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What's Inside

Note from the Editor:

Wow, our Mid-Year conference has come and gone, but it was a good one, with lots of information, some good fun and a great OV.

The Mooseheart graduation is coming up in June along with the elevation of this year's new Pilgrims. If you haven't been to the graduation or watched the new Pilgrims emerge from the House of God, put that trip on your bucket list. It is worth the time and travel.

I was up at Moose International at the end of March to meet with the Communications Committee to judge the Journalism awards submissions. We worked hard to to find the best of the best and the winners will be announced at Convention. Make a point of joining us for the presentations and stop by our Communications table. We always have fun and we are there to answer questions, give out tips and meet our editors and webmasters face to face.

International annual convention is on the horizon and I hope a lot of you will make the trip our to Reno. It's a beauriful setting up in the Sierras, just a stone's throw from Lake Tahoe. I understand a nearby lodge is planning on providing transportation so that you can enjoy some western lodge hospitality. There is a full agenda for the convetion complete with some stellar entertainment, as always.

Florida Days was a huge success with a great turnout on a wonderfully sunny day. I grabbed some photos off of Facebook and have included some in this issue and posted the rest on the photo site at www.floridamoose.com. So nice to finally feel like normal again at events like this. Please remember to support our special project, AAA. Our seniors have earned our support through their service as members.

I don't know about you, but I look forward to something of a summer break—not quite so many events and some time to enjoy the summer. Many of you will be scheduling lodge events and fundraisers in the next few months. Take some notes and some photos and send me a short article. Let the rest of the Association know what you've been up to and give your members credit for what they've done. You'd be surprised how good that will make them feel. Besides, you may be giving some new ideas to other members so they can do their own fundraising.

Take care and enjoy the summer months.

, Joan Fedora, Editor



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Message from Territory Manager/FMA Liaison



It's a very busy time in the Moose world. We have just finished our FMA Mid-Year conference and I hope you all enjoyed it—had lots of fun and enjoyed seeing everyone from all over the state.

We also have wrapped up our fiscal year, and what a great year it was. The Florida Moose Association was up in membership, as was Moose International for the second straight year.

Next up is our Moose International convention in Reno. I look forward to seeing a big crowd as we start off another great Moose year.

Let's all take a minute to enjoy our past success before we get ready to do it all over again. Here's to yet another year of growth, and success for all our lodges and Moose International. Thank you for working hard each day to make our lodges the best they can be.



Roy Rawlings, FMA Liaison

Message from the FMA President



Hello everyone.

Spring has sprung, the grass has riz. I wonder where the flowers is? Just wondering.

Congratulations to everyone in the FMA. Once again you have set new records for membership and donations to our charities for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. Retention still remains a problem, but I know everyone is working very hard on

it. Now is the time to set new goals and break old records. I know that each Lodge, Chapter and Moose Legion can do it because we are strong, we care and we are the "Big Green Machine".

I hope that you have made plans to go to the International Convention in Reno. There will be so many opportunities to learn, make new friends and enjoy the special events. In September we will hold our FMA State Convention in Orlando where learning, Fraternalism, some special events and a surprise or two will keep you informed and busy. Information on these events can be found in the Courier. Have you looked at the calendar on the FMA website for your required education dates? Have you seen all the fun activities that are being planned? There is a lot of information available to you, all on the website or in the free (donations appreciated) on line Courier or the Moose Magazine that comes to your mail box. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to support our children and our seniors. Our Moose fraternity is a success because you care and to each of you I say Thank you.

Take care, be safe and please donate to the AAA building project

Wally Machemer, FMA President

Moose Membership



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MOOSEHAVEN

The sun shines on Moosehaven's Florida Day



Photos courtesy of Facebook May/Jun



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

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To make a gift by mail, send your check made payable to: Moose Charities, Inc. 155 S. International Dr. Mooseheart, IL 60539-1100 include "AAA" in the memo line

Sports and **Recreation Complex**

- A social area for all to enjoy
- Bowling alley
- Electronic Darts
- Billiards
- Indoor shuffleboard
- Golfsimulator
- 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

Visit our website Support.Moosechairtles.org/MHNAAA to make an online donation to support the project!

