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Official Communication for June 14, 2017

Deadline to Register for International Horseshoes Tournament is this Friday, June 16th!

The deadline to register for the International Moose Horseshoes Tournament is this Friday, June 16th. This tournament will be hosted by Marion, NC Lodge #1705 from July 14-16th.

Registration information can be found in the Members Area of the Moose International website under *Programs & Events / Sports* (<http://www.mooseintl.org/sports/>)

Please Note Important Changes to First Year Renewal Notices

Membership Dues Renewal's for the July renewal's will have a slight change for those members renewing for the first time ever. All other renewal's will continue with the normal processing. First year member's will receive their dues notice in the mail, but the return address will be the fraternal unit that they have joined. If for some reason the renewal notice can't be delivered to the address we have on record for that first year member, it will be returned to the Lodge, Chapter or Moose Legion for them to follow up with a correct address.

Follow up should be handled by the Lodge, Chapter or Moose Legion and their address updated on LCL.net. Once payment has been received, their membership card would be sent to the updated address.

Has Your Lodge or Chapter Been Collecting Donations for Tampa's Children in Need?

The International Convention in Tampa is just a few short weeks away, and we will be engaging in several efforts to bring relief to the city's children in need. Attached is the flyer detailing our planned efforts. No sign-up is required to make a difference, as our donations, alone, will have the greatest impact.

On **Monday, July 3rd, between 3:30pm - 4:00pm**, donations will be presented to the following organizations:

1. **Rise Tampa** (a local Tampa Police Initiative) – Tampa Police Officers coordinate efforts to help families obtain emergency shelter (in local hotels) when they first become homeless. These caring officers often pay for the hotel rooms with their own money

rather than see these families exposed to the elements when they have no place to turn.

- **NEED: Financial Support** to fund the families' hotel stays when they first become homeless. Rise Tampa's homeless initiative is their emergency "safety net." After their initial hotel stay, these officers make arrangements to transition these families into a safe shelter provided by Metropolitan Ministries.
2. **Metropolitan Ministries** – Provides transitional housing and vocational training to 100 families, and their 400 children, to help them get back on their feet after becoming homeless.
 - **NEED:** Non-perishable food (particularly **canned meat** such as **chicken or tuna; soups and cereals**); **Diapers** (Sizes 1-5) and **Financial Support** are also needed.
 3. **Salvation Army** –Helps Tampa families obtain emergency shelter, and assists families on the verge of becoming homeless.
 - **NEED: Bed sheets** and **Financial Support**.
 4. **Local Fire Rescue, Police, & Sherriff's Departments** – Will accept Tommy Moose doll donations to share with several local community service organizations, including those who support pediatric burn victims at local burn camps. Free direct-shipping is available in Catalog Sales.
 5. **Blood drive** - in **Rooms 20/21** from **11:00am – 6:00pm** (*Updated timeframe) at the Tampa Convention Center on **Monday, July 3rd**. No advance registration is required.

For more information on-site about any of these efforts, or to drop-off financial donations for any of these organizations, please stop by the Heart of the Community booth.

~ Let's All Show TAMPA What It Means To Be A MOOSE! ~

Heart of the Community Table Settings

Does your lodge have special dinner events coming up? Possibly a Pilgrim Celebration, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, or special visitors coming into town? If so, then Catalog Sales has the paper goods for you. Available now are Heart of the Community placemats, coasters, dinner napkins, and beverage napkins. It's the small details that add to the dining experience for your guest/customer and will have them coming back for another visit. Contact Catalog Sales today to order your Heart of the Community table settings at 630.966.2250 or email direct at catalogsales@mooseintl.org



“Making a Difference. . . It’s What We Do!”

Heart of the Community Initiatives

2017 International Moose Convention, Tampa Florida

The Moose has reached out to several community-based organizations to coordinate activities that will positively impact the lives of families with children in the Tampa area.

The Tampa Police Department’s Homeless Initiative – *Rise Tampa* starts its work where the city budget stops. Funding for families is needed for emergency shelter before transitioning to Metropolitan Ministries. This homeless initiative is outside of Tampa Police’s budget and the officers often pay out of their own pockets just to give families a room to sleep in while transitioning to a homeless shelter program.

Metropolitan Ministries – Provides homeless children and their families with food, clothing, shelter, job training and counseling to get back on their feet. Approximately 100 homeless families, including 400 children, live at Metropolitan Ministries.

The Salvation Army – Provides a number of services throughout the Tampa area including emergency shelter for the homeless; youth character-building programs; Angel Tree (clothing and toys at Christmas); family services; and summer camp for children.

Safe Surfin’ Foundation – Safe Surfin’ representatives and local Moose members will conduct a community-wide EZ Child ID Event at the Florida Aquarium near the Tampa Convention site!

