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Let's Get Down To Some Serious Chatter About The "Gimme 5" Project

EDITOR'S NOTE: Every one who considers himself a leader in the Moose needs to read the following article carefully and to act accordingly.

"GIMME 5" FUNDRAISING--THE KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE FOR MOOSEHEART and MOOSEHAVEN

For many years the Moose had the "penny fund." (Remember when the upside-down umbrellas were suspended over the bar of many Ohio Lodges, the purpose of which was to collect change?) Some time in the 1990's, the donations put into the Endowment Fund cradle at Lodge meetings went from pocket change to folding money. While jars for change remain a tried-and-true way of raising small amounts of money, the "Gimme 5" Campaign is based on generating 10 cents per day per member (Or \$36.50 per member each year). It goes without saying that Lodges and Chapters as well as State Associations must help this effort to meet the "Gimme 5" funding goal by holding regular fundraising events.

To produce an effective result, all 15 Ohio Districts must get fully involved. The concept and the purpose of "Gimme 5" should be discussed over and over again at every Moose meeting and function. In addition to speaking to the assembly, people in each Lodge and Chapter are going to have to "ask" both politely and in private for the annual

donation of \$36.50 from those who have yet to give. The "Gimme 5" campaign stands at the threshold of the anniversary of the kick off. It seems fair to ask anyone that has not yet given to make his or her annual \$36.50 contribution to get on board and to contribute.

Raffles, Fifty-fifties, jars on bars, and other fundraising events can, and should, be used to generate "Gimme 5" funds. The great majority of these funds must come from informed members of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Women of the Moose who want to see that Mooseheart and Moosehaven are secure for generations to come.

With the cost of Mooseheart at roughly \$20,000,000 per year and Moosehaven at roughly \$13,000,000 per year, wealth must be built to invest for the future such that our two shining stars will continue to operate as we currently know them. Leadership of the Loyal Order of Moose believes that that wealth-building vehicle is the "Gimme 5" Campaign.

COMPARE: The Christian Children's Fund asks for 8 cents a day to help secure food and shelter for a child-in-need in third world countries. It is a wonderful program.

LOOM asks just 10 cents a day to support both the Mooseheart children and the Moosehaven seniors.

Remember, when you joined the Loyal Order of Moose, you pledged to



support Mooseheart and Moosehaven "with [your] means and substance." Every loyal Moose member has taken that same vow. You can't at some point in your career as a Moose decide to walk away from that commitment, can you?

Is supporting Mooseheart and Moosehaven an easy task? Is projecting the "Gimme 5" campaign to members an easy task? The answer to both questions lies in the negative, but dedicated Moose members are willing to work to make the "hard" as "easy" as can be. The task before us, additionally, is to reach every member and educate him or her about what Mooseheart and Moosehaven's needs are. Many Moose members alive today never experienced the great

depression but perhaps they have heard the saying, "Brother can you spare a dime." That same dime a day is what the "Gimme 5" campaign asks for today, tomorrow, and for the next 5 years.

Ohio Moose leaders, listen up: The need is real. It is not imagined. Only people such as you and me and the people that we touch with this message can make a difference for children and seniors who depend entirely upon us. If you would like to volunteer to help spread the word and help with this project, please, contact Past Supreme Governor Tommy Hatcher at thatcher@snet.net or Ohio Chairman "Chicken" Staugler at TASAS1@msn.com.

It's that simple -- but participating in "Gimme Five" can be even simpler: Instead of trying to remember to physically set aside a nickel in the morning and a nickel in the evening from now through 2012, you can...

-- Mail Moose Charities a check for your annual "Gimme Five" contribution of \$36.50, or all five years at once for \$182.50, to Moose Charities, 155 S. International Dr., Mooseheart, IL 60539-1100.

(Any questions, please phone Moose Charities at 630-966-2200.) OR

-- Make a secure online Gimme Five donation at www.moosecharities.org/Donate.asp OR

-- Visit the Gimme Five Direct-Debit Plan webpage at www.moosecharities.org/pdf/Gimme5.pdf

As you do, know that all contributions to the Gimme Five Program are KEPT SEPARATE from any other donations -- ensuring that they are not used for any other purpose.

And because Moose Charities is registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)3 charity, *YOUR ENTIRE CONTRIBUTION IS 100% TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.*



NEW PILGRIM SHIRT NOW AVAILABLE!!

New shirts are now available to all Pilgrims in the state of Ohio.

Order form and instructions are below, be sure to read carefully before placing your order. These shirts are being

Ordered with approval of Moose International.

The shirts are black or white short-sleeved knit polo (collar and pocket) and the Pilgrim emblem, your Lodge name and number, and above the emblem the year you received your degree.

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3675 S. ADAMS RD.
RAVENNA, MI 49451**

Here's The Information You've Been Requesting!

Pilgrim Chairman Ron Johnson shared the above request form with new Pilgrims at Marysville last Sunday, and since so many Pilgrims have been wanting to replace their grungy ole Pilgrim shirts and didn't remember where nor how to order them, we thought that this would be

a good reminder for everyone. We realize that the order form is undersized on this page, but it's sufficient for you to order.

