

The Florida Moose Association

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From the Editor

Next week, Moose members from across Florida will be heading to Orlando for the 76th FMA Annual Convention.

It's hard to believe that our state President's term is about to reach its final destination, and a new President will set his sights on the next journey.

The FMA Annual Convention is more than just another convention.

From inspiring sessions and special presentations to Heart of the Community projects, fellowship, and unforgettable moments, this year's convention is an opportunity to recharge your Moose spirit, discover new ways to make a difference, and remember just how powerful we are when we work together.

Florida Moose members know how to celebrate, and how to come together in friendship, fellowship, service, learning, and recognition.

And we all know that we love to have a lot of fun, so don't forget to pack your Moose spirit!

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Vero Beach Lodge 1822 member, Maggie shows off her hardware after competing in the Special Olympics Florida Area 6 Coastal Reional Bowling Competition.



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All Aboard for One Final Ride

FMA President Looks Back on the Journey



FMA PRESIDENT
SCOTT KERN

AMAZING! That's all I can say about this year. I have always said my year as District President was my favorite but now it's second best only to this year.

It is all about the interactions with so many great members.

So, where did I start this unbelievably journey?

It started in Land O Lakes for the first of ten Pilgrim parties where I had the privilege of giving out an FMA mug to the new pilgrims.

Then I started with my own amazing journey, District 7 in New Smyrna Beach with the first of 23 District meetings that I would be attending this year.

Sprinkle on a trip to Anna Maria Island for their grand reopening after a hurricane wiped them out six months earlier, then a week later I was at Moosehaven for one of seven trips to our beautiful campus.

Later in the year I was in Inverness to help celebrate brother John Rieter on his Chairman of the board position.

I also attended six Moose Legion conferrals.

I will finish the year at Seminole 81 as their

O.V. I am looking forward to a weekend of fun and fraternalism.

In Zephyrhills, I was a judge in their best butt contest. Yeah, get your mind out of the gutter pork butts LoL.

I flew to Mooseheart for graduation and Pilgrim conferral, but somewhere before that we had a mid-year that people are still talking about.

I heard Scott Hart had so much fun that is coming back for the annual convention as our O.V.

Another privilege I had was to be in Sarasota for their 100th anniversary.

But the biggest highlight came at our July Full Board Meeting Banquet where I met a true-life WWII hero, Moosehaven resident Cliff Miller, who was turning 100 the next day.

Future conversations are something that I look forward to sharing with him.

By now I'm sure you are tired of hearing about my travels so I will leave you with this.

Thank you for allowing me to lead this great association this year.

I truly Love each one of you.

Here is my last poem as your FMA president.

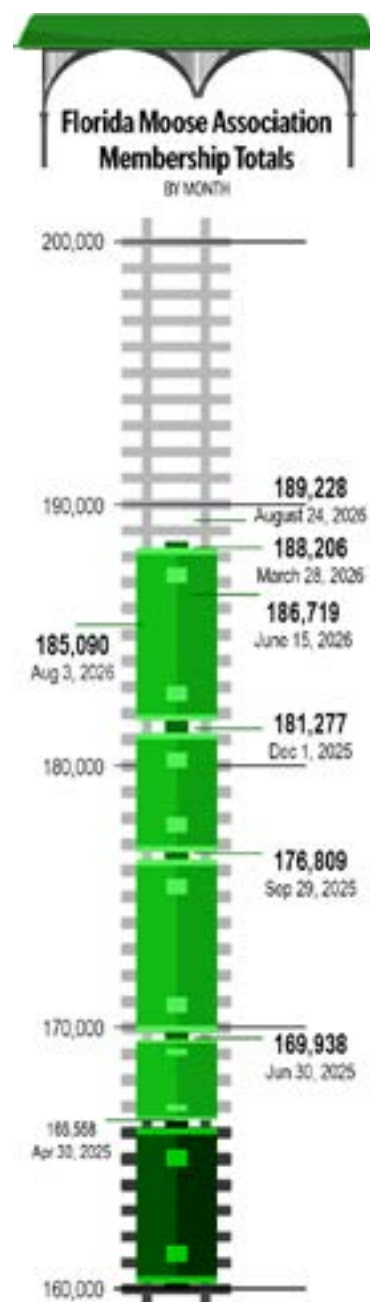
Ripples of Kindness

A single smile, like dawn's first light, can chase away the longest night.

A gentle word, a helping hand, plants seeds of hope in shifting sand.

**Each act of care, though small it seems, can stir the depths of someone's dreams;
and kindness, cast upon the sea, returns in waves to you and me.**

**So thank you, friend, for all you do— for letting simple grace shine through
Your heart has set these ripples free, and made the world more kind to be.**



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Merritt Island Moose Legion donates to House of Hope

Barry Miller, Moose Legion Chairman of Merritt Island Moose Lodge 2073, presents a \$2,000 donation to Zach Gillian, the new Executive Director of the [House of Hope](#).

Last year, 1,188 volunteers contributed 42,171 hours of service to House of Hope – that's the equivalent of 20 full time staff and nearly \$1.5 million in salaries and benefits, allowing for increased programs and services to support the community.

Submitted by Marv Gardner



Moose Rider donation

Moose Riders of Silver Springs 1199 presented the [Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch](#) Summer Camp a check in the amount of \$1,080 at the FMA State meeting in Marianna on July 18th.

Submitted by Brandi Blue



Volunteers from Port Saint Lucie Lodge 513, Vero Beach Lodge 1822, Jensen Beach Lodge 1690, Palm Bay Lodge 2311 and Zephyrhills Lodge 2276 assisted over 100 athletes who competed in the Special Olympics Florida Area 6 Coastal Regional Bowling Competition August 2 at Port Saint Lucie Lanes.

