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Note from the Editor:

Happy New Year to each and every one of you. I want to thank you for supporting *The Courier* and for all of your wonderful and inspiring articles. So much was done in 2023 in the way of fundraising and community service. You should be proud of your efforts and their results. Now, you must look forward to 2024 and continuing and possibly increasing your success.

Information about our Moose International Convention is now available on the Moose website. Be sure to book your rooms early. New Orleans is an accessible and popular site. Let's make sure we get 100% lodge attendance at this event. Really, there is no excuse. Louisiana is not that far to travel and it is exciting, fun and there are so many things to do there. Check out the Moose website now to see the preliminary event schedule and to book your room.

We've got a lot coming up this Spring, too. Of course Florida Day at Moosehaven is always a fun time, featuring great barbecue, events and the opportunity to spend time with our Moosehaven residents. Many of them are old friends from our lodges who have been Moose long enough to retire to our City of Contentment and enjoy stress-free living. Put it on your calendar and be there.

Our Mid-year conference is in April and again, let's try to make this 100% lodge attendance. No excuse for this one.. You can't get any more centrally located than Orlando. It's always an informative and fun time and a chance to see friends and make new ones. Don't forget, there's a ton a fun restaurants and things to do right there on the International strip.

Oh, yes, inside this issue you will see an article about Panama City lodge. They were wiped out by Hurricane Michael some 5 years ago and are finally having their Grand Reopening on February 2nd. If you can make it, let's show up and congratulate them on maneuvering through insurance, construction, and local issues to build a new and better lodge for their members and all Moose members. Well done!

We look forward, as well, to May, when Mooseheart seniors graduate and new Pilgrims emerge from the House of God. It's a special day all around and if you are able to attend, you will experience the joy and excitement of the Fellows as they proceed through the campus into the House of God to take part in a very special ceremony and emerge as new Pilgrims. In addition, it is an opportunity to visit this beautiful campus and understand how beneficial it is to the children living there.

Again, Happy New Year and all my best for a super 2024!

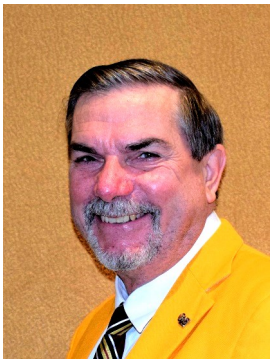
—Joan Fedora, Editor

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Message from Territory Manager/FMA Liaison



Well it is that time of year. The holidays are behind us and we have a chance to catch our breath.

Take a minute and a deep breath, because its time to start getting rsady for the FMA mid-year, and the up-coming Moose International convention. So, if you have not already, let's get busy holding events in our lodges to help raise the funds to send our required representatives to these events.

Registration is open for the Convention in New Orleans, and hotels are filling up fast. As you may have noticed the conventions are becoming an event. More and more members are coming each year.

The FMA Mid-Year online registration will be up soon so keep an eye out for that.

With all that in mind remember that the end of the Fiscal year is April 30th. Now is the time to take a good look at your retention efforts and membership growth. I know every one of you wants your lodge to be plus one in membership again this year. We have had 2 straight years of growth in our great Moose fraternity. We all want that threepat. Let's continue to show all the other fraternal organizations how it is done.

I can't stress enough that all the above can be achieved if we work together as one. We might not always agree but we are always wanting to move our lodges and our Moose fraternity forward.

Remember: A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many.

Roy Rawlings, FMA Liaison



Message from the FMA President



Greetings FMA Members:

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the Holiday season to the fullest and Happy New Year to each of you. Prayers for health and safety in 2024.

We are only just a few months into our 2023-2024 journey, and we are off to an excellent start. Our District Presidents and their Board of Officers have embraced the

challenge and many have been very creative with their fund-raising efforts to date. Thank you to each and every one of you for your commitment to our Association and Fraternity. All of you are leaders so please encourage other members to get involved and mentor them since they are our future.

As of December 11th, 2023, our Association was showing a gain of three thousand seven hundred and and thirty-seven members. How awesome is that! In my November-December article I talked about how integral ALL of our committees are to the success we continue to show. Each and every one of our Chairpersons and their committees are spokes in the FMA wheel that turns in harmony with one another. Again, I encourage you to get others involved in your committees to insure our future.

