

RITUAL COMPETITION – NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS 02-26-2014

- Team members will be uniform in color of skirt or trousers and shoes. They will adhere to the Women of the Moose dress code for officers.
- For the purpose of ritual competition, ritualists will follow the floor directions in this step-by-step instruction; any variation from these instructions may result in a deduction of points for that ritualist/team.
- When seated, feet should be parallel and flat on floor, and hands uniform with rest of team.
- When standing, feet should be parallel.
- Team members' attention is on the speaker.
- When speaking, there is a mandatory pause between paragraphs.
- Moving to an allowable floor position must be done with one continuous motion and without hesitation.
- Feet must be fully within allowable floor position when stationary.
- Gestures are allowed throughout the orientation by all team members. Team members will give a minimum of one and maximum of three gestures during each charge. Displaying a brochure/handout will count as one gesture.
- The following brochures may be used during the competition to bring attention to subjects being discussed: "Who are the Women of the Moose?"; "Heard of Moose?"; "Moose Member Benefits"; "Moose Membership Applications"; "Mooseheart Child City & School"; "Retirement-Living Options-Moosehaven"; "Join the Donors Circle-Moose Charities" No other "props" may be used in competition.

Prior to start of competition, team is seated in sideline chairs. A judge will prompt the team to start the competition.

Team members rise in unison and turn towards their chair/podium at front of room. Chairman and Charity each step forward to be in line with Faith and Hope. Once in place and without hesitation, all four step off in unison, and proceed directly to chairs, with the exception of the Chairman who veers off to podium. All team members will be in step and in line with each other to their final destinations. In unison, Faith, Hope and Charity turn to face rear of room and remain standing.

CHAIRMAN: GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM first name, AND TOGETHER WITH first name.
first name, AND first name, WE WILL BE PRESENTING THE WOMEN OF
THE MOOSE NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION FOR YOU.

*Chairman pauses as team members are seated (in unison). Chairman may remain at podium, or
move to any one allowable floor position.*

**OUR FRATERNITY OF WOMEN AND MEN ARE DEDICATED TO CARING FOR CHILDREN
AND SENIORS. THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE BRING WOMEN OF ALL AGES TOGETHER
IN SUPPORT OF OUR TWIN CITIES, MOOSEHEART CHILD CITY AND SCHOOL, A
COMMUNITY FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS IN NEED AND MOOSEHAVEN, A RETIREMENT
COMMUNITY FOR OUR SENIOR MEMBERS. THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND
CANADA OUR MEMBERS ALSO ASSIST IN CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES WITHIN THEIR
COMMUNITIES. WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN IN OUR EFFORTS.**

Chairman returns to her chair as Charity proceeds to any allowable floor position.
Chairman and Charity must arrive at their destination at the same time.

CHARITY: *Charity may give this charge in up to three allowable floor positions.*

**WELCOME TO OUR ORIENTATION PROGRAM. I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A LITTLE OF
OUR HISTORY AND TRADITIONS WITH YOU.**

**THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE WERE FORMALLY RECOGNIZED IN 1913 AS THE
FRATERNITY'S OFFICIAL FEMALE COMPONENT. OUR CHAPTER MEETS TWICE
MONTHLY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS AND ENJOY EACH OTHER'S COMPANY. DURING
OUR MEETINGS, YOU WILL BE INVITED TO JOIN WITH US AS WE BOW OUR HEADS
AND FOLD OUR ARMS TO GIVE THANKS TO OUR LORD THROUGH PRAYER AND
PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.**

**AT EACH GATHERING, WE ACCEPT MONETARY DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF OUR
TWIN CITIES, MOOSEHEART AND MOOSEHAVEN.**

**THE OFFICIAL EMBLEM OF THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE IS A HEART WITH A TRIANGLE
IN THE CENTER. IN THE CENTER OF THE TRIANGLE IS A GOLD STANDING MOOSE. ON
THE POINTS OF THE TRIANGLE ARE THE LETTERS F - H - C WHICH STAND FOR FAITH,
HOPE AND CHARITY. THESE ARE THE THREE GREAT PRINCIPLES THAT OUR MEMBERS
LIVE BY.**

Charity returns to her chair as Faith takes her position at any allowable floor position.
Charity and Faith must arrive at their destinations at the same time.

