

parochial
adj
1. narrow in outlook or scope; provincial
Brothers:

This is a very important word, in my opinion, in our business. The reason why I selected this word is because it applies to so many of our Moose Lodges. Over the years, I have learned that many of our lodges have chosen to "stay within their own scope". This means they do not open their doors to outsiders or outside thinking. While this may have worked in years past, I can definitely say it is not working today.

In the news, yesterday, it was announced that Detroit is now at 3/4 of the population, it was in the early part of the millennium (2000). Not a huge shocker, as many cities, up north, have lost a lot of population. However, it was a deep concern for those speaking about it, on the news channel. The Moose can relate. We are currently at 3/4 of the population (membership), or less, than what we had since the beginning of the millennium. Why is this?

I think it because we have not opened our doors to outsiders or outside thinking. I am not saying that is the case for Detroit, Pittsburgh or other cities, but I will say that the cities that tend to be parochial are the ones that are losing people. Therefore, the Moose Lodges that tend to be parochial, are also losing members. If you had the time or the opportunity, as I do, to study Moose Lodges, around the PMA, you would find that the lodges that are growing and doing well, with membership, are the ones that are open to new ideas and welcome, as many new members, as they can. Yes, we still want qualified people. Yes, we want to remain private, but we have to grow. If we don't grow, we will eventually die. Is Detroit going to die? It might, unless they make some changes. This city has been reliant on the automobile for over a century. That industry is vastly changing and extremely competitive. The Moose and the industry, we are in, is no different. We need to think about this.

What are the production numbers, for your lodge? Are you growing, since 2000, or shrinking? Regardless of what you say, our industry has to change. If we become too reliant on the way we did business, over the past 100 years, we will die. Competition will eat us up. There are already good, quality substitutes for what we do and for what we have to offer (Red Robins, Applebees, TGIFridays, Ruby Tuesdays, Olive Gardens, just to name a few franchises). Also, I am seeing Elks, Eagles, VFW's, American Legions, etc. improving with some of their units.

The only purpose, for this message, is to get us to THINK. If we are not thinking, in the right direction, then we are headed for failure. That is not what I want, and I am hoping that is not what you want.

The Time Is Now, to do something about who we are, what we do and how we approach 2011 and beyond. Yes, we are Moose Lodges, but more importantly we are an American organization that has

survived over 100 years and plan on surviving for another 100 year, even if it means change. The Time is Now to broaden our scope and be less parochial, in our thinking. I truly feel the Loyal Order of Moose is being extremely proactive in their attempt to get our lodges to grow. Your cooperation, along this line, will be greatly appreciated.

The Time is DEFINITELY Now to build your membership up beyond 2000's numbers. Good luck and thank you,

Stan Adams, Regional Manager

TIE BREAKER NEEDED IN LODGE ELECTION

In a heated race for Lodge Treasurer, it came down to a tie between John Flaig and Jordan Walker with both candidates receiving twenty seven votes each.

A phone call to our Regional Manager was unsuccessful at that time to ascertain as to what should be done. A second call to the PMA District President was made and the President informed Tim Lewis he would get back to him within 10 to 15 minutes with an answer.

With a Lodge full of members cheering on their respected candidate made for a very interesting ten minutes.

Then Lewis' cell phone rang and it was the District President informing Lewis to have both candidates draw from a deck of cards, with high card winning.

That's what was done. John Flaig who was present drew his own card. Jordan Walker who was not present was represented by Ron Newman. Each person pulled a card. Newman pulled a 3. Flaig stepped up and drew an 8. The election was over with John Flaig being elected as Treasurer.

In other news relating to the election of officers, Rick Baker was elected as Governor, Mike Poux as Junior Governor, Mike Brown as Prelate and Ron Newman as 3-Year Trustee. Lewis, Hanes and Peterson remained the same.

Wednesday Night Dinner Specials

Wednesday, May 4th

Starting at 6:00 PM

Fish Dinner

Your Choice Of:

Mac & Cheese - Fries - Baked Potato

Coleslaw

Rolls & Butter

Wednesday, May 11th

Starting at 6:00 PM

Steak Dinner

Your Choice Of:

Baked Potato or French Fries

Tossed Salad / Dressing

Rolls & Butter

Wednesday, May 18th

Starting at 6:00 PM

Beef Tips over Noodles

Mashed Potatoes

Roll & Butter

Wednesday, May 25th

Starting at 6:00 PM

Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce

Tossed Salad

Fresh Made Bread / Butter

EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT

\$1.00 Foot Long Hot Dogs & \$1.00 Fries

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Meadville Family Center No. 2505

Loyal Order of Moose

Monthly Newsletter

MAY 2011



Mother's Day
Specials

All Mom's Eat for 1/2 Price

All Mom's Recieve a Free Drink

OUR APPROVED W.O.T.M. APPLICANTS

We would like to welcome our new members and also thank the sponsors:

<u>CANDIDATE'S NAME :</u>	<u>SPONSOR'S NAME :</u>
Sherry Lauffer	Michele Field
Stephanie L. Byerley	Michele Field
Brenda L. Shilling	Debra Peterson
Cheryl Rode	Kathleen Cotterman
Janet Metz	Janet Ann Paden
Bertha Lantz	Sue Lantz
Michelle Hollabaugh	Martha K. DuPont
Betty M. Hart	Martha K. DuPont
Paula Tracy Canfield	Shirley Hanes
Mary Ann Wilcox	Shirley Hanes
Jean M. Harvey	Sandra Harvey

Thanks to everyone who supported the Women of the Moose Pie Sale. It was a success and your support was greatly appreciated.

