

Moose Lodge Dedicates New Home This Weekend

Greenfield Lodge of Moose, still at work to complete decoration of a new home at 20 School St., will dedicate the new building this weekend.

The new structure, begun in 1967, will be teeming with members and visitors both Saturday and Sunday. Tomorrow's program will open with a dedication banquet at 6:30 and include entertainment and dancing from 8 to midnight.

Sunday's program will feature the induction of a class of 40 new members at 2:30 p.m. Ritual and floor work will be by the Greenfield lodge's staff under direction of Harold M. Lacey, a past governor and a Pilgrim degree holder.

The Supreme Lodge representative, Col. Roy R. Rumpff of Rochester, N.Y., will speak after the enrollment. A past supreme governor, the colonel will be the lodge's guest speaker at all events.

Sunday's program will include a dedication ceremony at 4:30 p.m. under direction of State Dir. Charles E. Cook of Dedham. Pilgrims — fourth degree members — will conduct the dedication ceremony in full regalia. A smorgasbord supper will open 5:30 and there will be dancing from 6 to 10 to conclude the celebration.

Other officials of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island State Moose Association who will attend are: State Association Sec. Joseph Vincent of Plymouth Lodge; State Association Pres. Al Dorazio of Malden;

Deputy Supreme Gov. Joseph Motzkin, Malden; Deputy Grand North Moose Jerry Caporle, Revere; State Rituals Chr., Clarence Bowman, New Bedford, and State District 5 Vice Pres. Rudolph Weeks, Northampton.

This fraternal organization known as the Loyal Order of Moose was founded in 1888 and is in its 81st year with a membership of over 1,200,000 in more than 2,000 lodges in the United States and Canada. Greenfield Lodge received its charter May 31, 1912 and has been in continuous operation since that date.

The local lodge rented quarters in various town locations until 1941 when they purchased the Wing property at 20 School St. In 1967 they took the old building down and built a new building on the same site.

The local lodge has in the past years been honored by the Supreme Lodge in having four of its past governors elevated to Pilgrims, the highest honorary degree of the order. The first was the late Donald W. Smith. Aubrey C. Reid, Joseph Regali and Harold M. Lacey followed.

Moose members are interested in the welfare of the community, and especially the children. For several years the lodge sponsored the Moose Drum and Bugle Corps made up of boys and girls who participated in parades and memorial services.

Moose has sponsored Troop 67 Boy Scouts since 1952 and in cooperation with the local Red Cross, maintains a blood bank for the protection of members

and their families. The lodge stands ready to assist any needy child in the community.

The highway child safety signs at all entrances to the town are maintained by the Moose, as well as the traffic light instruction boxes, which have been placed in all the schools with the cooperation of the police juvenile officer. The lodge annually supports 700 children at Mooseheart, and nearly 500 elderly at Moosehaven in Florida.

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