



Help Desk - Moose International

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Bulk E-mail 2-3-09 Catalog Sales for St Patrick's Day Party Kit, SmarterMail Spam, Moose Legion Rituals, Mailboxes that needs to go to ALL FRUs.

February Catalog Sales Featured Item Is A St. Patrick's Day Party Kit
Moose Catalog Sales has added a Catalog # 182 St Patrick's Day Party Kit for 50 people at \$49.95 each (plus shipping an handling). Each Kit includes 25 Plastic Derby Hats, 25 Feathered Tiaras, 50 Green Foil Horns, and 25 Green/White Poly Leis. To order by phone, call 630-966-2250, or fax your order to 630-859-3505.

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SmarterMail Spam Reduction Efforts Are Ongoing Moose International uses a third party provider to host the Internet email (SmarterMail). We understand the frustration with the amount and type of spam mail some of you are receiving. Here is the response to a recent question, "Can't Moose International filter some of these messages?"

Moose International does indeed filter the messages. Many emails never reach your inbox because they are first rejected by a filter called "Greylisting". What Greylisting does is temporarily block incoming mail from a sender. It returns the mail to the sender's mail server with a message saying try again later. The sending server must then retry sending the mail. Greylisting is effective because spammers will not usually bother to attempt a second delivery, but legitimate e-mail servers will. Many spammers don't use a standard mail server, which will do automatic retries. Greylisting on the mooseunits.org domain rejects over 1.5 million messages per month on average, and rejected over 18 million messages in 2008.

Additionally, if email messages get through Greylisting, SpamAssassin is in use on the Internet email server. SpamAssassin is a computer program used for e-mail spam filtering based on content-matching rules. SpamAssassin uses a variety of spam-detection techniques, that includes DNS-based and checksum-based spam detection, Bayesian filtering, external programs, blacklists and online databases. Online databases are third party providers that maintain lists of known spammers, and rejects email based on those lists. SpamAssassin on the mooseunits.org domain, rejects over 334,000 messages per month on average, and rejected over 4 million messages in 2008.

Moose International is in the process of working with the internet email provider to implement an additional layer of spam filtering. A new Barracuda Spam Firewall appliance is being deployed to further decrease the amount of spam you receive. This is expected to be completed within the next week or two.

Moose International is constantly working with the internet email provider to combat spam mail and will continue to do so. We strive to decrease the amount of spam mail you receive, utilizing the tools provided by the Internet email provider.

Update On Moose Legion Ritual

There seems to be some confusion regarding which Moose Legion ritual ceremony will be used in upcoming competition. As everyone knows, the completed new Moose Legion ceremony will be presented at the Moose Legion Breakfast during the International Convention in Chicago. New ritual books will be available for purchase immediately following the breakfast session.

Once that ceremony is introduced, it becomes the official ceremony for the Moose Legion and the current ceremony is null and void. Therefore, there will only be ONE Moose Legion ceremony in effect and that will be the new one. The words are posted online in the Moose Legion portal of the Moose International website for those interested in beginning to learn a part.

The new ceremony will be used in competition at the 2009 International Moose Legion Conference in Indianapolis, the 2010 International Convention in Nashville and so on.

Moose Legion Secretaries - Keep After Your Mailboxes There have been a number of occasions taking place where emails to Moose Legions have been returned because the mailbox is full. When the Moose Legion Secretaries are contacted and asked about it, they say, "That can't be. I'm checking my emails."

The problem is not reading of emails; it is reading them and then leaving them sit in the Inbox. Some Moose Legions had emails in their mailboxes in December 2008 that gave details on the 2007 International Moose Legion Conference. When emails are read, they should be handled properly (printed, replied to, forwarded, etc.) and then deleted. Each Moose Legion mailbox only has 15 MB of capacity, so it is important that the Secretary keep it maintained.

Please get in the habit of reading emails, taking any necessary actions and deleting them from the Inbox. If this is done regularly, it should eliminate the problem with returned mail.

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