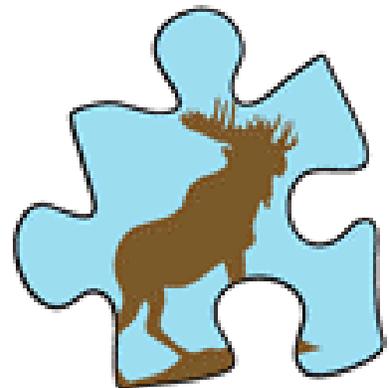




The Loyal Order Of Moose Information Book

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What is a Moose?

A Moose member is a man belonging to the **Loyal Order of Moose**, or a woman belonging to the **Women of the Moose**. These members, over 1.5 million strong, make up the two components of the fraternal organization known as Moose International. Their membership is held in any one of 2,000 Lodges and 1,600 Chapters throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain (for more on Moose in the U.K. see www.mooseintl.org.uk) and Bermuda. Moose International headquarters is approximately 38 miles west of Chicago at Mooseheart, Illinois.

Men and women join the Order for a variety of reasons, including Family Activities, Community Service projects and member sports programs, just to name a few. While these activities offer each Moose member a valid reason to join, the main endeavors of the fraternity remain **Mooseheart**, the 1,000 - acre Illinois home and school for children in need, and **Moosehaven**, the 65-acre Florida retirement community for senior members in need. These residents, entrusted to the care and support provided by membership in the Moose, are constant living reminders of the humanitarian efforts of Moose members.

Ever since 1888, these men and women have been proud to serve local communities and fellow members of the fraternity known as the Moose.

FACTS: Loyal Order of Moose / Women of the Moose

- Loyal Order of Moose for men, founded in 1888 in Louisville, Kentucky; re-organized in 1906 under the leadership of future U.S. Sen. James J. Davis.
- Women of the Moose, founded in 1913 as an auxiliary organization, now considered an integral unit of the Order.
- Nonsectarian and nonpolitical
- Roughly 2,000 lodges in the United States, Canada, Bermuda and Great Britain, and total membership of nearly 1 million.
- Women of the Moose membership exceeds 500,000 in more than 1,600 chapters.
- International headquarters at Mooseheart, Illinois, USA.

Who Are We?

In the early 1990s, the Moose organization decided to rethink the entire idea of what a fraternal facility and its programs need to be about in the 21st Century-de-emphasizing our Social Quarters, and placing greater emphasis on programs designed to appeal to every segment of our members' families in facilities called Family Centers. These members - responsible men and women and their children, make the Moose program strong and active in communities all across North America.

While our focus is changing to better serve the family at the Lodge, the commitment to the Moose fraternity's missions remains as strong as ever. Lodges and Chapters across the fraternity contribute to Moose-sponsored programs such as Mooseheart and Moosehaven, and also to people in their own communities through Community Service initiated by members of the Lodge.





MOOSEHEART

Child City & School Inc.



MOOSEHEART CHILD CITY & SCHOOL is a residential childcare facility, located on a 1,000-acre campus 38 miles west of Chicago. The Child City is a home for children and teens in need, from infancy through high school. Dedicated in July 1913 by the Moose fraternal organization, MOOSEHEART cares for youth whose families are unable, for a wide variety of reasons, to care for them. Some have lost one or both parents; others are living in environments that are simply not conducive to healthy growth and development. Whatever the reason, the men and women of the Moose, through unparalleled generosity and volunteerism, furnish the resources necessary to care for children in need. The Moose fraternity provides children with a wholesome home-like environment and the best possible training and education.



Children live in one of thirty residences designed like a spacious single-family residence. Each is home for six to twelve children. The heart of the program is Family Teachers — providing a consistent, systematic method of care, with emphasis on social-skills development — skills essential for success in later life.

It is Mooseheart's policy to admit qualified children who have a need. The Admissions Committee considers all applications of children in need; when and if there are capacity considerations, preference must obviously be given to those children who are affiliated with the Moose member families.

