

## **Alcohol Use - MSA Summer Session**

### **Moose Jaw**

Saskatchewan, while not prudes, perhaps has more restrictive alcohol legislation than other places. As Masons, we have taken a solemn vow to uphold the laws of the land and I expect nothing less from my Brother Shriners at Summer Session.

The reason it is such a significant issue, as a matter of law, is that places that are licensed to serve alcohol (bars, Hotels, special events like Shriners-A-Rama) are strictly controlled and a violation of the license could result in not only a court prosecution but also that organizations ability to obtain a liquor license could be jeopardized.

Because this is the norm in Saskatchewan any deviation visible to the public or hotel/event staff will be picked up on and usually quickly dealt with by event staff.

Please remember that for most of our MSA guests you are from out-of-Country. Any violation of the laws could potentially involve police intervention. That would certainly lead to a black eye for the fraternity and possible significant repercussions for non-Canadians who are guests in this Country. It would be no different for a Canadian Shriner in a US jurisdiction.

Here are rules in a nutshell:

#### **Hotel**

Alcohol is only allowed in private spaces (hotel rooms), licensed spaces, or the hospitality room. Alcohol of any kind is not allowed in any public area (hallways, lobby, pool, etc.). Private alcohol cannot be taken into a licensed area (i.e., Shrine-A-Rama). Licensed spaces will be recognizable by having non-Shrine bartenders at an otherwise public venue.

#### **Public Spaces Outside**

Alcohol is not permitted anywhere out-of-doors unless it is in an area controlled by or subject to a special liquor license. I do not believe we will have any such venues at Summer Session.

#### **Vehicles**

It is unlawful to have open alcohol in a motor vehicle. Lawfully purchased alcohol can be transported providing it is sealed or is being transported from a place of lawful consumption to another place of lawful consumption (i.e., you can take your part-full bottle of alcohol home with you).

We encourage everyone to have fun and enjoy themselves, but within the bounds of proper decorum and the law.

Any violation of hotel policy could result in termination of your reservation. Any violation that is brought before the law of course has far reaching implications.