

The excitement of One Moose is building and our members are filled with anticipation as May 1st approaches. It's hard to believe we have come this far since the inception of the Stand As One Committee in late 2017. In just a few short years we have been able to create a new and unified Moose where all members, male and female, will have equal opportunities, rights and privileges within the Lodge.

This new Moose becomes a reality on May 1, 2021. Many of our members have been asking questions of one another, of the Field Staff, of Supreme Lodge leaders and on Facebook. What's the impact on my membership? How many meetings can I attend? When do I pay dues? Can I be considered for office? Let's find out....

MAY 1, 2021

- New One Moose concept becomes a reality
- ALL members will belong to a Lodge
 - Current Chapter members will remain Chapter Members
 - Current Moose Legion members will remain Moose Legion members
- Both male and female members encouraged to attend Lodge meetings
- Moose International will transition memberships in LCL
- New General Laws become effective



May 1, 2021 is the dawning of a new Moose; one where all members, regardless of gender, will hold equal membership in our beloved fraternity. Together, men and women of this great fraternity will serve and lead our Lodges into the future.

During the 1st week of May the Information Systems Department at Moose International will unite Chapter memberships with Lodge memberships via LCLweb. Chapter members in good-standing, meaning their dues are paid, will automatically transition to good standing members of BOTH the Lodge and the Chapter. Moose Legion members remain unaffected during the transition. No action is needed on the part of the Administrator to incorporate female members into the Lodge roles and Moose International will communicate details regarding program availability closer to the membership migration.

Beginning in May, both male and female members are encouraged to attend Lodge meetings and take an active role in making decisions regarding fraternal operations of the Lodge.

The amended General Laws of The Moose, the revised Women of the Moose General Laws and the updated Moose Legion Code of rules all become effective May 1, 2021.

MISSION / PURPOSE

- **Unified Moose Membership**

- Women and men have equal membership; rights, privileges, opportunities and a vote in Lodge business and activities
- Maintain fraternal benevolence and charity
- Educate and improve members and their families
- Render service to children in need
- Serve aged members and their spouses

**THE PURPOSE
OF THE
FRATERNITY
IS NOT
CHANGING**

Just as the Stand As One and Implementation committees has promoted since inception of the One Moose concept, the purpose of our fraternity is not changing. Our unified membership in The Moose will continue to support Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and our communities. Together we will celebrate life and accomplish greatness.

STRUCTURE

LODGE OFFICERS

President
Vice President
Chaplain
Treasurer
Trustee(s)
Junior Past President
Administrator

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Senior Regent
Junior Past Regent
(office of condition)
Secretary
Treasurer

Let's take a look at the overall structure of the Lodge and the Chapter, starting with the officers.

The number of Lodge officers will remain the same. The President serves as the presiding officer and as a result a few title changes will occur such as Vice President and Junior Past President.

In the chapter, the number of officers has been reduced to 4 and new titles will be in effect. The Junior Past Regent will absorb the duties of the Junior Regent and the Junior Graduate Regent. The Secretary will be responsible for minutes and correspondence and the Treasurer will oversee the financial and membership records, just as the Recorder does now. The Secretary will be eligible to serve up to 5 consecutive terms and the Treasurer may serve unlimited consecutive terms provided she is duly nominated and elected.

STRUCTURE

ADMINISTRATOR

Term of satisfactory service
Can be male or female

SOCIAL QUARTERS MANAGER

Employee of the Lodge
Could be same person as the Administrator
Can be male or female
Not a member of the Board of Officers

Many members don't realize the positions of Administrator and Social Quarters Manager, while often the same person are actually different positions. The Administrator is a member of the Lodge Board of Officers. Current Administrators will remain in office, as they have a term of satisfactory service. However, if there is an opening on or after May 1st either a male or female member could be considered for the office.

The Social Quarters Manager is an employee of the Lodge. He or she will report to the Board of Officers under the new Moose structure. The Social Quarters Manager oversees the daily operations of the Moose home but performs his or her duties according to policies established by the Board. The profitable operation of the social quarters shall be the responsibility of the Board of Officers. In some Moose Lodges, the membership is led to believe the Administrator has ultimate authority but in reality all officers have an equal voice and equal vote. With exception of the Administrator, no member of the Board of Officers may be employed as the Social Quarters Manager.

WHICH LODGE OFFICES CAN A FEMALE MEMBER
BE NOMINATED FOR AFTER MAY 1, 2021?

2021-2022

VACANT OFFICES ONLY

Treasurer Trustee Administrator

MAY BE APPPOINTED AFTER NOV. 1

Chaplain Vice President

(6 month membership requirement)

As we prepare for the transition, our Lodges and Chapters are in the process of nominating and electing officers for 2021-22. Women are currently chapter members; they are not eligible to be nominated for Lodge office until May 1st.

So, which 2021-2022 Lodge offices can a female members be nominated for beginning in May? A female would be eligible to be considered for the offices of Treasurer, Trustee or Administrator, if the position is vacant. After November 1st, a female member could be appointed by the President to serve as Chaplain or Vice President.

Why can't a female be nominated for all positions right away? Let's take a closer look.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LODGE OFFICES

President - Been an active member of the Lodge for at least 6 months immediately preceding the date of election and completed at least 1 year in another elected office (not a combination of offices) of the Lodge in which they seek office.

Vice President - Been an active member of the Lodge for at least 6 months immediately preceding the date of election

Chaplain - Been an active member of the Lodge for at least 6 months immediately preceding the date of election

Treasurer - Must be an active member of the Lodge

Trustee - Must be an active member of the Lodge

There is a 6 month membership requirement for the offices of Vice President and Chaplain. Female members will need to meet that minimum timeline to be considered for these offices. The timeline also allows newer members an opportunity to experience Lodge meetings and be more fraternally educated before serving as Vice President or Chaplain.

To be considered for Lodge President, the candidate must have been a member of the Lodge for at least 6 months and have served in another elected office for at least 1 year in the Lodge in which they seek Presidency.

WHICH LODGE OFFICES CAN A FEMALE MEMBER
BE NOMINATED FOR AFTER MAY 1, 2021?

2022-23 and beyond

Potentially, ALL of them

Sec. 33.5 - Eligibility of Officers

Only active members of the Moose Legion or Chapter, or
establish such active membership within 60 days
following installation, may be considered for any
elected office

Please be aware of the added requirement that Lodge officers must also be members of either the Chapter or Moose Legion within 60 days of installation.

DO I HAVE TO BE A HIGHER DEGREE HOLDER
TO BE A LODGE OFFICER?

NO

Lodge officers must be members of the
Chapter (female) or Moose Legion (male)
within 60 days of taking office.

[So do you have to hold a higher degree \(Academy of Friendship, Star, College of Regents, Fellow or Pilgrim\) to be a Lodge officer?](#)

[No.- females must simply belong to the chapter, males must belong to the Moose Legion.](#)

CAN A MALE BE CONSIDERED FOR CHAPTER OFFICE?

NO

Males are not eligible to be members of the Chapter, therefore males cannot be Chapter officers.

Similarly, females are not eligible to be members of the Moose Legion, therefore females cannot be Moose Legion officers.