Champions on and off the lanes

Florida Moose supports Special Olympics and builds stronger communities

SCOTT DUNCAN, FMA Liason

More than 100 athletes came together to compete in the [Special Olympics Florida](#) Area 6 Coastal Regional Bowling Competition August 2.

That meant the need for tons of volunteers to make the pins fly.

When the word spread throughout multiple Moose lodges, volunteers from Port Saint Lucie Lodge 513, Vero Beach Lodge 1822, Jensen Beach Lodge 1690, Palm Bay Lodge 2311 and Zephyrhills Lodge 2276 answered the call.

The volunteers performed duties including monitoring lanes, assisting with directing athletes, pin or lane resets, scorekeeping, and awards.

Terry Plourde, the Florida Moose Association Special Olympics Chairperson

stated, "this was the first time I volunteered at an event" and "I had so much fun."

What made it extra special was that one of Vero Beach Lodge's members, Maggie, was a competitor that day.



Mary Ann and Tino, volunteers from Vero Beach 1822, worked the vey lanes on and cheered her on.

Maggie went on to win the Silver Medal in her division.

The event was held at Port Saint Lucie Lanes.

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Maggie shows off her Silver Medal Award after competing with more than 100 athletes in the Special Olympics Florida Area 6 Coastal Regional Bowling Competition August 2. She is a member of Vero Beach Lodge 1822.

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Christmas in the Keys

The Key Largo Moose 2287 hosted a Christmas in July Open House on Saturday, July 25 to raise money for the classroom holiday parties for the 670 students at the [Key Largo School](#). The lodge will match the amount collected to start a scholarship fund for the [Coral Shores High School](#).

Children visited with Santa, played games for a chance to win one of three filled toy boxes, enjoyed hotdogs, popcorn, donuts and ice cream. The lodge also kicked off their toy collection for Wesley House Family Services.

Submitted by Key Largo Moose 2287

Celebrate the best the Moose offers

*Honors, accomplishments,
and education*



FMA LIASON
**W. SCOTT
DUNCAN**

As we enter the Fall, it is a time to recognize those accomplishments that our Moose hold most dear.

Those accomplishments that tie us together in the bonds of Fraternism.

We Celebrate Founder's Day, our newest Pilgrims, our Collegians, those who earn the Golden Gavel, our new Fellows, our Valued Veterans, and oh so many more.

If you don't have a full calendar of events set up for October, November and December, why not?

Take the opportunity to educate your members on what these titles, or degrees are, and how to attain that level of recognition.

Celebrate Moose Fraternal Events even if you've never seen it celebrated before.

It starts with the first one, or even the first one in a long time.

There are resources online at www.mooseintl.org, you can reach out to

the FMA Activities Chairperson, or your Territory Manager, or for that matter, me.

Ask how you can celebrate these events and make your lodge stand out in a positive way. You may even notice an increased level of participation, an increased level of volunteerism, an increased level of profit as you celebrate being Moose.

Take the time to learn about your members and who is earning these recognition titles.

What did they do to get there? Who helped them along the way?

And most importantly, how did it impact your Lodge, Chapter or Moose Legion?

Our biggest opportunity is educating our newest members what these titles mean, and how to earn them.

The first step is to introduce new members to our recognition programs.

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ONE MISSION ONE FRATERNITY ONE MILLION

For more than 134 years, The Moose has stood as a beacon of fraternity, family, service, and community impact.

As we approach one of the greatest new era milestones in our Fraternity – reaching one million active memberships – we have an extraordinary opportunity to unite every Lodge, Association, and member behind a single shared mission!

The “One Mission - One Fraternity - One Million Campaign” is designed to generate excitement, increase membership engagement, accelerate recruitment momentum, and celebrate the collective efforts of our Fraternity as we approach the landmark achievement of one million memberships in The Moose.

The campaign strategically increases rewards as membership totals approach the one million membership threshold, creating sustained excitement and increasing urgency throughout the sponsorship process.

By rewarding Sponsors, New Members, Lodges, and Associations simultaneously, the program ensures that each level of the Fraternity shares in both the responsibility and the celebration of this achievement.

This incentive program is designed to:

- Increase new member growth across all Associations
- Create healthy competitive engagement among Sponsors, Lodges and Associations
- Reward local membership recruitment efforts
- Publicly celebrate milestone membership achievements
- Generate positive publicity and organizational momentum leading into the historic one-million-member milestone

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of the campaign?

The campaign unites every Lodge, Association, and member behind the goal of reaching one million active Moose memberships while rewarding those who help achieve this historic milestone.

When does the campaign begin? The campaign begins on July 1, 2026 and continues until the Fraternity reaches 1,000,001 active memberships.

How are milestone memberships determined? All milestone memberships are determined through the official Moose Membership Management System (MMMS).

Who is eligible to receive rewards?

Sponsors, New Memberships, Active Members (through random drawings), Lodges, Associations, and certain Growing to Serve Campaign Lodge Sponsors (through random drawings), depending on the milestone.

How is the Active Member winner selected?

One Active Member is selected by random drawing at each milestone. Members receive one entry for every year of continuous active membership and must be active at the time of the drawing.

Can someone win more than one reward?

Yes. Members who qualify under multiple reward categories may receive each applicable award.

What if multiple applications are processed at the same time? The official processing order recorded in MMMS determines milestone eligibility.

What if an application is incomplete?

Only completed and enrolled memberships that become active in MMMS qualify. Lodges are required to follow the complete enrollment process as specified in the General Laws.

Are reenrolled members included? Yes, where specifically identified in the campaign rules.

10. How are Lodge and Association rewards determined? The Sponsor's Primary Lodge and Association connected to the qualifying milestone membership receive the designated reward.

