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A message from your Lodge Governor and Chapter Senior Regent

These are certainly unprecedented times we are all experiencing. While our nation tries to deal with COVID-19 health issues and related closures, in March Moose Lodges across the country had to close their doors to their members. However, throughout our Country's 244-year history Americans have always risen to all challenges (as have Moose members during the last 132 years), and we're confident that this will be no different.

For those of our members not getting Lodge updates on Facebook or through our email blasts on Constant Contact, we wanted to provide you a summary of what is going on at the Lodge while it is closed.

Immediately after the Lodge was closed in March due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Board of Officers met and implemented a plan to use this time of closure to conduct a deep cleaning throughout, perform much-needed maintenance and repairs, implement planned improvements, and do some long-overdue organizing/de-cluttering. Our goal is to have your Lodge looking like new when the restrictions are lifted, and the Lodge is once again open.

Our Lodge Social Quarters Manager, Dave Skrobis, was tasked with coordinating the proposed work while complying with gathering size restrictions (10 or less members in Lodge at one time) and enforcing physical distancing practices during tasks. We asked members to volunteer and/or contribute funds for these efforts and, as usual, our dedicated members responded promptly and generously. Below is a brief summary of what our volunteers have been working on during the last two weeks of March and the entire month of April.

Cleaning and maintenance tasks

- Steam clean and seal all tile flooring with emphasis on the grout.
- Deep cleaning and organizing of Social Quarters Bar area to include pulling & temporarily storing all bottles; cleaning & temporarily storing of all glassware; washing down everything in bar area, and cleaning & organizing the walk-in cooler.
- Deep cleaning of Social Quarters Kitchen, to include wash ceiling and walls, clean all stainless steel surfaces an appliances, and clean out freezer and both refrigerators.
- Wash down everything in Hall Bar and Hall Kitchen.
- Wash all parts of all bar stools, chairs, and round tables.
- Steam clean and sanitize all parts of all plastic tables in Hall.

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A message from your Lodge Governor and Chapter Senior Regent continued

Improvement tasks

- Repair of damaged drywall on walls and ceiling of Social Quarters. In preparation of a new coat of paint, all drywall damage (holes, cracks, etc.) was repaired by one of our newest members, Brad. Brad also installed a new privacy wall by the Men's bathroom and also a new storage closet in the Social Quarters for dishes and other supplies used in serving meals.
- Remove original carpet in Social Quarters and repair of damaged subflooring in preparation of installation of new carpeting.
- Prepare for painting of interior walls and ceilings by removing all TV screens from the walls; covering all gaming machines, jukebox, shuffle board, bar top, ceiling fans, etc. with plastic sheeting; and removing & cleaning all vent covers, switch and outlet plates, plaques, pictures, message boards, etc. from the walls.
- Apply a new coat of paint to the walls and ceiling in the Social Quarters. Gone are the original orange and green colors, replaced with grays and blues to match the new carpet.
- Repair and restoration of the Social Quarters bar, including installation of a new bar top and repair of the kickboards.
- Install new carpeting throughout the Social Quarters, including a new laminated dance floor.

In early April after many of the repairs and upgrades were underway, the Lodge Board of Officers made the decision to offer a drive-up curbside Friday Fish Fry. Good Friday (April 10th) was our first attempt at drive-up curbside fish fry and, although there were a couple of hiccups, our wonderful volunteers made it a success. In fact, that first attempt resulted in serving more Friday Fish Fry meals than we ever had before. The following week (April 17th) was even better with over 250 meals served with very short wait times for customers. A big thanks to our volunteers and also to those members who supported us during this difficult time.

In May, the men and women of the Lodge will be doing a joint **Heart of the Community** event to benefit the **Muskego Food Pantry**. The men will be accepting donations of non-perishable food and other supplies during the next couple of Friday Fish Fry events, and the women will be hosting a drive-through food drive in the Lodge parking lot on May 3rd (no need to get out of your car). Please help us help those in our community in need.