Blood Drive – Moose International is working with One Blood of Tampa to help supply needed blood components to individuals throughout the Bay area.

How You Can Help!

Financial Donations – You or your lodge/chapter may make donations by check in advance of the Convention, or by check or cash onsite, to one or more of the first three organizations listed above.

Food/Supplies Donations – Organize a lodge or chapter program to collect needed items for the less fortunate in the Tampa Florida area. See reverse side for specific items needed in this community.

Volunteers – No sign-up required. Because of the limited time frame for events at this year’s Convention, volunteers are only needed on Monday, July 3rd to help load donations onto distribution vehicles and to appear in the background for media presentations with collaborative organizations.

Tommy Moose – Lodges and Chapters may order Tommy Moose dolls from Catalog Sales in advance of the Convention for distribution to Tampa Police and Fire, local burn victims, and community service organizations.

Blood Donations – You may walk-in to give blood during the event in Rooms 20/21 at the Tampa Convention Center on Monday, July 3rd from 12:30pm to 5:30pm.

[See the reverse side of this form for additional instructions!](#)

Financial Donations

In advance:

You or your lodge/chapter may make donations by check in advance of the Convention, or by check or cash onsite, to one of the three organizations listed. Mail checks (payable as described below) to:

Moose International
c/o Heart of the Community – Tampa
155 S. International Drive
Mooseheart, IL 60539-1183

On-site:

At the Tampa Convention Center, please deliver all financial contributions to the Heart of the Community Booth near International Moose Convention registration before noon on Monday, July 3rd, 2017.

- * **Tampa Police:** Make payable to *Rise Tampa* with *Tampa Police, Homeless Initiative* in the memo line.
- * **Metropolitan Ministries:** Make payable to *Metropolitan Ministries* with *Homeless Families* in the memo line.
- * **Salvation Army:** Make payable to *Salvation Army* with *Homeless Families* in the memo line.

Food/Supplies Donations

Organize a lodge or chapter program to collect needed items for the less fortunate in the Tampa Florida area.
See below for specific items needed in this community:

Food: Critical items include **canned meats** (chicken and tuna); **canned beans**; **cereals** (boxed – both hot and cold varieties welcome, i.e. instant oatmeal/Cream of Wheat). **NOTE:** Though appreciated, *canned vegetables and fruits are more regularly donated and there is more of a need for the items mentioned above.*

Supplies: **Diapers** – all sizes; **Towels, blankets and sheets.**

Volunteers

No sign-up required. Because of the limited time frame for events at this year's Convention, volunteers are only needed on Monday, July 3rd to help load donations onto distribution vehicles and to appear in the background for media presentations with collaborative organizations.

Volunteers should arrive outside in front of the Tampa Convention Center by 3:30 p.m. on Monday, July 3rd.
Donation loading will take place through 4:00pm when the media presentation to the organizations will occur.

Tommy Moose

Lodges and Chapters may order Tommy Moose dolls from Catalog Sales in advance of the Convention for distribution to First-Responders and community organizations on-site. **Contact Catalog Sales with your order (cases preferred) at 630-966-2250 no later than June 9th, 2017.** You must indicate that this order is for donation at the International Convention and should be included in the shipment to the Tampa Convention Center.

Blood Drive

You may walk-in to give blood during the event in **Rooms 20/21 at the Tampa Convention Center on Monday, July 3rd from 12:30pm to 5:30pm.** Please have a photo ID available.

Share Your Story. Share Your Power. Save Lives.

BLOOD DRIVE

"Police officers and blood donors are very similar. Both are heroes in their own light, first responders helping someone in need."

- Lindsey P.

To watch Lindsey's story or to share your story visit IamOneBlood.org.



BE A FIRST RESPONDER. DONATE BLOOD.

Monday, July 3 | 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Located on the First Floor in Rooms 20 and 21

All donors will receive a:

- **FREE OneBlood Tervis***
- **FREE Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.



ID required. Donors must be at least 18 years old. Those who are 16 years old need parental permission. See website for more details. *One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not transferable. While supplies last. Item may vary from image shown. If you have recently donated, thank you. Please visit us when you are eligible to donate again.

1.888.9.DONATE (1.888.936.6283)
oneblood.org



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Less Than
10%

38% of the population can donate blood—of that, less than 10% actually do. Blood cannot be manufactured. It can only come from generous blood donors. If every donor gave just one more time each year, there would be **no more blood shortages**.

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To Place Order:

Email:
Catalogsales@mooseintl.org

Call: 630.966.2250

Fax: 630.859.3505

351	COASTERS	3.375" Dia	\$23.95/1,000
356	PLACE MATS	10" X 14"	\$34.95/1,000
357	BEVERAGE NAPKINS	10" x 10"	\$58.95/5,000
358	DINNER NAPKINS	15.5" x 7"	\$99.50/4,000