



2022-2023 Moose Journalism Awards

1,000 Moose Rewards points for each editor or webmaster that submits an entry for this year's Moose Journalism Awards.

OFFICIAL CALL FOR ENTRIES

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED:
4:30 P.M. CST, Friday, March 3, 2023

▶ **Lodges must have valid publication permit to enter contest! See *Note below**

Editors of Lodge, Chapter, Moose Legion, Higher Degree Council, and State/Provincial Association Publications are invited to submit entries in competition for the 61st Annual Moose Journalism Awards, to be announced at the 2023 International Moose Convention in Reno, NV.

The Moose Journalism Awards program seeks to encourage and motivate editors of all Moose publications, toward the achievement of consistently high journalistic standards in their newsletters — and, through such achievement, to enhance communication and shared information between Moose members and their Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions, Higher Degree Councils, and Associations.

***NOTE: Lodge publications are eligible for the Moose Journalism Awards competition ONLY if they hold a valid Moose Publication Permit (per requirement of the General Laws), UPDATED with EDITOR'S EMAIL ADDRESS, or have sent a completed Publication Permit application to the Moose International Communications office.**

If you're unsure whether your lodge holds such an UPDATED permit, call 630-859-2000, ext. 6243. Chapter, Association, Moose Legion and Higher Degree Council publications do not require a permit, but are required to follow the permit requirement of mailing or emailing one copy of every issue of the publication to the Dept. of Communications, 155 S. International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539-1174.

2023 MOOSE JOURNALISM AWARDS RULES

General Excellence — Lodge Publications

All entries in the General Excellence classifications will be evaluated by the Fraternity's International Communications Committee, on attractiveness of page layouts, readability of printing, quality of writing, effective use of photographs (where applicable), and comprehensiveness of content concerning Lodge and Fraternity-related news of interest to members — especially with regard to programs on membership production and retention.

1. **You must hold a valid Moose Publication Permit to enter contest. See *Note on page 1 for instructions.**
2. **Categories based on membership:** Those entering Lodge Publications for competition need know only what their Lodge's enrollment was as of the end of the last Moose fiscal year (April 30, 2022). They need only note that enrollment number (on the form on page 4 to be completed, detached and mailed), and we will take care of the rest. Your publication will then be judged against others in one of four enrollment categories:
 - Lodges of 200 members or fewer
 - Lodges of 201-400 members
 - Lodges of 401-800 members
 - Lodges of 801 or more membersCategories are not based on production method. It is up to you as Editor, and your Lodge officers, to determine what resources of time, talent, funding and production equipment you feel you can devote to your newsletter – which will be judged against newsletters from Lodges of roughly your same size, and potential resources.

If you do not know what your Lodge's enrollment was on April 30, 2022, ask your Administrator; if he does not know for sure, call us at 630-859-2000, ext. 6243.
3. You must choose and send three consecutively dated hardcopies of each issue of your Lodge publication for your entry. For example, the issues for Jan., Feb., and March—or whatever combination of consecutive issues (whether monthly, bimonthly or quarterly) that fall within the contest period of April 2022 through March 2023. This is required to show continuity of excellence.
4. **Newsletters that are distributed solely via email ARE eligible — BUT, hardcopies must be submitted, and entry MUST be marked "email only publication."**
5. Entries on which **ANY OFFICER'S COLUMN** appears routinely by itself on page one of **EVERY** issue will be **DISQUALIFIED**.

Association newsletters will be evaluated on the same criteria as Lodge newsletters (see above), except that content will be evaluated on effectiveness of communicating appropriate information between the Lodges of the Association, and from leaders of the Association to Lodges and members. Likewise, Chapter, Moose Legion/Higher Degree newsletters will be evaluated on effectiveness of communicating appropriate information between the Lodges of the Moose Legion, and from leaders of the Moose Legion to Lodges and members.

As with Lodge newsletters, editors of Association and Chapter, Moose Legion/Higher Degree publications must send one copy each of three consecutively dated issues for judging.

Any Moose Association District publication, or Association Activity Group (such as Moose Riders), that is entered into competition will be judged in the Association and Chapter, Moose Legion/Higher Degree category.