Can a male member be considered for Chapter office?

No.

Males cannot be members of the chapter, therefore they cannot serve as chapter officers. Similarly, female members are not eligible to serve as Moose Legion officers.

STRUCTURE

LODGE APPOINTED OFFICERS

Sergeant-at-Arms
Outer Guard
Inner Guard

CHAPTER APPOINTED OFFICERS

Guide



Let's look at Appointed officers.

The Lodge President shall appoint the Sergeant at Arms, Outer Guard and Inner Guard. Any Lodge member, male or female, in good-standing would be eligible to serve in these positions.

The Chapter Senior Regent will only need to appoint a Guide. Remember, only females are eligible to join the chapter, so the guide will be a chapter member in good-standing.

STRUCTURE

LODGE CHAIRPERSONS

- Moose Charities
- Financial Review
- Membership
- Application Review
- Heart of the Community
- Loss Prevention
- Communications
- Government Relations
- Activities
- Moose Legion
- Ritual

CHAPTER CHAIRMEN

- Membership
- Mooseheart/Moosehaven
- Fraternal Activities
- Higher Degrees
- Golden Gavel (formerly Green Cap)
- Financial Review
- Application Review

[How about chairpersons?](#)

[The Lodge President shall appoint the standing chairpersons as seen here. The President may require reports from all committees to ensure the membership is informed of events, activities, opportunities, statuses, and circumstances affecting the Moose Lodge and membership.](#)

[Chapter Committee Chairmen have been reduced to 4 including Membership, Mooseheart/Moosehaven, Fraternal Activities and Higher Degrees. The Fraternal Activities Chairman will absorb the endeavors of the former Activities & Sports and Community Service Chairmen. The Higher Degrees Chairman must be a member who has held the Academy of Friendship degree for 10 months or more. Additional Committees include Golden Gavel, whereby the Junior Past regent will serve as the chairman, Financial Review and Application Review.](#)

[Additional special chairmen may be appointed under the authority of the Lodge President or Chapter Senior Regent.](#)

CAN A FEMALE MEMBER SERVE AS A LODGE
APPOINTED OFFICER OR CHAIRPERSON?

YES

except the Moose Legion Committee

Can a female member of the Lodge serve as an appointed officer or chairperson of the Lodge? Absolutely! The only exception is the Moose Legion Committee, as the General Laws require the Chairman and committee members be members of the Moose Legion. Remember, females aren't eligible to join the Moose Legion.

WHICH MONTHS WILL BE ASSOCIATED WITH CHAPTER CHAIRMEN?

Membership	May, September, March
Mooseheart/haven	October, February
Fraternal Activities	July, December, April
Higher Degrees	June (Academy of Friendship), August (Star), November (College & Award of Achievement)
Golden Gavel (formerly Green Cap)	January



Now that you are familiar with the Chapter Committees, you may be asking yourself which months will be associated with each committee.

As you can see here, most of the Chapter chairmen will be responsible for remitting donations and forms 2 or 3 months each year.

If the Higher Degree Chairman does not hold the Star (Recorder) and/or College of Regents degree she shall appoint a respective degree holder to conduct the Star and/or College of Regents Chapter Meeting(s).

Minimum monthly donations to be considered for the Award of Achievement will remain at \$30 for the special project and \$20 for scholarship & maintenance. Please be considerate and supportive of the chairmen and their committee fundraisers. The residents in our care are dependent on our support for their security and existence.

CAN A FEMALE MEMBER SERVE IN AN INSTALLED POSITION OF THE LODGE AND CHAPTER AT THE SAME TIME?

YES

provided she meets the qualifications of GL 33.5

Can a female member hold an installed position in the Lodge and Chapter at the same time? Yes, provided she meets the qualifications of the position. The Nominating Committee will remain critical in determining the most qualified candidates for office. The Lodge President and Chapter Senior Regent will be responsible for appointing enthusiastic members to serve as chairpersons.

CAN A LODGE EMPLOYEE BE AN OFFICER OF
THE CHAPTER OR MOOSE LEGION?

YES



The conflict of interest has been eliminated.

Lodge employees can currently serve as an officer of the Moose Legion – why shouldn't the same apply to the chapters?

CAN A LODGE EMPLOYEE BE AN ELECTED
OFFICER OF THE LODGE?

NO



In accordance with Section 46.2 and 48.6 of the General Laws of The Moose, elected Lodge officers shall not receive any wage, tips, gratuities or other form of compensation for working or volunteering in the social quarters or Moose home.

The Jr. Past President is not an elected officer and therefore can receive compensation from the Lodge.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

LODGE MEETINGS

- 2 General Membership Meetings
- 2 Board of Officers' Meetings
- Executive Meeting(s) as necessary *(formerly known as House Committee Meeting)*

CHAPTER MEETINGS

- 1 Chapter Meeting *(minimum)*
- 1 Board of Officers' Meeting

Lodge and Chapter committee meetings should also be scheduled monthly

Let's take a moment to discuss monthly meetings.

All members will be encouraged to attend 2 monthly general membership meetings of the Lodge. The Lodge Board of Officers will be required to conduct at least 2 Board meetings per month, as well as assemble as the Executive Committee as needed. Seven qualified members of the Lodge shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any membership meeting including a qualified presiding officer. If the Lodge operates with three Trustees, five elected officers shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Board of Officers. Four elected officers shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Board of Officers if the Lodge operates with only one Trustee.

Chapters will be required to hold at least 1 Chapter meeting each month and The Board of Officers will conduct business at least once a month. A quorum for a Chapter meeting will be at least 5 members, including one officer. 2 officers will constitute a quorum for a Chapter Board meeting.

Additional committee meetings shall be scheduled as necessary or as required by the General Laws.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT A LODGE MEETING

- Membership cards will be verified
- The Lodge President is the Presiding Officer
- The Administrator takes the minutes
- An agenda will be followed
 - Opening, Minutes, Financial Report, Communications/Reports, Applications, Unfinished Business, New Business, 9 o'clock Ceremony, Good of the Order, Closing
- Endowment Fund will be collected
- Matters handled in the Executive Meeting are not discussed at the General Membership meeting (personnel issues, social quarters operations, disciplinary issues, payroll, etc.)

For those members accustomed to attending meetings, the expectations for the Lodge meeting shouldn't be surprising. Membership cards will be verified upon entry into the meeting room. The president serves as the presiding officer and the Administrator will take the minutes. Decorum shall be maintained and an agenda will be followed to recognize our fraternal mission and conduct business. Donations for the Endowment Fund will be collected.

New business may be presented to the Board of Officers for consideration. The officers will discuss the proposal and make a report at the next regular meeting of the Lodge.

Certain topics are not open for discussion on the Lodge floor. Matters such as personnel issues, social quarters operations, disciplinary issues, payroll, pricing, and the like are handled by the Lodge Board of Officers in an Executive meeting. Any member may request to attend an Executive Meeting to share concerns, ideas or grievances. He or she will be excused at the conclusion of the discussion.

WHO CAN ATTEND A LODGE MEETING?

Active Members of the Lodge

(dues current)

Active members of other Lodges may attend by invitation. Authorized representatives of Moose International shall be entitled to attend all Lodge meetings.