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Islamorada donation supports food pantry

Islamorada Moose Lodge 2151 presented a \$500 check to the [Key Largo American Legion 333 Auxiliary](#) for their food pantry at the Key Largo VA office.

Pictured from left to right: Chaplain Gary Falleur Jr, Key Largo American Legion Auxiliary representatives Becky Crawford and Sally Korte, Administrator K. Shylon Martin, Trustee Tim Nichols.

Submitted by Islamorada Moose 2151



Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League receives pet food/toys

West Palm Beach Lodge 1461 donated \$700 worth of pet food & toys to [Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League](#). Pictured include Michelle of Peggy Adams, Brett Madison, Administrator, and Valerie O'Brien, Chaplain & Heart of the Community Chairman

**Submitted by Valerie O'Brien,
West Palm Beach 1461**



Participants in the Inaugural Moose Legion Ritual Two-Day Competition and Workshop.

Ritualists come together

Inaugural event brought strength, knowledge, and camaraderie

JAMES ESPOSITO, FMA Ritual Chairman

The Florida Moose Association proudly hosted the Inaugural Moose Legion Ritual Two-Day Competition and Workshop, a gathering that brought Ritual Teams, Judges, support staffs, and fraternal members together from across the state.

The weekend was marked by strong participation, heartfelt camaraderie, and a shared commitment to preserving and strengthening the Moose Legion Ritual tradition.

Six Ritual Teams competed with distinction, supported by dedicated staffs whose preparation and teamwork contributed greatly to the success of the event.

We extend sincere appreciation to all who traveled—Ritualists, support personnel, friends, and members—each of whom played an important role in supporting the program and participating in the workshop sessions.

Our gratitude also extends to both the local Judges and those who journeyed from out of state.

Their professionalism and devotion to the Ritual ensured fairness, consistency, and respect for the standards that

define our fraternal tradition.

A special and heartfelt thank-you is extended to Harry and Sandy Johnston. Harry served as Competition Chairman with exemplary leadership, while Sandy provided invaluable support by capturing team photographs throughout the weekend. Their contributions were essential to the smooth operation and lasting memory of the event.

Pictured on Top Right: Harry Johnston served as Competition Chairman.

Bottom Right: First picture is left to right Bill Greenfield and Tim Gowdey



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July 4 parade participants

The Venice Lodge decorated a float for the annual 4th of July parade in Venice. They even had their very own Uncle Sam. Riding on the float were some of the Lodges' Valued Veterans.

Submitted by Mary Foster, Venice Lodge 1308



First FMA Pilgrim-Fellowship Weekend Getaway a success

Event complete with learning, laughter, fellowship and friendship

CHRIS PEDONE, FMA Pilgrim Chairman

The Florida Moose Association held its first Pilgrim-Fellowship Weekend Getaway on Saturday, August 22, at Moosehaven, bringing together 103 members for a day of education, fellowship, and fun.

The day began at 10:45 a.m. with Pilgrims gathering in the Recreation Center for a brief meeting.

At its conclusion, everyone came together in the Michigan Building for a one-hour roundtable discussion focusing on the requirements for advancing from the Fellowship Degree to the Pilgrim Degree.

The group also discussed the importance of completing the Pilgrim Recommendation Form and the valuable role

Fellows play in mentoring Moose Legionnaires as they continue their journey toward receiving the Degree of Honor.

After Moosehaven provided a delicious lunch featuring assorted sandwiches and salads, members had the opportunity to tour the Moosehaven campus and head to the Recreation Center for an afternoon packed with activities.

Shuffleboard, darts, bowling, bingo and cornhole kept everyone busy – and believe it or not, even a poker game broke out!

One of the afternoon highlights was a \$5 Calcutta game, with the winner taking home \$250—and then generously donating the entire amount back to the FMA.

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DONATE BLOOD



Florida Moose Association

Thursday, September 10

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Two scholarships presented by Merritt Island Moose Legion

The Merritt Island Moose Lodge 2073 Moose Legion has awarded two one-thousand-dollar scholarships to two Brevard County seniors.



Hendrix "Rex" Wiendl attended Cocoa Beach High School before attending CBH he attended H.B. Plant High School in Tampa, where he completed college coursework at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Hillsborough Community College. He graduated with a weighted GPA of 4.01. Rex intends to attend Florida Institute of Technology, majoring in Aviation Meteorology Flight. He holds a Private Pilots License, Master SCUBA diver, and Lifeguard/CPR/AED certification. He has completed two years of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and is a Champion marksman. His interests include Club Crew, surfing, rock climbing, and the sea turtle protection society.



Sabrina Bree attended Merritt Island High School and graduated with a 4.0 Grade Point Average. She graduated with Honors earning Presidents list recognition. She had dual enrollment at Eastern Florida State College. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She belongs to Women of Aviation and Experimental Aircraft Association. Her interests include golf, volleyball, aviation crewing, and symphonic Orchestra first chair bass. She plans to attend Florida Institute of Technology pursuing a degree in Meteorology with Flight.

Submitted by Key Largo Moose 2287



Moose Riders support veterans

The West Volusia Moose Riders packaged and distributed 120 up-scale toiletry bags to the Veterans at Emory Bennett Veterans Nursing Home in Daytona Beach, FL.

The Moose Riders brought a lot of smiles that day to the men and women who fought for our Freedom! One of the Veterans in the photo is 99 years young.

Submitted by

West Volusia Moose Riders

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Special Olympics is a global sports movement of people creating a new world of inclusion and community, where every single person is accepted and welcomed, regardless of ability or disability.

Special Olympics of Florida has over 80,000 athletes throughout Florida.

Additional events can be found on the Events page on the Special Olympics Florida website.

To volunteer, organize a group of volunteers or even coach or be a unified partner, visit their website.