Best Editorial

AN EDITORIAL CAN BE ON ANY TOPIC

Note: An editorial differs from a news story in that it clearly states an opinion, cites facts supporting that opinion and explains why the opinion is held, and concludes by urging action—or change in belief—on the part of the reader.

1. The contest editorial must appear in a Moose publication (Lodge, Chapter, Association, Moose Legion or Higher Degree publication) during the current contest period (in issues of publications dated on or before March 2023).
2. The editorial should be approximately 250-500 words in length.
3. The editorial must be bylined – written by a Lodge officer (an Association officer if appearing in an Association publication), a committee chairman, or the publication's editor.
4. The editorial should have an appropriate headline.
5. The Best Editorial entry, which must consist of one printed copy of the actual newsletter containing the editorial, **must be submitted in a separate envelope, which must be clearly marked “Best Editorial,” and must include the name of the author.**

Best News Story

1. Write and publish a news or feature story about any Moose activity, event, or personality during the present contest period – April 2022 to March 2023.
2. The news story must be printed in your publication during the contest period, and be submitted as a direct clip from that printed publication.
3. The news story should be approximately 250-500 words in length.
4. If covering an event or activity, the news story should be written after the event or activity was held.
5. An appropriate headline must appear on the news story; the quality of the headline as well as the text will be evaluated.
6. The “Best News Story” entry **must be submitted to contest judges as a separate category (in a separate envelope) and marked “Best News Story,” with the name of the author indicated.** One printed copy of the actual pages of the publication containing the News Story must be submitted as an entry in the contest.
7. There need be no limit on the number of different stories that can be submitted from a given publication; however, each must be packaged and mailed as a separate entry.

PLEASE NOTE: A news story, for the purpose of this contest, can be either one that provides information to readers in a factual and objective manner involving events and activities of the Lodge or of its individual members, or it can be a news feature that entertainingly relates a memorable event, or that profiles an interesting member, etc.

How To Submit Newsletter Entries Checklist

- _____ Newsletter being mailed regularly to Dept. of Communications (as required by Moose Publication Permit) (*Even if 100% email distribution, hardcopy of every issue **must be mailed to our office.***)
- _____ For Lodge Publications, an updated publication permit must be on file in the Dept. of Communications. (To check, call 630-859-2000, ext. 6243)
- _____ In this submittal, is there a hardcopy of each of three issues of the publication?
- _____ Are the three newsletter issues submitted consecutively dated? (i.e., Dec/Jan; Feb/March; April/May)
- _____ For “Best Editorial”
Is there a copy clipped or photocopied directly from newsletter — 250-500 words in length?
- _____ For “Best News Story” Is there a copy clipped or photocopied directly from newsletter — 250-500 words in length?
- _____ Are **Entries From Each Category** General Excellence, Best Editorial, and Best News Story) in **Separate Envelopes**?
- _____ Does the Officer’s column NOT appear by itself on page 1 in EVERY issue? Those appearing on page 1 by itself will be **DISQUALIFIED!**

Please fill out the information below and mail with your contest entry. (Please Print)
(Detach, complete, and submit with your entry in separate envelopes)

Check box of category:

- Lodge
- Association and Chapter, Moose Legion/Higher Degree Council
- Best Editorial (page # _____)
- Best News Story (page # _____)

Lodge Name, State and Number, or Name of Higher Degree Council, or of Moose Association

Name of Publication

Please check: Email newsletter Printed newsletter

Name of Publication Editor/Story Author

Editor’s Email Address

Editor’s Phone Number

(For Lodge Publications only) Enrollment as of 4/30/22

Title of Best News Story, if entry is submitted in this category

Title of Best Editorial, if entry is submitted in this category

All material submitted in all categories must have been published in Moose newsletters dated from April 2022 through March 2023. Entries must be RECEIVED in the Moose International Department of Communications **NO LATER than 4:30p.m. CST, FRIDAY, March 3, 2023.** All Lodge/Chapter newsletter entries must have a publication permit on file by 1/31/2023.

Send Entries to:
Moose Journalism Awards, Moose International,
155 S. International Drive, Dept. of Communications,
Mooseheart, IL 60539-1174

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Category: _____