In Memoriam:

Robert B. Elliott PSG

1925-2013

Robert B. Elliott PSG, a leader of the Moose fraternity at the International level for more than 40 years, died July 31 at Moosehaven in Orange Park, FL. He was 87.

Mr. Elliott, a member since 1955 of the Moose in his native city of Roseburg, OR, was a close friend and business associate, in the Beaver State, of Paul J. O’Hollaren; when O’Hollaren, of Portland, was appointed the fraternity’s sixth Director General in January 1984, he brought Mr. Elliott with him as Director of Development and Community Service, and the latter served in that post for 11 years, to the end of 1994, several months after O’Hollaren’s retirement in March of that year.

From mid-April through July 1999, Mr. Elliott returned to headquarters as Assistant Director General during O’Hollaren’s brief second stint in the CEO’s office.

Mr. Elliott also supervised the Purchasing and Catalog Sales operations while at Moose International, given his previous professional experience in purchasing and inventory-control in the mining industry.

Mr. Elliott was also the creator and developer of the former Lodge Merit Award program, and coordinated Moose International’s relationships with other fraternal and service organizations, through what was known as the Conference of Private Organizations, or CONPOR. He worked with Chicago-based clothier Hart, Schaffner and Marx in 1987 to redesign Moose degree regalia away from tahs and capes to its current more businesslike array of colored blazers, coordinated neckties and black trousers.

Born Sept. 26, 1925, Mr. Elliott was a U.S. Army combat veteran of World War II, earning the Bronze Star in the European Theatre. He returned home and attended the University of Oregon, and married the former Frances Moore in 1947; the Elliotts became parents of two daughters and a son.

Joining Roseburg Lodge 1037 in ’55, Mr. Elliott served through the Lodge chairs, as well as those of Beaver Moose Legion 171. He went on to serve the Oregon Moose Association as President and Deputy
Supreme Governor. He received the Fellowship Degree of Honor and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 1970. That year, he was named to the Moose Legion Council, and served as Grand North Moose in 1977.

In 1982, Mr. Elliott was elected to the Supreme Council--but stepped aside less than two years later to join the full-time professional staff at Moose International.

His service as Director of Community Service involved, in 1986, creation of the Moose Youth Awareness Program and its KidsTalks, in which the fraternity has served as a catalyst for bright teens to convey positive-choices messages to hundreds of thousands of very young children, ages 4-9. Mr. Elliott, who received a conferral as Past Supreme Governor in 1992 and joined the Pilgrim Council in 1996, is survived by his wife, Fran, and their three adult children. Services were held Aug. 9 at Moosehaven.