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Official Communication for August 23, 2017

Loyal Order of Moose General Law Amendments

The amendments that were adopted at the 2017 International Convention in Tampa became effective August 1, 2017. These amendments are included in the attached document that can be printed out and inserted into your current General Law book. Simply cut it out, fold it in half and tuck into your current General Law book. Any questions concerning the amendments, please contact the General Governor's office.

Deadline to submit your "Valued Veteran of the Year" Honoree is September 1, 2017

The deadline to submit your "Valued Veteran of the Year" honoree to Moose International is September 1st. Please note that this MUST be done in the "ADMIN" menu, similar to the way the "Moose of The Year" is selected. **As a reminder, only one Valued Veteran will be honored within the lodge/chapter.** If the honoree is a man; the lodge is responsible for reporting the Valued Veteran. Or, if the honoree is a woman; the chapter is responsible for reporting the Valued Veteran.

To report your Valued Veteran of the Year in ADMIN:

- Login to your ADMIN screen as you normally would do.
- Place your mouse-pointer over "Forms" on the menu bar.
- Left-Click on "Awards" for Valued Veteran of the Year; then select your Valued Veteran's name in the "member" drop down screen.
- Once selecting your Valued Veteran, click "Save", your request is automatically submitted to Moose International.

It's IRS Form 990 Time! (United States Fraternal Units)

Please be reminded that Federal Law requires all Moose Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions, Associations, and any other unit that has a unique EIN, to file an annual IRS Form 990, 990-EZ or 990N no later than **September 15, 2017**, for our fiscal year ending April 30, 2017.

To assist you in completing the IRS Form 990, we have 990 online help videos. Through the www.moosintl.org website, enter the Members Area, and then click on **Moose Training > Demos & Tools**. You will find access to 990 tax forms and help information under the 'Demos' section.

From there, you can access everything that a typical Moose Unit will need – instructions and associated schedules – on the webpage, and from within each new 990 help video. Select the appropriate 990 Tax Form for your Moose Unit based on your Unit's gross receipts and assets. Click on the “View Video” button to open the appropriate 990 help video.

If you cannot file the 990 on time, it is essential that you file an extension by September 15, to avoid costly penalties from the IRS. Use Form 8868, which you can find on the IRS website, www.irs.gov. All other schedules you may need are also available on the same IRS website.

Remember – the appropriate IRS Form 990 for your Moose Unit **must be filed by September 15, 2017**.

Registrations Are Still Being Accepted For The Fall 2017 International Golf Tournament, hosted by Myrtle Beach, SC, Lodge 1959!

Come join your fellow Moose members this fall in **Myrtle Beach, SC**, for the 2017 Fall golf tournament – and stay for a vacation! The Scramble will take place on Friday, October 27, and the tournament will take place Saturday & Sunday, October 28-29, 2017. Download the registration form from the Moose International website, at www.mooseintl.org, under: *'Programs & Events' / 'Sports' / Golf*. All registrations must be postmarked no later than **Wednesday, September 27, 2017** to be accepted.

Online Registration For The 2018 International Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament Is Open Through December 4, 2017.

Access to online registration for the 2018 Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament is currently available on the Moose International website at www.mooseintl.org, under: *'Programs & Events' / 'Sports' / 'Texas Hold 'Em'*. Members may opt to mail in a registration form, which is downloadable in the same location on the website. The **deadline to register online is Monday, December 4, 2017**. Please note that **all mailed entries must be postmarked no later than December 4th** to be accepted.

The tournament will return to the **Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada**, and will take place from **January 14 – 17, 2018**. Players will arrive Sunday, January 14th, play in the tournament between January 15th-17th, and depart on Thursday, January 18th.

Please direct members to the website for online registration. Also, please encourage members to **register early**; seats in the popular morning session of the tournament go fast, and will be given to registrants on a 'first come first serve' basis. All members who participate in this tournament will receive 250 Moose Rewards points; and all who register by September 30th will receive an ***additional 1,000 points!***

Fall Membership Workshops

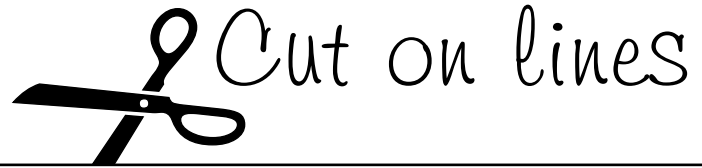
Moose International will conduct three additional Regional Membership Workshops. Glendale, Arizona will be the next workshop on September 23rd. Workshops cover topics such as new trends, retention strategies, member study results, and more. Registration is free for these one-day, interactive sessions and both men and women can sign-up today. See attached form for additional information.

Scheduled workshops include:

- September 23rd – Glendale, AZ Lodge #2243
- October 7th – Winston-Salem, NC Lodge #466
- October 14th – Grand Prairie, TX Lodge #1818

Who is James J Davis?

