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What a great Convention! And everyone surely needed that first cup of coffee on Sunday morning before attending the OSMA Organizational Meeting! Thank goodness there was more coffee available; otherwise, some of us might have died!



A Moment in History by Chairman James Stonerock



Originally, in the booming times of the early nineteen hundreds (about 1909), Youngstown Lodge 79 was instituted. The Lodge fared well. Their Moose Home was huge, but it had to be to accommodate its 4,000 + members.

The building itself was 62' by 140' and was five stories high. Used exclusively for Fraternal purposes, the building boasted an auditorium which seated 2,200 people. It had three Lodge Rooms, twelve dormitories, bowling alleys, and billiard parlors.

Falling on bad times, it closed in 1917, reopened as Lodge 1673 on November 18, 1920, and closed again in 2005.

Governors and Administrators encouraged to familiarize members with new application

A new application and enrollment process is now in effect. A comprehensive discussion of this new process may be found on page 3 of this update.

On August 1, 2007, new applications, which include the "Obligation of Membership," were made available to all Lodges and chapters *for immediate use*.

To review the new application online, go to the following:

www.mooseintl.org/portal/pdf/mem/NewApplicationCombined.pdf

The obligation for use with the old-styled applications may be review at

www.mooseintl.org/portal/pdf/mem/ObligationOfMembership07-24-07.pdf

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25 DIVISION

William G McCoy, Cuyahoga Falls

918

50 Division

Lloyd Martin, Columbus 11

Phil Dick, Findlay 698

75 Division

Loren J Puckett, Shelby 422

100 Division

Fred L Bushatz, Jr., Chillicothe

1626

SIGNET RING WINNERS

Sponsoring and enrolling at least 25 members during the period July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2007 sees a preferred member sponsor earning the special three-year award, a beautiful gold and sterling silver signet ring. We need to add the name of Darrell Cummings, Bellevue Lodge 328 to the list!

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Tony Chaike, Cincinnati 2
 Michael D Lawrence, Hamilton 36
 Robert Shirey, Canton 233
 Glenn H Neil, East Palestine 467
 Timothy Grant, Massillon 481
 Philip Dick, Findlay 698
 Jack Hixson, Portsmouth 762
 Jim Monroe, Celina 1473
 Noel E Miller, Sr., Indian Lake 1533
 Fred L Bushatz, Jr., Chillicothe 1626
 David L Grable Chillicothe 1626
 Daniel E Bobbitt, Circleville 2440
 Clyde A Crowell, Crystal Lakes 2464

New Application and Enrollment Process now in effect

The new application supports the “alternative” method of enrollment approved by both the Grand Council and the Supreme Council. This new form includes the applicant’s acceptance of a written obligation. The applicant’s acceptance of this obligation is conditioned, upon the recommendation of the Application Review Committee, and the favorable vote of the respective lodge or chapter membership.

There is now just one application form for both men and women applicants. The application has a box to indicate whether the applicant is a man applying to the LOOM or a woman applying to the WOTM.

Lodges and chapters should print the new application off the website and make copies as required until the initial supply to be provided to each lodge and chapter arrives. Additional quantities may be obtained by contact the Membership Department at Moose International. There is no charge for the applications, but the lodge or chapter will be billed for actual shipping costs.

Old applications can continue to be used while supplies last, but they will require the completion and attachment of the Obligation of Membership form, which is found on the website, in order to complete the applicant’s enrollment.

This application and obligation has the potential to greatly reduce the number of new members attending enrollment cer-

emonies; so, essential information about the Moose is incorporated into this new document. This information is expected to make an applicant aware of, and hopefully pique their interest, to further explore our belief in caring for young and old, bringing communities closer together and celebrating life.

Additionally, we want prospective members to realize that there is an added value to their membership card beyond just being able to access our lodges’ facilities. A portion of the new application is devoted to generically describe some of the money-saving opportunities afforded Moose members through the Moose Member Benefits Program.