While we don't know when the State will allow us to open up the Lodge to membership (the safer-at-home order was recently extended until late May), it is very critical that our members continue to do what they can to support our Lodge and each other during this time of closure. If you can volunteer to help out at the Lodge, please contact Dave Skrobis at 414-315-8228 and let him know. If he doesn't answer, please leave a message and he will call you back. Dave will be able to match applicable tasks to people, ensure physical distancing occurs during tasks, and make sure the total number of people at the Lodge at one time does not exceed restrictions currently in place.

If you are not able to volunteer at the Lodge but are looking for other ways to help out your Lodge, please consider (1) reaching out to friends and family members to invite them to join our Moose family, (2) reach out to members in arrears and ask them to renew their dues, (3) make a contribution to the current new carpet fundraiser, or (4) order drive-up curbside Friday fish fry from the Lodge.

- (1) Invite New Members. In 2019, Moose International introduced an online membership application that can be accessed by any computer or smart phone. If you have a friend or associate that would like to join the Moose, please direct them to fill out an application at <https://www.mooseintl.org/be-a-moose-2>. The website features a short video on the Moose organization and the membership application only takes about three minutes to complete.
- (2) Renew Your Lodge Dues. Membership is crucial to our Lodge's success and sustainability. If your Lodge dues have expired or will expire soon, please go online (<https://secure.mooseintl.org/QuickPay/>) and renew your membership (\$35.00 for ladies and \$55.00 for men). Even if your dues are current, you can always pay another year's dues using the same link. This will immediately help the Lodge and Chapter, in addition to helping support Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

- (3) Carpet replacement fundraiser. The carpet in the Social Quarters is being replaced (and a new dance floor is also being installed) later this month at a cost of \$11,400. To offset these costs, a fundraising campaign was started in late February. Thanks to the generosity of the Muskego WOTM Chapter 1617, the Muskego Moose Legion, Karen Henkel's Sheepshead Committee, the Shuffelboard League, and some individual donors, we have raised almost \$7,000 already. If we could get \$5 or \$10 donations from just half of our membership, we would have the carpet completely paid for without dipping into the Lodge savings account. If you can spare \$5 or \$10 (or more), please consider contributing to this fundraiser. If mailing checks, please indicate "Carpet Project" on the memo line.
- (4) Friday Fish Fry! As mentioned previously, the Lodge has resumed our famous Friday Fish Fry featuring drive-up curbside pickup. We'd love to see your smiling faces as your delicious fish fry meal will be delivered to your car by our wonderful volunteers.

On behalf of the Lodge and Chapter Boards of Officers, we hope that you and your families are healthy and safe, and we look forward to seeing you down at the Lodge for fun and fellowship soon. Thank you for being part of our Moose family.

Moose International Communications and Updates

2020 International Conference. The in-person 2020 International Moose Conference slated to take place May 21-26 in Milwaukee has been cancelled due to concerns over the health and safety of our members related to coronavirus. Despite the cancellation of activities in Milwaukee, Moose leadership will be working to develop a "virtual convention" anticipated to be held June 25-26, 2020.

- Refunds for the cancelled in-person Milwaukee Convention. Currently, Moose International is targeting Wednesday, April 29th to send each attendee who registered for the Milwaukee convention an email with a link to the Convention Refund Program. All refund options will be communicated via this email once the program has been finalized.
- Participating in the Virtual Convention. Loyal Order of Moose delegates wanting to participate in General Law Amendment voting and voting on Motions made during the June 25th and 26th Virtual Convention will need to register on a separate Convention Registration link that will be available on the website beginning Monday, June 1st. You will still have to go through this registration process even if you were registered for the International Moose Convention in Milwaukee.

Planned Dues increase. The Supreme Council voted in April to forego the dues increase of \$2 that was scheduled to go into effect this August for all Loyal Order of Moose members. This increase was part of a three-part dues revision that saw \$2 increases in both 2016 and 2018. The ABCD portion of the dues remitted to Moose International will remain at \$38.

