

November 1, 2007

Within the next few days, chapter Recorders will begin receiving Call Cards for the 2008 Academy of Friendship matriculants. Call Cards will be provided for those co-workers who met all of the qualifications for the degree during the 2006-2007 chapter year.

Please make certain that the Call Cards are distributed to the matriculants in a timely manner to allow them sufficient time to make plans to attend your State/Regional/Provincial Mid-Year Conference.

The College of Regents and Star Recorder Call Cards will follow right behind the Academy of Friendship Call Cards, but will be sent to the individual matriculant.

All matriculants requesting financial assistance from the chapter are reminded to submit their proposals to the chapter Board of Officers soon, for their approval, in order that the funds are available in time for the Mid-Year and International Conference.

Our sincerest *congratulations* to all matriculants for their success!

The Chapter Award of Achievement certificates will be mailed during the third week of November for presentation during the December Committee Activity Night.

*Congratulations* to all chapters who have earned the Award of Achievement for the 2006-2007 chapter year!

Moose Charities has asked that we remind all chapters to properly earmark the checks that are remitted to Moose Charities with the Form 114. Many telephone calls have had to be made in an attempt to properly credit chapter donations. Thank you for your understanding.

Abraham Lincoln was the first president to proclaim Thanksgiving as a national holiday, during a time in when the United States was in the midst of a bitter civil war. We now find ourselves involved in a war. Although it is not a civil war, it started on U.S. soil with no end in sight.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, let's tear ourselves away from the food and football long enough to lead our families in a prayer, following the examples of the Pilgrims, our Founding Fathers and President Lincoln.

May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving, shared with family and friends.