



## Help Desk - Moose International

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### **Bulk E-mail for March 14, 2008**

With 16 Days Left In April, Here Are Three Steps To An Increase In Your Lodge or Chapter's ACTIVE Members

- 1) Every lodge and chapter must establish a team to contact expired members and encourage them to promptly renew their dues. Dues payments mailed after April 25th will quite possibly arrive too late to count towards this year's active member totals.
- 2) Every lodge and chapter must ensure that every application/obligation that has been received with an application fee and at least one year's dues, and has received a favorable vote of the membership, is transmitted and reported as enrolled.
- 3) Every lodge and chapter should be contacting applicants who have received a favorable vote and not been enrolled under the old enrollment procedures, to sign an obligation and pay any requisite dues so they can be immediately reported as enrolled.

#### Clarification On April 30, 2008 Expiration Dates

All members with an April 30, 2008, expiration date are counted as "Active" members for each lodge or chapter's year end active member count. After midnight on April 30th, then being May 1, 2008, those members who have not renewed their dues will be moved to "Expired" status.

#### \$35 Early Registration Rate For International Convention Ends April 28, 2008

After April 28, 2008 the convention registration fee will increase to \$50.

#### "Bull Moose Chopper" Raffle Tickets Available On-line

Raffle Tickets for the "Bull Moose Chopper" are now available for purchase online at [www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org) and at [www.mooseheart.org](http://www.mooseheart.org) . There is a click through banner at the bottom of the public Moose International main page that allows members and non-members alike to use their Visa, Master Card or American Express card to purchase tickets for this custom motorcycle. Remember all proceeds go to the Mooseheart Child City & School. The bike will be on display at the International Moose Convention in Las Vegas. The winner will be drawn on August 11.

Only 15,000 tickets are available and they may be sold to the public. Any Lodges or Chapters wishing to obtain tickets to sell at their functions may contact Chris Ecker at [cecker@mooseintl.org](mailto:cecker@mooseintl.org) .

#### IMMEDIATE CHANGE TO THE PREMIER LODGE AWARD PROGRAM

In examining the mandatory criteria for the Premier Lodge Award, several questions have been raise regarding the item pertaining to an increase in Endowment Fund contributions over the

previous year. Scenarios have been presented that would make it extremely difficult for a Lodge to show the required increase. Here are just a few examples:

- \* The Lodge needed to raise additional funds for major upkeep and repairs, eliminating the opportunity to raise additional monies for the Endowment Fund
- \* The previous year's Endowment Fund contributions were inflated by an amount contributed in the name of the Lodge by a deceased member in his will
- \* A Lodge could purposely contribute less during a year when they know they will not earn the award to set up a lower starting total for the following year

In addressing these valid concerns and to ensure that our Lodges are continuing to actively support the Endowment Fund, we have made a change to this point of the mandatory criteria. EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY, this criteria item will be changed to:

A Lodge must have per capita contributions to the Endowment Fund equal to or greater than the fraternity-wide per capita

Here is an example to illustrate the new criteria (using round numbers to simplify):

Loyal Order of Moose active membership on April 30, 2007: 750,000  
Total Endowment Fund contributions from all Lodges (5/1/2007-4/30/2008): \$750,000  
PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FRATERNITY: \$1.00/MEMBER

Lodge XYZ active membership on April 30, 2007: 500  
Endowment Fund contributions from Lodge XYZ (5/1/2007-4/30/2008): \$1,000  
PER CPAITA CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LODGE XYZ: \$2.00/MEMBER

Lodge XYZ meets the Endowment Fund criteria because their average contribution per Lodge member exceeds the average contribution for the fraternity.

If you have any questions regarding this change or about the program in general, please contact the Department of Fraternal Programs at (630) 966-2224.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continuing support of our Order!

Are you taking advantage of our MOOSE discount with TIPS?

eTIPS is Here!

Health Communications, Inc. (HCI) continues to offer a discount for servers taking the online course. Most states are still evaluating the course for certification, but this course is sanctioned in some states. Moose International does recognize this course and it does meet our requirements. Most major insurance companies already recognize this course as a legitimate server-training course.

If you want to know if your state recognizes eTIPS go to the following URL:

HCI is providing Moose servers with a 40% discount (that's a \$16 dollar savings off the regular price of \$40.00) when registering for the eTIPS course. The only requirement is that you must

type "Moose08" in the promotion code field on the "Review Registration " page. Here are the instructions:

1. Go to
2. Click on "Take Online Course".
3. Complete the registration form and click on "Register". You will receive a short state regulatory message before coming to the payment form.
4. On the payment form, be sure to type Moose08 in the promotion code field.
5. Complete the payment information (credit cards only) and take the eTIPS course.

Don't let a server step behind the bar untrained! It's your responsibility to make sure that they have appropriate training, prior to employment.

If you need to add a new server, this course is a recommended measure and may also be used for recertification. If there is no TIPS trainer in your immediate area and no class is being offered before the server begins their employment, please consider the eTIPS program.

Should you require further information or instruction, please contact the Education & Training Department at 630-859-6635.

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