All active members of the Lodge may attend a Lodge meeting. Active members (dues paid current) in other Lodges may attend but cannot vote.

All active members of the Lodge (including the officers) are entitled to vote on matters properly before the Lodge. Only active members in actual attendance at Lodge meetings are entitled to vote; absentee or proxy votes are prohibited.

CAN FEMALE MEMBERS VOTE AT A LODGE MEETING?

YES

(dues current)

Female members will be part of the general membership of the Lodge.



WILL THE CHAPTER STILL NEED LODGE APPROVAL
FOR ACTIVITIES AND FUNDRAISERS IN THE MOOSE
HOME?

YES

Remember, Chapter members will be permitted
and encouraged to attend Lodge meetings.
The general membership in attendance will vote
on such proposals.

The chapter and lodge leadership should maintain open communication, share ideas and coordinate the calendar to eliminate conflicts. If the chapter wants to conduct a fundraiser or schedule an event at the Moose home the presiding officer should confirm availability and discuss details with the Lodge leadership. Chapter members will be in attendance at the Lodge meeting and therefore will have a vote on such proposals brought before the Lodge.

HOW MANY MEETINGS DO I NEED TO ATTEND?

As many as desired

Lodges are required to conduct at least 2 Lodge meetings per month.

Chapters are required to hold at least 1 membership meeting per month.

Moose Legion jurisdictions hold meetings at least quarterly.

Additional participation as an officer or chairperson in any of the units would require additional meeting commitments.

MEMBERSHIP

- ALL members must belong to a Lodge
- Membership requirements will remain the same
 - at least 21 years of age, not a member of a terrorist group, not a registered sex offender or convicted felon, of good moral character, capable of understanding the oath of membership, profess belief in a Supreme Being, not have been expelled
- Female members may belong to a Chapter
- Male members may belong to a Moose Legion
- Lodge officers must belong to the Chapter or Moose Legion within 60 days of installation

Membership and dues have been a hot-topic among our members. There seems to be a lot of confusion and misstatements plaguing the fraternity. Let's try to break it down into simple terms.

First, ALL members will belong to a Lodge. If you want to be a member of The Moose, you will be a member of a Lodge.

Membership requirements will remain the same; at least 21 years old, not a terrorist, sex offender or felon. You must profess a belief in a Supreme Being and must be capable of understanding the oath of membership.

ONLY female members may belong to a Chapter. Chapter membership is not required but affords the female member additional benefits.

ONLY male members may belong to the Moose Legion. Moose Legion is not required but affords male members additional benefits.

Chapters and Moose Legions will serve to preserve higher degrees, offer additional recognition programs, elevate members, and offer members an opportunity to participate on another level of the fraternity.

If a member desires to serve as a Lodge officer, he or she must belong to the Chapter or Moose Legion within 60 days of installation. This mandate helps ensure the leadership has a fraternal understanding of our commitments and purpose.

CAN I BE A MEMBER OF THE CHAPTER
WITHOUT BEING A MEMBER OF THE LODGE?

NO

Similarly, a male member cannot be a Moose Legion
member without being a member of a Lodge

One of the most common questions being asked is Can I be of member of the chapter without being a member of the lodge? Simply, no. ALL members of The Moose will be members of a Lodge.

DUES

- ALL members will pay Lodge dues or hold life membership
 - minimum \$38.00 annually
- Chapter dues will automatically be \$15 as of May 1, 2021
- Moose Legion dues minimum of \$15 annually (no change)
- Life memberships can be purchased or earned after May 1, 2021

What about dues? Are you telling me I have to pay 2 sets of dues? Maybe.

All members will pay Lodge dues unless you have a life membership. Lodge dues will be a minimum of \$40 but vary Lodge to Lodge, Most average \$50 to \$60 but some are higher.

Chapter dues and Moose Legion dues will be \$15 annually. \$10 of those dues will be remitted to Moose International as per-capita, \$5 will be deposited to the unit. Chapter and Moose Legion members who desire to maintain their higher degree status must remain active members of either the chapter or the Moose Legion.

Life memberships will be valid post May 1, 2021 and can be earned or purchased after implementation. They are not going away or being voided. If you have a life membership in the Moose Legion or Chapter, you will not be responsible for paying the additional \$15 annual dues.

WHEN DO I PAY LODGE DUES?

Current **Lodge** members:

upon current expiration date

Current **Chapter** members:

upon current expiration MONTH in 2021 or 2022

Current **Moose Legion** members:

upon current expiration date



More specifically, current Lodge members will pay dues upon their current expiration date.

Current Chapter members will be invoiced for Lodge dues in the MONTH of the expiration date on her card. If the chapter member has a dues expiration date of May thru December, she will be invoiced in 2021 for her Lodge dues. If her expiration month is January thru April she will be invoiced for Lodge dues in 2022. This scenario assumes her dues are in active status at the time of implementation.

Current Moose Legion members will receive a dues renewal notice just as they have in the past. Lodge and Moose Legion dues are synced to the same month of renewal.

There are no changes to when current Lodge and current Moose Legion members remit dues. Online dues payments will remain an option for members in active or expired status.

DUES

AS RELATED TO CURRENT CHAPTER MEMBERS

- Current Chapter members whose dues are paid beyond April 30, 2021 will automatically transition to The Moose on May 1, 2021
 - No action needed on behalf of the member
- Dues renewal notice will arrive by mail 30-45 days before MONTH of expiration date (except in May 2021)

Since the chapter members will experience the most changes, let's look more closely at the Dues structure as related to current Chapter members.

Chapter members in active status beyond April 30, 2021 will automatically transition to Moose Lodge members on May 1st. No action is needed on behalf of the member. Dues renewal notices will arrive 30-45 days before the MONTH of the female member's expiration date. There will be some delay for those members with May and potentially June expiration dates. Additional instructions and reminders will be communicated from Moose International as the transition approaches. The staff is working diligently to help ensure minimal disruption to dues notices and payment processing. Please continue to read and share Official Communications as they are published.

DUES

AS RELATED TO CURRENT CHAPTER MEMBERS

- Payment may be mailed to the Centralized Dues lockbox, paid online or given to Lodge Administrator for processing
- If Lodge dues are paid on-time as invoiced, 1-free year of Chapter dues will be awarded for a maximum of 3 years
 - If Lodge dues are not paid on-time, the 3-free years Chapter dues offer is void
 - If Chapter dues are not paid beyond April 30, 2021 as of implementation of One Moose the 3-free years of Chapter dues offer is void

Dues payments will be processed in the same manner by mail and online. Dues may still be payable at the Moose home – as we would prefer they didn't..

Many of you are already familiar with the 3-free years promotion being offered to Chapter members. If a current chapter member pays her Lodge dues on-time she will be eligible for the promotion. A year of chapter dues will be awarded with each Lodge payment for a maximum of three years. All 3 years are not issued at the same time.

If the member doesn't pay her lodge dues on-time, the free chapter dues promotion becomes null and void. Furthermore, if the Chapter member is not in active status as of May 1st, the promotion is void. In other words, an expired or dropped member won't be eligible for free-chapter. Encourage your members to pay their dues as invoiced to ensure they preserve their eligibility for free chapter dues.