Florida Moose members also participate in the Special Olympics Florida Plunge (Orlando).

This event will be held in February 2027 at Aquatica Waterpark in Orlando, Florida.

Dubbed "Freezin' for a Reason", the days events will include crazy costumes, cold water, music, dancing, and waves.



Get Bold in the Cold and Make a Big Splash for Inclusion!

Special Olympics Florida

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Candidates take oath during the Manatee 58 Moose Legion Conferral September 13, 2025.

The Moose Legion and Its Mission

The Degree of Service, and fun!

JIM KELLY, International Moose Legion Area Manager/South

Jim Kelly wrote this story for the January / February 2026 edition of The Courier. We are running the story again at his request as part of his new series "Moose Legion 'Ya Herd'", a quarterly informational and inspiring road for Moose Leionnaires. It will include The Why, The How, and The Mission!



What is the Moose Legion?

The Moose Legion is a distinguished part of the organization, dedicated to upholding its values and principles.

Membership in the Moose Legion signifies a commitment to the organization's mission and camaraderie among its members.

Eligibility for Membership

When a gentleman joins this esteemed organization, he becomes eligible to become a member of the Moose Legion.

This opportunity allows members to further their involvement and contribute to the group's ongoing mission.

NOTE: It's extremely important that ALL Male members wishing to advance to this degree: MUST be a member in good standing in their lodge: MUST fill out a application by being sponsored by another Active Moose Legionnaire, pay an additional yearly dues and MOST IMPORTANTLY- be CONFERRED into the MOOSE LEGION, by attending a Quarterly Celebration, or an Authorized Mini Conferral.

This is just the beginning.

Our Lodges depend on the Moose Legion Committee to be, ACTIVE, INVOLVED and ENGAGED with membership, WORKING with other Lodge Committees to help advance the great mission of the MOOSE, ie: membership growth, membership retention, Activities within the Lodge, working with the WOTM, sharing Ideas, and leading by example.

The Moose Legion is always looking for QUALITY members they can depend on.

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MOOSEHAVEN HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT CANDY FUNDRAISER

HELP US FILL THE CANDY CAULDRON!

Your donation helps us purchase candy for our **FREE** community event, where Moosehaven residents and staff will treat visiting ghouls and goblins from neighboring communities.



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

OCTOBER 31, 2026

• 5:30 - 8:00 PM •



DONATION DEADLINE:
OCTOBER 20

Please donate by then so we have time to purchase the candy.



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THANK YOU FOR MAKING HALLOWEEN SWEET!



FLORIDA MOOSE ASSOCIATION 79TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Agenda

September 10-13, 2026
Rosen Plaza, Orlando, FL

Welcome Official Visitor: Moose International CEO Scott Hart

BINGO IN EVERY SESSION – PROCEEDS TO HORIZONS

HEART OF THE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Thursday – **Blood Drive & Give Kids The World**

Friday and Saturday – **Peanut Butter, Wish Pillow Cases**

THURSDAY September 10

8 AM - 6 PM REGISTRATION

MEETINGS

9 AM Fraternal Education Trainers Meeting (*Salon 9*)
1 - 5 PM FMA Executive Committee Meeting (*Salon 1*)
4 PM Moose Legion Secretaries Meeting (*Salon 14*)
4 PM Council of Higher Degrees (*Buddy Dugger & Melinda Bell, Salon 12*)
5: 30 PM WOTM Past Deputies Dinner (*Café Matisse*)

WORKSHOPS

10 AM - 4 PM WOTM Workshop (*B. Moffitt-Salon 10*)
10 AM - 4 PM Lodge Leadership Course (*Steven Glover-Limited Attendance - Salon 11*)
11 AM - 12 PM Lodge Financial Review and Proper Reconciliations (*M. Benton & C. Farmer -Salon 12*)
11 AM - 12 PM How to Complete a High Scoring HOC Report (*Bob Saindon-Salon 13*)
1 - 3 PM Moose Charities Ways to Contribute (*Julie Anderson & Lori Herring-Salon 12*)
1 - 4 PM QuickBooks Online Assistance (*Dave Trexler - Salon 14*)
3 PM - 4 PM How to Start a WOTM Chapter (*Barb McPherson - Salon 13*)
4 PM **FUN NIGHT** (*Ballroom A*)
8 AM-5 PM REGISTRATION
7:30 AM ASSOCIATION FULL BOARD MEETING
(*FMA Executive Committee, District Presidents, Past Supreme Gov's and Intl Appointees*)
(*Ballroom B,C,D*)
7:45 AM NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
(*FMA Executive Committee, District Presidents, 4 FMA Past Presidents by juniority, and 5 others by invitation*)
(*Ballroom B,C,D*)
8:15 AM MEMORIAL SERVICE PRACTICE (*Jay Andrade, Babs Moffitt & Angels*)

TO ANNOUNCE AT BEGINNING OF ALL SESSIONS:

Front row middle is reserved for M.I. Appointments – Please be up front and prepared for reports – Safety Briefing

Conference Agenda:

FRIDAY September 11, 2026

9-11:15 AM GENERAL SESSION I (*Ballrooms B, C, D*)

MEMORIAL SERVICE (*Chaplain Jay Andrade & Barbara Moffitt - Ballroom B,C,D*)

- Convention Opening/Call to Order (*Jr. Past President Todd Anderson*)
- Safety Briefing (*Todd Anderson*)
- Invocation (*Chaplain Jay Andrade*)