Our Association's commitment to the Always Active At Moosehaven (AAA) Project is coming along nicely and as of mid-December the Moosehaven AAA Competition has had the support of all but six lodges and we are in reach of our ultimate per-capita goal. You can view all the specifics on the FMA website.

Please spread the word that our 2023-2024 slogan is "Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now", and who dares to try.

I look forward to seeing you along the way. Here's to good friends

Fraternally,

Jim Esposito, FMA President



Join us in New Orleans for the 2024 International Moose Convention from July 24th-27th, 2024!

New Orleans was named the #3 Top Destination for City Lovers in the United States in 2022. But Moose members already knew that. The Big Easy is one of our favorite convention destinations – a vivid nightlife, world-class dining, jazz, and all that history. New Orleans has something for everyone. From a stroll through the French Quarter to a unique visit to a haunted cemetery, you can find it here. Join your Moose brethren when we return in July 2024 and start our own adventure.

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MOOSEHAVEN

Chili Cookoff draws big crowd and big flavors

Northeast Florida got 'fired up' over the weekend at Moosehaven's 'hottest' event of the season! Many chili lovers, flavor fanatics, and car enthusiasts attended the 13th annual Chili Cook-Off & Car Show. It was a sizzling celebration of hot cars and hotter chili!

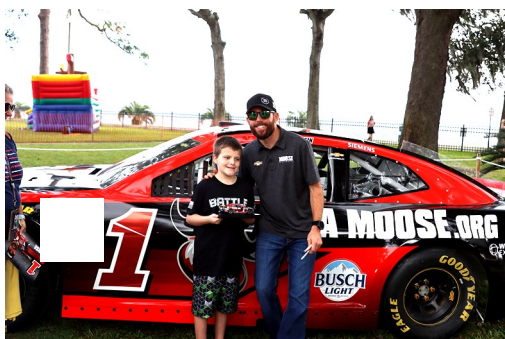
Talented cook teams battled it out for 'Chili Champion' titles while visitors enjoyed river views, craft vendors, a kids zone, and live music by Bold City Classics. NASCAR driver Ross Chastain brought the Moose Fraternity No. 1 Show Car and took pictures with fans, and more than 200 classic cars lined the Moosehaven grounds.

Thank you to our sponsors for another fantastic event, and a big congratulations to all of our Chili Cook-Off participants and winners!

Courtesy of Mooshaven Website



More MOOSEHAVEN



Photos courtesy of Moosehaven website

Change in 25 Club Division Oct/Nov 2023

Lodge #	Lodge Name	Members Name	Current Apps	Award Level
42	Mandarin	Eric Daniel McCanna	25	25
608	Gulf Gate	Joseph Anthony Mascis	29	25
1263	Daytona Beach	Cheri N. Nikzad	25	25
1822	Vero Beach	Deanna Lynn Hinshaw	26	25
1903	Land O'Lakes	Randall Speare	27	25
2117	Palmetto	Carmela O'Driscoll	25	25
2151	Islamorada	Kenly Turchetti	25	25
2345	Pine Castle	Denise Glackin	26	25
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2374	Lake Placid	Whitney Walraven	25	25
2538	West Volusia	Jacqueline Lauterbach	25	25
1023	Winter Haven	Jenifer Whiddon	25	25
1026	Marianna	Tonya Davis	25	25
1145	St Petersburg	Wilson M. Magee	25	25
1835	New Smyrna Beach	Mike Hosmer	26	25
2117	Palmetto	Jeffery A. Morey	29	25
2267	Tamarac	Richard Berry	25	25
2308	Dunnellon	Jose Antonio Becerra Jr.	25	25