The Loyal Order of Moose fraternity was created in April of 1888. Did you know only a few short years later, the fraternity was on the verge of fading away? In October of 1906, a man with a vision was introduced to the struggling fraternity. That man was James J Davis, and he brought with him a purpose for the Moose. His dream of a “happy city of children” brought hundreds of thousands of new members to the fraternity with the promise the Moose, as a whole, would continue to care for his family if member should parish. James J Davis is a name every Moose member should know. The children of Mooseheart are reminded of the man who gave them second chances at life as they pass the monument of James J Davis, on the Mooseheart campus. Remind your members who saved our great fraternity and gave it purpose to thrive. Proudly display in your lodge a replica of the same monument the children look up to. Each replica stands 8”, features James J Davis standing with 2 Mooseheart students, and is available for purchase from Catalog Sales for only \$8.95 each- plus shipping and handling. Call to order your James J Davis Statue today. 630.966.2250



AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL LAWS - 2017

Article VII – Supreme Lodge Officers:

The Supreme Lodge Officers shall be: Director General, Junior Past Supreme Governor, Supreme Governor, Supreme Junior Governor, Supreme Prelate, Supreme Councilmen, Chief Financial Officer, General Governor, Director of Membership and such additional officers as may be authorized by the Supreme Council. These officers shall be elected or appointed in the manner provided bylaw, and hold their office for the term fixed by law, or until their successors have been duly elected or appointed and installed. All Supreme Lodge Officers shall be active Past Governors in their respective lodges.

Article IX - Supreme Council:

The Supreme Council shall consist of not less than nine (9) or more than thirteen (13) members, including the following five (5) officers, who shall serve on the Supreme Council during the terms of their respective offices: The Director General, the Junior Past Supreme Governor, the Supreme Governor, the Supreme Junior Governor and the Supreme Prelate. The remaining members of the Supreme Council shall be elected in the manner provided by the General Laws.

Section 12.3 - Terms of Office:

The terms of the Supreme Governor, Supreme Junior Governor, and Supreme Prelate shall be for one (1) year. The terms of the remaining Supreme Councilmen shall be for four (4) years; provided, however, that four (4) Councilmen shall be elected at each convention held in the odd number years. The terms of all Supreme Lodge Officers shall commence on the first (1st) day following their installation unless a different date has been determined by the Supreme Council.

Section 31.2 - Conferral of Life Membership

Moose International shall issue a life membership card to a member if Moose International records show that the member meets one of the following qualifications:

- (1) The member has fifty (50) or more years of continuous service in the fraternity.

- (2) The member has paid dues in advance equal to 50 years of membership.
- (3) The member has sponsored 250 members.

Section 46.2 - Compensation of Lodge Officers:

No elected lodge officer, except the Administrator (and the Treasurer if he assumes the duties of Administrator during a vacancy (See 36.12)), shall receive any wage, gratuity or other form of compensation for his services as a lodge officer, or be a paid employee in the service of dispensing alcohol. Elected officers can be compensated for services such as janitorial, landscaping, entertainment, etc. The Jr. Past Governor is not an elected officer and can receive compensation from the lodge.

Section 50.8 - Nine O'clock Ceremony and Endowment Fund:

The Nine O'clock Ceremony gives members the opportunity to reflect upon the value of Mooseheart and serves as a reminder of the principles of our Order. The Nine O'clock Ceremony shall be performed, and an endowment fund collection conducted, whenever members of the Order are assembled (including meetings, the social quarters and during other social functions). Each lodge should maintain one or more appropriately marked containers in the lodge home and social quarters to collect contributions for the endowment fund.

Attend A Regional Membership Growth & Retention Workshop!

This fall, Moose International's Membership Department will be conducting a series of regional workshops to discuss recruitment and retention challenges, as well as methods to address common issues expressed by Lodges and Chapters throughout the Fraternity.

Scheduled workshops include:

- August 12th – Louisville, KY Lodge #5
- September 23rd – Glendale, AZ Lodge #2243
- October 7th – Winston-Salem, NC Lodge #466
- October 14th – Grand Prairie, TX Lodge #1818

What you will learn from attending:

- New trends to help attract and retain members in 2017 and make your lodge more profitable.
- Strategies for retaining members through a monthly program of communication, programming, and activity tracking.
- Review of the Member Rewards program and how you can take advantage.
- Communicating the value of the Moose to potential members.
- Best membership practices from around the Fraternity.