DUES

AS RELATED TO CURRENT CHAPTER MEMBERS

- New membership cards will be mailed to all female members beginning in mid-May 2021
 - Please be patient – this process will take several weeks
- Multiple memberships still permitted
 - You only need one (1) Lodge membership to hold as many Chapter memberships as you desire

Updated membership cards will be mailed to all female members beginning in mid/late May 2021. More than 350 thousand cards need to be printed and mailed. Please be patient as this process will take several weeks.

Multiple memberships will still be permissible after Implementation. Each female member will have the option to belong to as many Lodges and chapters as she prefers. However, she only needs one Lodge membership to belong to as many Chapters desired.

DUES

AS RELATED TO CURRENT CHAPTER MEMBERS

- Chapter life memberships purchased or earned before April 30, 2021 will automatically transition to BOTH a Chapter life membership and a Lodge life membership on May 1, 2021
- Chapter dues paid ahead will NOT be lost or voided as a result of implementation

Chapter life memberships, like Lodge and Moose Legion life memberships will still be available for purchase after May 1st. Life memberships can still be earned for 50-years of continuous service or by obtaining 250 membership units.

Moose International is aware of confusion surrounding chapter members who paid ahead in an attempt to delay Lodge dues payments. In accordance with our General Laws, dues are non-refundable so Moose International will not reimburse members for dues paid in advance. However, as mentioned previously, pre-paid Chapter dues will not be lost or voided. Applicable free dues will be added to the chapter expiration year. . In accordance with our General Laws, dues are non-refundable so Moose International will not reimburse members for dues paid in advance.

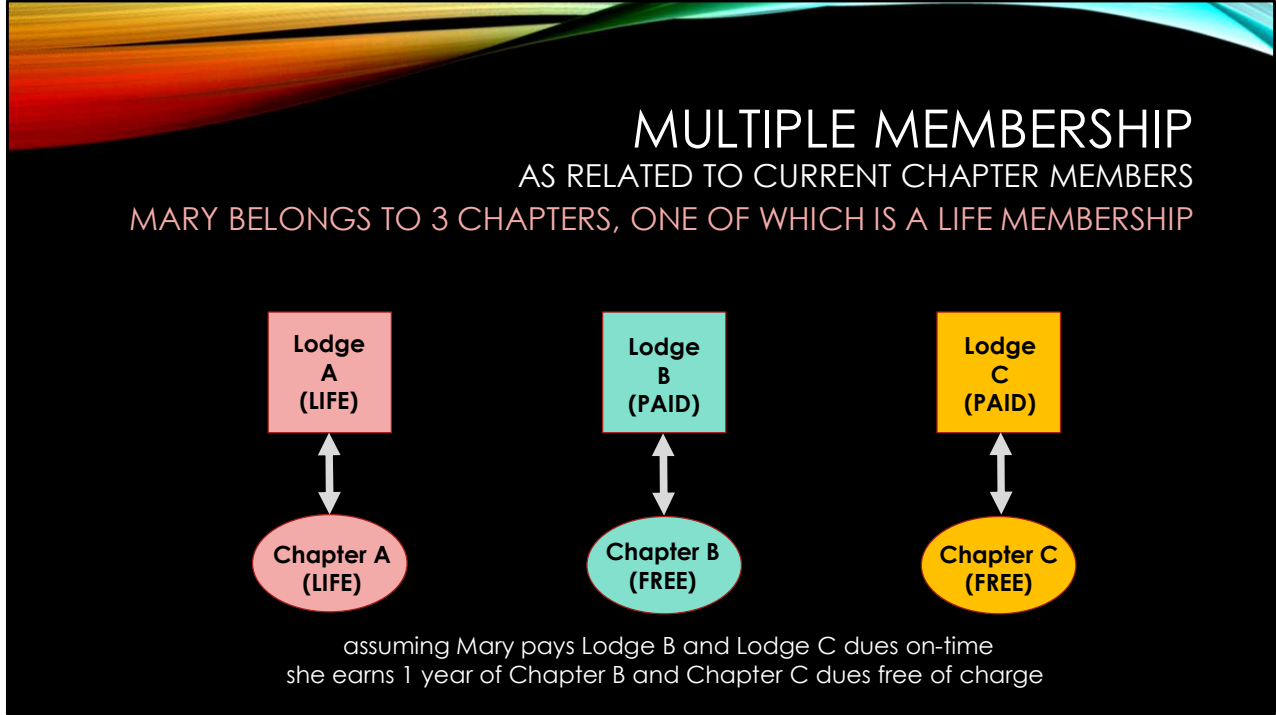
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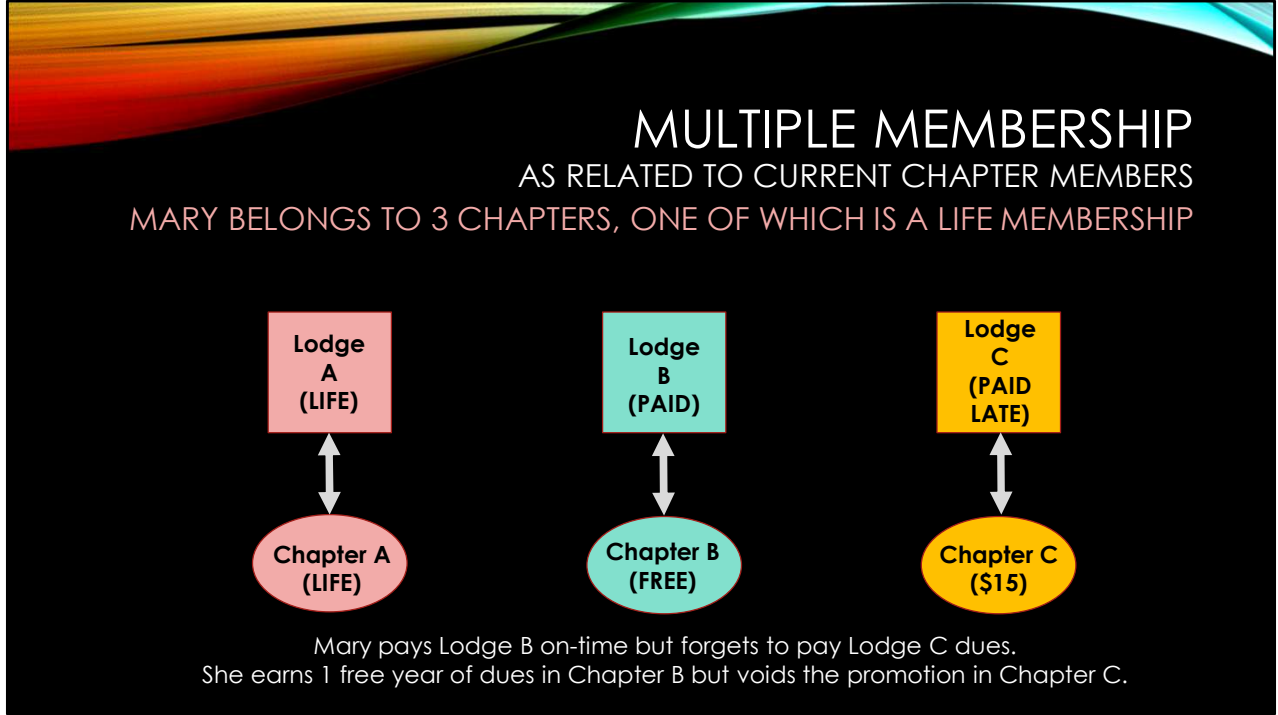
AS RELATED TO CURRENT CHAPTER MEMBERS