Top 25 Producing Lodges 2023

Lodge #	Lodge Name	Total Apps	Lodge #	Lodge Name	Total Apps
2188	Anna Maria Island	2472	1835	New Smyrna Beach	151
1933	Englewood	1509	1717	Cocoa	148
1308	Venice	765	2158	Riverview	148
1023	Winter Haven	736	2538	West Volusia	143
1263	Daytona Beach	619	2352	Nassau	140
1822	Vero Beach	618	325	Suwannee River	138
2276	Zephyrhills	569	2259	Sebring	138
2073	Merritt Island	551	2311	Palm Bay	135
2117	Palmetto	502	1615	South Lake County	134
1454	Bonita Springs	407	874	Golden Triangle	132
764	North Port	366	1406	Melbourne	131
2199	Cape Coral	341	624	Lake City	131
2121	Port Charlotte	338	2510	Wakulla County	130
1297	Tice And The Shores	331	2151	Islamorada	128
2237	Jupiter-Tequesta	295	2308	Dunnellon	128
1271	Villages Leesburg	273	912	Interbay Tampa	127
1782	Naples	256	1954	Pine Island	125
1223	Bradenton	253	204	West Boca Raton	122
1693	Punta Gorda	248	1389	Panama City	122
2554	Gulf Cove	247	2345	Pine Castle	121
813	Ruskin	241	1903	Land O'Lakes	119
1899	Fort Myers	227	2010	Palm Beach Gdns	118
2395	Caloosahatchee	207	2356	West Marion	118
2267	Tamarac	199	1767	Sebastian River	115
1126	Deland	197	2287	Key Largo	115
2367	Satellite Beach	193	2112	Inverness	115
2391	Lake Wales	191	1319	Sarasota	115
1851	Sanford	189	766	Orlando	113
2374	Lake Placid	174	2494	Highlands County	112
248	Fort Pierce	171	1747	New Port Richey	109
42	Mandarin	164	1753	Okeechobee	108
1585	Big Pine Key	161	2427	County Line	107
1880	Brandon	159	1199	Silver Springs	106
655	Four Townes	156	397	Dade City	105
608	Gulf Gate	154	1327	Arcadia	102
184	Palatka	152			

Lodges attaining 100% of quota through 12/18/23

Lodge #	Lodge Name	Quota	Achieved	Percent
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2188	Anna Maria Island	500	2472	494.40%
1389	Panama City	32	122	381.25%
1933	Englewood	500	1509	301.80%
1126	Deland	107	197	184.11%
1023	Winter Haven	403	736	182.63%
380	Perrine	37	64	172.97%
1308	Venice	500	765	153.00%
2395	Caloosahatchee	145	207	142.76%
2237	Jupiter-Tequesta	209	295	141.15%
2391	Lake Wales	142	191	134.51%
1753	Okeechobee	82	108	131.71%
2287	Key Largo	88	115	130.68%
2398	La Belle	75	96	128.00%
1263	Daytona Beach	500	619	123.80%
1822	Vero Beach	500	618	123.60%
325	Suwannee River	112	138	123.21%
2510	Wakulla County	111	130	117.12%
397	Dade City	90	105	116.67%
1199	Silver Springs	93	106	113.98%
2276	Zephyrhills	500	569	113.80%
1271	Villages Leesburg	243	273	112.35%
2538	West Volusia	129	143	110.85%
2158	Riverview	134	148	110.45%
2073	Merritt Island	500	551	110.20%
1835	New Smyrna Beach	138	151	109.42%
1487	Wauchula	85	93	109.41%
2367	Satellite Beach	178	193	108.43%
1654	Golden Gate	30	32	106.67%
2083	Haines City	79	84	106.33%
1851	Sanford	180	189	105.00%
2205	Largo	88	90	102.27%
2356	West Marion	116	118	101.72%
2117	Palmetto	497	502	101.01%

PROUD PAST, BRIGHT FUTURE



Membership campaigns are created and implemented by the Membership Department at Moose International. Annual Membership Campaigns typically run from May 1 to April 30 and have a unique theme each year.

This year's Annual Membership Campaign is "Proud Past, Bright Future" which runs from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024. We are proud of the history of this great Fraternity. While keeping our past successes in mind, we look forward to the bright future with like-minded members who continue to play an important role in their local communities and supporting Mooseheart and Moosehaven for years to come. Working together, our future is bright!

Campaign ads to use in your Lodge/Chapter newsletter can be found in our Forms/Documents section. On the Moose International website.

