Downtown

Downers Grove Moose Family Center #1535

1030 Warren Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515



Moose International:

The Loyal Order of Moose is a fraternal and service organization founded in 1888, with nearly 1 million men in roughly 2,000 Lodges, in all 50 states and four Canadian provinces, plus Great Britain and Bermuda. Along with other units of Moose International, the Loyal Order of Moose supports the operation of Moosehart 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 \$95 million worth of community service (counting monetary donations and volunteer hours worked) annually.

The Loyal Order of Moose also conducts numerous sports and recreational programs, in local Lodges and Family Centers, in the majority of 44 State and Provincial Associations, and on a fraternity-wide basis. The Moose fraternity is Nonsectarian and nonpolitical, with the Moose International headquarters located at Mooseheart, Illinois, USA.

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The Downers Grove Moose Lodge received it's charter on April 13, 1930 and moved into it's original location on Forest Ave & Warren Ave. In 1953 the new building was opened at it's present location at 1030 Warren Ave, Downers Grove, IL. Our Lodge currently has 1070+ members, with the majority located within 15 miles of the lodge.

Women of the Moose

The Women of the Moose, founded in 1913, is a unit of Moose International, with more than 400,000 women in approximately 1,600 chapters in all 50 states and four Canadian provinces. Along with other units of Moose International, the Women of the Moose also support the operation of Mooseheart Child City & School and Moosehaven. Additionally, Women of the Moose Chapters conduct more than \$20 million worth of community service (counting monetary donations and volunteer hours worked) annually.

Downers Grove Women of the Moose Chapter #973

The Downers Grove Women of the Moose Chapter was chartered in October of 1930. The Women of the Moose chapter currently has 300+ members, with the majority located within 15 miles of the lodge.

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

Moosehaven

- -Founded in 1922, known as the "City of Contentment."
- -Established to provide a home for dependent aged Moose men and women and their spouses.
- -Located in Orange Park, Florida, on the St. John's River, 15 miles south of Jacksonville.
- -It is a community comprising several single-story residences, a LifeCare Center, a state-of-the-art assisted-living complex completed in 2002, indoor pool and fitness center, community building, commissary, and shops, and a chapel for all faiths.
- -Residences are designed expressly for the convenience and comfort of seniors. Each residence has its own kitchen and dining room.
- -A Moosehaven resident is offered the opportunity for meaningful work (appropriate to their own physical abilities), and receives an allowance each month.
- -Complete facilities are provided in the Michigan Recreation Building and New York Healthplex to supplement outdoor recreation activities such as fishing, boating, shuffleboard, picnics and trips to nearby sporting and entertainment events as well as points of interest.
- -More than 3,000 aged senior Moose men and women have been admitted to the "City of Contentment."
- -Present population is about 400.

Mooseheart

- -Founded on July 27, 1913.
- -Established to provide a home for children of members of the Order who have lost one or both parents and other qualified orphaned or dependent children; since 1994, applications welcomed from ANY family in need.
- -Located in the beautiful Fox River Valley, 38 miles west of Chicago.
- -Consists of approximately 1,000 campus-like acres upon which 115 buildings have been constructed.
- -A completely self-contained community known throughout North America as "The Child City."
- -Mooseheart has its own bank, power plant, schools, church, health center, auditorium, Post Office, stadium, recreational buildings.
- -More than 11,000 children have resided at Mooseheart since 1913.
- -Current student population is about 250.
- -Children live with Family Teachers, often husband and wife in individual buildings designed to emulate single-family homes.
- -Mooseheart children are given a complete academic education as accredited by the Illinois Department of Education, from kindergarten through high school; plus vocational training, and complete religious instruction in whatever faith prevailed in their families before coming to Mooseheart.
- -Mooseheart was one of the pioneers in the field of vocational training at the high school level. Mooseheart High School students today have a variety of trades from which to choose, including individually tailored co-op programs with either campus work functions and area businesses.
- -Mooseheart's magnificent House of God, built in 1950 at a cost of \$2 million, is one of the world's finest examples of interdenominational church architecture.
- -A resident Protestant minister, and an attending Catholic priest, provide religious instructions and conduct religious services at Mooseheart; children of other faiths attend services in neighboring communities.