We look forward to seeing a whole bunch of spiffy, new shirts at Annual Convention in August!



New Pilgrims Go Through A Great Ordeal in Marysville!



Regional Manager Dwaine Brown and Pilgrim Chairman Ron Johnson really put new Pilgrims through their paces. "We've got many things to discuss," said Brown, "just to get you through our Presentation, to get you introduced through our booklet, and to show you off at Annual Convention!"

Groan . . . Groan!
But he wasn't kidding. Getting pictures of the eight "newbies" was a chore. Then having them check their "bios" took up more time. But finally it was over. Miller time!



ABOVE: Phil Dick tries to get his tie tied for the pix. Scotte Elliott and John Rule sign in and get in line for their pictures. OSMA photographer George Grosser has the routine down pat for the head-and-shoulders shot that he needs of the new Pilgrims.

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now!



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ATTENTION: STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Let people know when you change your email address or your phone number, just as you would if you had an address change!

We know that everyone has at one time or another in his life experienced the frustration of getting a letter returned because of a faulty address -- the frustration of getting that recording that says the number is no longer valid -- the frustration in getting email returned.

Well, don't contribute to the problem. Don't be a pimple in the path of progress!

As a State Board Member, you have an obligation to all 120+ of us to keep us up

to date on your changes in status.

Assuming you don't understand this issue, let us make it clear: call or email or write Secretary John R Sipes so that he can pass the information along our excellent communications' chain.

Damn! Wasn't that simple? Or, as Gomer Pyle was wont to say, "Gaaaaaaaaleeeeeeee!"

Some of you bitch because you don't get the word on an issue important to you, right? Well, if you've had a status change that has gone on unreported, guess who has a bitch for you!

Or as Bill Engvall says, "Here's your sign!"

It's time to be responsible for your own actions!

Ohio Lodges . . . Listen up!

PLEASE, be aware that . . .

the Ohio Supreme Court has upheld the non-smoking law

. . . in relation to private organizations.

Our Moose Centers **MUST** abide by this law!

Members of our fraternity have notified us that many lodges continue to allow smoking inside your Moose Center.

Some have reported that certain lodges even allow the stewards to smoke in the lodge while they're on duty, which is ridiculous!

Until the law can be altered, you're obliged to obey existing law!

Plan Now For Bus Trips to Mooseheart on Founder's Day Weekend!

Even if your Lodge doesn't have a trip planned, you can still join the trip sponsored by another Lodge and thus experience the fun and fellowship, besides getting to know other Moose members!

You can count on luxury motor coach rides from the home Lodge,

You can count on getting to visit several "new" lodges on the way there and back!

You can anticipate getting to shop in the Supply Store on campus.

You can visit Mooseheart in this great, inexpensive way!

See page 6 for two exciting trips!



Wagons, Hooooooooooooo!

(As Ward Bond used to say on "Wagon Train,") (And if you don't understand the reference, fergeduboutit!)

Yes, the motor is running and simply waiting for you to step aboard!

Ask the folks at Gahanna and District 8 who have already set up their October 24-26 trip to Mooseheart for Founder's Day Weekend. The cost is \$200 per person, and the Lodge even allows you to pay in installments! Wow! What a bargain! The cost includes the bus trip (obviously), two nights in the Fox Valley Inn (just minutes from Mooseheart

campus). It includes beverages, snacks, games, and fun on the bus and features a breakfast at an Indiana Lodge (TBA). And there's more -- but it's too much to list. Call Gahanna Moose to make your reservation!

Governor Ross Miller and Jr. Governor Jason Brobst have gone out of their way to make this year's trip a most memorable one.

GET IN ON IT!

District 1 Sponsors Bus Trip to Mooseheart for Founder's Day Weekend

District 1 has organized a bus trip to visit Mooseheart during Founder's Day Weekend, a trip that departs a Lodge within the District (TBA where) at 6:00 A.M. on Friday, October 24th and returns by approximately 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, the 26th. The final schedule of side-trips and other visitations, etc., will be announced once Mooseheart releases the schedule for the Weekend.

Cost is \$275 per couple. Space is available for only 20 more couples (as of this writing), with reservations to be accepted on a first-come, first-paid basis. Full payment must be received to assure reservation. Make checks payable to OSMA District 1 and send information to Ken Malloy, District 1 Secretary, at 6712 Miami Hills Drive, Cincinnati 45243.

For further information/details, email Ken at

osmadistrict1@yahoo.com



In someone's bull's eye: a prayer request for our military . . .

Think about this: According to weather reports, it is our understanding that it is 122 degrees in Iraq right now -- and the low will be 111! You ought to see the extended forecast! If it be God's will, let us pray that these service men and women will have the strength that they need to prevail.

Can't think of a prayer? Try this one. . .

Lord, please hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in this out time of need. Amen.

It is reported that in a recent interview, former General Norman Schwarzkopf was asked if he thought there was room for forgiveness toward the people who have harbored and abetted the terrorists who perpetrated the 9/11 attacks on America. His answer was classic Schwarzkopf:

"I believe that forgiving them is God's function. Our job is to arrange the setting!"

AMEN!

