Supreme Council Endorses Smoke-Free Policy

At the 2019 International Moose Convention in Las Vegas, the Supreme Council will endorse a change in the General Laws that eliminates tobacco products within all lodge homes beginning January 1, 2020. The amendment would limit the use of all conventional cigarettes, cigars and tobacco products, as well as any form of electronic smoking devices (e-cigarettes or vaping) inside the lodge. It would also prohibit the use of cannabis-based products on the entire lodge property (not just indoors) regardless of whether the use is recreational or medically-based, even if the use is approved by state law.

The proposal will replicate the current policies enforced by lodges in states that have had laws passed prohibiting smoking in public places such as restaurants and bars. At the same time, it will allow lodges to identify smoking areas outside of the lodge home for those members who do smoke. Further, if the amendment is passed, the Supreme Lodge Grant Program will extend an additional year and allow for applications which include requests for funds for smoking structures and accommodations, as well as lodge cleaning costs associated with smoke.

The reasoning is simple: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, smoking has declined from 20.9% in 2005 to 14.0% in 2017, meaning that 86% of prospective members do not smoke and are less likely to frequent establishments that permit smoking.

Further, studies have shown that smoke-free laws that prohibit smoking in public places like bars and restaurants help improve the health of workers and the general population.

An open forum to discuss the proposed General Laws revisions takes place on Friday, June 28 at 2 p.m. All members of the Fraternity who are registered for the Convention are invited to participate in this session.

Carry Our Fraternal Forefathers’ Legacy Proudly

By MIKE RIOS/Director, Membership

They did their time, they paid their dues. Now, we are walking in their footsteps. What would they think of our lodge/chapter now? When they gave us the reins, they were hopeful that we would continue to be keepers of the flame, confident that we would keep the dream alive.

At one point, many years ago, a group of dedicated individuals raised their hands and pledged to honor our traditions in exchange for a little recreation and enjoyment of a lodge home. Have we forgotten the obligation?

We cherish the past, live in the moment and plan for our future. Let’s not forget our privilege to be where we are. If it had not been for fraternal men and women pledging their dedication to the Moose, we would not be here.

Let’s honor the commitment and remember their contributions. For those at Moosehaven we say “thank you” for your initiative and dedication. For those looking over us that have passed, we hope that we make you proud. Rest easy, we’ve got this!
Social Media and Moosehaven

By MARINA MATHEWS/Director of Communications, Moosehaven

If you are anyone who is living in the 21st century, have a phone, television, radio and make occasional contact with other humans, then you’ve heard of social media. Facebook notifications and messages often have taken the place of Christmas and birthday cards, phone calls to friends and visits at the mailbox. Social media allows us to know every detail of a person’s day, whether we want to or not.

For Moosehaven, social media allows us to keep our fraternal family updated on what is happening here in beautiful, sunny Florida. We communicate through social media with the Moosehaven Facebook page and our new Instagram page. Like our pages and follow the events that are happening at Moosehaven!

Retirement at Moosehaven is an amazing opportunity. Now is the time to take charge of your future. Don’t wait and miss out on the opportunity to be part of a unique retirement lifestyle that offers maintenance-free living with the peace of mind offered at Moosehaven. Call today to learn more about the blessing that is Moosehaven and how you can live the retirement lifestyle you deserve.

Potential and Mentoring

By BOB NEFF/Director, Higher Degrees

Many of our members have potential. Some of them step up freely and offer their services as leaders. They are willing to help and have the potential to be a leader — but need some guidance and something called mentoring to help them (and our organization) realize full potential.

Each year at this time, we close one fiscal year while opening a new one. As some of our officers/directors step aside and as new people come on board, we have an opportunity and an obligation to assist in getting the new year off to a good start.

Training classes are an invaluable and important part of that process. So is the experience that others of us have gained as we served. This is a time to share those experiences, both the successes and the not so successful ventures. We should keep in mind those things we tried that might not have turned out great but which might still be good ideas. Perhaps with a slightly different twist, they will work next time.

When each of us “served,” we had support from others. That support may have been just so-so or it may have been fantastic. Either way — now is our opportunity to be sure the next group of leaders who volunteer to take the reins have good and proper support to help plan and reach positive goals in the year ahead.