MEMBERS WILL HAVE LODGE MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
ON MAY 1, 2021

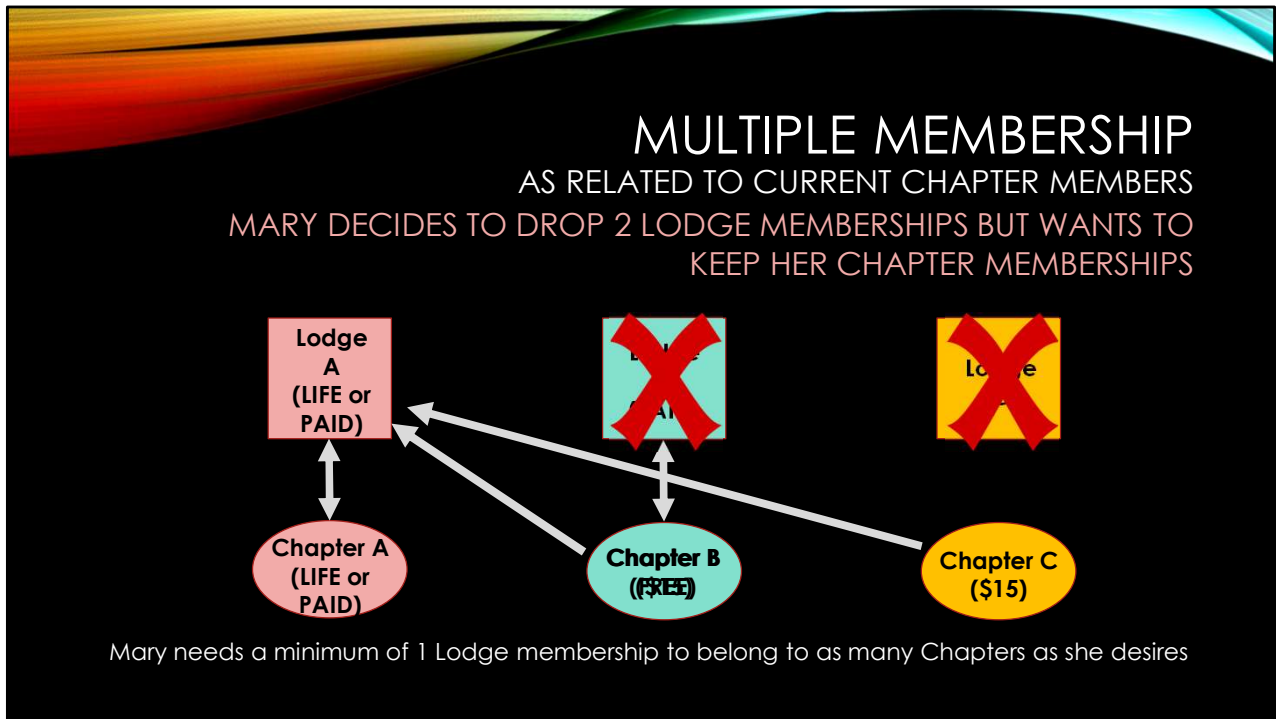
up to 3 years free Chapter membership with paid affiliated Lodge membership

As of May 1st chapter members will automatically be added to the affiliated Lodge membership. No action is needed on the part of the member or the Administrator or the Chapter Treasurer. (Note – all units should be operating on LCLweb) If the chapter member is in active status in 3 chapters, she will be in active status of 3 Lodges on May 1st. If she pays her Lodge dues on-time as invoiced, a free year of chapter dues will automatically be issued, for a maximum of 3 years. If she is a member of Chapter A she also becomes a member of Lodge A. The same applies for Chapters B and C.





If Mary pays her Lodge B dues on-time but forgets to pay her Lodge C dues she will earn a free year of dues in Chapter B but would need to pay \$15 to maintain her membership in Chapter C. Since she paid Lodge C dues late, Mary is no-longer be eligible for the free chapter dues in Chapter C.



Since Mary has a Life membership in Lodge A she meets the minimum requirement of belonging to a Lodge. If she drops her Lodge C membership she can pay \$15 to remain a member of Chapter C. In this scenario her dues in Chapter B are free for up to 3 years because she paid her Lodge B dues on-time.

If she decides to drop her Lodge B membership but keep her Chapter B and Chapter C memberships, she may do so by paying \$15 each for those chapters. In the end she would remain a member of Lodge A, Chapter A, Chapter B and Chapter C. She would have voting privileges in Lodge A but not Lodge B or Lodge C. She would have voting rights in all 3 Chapters.

These examples have been designed to give a brief overview of membership options and hopefully assist in better explaining how the new Moose structure will impact multiple-membership. If you have specific questions about your personal membership, please email the One Moose Committee.

IF I HAVE A CHAPTER LIFE MEMBERSHIP AS OF APRIL
30, 2021 DO I HAVE TO PAY LODGE DUES?

NO

On May 1, 2021 you will have a life membership in the
Chapter and a life membership in the affiliated Lodge.

Don't worry about paying dues in the future.

NO – on May 1st you will be a life member of both the Lodge and the Chapter.

Life memberships are associated with a particular unit but your privileges of membership extend across the fraternity, just as they do now. You can visit any Moose home as a good-standing member of The Moose family.

WHY DO THE WOMEN GET A FREE LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN THE LODGE BUT I DON'T GET A FREE LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN THE MOOSE LEGION?

- Currently, women are not and cannot be members of the Lodge in accordance with our General Laws.
- On May 1, 2021 the membership status of all members will be transitioned to the new Lodge system.

Active, Expired, Dropped, Life, Sponsor Credits, Honors, etc.

- If a female member is a life member of the chapter as of April 30, 2021 she will also become a life member of the affiliated Lodge on May 1, 2021.

Right now, the only Moose unit that women may belong to is the Chapter. Women presently can't buy or earn a Lodge life membership; it's a violation of our current General Laws. Our current structure gives Lodge members the option of joining the Moose Legion and therefore he can purchase or earn a life membership in the Moose Legion.

In May of this year, the membership statuses of all members, male and female, will be imported to the Lodge LCL program. This includes active, expired, dropped, terminated, life and all years of service. Sponsor credits and other Moose history will be preserved as well.

As a result, if a female member is a life member of the chapter as of April 30, 2021 she will also become a life member of the affiliated lodge on May 1, 2021.

Less than 4% of Chapter members hold a Life Membership, so while advantageous to some female members, the fraternity as a whole is not significantly impacted.

CAN I TRANSFER MY LIFE MEMBERSHIP(S)?

YES

Complete a transfer application and remit the applicable fee. The application will be processed by the unit in accordance with the General Laws.