FACTS: Mooseheart

- Founded on July 27, 1913.
- Established to provide a home for children of members of the Order who have lost one or both parents and other qualified orphaned or dependent children; since 1994, applications welcomed from ANY family in need.
- Located in the beautiful Fox River Valley, 38 miles west of Chicago.
- Consists of approximately 1,000 campus-like acres upon which 115 buildings have been constructed.
- A completely self-contained community known throughout North America as "The Child City." Mooseheart has its own bank, power plant, schools, church, health center, auditorium, Post Office, stadium, recreational buildings.
- More than 11,000 children have resided at Mooseheart since 1913.
- Current student population is about 250.
- Children live with Family Teachers, often husband and wife in individual buildings designed to emulate single-family homes.
- Mooseheart children are given a complete academic education as accredited by the Illinois Department of Education, from kindergarten through high school; plus vocational training, and complete religious instruction in whatever faith prevailed in their families before coming to Mooseheart.
- Mooseheart was one of the pioneers in the field of vocational training at the high school level. Mooseheart High School students today have a variety of trades from which to choose, including individually tailored co-op programs with either campus work functions and area businesses.
- Mooseheart's magnificent House of God, built in 1950 at a cost of \$2 million, is one of the world's finest examples of interdenominational church architecture.
- A resident Protestant minister, and an attending Catholic priest, provide religious instructions and conduct religious services at Mooseheart; children of other faiths attend services in neighboring communities.
- Anyone planning to take a trip to Chicago should be encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to visit Mooseheart. Please call first at (630) 859-2000 ext. 3601.



Moosehaven is a 70-acre community owned and operated by the Moose organization for its members and their spouses. It is located on the banks of the St. John's River in Orange Park, Florida, 15 miles south of Jacksonville, Florida.

After the 1913 founding of Mooseheart, the Moose organization's famed "Child City" for children in need, the fraternity turned its attention to plans for a home for its dependent retired members. Before Moosehaven was established, a number of elderly persons resided at Mooseheart, for a short period, but this was deemed an unsatisfactory solution. The Moose originally bought a resort hotel on 26-acres at Orange Park; and, on November 1, 1922, Moosehaven was formally opened. The first 22 residents were those who had been living at Mooseheart. They set up housekeeping in the hotel which had been renamed Aid Hall.

From the beginning, much of the work necessary to keep Moosehaven running has been done by those who live there. And still today, as they are able, residents serve as their own gardeners, housekeepers, kitchen helpers, mail carriers, dining room helpers, and maintenance crew.

With land purchases, Moosehaven essentially grew to its current acreage by the 1960s. Since World War II, all of the original buildings have been replaced; during the 1990s most residential facilities were again thoroughly renovated or rebuilt - notably by the Ohio and Florida/Bermuda Moose Associations and the Women of the Moose. The physical plant today consists entirely of modern buildings designed and built to provide pleasant and comfortable accommodations, recreation, and care.



Each of the buildings in which Moosehaven people reside is a self-contained home with its own sleeping and living rooms, kitchen, and dining room. The \$16 million Life Care Center, completed in 2002, and designed and equipped for the needs of senior care, provides space for 170 beds and has its own therapy department, x-ray, laboratory, and pharmacy. It also boasts six dayrooms, a chapel, library, beauty salon and barbershop, and arts and crafts room. It is a four-building, interconnected, 130,000-sq.ft. complex offering state-of-the-art assisted-living care at various levels.

Thanks to the New York State Moose Association, Moosehaven residents also enjoy the fully equipped New York Exercise Center, completed in 1997, with indoor pool and bowling lanes, and worship in their own beautiful New York Chapel, built in 1972 at the center of campus. The bright, gracefully designed house of worship is served by Moosehaven's own Catholic and Protestant chaplains.

Celebrating its 85th anniversary in 2007, Moosehaven, the "City of Contentment," makes every effort possible to provide security, comfort, and peace of mind to qualified Moose men and women of retirement age.

