

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE RITUAL COMPETITION CEREMONY

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CHAIRMAN:

(Rap1)

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE WILL COME TO ORDER.

CONVOCATIONS ARE HELD IN EVERY STATE, REGION AND PROVINCE BY AUTHORIZATION OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE.

THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE VALUE THE IMPORTANCE OF HONORING GOD AND COUNTRY. PLEASE JOIN US AS WE PAY TRIBUTE TO THESE GREAT PRINCIPLES.

THE CHAPLAIN WILL LEAD US IN PRAYER. EVERYONE PLEASE RISE.

(pause for action)

CHAPLAIN:

LET US FOLD OUR ARMS AND BOW OUR HEADS.

(pause for action)

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, BLESS ALL WHO HAVE GATHERED HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE OUR SUCCESSES. WE ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED BLESSINGS, THAT WE MAY ENSURE THE FUTURE OF OUR BELOVED MOOSEHEART AND MOOSEHAVEN.

WE ASK FOR YOUR GUIDANCE IN OUR THOUGHTS, WORDS, AND DEEDS THAT WE MAY ALWAYS WORK IN HARMONY AND LIVE BY THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORGANIZATION. AMEN.

(pause for action)

CHAPLAIN:

(American Chapters)

PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.

(pause for action)

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

(pause for action)

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CHAPLAIN:

(Canadian Chapters)

PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE PLEDGE.

(pause for action)

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO MY FLAG AND PROMISE TO DEFEND IT FROM DESECRATION, AND BY WORD, ACT AND DEED WILL CONDEMN ANARCHY OR INSUBORDINATION WHERE THE SAME CONCERNS MY COUNTRY. THE LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE AND WOMEN OF THE MOOSE STAND FIRST AND FOREMOST FOR LOYALTY.

(pause for action)

HISTORIAN:

YOU MAY BE SEATED.

(pause for action)

IN ORDER FOR YOU TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS HONOR, PLEASE LISTEN CAREFULLY.

JUNIOR GRADUATE REGENTS WERE FIRST INVESTED WITH THE GREEN CAP IN 1950. THE COLOR GREEN WAS SELECTED BECAUSE THIS INDICATED A COLLEGE FRESHMAN PRIOR TO THE TIME OF RECEIVING THE CAP AND GOWN. WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR GREEN CAP TODAY, YOU WILL HAVE TAKEN A STEP TOWARD RECEIVING THE COVETED CAP AND GOWN OF THE COLLEGE OF REGENTS.

FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS MANY CHAPTERS PAID TRIBUTE TO THEIR GREEN CAP JUNIOR GRADUATE REGENTS BY HOLDING A SPECIAL MEETING IN THEIR HONOR. THESE MEETINGS PROVED SO SUCCESSFUL THAT MANY REQUESTS WERE RECEIVED TO INCLUDE A SPECIAL GREEN CAP MEETING IN THE CHAPTER YEAR PROGRAM.

THE GRAND COUNCIL AUTHORIZED THE ADDITION OF THE GREEN CAP CHAPTER NIGHT TO THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE PROGRAM IN 1969. THIS SPECIAL CHAPTER ACTIVITY MEETING, HELD IN YOUR HONOR, WILL WELCOME NEW MEMBERS INTO THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE. PLAN THIS CAREFULLY SO THAT IT WILL BE A MEMORABLE EVENT FOR BOTH YOU AND THE NEW MEMBERS.

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HISTORIAN:

THE GREEN CAP IS A SYMBOL OF SUCCESS FOR BOTH THE CHAPTER AND THE JUNIOR GRADUATE REGENT. WEAR YOUR GREEN CAP PROUDLY, AS IT SIGNIFIES YOU HAVE SERVED YOUR CHAPTER SUCCESSFULLY DURING YOUR TERM AS SENIOR REGENT.

(pause for action)

REGISTRAR:

CONFERRAL STAFF, PLEASE RISE.

(Rap 2)

(pause for action)

RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND AND REPEAT AFTER ME.

(pause for action)

I RENEW MY PLEDGE --- TO THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE --- AND WILL DEVOTE MY TALENTS TO MY CHAPTER --- SO THAT EACH CHAPTER YEAR --- WILL BE COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY. --- I WILL ALWAYS DO MY BEST --- TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE AT ALL TIMES --- AND WILL ENCOURAGE ALL CO-WORKERS --- TO DO THE SAME. --- I WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP --- BY PROPOSING FOR MEMBERSHIP --- QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS OF HIGH PERSONAL CHARACTER --- AND WILL ENCOURAGE OTHERS --- TO DO THE SAME. --- I WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE --- OF MY ENERGY AND SUBSTANCE --- IN SUPPORT OF MOOSEHEART AND MOOSEHAVEN. --- I WILL WORK IN HARMONY --- WITH THE MEMBERS OF MY CHAPTER. --- I WILL CONTINUE TO COMPLY WITH --- THE MEETING PROCEDURES AND AGENDAS --- AND THE GENERAL LAWS OF THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE --- SO HELP ME GOD. --

(pause)

THANK YOU. YOU MAY LOWER YOUR HAND AND BE SEATED.