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- d) Presentation of Colors
- e) National Anthem
- f) Pledge of Allegiance (*Sgt-At-Arms Julie Anderson*)
- g) Report of Credentials Committee (*Lois Myers*)
- h) Convention Obligation (*Jr. Past President Todd Anderson*)
- i) President's Oath & Presentation of Gavel (*Jr. Past President Todd Anderson*)
- j) Welcome & Recognition of First-Time Attendees & Veterans (*Scott Kern*)
- k) FMA Past Presidents Recognition
- l) CEO Scott Hart (*Video*)
- m) Roll Call of Officers and Committee Chairs (*Dan O'Neal*)
- n) Roll Call of Lodges (*Explain Scanners - Dan O'Neal*)
- o) Introduction and Remarks of O.V. Scott Hart (*Scott Kern*)
- p) Report of Rules & Order Committee (*Jerry Thompson*)
- q) Report of President (*Scott Kern*)
- r) Report of Nominating Committee (*Scott Kern*)
- s) Report of Secretary (including General Law 51.5) (*Dan O'Neal*)
- t) 2025 Convention & 2026 FB Minutes (*Dan O'Neal*)
- u) Treasurer's Report (*Gerard Dubois*)
- v) 2026-2027 Budget (*Gerard Dubois*)
- w) Lifetime Achievement Award (*Dan O'Neal*)
- x) Publications (*Kimberly Kelly*)
- y) Government Relations/Lobbyist Committee (*Stephen Vella, Jerry Monk*)
- z) Historical Committee (*Ross Fleet*)
- aa) Financial Review Committee (*Richard Jones*)



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- bb) WOTM Grand Chancellor Barb McPherson (*Video*)
- cc) Remarks of Grand Chancellor Barb McPherson
- dd) Report of Chapter Advocate Barbara Moffitt
- ee) Motion to Accept all Reports as Given

RECESS

12 PM PILGRIM LUNCHEON (*Salon 3/4 - Pre-purchased Ticket Required*)

12 PM WOTM HIGHER DEGREE LUNCHEON (*Ballroom A - Pre-purchased Ticket Required*)

1:30-3:30 PM GENERAL SESSION II (*Ballroom B,C,D*)

- a) Moosehaven (*Video*)
- b) Report on Moosehaven (*Helen Taylor*)
- c) Fraternal Education (*Ken Bygler*)
- d) Lodge Formation (*Keith Delano*)
- e) Loss Prevention/Risk Management (*Martin Fischer*)
- f) Heart of The Community (*Kimberly Kelly*)
- g) Youth Awareness (*Julie Anderson, Candy Saindon*)
- h) Activities/Sports (*Todd Anderson, Cindy Barnhart*)
- i) Special Olympics (*Terri Plourde*)
- j) Moose Riders (*Maureen 'Mo' Holland*)
- k) Valued Veterans & Veterans Affairs (*Frank Venditti & Larry D'Angelo*)
- l) Report of Moose Legion Ambassadors (*T. Anderson, M. Edkin, J. Thornbloom, & K. Bygler*)
- m) Webmaster (*Marvin Gardner & Jim Blanchard*)
- n) Council of Higher Degrees (*Buddy Dugger, Melinda Bell*)
- o) Emergency Relief (*Wayne Beyer*)
- p) Remarks from Official Visitor (*Scott Hart*)
- q) Motion to Accept all Reports as Given

RECESS

4:00 PM PILGRIM PRESENTATION REHEARSAL (*Ballroom B,C,D*)

6:30 PM PILGRIM PRESENTATION / WOTM COR RECOGNITION (*All Invited-Ballroom B,C,D*)

Conference Agenda: SATURDAY September 12, 2026

6 AM-4 PM REGISTRATION

7:00 AM FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST & CONFERRAL (*Ballroom A*)
(*All must purchase – Candidates receive a complimentary breakfast*)

9:00 AM GENERAL SESSION III (*Ballrooms B, C, D*)

March of Checks – To be collected at the door. Recognition of >\$500 to be read in Session IV

- a) Call to Order (*Scott Kern*)
- b) Recognition of new Fellows/Pilgrims/AOF/SR/COR
- c) Moose Charities (*Lori Herring*)
- d) Remarks from Intl Moose Charities Board (*Julie Anderson*)
- e) Endowment (*Troy Broughton*)
- f) Orientation (*Jason Thornbloom*)
- g) MI Director of Membership Video (*Frank Vorhees*)
- h) Membership Comm (*Sharon Davis*)
- i) Report of Association Liaison (*Scott Duncan*)
- j) FSYR/Scholarship Fundraising (*Christopher Nichols*)

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- k) Mooseheart Video (*Gary Urwiler*)
 - l) Mooseheart (*Lisa Plourde*)
 - m) HOC Scholarship Drawings (*Dan O'Neal*)
 - n) Remarks from Official Visitor (*Scott Hart*)
 - o) Election Instructions (*Mike Davis*)
 - p) Motion to Accept all Reports as Given

12 PM ASSOCIATION AWARDS LUNCHEON (*Ballroom A*)

12 - 2 PM ELECTION OF OFFICERS (*Salon X*)

1:30 PM **GENERAL SESSION IV** (*Ballrooms B, C, D*)

- a) Report of District Presidents 1-25
- b) Remarks of Intl Inner Guard (*Chris Pedone*)
- c) Remarks of Intl BOD (*Sandy Johnston*)
- d) Remarks of Intl BOD Jr Past Chair (*John Reiter*)
- e) Remarks of Past Supreme Governors (*Ross Fleet, Rodney Hammond, Jim Fleming, Harry Johnston*)
- f) Remarks of Territory Managers (*Bob Saindon, Mark Benton, Clarke Farmer*)
- g) Remarks of Liaison (*Scott Duncan*)
- h) Remarks of Official Visitor (*Scott Hart*)
- i) Final Credential Report (*Lois Myers*)
- j) Results of Election (*Mike Davis*)
- k) Closing Remarks
- l) Motion to Accept all Reports as Given