FAITH: *Faith may give this charge in up to two allowable floor positions.*

WE HAVE FAITH IN OUR PRINCIPLES AND HAVE MADE THE COMMITMENT TO SERVE CHILDREN AND SENIOR MEMBERS IN NEED. OUR TWIN CITIES, MOOSEHEART AND MOOSEHAVEN ARE OUR NUMBER ONE CONCERN.

MOOSEHEART CHILD CITY AND SCHOOL WAS DEDICATED IN JULY 1913. OUR BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS IS LOCATED 38 MILES WEST OF CHICAGO. OUR CHILD CITY IS A HOME FOR CHILDREN IN NEED, FROM INFANCY THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL. MOOSEHAVEN, KNOWN AS THE “CITY OF CONTENTMENT”, IS LOCATED ON A WIDE EXPANSE OF THE ST. JOHNS RIVER IN ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA. THE CAMPUS HAS BEEN HOME TO SENIOR MEMBERS SINCE 1922. THROUGH GENEROSITY AND VOLUNTEERISM, MOOSE MEMBERS GIVE HOPE TO OUR CHILDREN AND OUR SENIOR MEMBERS.

Faith returns to her chair as Hope takes her position at any allowable floor position.
Faith and Hope must arrive at their destinations at the same time.

HOPE: *Hope may give this charge in up to three allowable floor positions.*

THERE ARE MANY ADVANTAGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU AS A MEMBER. MEETING NEW FRIENDS AND MAKING LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS WITH WOMEN AND MEN WHO BELIEVE IN AND ENJOY CARING FOR OUR TWIN CITIES, MOOSEHEART AND MOOSEHAVEN. YOU HAVE ACCESS TO MORE THAN 1500 MOOSE HOMES THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA AND GREAT BRITAIN.

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A VARIETY OF DISCOUNTS ON ENTERTAINMENT, SUCH AS TRAVEL PROGRAMS, CAR RENTALS AND HOTEL STAYS. WE ALSO OFFER DISCOUNTS FOR PRESCRIPTION COSTS, MEDICAL NEEDS AND INSURANCE POLICIES.

YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS SUCH AS GIRL SCOUTS & BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, SAFE SURFIN’, AND YOUTH AWARENESS. WE ALSO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO MANY NATIONAL CHARITIES

INCLUDING SPECIAL OLYMPICS, MEALS ON WHEELS, AND TOYS FOR TOTS, JUST TO NAME A FEW.

WE OPEN OUR MOOSE HOMES AS SHELTERS AND VOLUNTEER OUR TIME TO HELP DURING A CRISIS. WE ACT AS A FAMILY, LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER AND THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF OUR ASSISTANCE.

Hope returns to her chair as Faith takes her position at any allowable floor position.
Hope and Faith must arrive at their destination at the same time.

FAITH: *Faith may give this charge in up to two allowable floor positions.*

IN ORDER TO KEEP UP THE PACE, WE HAVE ACTIVITIES WITHIN OUR CHAPTERS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO HAVE FUN AND SOCIALIZE. ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS PROMOTE A FAMILY ATMOSPHERE. YOUR MEMBERSHIP ALLOWS YOU TO CHOOSE THE ACTIVITIES THAT INTEREST YOU THE MOST. MANY LODGES OFFER BOWLING, SHUFFLEBOARD, DARTS, GOLF, AND CARD GAMES. THERE ARE ALSO CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTIES, "HOW TO" CLASSES, DINNER DANCES AND MOVIE NIGHTS. THIS IS JUST A SMALL SAMPLE OF THE ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. THE CHOICE IS YOURS.

WE TRULY HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

Faith returns to her chair as Charity takes her position at any allowable floor position.
Faith and Charity must arrive at their destination at the same time.

CHARITY: *Charity may give this charge in up to three allowable floor positions.*

AS A MEMBER OF THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE, YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ELEVATE WITHIN OUR ORGANIZATION. THERE ARE THREE HIGHER DEGREES WITHIN THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE THAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE: ACADEMY OF FRIENDSHIP, STAR RECORDER AND COLLEGE OF REGENTS.

AS YOU WORK TOWARD PERSONAL HONORS, YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A LEADER OF YOUR CHAPTER AND BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE GENERAL LAWS AND PROCEDURES.

ALONG WITH PERSONAL GOALS, OUR CHAPTER ALSO HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN THE AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT. THIS HONOR IS AWARDED BY THE GRAND CHANCELLOR TO CHAPTERS THAT WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM AND SUCCESSFULLY SUPPORT EFFORTS IN MEMBERSHIP BUILDING AND MAINTAINING ASSETS.

