



Help Desk - Moose International

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Subject: FW: Chapter Bulk Email 080418 - No Bible at Women of the Moose Business meetings

Dear Co-workers--

All chapters should now have printed a copy of the new Meeting Procedures and Agendas for the two monthly meetings. Both meetings now include a welcome to new members, uncontested elections, installations, balloting on applications, report of receipts and expenditures, financial verification, draping of charter, and chapter business.

Some members have expressed concern regarding LOOM and guests being able to hear the financial business of the chapter. As mentioned on Page 2 and 3 of the General Information, only co-workers with a membership card indicating they are in good standing are permitted to attend regular chapter meetings. Members of the Loyal Order, prospective members and guests are invited to attend the Academy of Friendship, College of Regents, Star Recorder and Green Cap/Ways and Means Committee Activity Nights.

In regard to the new procedures and format for the two new monthly meetings, our office has received e-mails from our members with words of appreciation and some with words of concern. The concern being expressed by some of our members is in regard to the absence of the Bible and the Altar at the two meetings. Co-workers, the change in our monthly meeting procedures to a "business format" does not, in any way, undermine our basic principles.

Throughout our history, the Women of the Moose and the Loyal Order of Moose have been committed to the idea that its members maintain a faith in a Supreme Being and that they worship as their conscience dictates.

The decision to reorganize the two monthly meetings and to remove the Bible and the Altar from these purely business proceedings in no way changes that fundamental commitment. A Bible on an Altar, whether opened or closed, is a symbol of faith. Its presence or absence from a business meeting should change neither the principles of the Fraternity nor affect the personal faith of its individual members.

The Bible and Altar do have a vital role in our program - at the formal Installation of Officers, Appointed Officers and Chairmen in April and at the Academy of Friendship, College of Regents, Star Recorder and

Green Cap/Ways and Means Activity Nights. The four special Committee Activity Nights are held in recognition of, and appreciation for, the members who have attained personal honors and degrees and to provide a "Formal Welcome" to the new members.

Carolyn Warner authored a book entitled, "Treasury of Women's Quotations". She writes: "The only constant in life is CHANGE. Change permeates everything we are and do. The absence of change is worse than inaction, it is atrophy. People change. Plans change. Organizations change. Change is natural, it is normal. Yet, the resistance to change is also just as normal and natural a part of human nature as the acceptance of change. If one were inclined toward the spiritual, one might observe that in a very broad sense, change can be seen as part of the redemptive process. The challenge is especially great when it involves a volunteer organization."

Co-workers - we value your comments and your concerns. We understand the difficulties change brings to all of us. We ask for your faith in the decisions that are made by the International Boards and Grand Council of the Women of the Moose. These dedicated members care very much about our foundation, our principles and our mission. They do not reach their decisions lightly - but they do know that, in order for us to continue to meet the demands of an ever-changing society, we must continue to evolve our program.

We also ask that you have respect and faith in us at Women of the Moose Headquarters. We ask that you trust us and accept that we are totally committed to ensuring the future of our organization that we may continue to care for children and seniors. The Women of the Moose will continue to live by the great principles of Faith, Hope and Charity.

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