

### Director General's "Magical Mystery Tour."

It came as a bit of a surprise to the Ohio contingent at the International Convention at Tampa to be told Director General Scott Hart had made unannounced visits to Ohio Lodges. Taking a selfie of him and his pal on the way in to each of them. Unlike some other Lodges nothing was said about 501 at the convention. However the Middletown contingent later found out it was a Friday the Lodge was very busy and the kitchen working overtime and he was carded.

I am confident he would have enjoyed his visit. Pity it was not on the 1st Monday evening or the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday morning, then he could have sat in on our Orientation Sessions. It seems from what other convention delegates told the "Middletown'ers" *Orientation was something which they where going to have to do*, and were then confounded when they were told of how our Orientation, Extension & Retention program worked.

Scott Hart must have found things to his liking for we have not heard any bad

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# MAKE THE MOST OF MOOSE AT MIDDLETOWN

**Hello Middletown,**

Thanks to all who helped assemble the new play set, we hope the kids get a lot of enjoyment from it. Also "A Big Thank You" to the Ladies Chapter for the Defibrillator they donated, giving higher level assurance we are better equipped to deal with health emergencies at the Lodge. Hopefully it is never called upon, but just in case we have members who are trained to use it.

Membership wise our sign 3 new members get 50 Moose buck will run all year. The One a Day is still a target, which has slowed a bit and we need to play catch-up but I am sure we can get this moving again.

Another busy month ahead Ohio State Moose Association Annual Convention is being held in Independence Ohio from the 16th. thru the 20th this is going to mean most of the Officers will not be here then and those who are will need some help.  
Enjoy the summer. Jason

## **NINE O/CLOCK Ceremony a must.**

One of the items which was reported at the Convention was that the Nine O'clock ceremony is a unique expression of a core belief of our fraternities, and serves to remind all members why they are Moose members. Therefore it has to be part of every day activities of any Moose unit. When and wherever Moose gather it shall be performed, there should not be a day when a Moose unit fails to do so.



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## Chapter 183 News.

Our Ladies chapter have recently purchased a Defibrillator for use in health emergencies for the Lodge. There are a number of us trained to use this equipment and we are looking at ways we can increase those who can be trained. By the time this newsletter is out it should be mounted on the door to



the right as you enter the Lodge Building. This is such a important gift from our ladies and even as we hope it is never used, we are all grateful for their concern for the well-being of members and contribution such as these show why they deserve all the support we can give them. I can think of at least two ways to show this. By supporting their projects either by buying tickets and /or by offering to work at the table during the week. The other way is to take the time to attend the monthly meeting advertised below. your attendance will be

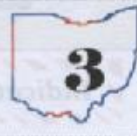
**Women of the Moose  
General Meeting  
On the 4th Tuesday  
All Ladies are Invited  
6.00pm**

welcomed and not commit you in any way unless you wish to do so. It is very informal and you will get to know first hand what they are planning to do throughout the year and the lady Officers will have a way of testing future ideas and projects for viability. You never know it may be just what you have been looking for. Lastly a really big "THANK YOU" for their efforts would be good.

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# WHAT'S ON AT MIDDLETOWN MOOSE 501

## AUGUST 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sponsor 3 men members during 2017/18 get \$50:00 MOOSE BUCKS		1 LINE DANCING LESSONS In House Moose Legion  MIDDLETOWN 501 MEETING 6.30pm	2 Dollar Book  MUSIC	3 KROC 7.30 pm  QUEEN 8PM	4 \$5:00 Book B-Gaged	5 BIG BOOK Papa Woody
6	7 Monday Night Jam Orientation 6.30 for 7PM	8 LINE DANCING LESSONS WOTM Off  7.00..pm	9 DOLLAR BOOK LOOM Off 6.15 LOOM H.C 6.30 Lodge 7.00 MUSIC	10 KROC 7.30 pm  QUEEN 8PM	11 \$5:00 Book Shadow Ridge	12 SUBJECT TO CHANGE 
13 	14 Monday Night Jam	15 LINE DANCING LESSONS Orientation 10:30am for 11am	16 Dollar Book  MUSIC	17 KROC 7.30 pm  QUEEN 8PM	18 \$5:00 Book UNDERCOVER	19 SUBJECT TO CHANGE 
20	21 Monday Night Jam	22 LINE DANCING LESSONS WOTM 7.00..pm All Ladies Welcome	23 DOLLAR BOOK LOOM Off 6.15 LOOM H.C 6.30 Lodge 7.00 MUSIC	24 KROC 7.30 pm  QUEEN 8PM	25 \$5:00 Book Cabin Fever Band	26 SUBJECT TO CHANGE 
27 	28 Monday Night Jam	29 LINE DANCING LESSONS	30 Dollar Book  MUSIC	31 KROC 7.30 pm  QUEEN 8PM	Sponsor 3 men members during 2017/18 get \$50:00 MOOSE BUCKS	

Indicates O.S.M.A. Annual Convention in Independence Ohio August 16th thru 20th.



