



I Believe



I believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

I believe it is my duty to serve my family, my God and my country, and to strive always to make my community a better place to raise my family and a place where all people can live in freedom, peace and equality.

I believe that I should be giving, and helping, and peaceful and proud; that I should respect the laws of my community, and abide by the laws of our Order.

I believe in God and worship Him in my own way and I believe that I must allow others the same freedom.

I believe that I should devote myself in service to my fellow man, making a special effort to protect the weak, bring comfort to the sick, hope to the downcast, and give help to those in need.

I believe that our moral duty as Moose is more than just to serve each other and our families, but also to serve the communities from which we draw our strength, for the community is the birthplace of our Order. From it we renew ourselves, and through it, we are offered the opportunity to serve.

I believe that a qualified prospective member should be invited into our Order and evaluated solely on the basis of his moral and personal character - not on the basis of race, ethnic origin or religious denomination. I believe that if I use everything within my power to persuade him to give his family the protection and security provided by the Moose family fraternity, I will have shown that I care about him.

I believe that I should measure people not by what they have, but by what they have given.

I believe that I should earnestly strive to do some good thing for someone each day, and that it is my fraternal duty to aid and assist any loyal Moose in any matter which threatens him or his family.

I believe that it is my duty to be the guardian and protector of my household and to give myself truly in love and service to my family. I believe that this means much more than just a duty to bring home a paycheck - but a duty also to truly honor, cherish and appreciate the boundless commitments and contributions of my wife and to provide gentle guidance, patient understanding, and most of all my time, to my children and my grandchildren.

I believe that my Moose membership is the most valuable gift that I have ever given to those I love the most; that it has given me the protection of my family and myself. It has given me the opportunity to serve my fellowman, and the opportunity for the finest fellowship and entertainment for myself and my family.

In return, I believe that it is my responsibility to cherish and support the young at Mooseheart and the old at Moosehaven.

I believe that I must give of my substance, through the Mooseheart and Moosehaven Endowment Fund, for the well-being of our youngsters and the needs of our seniors during their sunshine years of life.

I believe in the principles of the Loyal Order of Moose and the way they practice fraternalism. I believe in the concepts of the Moose as a family fraternity. I believe that membership in the Moose, and what it provides, is the greatest bargain on the face of the earth.

I believe in the words of the late Congressman Mahlon M. Garland, who said, "The Lodge is the Light and Life of the Order." Even more so in the words of James Davis who said, "If we permit the light and life of our organization to die out, either through complete neglect, or ignoring it so that we can devote more time and energy to the purely bibulous (or purely social) activities of a club, then our organization is doomed to extinction."

I believe that I can, and must, assist my Lodge and Moose International in building the image of the family fraternity.

I believe that my Lodge should be a true family center, open to the families of members and members only, yet the service generated from therein flow out to the entire community.

I believe in fulfilling all of the obligations I have heretofore taken; in my Lodge, in the Degree of Service - the Moose Legion, in the Fellowship Degree of Honor and in the Pilgrim Degree of Merit.

I believe that the Moose is carrying out God's work on earth.

I believe in the charitable work and essential contribution, of the Women of the Moose, and know that as equal partners in our Order, I should respect, promote and assist them to the extent of my ability in all their worthy endeavors.

I believe that I must always be loyal to my fraternity.

I believe whole-heartedly that fraternalism, as practiced by the Loyal Order of Moose, has a bright future. Why? Because I believe that society needs today, more desperately than ever before, what we as members of the Loyal Order of Moose, provide in our moral commitment to offer sustenance, shelter, love and an education to children in need at Mooseheart, to offer a home, security and sense of well-earned peace to our senior Brothers and their wives at Moosehaven, and to serve the welfare of our communities, where the needs long ago out-paced the resources of government.

I believe that by following the precepts of the Moose I will bring honor to myself and the Loyal Order of Moose.

I believe that I can make a difference.

All this I believe because I am a member of the world's finest family fraternity - the Loyal Order of Moose; the fraternity that does it all, and nobody does it better.

Nobody!

