

A Little Moose History from our Historian

From the social group formed in St. Louis, Mo. during 1887 known as the Moose, through the voluntary association formed in 1888 under the laws of Kentucky, a Charter was issued by Jefferson County as "The Grand Lodge in Kentucky of the Loyal Order of Moose".

They then declared themselves the parent organization with power to grant Charters for Lodges and establish our Fraternity.

With but two Lodges remaining in 1906, one James J. Davis of Anderson, IN. became a member.

Because of his involvement and direction, our Fraternity began a period of growth until the 1910 Convention in Baltimore where Membership had passed 80 thousand and the number of Lodges had grown to 333.

It was during this Convention that the Mooseheart idea was proposed and near unanimous vote declared itself for the principle. Many programs and proposals became a reality, resulting in a very special meeting on July 27, 1913, under the largest circus tent that could be gotten, with an overflow, what we know as Mooseheart was dedicated by Thomas R. Marshall, Vice President of the United States.

It was during this dedication that many members and their ladies responsible for the Fraternal growth were recognized.

They were recognized as "The Mooseheart Legion of Men and Women"

This recognition has evolved to what we know today as the Moose Legion and The Women of the Moose.

With establishment of Degrees of Advancement, we established ourselves as a true Fraternity.

Over the years, further needs of recognition has resulted in the establishment of several more degrees of advancement in the Loyal Order of Moose, both men and women.