RECESS

4:30 PM WOTM GOLDEN GAVEL REHEARSAL (*Ballroom B,C,D*)

7:00 PM CONVENTION BANQUET (*Ballroom A*) (*Scott Kern Presiding - all must have tickets*)

- a) Opening Prayer (*Jay Andrade*)
- b) Remarks of President (*Scott Kern*)
- c) Remarks of Official Visitor (*Scott Hart*)
- d) Ritual Competition Awards (*Jim Esposito*)
- e) Installation of Officers (*All elected and appointed officers, including incoming District Presidents, should be in proper attire; i.e., MEN: coat & Tie, WOTM in regalia or formal business attire*).
- f) Remarks of Incoming President
- g) Special Project Raffle (*Julie Penton*)
- h) Benediction
- i) Adjourn Sine Die

Conference Agenda:

SUNDAY, September 13, 2026

7:30-8:00 AM FMA PAST PRESIDENTS MEETING (*Salon 14*)

8:30 AM GOLDEN GAVEL CONVOCATION (*Ballroom B,C,D*)

10:00 AM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS ORIENTATION (*Ballroom A – Incoming DP's & Exec Committee – TM's welcome*).
All Incoming District Presidents are required to attend. MEN must be in coat & tie, LADIES in regalia or business attire for photos)

SAFE TRAVELS HOME. SHARE WHAT YOU LEARNED.

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SARAH JACKSON, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

Before Alachua County Deputy Branden was a School Resource Officer, before he was a corrections officer, and before he was a semi-pro football player, he was a camper.

"I was born and raised in Marion County, and I remember they picked several students from our school, and it was pretty much leaders in the school. And they brought us to this camp," Deputy Branden said.

His memories of summer camp place him at a Youth Ranches program called Project Harmony, which began in the late 1990s.

It was designed to reduce violence and racial tension in schools by pairing leaders from different groups together at camp and showing them how to work together.

"We had kids from several walks of life, including kids that were 'troublemakers,'" Deputy Branden recalled. "But we also had a lot of good kids. The idea was to take leaders, no matter what area you come from, and be a good influence."

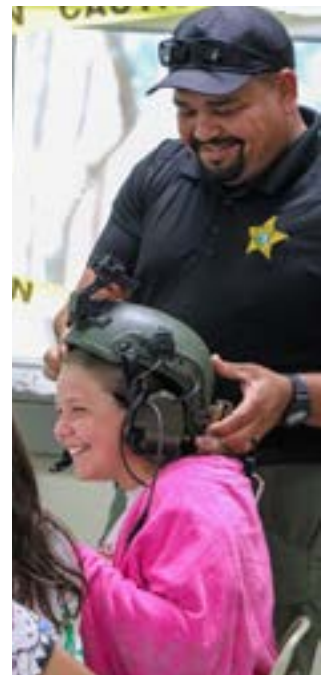
Deputy Branden was a straight-A student from a loving family.

He remembers Project Harmony as a place for everyone to hang out together, no matter whether they were "good kids" or "bad kids."

"It was a cool experiment," he said. "I loved it. I met people from other schools, made some friends, and hung out with people I didn't see on a day-to-day basis."

Today, Deputy Branden is a School Resource Officer in Alachua County.

He attended summer camp as a volunteer to work with kids from his community, including his son and nephew.



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A new candidate (left) spends a moment with Fred Garcia (right) at the Cypress 202 Moose Legion Conferral September 6, 2025. The conferral was held at Golden Triangle Moose Lodge.

HERD, from page 15

Our motto is straight forward: DO SOME GOOD THING FOR SOMEONE EACH DAY.

When you think about that, it sounds easy and when WE work together, WE can accomplish great things!

As we work together within the confines of The MOOSE General Laws and The Moose Legion CODE of RULES, Moose Legionnaires have an opportunity to advance to other levels of the Degrees of service.

They include FELLOWSHIP, the Degree of Honor, and the highest honor you can be bestowed the PILGRIM Degree of Merit.

The path to these degrees can be explained to you by your Sponsor or jurisdictional Board of Directors.

I constantly get asked how someone achieves these degrees.

My response is always the same, stay plugged into our mission, keep your

head down and keep working!

It's amazing how quick time goes by when we are working together, striving to - Do Some Good Thing for Someone Each Day - all while Having FUN!!

Let's face it. If it's not fun others won't plug in.

I would love to see each Lodge have a minimum goal of 10% of their men's members become Active Moose Legionnaires.

Remember, how we treat our newest members will determine your committee's

success and Lodge/Moose Legion retention efforts.

We sometimes forget how we all felt when we joined this great organization.

Please take a moment and mentor your new candidate in the Moose Legion.

Share your stories and experiences as we are always striving to sponsor a Future Leader to help us all with New HORIZON's.



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Friday Oct 16, 2026

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| 1-4 PM | Moosehaven Tours |
| 4-6 PM | Registration/Check-In |
| 5-7 PM | Meet & Greet Reception |
| 7-8 PM | Trivia |
| 8-9 PM | Moosehaven history/Ross Fleet |

Saturday Oct 17, 2026

Wear Your Paradise Costume!

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| 8-9 AM | Registration/Check-In | 1:00-3:30 PM | Minutes Book Workshop |
| 9-11:30 AM | Minutes Book Workshop | 1:00-3:30 PM | Meeting Procedures Workshop |
| 9-11:30 AM | Meeting Procedures Workshop | 3:45-5:30 PM | Rose Ceremony/
Questions & Answer |
| 11:30-1:00 PM | Lunch | 5:30 PM | Dinner (on your own) |

Sunday Oct 18, 2026

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| 8:30-9:30 AM | Church service in the Chapel,
if interested |
| 9:30-11:00 AM | Official Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• March of Checks• Door Prizes• 50/50 drawing• Basket Raffle drawing• Roll Call |

*Good Times
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*Come for the learning, stay for the laughter,
leave with your heart full!*

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RITUAL, from page 9

Competition Results

- 1st – Cypress 202
- 2nd – Sailfish 197
- 3rd – South Florida 46
- Grand Champion: Buddy Franklin

We congratulate all participating teams and proudly recognize Brother Franklin for earning the title of Grand Champion.