WE INVITE YOU TO DEDICATE YOURSELF TO A LIFETIME COMMITMENT OF SERVING YOUR CHAPTER AND YOUR FRATERNITY AS A LEADER AND MENTOR.

Charity returns to her chair as Chairman takes her position at any allowable floor position.
Charity and Chairman must arrive at their destination at the same time.

CHAIRMAN: *Chairman may give this charge in up to three allowable floor positions.*

AS A MEMBER, TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN BEING PART OF A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION THAT BELIEVES IN HELPING OTHERS. YOUR MEMBERSHIP ALLOWS US TO ACHIEVE GREATER ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH THE COMBINED EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF OVER ONE MILLION WOMEN AND MEN.

THE MOOSE ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLE, "A BURDEN HEAVY TO ONE IS BORNE LIGHTLY BY MANY" AND WE HAVE PROVEN TIME AND AGAIN THAT WE PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH. THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS, MOOSEHEART CHILDREN AND MOOSEHAVEN SENIORS RECEIVE A HELPING HAND FOR ALL DAILY NEEDS AND WANTS. YEARLY, THE EQUIVALENT OF NEARLY 90 MILLION DOLLARS IN COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK IS PERFORMED BY MOOSE MEMBERS JUST LIKE YOU.

THIS WON'T BE THE LAST TIME YOU HEAR THIS BUT, "IT'S GOOD TO BE A MOOSE!"

Chairman returns to her chair as Faith takes her position at any allowable floor position.
Chairman and Faith must arrive at their destinations at the same time.

FAITH: *Faith may give this charge in up to three allowable floor positions.*

MOOSE CHARITIES, A SUBSIDIARY OF MOOSE INTERNATIONAL, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS FOR MOOSEHEART CHILD CITY AND SCHOOL AND OUR RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, MOOSEHAVEN.

WITH YOUR OBLIGATION OF MEMBERSHIP, YOU HAVE ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE, AS YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES ALLOW, THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NECESSARY TO KEEP OUR TWO CITIES AVAILABLE TO FUTURE GENERATIONS OF CHILDREN AND SENIOR MEMBERS. YOU WILL BE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES AND YOUR OWN HEART WILL BE TOUCHED IN RETURN.

WE NEED YOU BECAUSE THEY NEED US.

Faith returns to her chair as Hope takes her position at any allowable floor position.
Faith and Hope must arrive at their destinations at the same time.

HOPE: *Hope may give this charge in up to three allowable floor positions.*

THE FUTURE OF THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE IS BRIGHT AS WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOR THOSE DEPENDENT UPON US FOR THEIR VERY EXISTENCE. THE FUTURE OF MOOSEHEART AND MOOSEHAVEN IS IN OUR HANDS SO WE NEED YOUR HELP.

IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOR OUR TWIN CITIES FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS AND BEYOND, WE MUST GROW THE MEMBERSHIP OF THIS FRATERNITY TO LEVELS CAPABLE OF FULFILLING OUR MISSION, THEIR DREAM. BY INVITING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES TO JOIN US IN OUR COMMITMENT OF SERVICE TO OTHERS IS THE ONLY WAY. EACH OF YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY AND CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. MAKE SURE YOU DELIVER WHAT YOU PROMISE.

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO TO KEEP THEIR DREAMS ALIVE.

Hope returns to her chair as Chairman takes her position at any allowable floor position.
Hope and Chairman must arrive at their destinations at the same time.

CHAIRMAN: *Chairman may give this charge in up to two allowable floor positions.*

WE INVITE EACH OF YOU TO GET INVOLVED.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO HELP YOURSELF TO OUR BROCHURES AND SHARE THEM WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBPAGE AT MOOSE I – N – T – L DOT ORG.

When the Chairman says “At Moose I-N-T-L dot org” all seated members rise in unison and take position in line with the Chairman, arriving in position at the same time.

CHAIRMAN: WHO ARE THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE?

Team members repeat in unison:

TEAM: WE ARE THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE, AND WE ARE HONORED TO INCLUDE YOU IN OUR DEFENDING CIRCLE.

CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR ORIENTATION.

In unison, all members turn toward sideline chairs and proceed on a direct line/diagonal to front of their chair. In one continuous movement, all members turn and sit down together.

Team remains in position until released by a judge.