The application design allows for one-third of the tri-fold document to be separated and retained by the applicant. The applicant’s portion will contain the receipt, as well as the member benefit and our Order’s philosophical beliefs.

The alternative enrollment is available to all new and existing applicants of both the LOOM and the WOTM. Both the applicant and their sponsor must complete the *new* application, which includes an Obligation of membership. The completed and signed application is then presented to the Lodge Administrator or Chapter Recorder, along with all applicable fees. The first year’s dues may also be remitted, but are not required at this time.

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The Lodge Administrator or Chapter Recorder will promptly enter the application in their LCL.Net system and transmit the information to Moose International. The application is then turned over to the Application Review Committee for their investigation and subsequent recommendation on acceptance of the applicant. Applications found acceptable by the Application Review Committee are then presented to the lodge or chapter membership to vote on at their next regular meeting.

On the date that BOTH a favorable vote has been received from the lodge or chapter membership AND the applicant's first year's dues have been received, the Administrator or Recorder shall enter this date as the applicant's enroll date in LCL.Net and transmit the information to Moose International. This will complete the enrollment process, begin the applicant's membership in our Order, and trig-

ger the issuance of a membership card. Applicants will receive their membership cards at their addresses of record in about three weeks.

While attendance at a ritual-styled enrollment may not longer be required of new members, the requirement that all members receive an orientation remains. All new members are required to participate in an orientation.

An applicant who is rejected by either the Application Review Committee or the membership of the lodge or chapter, should receive a lodge or chapter check refunding all of the fees and dues they had remitted. The Membership Department at Moose International should be contacted to arrange for a credit on the lodge or chapter monthly account receivable statement. Once an applicant is accepted and enrolled, no refunds of any *fees* are permitted in accord with the changes to the General Laws approved in Orlando.

Don't Know What To Do With Your Old Computer? Donate It To The Lodge!

Many people do not have access to a computer at home. Wouldn't it be a great idea for the Lodge to set up a computer some place in the Lodge Home, hooked up to the internet, and signed on to the Ohio Moose website?

Problem is that most lodges can't afford another computer and monitor. But many of their members can -- AND DO! Why not appeal in your lodge newsletter for unwanted computers?

While a used computer might be "too slow" according to its owner, if it's already set up in the lodge, speed won't matter.

In this manner, all members can find out "What's new with the Moose" in Ohio and across the country!

Let's remember our service men and women serving in Iraq in our prayers!

Our Marines serve in great hardship!

SLEEP LAST NIGHT?
Bed a little lumpy...
Toss and turn any...
Wish the heat was higher...
Maybe the a/c wasn't on...
Had to go to the john...
Need a drink of water...

The pictures at right are of the proud warriors of Baker Company, last of the US Marines serving in Iraq, who wanted to pay tribute to their fallen comrades.

Just think how it must be to come home each night to grave-like sleeping quarters! Or to have to sleep on the tarmac!

And we think we have it tough when . . .

- the other car cuts you off and you have to hit the brakes, or . . .
- you have to park a little further from Wal-Mart than you want to be, or . . .
- you're served slightly warm food at Damians, or . . .
- you're sitting and cursing the traffic in front of you
- the shower runs out of hot water!

Think of them . . . protecting our freedom! We have a long list of good friends whose husbands are deploying to Iraq next month. Your prayers are deeply appreciated. These guys deserve our love, our hugs, and, most powerfully, our prayers:

"Lord, 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 our time of need. Amen."

The photo at right was forwarded from one of the last US Marine companies in Iraq whose message we pass along.

The proud warriors of Baker Company wanted to do something to pay tribute to their and our fallen comrades. "It would be awesome



if you could find a way to share this with our fellow countrymen. I was wondering if there was any way to get this into your papers to let the world know that "WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN" and are proud to serve our country. Semper Fi!"
1st Sgt. Dave Jobe.

(You might just want to forward this page to everyone in your e-mail address book! -- Editor)