FACTS: Moosehaven

- Founded in 1922 , known as the "City of Contentment."
- Established to provide a home for dependent aged Moose men and women and their spouses.
- Located in Orange Park, Florida, on the St. John's River, 15 miles south of Jacksonville.
- It is a community comprising several single-story residences, a LifeCare Center, a state-of-the-art assisted-living complex completed in 2002, indoor pool and fitness center, community building, commissary, and shops, and a chapel for all faiths.
- Residences are designed expressly for the convenience and comfort of seniors. Each residence has its own kitchen and dining room.
- A Moosehaven resident is offered the opportunity for meaningful work (appropriate to their own physical abilities), and receives an allowance each month.
- Complete facilities are provided in the Michigan Recreation Building and New York Healthplex to supplement outdoor recreation activities such as fishing, boating, shuffleboard, picnics and trips to nearby sporting and entertainment events as well as points of interest.
- More than 3,000 aged senior Moose men and women have been admitted to the "City of Contentment."
- Present population is about 400.
- Anyone planning a trip to northeast Florida should be encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to visit Moosehaven. Just call (904) 278-1210 first

Why The Moose?



Why the Moose? That's a question that really consists of two parts: First, why was this particular animal chosen to represent a humanitarian fraternal order, and secondly, why would a person or a family seek to become a member of it.

The first answer is fairly straightforward: The Moose is a large, powerful animal, but one which is a protector not a predator. We think it was perhaps said best in our former enrollment ceremony:

"He takes only what he needs, nothing more . . . yet for his great size and strength he lives in peace with other creatures. The moose uses his size and power not to dominate but to protect, not to spoil but to preserve. He is a fierce protector, a loyal companion, and a generous provider who brings comfort and security to those within his defending circle."

It is these characteristics of the moose in the wild—the protective instinct for its young, and for the old and infirm in its herd—that the human members of the Moose fraternity have, for decades, modeled, in the establishment and operation of Mooseheart, the organization's community and school for children and teens in need; and Moosehaven, the retirement community for Moose men and women; as well as in service to its communities.

As for the second question-why would people seek membership? . . .

Fellowship and Fun for Members

Approximately 1.6 million men and women have found reasons to join the Family Fraternity and enjoy all the benefits a Lodge has to offer. Because of the Moose Lodges' not-for-profit status, its services can be offered to members for very reasonable prices. Here are just a few reasons why membership in the Moose might benefit you:

Do you and your spouse have dinner out a time or two per month? Or, would you like to, but don't feel you can afford it? Take a look at a local Lodge. Nearly every Lodge offers frequent dinners at prices much less than you'd pay at any local, sit-down restaurant.

If you're the parent or guardian of school-age children, do you ever stop in an arcade at the local mall to let them enjoy some video games or pinball machines? We know of many Moose Lodges where the kids can play the very same games for one quarter instead of two, and some Lodges where - as often as once or twice a week - the games are free!

Do you enjoy golf, bowling, billiards, or darts, but find that it's getting a little expensive to test your skills at the local course, hall or bowling alley? Again, Moose membership offers many opportunities to join in these activities for less money than at commercial establishments.

Where do you and your friends meet to socialize and spend time together? Are most places you meet overcrowded and overpriced? Moose Lodges provide a hub for social interaction, a place for friends and fellowship.

These are just a few examples, and there are many more. In fact, the emphasis of such activities sparked the beginning of the Moose Family Center, changing from the old traditional facility centered around male-only socializing to a full program of Family Activities planned for the Lodge.

Sports

Membership provides the opportunity to participate in several international sports programs hosted by Lodges and Chapters throughout the fraternity. Tournaments and leagues for bowling, mixed bowling, golf, darts, softball, horseshoes and pool are organized by Moose International. With approximately 500,000 members participating in member sports programs last year, Moose sports promote recreational and social opportunities through competitive participation.

While the leagues and tournaments are extremely competitive, Moose sports are all about fun. They offer a chance to meet new people and interact with fellow Moose members. By recognizing top performers and providing local leagues and tournaments, Moose sports programs offer an entirely different member benefit for those who choose to participate.



