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Downers Grove Moose Family Center is #1 in Illinois for membership growth.

A staple of the Downers Grove community since 1930 the Downers Grove Moose Family Center #1535 located at 1030 Warren Avenue is continuing to grow by leaps and bounds. "Since May 1, 2007 we have grown our membership by over 75%" says Roy A. Brown III, Governor of the Downers Grove Moose Lodge. Brown attributes the recent growth to many factors including a massive membership campaign targeted at younger members and families. "We want the lodge to be known as a place that is a Family Friendly Atmosphere" says Brown. This fiscal year started on May 1st, 2007 with 409 members. On November 18th we enrolled 131+ members and on December 15th we enrolled 59+ members. To date, 323+ members have been sponsored into the Moose Family Fraternity by current members. Downers Grove Moose Family Center #1535 is currently **#1 in Illinois** and **#4 in Moose International** for membership growth.

On December 15th, Supreme Governor Gene Huggins and Illinois Moose Association Past President Scot Baikie addressed the orientation / enrollment class. The ritual team from the St. Charles Moose Family Center told the story of Moose to the class and performed the enrollment. Our next orientation / enrollment is scheduled for early February 2008.

Moose International is an organization of 2.2 million members that is active in four nations dedicated to bettering the lives of children and the elderly in need, and helping to make communities better places in which to live. Along with other units of Moose International, the Loyal Order of Moose supports the operation of Mooseheart Child City & School, a 1,000-acre community for children and teens in need, located 40 miles west of Chicago; and Moosehaven, a 63-acre retirement community for its members near Jacksonville, FL. Additionally, Moose Lodges conduct approximately \$50 million worth of community service annually.

For more information on the Downers Grove Moose Family Center #1535 visit www.dgmoose.org or contact us at 630-968-4550

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