May/Jun

The Courler Membership

Top 25 Producing Lodges 2023

Lodge #	Lodge Name	Total Apps	Lodge #	Lodge Name	Total Apps
2188	Anna Maria Island	4560	813	Ruskin	406
1933	Englewood	2507	2554	Gulf Cove	401
1308	Venice	1219	1782	Naples	350
1822	Vero Beach	995	1585	Big Pine Key	317
2117	Palmetto	715	1271	Villages Leesburg	316
2199	Cape Coral	652	42	Mandarin	300
1454	Bonita Springs	629	2237	Jupiter-Tequesta	277
2121	Port Charlotte	586	1954	Pine Island	272
1899	Fort Myers	552	2367	Satellite Beach	272
1297	Tice And The Shores	544	1693	Punta Gorda	270
764	North Port	502	2374	Lake Placid	268
1223	Bradenton	494	2259	Sebring	265
2267	Lauderdale Lakes	418			

Moose Change in 25 Club Division February 2023

Lodge # 455	Lodge Name Jacksonville	Members Name Debbie Moore	Current Apps 25	Award Level 25
521	Spring Hill	Kimberly S. Marks	25	25
624	Lake City	Ronald L. Misinec	27	25
655	Four Townes	Kathleen M. Dorfner	26	25
912	Interbay Tampa	Kristine Hix	25	25
994	Lake Worth	Lynne Gardner	27	25
1297	Tice And The Shores	Tennille Carlucci	26	25
1747	New Port Richey	Darla Bell	25	25
1899	Fort Myers	Julianna M. Beal	26	25
1933	Englewood	Kelvin Hill	27	25
1954	Pine Island	Nicole Walters	26	25
1962	Titusville	Brenda Redick	25	25
2020	Lake Shore	Donald F. Adams	26	25
2056	Kissimmee	Bernadette Berland	25	25
2117	Palmetto	Donna M. Block	27	25
2158	Riverview	Eddie Stone Jr.	25	25
2199	Cape Coral	Toni Rae Hurley	25	25
2367	Satellite Beach	Shannon Roy	28	25
2535	Ocala Forest	Theresa Tarantino	25	25



The Courler More Membership

Lodges attaining 100% of quota through 4/10/23

Lodge #	Lodge Name	Quota	Achieved	Percent
2391	Lake Wales	134	151	112.69%
2287	Key Largo	86	96	111.63%
521	Spring Hill	147	164	111.56%
1747	New Port Richey	168	187	111.31%
1654	Golden Gate	29	32	110.34%
1693	Punta Gorda	245	270	110.20%
1962	Titusville	119	131	110.08%
2374	Lake Placid	246	268	108.94%
557	Pensacola	117	123	105.13%
1753	Okeechobee	80	83	103.75%
2366	West Pasco	86	89	103.49%
1327	Arcadia	163	168	103.07%
42	Mandarin	293	300	102.39%
1954	Pine Island	266	272	102.26%
2151	Islamorada	200	202	101.00%
2311	Palm Bay	133	133	100.00%
2157	Pompano Beach	117	117	100.00%
2112	Inverness	173	169	97.69%
2427	County Line	159	153	96.23%
1026	Marianna	36	33	91.67%
1558	Jacksonville Beach	117	105	89.74%
2516	Halifax River	97	86	88.66%
184	Palatka	305	265	86.89%
513	Port St Lucie	118	102	86.44%
1406	Melbourne	203	174	85.71%
325	Suwannee River	114	97	85.09%
1690	Jensen Beach	73	62	84.93%
1014	Ocala	136	111	81.62%
1798	Davie	79	62	78.48%
2258	Leisure City	92	70	76.09%
1389	Panama City	29	22	75.86%
2134	North Jacksonville	43	32	74.42%
1641	Crescent City	119	88	73.95%
2010	Palm Beach Gardens	274	198	72.26%
874	Golden Triangle	220	158	71.82%
1825	West Dade	64	42	65.63%
2013	Crystal River	187	111	59.36%
766	Orlando	246	142	57.72%
1767	Sebastian River	200	110	55.00%
1075	Tallahassee	148	80	54.05%
1150	Miramar	44	22	50.00%
964	Fort Myers Beach	456	218	47.81%
668	Hallandale	24	11	45.83%
2020	Lake Shore	307	140	45.60%
1282	Stuart	90	27	30.00%
2056	Kissimmee	47	11	23.40%
2552	Astor	33	0	0.00%

Community Service

Young Life Englewood recipients of \$1800 donation

On Tuesday April 4th The Englewood Moose #1933 presented Young Life Englewood with a \$1800 check. Pictured L to R are Jean Clark, Michelle Martello, Kelvin Hill, Newt Webb, Sarah Suwak; YLE and Rob Vetter. Young Life Englewood is a Christian group that provides part time staff for area schools and provides a summer camp for students.

Submitted by Mark Sipe, Englewood Moose



Lodge sponsored senior softball team finishes strong

The Englewood Moose #1933 sponsored team on The Englewood Senior Softball League finished the season with a !8- 3 record. The team is coached by Mike Vaught, Asst. coach Fred Webber and League Home run Champ was Brian Donehue. The League is for players 60 + years of age.

