

MECCA LEGION #9

CEREMONIAL FEBRUARY 27th AT AURORA

Company is comming, this always makes for a special event, extra plans, extra care in what we do and how we do it. Yes Mecca will have Company at the February 27th Ceremonial, Grand North Moose, Charles A. Mason and Grand Herder, Earle W. Horton will be with us at the Aurora Lodge for another outstanding program.



Grand North Moose, Mason is from Richmond, Virginia, he is a tremendous fellow and fraternalist. In looking over his resume we find that he joined the fraternity in 1959, he has been active in three lodges in the Richmond area, Tuckahoe, Manchester and Lakeside looks like he really moved around, it's not that he didn't get along but he helped organize some of the newer lodges and legions and held offices in all of the units he belonged to including the State Association as President. He was appointed to the Legion Council in 1969, and as our ritualists know he is one of the Judges at the competition as well as chairman of the old Dominion Legion No. 148 ritual staff, be on your toes fellows as Charley will be watching every move you make.

Charley is a life member of his lodge and legion, he is in the 175 division of the "25 Club" and holds the coveted Pilgrim Degree of Merit.

It certainly will be delightful to have this amiable representative from the old Dominion state, known as the "Land of Lovers" with us for this occasion and we trust that this year we will again be the Legion that sponsors the

largest class for the Grand North Moose.



Earle W. Horton the Grand Herder of the Legion of the Moose will be with us for this festive occasion as well, we know that each Legionnaire of Mecca will want to go all out in building a class as Mecca is Earle's Legion and he too wants to have the largest class sponsored for Charlie's visit.

I just made a mistake, I looked over several flyers and Earle's publicity release, now I'm stuck what more can be said of this man that we haven't already covered what can you add to the history of a man who has spent his entire adult life in the service of our fraternity, yes Earle started at Mooseheart on May the 15th of 1918 as a mail carrier, then on to the engineering and supply department, in 1923 he was promoted to the Organization Department. When the Membership Enrollment Department was established in 1934 he was assigned to it for the next 20 years. He started the Conservation Department in 1954 and was it's director until 1960, he then became Director of Civic Affairs and Grand Herder.

In addition to these posts he is the curator of the Mooseheart Museum of Moose History, ceremonial director of the Pilgrim Degree and secretary of the Mooseheart-Moosehaven Endowment Fund.

In addition he is founder and president of the Batavia Countryside Fire Protection District, past presidents of Rotary and Toastmaster, serves on the board of the Batavia National Bank and the
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Entertainment

A star studded show has been planned for your enjoyment, Mecca has presented the very best in entertainment for you through the years, we have used every act in the Chicagoland area that has been available at Ceremonial time. We tell our new members how we laughed until our sides ached, how funny some of the comedians can be, how fast of hand a magician may be, we've got a double header all set up that the old timers saw a long time ago, we know that you'll enjoy them again and that our many newer members who haven't seen either of the acts will enjoy them equally as well.



Rusty Ryan is a laugh machine, he'll have you rolling in the aisles. Variety has said of him "Rusty Ryan is a riotous rogue." His one liners are really something, he talks of Life, Love and the Pursuit of Happiness. Here is a man that has played all the top clubs in the country and all it will cost you is your attendance.



Billy Bishop an' Ann, is another very fine act that has toured all of the country to
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MOOSEHAVEN

While on a recent trip to Florida, Mary and I had the opportunity to spend time at our beloved "City of Contentment."

We were a little disappointed while in the Keys, we wanted to spend a few days at what was once a favored camp ground. Two of our daughters that live in Ft. Lauderdale accompanied us; the camp ground was full and there went that dream. They often say it is better not to return and savor the memories as they were.

This may be true but not when it comes to Moosehaven. My first visit was in October of 1957; this will soon be 20 years ago. I was your North Moose and had the privilege of escorting a Legionnaire from my lodge to take up residence at Moosehaven. I actually lived there for the better part of a week; slept and ate at the 3-I building; met and talked to many of the residents and then Superintendent Wes Leinweber; saw the foundations being laid for "Legion Hall." I shot many feet of film and showed them to lodges, chapters and unit meetings upon my return home.

