

## **New “Premier Lodge Award” Program Replaces the Lodge Merit Award**

After 22 years, the **Lodge Merit Award program has ended.** In its place, we have developed a new award that will mark the recipients as the type of lodge that any other lodge should want to emulate. In order for this to happen, the criteria for earning this award must include items that would distinguish a Lodge as a successful fraternal operation. We are pleased to present to you the **Premier Lodge Award.**

There will be two sets of determining factors utilized to determine award recipients; five mandatory criteria and 10 alternate criteria. All of the criteria are simple and easy to measure.

The mandatory criteria are:

- Increase in active membership (members in good standing) over prior fiscal year
- Increase in net assets over prior fiscal year
- Increase in Endowment Fund donations over prior fiscal year
- Representation at International Convention, Association Annual Convention and Association Mid-Year Conference (2 out of 3)
- Submission of Moose of the Year nomination form by July 1

The alternate criteria are:

- Four completed Community Service reports submitted by the quarterly deadlines
- Two completed Family Activities reports submitted by semi-annual deadlines
- Submission of Moose Legionnaire of the Year nomination forms by July 15
- Submission of Rookie of the Year nomination form by November 10
- Two high school students sponsored to Association Youth Awareness Congress
- Assigned membership quota attained
- At least \$100 contributed to Yellowstone YCC
- Participation in Tommy Moose program
- Representation at International Convention, Association Annual Convention and Association Mid-Year Conference (Attendance at all three)
- Representation at leadership training session for Lodge officers

A Lodge must meet all five mandatory criteria and a minimum of five alternate criteria to earn the award. The level of award earned increases with the number of alternate criteria met. The levels for the award are:

- 5 mandatory criteria met + 5 alternate criteria met = Bronze Award
- 5 mandatory criteria met + 7 alternate criteria met = Silver Award
- 5 mandatory criteria met + 9 alternate criteria met = Gold Award
- 5 mandatory criteria met + 10 alternate criteria met = Platinum Award

Questions? Please contact the Department of Fraternal Programs at 630-966-2224.