Submitted by Mark Sipe, Englewood Moose



Make a Wish Foundation \$500 richer thanks to Lodge



On Tuesday April 5th The Englewood Moose #1933 presented Carrie Shaw; Development Coordinator of Make A Wish Southern Florida; with a \$500 check. The Children's Benefit Fund Committee voted and it was accepted by The Board of Officers to donate \$500 quarterly to Make A Wish.

Submitted by Mark Sipe, Englewood Moose

The Courler More Community Service

Sewing for a cause

March 30, 2023... Today we had our second Sewing Day at the Palm Bay Moose #2311. Members of the Chapter and the Moose Legion Committee worked together to produce over 300 small pillowcases for the Give the Kids the World Village, a Heart of the Community project at the Florida Moose Association Mid-Year Conference..

We started on March 3rd by selling 50/50 tickets and asking for donations so we could buy fabric. Our lodge members, did not disappoint. They never heard of a sewing party, but when we asked, they donated. Our first day sewing at the lodge was a learning experience. The instructions were written for experienced quilters, so it took a little time to catch up. Once we figured it out, we were off to the races and began an assembly line approach.

By the time we came together on March 30, our group had grown. We had tasks that did not require any sewing such as folding and unfolding, cutting, and organiz-

ing. No one was turned away, and we had 'sew' much fun doing this together. While our skills of making masks came in handy, we all picked up some new tricks by learning from each other and the pattern. When looking for a fun idea to get people involved, try thinking outside the box and come up with something new. You never know the response you might receive. People are hungry to get involved: it all starts with a fun activity that helps those in need.

Give Kids The World Village is an 89acre, whimsical nonprofit resort in Kissimmee, Florida, that provides weeklong, cost-free wish vacations to critically ill children and their families from around the world who want to visit Central Florida. If your lodge in is the Orlando-Kissimmee area, they are always in need of volunteers. Check them out at www.gktw.org.

Submitted by Scott Duncan







Photos courtesy of Scott Duncan

Lodge News Love is in the air at District 20

An offer was made to Members of District 20 to participate in a renewal of marriage vows at their February meeting in honor of Valentine's Day and one happy couple accepted. District 20's February meeting concluded with a renewal of wedding vows for one happy couple, Joyce and Ed Roberts from Bradenton Lodge #1223. Joyce and Ed were originally married on October 10, 1998, and decided to take up the offer to renew their vows at District 20's meeting on February 12th in honor of Valentines Day.

District 20 President, Joanne Hastings, who is licensed by the State of Florida to perform weddings, presided at the renewal ceremony and District 20 Secretary, Ben Bigelow, a flautist with the Tampa Bay Symphony Winds, played appropriate flute music before and after the ceremony, which was followed by many good wishes from their Moose brothers and sisters! Ed and Joyce enjoyed the festivities, and said the only thing missing was their pet cat Patches! Refreshments, including a beautiful congratulatory cake, were enjoyed by all and a bouquet of red roses was presented to the happy couple.

Submitted by Joanne Hastings, District 20 President



Groundbreaking shovel digs up \$600 before going on display in lodge

A group of us from Lauderdale Lakes / Tamarac Moose Lodge were at Mooseheart to watch graduation at the same time Mooseheart was doing the groundbreaking for the MAC Building. After the ceremony we asked Scott Hart what the plans were for the golden shovels. He replied that they would probably go to the workshop. We asked if the FMA could have one to take back to raise money and awareness for the project. From there we got the signatures of Scott Hart, Gary Urwiler, and the brother and sister who were at the groundbreaking ceremony on the shovel. The following September at the FMA conference the shovel was auctioned and raised \$600.00. Of course, a group from Lauderdale Lakes / Tamarac Moose Lodge won the auction and took the shovel home.

The next year the same group from

Lauderdale Lakes / Tamarac Moose Lodge were once again at Mooseheart for graduation and the opening ceremony of the MAC building. We asked Gary Urwiler for some dirt from the ground at the MAC building, part of the ribbon and a pair of the scissors from the opening ceremony. All of these items were added to a one

of a kind display case proudly displayed at Lauderdale Lakes / Tamarac Moose Lodge. Unfortunately, not everyone gets a chance to go to Mooseheart but we are proud to bring part of Mooseheart back to our members.

Submitted by The McGurns, Espositos and Fernons"

Financial aid awarded to 14 lodges affected by Hurricane lan

Believe it or not, June 1st is just around the corner. June 1st to November 30th is Florida's Hurricane season. Last year was doing great, then in late September we were visited by Hurricane Ian. He hit Florida on the West Coast just south of Punta Gorda on September 28th with 155 mph winds. During its short life, Ian was responsible for over 68 deaths, 61 in Florida alone. Along with a traumatic loss of life, complete devastation in the Midwest coast of the state was caused, the costliest in Florida's history with damage that will take years to recover from.

