

The Grand Lodge of Protection OF THE LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

Located at Mooseheart, Illinois

THE Officers of the Grand Lodge of Protection, realizing the fact that the membership at large has not yet become fully acquainted with this Organization, gladly avail themselves of this opportunity to present to the Order Universal, the purpose and principles for which this Lodge was originated and has been maintained for several years past.

Under date of September 1st, 1916, the following statute was enacted by the Supreme Council and promulgated by Supreme Dictator, Brother E. J. Henning:

"The Supreme Council shall have power to provide for the organization of Lodges of special jurisdiction, such as the Grand Lodge of Protection, etc., in the name of the Loyal Order of Moose to be operated under such by-laws, rules and regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by the Supreme Council."

The Grand Lodge of Protection was organized to meet a condition which comes to every organization with the passing of time. Under the most favorable conditions Subordinate Lodges in every fraternity will occasionally disband. The Grand Lodge of Protection has been established to take care of individual members whose membership in the Order is lost by dissolution of his Lodge for any reason whatsoever, in no wise the fault of such member; and to extend opportunity for membership in the Loyal Order of Moose to men residing on farms, in villages, and in cities in which there is no Lodge of the Order.

In a word, the object of the Grand Lodge of Protection, established as it is by the Supreme Lodge of the Order, and operating under the special supervision of the Supreme Council, is to extend the protection of the Loyal Order of Moose to those who have not heretofore had the opportunity of such protection, or who may, through force of circumstances beyond their control, have lost that opportunity.

The provisions of the foregoing speak for themselves. The above quoted section of our Laws was enacted to comply with a long felt want,—to give protection and to maintain the rights and privileges to such Loyal Moose, whose Lodge, for some reason beyond control of the individual, has ceased to exist. While under the direct supervision of the Supreme Council, yet it might be well termed an international organization because it receives and supports hundreds and hundreds of Loyal Moose from all parts of the land and Canada, France and Great Britain. Since the Grand Lodge of Protection was called into existence no Loyal Moose has lost his membership through anyone's fault except his own, unless he was ignorant of the fact that, although his own Lodge had ceased, he could pay his dues and maintain his beneficiary standing in the Order by obtaining a Supreme Lodge transfer card and depositing the same with the Grand Lodge of Protection at Mooseheart. Not alone this, but this Lodge extends an opportunity to every good and true man, otherwise eligible under the General Laws, who resides in a community too small to support a local Lodge, to become a Loyal Moose, and, as such, do "his bit" in the great work of this Order which stands unequalled throughout the history of all ages.

The excellent financial affairs of this Lodge are, at present, entrusted to the following three officers, well-known throughout Moosedom:

BROTHER MATTHEW P. ADAMS, Superintendent of Mooseheart,
Dictator

BROTHER HUGO DOEBLER, Asst. to the Superintendent of Mooseheart,
Secretary

BROTHER N. F. RECKARD, Chief Bookkeeper in Office of Supreme Secretary,
Treasurer

The Officers of this Lodge invite correspondence and will be glad to give further information and furnish copies of our by-laws, application blanks and other literature upon request.