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Moose Lodge #602 January Newsletter

Moose Happenings

It's the start of a New Year – 2019. We are off and running already. The powerline replacement to the rear of the lodge is done. They still have clean-up work to do in the alley, but new lines are now run to the building. That means the freezer project can get back on track starting with Arrow Electric and our new power supply.

It's time to blow our own 602 horn. This last Holiday Season, your lodge donated to Moose Charities, The Boys' and Girls' Club of Douglas, Bobbi's House, and last but not least, Noel's Christmas. This is what we are all about: A private service fraternal organization that is youth based. You all deserve a "Pat on the Back". Another communication received was for Veteran's Recognition. If you are a veteran, please let us know. We want to make plans.

On the "Bad News" side, we currently have sixty six (66) on the Unpaid Dues list. The Board was shocked at the number and the names that appear there. Please get current. The easiest way is to see Becky, pay and get a receipt. You'll have that as a "temporary card" until your real card comes through the mail. Remember, you must be a current paid up dues member to Win at Queen of Hearts.

The ladies working on the New Children's Room are moving right along: cleaned, new flooring purchased, arrangements made for storing of items currently stored there.

The Board has sent a registered letter to the City of Douglas in regard to the exposed East wall as a result of Dr. Murphy's removing the building on our East side. We are expecting a response anytime. If not, we will be back at them.

At our last regular meeting, the Board voted to purchase a new freezer and not look any longer for a used unit. Warranty and service issues along with availability being the deciding factors.

This next matter is the most troublesome of all. Please read the information titled "Why Do We Ask You to Show Your Membership Card?" Having read this, you can see what can happen if we don't do our jobs correctly. It is the Board's full intent to help make this a positive matter, not a negative one. We hope all will look on this with honor and pride to show your membership card. The Douglas community should know who it's best, most interested, and investing citizens are; Members of the Moose Lodge #602.

The pool table will remain in place and is available for those who wish to play. We did not need the space for other items and are happy it stays with us.

Thank You's: It's our volunteers that really make this lodge operate. Without them it would not happen; the cooks, helpers, servers, and clean-up crews, the lady organizers with a "Get it done" attitude, Becky and George and all their hours and hard work. Committees with Trustee leadership keep the behind the scenes operational. To be part of this makes me and my family proud. We hope it does you and yours. Thank You just does not say it all.

Happy New Year!! Christmas and Holiday parties throughout December were Outstanding!!

CHANGES TO THE QUEEN OF HEARTS. With our last winner came the hold on the Queen of Hearts game through the Holiday Season. It's behind us now and "Game bean again on January 3, 2019. This is board #7 since we started on February 14, 2015. We stated that changes were coming to the Game and they have happened. Please read the rules attached to the Queen of Hearts Board. Notice the #2 rule, underlined. Don't be on the list of sixty-six (66). Also, this new board starts with \$3,000 in the pot and larger pay-outs for number, face cards (other than the Queen of Hearts) and the Jokers. We are hopeful that all will feel these are worthwhile changes.

Upcoming Events

The Father Daughter Dance on February 6, 2019 , can use some volunteers for various jobs. Please see Becky.

The Pool Tourney has moved back to the Douglas Inn...it will not be in the Downtown area.

Happy Trails – Until We Meet Again

3G's, Great Grandpa Gomez

general governor

Why Do We Ask You To Show Your Membership Card?



Consider this scenario: You walk into your lodge's Social Quarters on a busy Friday afternoon, the door opened for you by a polite smiling younger man you don't quite recognize. Inside the lodge, the server, recognizing you – and knowing how much it irritates you – decides not to ask for your card. You request and receive a beer. Then, not wanting to offend the young man who held the door for you who is now standing next to you, the server also draws a beer for him without asking for a card.

Then, at the next month's lodge meeting, this nightmare: your Administrator's trembling hand holds an invoice for more than \$90,000 in back federal income taxes, interest, penalties and fees. The invoice has been presented to him that day by that same pleasant young man you stood next to at the bar that Friday afternoon! He was the regional IRS agent — and you had been right there when he witnessed the lodge operating as a public accommodation!

This scenario has actually happened to more than one Moose lodge. Their officers and longtime members didn't want to be "bothered" with having to show their membership cards and subsequently paid a substantial price.

However, we lose all the rights that a private organization enjoys, if we don't conduct ourselves as a private organization! We cannot have it both ways. When a lodge chooses not to check membership cards, and essentially opens itself up to the public (with the exception of approved Community Service activities), that lodge puts itself and the entire Fraternity at risk of losing its right to operate under our own rules, and losing the right to choose our own members.

Showing your card may be a slight inconvenience, but it is worth it to protect our Mooseheart kids and Moosehaven seniors entrusted to our care. ■

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