For More Information about how membership in the Family Fraternity may benefit you, **Contact a Lodge or Chapter Near You.**

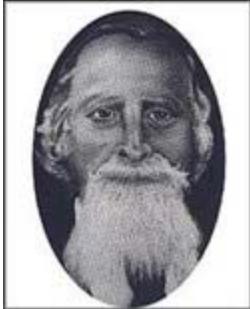
Famous Moose Members

Some of the famous men who are (or were) Moose members (Lodge affiliations listed as known; *deceased)

MEMBER	LODGE
Raymond Berry SuperBowl XX Coach	Montgomery County, VA Lodge 1470
Larry Bird NBA Hall-of-famer	Orange County, IN Lodge 2530
Manute Bol NBA's tallest-ever player	Chicopee Falls, MA Lodge 1849
Ernest Borgnine Oscar-Winning Actor	Junction City, OR Lodge 2238
Robert C Byrd U.S. Senator	Beckley, WV Lodge 1606
Eugene Cernan Astronaut	Bellwood, IL Lodge 777
Henry Ford * Inventor of the mass-produced automobile	Detroit, MI Lodge 160
Darell Hammond Founder/CEO, KaBOOM! Inc.	Batavia, IL Lodge 682
Warren G Harding * U.S. President	Marion, OH Lodge 889
"Woody" Hayes * Ohio State University Football Coach	Columbus, OH Lodge 11
Rocky Marciano * Boxer	
Arnold Palmer Golfer	Latrobe, PA Lodge 95
Cal Ripken Sr. * Baseball Manager	Aberdeen, MD Lodge 1450
Franklin D Roosevelt * U.S. President	New York City Lodge 15
Theodore Roosevelt* U.S. President	
Gale Sayers NFL Hall of Famer	Elkhart, IN Lodge 599
Billy Sims 1978 Heisman Trophy Winner	Grand Rapids-Sparta, MI Lodge 50
James Stewart * Oscar-Winning Actor	Indiana, PA Lodge 174
Tony Stewart Nascar Driver	Columbus, IN Lodge 398
Danny Thomas* Entertainer	Indianapolis, IN Lodge 17
Harry S Truman * U.S. President	
Earl Warren* Chief Justice U.S. Supreme Court	Oakland, CA Lodge 324
Darryl Worley Country Music Artist	Savannah, TN Lodge 1918

Moose History

Though the Moose fraternal organization was founded in the late 1800s with the modest goal of offering men an opportunity to gather socially, it was reinvented during the first decade of the 20th century into an organizational dynamo of men and women who set out to build a city that would brighten the futures of thousands of children in need all across North America.



When Dr. John Henry Wilson, a Louisville, Ky., physician, organized a handful of men into the Loyal Order of Moose in the parlor of his home in the spring of 1888, he and his compatriots did so apparently for no other reason than to form a string of men's social clubs. Lodges were instituted in Cincinnati, St. Louis, and the smaller Indiana towns of Crawfordsville and Frankfort by the early 1890s, but Dr. Wilson himself became dissatisfied and left the infant order well before the turn of the century.

It was just the two remaining Indiana Lodges that kept the Moose from disappearing altogether, until the fall of 1906, when an outgoing young government clerk from Elwood, Ind., was invited to enroll into the Crawfordsville Lodge. It was on James J. Davis' 33rd birthday, October 27, that he became just the 247th member of the Loyal Order of Moose.



Davis, a native of Wales who had worked from boyhood as an "iron puddler" in the steel mills of Pennsylvania, had also been a labor organizer and immediately saw potential to build the tiny Moose fraternity into a force to provide protection and security for a largely working-class membership. At the time little or no government "safety net" existed to provide benefits to the wife and children of a breadwinner who died or became disabled. Davis proposed to "pitch" Moose membership as a way to provide such protection at a bargain price; annual dues of \$5 to \$10. Given a green light and the title of "Supreme Organizer," Davis and a few other colleagues set out to solicit members and organize Moose Lodges across the U.S. and southern Canada. (In 1926, the Moose fraternity's presence extended across the Atlantic, with the founding of the Grand Lodge of Great Britain.)

Davis' marketing instincts were on-target: By 1912, the order had grown from 247 members in two Lodges, to a colossus of nearly 500,000 in more than 1,000 Lodges. Davis, appointed the organization's first chief executive with the new title of Director General, realized it was time to make good on the promise. The Moose began a program of paying "sick benefits" to members too ill to work--and, more ambitiously, Davis and the organization's other officers made plans for a "Moose Institute," to be centrally located somewhere in the Midwest that would provide a home, schooling and vocational training to children of deceased Moose members.

