

2007 Shining Star Moose Home Improvement Award Nomination Form

Lodge Name Yuba City Lodge Number 1204 Chapter Number 1089

Category 5

Date improvements (including new construction) to Moose Home were completed 1 Nov 2007

1. Specific information regarding improvements made: The men and women of our 30,000 square foot Yuba City Moose Family Center have made a concerted effort to repair, replace or refurbish any area that looked worn, was a safety concern, or that needed a new look to enhance the image we presented to the public and our members. We replaced 6,408 square feet of 30 year old linoleum floor tile in the kitchen, social quarters, ballroom, and Fellowship Bar with a commercial grade tile. Our efforts dramatically improved the appearance, eliminating a safety concern and multiple hazards. We extending the social quarters bar twelve feet and completely refurbished the bar top, sides, and railings. Replaced the bar arm rests and updated the appearance making the area more presentable, appealing and functional. We recovered and repaired the pool table. We replaced the main entrance/hallway carpet as well as the WOTM and LOOM office carpet which significantly improving the appearance and perceived professionalism. We repaired water damage and replaced the ceiling in the walk in cooler. We gutted the kitchen, repaired and replaced damaged walls, updated electrical wiring and outlets, replaced/refurbished two stoves, two ovens, fryer, multiple sinks and counter tops. We refurbished the five foot long island butcher block cutting area. We replaced a 30 year old wooden kitchen storage unit with 3 decades of grease imbedded into it with a stainless steel unit. Our members painted and refurbished the men's bathroom, updated the exhaust system and improved the lighting. We sanded and refurbished our large 73x40 wooded dance floor to the joy of our dancers. We replaced 178 yards of carpet throughout the lodge with rave reviews. We replaced the flooring in the women's bathroom. Our members repaired multiple pot holes (some said caverns) in our parking lot. We painted and refurbished the smoking room while improving the exhaust system. Repaired and refurbished the smoking room floor. We replaced the broken main entrance electric double doors and the card key system for entrance to our family center. Our members painted the entire outside of our 30,000 square foot building. We then put our tools away and turned our efforts towards fundraising to raise the money needed to reseal our parking lot. Our family center raised over \$13,000.00 towards our parking lot effort but we need better weather for a contractor to complete it. We trimmed overgrown trees, plants and shrubs, removed the weeds and planted new roses, plants and shrubs making a significant visual improvement to the outside of our Moose Home. Our family Center also came together and our members created a joint WEB site for our membership to keep abreast of local events and project our presence to the community.

2. How did the work (including new construction) improve the Moose Home? We significantly improved the appearance, functionality, safety and warmth our Yuba City Moose Family Center. We now have very positive first impressions. Membership is up significantly (currently number one in Ca/NV and top 15 with International) and just as important retention has improved from previous years. The number of events held in our lodge has significantly increased and the number of people attending each Family Center function has substantially gone up as well.

3. Is this Lodge a fraternal operation operating in compliance with the laws of the Order? Did the improvements or new construction promote the family fraternal concept? Yes If yes, how? By eliminating the tripping hazards and significantly improving the visual appeal we have more families visiting and staying longer while attending functions. More inviting, appealing and our members take pride of ownership now.

4. Did the project improve membership? YES If yes, how? Once the improvements were made we kicked off a local membership drive and have seen dramatic results with both the LOOM and WOTM -- 125 new LOOM members and counting! Our members are proud of their refurbished Moose Home and want to show it off. Both the Lodge and Chapter have seen significant improvements in recruiting. Their excitement has translated into new members and higher attendance at functions as they bring their family and friends to the revitalized Yuba City Family Center.

5. Additional comments why you feel this nominated Lodge/Chapter should be considered as a Shining Star finalist: The Yuba City Family Center Governor and Senior Regent along with their officers built a team, coordinated efforts, improved communication and rallied the membership behind the self help refurbishment and improvement efforts. The team approach accomplished more in a few months than most Lodges/Chapters accomplish in a decade. The results are truly impressive!

REMINDER: Before *and* after photos (or video) of the home improvement project *must* be included for the nominee to be eligible for consideration. The photos should be in sequential order and clearly labeled “before” and “after” as applicable. *In addition, the lodge and chapter numbers should be marked on the backside of every photo.* Nomination Forms should be returned by February 28, 2008.

All nominations should be held in strict confidence! If requested, every attempt will be made to return photos clearly marked with the lodge/chapter numbers, but no representation to return any photo is made – therefore, only clear copies or reproductions should be sent. We do not recommend Polaroid pictures. The quantity and quality of photos is important since photos of finalists may be scanned for presentation at the 2008 International Convention.

Signature of Regional Manager _____ Date _____



Old damaged kitchen floors also showing old sinks with car jacks holding them up



Old water damaged kitchen wall



New kitchen floors, new walls and sinks



New walls, stainless steel sink & shelf, new floors



Our new double sinks



Old stove being deep cleaned and refurbished



Old gas grill being deep cleaned and refurbished



New and improved stove and fryer on new floors



Refurbished kitchen equipment & butcher block



Old worn out social quarters floors with tripping hazards



New floor, new extended bar with new top, new chairs, new arm rests and refurbished chair rail



Old damaged floor



New carpet and new floor



Old Yuba City Moose Lodge before paint and landscaping



New paint, refurbished landscaping and clean bricks