The puzzle to end all puzzles.

I promised an explanation of the puzzle in last month's Newsletter, but I got bogged down with history. Sadly, suggesting a solution is not the same as implementing one. This puzzle is a parable, the humanizing of a topic. In this case the topic is Lodge Retention

To recap, It was about a group of people with a common interest. (*Lodge Members*) Within this group are smaller groups with unique bonds (*Determined by their joining month*). The groups range from small to very big. The very large groups, have an added troubling feature of being bunched into a critical period (*the end of the Moose Year*). Thus, even though every member contributes equally, their impact becomes unequal to the group at the time of making or not making it. (*contributions to the common ideal*) Therefore, contributions to the whole are disjointed. To be clear, it's not about money but does involve paying dues. Dues are not and have never been sufficient to finance any Lodge operation, let alone one as big as ours. Dues are largely a demonstration to a belief of an ideal worth maintaining. Yet as we will see later the act of paying dues can play a major role in its survival. However, it's members participation in all its other forms, that maintains the physical representation of that ideal.

Using myself as an example. As an emigrant, it took many months before I could live normally in the USA (it's a Long unbelievable story) which made banking difficult & using cash even harder. My Dues were paid before I came and probably already spent, so my commitment to the Moose ideal had been made, but my actual contribution to Cincinnati 2 without access to cash practically nil, therefore I was not contributing to the actual physical presence of the ideal. I was welcome and spent many hours there. But my physical presence added nothing to the longevity of the Lodge. It needed something else, my willingness to get involved in its operation and the small margins the lodge would normally gained from my purchases, had I been able to make them. So, I volunteered as a barman. So, you see, it's a combination of commitment and participation that keeps an ideal vibrant. The parcels in the puzzle would have been woefully sparse if they relied purely on the basic tokens. But the ideals of the group likely made them



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Moose is a Family and like all families its members are free to move in and out of it at will, but imagine if a family of 10 suddenly lost two of its contributing members. They would be really missed. And the void their absence created would be greater if their absence was not predicted, (*lapsed into arrears*). The 20% loss has an immediate toll on those who are left. The turmoil such a void creates can't be filled with cash. Being a member of a family is a skill learned over time. It takes effort, you have to work at it. The whole Family members must do more to fill the void. Even if you persuade others (*Sign someone up as a new member*) to replace the two that left, they would not be a full replacement until they had learned all the family's rules, culture and foibles so it would take time to fill the vacuum. Now imagine the impact of such a vacuum every month. Maybe not 20% of the family but likely 20% of a group whose dues are due in any one month.



Aug 13th.  
 Aug 25th  
 Sept 10th  
 Sept 17th.

It is all a matter of "Timing". Imagine how different things would be if the family knew for certain how many members it could count on in the event of a family loss. Now think of your dues notice as an Anniversary Card (Which it is) saying how much the family cares for you and want you as part of the family. The sooner you reply YES (*pay your dues*) the more secure and tighter knit the family is and the more it is able to cope with unexpected absences. That's how paying dues can be a Major asset to the Moose Family. So, if there is a solution to the puzzle "It's all about being a Family"

Bob Goldsmith Editor.



**LINE DANCING LESSONS**  
**TUESDAY EVENINGS**



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## Meet Do'er Dan

Many of you will have seen this image around the lodge and may have wondered who or what it was all about.

Well just about anywhere you stand in the Lodge you will find its handy work. But you would not know it, for this seems to appear out of thin air. One day its not there and the next it is. The most recent effort is the new play area just completed the weekend of the 15th. Up to Six hours working in the unforgiving sun so our young folks have something to enjoy themselves on. The list of activities is to long to detail here nor would the heros who worked on them wish it.

These are members who have

chosen to advance to The Moose Legion and more especially in this context the In-House Committee, who are known as the Do'ers of the Order willing to give just a bit more for the good of the Lodge and whom without our Lodge would be in a sorry state. The cost alone of having this work done would have meant that without the In-House Legion Committee it would still be on a list of "Things to get done"

Now if this seem a lot of work every Moose Legion members will tell you they have fun doing it and is it's own reward.

The In-house committee meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6.30 and our ladies are welcome to join us. We get our business done quickly and have a meal and a lot of fun. why not join us just talk to an officer to get a membership form. We would love to welcome you into our ranks.

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