

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations on being selected by the Senior Regent to be Chairman of this special committee. We are confident you will perform your duties as Chairman, to the best of your ability, and sincerely hope you will assist the Chapter in every way possible in its endeavors to earn the Award of Achievement.

This information has been prepared to assist you in your duties as the Higher Degrees Chairman.

COMMITTEE MEETING WITH SENIOR REGENT

Shortly after the Annual Installation, the Senior Regent shall schedule a meeting for all Committee Chairmen. At this meeting, she shall explain the duties of each Committee Chairman.

The members of your committee are those members who hold the Academy of Friendship, College of Regents and Star (Recorder) degree. In order to be an active member of this committee, a degree holder shall be a member in good standing in the Chapter.

As Chairman, you will notify members on your committee of the date, time and place of all committee meetings.

In addition to your duties as Chairman of the Higher Degrees Committee, you will also be assigned to one of the three Chapter Committees.

COMMITTEE MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF OFFICERS

Each Committee Chairman of the Chapter shall meet with the Senior Regent and Board of Officers at the beginning of the Chapter year to prepare a calendar of activities.

The calendar shall give date, time and place for each fundraising project, Committee Meeting Night, and monthly committee meetings, as well as community service projects and activities planned in support of the local lodge.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The success of any Chapter is greatly dependent upon its committees' support and their activity in the Chapter. Make personal contact with all members of your committee, informing them of all committee meetings. You shall preside at the meeting(s) of your committee, preferably scheduled monthly. In the event you are unable to attend, appoint a member of your committee to preside in your absence.

Items to be discussed at your committee meetings:

- Fundraising Project
Discuss with the Senior Regent the project assigned to your committee in support of Mooseheart/Moosehaven.
- Community Service
Discuss ways the committee can provide assistance to a community service project in the local community.
- Assistance to Lodge
Discuss ways the committee can be of assistance to the local lodge and offer assistance to the lodge in promoting family activities, fundraising projects and/or special dinners/activities.
- Committee Meeting Night
Plan for an impressive meeting. Discuss refreshments, badges, program, decorations, and entertainment.
- Build & Retain Membership
Discuss ways the committee can promote campaigns to build and retain membership.

When making plans for the Chapter year, use ideas recommended by your committee. All committee plans shall be presented to the Board of Officers, by the Chairman, and then presented to the Chapter for approval before being put into operation.

Your committee may make donations in the amounts they choose. In the event your project nets more profit than anticipated, the Chairman may propose to the Board of Officers, for Chapter approval, to earmark additional funds as designated by the committee to Mooseheart, Moosehaven, Chapter scholarships, other community services, or other Chapter projects.

PREPARING AND PRESENTING PLANS

Prepare plans in detail, including expenses, proceeds, date and what the project or activity will entail. Ask the Senior Regent for copies of the forms which are found on our website. They will help you in organizing your plans. Plans should be presented at least 3 months prior to the activity.

HANDLING FUNDS

- Get business receipts for all expenditures.
- Give Official Business Receipts to all members turning money over to you. (See Treasurer for Business Receipt Book.)
- **THERE ARE NO CASH PAY-OUTS.**
- Only members of your committee collect money at fundraising projects.

COMMITTEE MEETING NIGHT

The Higher Degrees – Star Committee Meeting Night may be held anytime in August with Chapter approval. If the committee chooses to have their Committee Meeting Night on a date other than the regular Committee Meeting Night in August, they may do so without a dispensation. It will only be necessary for the Chapter to hold one meeting in the month.

At the Higher Degrees – Star Committee Meeting Night, you are in charge of and will preside over the program if you hold the Star degree or you must appoint a pro tem who holds the Star degree if you do not. You shall also give a resumé of the accomplishments of your committee. See Meeting Procedures and Agendas for detailed information.

Members of The Moose, qualified guests and prospective members may be invited, providing the PRIVATE POLICY is followed at all times.

Qualified guests may enter the Social Quarters with a member, providing they are wearing a GUEST BADGE. However, they shall not be allowed to make purchases.

Those taking part in the Star Committee Meeting Night shall follow the dress code as given in the Women of the Moose General Laws.

**PRESENTING CHECKS TO
THE SENIOR REGENT AT
COMMITTEE MEETING NIGHT**

You will give the following speech when you present the checks to the Senior Regent. Two checks will be presented; one for the Scholarship and Maintenance Fund and one check for the special project assigned to your committee.

SPEECH

The special project of our committee is to provide continuing funds for the Mooseheart Boys Athletic Program.

The Athletic Program at Mooseheart provides an opportunity they might not have had in the public schools. Every boy can take an active part in the sports program offered at Mooseheart. Regardless of size, weight or ability, our students are involved in soccer, basketball, wrestling and track. As we are all aware, involvement in sports teaches youth the value of good sportsmanship and respect for one's self and others. Our Committee is pleased to have this opportunity to help provide the necessary funds to continue the Boys' Athletic Program.

Senior Regent, from the proceeds of our fundraising project(s), it is my pleasure to present one check in the amount of \$_____ earmarked for the Mooseheart Boys Athletic Program and one check in the amount of \$_____ for the Women of the Moose Scholarship and Maintenance Fund.

COMPLETING FORMS

As Chairman, you will be responsible for completing the Forms 114 and 166. The Form 114 will be read at the next meeting after your Committee Meeting Night. The Form 166 will be read at the first meeting following the completion of your fundraising project. The forms will be given to you by the Senior Regent.

HAVE A GREAT YEAR SERVING
YOUR CHAPTER AS
HIGHER DEGREES CHAIRMAN!

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

**HIGHER DEGREES
STAR CHAIRMAN
PAMPHLET**

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