Grand Herder Horton asked that I look in on the renovation of Legion Hall during my visit and I must tell you when he told me that this would be our national project this year I remembered those foundations and felt old for a little bit. It is with great pleasure that I can report that the Legion Hall renovation is almost completed. The place looks wonderful, and the morale of the brothers in this residence is A-OK. They have new beds, new furniture, carpeting, a complete sprucing up all the way around. Mrs. Park the supervisor gave Mary and I the grand tour. There are still several things that are needed and I passed this on to Grand Herder Earle as there are a number of Legions that are looking for small projects to sponsor.

I spent an enjoyable hours or
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Strathmore Printing Co., is a member of the National Civic Relations Committees of both the Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of USA and is a Vice President of Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America.

In addition he is a Past Governor of the Batavia Lodge having served all the elective offices of that lodge.

What more can be said than here is a man that has earned the respect of all of the Moose members, not only here in Mecca land but throughout the fraternity.

Aurora Unit Chairman Jim Booth has passed the word that we will again be served those delicious big Beef Rounds like we had last year, you know where the chef carves the cut that YOU want, course all the trimmings will be served also. This is just \$2.00 per person with the exception of the candidates they will be Mecca's guest for this sumptuous feast.

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make people everywhere forget their woes and problems, you too will laugh at their antics. Billy's doctor act is out of this world and with all the doctor shows on TV these days you'll be able to see how it is done behind the scenes.

These fine entertainment acts are all yours, free just for attending our Ceremonial, we ask that you share them with your lodge brothers, those brothers that have been members of your lodge for six months or longer are missing out if no one has invited them to join the Legion of the Moose and partake in our Ceremonials and social programs, please don't plan to see this show alone, bring your lodge brother and his lady to the Ceremonial, he will be enrolled while the ladies will be entertained then all of you will enjoy the delicious beef dinner and floor show. Do your part in building Mecca, do your part in sharing your enjoyable times with your brother Moose.

If you have a change of address please advise Herder's office

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so with Mecca Legionnaires, Clare Favor of Aurora and Ted Quinn of Elgin, matter of fact they didn't know each other but they do now. Mecca sends each of them a little something at Christmas time along with their free Legion receipt.

I was just about to leave when a very near and dear old friend caught my eye, Ray Ditmar, former Herder of Northwest Legion No. 57, he was selling tobacco in the Michigan Recreation Building. Ray and I have been friends for many years and we had a very enjoyable visit together. Perhaps you've noticed that the Tah clasp that I wear is different from the others available through the supply department, well Ray has the same type, Mrs. Muschler gave me mine, and Ray received his from Paul Hagermann's widow in Mt. Morris, both Paul and Art Muschler were long time Moose and active on the State Board for many years.

I would like to tell you part of our discussion, Ray had a very serious condition several years ago, he told me that if he had been at home in western Illinois he most likely would have passed away as there was no hospital in that area that could give him the type of care that he needed, he has had additional medical attention since then, his wife also had a spell in the hospital. I mentioned to him that if he had been home his savings would most likely have been wiped out as well. He said that one Doctor had told him that he was one of the most costly patients that they ever had at Moosehaven.

I would like to have you give this a little thought as I did. What is the value of Ray's Moose membership? He is on this earth today because of it, his activities at the Mt. Morris Lodge and Northwest Legion No. 57 have paid off for him personally; his participation through the many years made Mooseheart and Moosehaven services continue on. How nice it is to know that his efforts were not in vain, that what we all have available to us as Moose members is priceless. If you haven't seen a hospital bill lately ask someone who has, compare that to your annual dues in your lodge and legion.