We don’t want to be meddlers, but we can certainly each be mentors. We can lend an idea or sometimes we can listen to an idea and then offer encouragement to plan what might be a good program. Giving our support and whatever free time we can offer may be all it takes to motivate a newer chairman or officer toward strengthening our fraternal unit.

Maybe it would help to think of mentoring in this way: You can be a big brother or big sister/co-worker to a new and developing leader in your lodge, chapter or Moose Legion. Sometimes a small dose of simple and meaningful support is all the encouragement one needs to accomplish some very positive results.

We can make a difference through mentoring others to be good stewards and better leaders. It often simply takes a little positive support and motivation to inspire the good in others. Through collaboration we all accomplish more!
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Help Create Our Future

By BARB McPHERSON/Grand Chancellor

Congratulations to the 2019-2020 officers, appointed officers and committee chairmen. Each of you have made a commitment to your chapter and have taken a leadership role that should not be taken lightly. Each of you ultimately will be the cause of the success or failure of this chapter year.

As a leader of your chapter, you have a responsibility to gain the necessary knowledge to make sure your chapter is operating within the guidelines of the Women of the Moose and to help ensure the chapter is on track to earning the Award of Achievement.

Now is the time for the Board of Officers to meet, prepare a plan to safeguard the chapter’s success and follow that plan throughout the year. If necessary, the plan may need to be adjusted, but it is the responsibility of the entire board to keep the chapter on track.

In early May, a box will be mailed every chapter. The box will contain several books of information you need to know. Make sure you read the included Officer’s Handbook as well as the Recorders’ Handbook to become aware of responsibilities, reporting periods, deadlines and suggestions for the successful operation of the chapter. Far too often officers say, “they said.” Make sure that what “they” are saying is correct, as you are the one responsible.

The Women of the Moose General Laws book is one of the most valuable resources officers have to confirm proper procedures are being followed. The General Laws are in place for a reason. Make sure you read them carefully, understand them and use them.

The Senior Regent should immediately plan a meeting with all committee chairmen to explain their responsibilities to the chapter and to assist them with guidelines to successful fundraising projects and to make sure each person who attempts for the Academy of Friendship degree qualifies for that degree. These are typically fairly new members of the chapter who are just beginning what will hopefully be a long-term career in the Women of the Moose.

Make sure each officer, appointed officer and chairman plans to attend Women of the Moose training sessions to gain additional knowledge of chapter operations. Through the expertise of the session leader and experience of other chapters in attendance, each person in attendance will certainly gain valuable information.

The Recorder and members of the Audit Committee should plan to attend a 2-HOTT Training Session to understand proper use of LCL.Net and QuickBooks and to understand how to audit the chapter books. The information provided in this training session is invaluable.

Above all, make sure you hold interesting, informative and fun meetings. Plan activities and social time before and after your meetings so co-workers have a reason to attend. Invite your new members to attend the welcome reception held in their honor prior to your meeting. If you don’t invite people, how will they know to attend?

Please remember, each of you are a member of the Women of the Moose chapter team. By working together in harmony, you will gain many new friends, learn new ideas and most importantly, help to ensure the success of your chapter.

We have provided some of the information you need to know. When the going gets tough, the true, brave leaders stand up and say, “Let’s do this!” I know you are up to the challenge — the challenge to provide for our precious children and beloved seniors for generations to come.

If we can be of any assistance to you on your road to success, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Have Fun With Your Fundraising

By PAM AMUNDSEN/Executive Director, Moose Charities

In the coming days and weeks, officers will be installed, ideas mulled around, calendars will be set and the fun will begin! Yes, officers of the lodge and chapter should be having fun creating a lodge/chapter year full of activities and camaraderie!

Moose Charities serves as the fundraising arm of the Moose Fraternity. We process and steward charitable contributions from Moose members, lodges, chapters, Moose Associations, corporations, foundations and other friends.

As your fundraising arm, we would like to remind you that there really is fun in fundraising.

So when your endowment is collected each month and your fundraising is completed and you get down to the fraternal business of sending checks to Moose Charities, know that we THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

Next month, when it’s time to send your donation check written to Moose Charities will it be for a Special Project? Moose Association Project? Endowment? Or, will it be for a community service check for Safe Surfin?

Whatever the intent, please take a moment to review the memo of your check and be sure you’ve included specific instructions where you would like your check applied or include a note with the check. This way, month after month your reports will be accurate and we will mark the passing of another fun Moose year.