Supreme Council Approves Grant Program for COVID-19 Relief. The Supreme Council announced in April that it has approved \$1,000,000 in transition funding from the recent Supreme Council Grant Program, which helped maintain the infrastructure of qualifying lodges, to a grant program that will provide relief to lodges due to loss of business from the coronavirus. The Supreme Council Pandemic Relief Fund (SCPRF) program is being created to help lodges pay expenses incurred during lodge closures due to the coronavirus. Examples include mortgage payments, utility bills, insurance premiums, property taxes and other expenses in which the lodge does not have the financial means, through cash, savings or investments, to meet obligations. Applications for relief will appear in the Moose Admin section for each lodge on Monday, April 27th and lodges will be awarded grants up to \$5,000 based on financial need and fraternal history. Application reviews by the Moose International Field staff may start as early as May 1st and grant funds may be approved by the middle of May. There is no end date, as of now, to apply for the SCPRF grant. Applications and reviews will be ongoing, and grants will be awarded until the funding limit is reached.

2020 Proposed General Law Amendments. Moose International's Judiciary Committee and the Supreme Council have approved proposals for amendments to the existing General Laws of the Order. Article XII of the General Laws requires the General Governor to send a copy of the proposed amendments to the General Laws to the Administrator of each

member Lodge at least thirty (30) days prior to the Supreme Lodge meeting. These amendments have been received by the Lodge, however, since we the membership will likely not be able to meet in person to review and discuss the proposed amendments, a copy of these proposals has also been posted to the Moose International website (www.mooseintl.org) within the Loyal Order of Moose – General Laws section. The proposed amendments will be voted upon by the delegates of the 2020 Moose International “virtual convention” anticipated to be held June 25-26, 2020.

Mooseheart Blessing of the Bikes Cancelled. The safety and well-being of our members and children at Mooseheart is paramount always, but especially in the wake of the pandemic COVID-19 virus. Already, campus events have been cancelled in April to maintain the healthiest environment possible at Mooseheart, and classes have also been cancelled indefinitely as we become more aware of the time needed to defeat this disease. It is with these thoughts in mind that Moose International has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Blessing of the Bikes, scheduled for May 16th on the Mooseheart campus. This would have been the 17th consecutive event for our Moose Riders and the surrounding communities, which typically kicks off a full summer of activities. The Riders also provide needed financial support for the campus through fundraising efforts before the Blessing.

Pilgrim Conferral Cancelled for 2020. Due to the risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pilgrim Council has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Pilgrim Conferral that was to be held at Mooseheart on Saturday, May 23rd. The health and safety of our Mooseheart children, Pilgrim Candidates and all others desiring to attend the annual Pilgrim Conferral Ceremony is our Fraternity’s first priority. Since 1918, there have been eleven other years without a Pilgrim Conferral taking place at Mooseheart, the last being in 1947. The entire Class of 2020 Pilgrim Candidates will be carried over to the June 5, 2021 Conferral date.

Women of the Moose Official Communications and Updates

A Message from Barbara McPherson, Grand Chancellor

With the world on lockdown dealing with a global pandemic, we may feel far from inspirational and encouraged. The outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) may be stressful for many of you. It’s very common to feel overpowered and frightened by the waves of coronavirus news at this moment. Fear and anxiety can be overwhelming but finding positive ways to cope with that stress will make you, the people you care about, and your community stronger. There is a substantial need for some motivation to move forward even if it is in small quantities. I recently read, “The greatest therapy is friendship and love,” and I couldn’t agree more.

As members of our beloved family fraternity we must continue to focus on our mission of caring for one another. With all my heart, I thank each and every one of you for whatever you are doing to preserve our future; sending virtual hugs to our residents and one another, renewing your dues, staying at home as ordered, keeping our members and those in our care in your thoughts and prayers. I know many of our members are reaching out to one another to say hello and offer a friendly ear. Some have connected electronically via social media and virtual Moose groups. Others are delivering groceries and medications or preparing no-touch meals for families with school-aged children. Many are fighting on the front lines as medical professionals, first responders, and essential personnel. Please accept my gratitude for your efforts, your compassion, kindness and patience as we weather this storm. We’re in this together as One Moose, united in our compassion for others, and we will accomplish greatness on the other side of this crisis. Stay safe – be kind – share hope and stay well, physically and mentally. My daily therapy is the friendship and love I feel for our members, our children at Mooseheart, our senior residents at Moosehaven and our dedicated staff keeping them safe and comfortable.