The capacity of Moosehaven

MECCA LEGION No. 9 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR FEBRUARY 27th

SPONSOR 1 APPLICATION AND YOU'LL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY ON THESE FIVE AWARDS
7 PIECE TWO-FISTER SCREW DRIVER SET
BI CENTENNIAL 6 PIECE GLASS SET
TABLE MODEL DRAW POKER GAME
AQUA VELVA CRAFTSMAN'S KIT
1 DOZEN, SPAULDING, PIN FLITE GOLF BALLS

PLUS: SPONSOR THREE APPLICATIONS AND YOU'LL HAVE ONE CHANCE ON THE FOLLOWING
21 PIECE ¼ & ⅜ SOCKET SET
14 PIECE COMBINATION WRENCH SET
REGENT SCHEFFIELD 50 PIECE TABLEWARE SET
VILLAGE BLACKSMITH 12" HEDGE TRIMMER
FLOURESCENT LAMP, FOR CAMPING
AND HUNTING

PLUS: SPONSOR FIVE APPLICATIONS AND YOU'LL HAVE ONE CHANCE ON THE FOLLOWING
PROCTOR-SILEX 10 CUP COFFEE MAGIC
WINDSOR LIMITED EDITION 1932
ANTIQUÉ RADIO A.M.-F.M.

IN ADDITION
SPONSOR FIVE APPLICATIONS FROM SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY OF 1977 AND RECEIVE AN INVITATION FOR YOU AND YOUR LADY TO MECCA'S APPRECIATION PARTY
IN ADDITION

GRAND HERDER'S AWARDS FROM SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY	
1 APPLICATION	BI-CENTENNIAL CARDS
5 "	FOLD DOWN UMBRELLA
10 "	INDOOR-OUTDOOR THERMOMETER
15 "	ROLFS TRAVEL KIT
25 "	HAMILTON ELECTRIC WATCH

is ever increasing. A new cluster building stands where Keystone used to be, and a new Keystone is being built. There are over 500 residents and this is the area where the growth is. We are all living longer, and this again makes our Moose protection of greater value. What we do today may well take care of us in the tomorrows ahead, just as what Ray did for the fraternity has actually turned out to be a life saver for him.

We also had the occasion to spend an hour or so with our good friend "One Shot" Schube. He and his lovely Marge just pulled in with their motor home as we were getting ready to leave. I had talked to him on the phone before we left and he told me that he would be down there to take pictures so we had hopes of seeing each other. Incidentally "One Shot" is also his C.B. handle.

While in the Ft. Lauderdale area I had the opportunity to visit Past Grand North Moose,

Bill Hoffman and his lovely wife Clara. In addition I went to the Ft. Lauderdale Moose lodge to watch his Legion's ritual staff practice, all I can say is that Joe had better keep our boys moving if we want to stay in that top 5. Art Hart put the boys up to saying my name when the North Moose said "Use your name where I use mine."

You will have the opportunity of seeing Moosehaven yourself during our International Convention next summer. Be sure to say hello to Clare Farvar at the Catherine Smith building and Ted Quinn at the Paul P. Schmitz Health Center. Perhaps Ray Ditmar will be at the tobacco counter, if not ask for him and say Hello to a very fine No. 1 Moose, golly but it's "Great to be a Legionnaire."

"Check your receipt, if due, Pay ..."

MEMBERSHIP

One of the biggest membership incentive programs in Mecca Legion's history was unveiled at the Membership-Conservation Workshop held at the Naperville lodge last November.

Applications are rolling in, but like everything it could be better. We ask that sponsors send in their applications with both the \$10.00 enrollment fee and \$10.00 dues to Herder Brand, Mecca Legion No. 9, 2111 Ogden Ave., Lisle, Il. 60532.

We are happy to announce that venerable Past Director General, Paul P. Schmitz has done his good deed for this Ceremonial and sponsored a very near and dear friend into membership in the second degree of our fraternity. We are hopeful that Paul will be able to be with us and see Phil Carlson enrolled, Phil is a Past Master of the Batavia Masonic Lodge and a business man in Aurora.

You too can share this good feeling, like Paul, by sponsoring your friend into Mecca Legion. Look over our incentive list, perhaps you'll be one of the recipients of this fine array of awards.

Conservation:

All Legion Unit Chairmen and Unit Conservation Chairmen are asked to meet with North Moose Lou Allen and Conservation Chairman Graham Scheppler at 2:30 P.M. in a corner of the Aurora Lodge room to receive a delinquent list and discuss conservation efforts in your Legion Unit.