Details:

- All interested Loyal Order of Moose or Women of the Moose members are invited to participate.
- There is no fee to attend.
- You may attend any workshop on the schedule, regardless of your location.
- All workshops run from 10:00am – 3:00pm, allowing most individuals the option of driving in and out the same day.
- A working lunch is provided by each Lodge at a cost of \$7.00 per attendee. Cash will be collected at the Lodge the day of each workshop.
- All workshops are business casual-to-casual dress.
- Sessions are meant to be interactive between participants and presenters. Please bring questions and suggestions.
- Please check the Lodge websites for any evening activities prior to or following the workshops.
- RSVP's are required to attend in order to allow for the proper amount of materials and food.
 - **Email the following information to the appropriate address below:**
Membership Growth & Retention workshop (followed by):
Your name; MID#; Lodge/Chapter #; Lodge/Chapter office you hold (if any); names of others accompanying you; a contact phone #; and an email address
 - For Louisville: rpollitt@mooseintl.org (RSVP Deadline: Wednesday, August 9th)
 - For Glendale: bcavanaugh@mooseintl.org (RSVP Deadline: Wednesday, September 20th)
 - For Winston-Salem: ahopkins@mooseintl.org (RSVP Deadline: Wednesday, October 4th)
 - For Grand Prairie: rtrygstad@mooseintl.org (RSVP Deadline: Wednesday, October 11th)

Questions? Please email the contacts above for information pertaining to a specific site.

James J Davis

Founder and Creator of Mooseheart

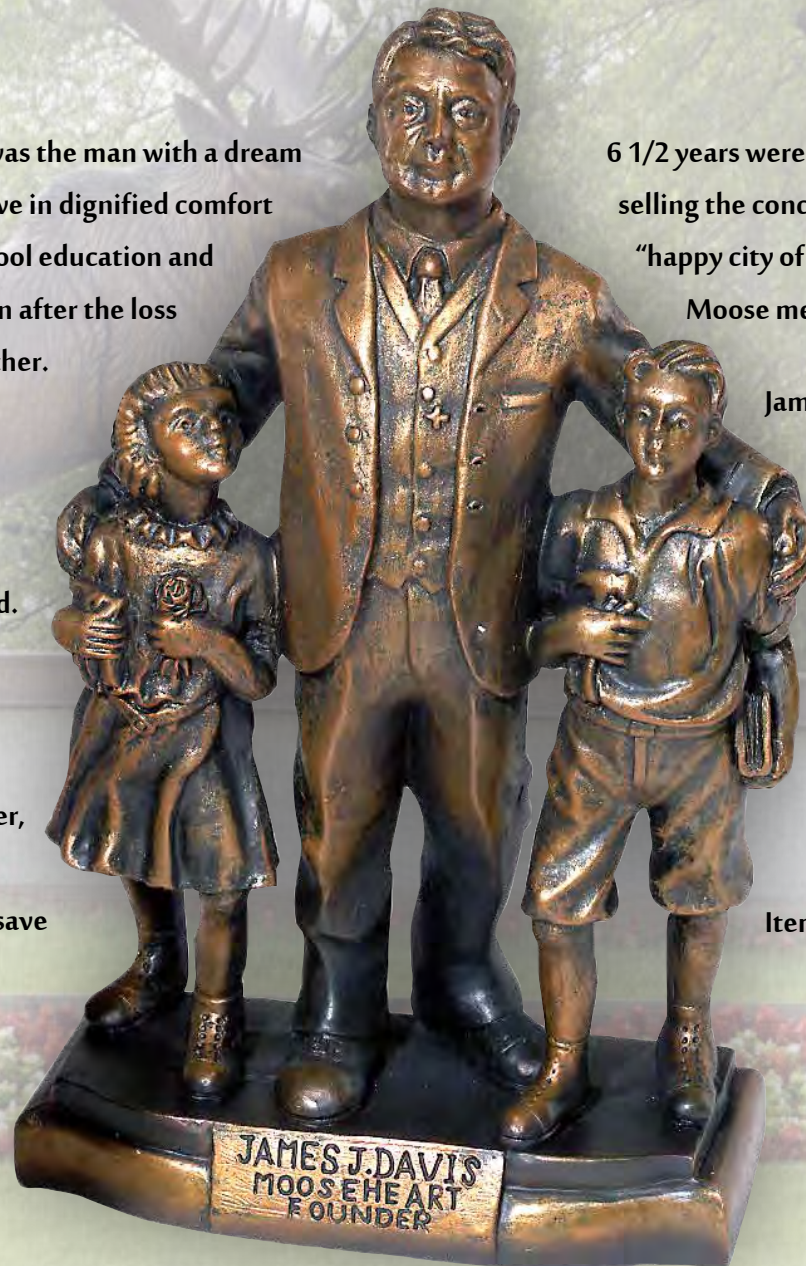
In 1906, James J Davis was the man with a dream that every child could live in dignified comfort and still complete a school education and vocational training, even after the loss of their breadwinner father.

Through his hard work, Mooseheart was created.

Now, over 100 years later, Mooseheart has helped educate and otherwise save over 12,000 children.

6 1/2 years were spent on the road, selling the concept of building a "happy city of children" to potential Moose members.

James J Davis' ability to convince people to invest in their families' futures, is what made Mooseheart possible.



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Help remind your members who started our greatest Moose cause, Mooseheart. Available now, through Catalog Sales, are James J Davis commemorative statues showing James J Davis with 2 Mooseheart student, carrying school books and vocational materials. The statue is an 8" replica of the original monument that welcomes children, members, and visitors to the Child City.