The member would complete a transfer application and remit it with the applicable fee to the unit of his or her choice. Transfer fees are \$20 at the Lodge level, \$10 at the chapter level and \$10 at the Moose Legion level. Memberships may be transferred out of General Assembly or Allheart Chapter free of charge.

CAN I PURCHASE A LIFE MEMBERSHIP AFTER
MAY 1, 2021?

YES

Members will still have the option of purchasing and earning life memberships in the Lodge, Chapter and Moose Legion.



All members will have the option of purchasing a Lodge life membership as outlined in the General Laws. Male Members may purchase life membership in the Moose Legion and female members may purchase life membership in the Women of the Moose. The cost is based on years of service. Members will also have the opportunity of earning life membership in the respective units just as they do now.

I AM A CURRENT CHAPTER MEMBER. IF I OBTAIN
50-YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE AFTER MAY 1, 2021
WILL I RECEIVE LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN BOTH THE LODGE
AND CHAPTER?

YES

Assuming you are a member in good-standing of both
units and you were a member of the Women of the
Moose before May 1, 2021

As explained earlier, female membership history will be preserved upon migration of the records to the Lodge. The member must be in good-standing in both the Lodge and the Chapter at the 50-year mark to receive life membership in both units. If her chapter dues aren't current, she would only receive a life membership in the Lodge.

I PAID MY CHAPTER DUES AHEAD SEVERAL YEARS. DO I LOSE THOSE YEARS?

NO

While your Lodge dues will be payable the MONTH of your expiration date, your free-year(s) of Chapter dues will be added to your expiration YEAR.

Remember, Lodge dues will be payable the MONTH of your expiration date, your free chapter dues will be added to your expiration year.

For example, if your chapter dues expire on September 30, 2023, your Lodge dues will be payable in September 2021. If you pay your Lodge dues on-time your chapter dues will be extended to Sept. 30, 2024.

DO I GET 3-FREE YEARS OF CHAPTER DUES AS
SOON AS I PAY MY LODGE DUES?

NO

Free Chapter dues will be issued 1 year at a time with
on-time paid Lodge dues, for a maximum of 3 years.

No. Free chapter dues will be awarded 1 year at a time when Lodge dues are paid on-time, for a maximum of 3 years.

WHAT IF I BELONG TO ALLHEART CHAPTER?

The affiliated Lodge for Allheart Chapter is

**General Assembly
Lodge**

WHAT IF MY LODGE DOESN'T HAVE A CHAPTER?

A female member could join/be a member of the Lodge and hold membership in another Chapter, including Allheart Chapter.



The free-chapter dues promo will still apply with paid lodge membership.
(confirm with BJM/Eric)

WHAT IF I WANT TO BELONG TO A LODGE THAT
DOESN'T HAVE AN AFFILIATED CHAPTER?

Post May 1, 2021 **transfer** your Lodge
membership to the Lodge of your choice. You
can keep you membership in your current
Chapter.



WHAT IF I BELONG TO A STAND ALONE CHAPTER?

The **Chapter Advocate** should be in contact with the Chapter officers to plan a **meeting to determine the future of the Chapter**. Some Stand Alone Chapters are merging into other Chapters, some have closed, a few are considering instituting an affiliated Lodge.

The Chapter Advocates have been tasked with educating Stand Alone chapter members of their options. Some are merging with other local chapters, others are opting to close due to declining membership and lack of leadership and a few are considering instituting an affiliated Lodge. The Chapter Advocates and Territory Managers will be an integral part of the transition.

WHAT IF MY LODGE OR CHAPTER CLOSES?

Membership will automatically be moved
to **General Assembly Lodge/Allheart
Chapter.**

Option to transfer out to Lodge/Chapter of choice
free of charge

HOW DO I SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER?

Same way you do now

Prospective member will complete a Lodge application, remit \$20 application fee and 1st year's dues. The application will be reviewed and the general membership will vote upon accepted applications.

Male members can sponsor men or women just as female members can sponsor women or men into the Lodge

Only active chapter members can invite women to join the chapter

Only active Moose Legion members can invite men to join the Moose Legion

Women cannot join the Moose Legion and men cannot join the Chapter

A new application is being designed for ease of sponsorship. No need to carry 3 types of applications. The updated application will be used for lodge, chapter or Moose Legion candidates.

WILL THE PRIVATE POLICY REMAIN IN EFFECT?

YES

"You are either a member or a guest"

A member in expired status may not enter the Moose home
except to pay his/her dues.

After 12 months, the former member may enter with his/her
spouse or as a guest of a member in good standing.

The Private Policy can be found on page 57 the General Laws as well as in the Women of the Moose Officers' Handbook. It states, "You are either a member of a guest." If a member is in expired status, he or she may only enter the Moose home to pay his or her dues. He or she can't be admitted as a guest, not even with his or her spouse. After 12 months, the former member (dropped status) may enter the Moose home with his or her spouse or as the guests of another member in good standing. The guest must be properly signed in, must be accompanied by the member at all times, shall not make purchases and must leave when the member leaves. The prospective member shall be limited to two visits unless he or she is the guest of his or her spouse.

Questions pertaining to the Private Policy of the Lodge should be directed to your Territory or Regional Manager.

HIGHER DEGREES

Higher Degrees will still be recognized under the One Moose structure

Moose Legion

Moose Legion
Fellowship Degree of Honor
Pilgrim Degree of Merit

Chapter

Academy of Friendship
Star
College of Regents



[Now that you know all about the new Moose structure, let's talk about higher degrees.](#)

[As you can see here, the Moose Legion and Chapter will continue to recognize higher degrees. There are minimal approved changes to the higher degree parameters.](#)

HIGHER DEGREES

- Higher Degrees can only be earned or maintained by members of the **Moose Legion** or **Chapter**.
- Specific criteria established for each degree
 - Refer to Moose Legion Code of Rules and Women of the Moose General Laws eff. May 1, 2021

The Moose Legion Code of Rules and Women of the Moose General Laws effective May 1st will outline the specific criteria for each degree. The Fellowship and Pilgrim degree requirements are not changing.

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HIGHER DEGREES

- Higher Degrees are recognized provided the member's dues in both the Lodge and the Moose Legion (male) or Chapter (female) are current
 - Higher degrees don't "go away" they become dormant if dues are not current
 - Once dues are paid, degree(s) are re-activated
 - Not entitled to wear blazer or cap & gown if Moose Legion/Chapter dues and Lodge dues are not paid current

WOTM HIGHER DEGREES

Chapter shall earn the *Award of Achievement*

No changes from current requirements except quarterly audit reports shall be submitted on or before the 15th day of the months of August, November, February and May.

Now let's concentrate on Women of the Moose Higher Degrees. In order to qualify for personal honors, the chapter must earn the Award of Achievement. The only change to the Award of Achievement requirements is the condition that a quarterly audit report must be submitted to Women of the Moose Headquarters on or before the 15th day of August, November, February and May each chapter year. Monthly financial reviews will still be required and will be maintained in the Chapter records.



