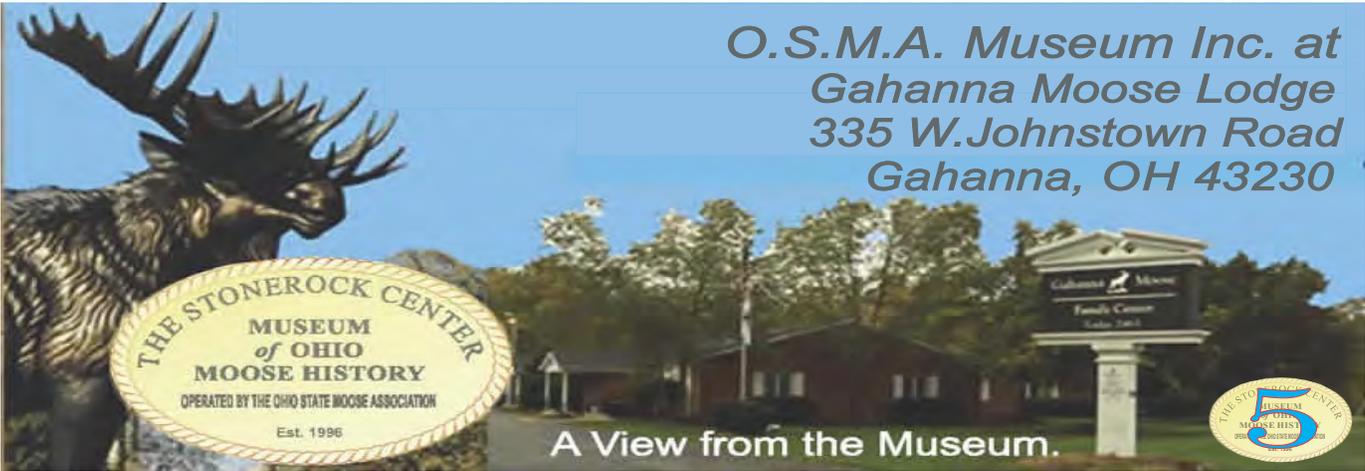


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The title word, helped inspired this publication. But, first, I wish to thank the units which have made a financial donation to the museum, sorry this is a bit overdue but as you know I have been distracted by other issues. The nature of the museum has changed now it's a 501C3. Your generous donations made it possible to unlock the power of our history, which laid dormant in our museum. Each attendees at the recent Ohio State Convention was given their own copy of issue 4 of "A View from the Museum". An 8 page publication highlighting a series of little known moose stories. My hope is that each copy will eventually find it's way into the hands of a non member. This may sound a bit "Grandiose" or "Over the top" yet every word is true, even if some find it hard to believe.

Joining the Loyal Order of Moose is a simple act of meeting a few basic requirements. signing an application and paying the membership dues. Does that make the person a full member? Yes, a seasoned member, hardly. Rarely, can any organization worthy of paying dues too, be evaluated by anything less then a lived experience. Ohio is lucky, its Museum gives it the means to enhance that lived experience. But it's static, and miles away from most of our membership. But, now we can create ways to make it more accessible.

True, for some, the Moose Lodge social experience seems to satisfy their expectations. However, they have a choice of multiple other facilities where they can get a some-what similar social experience, but there is a reason they choose our social quarters. knowing it is essential to a successful lodge. To some extent I used to be that member. In British Moose, I heard the Moose story at every meeting. But, lacked the historic context to *whet ones appetite*. Fortunately, my sponsor was there to ensure I understood it's significance. Which brings me to the one word title. Its world famous, once explained, never forgotten. It's my dream, Mooseheart & Moosehaven will become just such words. Their story when told is more memorable then 58 letters. By the way, the title word is the worlds longest town name which just happens to be Welsh.

Does any Lodge really tell the Moose story anymore? And, If they do, would there be anyone to hear and learn from it. The pressures of keeping the wolf from the door, tends to threaten all that would compete for attention. On the rare occasion it doesn't, the audience may have already dissipated. The Museum Board and I are committed to do all our charter allows, to support units in their task of growing the moose ideals and principles in society. If I can be of assistance please contact me any time

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