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Women of the Moose Monte Carlo Night on March 26, 2011. It was a great success and everyone had lots of fun. Thanks to Rhonda Karns, Shirley Hanes, Rhonda Salsa, Mikki Field and Kathy Cotterman for all your help, it was greatly appreciated. If I forgot someone, please forgive me.

The Children's Annual Easter Party was held on Saturday, April 9th with 36 children attending. The Easter Bunny showed up and the children really enjoyed him and the Easter Baskets he gave them. After they got their baskets they enjoyed Pizza, Potato Chips and soft drinks. Thanks to all the Women of the Moose members that helped with this event.

Don't forget that the Women of the Moose are having their first REVERSE RAFFLE. This is going to be held on June 18, 2011. Fifty tickets will be available with a grand prize of \$1,000 to be split between the last five tickets or it could go to one person if they decide to continue to draw. Tickets are \$40.00 single or \$50 double. There will be side boards and small games of chance also. Tickets are available now. If you want one, see Rhonda Karns, Mikki Field, Noreen Robinson, Nancy Vanderhoff or Janet Paden. These tickets are going fast so if you want one, see any of the above people. This should be a fun night for all. Dinner is at 5:00 PM with the Raffle beginning at 7:00 PM.

Remember co-workers that our meetings are on the First Tuesday at 6:30 PM and on the Third Tuesday at 7:00 PM. Please come and join us anytime and get involved.

MAY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	 <p>Mystery Beer Night 6:30 PM - Closing</p>	<p>MEETINGS WOTM – 6:30 PM House Committee 7:00 PM LOOM Officers 7:30 PM LOOM Membership 8:00 PM</p> <p>\$1.00 Foot Long Hot Dogs / \$1.00 Fries 6:00 to 9:00 PM</p>	<p>Dinner Special Starting @ 5:00 PM Fish Dinner Your Choice Of: Mac & Cheese - Fries - Baked Potato Coleslaw Rolls & Butter</p>	 <p>\$1.00 Burgers / \$1.00 Fries 6:00 - 9:00 PM</p>	 <p>Digital Country Band 8:00 PM - Midnight</p>	 <p>Casino Trip Salamanca, New York Leaving at 4:00 PM</p>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p>MOTHER'S DAY 1 Free Drink for all Mom's</p> <p>All Menu Items 1/2 Price for all Mom's</p>	 <p>Mystery Beer Night 6:30 PM - Closing</p>	 <p>\$1.00 Foot Long Hot Dogs / \$1.00 Fries 6:00 to 9:00 PM</p>	<p>Dinner Special Starting @ 5:00 PM Steak Dinner Your Choice Of: Baked Potato or French Fries Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Rolls & Butter</p>	 <p>\$1.00 Burgers / \$1.00 Fries 6:00 - 9:00 PM</p>	 <p>BINGO 7:00 PM Meatball Sub & Chips</p>	 <p>Bloody Mary Day</p>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
 <p>Dover Cup 12:30 PM Fox</p>	 <p>Mystery Beer Night 6:30 PM - Closing</p>	<p>MEETINGS WOTM – 7:00 PM House Committee 7:00 PM LOOM Officers 7:30 PM LOOM Membership 8:00 PM</p> <p>\$1.00 Foot Long Hot Dogs / \$1.00 Fries 6:00 to 9:00 PM</p>	<p>Dinner Special Serving @ 5:00 PM Beef Tips over Noodles Mashed Potatoes Rolls & Butter</p>	 <p>\$1.00 Burgers / \$1.00 Fries 6:00 - 9:00 PM</p>	 <p>Tim Whitman Band 8:00 PM - Midnight</p>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
 <p>Support Your Lodge</p>	 <p>Mystery Beer Night 6:30 PM - Closing</p>	 <p>\$1.00 Foot Long Hot Dogs / \$1.00 Fries 6:00 to 9:00 PM</p>	<p>Dinner Special Starting @ 5:00 PM Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Fresh Made Bread / Butter</p>	 <p>\$1.00 Burgers / \$1.00 Fries 6:00 - 9:00 PM</p>	 <p>BINGO 7:00 PM Hoagie & Chips</p>	<p>Preferred Members Party 8:00 PM to Midnight with KARAOKE "Z-Entertainment"</p>
29	30	31				
 <p>Picnic at the Lodge Bring Something to Share Lodge Provides the Meat</p>	<p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>  <p>Opening at Noon</p>	 <p>\$1.00 Foot Long Hot Dogs / \$1.00 Fries 6:00 to 9:00 PM</p>	<p>LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE MEADVILLE FAMILY CENTER LODGE NO. 2505</p>			