WOTM HIGHER DEGREES

Changes:

If serving as an elected or appointed officer or Chapter Committee Chairman, she shall be installed on or before January 31, shall serve through the end of the Chapter year (April 30) and shall sponsor and enroll 1 or more new or re-enrolled members into the Chapter between May 1 and April 30.

If installed after January 31, she must sponsor and enroll 3 or more new or re-enrolled members into the Chapter.

The requirements for the Academy of Friendship degree will change slightly.

If installed as an officer or chairman by January 31st, the member must sponsor and enroll at least one member into the Chapter between May 1st and April 30th. Presently, members aspiring to earn the Academy of Friendship degree must sponsor and enroll at least 2 members into the order during the Chapter year. If installed after January 31st, the member must sponsor and enroll at least 3 members into the Chapter between May 1st and April 30th. Five for Friendship will continue to exist provided the members are sponsored and enrolled into the Chapter, as opposed to the Order.



WOTM HIGHER DEGREES

Changes:

- Renamed **Star** degree as a result of renaming Recorder to Treasurer
- The **Treasurer** shall sponsor and enroll 2 or more new or re-enrolled members into the Chapter between May 1 and April 30.
- The Chapter financial accounts shall be reconciled by the **15th** day of each month.

The Star Recorder degree has been renamed the Star Degree since the position of Recorder has been renamed Treasurer. To qualify for the Star Degree the Treasurer shall sponsor and enroll at least 2 members into the chapter between May 1st and April 30th. Furthermore, she shall ensure the chapter financial accounts are reconciled by the 15th day of each month.

Treasurers will be eligible to serve an unlimited number of terms provided she is nominated and elected each year.



WOTM HIGHER DEGREES

Changes:

- Re-named **Golden Gavel** honor from Green Cap honor
- Elimination of Second Chance – Senior Regent can succeed herself in office

The Women of the Moose are excited to announce the inception of the Golden Gavel honor. This new honor replaces the Green Cap honor. The Golden Gavel will be awarded to the Senior Regent provided the Chapter earns the Award of Achievement and the Senior Regent meets specific individual requirements such as sponsoring members, remitting forms, and attending meetings and training. The Golden Gavel honor will be conferred upon qualified recipients at the Annual Convocation Ceremony. The Golden Gavel shall signify the member is eligible to meet the requirements for the College of Regents degree while serving as Junior Past Regent.

Another major change is elimination of Second Chance. Instead, Senior Regents will be eligible to succeed themselves in office, provided she is nominated and elected for a second term. The Junior Past Regent would thereby serve another term or another Past Regent in order of juniority shall be installed.

Please be mindful the current Senior Regent, 2020-21 term may NOT succeed herself in office. She will serve as the Junior Past Regent for the 2021-22 Chapter year.



WOTM HIGHER DEGREES

Changes:

- Meet the qualifications for the degree during her term of office as Senior Regent and during her term of office as **Junior Past Regent**.
- Sponsor and enroll 2 or more new or re-enrolled members **into the Chapter** between May 1 and April 30.
- Hold a **Golden Gavel Celebration Meeting**

The College of Regents degree will still be awarded to those qualified leaders who serve complete terms as Senior Regent and Junior Past Regent. The new requirements will be similar to the current requirements with a few changes in terminology. References to Junior Graduate Regent will be changed to Junior Past Regent just as references to the Green Cap will be replaced with Golden Gavel. Furthermore, the Junior Past Regent will need to sponsor and enroll at least 2 members into the Chapter rather than the Order.

DO I LOSE MY DEGREES IF I DON'T BELONG TO A CHAPTER?

Degrees become dormant

Members don't “lose” their degrees, they just aren't recognized if dues in the Chapter or Moose Legion aren't current.

Member is not authorized to wear higher degree regalia if his/her Lodge AND Moose Legion/Chapter dues aren't active.

So, can a member lose her degrees if she doesn't belong to a chapter? Not really. Higher degrees don't go away they become dormant. Once the member pays her dues current in the chapter her degrees are re-activated, along with any call-cards she may have on file. Similar rules apply in the Moose Legion – a male member is not recognized as a Moose Legionnaire, Fellow or Pilgrim if his Moose Legion dues are in arrears.

If the higher degree member is not in good-standing in the Lodge and Chapter or Moose Legion she or he is not permitted to wear degree regalia; not the coat, the blazer or the cap and gown.

ADDITIONAL CHAPTER CHANGES

- Beginning with the 2021-22 Senior Regent, she can **succeed** herself in office
- Collegians will be eligible to hold any office
- Per Capita reduced to **\$10**
- **No application fee** for new/re-enrolled members
 - Be an active Lodge member and be a female person.

Beginning with the 2021-2022 Senior Regent, she will have the opportunity to succeed herself in office.

Please be aware, the current Senior Regent is not eligible. The 2020-2021 Senior Regent will assume the office of Junior Past Regent for the 2021-22 term. If she refuses or the current Senior Regent position is vacant, the next Past Regent in order of juniority shall be installed as Junior Past Regent. In the future, if the Senior Regent decides to run for a second term and is duly nominated and elected, the Junior Past Regent may remain in office another term as well. Remember, the Junior Past Regent is an office of condition – it is not an elected office.

After May 1, 2021, Collegians will be eligible to serve in any office or installed position.

Can Collegians be nominated for elected office before May 1st? No.

Per Capita will be reduced from \$22 to \$10 since dues will be reduced to \$15.

Application fees for new and re-enrolled members are being eliminated on the chapter level. The qualifications for membership will include being a Lodge member in active status and being a female person.

ADDITIONAL CHAPTER CHANGES

- A minimum of 1 Chapter meeting conducted monthly
- A minimum of 1 Chapter Board of Officers' meeting conducted monthly; could be same day/night as the Chapter meeting
- A quorum will consist of a minimum of 5 members, including 1 officer
- A quorum for the Board of Officers will be a minimum of 2 officers
- Meeting Procedures and Agendas being revised to incorporate changes and be more user friendly

This slide helps summarize some of the meeting changes we discussed earlier. The number of meetings required each month is being reduced, as is the number of required members to establish a quorum.

The Meeting Procedures and Agendas are being re-written to incorporate these changes and will provide a more user-friendly edition for our leaders.

ADDITIONAL CHAPTER CHANGES

- Elimination of WOTM Midyear Conference and WOTM Annual Conference
 - All members will be eligible to attend Association Conventions
- Institution of **Chapter Rally Day** (organized by Chapter Advocate)

Possible activities:

Recognize Top Chapters

Retention Award

Meal/Banquet

March of Checks

Official Visitor/Keynote Speaker

Fundraising

Training

Skit/Theme

Travel/Attendance Trophy

Rosie Pageant

Story of the Rose

Chapter Rally Day should be fun, celebratory and informative. It will be a time to recognize Top Chapters, celebrate accomplishments, enjoy a meal, collect donations, share our traditions, educate members, be entertained, laugh and have a good time. Please watch for announcements from your Chapter Advocate as plans are developed and schedules are finalized.

ADDITIONAL CHAPTER CHANGES

- Elimination of International Academy of Friendship, Star Recorder and College of Regents Board
- Institution of **International Higher Degree Board**
 - The International Higher Degrees Board will consist of a **President and 6 members** selected and appointed by the Grand Chancellor from the rank of College of Regents and approved by the Moose International Board of Directors.

