### Active Military/First Responders Promotion Extended and Expanded

The Moose Fraternity has adopted the theme “**Honoring Community Heroes**” for the 2017-18 campaign year. One of the three core missions of the Moose is to become the “Heart of the Community,” and this year’s theme provides focus for these efforts as we recognize not only our own contributions, but those by others as well.

Beginning in January, 2017, the Moose started offering first-year memberships at no cost to some core community heroes – first responders and active military members – on a limited trial. Because of the success of that initial offering, and the continued focus on community, Moose International has extended that program through the end of December, and has added two categories – National Guard members and border patrol officers – to the list of included responders. These individuals bring three things to the Moose that are desperately needed, a shared commitment to serving others; a youthful, energetic viewpoint that can reinvigorate our fraternal units; and the potential to step into leadership positions within our lodges, chapters and Moose Legions.

#### Keys to note:

1. **The promotional program has been extended to December 31, 2017**
2. **All original categories in the Active Military/First Responders Program are still eligible**
3. **National Guard members and border patrol officers may be added AFTER May 1, 2017**
4. **Make sure you are conducting orientation programs and inviting all new members to participate in lodge/chapter activities**
5. **Don’t stop inviting qualified candidates in other fields to join the Moose. Even though fees and dues apply to these groups, adding members will make your lodge/chapter stronger**

Take the time over the next several months to identify individuals and organizations which step up in your community and invite them to join. The Moose cannot have enough members who recognize the benefits of giving to others and supporting causes purely because it’s the right thing to do.

### Early April Checklist ✓

- **Verify Names/Addresses for new member are correct, prior to entering in LCL.net**
  - Can’t read it? Contact new member directly prior to entering applications
- **Verify correct sponsor has credit for applications during Fiscal Year**
  - Report corrections to Member Services prior to April 28
- **Verify all applications in “Accepted” Status have been enrolled**
  - Any applicants presently in your LCL.net that both remitted dues and received a favorable vote of the membership, not previously transmitted with an enroll date, must be immediately transmitted to Moose International **using today’s date as the enroll date.**
  - Chapters must ensure that an appropriate ballot date is also transmitted.
- **Blanket Dispensation to All Lodges/Chapters From General Governor’s/Grand Chancellor’s Office**

- The General Governor's/Grand Chancellor's Office has issued a blanket dispensation to all lodges and chapters wishing to conduct an additional membership meeting in April for the sole purpose of voting on new candidate applications for Moose membership.
- If a lodge/chapter chooses to implement an additional meeting, it must take place on or before Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and a quorum, as defined in the General Laws, must be present. No other business may be conducted during this meeting.

## End of Year Checklist ✓

- **Members With April 30, 2017, Expiration Dates Are Counted As Active Members For Year-End Totals**
  - As Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions are contacting unpaid members to reactivate their memberships prior to the April 30<sup>th</sup> Moose – Raise the Roof campaign year end, keep in mind all members who expire on April 30, 2017 will be counted as Active Members. Efforts to reactivate expired members should **focus on those members with a March 31, 2017, or earlier (2/29/17, 1/31/17, 12/31/16...), expiration date.**
- **On-Line Payments Included In 2016-2017 Year-End Totals**
  - Members can pay **online** with a credit card, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express, at <https://secure.mooseintl.org/QuickPay>. Payments made prior to **9:59 PM Central Time on April 30, 2017, will be included** in the 2016-2017 year-end totals.
- **Moose International Staff Not available Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**
  - All business should be concluded by April 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Normal processing will still be in place over the weekend
  - Applications will need to be entered on Saturday and enrolled on Sunday to be included in April 30<sup>th</sup> active member count

## Moose Charities March Of Checks At The Tampa 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 Tampa International Convention, please remember that there will be a 'March of Checks' at the Sunday morning Joint Session.

**All donations** need to be brought to the Moose Charities booth no later than 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 1. This will enable us to announce the total of all donations received at this convention.

Donors of \$500.00 or more will receive a 'receipt' that permits the donors to take part in the March of Checks and be recognized on stage.



### **Double Moose Rewards Points for Training During April, May and June**

Moose International is offering double Moose Rewards points for officer training during April, May and June. Complete any Instructor led class or complete an on-line training class and you will receive double Moose Rewards points. This is the perfect time for new officers to attend the required officer classes and get double Moose Rewards points too! Attached is a flyer that can be printed and shared with your membership.

### **Fore!!!**

The weather is warming up and it's time to hit the fairway. What better way to do so then with new customized golf clubs from Tour Edge. These clubs feature color artwork with your Lodge/Chapter name and number alongside a standing moose. Mix and match putters and wedges to create a minimum order totaling only 6 clubs. Customized clubs will take 4-6 weeks for delivery. Fill in the attached order form and return it to the Catalog Sales Department: [Catalogsales@mooseintl.org](mailto:Catalogsales@mooseintl.org) or mail in to Catalog Sales 85 N International Dr. Mooseheart, IL 60539.

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