

Central Florida Council of Higher Degrees

July 2023

Greetings from your new 2023- 2024 Board of Directors:

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The purpose of the Council of Higher Degrees is a) To be actively involved in the retention of Lodge, Chapter and Moose Legion members. b) To promote and support the programs of Moose Charities. c) To honor all newly elevated members of the Higher Degrees. d) To honor the memories of deceased members of the Council of Higher Degrees. e) To promote the programs of The Moose. f) To encourage fraternal and social unity, benevolence, and charity among all members of The Moose.

THE MOOSE FAMILY





Don't forget our next meeting will be on July 15th, 2023, at South Lake County Moose Lodge #1615, Board of Directors will meet starting at 12:00 and general meeting starts at 1:00 pm.



What Is A Pilgrim and What Does It Take To Become One.....

It is a great honor to be recognized as a Pilgrim of the Order. Only lodge members who have served their lodge, advanced to the Moose Legion, and volunteered further are considered for this degree. Generally, it is attained only by devoted members who have given many years of service to and for our program. They have volunteered to cook, clean, serve as an officer, mentored others, and been fraternal leaders along the way.

Like the Fellows, the Pilgrims are encouraged to meet and continue to perform good acts to assist our program at all levels of the fraternity. That includes helping to encourage and select good lodge officers, supporting programs of the districts and associations, and rendering what support they are able for our philanthropic cause of serving childhood and old aged.

The official regalia of a Pilgrim include a gold blazer featuring the Pilgrim logo, with coordinated necktie, white shirt, black trousers, and black footwear. It distinguishes them as men of meritorious service to the Order. The degree remains with them for life, as long as both their Lodge and Moose Legion memberships remain in active status.





College of Regents.....

The first conferral of the College of Regents degree was held on July 3, 1935 at the International Conference of the Women of the Moose in Boston. The first President of the College of Regents was Jean Davis, the wife of Director General James J. Davis. The College of Regents degree continued to be conferred annually at the International Conference through 1949. However, the following year started a “roller coaster period” for the conferral. On August 20, 1950, the House of God on the Mooseheart campus was dedicated. The next day, the College of Regents degree was conferred on qualified Co-workers in the House of God, marking the first time that the degree was conferred outside of the International Conference. From 1951-1953, the conferral was back to being held in conjunction with the International Conference. Following the 1953 International Conference, the decision was made to move the annual College of Regents conferral back to the House of God. Through the years, the number of matriculants called to receive the degree reached levels that exceeded the capacity of the House of God. As a result, the conferral had to be moved, yet again, to the Mooseheart Field House in the late 1960’s. In 1981, the conferral of the College Regents degree was moved back to being held in conjunction with the International Conference of the Women of the Moose, where it continues to be held to this day. The College of Regents degree continues to be the most coveted recognition within the Women of the Moose. Approximately 500 Past Regents are conferred as Collegians each year.

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