Additional changes include the elimination of the International Academy of Friendship, Star Recorder and College of Regents Boards. A new Higher Degree Board will fill this void. The Board will consist of a President and 6 members appointed by the Grand Chancellor from the rank of College of Regents. The International Higher Degrees Board, will make recommendations for regulations and policy for the College of Regents, Star and Academy of Friendship degrees.

The Grand Council will remain the governing body of the Women of the Moose.

ADDITIONAL CHAPTER CHANGES

Align Chapter Life Membership rates with Moose Legion

Years of Service: 0-14	\$500
Years of Service: 15-19	\$400
Years of Service: 20-24	\$350
Years of Service: 25-29	\$300
Years of Service: 30-34	\$250
Years of Service: 35-39	BUYOUT

So before some of the members who just invested in a chapter life membership get upset...

COMPLAINT: I JUST PAID \$600 TO BECOME A LIFE MEMBER OF THE CHAPTER AND NOW THE COST IS REDUCED. THAT'S NOT RIGHT!

While the cost of a Chapter life membership has been reduced to a maximum of \$500, this purchase will be applied to the Chapter only as of May 1, 2021. If the member desires to purchase a life membership in both the Lodge and the Chapter post implementation she would pay both the Lodge and Chapter rates.

Lodge \$1200 + Chapter \$500 = **\$1700**

If a member is frustrated about recently paying \$600 to become a life member of the Chapter, remind her she took advantage of a 2-for-1 deal as a result of the One Moose transition. She essentially gets a free Lodge Life membership on May 1, 2021 for her \$600 investment. If she had waited to purchase a Lodge Life membership and Chapter life membership after May 1, 2021, she would pay both Lodge and Chapter fees. Her equivalent life memberships would cost her \$1700.

Can a member purchase or earn only a Lodge, only a chapter, or only a Moose Legion life membership post implementation of One Moose?
Absolutely.



MOOSE LEGION CHANGES

Eligibility / Qualifications – Chapter 6 of Code of Rules

Elimination of six months of membership completed or minimum of one member sponsored

Male Members of The Moose are qualified for membership in the Moose Legion if they meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 1) *Must be an active male Lodge member*

One of the biggest changes to the program is the elimination of the six-month membership requirement to join the Moose Legion. The only requirement is he is an active male member of a Lodge.



MOOSE LEGION CHANGES

Eligibility / Qualifications – Chapter 6 of Code of Rules

Elimination of an application fee

6.2 - Application for Membership - A male Moose member desiring to elevate to the Degree of Service shall complete an application for membership and have it endorsed by a Moose Legionnaire in active status. *Full payment of the annual dues must accompany the application.*

Note: Conferral is still required

[The Code of Rules are being updated to reflect these changes.](#)

EFFECTS ON THE ASSOCIATION

- Association dues will be billed based upon Lodge membership (men & women)

Note: If 2021-22 Association dues are based upon 4-30-21 membership totals, Chapters in Joint Associations might be billed for Association dues

- Men and women will attend Association meetings and are entitled to vote in accordance with the Association By-Laws



For those members already familiar with a Joint Association format, Association conferences and meetings may feel familiar to you post implementation. Men and women will attend meetings and delegates will be entitled to vote in accordance with the Association By-Laws.

Association dues will be invoiced based on total Lodge membership, which will include both male and female members. Post 2022, Chapters will no longer be billed for Association dues. Chapters currently operating in a Joint Association might be billed this year if the by-laws indicate the Association per-capita is based on April 30th membership totals. Remember, as of April 30, 2021, Joint Associations are still in effect and therefore the chapter may still be liable for paying Association dues. The Association President or liaison should be able to confirm if and when Association dues notices will be distributed.

All that said, Chapters may want to consider helping the Lodge offset the cost of Association dues. The Lodges will be impacted by an increased per-capita obligation. Fundraisers could be planned to help offset these expenses; work together as One to ensure the financial security of your Moose Lodge.

EFFECTS ON THE ASSOCIATION

- Increased leadership pool; women and men serve in elected and appointed positions at the District and Association levels
- The term “Joint Association” is no longer valid



WHAT IS A DELEGATE?

An authorized voting member of the Lodge

Association Convention:

- President/Administrator/Alternate
- Past Governor/Past Regent(prior to 5-1-21)/Past President
- Not to exceed 20 total delegates

International Convention:

- President/Administrator/Alternate
- Past Governor, Past President or Past Regent(prior to 5-1-21)

All members in active status in attendance at a Lodge meeting are authorized to vote on matters brought before the Lodge membership. At the Association Conventions, the Lodge President and Lodge Administrator are the authorized delegates for the respective Lodge. If the Administrator or President are unable to attend, the Lodge may vote upon an alternate representative. An alternate may be any active member of the Lodge. Written notice, a letter over the signatures of the Lodge President and Administrator and seal of the Lodge, must be sent to the Association Secretary 2 weeks prior to the start of the convention indicating who has been duly assigned as an Alternate delegate. At the Association Convention Past Governors, Past Regents, who's title was obtained prior to May 1, 2021, and Past Presidents are authorized to vote on matters brought before the Association but the total number of voting delegates per Lodge may not exceed 20. If there are more than 20 delegates in attendance for a particular Lodge the Lodge would need to pre-determine which delegates would be authorized to vote. Furthermore, each delegate has only one vote, which is counted for the Lodge in which he/she is registered.

At the International Convention, each Lodge still gets 2 voting delegates for matters brought before the General membership of The Moose. Additionally, all Past Governors, Past Regents (prior to 5-1-21) and Past Presidents are authorized voting delegated by virtue of their title. There are no restrictions on the number of voting delegates from a particular Lodge at the International Convention.

A representative of a Lodge shall not be entitled to a vote in any meeting of The Moose while their Lodge is in arrears for any lawful charges of The Moose. This would include "not in good standing" determinations by the Association or Chief Compliance Officer.

Need to read that again? Please refer to Section 46.5 of the General Laws effective 5-1-21 or contact a member of the Association Executive Committee.

WHEN WILL THE NEW GENERAL LAWS BE
AVAILABLE?

The Moose General Laws eff. 5-1-2021
available now on our website

Updated General Laws books will be printed and
available for purchase in the Fall of 2021



Printed bound copies of the General Laws will be available from Catalog Sales in the Fall of 2021. We want to ensure the document is flawless before printing thousands of copies.

WHEN WILL THE NEW GENERAL LAWS BE AVAILABLE?

Women of the Moose General Laws eff. 5-1-2021
available on our website on or before
March 15, 2021

Updated General Laws books will be printed and available for purchase post May 1, 2021. All chapters will receive several copies with the annual handbook mailing.

Bound, printed copies will be available for purchase from Catalog Sales after May 1st.

Furthermore all chapters will receive several copies with the annual handbook mailing.



An FAQ sheet is available on our website and this presentation is available on the Moose International YouTube Channel.

Any questions you have may be emailed to OneMoose@mooseintl.org. A member of the One Moose Committee will respond to your inquiry. Thank you for your time and attention.

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