

CAN MY LODGE BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?

We have had many questions about a lodge or chapter, wanting to make money by inviting the public to functions and keep the money.

The simple version of this is as follows. The Lodge, Chapter and Moose Legion Jurisdiction may have no more than two (2) **like** events open to the public in a calendar year. These functions do require dispensation from the Compliance Office and the social quarters is closed to non-members (except qualified guests).

Examples:

If your lodge decides that it would like to have a car show on September 8, 2012 open to the public, they have 364 days to have another car show. The lodge could have another car show before September 7, 2013 open to the public and keep the profits.

Your lodge decides that the lodge would like to have a steak fry on Saturday August 25, 2012 open to the public. They have 364 days to have another food function. The lodge could have another **food** function before August 24, 2013 open to the public and keep the profits.

(A **food function** is defined as; a dinner, pancake breakfast, luncheon, pig roast, chili cook-off, crab feast, BBQ). This is combined total of two (2), - not two (2) of every kind.

To be more specific; a Mother's Day Brunch, or a St Patrick's Day Dinner are food events. If the lodge or chapter decides to have a car show and is serving hot dogs and hamburgers this is not a food event, it is a car show. If a lodge or chapter is having a comedy night and dinner this is not a food event, it is a comedy night.

Examples of functions but not limited to:

Dinner	Breakfast	Casino Nights
Comedy show	Dances	Haunted House/Halloween
Car shows	Lawn mower races	Craft Show
Oktoberfest	BBQs	Mother's Day Brunch
Picnics	garage sales/flea market	St. Patrick's Day dinner

The Chapter and Moose Legion fall into this category also.

The only downside is, that the annual collective proceeds derived from the public should not exceed 35% of the lodge total income.

The only limitations could be the officer's imagination and their ability to find someone that wants work hard to make the lodge succeed.