(pause for action)

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CHAIRMAN:

AS JUNIOR GRADUATE REGENT, YOU ARE CHAIRMAN OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE. TOGETHER WITH YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS, YOU WILL HOLD A FUND RAISING PROJECT TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF YOUR GREEN CAP ACTIVITY NIGHT. YOUR COMMITTEE WILL ALSO MAKE DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE'S ASSIGNED PROJECT FOR EITHER MOOSEHEART OR MOOSEHAVEN AND TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP AND MAINTENANCE FUND. DURING THIS CHAPTER YEAR, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SPONSOR AND ENROLL TWO OR MORE NEW MEMBERS INTO YOUR CHAPTER.

THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE GENERAL LAWS AND OFFICERS' HANDBOOK WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE REQUIREMENTS NEEDED TO COMPLETE YOUR JOURNEY TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE COLLEGE OF REGENTS.

DURING YOUR YEAR AS JUNIOR GRADUATE REGENT, WEAR YOUR GREEN CAP PROUDLY. WE TRUST YOU UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS HONOR AND WILL TREAT IT WITH PRIDE AND RESPECT.

(pause)

USE THE LEADERSHIP SKILLS YOU ACQUIRED DURING YOUR TERM AS SENIOR REGENT AND CONTINUE TO ASSIST YOUR CHAPTER IN PROMOTING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY. YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AS YOU CONTINUE ON THE PATHWAY TO BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE COLLEGE OF REGENTS, THE HIGHEST DEGREE YOU CAN EARN AS A MEMBER OF THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE.

THE CHAPLAIN WILL LEAD US IN THE NINE O'CLOCK CEREMONY.

(Rap 2)

(pause for action)

CHAPLAIN:

AT THE HOUR OF NINE, THE CHILDREN AT MOOSEHEART KNEEL AT THEIR BEDSIDES TO SAY THEIR EVENING PRAYERS. LET US JOIN THEM IN SILENT PRAYER.

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CHAPLAIN:

(pause for action)

PLEASE RECITE THE NINE O'CLOCK PRAYER WITH ME.

(pause)

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME. DO NOT KEEP THEM AWAY FOR THEY ARE LIKE THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. GOD BLESS MOOSEHEART. AMEN.

(pause for action)

EVERYONE, PLEASE BE SEATED.

(pause for action)

LET US CALL TO MIND THE WORDS OF OUR FOREFATHER, JAMES J. DAVIS, WHOSE BELIEF AND PLEDGE SERVES AS THE BASIS OF THE PURPOSES OF OUR FRATERNITY. A CHILD IS THE HAND OF GOD, RECORDING ON THE UNIVERSAL PAGES OF TIME, THE HISTORY OF THE HUMAN RACE. NO MAN EVER STANDS SO TALL, OR SO STRAIGHT, AS WHEN HE STOOPS TO LIFT UP A CHILD.

(pause)

WE BELIEVE IN THE CHILD, WHO IS THE FUTURE OF OUR NATION, AND THE HUMAN RACE. WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY CHILD HAS A GOD-GIVEN HERITAGE OF LIFE, HEALTH, HAPPINESS, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO FILL ITS CHOSEN PLACE IN THE WORLD.

(pause)

WE BELIEVE IN THE RIGHT OF EVERY CHILD TO AN EDUCATION OF THE HEAD, AND THE HEART, AND THE HAND. WE BELIEVE THAT MAN OWES NO HIGHER DUTY TO GOD AND SOCIETY, THAN THE DUTY OF SERVICE TO CHILDHOOD. TO THESE, WE PLEDGE OUR HEARTS, OUR HANDS, AND ALL THAT WE HAVE.

(pause)

LET US BE EVER MINDFUL THAT THE THOUGHTS CONTAINED IN THIS PLEDGE ALSO APPLY TO OUR COMMITMENT OF SERVICE TO OUR RESIDENTS AT MOOSEHAVEN.

(pause for action)

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HISTORIAN:

EVERYONE, PLEASE RISE AND JOIN ME IN OUR OBLIGATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND AND REPEAT AFTER ME.

AS A MEMBER OF THE MOOSE -- I PROMISE TO ALWAYS BE FAIR AND ACCOUNTABLE -- FOR MY WORDS AND ACTIONS. -- I WILL TREAT OTHERS, AS I WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED. --

I PLEDGE TO WORK IN HARMONY -- WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THIS FRATERNITY -- TO ENSURE OUR GROWTH AND PROSPERITY. --

I WILL AT ALL TIMES -- COMPLY WITH THE GENERAL LAWS -- AND PLEDGE TO DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER -- TO ENSURE OUR SUCCESS -- FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY. --

THANK YOU, YOU MAY LOWER YOUR HAND AND BE SEATED.

(pause for action)

THE CONFERRAL CEREMONY TODAY WAS CONDUCTED BY THE _____ (TEAM NAME) RITUAL TEAM. PLEASE RISE AS I ANNOUNCE YOUR NAME.

(pause)

REGISTRAR (FIRST AND LAST NAME)

(pause for action)

CHAPLAIN (FIRST AND LAST NAME)

(pause for action)

CHAIRMAN (FIRST AND LAST NAME)

(pause for action)

AND I AM (FIRST AND LAST NAME) SERVING AS HISTORIAN.

(pause for action)