Lodge News

Annual Moosedhavn Christmas party is back at Mandarin

Christmas at Moose #42 is our favorite time of year. Why? We get to spoil our Moosehaven residents with their annual Christmas Party. This year we invited Moosehaven to join us for their Christmas party on December 10th. The event is hosted by the lodge as one unit. The WOTM, Moose Legion and the Board of Officers worked together to make this fun filled night, memorable for all!

Below are some photos from this fun-filled night, including photos with Santa himself.

Submitted by Leah Turner, Moose lodge 42 Administrator



1941 Days Ago and It's Time!

October 10, 2018, the residents of the Panhandle of Florida will remember as one of worse nightmares of their life. Hurricane Michael hit the area of Panama City with plus F5 hurricane winds and flooding. There was not much left to thousands of homes and businesses, including the Panama City Moose Lodge. It had severe damage throughout the lodge. After the dust somewhat settled, action started right away, clearing debris. With help from Max Constantino trucking and crew from Rapid River, Michigan, helping with debris cleanup and they also took sometime to help out the lodge to get much needed debris removed.

Turning towards the donations that came in from all over the Fraternity, we can't thank you enough, especially Marianna, who had become a drop off center for all donations for the surrounding area. We even had support for our annual toy drive. What a time to have it. Thank you for all that donated. Even with their own problems and issues they found time to help a child have a Christmas that year.

It has been over 5 years since Hurricane Michael and we are proud to say that we are open. We will have our re-grand opening on February 2nd with the Chairman of the Board of Moose International, John Snipes, as our official visitor. Please join us on Friday and Saturday for our re-grand opening of the newly renovated Panama City Moose Lodge 1389!.

Submitted by Todd Anderson



Photos courtesy of Todd Anderson

Photos courtesy of Julie Dion and Charlie Titheridge

Community Service

Donations enable school Secret Santa program

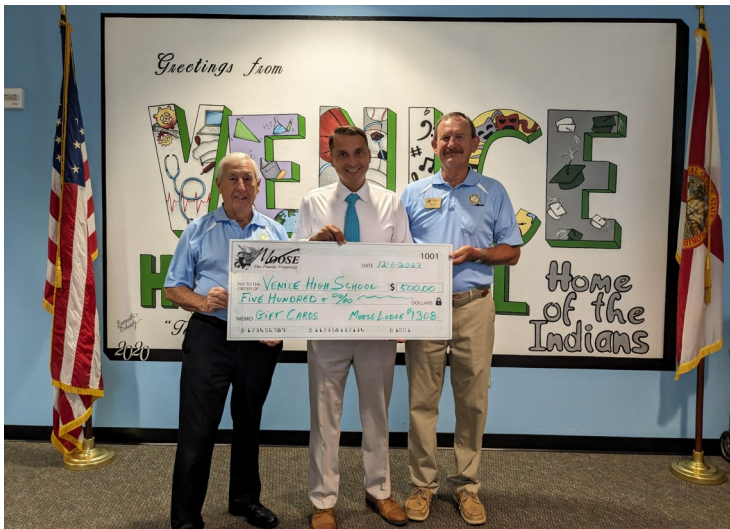
On Friday December 1st The Englewood Fl. Moose #1933 gave every Student in Englewood Elementary School a Christmas Card with a \$10 bill inside so all 561 Students can participate in The Secret Santa Christmas Shop.

Pictured L to R are John Beinkowski, Jean Clark, Kurt Schwartz (Principal), Jeremy Leyman, Brent Shelton and Mark Sipe.

Submitted by Mark Sipe, Englewood Moose #1933



Christmas surprise for local disadvantaged students



Venice Moose Lodge #1308 recently donated \$500 worth of Christmas gift cards for distribution to disadvantaged students at Venice High School this Holiday season. Principal Zoltan Kerestely, center, accepted the donation from Lodge President Bob Fultz, left, and Lodge Trustee Joe Toth.

Submitted by Joseph Toth

Lodge donates Christmas display to arboretum



Venice Moose Lodge #1308 utilized funds from the Moose International Marketing Grant to purchase 2 lighted moose for a Christmas display at Blalock Park Arboretum in downtown Venice.