Greater efforts must be made to curb our delinquencies, only by your participation can this be accomplished.

Legion Hall

As all of our Units are working on financial project for the renovation of Legion Hall at Moosehaven we are hopeful that most of the Chairmen or representatives will be able to make a presentation at the February 27th Ceremonial.

MOOSEHEART



Our Honored Guest, Mooseheart Superintendent, Robert Hanke didn't leave Lockport empty handed last December.

Mecca presented him with a \$1500.00 check to cover installation of a miniature golf course at the Child City. He

had hopes that it would cover the cost of a 7' T.V. Screen too until he found out what they cost.

Pictured above is North Moose, Lou Allen presenting the Check to Superintendent Hanke with Herder and Legion Councilman Brand looking on.

MUSICAL CHAIRS



Due to the resignation of South Moose Ed Anderson the nominating committee met and recommended the advancement of East Moose Jim Ledermann, Guiding Moose Russ Smith and Membership Chairman Jim Hubbell. The

appropriate action was taken at the December Ceremonial.

Pictured above is installing officer, Jr. Past North Moose, Rollie Abell, South Moose, Jim Ledermann, East Moose, Russ Smith and Guiding Moose, Jim Hubbell.

INVITATIONAL LETTER

After a sensational Membership-Conservation meeting at the Naperville lodge for our February Ceremonial kick-off we had high hopes of a truly successful program.

We thank the following lodges for sending in cards, Aurora, Naperville, Downers Grove, Elgin, Sandwich, Batavia and Joliet, Lockport addressed their own envelopes as time was running short. Sure don't know what happened to the other lodges of Mecca, your participation could only have helped you and

the time wasn't a great sacrifice.

Well anyway Grand Herder, Earle W. Horton has sent an invitational letter to the prospects submitted by the lodge units, we now ask that when your chairman advised you that he has received his letter that you make contact with the prospect and tell him of the many things that we have told you about in this flyer, invite him to join Mecca and be seated in our class of Honor for the Grand North Moose on February the 27th at Aurora.

HOW IT WORKS

We ran this type of article about a year ago, so we'll repeat the major portion of it so our new Legionnaires can see how the program works.

Mecca has four Ceremonials per year, we like to send invitation letters to our candidates, to do so we must have the application ahead of time. We ask that you send them in as early as possible along with the \$10.00 enrollment fee and \$10.00 in dues. We send invitational letters out just a few days before the Ceremonial.

When we have both fee and dues we can process the application completely, when your candidate checks in at the Ceremonial he will be handed an envelope that contains his receipt, discussion pamphlet on the Legion, an order form for Tah and other Legion items and whatever else may be of value for that particular Ceremonial.

Dues notices are sent out with a postage paid return, we ask that all Legionnaires respond to the first mailing, saves further postage for additional notices. Rather than give your dues to someone at the lodge we ask that you use the return envelope, "The shortest distance between two points is a straight line."

Should you move we ask that you advise us of your new address, if you give your lodge secretary the change ask him to make sure that he sends your yellow address card to us with the change, but to make extra sure do it yourself.

CAMP OUT

After the fine response of campers at our two-day Ceremonial at Joliet last June some of the Legionnaires have been asking about a campout. There were ever so many more that had units but did not bring them to Joliet.

Those interested are asked to attend the Ceremonial on February the 27th and if enough are interested we could have a short meeting at 2:00 P.M. to see what interest there is and select a committee to work out a program.

MECCA'S RITUAL STAFF



Pictured above are the members of Mecca's Ritual Staff, from left to right they are Robert Strouse, Chuck Henczel, Edward Commes, Frank Dudzienski, Norbert Baltes and Joe Hartman, Chairman.

These fellows have been in the top six of the 9 competitions that Mecca has entered. They will be in competition the second

weekend of March in Anaheim California, wish them well and let's hope they can bring home the bacon again, hopefully No. 1 as only one legion so far has had a repeat on this coveted position.

If you are interested in working with the team contact Joe Hartman as he already has several fellows working on a second team but needs more Legionnaires.

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