

25 Clubbers are Moose "Men of Distinction"

Membership in the "25 Club" of the Loyal Order of Moose is attained by sponsoring a minimum of 25 candidates for membership in the Moose fraternity. The 25 Club was organized at the 1940 International Convention of the Order at Des Moines, Iowa, to give recognition to Moose members who have given that "extra effort" to keep the fraternity strong and growing.

To date, more than 75,000 members have qualified for membership in this coveted organization and more members attain this level each month. A new 25 Clubber receives a gold 25 Club lapel pin with a silver inset Moose head. As he sponsors more candidates, the member advances to the 50 Division and earns a diamond in his pin; upward to the 75, 100, 150, 175, 200, 250 Divisions and beyond, he earns additional diamonds in his pin.

Upon reaching the 250 Division, the member is presented a Life Membership in the fraternity. Upon reaching the 500 Division, he retains his pin for life and is presented with a solid gold 25 Club ring. A quality diamond is added to that ring for each 100 members sponsored thereafter, up to fully 25 diamonds in the ring upon reaching the 3,000 Division.

As of the beginning of the 21st century, only three individuals had ever reached the stratospheric 3,000 Division: the late Sam Trowbridge of Seattle, WA Lodge 211, the all-time champion Moose sponsor with 4,824 members; the late Jack Burns of Phoenix, AZ Lodge 708, who sponsored 3,156; and the late William T. Arnold of Sebring, FL Lodge 2259, who died in 2002 with 3,926 members to his credit.

This is not the only recognition extended to 25 Clubbers for their extraordinary efforts on behalf of the fraternity. Each year, a special 25 Club party is held by the state associations, and one of the highlights of the International Convention is the elaborate party, usually featuring top-name entertainment for new and qualifying 25 Clubbers. In each issue, generally two pages of Moose Magazine are devoted to the "Order Salutes the 25 Club," in which pictures of new members of the 25 Club are printed, and those rising to higher divisions are mentioned.