Submitted by Joseph Toth

Annual donations ensure happy Thanksgivings for many

Every year, Moose Lodge 521 in Spring Hill, Florida donates Thanksgiving baskets with turkey and all the trimmings to several needy families in our community.

Submitted by Communications Chairman David Brezin



Pictured are President Butch Robillard, Administrator Manny Pereira, 1st Year Trustee Moe Robillard

Annual Children’s Christmas party finally back at lodge

For the past 11 years the Panama City Moose Lodge and the DeFalco family have joined efforts in bringing Christmas to the children of Panama City. 5 years ago when Hurricane Michael ripped apart the lodge they knew the party must go on. An old army tent was donated to the lodge and members started getting it ready to host the party. Rain came the week of the party flooding the tent and ruining the party. Not wanting to let down the Community, members setup a drive-by donation center collecting toys in the parking lot. The most memorable donation came all the way from Macclenny with Buddy Dugger delivering a truck full of toys. He barely had enough room to sit as the truck was so stuffed.

For the past 5 years the lodge continued collecting toys and delivering them to the Family Service Agency. This year The Moose lodge and DeFalco family Christmas party was back. Marilyn DeFalco spent days cooking homemade Italian food, deserts and creating beautiful centerpieces. Lodge members, family, and friends came to enjoy a delicious dinner, hear some great music, but most importantly help to bring a little bit of Christmas to the kids in our community. Representatives from Family Service Agency enjoyed the party and left with a vehicle crammed full of toys. Pictured are some of the lodge and WOTM board of officers.

Submitted by Julie Anderson



Photos courtesy of Julie Anderson

More Community Service

Riders make big donation to local food bank

Moose Riders from Fort Pierce Lodge #248 donated a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Treasure Coast Food Bank on November 16, 2023. Doug Generoux, president of Moose Riders #248, would like to thank everyone for their support in making this a huge success and helping others in a time of need.

Submitted by John N. Hoffman/President Fort Pierce Lodge #248



Photo courtesy of John Hoffman

Tommy Moose dolls presented to local law enforcement



Lake City Moose Lodge 624 presented 2 cases of Tommy Moose to each of our local law enforcement departments: the Lake City Police Dept, Sheriff Office, Lake City Fire Dept and our local Highway Patrol. The Chief of Police, our local sheriff, the Fire Chief, and a representative from the Highway Patrol were happy to come to our Moose home and pick up the Tommy Moose. Each of them stated that it was much appreciated and very much needed.

The Lake City Moose Lodge was very proud to be able to assist our community with their needs and look forward to continuing to do so.

Submitted by Wanda Arthur

Photo courtesy of Crissie Atwood

Valued Veterans makes donation for Christmas

Dunnellon Moose Lodge's Valued Veterans recently donated \$1,000 to the Citrus County Veterans Coalition. The funds helped purchase food and presents for local veterans' families.

Submitted by Kimberly Kelly



Woman of the Moose honored for ongoing volunteering

Sylvia Common's dedication to Dunnellon WOTM Chapter 1662 was recognized during the Dunnellon Golden Ball Saturday, December 9, 2023. In addition to volunteering, she also is responsible for dining room decorations throughout the year for special events and dinners. Pictured are Karen Garland, Sylvia Common, Laurie Nelson, and Past Regent Selina Moore.

Submitted by Kimberly Kelly



Chapter represented in Christmas parade

Dunnellon WOTM Chapter 1662 participated in the Dunnellon Boomtown Pioneer Christmas Parade held Saturday, Dec, 2, 2023. Kathy Beardsley, Tammy Sawyer, and Scotty Sawyer were joined by friends and made the float festive. Judith Rymers and Diane Lally also participated, but are not pictured.

Submitted by Kimberly Kelly



2023 Flamingle Jingles, Dunnellon Style



Dunnellon WOTM Chapter 1662 participated in the FMA Flamingle Jingles event with an event of their own held at Citrus County Speedway and Track in Inverness. They dressed as elves and handed out candy to the children on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023. The Chapter donated \$280 for Mooseheart as part of the event.

Pictured are Kimberly Kelly, Sylvia Common, Karen Garland, Diane Lally, Kathy Beardsley, and Stacey Saccareccia.

