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To: Mr Moose; Mr Administrator
Subject: FW: 77th Annual IMA Convention in Springfield, IL 8/22 to 8/24 Report to Membership
Importance: High

Brothers,

I was honored to attend the 77th Annual IMA Convention representing the Downers Grove Moose Family Center #1535 as your Governor,

This meeting for me was very different than the other 5 conventions I have attended. Our Lodge was honored many times starting on Thursday night at the 13th Annual Illini Star Awards Dinner.

Downers Grove Moose Family Center #1535 was nominated for the following Illini Star awards:

1. 2007-2008 1 Illini Star - Lodge
2. 2007-2008 2 Illini Star - YCC
3. 2007-2008 3 Illini Star - Rookie - Haynes
4. 2007-2008 5 Illini Star - Sponsor - Stocki

Downers Grove Moose Family Center #1535 won the following Illini Star Award:

1. 2007-2008 5 Illini Star - Sponsor Stocki

Over the next few meetings, we received the following awards.

1. 2007-2008 0 Quota Buster
2. 2007-2008 1 Moose Lodge of the Year - Nominee
3. 2007-2008 2 Moose Charities
4. 2007-2008 3 DG Rookie of the Year
5. 2007-2008 4 DG Moose of the Year
6. 2007-2008 5 Presidents Club - Jay Stocki
7. 2007-2008 5 Presidents Club - Roy Brown
8. 2007-2008 Premier Lodge - Silver Division
9. 2007-2008 YCC Old Faithfull
10. 2007-2008 Web Master - Mike Pelling

As conventions go, from my experience, this convention was very streamlined. Chairman were invited up to give reports for 2007-2008. Our Lodge was mentioned many times.

The credentials committee reported that this IMA Convention had 345 members present. From the roll calls, 9 lodges of the 106 did not participate. Our Lodge had 3 members in attendance for most meetings.

Financials for the IMA were discussed. The IMA has \$213,263.36 in asset value. This convention generated \$46,000+ donations for the identified funds.

The Cemetery Chairman reported that the IMA is \$6,000 away from completing it's two year obligation to generate \$200,000 in donations to fix the Cemetery at Moosehaven.

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Three young ladies, two are from Mooseheart, talked to membership at the meeting about the opportunities that their Moose family provided them. Two went on the 8 week experience in Yellowstone. One talked about her experience with the 4-H program at Mooseheart.

At Saturday's meeting, nominations were made for IMA elected offices and chairman's jobs. The following offices and chairman will be from our lodge:

1. District #2 Vice President - Don Kubilius
2. IMA Safe Surfing Chairman - Roy Brown
3. IMA Sports Bags Chairman - Roy Brown
4. IMA Outer Guard - Anthony Haynes
5. IMA Endowment Co-Chairman - Mike Pelling
6. District 1& 2 Deputy Regional Manager - Mike Pelling

Like all other conventions I have attended, the Downers Grove Moose Family Center, the themes were the same:

1. We need to work at increasing membership.
2. We need to work at retaining membership.
3. We need to have programs in place for members & families to participate.
4. We need to step back and look at our lodges to see what can be done to improve first impressions. Clean up and fix.

Regional Manager Ron Kozuszek challenged us to again lead the Moose Fraternity in membership. If every member would sign up 1 new member a year our fraternity would continue to grow by leaps and bounds. This would ensure the the IMA is number #1 again.

It was a very good meeting. The time spent after the meeting was worthwhile for a lot of reasons. I got to talk with members of lodges all over the state. The Governors and Administrators all shared ideas of what works in their lodges. I shared ideas of what worked for us. One thing that was very noticeable, is that when Downers Grove talks, a lot of people listen.

In a conversation with Rollie Abell and Ron Kozuszek, it became apparent to me that Rollie and Ron knew that what was happening in Downers Grove was a group effort by a Board of Officers and members that are working very hard to turn our lodge around. It is more than a one or two person effort.

Fraternally yours,

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Governor

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