The Birth of Mooseheart

After careful consideration of numerous sites, the Moose Supreme Council in late 1912 approved the purchase of what was known as the Brookline Farm--more than 1,000 acres along the then-dirt surfaced Lincoln Highway, between Batavia and North Aurora on the west side of the Fox River, about 40 miles west of Chicago. Ohio Congressman John Lentz, a member of the Supreme Council, conceived the name "Mooseheart" for the new community: "This," he said, "will always be the place where the Moose fraternity will collectively pour out its heart, its devotion and sustenance, to the children of its members in need."

So it was on a hot summer Sunday, July 27, 1913, that several thousand Moose men and women (for the Women of the Moose received formal recognition that year as the organization's official female component) gathered under a rented circus tent toward the south end of the new property and placed the cornerstone for Mooseheart. The first 11 youngsters in residence were present, having been admitted earlier that month; they and a handful of workers were housed in the original farmhouse and a few rough-hewn frame buildings that had been erected that spring.

Addressing Need on the Other End of Life: Moosehaven

Mooseheart's construction proceeded furiously over the next decade, but it only barely kept pace with the admissions that swelled the student census to nearly 1,000 by 1920. (Mooseheart's student population would reach a peak of 1,300 during the depths of the Great Depression; housing was often "barracks" style - unacceptable by today's standards. Mooseheart officials now consider the campus' ultimate maximum capacity as no more than 500.) Still, by the Twenties, Davis and his Moose colleagues thought the fraternity should do more--this time for aged members who were having trouble making ends meet in retirement. (A limited number of elderly members had been invited to live at Mooseheart since 1915.)

They bought 26 acres of shoreline property just south of Jacksonville, Florida, and in the fall of 1922, Moosehaven, the "City of Contentment," was opened, with the arrival of its first 22 retired Moose residents. Moosehaven has since grown to a 63-acre community providing a comfortable home, a wide array of recreational activities and comprehensive health care to more than 400 residents.

As the Moose fraternity grew in visibility and influence, so did Jim Davis. President Warren Harding named him to his Cabinet as Secretary of Labor in 1921, and Davis continued in that post under Presidents Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover as well. In November 1930, Davis, a Republican, won election to the U.S. Senate from Pennsylvania, and he served there with distinction for the next 14 years. As both Labor Secretary and Senator, Davis was known as a conservative champion of labor, who fought hard for the rights of unions--but felt that the workingman should expect no "handouts" of any sort. In the Senate, it was Davis who spearheaded passage of landmark legislation to force building contractors to pay laborers "prevailing" union-level wages in any government construction work. The law bore his name: the Davis-Bacon Act.

The "Proof of Our Value": Community Service

For a quarter-century the Moose had directed its efforts almost completely toward Mooseheart and Moosehaven; now, with discharged WWII Veterans driving Moose membership to nearly 800,000 members, Director General Giles set out to broaden the organization's horizons. In 1949 he conceived and instituted what was to become the third great Moose endeavor of the modern era, the Civic Affairs program (later renamed Community Service). Giles explained his rationale: "Only three institutions have a God-given right to exist in a community, the home, the church and the school. The rest of us must be valuable to the community to warrant our existence, and the burden of proof of our value is on us." The Community Service program has since flourished into a myriad of humanitarian efforts on the local Lodge level, as well as fraternity-wide projects such as the Moose Youth Awareness Program, in which bright teenagers go into elementary schools, daycare centers and the like to communicate an anti-drug message to 4- to 9-year olds.

The Moose Six-Point Program



Community Service has been an ever-growing portion of the overall Moose fraternal program ever since its inception under the name "Civic Affairs" by then-Director General Malcolm Giles in the late 1940s. The kaleidoscope of all that is Moose Community Service was organized into a "Five-Point Program" in the early 1990s, then expanded in mid-decade to the "Six-Point Program" with its familiar logo at left. Except that, as you'll see with a closer look, that familiar logo indicates a program that has grown yet again. As of May 1, 2003 the Moose International Six-Point Program covers service and donations to the following:

MOOSEHEART
Includes all donations in support of Mooseheart Child City & School (a 501(c)3 organization under the IRS code).

YOUTH SPORTS
Includes support of community youth sports leagues and school-sponsored sports, plus participation in and support of Special Olympics and "Hook-a-Kid-on-Golf."