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Crystal River Women's Club received donation

Dunnellon WOTM Chapter 1662 and Dunnellon Moose Lodge 2308 Valued Veterans each donated \$250 to the Crystal River Women's Club to help with repairs to their building that was damaged August 30, 2023 during Hurricane Idalia, a Category 3 hurricane that brought flood waters into the Crystal River area. An EF-2 tornado that came through Crystal River further damaged the building in the early morning six weeks later.

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MOOSE INTERNATIONAL

Chapter dispensation clarification for use of lodge hall from Compliance Office

BOTH OF THE BELOW PROCEDURES APPLY TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC EVENTS and COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

Dispensation Procedure for WOTM & LODGE

Use of Hall for Event Dispensations is vital for the success of each Moose Unit in ensuring that an event or project is done correctly with the best possible guidance provided from the WOTM, Compliance Office and Field Staff. Since the new change on May 1, 2021, it appears that many of our lodges and chapters do not understand the correct way to submit a dispensation or what to submit.

Nothing has changed as to when the chapter is planning a fundraiser that requires use of hall or property. We all know that the chapter needs to submit a dispensation to the WOTM office for approval. This dispensation does not come to the Compliance Office, but should be submitted to the WOTM office by the chapter. The dispensation submitted should be on a WOTM form with required information (minutes, flyer, etc.) provided at the same time and must be signed by the Sr. Regent and Treasurer.

Now that the lodge board has approved the chapter holding an event at the lodge, it is the duty of the lodge to sub-

mit a lodge dispensation for allowing the chapter to use lodge hall or other portions of the property etc. This lodge dispensation form must be signed by two lodge officers and submitted to the Compliance Office. Pay attention to the chapter's event and use the form that applies: WITH or WITHOUT alcohol. This form must be signed by the Administrator and President.



The best way for submitting dispensations is email as some faxes do not come through properly. It is suggested that you submit as soon as an event is planned. A dispensation should be submitted a minimum of two weeks prior, but prefer more time if possible. This time frame allows for a proper review and if any questions or more information is needed, you will be contacted by email or phone requesting the missing or needed information. If a dispensation is submitted and you have not heard back after a week, please contact the correct office to make sure that

something has not been missed or if we did not receive it. Dispensations should be submitted from the mooseunits.org email. If you must send from a private email you should cc the lodge or chapter on the submitted dispensation. Emails to submit dispensations to: WOTM Office mking@mooseintl.org Compliance Office mcompliance@mooseintl.org

Courtesy of Moose International website

PANAMA CITY MOOSE LODGE 1389 RE-GRAND OPENING FEBRUARY 2ND & 3RD, 2024

Moose International Chairman of the Board, John Snipes, will be our official visitor for the evening! We will presenting some of our first responders with Tommy Moose.