Attention 2020 Matriculants. The College of Regents and Star Recorder Classes of 2020 will be conferred in 2021. This difficult decision has been made to preserve the welfare of our members as well as to reduce financial strain on our matriculants and their Chapters. Please be patient as more details become available.

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Quaker missionary Etienne de Grellet wrote "I shall pass this way but once; any good that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being; let me do it now." The COVID-19 pandemic has brought out the very best in the human race and our Moose Members are to be included.

Over and over I hear of face masks being made and donated to those who don't have them available; food deliveries taken to senior members who should be staying at home; food donations available to those who are embarrassed because they need them; and teenagers making Easter, this year, more than just another day by dressing up as Easter bunnies and hiding eggs in members yards. This tells just a fraction of the story that we as Moose should be proud to share and what we as Moose do – take care of others!

In addition, many of our members are front line workers at grocery stores, drug stores, hospitals, clinics and the like. Once again, please accept our thanks and gratitude for all you do to help all of us get by and keep us safe. My hugs and appreciation go out to each of you.

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Mother's Day Grand Slam Breakfast (drive-in curbside service) – Sunday, May 10th

Although the Lodge isn't currently open, you can still treat your family's mother to a great breakfast on Mother's Day. As a joint fundraising effort, the men and women of the Muskego Moose Lodge will be serving its famous Grand Slam Breakfast on Mother's Day, from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Similar to our recent fish fry service, the Mother's Day breakfast will be a drive-in curbside service (customers stay in their cars).

The Grand Slam Breakfast will include two fluffy buttermilk pancakes, two sausage links, two strips of bacon, and two scrambled eggs. Customers can also order Mimosas to-go, which will include enough pre-packaged champagne and orange juice to make your own Mimosas at home. As an added feature, customers will also be able to buy their loving Mother fresh flowers when they purchase their breakfast. The Muskego Moose Lodge has teamed up with Robran's Greenhouse, who will have a flower truck on site. Those wanting to buy flowers for their Mother just need to let one of our Moose volunteers know, and the flowers will be delivered to their car with their breakfast order.

So please plans to bring some great food (and Mimosas and flowers, too) home to your loved ones on Mother's Day.

ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS!

Access to the electronic application is available at www.beamoose.org or by clicking the "Be A Moose" link at the top of the Moose International website's home page.

Both paper application & on-line registration will be accepted, so sign up family & friends today!

Thank you for being a Moose and helping us fulfill our mission.

REMINDER

When talking Moose and telling your candidate about the children at Mooseheart, the seniors at Moosehaven and our many community activities, be sure to have your candidate fill out the application in its entirety and READ and SIGN the application on the back. In addition, ALL fees are to be remitted with the application:

Lodge Candidate

Application Fee - \$20.00

One Year's Dues - \$55.00

Chapter Candidate

Application Fee - \$20.00

One Year's Dues - \$35.00

Moose Legion 31 Candidate

Application Fee - \$10.00

One Year's Dues - \$16.00



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Newsletter Editor Wanted

As I embark on a new journey in the Moose organization, it is time for me to step aside from bringing you the **1057 News**. Anyone interested in filling this position, should contact me,

Cheryl Klabunde at 262-337-0884 or cgiesegh@yahoo.com or you can reach out to any Board of Officer.

MAY 3rd, 12n-5p drive-thru FOOD DRIVE

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- Personal Hygiene Products
- Shampoo / Conditioner
- Toothpaste



Make sure to join our Facebook Page. For active Muskego Moose Members only. Facebook has the most up-to-date info about current activities going on at the Lodge. Info doesn't always get into the newsletter.

If you have any questions on how to sign up for Facebook; I would be more than willing to meet you at the Lodge and assist you with this. I have a laptop and we could do some quick computer lessons too. **POC: Julie Kronenburg 414-232-8125**



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