The Vero Beach Moose Lodge and Chapter served as outstanding hosts, providing a welcoming environment and exceptional support throughout the event.

Administrator Steve and the Board of Officers went above and beyond in their preparations, ensuring that every attendee experienced true fraternal hospitality.



This event was made possible through the generous contributions of fraternal units and individual members across Florida.

Your support allowed us to deliver a high-quality competition and workshop, and your dedication continues to strengthen the Ritual program statewide.

State Ritual Competition will be held in February at the Vero Beach Moose Lodge, where we look forward to gathering once again in friendly competition.

Pictured in Top Photo: Jason Thornbloom, Jerry Thompson and Paul Bien-dez. Bottom Left: Tim Gowdey. Bottom Right: 2026 FMA State Moose Legion Rital Competition Winners.



Everything comes back to our camp motto:

Law Officers Are Your Friends!

DEPUTY, from page 21

"I love kids," he said. "My wife and I have four boys, I've always coached sports. So I figured, why not be a School Resource Officer? If I could reach a few kids over my career, that would make me happy."

Deputy Branden's career in Corrections and then as a sergeant with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office showed him the effects of difficult circumstances that led to poor choices and a life of crime.

"I've seen every level of the justice system at this point, and I decided I wanted to be in the community and see if we can stop this before it reaches the end" he said. "I wanted to see the beginning."

**Youth Ranches summer camp
is designed to be a free camp
experience for at-risk youth.**

These are good kids in bad situations, whose choices may be catching up with them.

We use trauma-informed care, respect-based curricula, and team-building games to curate a unique summer camp experience.

The most unique part? Our deputies!

Every week, deputies from our campers' home counties join them here at camp. They eat meals together, play games, and share their thoughts around the campfire.

Everything comes back to our camp motto: Law Officers Are Your Friends!

YOUTH CAMP Pierson, Florida

Okeechobee County Deputy Gonzalez was one of many deputies to participate in a law demo at Youth Camp.

Visiting deputies lined up their official Sheriff's Office vehicles and let the kids explore the equipment.

Soon the pine trees rang with the sounds of sirens, car horns, and voices on loudspeakers.

"Everything we do is for safety," Deputy Gonzalez said. "We have to build trust with them so they don't just see us enforcing the law, they see us on their level."

Deputy Gonzalez is a School Resource Officer for his county, and he met one of his students at camp.

Kailyn is on the Safety Patrol back home, and she enjoyed seeing her SRO at camp handing out stickers, answering questions, and spending time with the campers.

CARUTH CAMP Inglis, Florida

Over at Caruth Camp, deputies from Charlotte County were holed up in the arts and crafts building for a rainy-day session of Challenge Course.

The campers were tasked with moving a marble through a series of tubes to get it across the room and into a bucket.

The challenge? There weren't enough tubes for one continuous trip.

Soon the room was alive with suggestions and squeals of excitement as campers and deputies stood elbow to elbow, each holding a piece of the track and getting

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NEWS

AROUND THE STATE

Chapter, District, and
Special Committee news.



Key Largo 2287 chosen as July 4 parade Best of Show

The Key Largo Moose Lodge #2287 entered their Christmas in July float in the annual July 4th Parade sponsored by the [Key Largo Chamber of Commerce](#).

The theme was chosen to announce their Christmas in July Open House later in the month.

The lodge held a members watch party in their parking lot and were joined by local Moose members, Islamorada Moose members, members of the American Legion Post #333, and the residents from Oasis of the Keys Nursing and Rehab Center.

It snowed in Key Largo that day as they sprayed the parade watchers with snow while most floats sprayed them with water guns.

The staff, board of officers, and members spent a lot of time and effort, and their hard work paid off when the Key Largo Moose Lodge won the Best of Show Award!

Submitted by Key Largo Moose 2287



Indiana House girls visit St. Augustine

Lakeshore Lodge 2020/1495 Jacksonville FL had the pleasure of entertaining the Indiana House of Mooseheart girls to [St. Augustine, FL](#) on June 21, 2026. They visited the Oldest School House, where they received a graduation certificate. They visited the Shipwreck Museum, dug for real treasures, had Pizza for lunch, and did a little shopping.

Submitted by Paula Castleberry, Lakeshore Lodge 2020

PILGRIM, from page 11

Making the afternoon even more special, Moosehaven residents joined the visiting members for the activities, adding another level of fellowship and friendship to the day.

Everyone returned to the Michigan Building for dinner, where they were treated to a prime rib dinner with all the fixings and a wonderful dessert.

The evening continued with another 100-ball Calcutta game, which raised an additional \$215 for Moose Charities.

By every measure, the inaugural Pilgrim - Fellowship Weekend Getaway was a tremendous success.

Those who attended enjoyed a wonderful day of learning, laughter, fellowship and friendship.

With such an enthusiastic response to the first event, we look forward to seeing it continue to grow in the years



to come.

A special thank you goes to Helen Taylor and Susan Luke at Moosehaven for providing full use of the facilities and for preparing such wonderful food throughout the day.

Their hospitality helped make this first-ever event truly special!

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New mural to show member progress

This mural was painted by Brianna, aka Finn Rice, of one of Riverview Lodge 2158 Lodge's members.