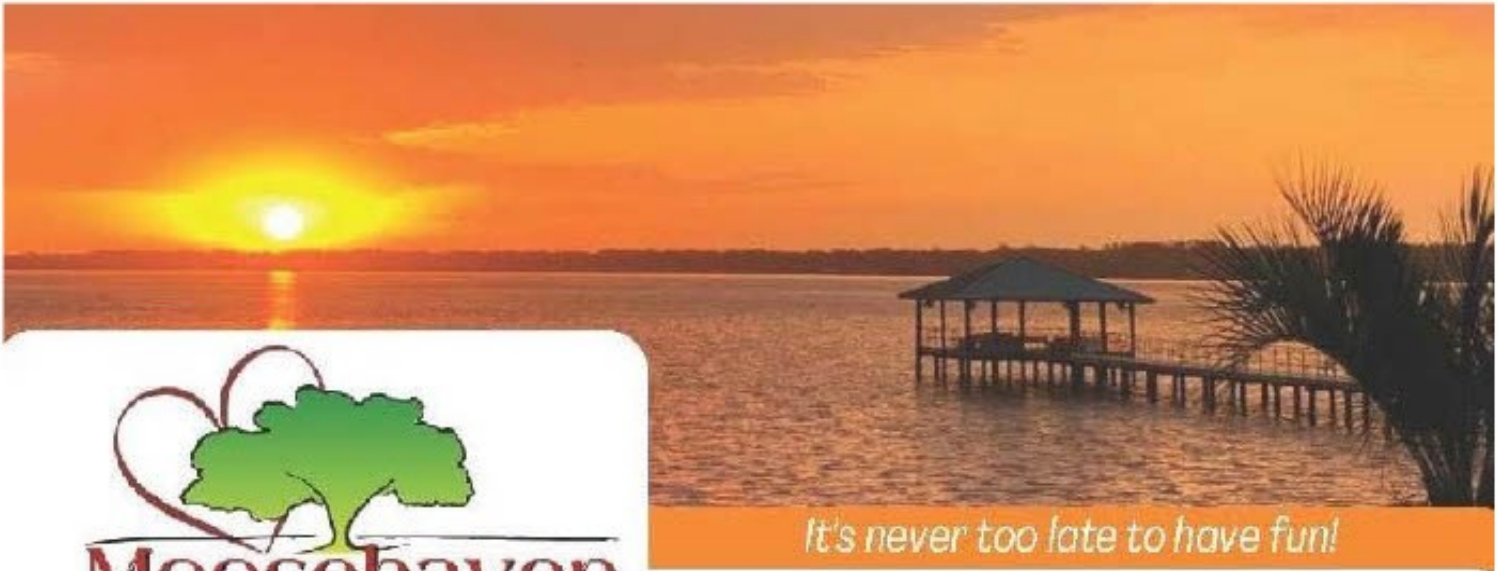
Presentation of Tommy Moose @ 5:30PM

Dinner: 6pm menu TBA

Live Music @ 7pm

Saturday: Open at noon.

Food and live music all day



It's never too late to have fun!

MOOSEHAVEN AAA PROJECT

Always Active At Moosehaven



Pavilion

- A large enough space to seat all residents under the same roof!
- Picnics and evening events will be held here
- It will have lighting, ceiling fans, and restrooms.
- Portable Tiki Bar



Sports and Recreation Complex

- A social area for all to enjoy
- Bowling alley
- Electronic Darts
- Billiards
- Indoor shuffleboard
- Golf simulator
- Card room



Amenity Center

- A complete remodel of the indoor therapeutic pool
- Outdoor patio including a fire pit
- Multi-purpose room for group exercise
- Gym equipment designed for seniors

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 155 S. International Dr. Mooseheart, IL 60539-1100
 include "AAA" in the memo line

Visit our website

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to make an online donation to support the project!

Moose International Sports



3rd Annual Moose International Pickleball Tournament 2024
Tamarac, FL Lodge 2267 ■ February 10-11, 2024
Deadline for entry forms is January 29, 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION

SECTION 3 — Hosting Lodge Information

Host Lodge: Tamarac, FL Lodge 2267 6191 Rock Island Rd, Tamarac, FL (954) 721-0172

Event at: DTI Tennis Academy, 7801 NW 80th Ave., Tamarac, FL 33321

Moose International registration contact: Will Harrison (630) 966-2214 wharrison@mooseintl.org

On-Site Lodge Contact during Tournament: Ed McGurn (754) 366-6521

LODGE OFFERINGS

The Lodge will be open daily for Meals and Activities.
50/50 raffle drawings daily.

SECTION 4 — HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

BE SURE TO BOOK YOUR ROOM!

Hotels and Motels in or near Tamarac Moose Lodge 2267

All hotels listed below are within 5 miles of the Tamarac Moose Lodge 2267

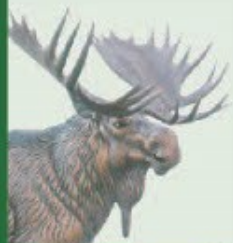
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MOOSE Leader

Need-to-know information for officers and chairmen of Lodges/Chapters/Moose Legions Vol. 89, No. 4



A Good Lodge Officer Has A Good Toolbox

By **DAVE SMOOT**/Assistant Director, Membership

So you have taken the step to serve your lodge as an officer, and you may be asking yourself, "now what?" First, congratulations and thanks for stepping up. Without officers, we wouldn't have *any* lodges.