YOUTH AWARENESS
Includes participation in Association Student Congresses and follow-up Moose KidsTalk presentations by Moose-trained teens to groups of children ages 4-9. Also includes Lodge participation in local programs such as D.A.R.E., PACE, Red Ribbon and Pride.

SCOUTING SPINOZA BEAR YELLOWSTONE TTC
Includes Lodges charter-partnering with a Boy Scout unit or giving financial support to a Boy or Girl Scout unit; also provides for Lodge donations of \$50 or more in a fiscal quarter to the Mooseheart Scouting program. Also includes all donations to the Yellowstone Youth Conservation Corps (a U.S. National Park Service program totally funded by the Moose since 1990); and all donations of Spinoza Bears to youth or senior citizens (an international project of the Women of the Moose).

MOOSEHAVEN SENIOR CITIZENS FOOD & SHELTER
Includes all donations to Moosehaven (a 501(c)3 organization). Also all holiday meals for the elderly, plus social/recreation activities for them throughout the year. Also, food donations to any local pantry/community center offering food to the needy; donations of needed items or cash to homeless shelters; or a Lodge giving temporary shelter in the wake of natural disasters.

LOCAL VOLUNTEER
Includes all other programs/projects tailored to local needs—including service at a VA medical facility, especially during "National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans" in February; plus Adopt-a-Highway, Meals on Wheels, local telethons, walk-a-thons, bowl-a-thons and the like.

The Moose Youth Awareness Program



Can teenagers persuade younger children to make the right choices in life? "Yes!" say the teens and the adults who work together in the Moose Youth Awareness Program. For more than a decade, the Moose has organized high-school-age leaders into a highly effective "speaker's bureau" to persuade preschool and elementary-age youngsters against drug use. The program, founded in 1986, has now expanded to bring awareness to 4-to-9-year olds on other subjects such as child abuse, gangs and other elements that have an adverse effect on the youth of today.

More than 1,400 eager teens gather at Moose Association Student Congresses around the U.S. and Canada every year. They come to exchange good ideas among themselves to more effectively deal with adverse elements in their own communities. Many students relate experiences in their own lives which made them want to help prevent further tragedies. Many are already leaders involved in school or community youth awareness programs; some became leaders at the Congress.

During the course of the Association Student Congress the students focus on creating Moose "KidsTalks," short presentations they then personally deliver to groups of 4-to-9-year olds in their home towns.



Adult experts are brought in to inspire where needed, but best of all, the students initiate their own ideas for Moose KidsTalks. They discuss and refine ways to empower children to choose health and resist danger, and go home determined to put them into practice.

Several of the students use costumes to convey their messages to the 4-to-9-year old age group to encourage them to make healthy choices. Others use props or pictures of sports heroes to catch the attention of those elementary-age children. Many present skits, some teaming up with young audience members to play the parts.



Most bring activity aids such as coloring books, flash cards, even mousetraps. As their experience grows, so do their skills in holding the children's attention.

How could I get involved in the Youth Awareness Program?

Right now the Moose is asking for school officials across the North American continent to recommend two high school sophomores, juniors, or seniors to attend area Student Congresses to be held during October and November at central locations in most states or provinces across the United States and Canada.

Those considered to attend should be selected for both academic and leadership qualities and communications skills, as they will be asked to work out methods for influencing 4-to-9-year olds, the targeted age group, and to use these methods with children in their own community following the Student Congress. They will be challenged to become a part of "speaker's bureau," finding opportunities to speak with groups of children such as Cub Scouts, Brownies, Bluebirds, elementary school or Sunday - school classes to name a few. The students will be asked to complete a minimum of three (3) Moose KidsTalks following the State/Provincial Student Congresses and continue through February. Participating students will be asked to report on these meetings.



About 60 of the teens attending Association Student Congresses will be selected by their peers to attend, along with a guest from Great Britain, the International Student Congress is held at various locations each year . During this seminar, which includes a full day fun activities for the students, three students will be selected by their peers to receive scholarships: \$2,000 for third place, \$3,000 for second place, and \$7,000 for first place.

The Future is NOW

The future of our countries rests with the little ones of today. Without a doubt, men and women of the Moose will continue to provide assistance when the goal is helping to make communities a better place for youth to grow. We will help, so they can succeed.

What are you waiting for?

Become a Member today!