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Latest Winners Of Platinum Opportunity Life Memberships

The Membership Department is pleased to announce the latest recipients of Life Memberships in the Platinum Opportunity Special Membership Campaign. The campaign is open to all Lodge sponsors and honors Director General Airey's 70th birthday on March 1st. 70 life memberships will be given away. One life membership will be awarded each day from March 1 - April 29, for a total of 60. Then on April 30, 10 more life memberships will be awarded. To qualify, members simply need to sponsor a new or former member application during the promotion period of March 1 - April 30, 2011. The more applications sponsored, the more chances in the daily drawings. And the sooner a member sponsors, the more drawings he will be eligible for. If the winner drawn is already a life member, he will have the opportunity to pass on the gift of life membership by selecting another member to receive it.

April 1st	Scott Robson, Kansas City, KS 1999
April 2nd	James A. Lippert, Downers Grove, IL 1535
April 3rd	Jim Humphage, Lauderdale Lakes, FL 2267
April 4th	Russell Warner, St. Catharines, ON 936
April 5th	Lee Cameron, Barberton, OH 759
April 6th	David Lyons, Susquehanna, PA 794

A Question Regarding Lodge Remittances of Endowment Funds

QUESTION: What is the correct due date for Endowment Funds to reach Moose Int'l? The list of dates shown on the Moose International website, <http://www.mooseintl.org/portal/LodgeOps/ReportDeadlines.asp>, shows to send endowment on the 15th of the month. The Endowment Fund chairman is saying that the funds must reach international prior to the end of the month. And some administrators are saying it must be there by the 10th and others say the 15th. John C., Maryland

ANSWER: By the 15th of each month, the Lodge should remit all receipts for Moose Charities that they have received since sending their last check on the 15th of the prior month.

In addition, by the 15th of each month, the Lodge should remit payment on the Moose International monthly statement that is normally received about 10 days earlier. For an instance, the Lodge receives the statement for February's activity - such as new member per capita, application fees and Catalog Sales purchases - around March 5th. By March 15th, a payment should be in the mail to the Finance Department at Moose International.

Several current recognition programs require monthly remittances to Moose Charities and/or the Finance Department. Sending remittances by the 15th of each month normally allows adequate time for the checks to make their way through the mail, be opened at Moose International and be posted into the proper accounts to ensure appropriate credit is received by the Lodge. Thanks for asking!

Lodge Credit For Participation In Tommy Moose Program In Premiere Lodge Award Program

Participating in the Tommy Moose Program is one of the optional criteria in the 2010-2011 Premiere Lodge Award. Lodges are typically awarded credit for this criterion based on a review of purchases of Tommy Moose items from Catalog Sales. Gathering this information is not currently an automated process, which is why it occurs only once and after the fiscal year has closed.

Lodges that have purchased between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011, the Tommy Moose Plush Animal for presentation to police, fire or EMS agencies will receive credit for participating. Additionally, Lodges that purchased Tommy Moose Coloring Books, Tommy Moose Bookmarks or Tommy Moose Trick or Treat Bags during the year also receive Premiere Lodge Award credit for participating in this category.

If your Lodge participated in the Tommy Moose program during the 2010-2011 year in a way other than purchasing Tommy Moose items through Catalog Sales, please e-mail Darrell O'Brien, dobrien@mooseintl.org, with appropriate documentation and explanation of how the Lodge participated in the program by April 30, 2011. One recently approved explanation was from a Lodge who utilized a member's personal credit card to place an online order for the items. In this case, the Lodge would not appear as the purchaser on the annual report and would not have otherwise received credit.

Participating in the Tommy Moose Program has typically been the single greatest criteria appealed after International Moose Conventions. We would like to provide an opportunity for those Lodges participating in the program, who previously would have had to file an appeal after the International Moose Convention, to be able to share the excitement with other convention attendees, of having their Lodge recognized during this year's proceedings in Anaheim, California.