Next, let's bust the myth that says, "Take the office, you won't have to do anything." If you choose to not perform the duties of your lodge office you put the lodge in jeopardy; and worse. Depending on the office, you might put yourself in jeopardy. This is, of course, not a concern when you perform the tasks of your office correctly.

You may ask, "How do I know what my duties are?" There are several sources for this information.

First, you should consult the Moose International General Laws. Start with **Chapter 26** to familiarize yourself with lodge organization. In **Chapter 34**, the duties of each of the officers begins to be explained. Beginning with **Chapter 42**, you will be immersed in lodge operations. Don't skip any parts: They are all important.

If you're not much for reading, this is the reason we mandate attendance at a Lodge Leadership Training class. For first-time officers, we suggest to attend the class in-person. Experienced officers will likely find online training to be sufficient to sharpen their skills.

As you begin your service as an officer – don't be afraid asking questions in your Officer and Membership meetings if you don't understand something. Remember that it's important that you vote for

what's good for The Moose and not necessarily what's good for you personally. If you still have questions about an issue or your duty, you can contact your Territory Manager or Regional Manager for assistance.

Moose International offers a number of different publications and presentations to assist you in being the best officer that you can be. In addition to the General Laws and Lodge Leadership Classes, we offer routine publications and communications on important functions and programs.

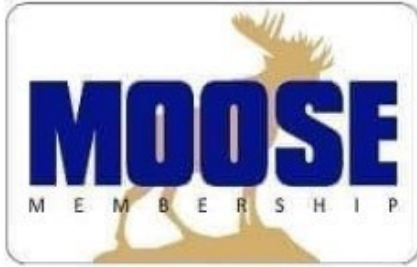
When you attend association mid-year conferences, Moose International conventions, and even one of the many regionally-based workshops, the goal is for you to leave with more education than you arrived with and for attendees to have a chance to share ideas. Our field staff members also stand ready to assist whenever the need arises.

The best tool box for the job is the one with the right tools. You are encouraged to load your Moose tool box with the right tools. The General Laws and Lodge Leadership skills are a great start. Over time, you will find that you have added knowledge from workshops and communications. All of that added to your experience from holding offices will soon make you a **great officer**.

Our goal is to help you succeed in your office, make your lodge a solid Moose facility, and to position your lodge to serve humanity for many years to come.

We believe you share this goal or you wouldn't have stepped up. Again, we thank you for giving of your time. We stand ready to help. Together we will succeed! ■

Moose Membership



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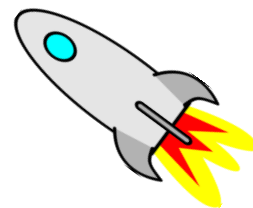
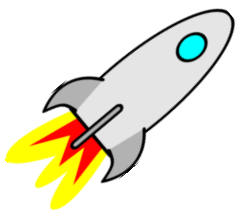
New Member
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General Laws

Moose Membership App Now available. The Moose Membership Mobile App is live on both Google Play and the Apple App Store. Members can now download the app for free using their iPhones or any Android phone (i.e. Samsung, Google Pixel, Motorola, etc.). Check out the FMA website for more info.

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DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
01/20/24 01/21/24	SAT SUN	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Admin Training Class	Lakeshore Moose Lodge 2020 BOGO DEAL
01/27/24	SAT	9:00 AM 3:00 PM	FMA Full Board Meeting	Moosehaven
02/10/24 02/11/24	SAT SUN		Moose International Pickleball Tournament	Host Lodge: Tamarac, FL Lodge #2267
03/24/24	SUN	9:00 AM 3:00 PM	Florida Days at Moosehaven	Moosehaven
04/04/24 04/07/24	THU SUN		2024 FMA Mid-Year Conference	Rosen Plaza Hotel Orlando, FL
07/13/24	SAT	9:00 AM 3:00 PM	FMA Full Board Meeting	Moosehaven
09/05/24 09/08/24	THU SUN		2024 FMA Convention	Rosen Plaza Orlando

These additional Calendar events can be found on the FMA website:

- WOTM Training Schedule
- FMA Sports Schedule
- International Sports Schedule
- All 2-Hott Classes
- All Lodge Leadership Training Classes
- 2-Hott Class Registration



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