

# Moose Legion - Where do my dues go?

2018-2019

The Moose Legion is known as the Degree of Service. It is made up of Lodge Brothers who most often desire to do a little more for our philanthropic causes of serving Mooseheart & Moosehaven as well as those wishing for another avenue to enjoy their membership while supporting their lodge. Some call it the “Fun Degree”. All men of Honorary Higher Degrees (Fellows & Pilgrims) are also 1st Lodge members – then Moose Legion members, before advancing further to the Honorary Degrees.

Part of Moose Legion dues are distributed as follows:

- \$2.25 to Moosehaven Operations,
- \$2.50 for the Moosehaven Senior Medical Fund,
- \$.50 for the operation of Mooseheart’s Camp Ross,
- \$3.25 for International Moose Legion Operations.

Additionally each jurisdiction donates to our annual Moose Legion projects including: a minimum of \$.60 for Youth Awareness scholarships ...and...approximately \$2.75 for an annual capital project...this year we pledged another \$130,000 to the Moosehaven Centennial Project (the 3 year M L goal is \$400,000.00) and...so much more.

Our Jurisdictions provide optional contributions to fund Mooseheart student trips, an annual International President’s Project. The International President’s Project this year is to raise funds for needs at both campuses. The minimum goal is \$42,000.00.

Of course we also collect monies and raise funds to support the Mooseheart / Moosehaven Endowment Fund. After all – Moose Legionnaires started it as the “Penny Fund” over a hundred years ago.

It is easy to see that our Moose Legion membership participation and dues truly makes a difference in our philanthropic endeavors. Moose Legionnaires can all share the **pride in accomplishment** of these and many, many more significant contributions to our local lodges and our fraternal programs!

Moose Legionnaires are indeed - Moose on a Mission - and Proud of it!





## LODGE MOOSE LEGION COMMITTEE STEPS FOR SUCCESS

**LOOK FOR CREATIVE IDEAS FOR EVENT THEMES:** Put a new twist on an old idea. Tired of Wednesday Spaghetti Nights, make it a Potato Bar dinner or something else. Look on the Web-site under Activities to find other fun ideas.

**DEVELOP A PLAN:** Follow some simple steps and map out the “Who, What, When and How” of each event. Use the examples shown in the event resource guide.

**ESTIMATE COST AND POTENTIAL PROFIT:** “It takes money to make money” could not be a truer adage. Every event will need some start-up funds, and you may have to hold some preliminary fundraising to fully fund your big event. Work with the Moose Lodge Administrator and the Board of Officers to get started.

**SUBMIT YOUR IDEA FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF OFFICERS:** Take the information you’ve gathered, along with the plan you’ve developed and put in a request to address the Lodge Board of Officers at a Lodge meeting to get approval to move forward with your Lodge Moose Legion Committee event.

**PROMOTE THE ACTIVITY:** Promote your event at least 3 month in advance, place advertising posters on the Moose Lodge bulletin board, articles in the Moose Lodge monthly bulletin and or website, and consider making a direct mailing of the event to the Moose Legionnaires in your Moose Lodge.

**THANK YOU:** Recognition is one of the pillars of fraternalism practiced throughout the Moose Legion and Fraternity, handshakes, pats on the back, acknowledgement on a job well done goes along way.

### THEMED EVENT EXAMPLES:

LUAU/COOKOUTS, BBQ

OKTOBERFEST

ANYTIME OF YEAR SOMKERS

COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT

MARDI GRAS

KARAOKE NIGHT

MOVIE & POPCORN NIGHT

SPORTING EVENT ROAD TRIPS

PUMPKIN CARVING

CASINO NIGHT

THEMED DANCES (50’S, DISCO)

FAMILY FUED

WINTER CARNIVALE

SPRINGFEST

NASCAR PARTY

HORSESHOES

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL

TURKEY SHOOT

VOLLEYBALL

BOCCE

BADMINTON

TENNIS

CORN ROLL

DARTS

PUTTING GREEN (INDOORS)

SPORTS TAILGATE

CARDS

FISHING/BOATING

CAMPING

BIKING

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

CHRISTMAS PARTY

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

EASTER EGG HUNT

HALLOWEEN PARTY

THANKSGIVING DINNER

FAMILY PICNICS

MOTHERS DAY, FATHERS DAY

ST. PATRICKS DAY

VALEINTINES DAY

CELEBRATE VETERANS

GOLF

MEXICAN FIESTA

COOK OFFS

ARCHERY

## MEMBERSHIP RETENTION IS A VITAL KEY TO SUCCESS

Along with Production – Inviting Lodge members to ELEVATE their membership...

We need to regularly practice the 3- R’s – Retention, Recovery and Reactivation