Leaves will be added to honor their member's progress in the power of the Moose.

Submitted by William Longenbarger

Riverview 2158



RECOGNITION, from page 7

Not by a piece of paper, but by a live example of someone from their home, actually accomplishing the challenges placed before them.

Achieving the honors that are bestowed to those who make the sacrifices to get there through their dedication and energy.

Support the Celebrations, throughout the Fall.

Pilgrims will celebrate in their lodges.

November is Fellowship, and Valued

Veterans month.

In September, the Women of the Moose celebrate the Golden Gavel, and then in November they hold a special meeting to Celebrate the College of Regents.

Founder's Day is held on October 27 each year.

There is a proper ceremony that is easy enough for any two dedicated members to perform.

Plan your events, learn about the degrees, and Celebrate, Celebrate, Celebrate.

DEPUTY, from page 25

ready to run to the end of the line.

When the marble jumped the track and clattered to the floor, the line dissolved into groans of disappointment.

"Slow and steady wins the race!" one of the counselors called out.

As the girls reset to try again, they used everything they'd learned during the previous attempts.

They communicated, slowed down, and listened to their teammates for direction.

When the marble finally tipped into the bucket, the line exploded into cheers.

"Good job, team!" Charlotte County Deputy Michael said. "Great work!"

Next door, the younger boys' cabin was busy in Arts and Crafts. They created model airplanes and raced them.

Right next to the kids were their deputies, picking just the right color markers to use on their own airplanes.

Alachua County Deputy Peter King has been coming to summer camp since the early 2000s.

"This camp is awesome because it gives kids the privilege and opportunity to come to a camp for free, meet students from around the state, and do activities and things they've never done before," Deputy King said.

"We have law enforcement here from different parts of the county and the state, and that gives [campers] the opportunity to see law enforcement as regular humans, and on the final

night they see us in our uniform, which is awesome."

CAMP SORENSEN *Hilliard, Florida*

As the sun shone down on Camp Sorensen, a cabin of older boys left their fishing poles at the dock and headed to Arts and Crafts.

"I like this camp a lot," Justin said. "It's my third year coming. I like being in nature, and I got my friends into it. I learned I can be a Leader in Training next year!"

Derrick, who set up a game of chess in one corner of the Arts and Crafts building and carefully explained the rules to camper Kaysen, remarked that he liked fishing off the dock.

"It's calming and relaxing," he said.

Preston also learned a lot during his week of camp. The deputies from his county were quick to jump into activities with the kids, including games of pool, foosball, and air hockey.

"I learned the Sheriff's Deputies are cool!" Preston said. "They're really chill, and we're able to talk to them really easily."

Our deputies are the heart of our mission at summer camp. We want to build better, safer communities, and we believe it starts here.

Giving campers a voice, a positive role model, and an opportunity to succeed makes summer camp a life-changing experience.

Thank you for partnering with us and deputies from your county to make summer camp a success!

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Members participate in patriotic parade

The Valued Vets and other members of the Venice Moose Lodge #1308 marched with and rode on their patriotic float in the [Annual Independence Day Parade](#) in Downtown Venice, FL celebrating our nation's 250th anniversary and our city's 100th anniversary.

Submitted by Deanna Stewart, Venice Moose Lodge #1308

FMA FLORIDA MOOSE ASSOCIATION

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THU-SUN
SEP 10-13, 2026

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SAT-SUN
SEP 12-13, 2026

Moose International Soft Tip Darts Tournament

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SAT
SEP 19, 2026

South Florida 46 Moose Legion Conferral

Pompano Moose Lodge



SAT-SUN
SEP 26-27, 2026

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FRI-FRI
SEP 25-OCT 2, 2026

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SEP 26-27, 2026

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SAT-SUN
OCT 3-4, 2026

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SAT
OCT 10, 2026

Pilgrim Celebration: Mike Wehr

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FRI-SAT-SUN
OCT 16-18, 2026

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OCT 17, 2026

Pilgrim Celebration: Mike Conley

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SAT
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Pilgrim Celebration: James Bever

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SAT
NOV 1, 2026

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NOV 21, 2026

Pilgrim Celebration: William Walker

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SUN
NOV 22, 2026

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SAT
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SAT
DEC 12, 2026

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West Boca Moose Lodge



SAT
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THU-SUN
SEP 7-10, 2028

2028 FMA Annual Convention

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11. When will winners be announced?

Winners will be announced after Moose International verifies each milestone.

12. Will winners be recognized publicly?

Yes. Winners may be recognized through official Moose communications, publications, social media, and convention activities.

13. Why do rewards increase as milestones get closer?

The escalating structure builds excitement, urgency, and sustained membership recruitment momentum.

14. What message does this campaign send?

It demonstrates that reaching one million members is about strengthening the Moose for future generations through unity, service, and growth.

15. Why are Active Members included in random drawings?

The campaign recognizes that every active member contributes through dues, service, leadership, mentoring, and support—not just sponsorship.

16. What happened? I thought we already hit that membership number (i.e. 975,000) and now we are coming back to it again this month. How is that possible?

Moose membership is in a constant state of flux. At the end of each month, those members, who have a membership expiration in that month go from active status to expired status. Until the members pay their dues, they are not counted in the overall membership number.

17. Are rewards issued multiple times for the same campaign milestone?

No. Rewards are issued only once—the first time a campaign milestone is reached. For example, if the Fraternity reaches 975,000 active members and rewards are issued, no additional rewards will be given if membership later falls below 975,000 and then returns to that level. Rewards will next be issued only when the 980,000-member milestone is achieved.

18. Does this campaign include Chapter or Moose Legion memberships?

No. This campaign applies only to Moose Lodge memberships and is designed to recognize growth toward and beyond one million Lodge members.

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