In January of 2023 Territory Manager Bob Saindon and myself were invited to attend the Executive Board Meeting where applications for emergency relief were considered. \$60,000 was allocated from the ERF and as a complete surprise, President Wally announced that the FMA would match that amount. By the end of deliberation \$126,000 was dispersed among all 14 lodges that had applied for relief. This truly was an amazing amount of money and is due to all those that contributed, bought raffle tickets, held 50/50s and such at their lodges. On behalf of the ERF committee, I thank each and every one of you, and remind you all that the ER Fund is there for emergencies of all kinds. Remember us fondly and often. Thank you.



Submitted by Charile Titheridge, Chairman ERF



The Courler **FMA Sports** 2023 FMA Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament well attended



Melbourne, Florida... the Moose were in the house on February 28. We had members from as far away as Ohio and West Virginia, and from every corner of Florida. The Melbourne Poker Room at Club 52 ran a very organized and efficient tournament. With fifty paid entries, and some slight rule changes, more than \$10,000 in prizes were handed out. Some of the changes were positively received because they increased the prize pool. First of, we allowed a person who went all in during the first three blinds to re-enter the tournament with a new set of chips by paying a new entry fee. We had three players do just that. We also changed how the add on chips proceeds where handled. Last year the add-ons were saved exclusively for FMA fundraising. At the request of the players, we allocated half of the proceeds to increase the prize pool and left FMA fundraising the remainder of the amount. With the higher amount of participation, we see a win-win here.

As for the play, it was awesome seeing the number of players, and the intensity some have for the game. Seeing the first day chip leader, leave early on Sunday, was heartbreaking. Watching the stacks of chips move around the room as individual players one by one took their leave, we worked our way to the final table, pictured below. Nine players took their seats and began playing for the \$9610 prize pool. Paying from 8th place to first. The players all chipped in to pay the bubble, so everyone at the final table won something. Other prize money paid out was the daily 50/50 raffles and the Last Player Standing pool, adding another \$1195.

The person to beat was Alex, by far the chip leader when the field was narrowed down to four. After a few hands and negotiations, the group agreed Alex took first place and the remaining three players split the remaining prize money equally. Alex is pictured below right and is a proud member of Cocoa Lodge 1717.

As a special note, we were thrilled to have two Moosehaven residents join us for the tournament. David and Skipp, maybe next year we could see some sponsors for other players to join us from Moosehaven. Proudly the 50/50 proceeds will benefit the Triple A Building at Moosehaven.

Submitted by Scott Duncan



The Courler Mooseheart

The Mooseheart eagles have landed

When word got out that the Fox Valley's favorite celebrity couple could be on the move, fans began to fret. The Mooseheart eagles, as they're colloquially known, have long drawn crowds of photographers, bird watchers and other folks to Mooseheart Child City and School near Batavia. The eagles' nest was in a stadium parking lot on the campus for years.

But when the dead, rotting tree that housed their roughly 2,000-pound nest needed to be taken down for fear it would collapse, fans of the feathered pair worried they'd never see them again.

Fear not. The eagles have landed in the same neighborhood.

Photographer Dave Soderstrom of St. Charles, who has documented the eagles on Facebook for about nine years, said the birds drew crowds because of how close the nest was to the street and how frequently you could see them in action.

"It was truly amazing. There are few nests like that where you can access them so easily," Soderstrom said. "And the thing that was nice was that they were used to people being around. So they just went about their business."

Soderstrom said that after chronicling them for so long, he knew it wouldn't last at that location.

"We expected (the tree) to fall over in a storm for the last couple of years, honestly," he said. "It had been dead for five or six years, and it was rotting and getting worse and worse."

Plus, the nest was getting bigger. Bald eagles typically add up to 200 pounds to the structure of their nests every year.

Gary Urwiler, the executive director of Mooseheart Child City and School, said the decision to take the tree down wasn't made in haste.

"There were a lot of emotions and opinions about it," Urwiler said. "We worked hard, and we made a sound choice."

Urwiler said Mooseheart worked with Anderson Humane and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to plan for the removal of the dead tree and the nest it contained.

"It's in the best interest of the eagle pair to take the tree down in the non-breeding season," Cathy Pollack of the USFWS Chicago Ecological Services Office said in a news release. "The worst case scenario would be the tree coming down with the eagles or their eaglets in the nest."

The tree was taken down on Oct. 26. About a week later, the eagles started building a new nest in a pine tree about 100 yards northwest.

"We are very ecstatic they continue to keep Mooseheart as their home," Urwiler said.

Soderstrom, who has seen 18 baby eagles fledged over the years, said the nest is "only" about 6 feet wide and a foot or so deep.



The male eagle on the Mooseheart campus flies in with a branch for the new nest. tree. (*Courtesy of Dave Soderstrom*)

"They'll keep adding to it until they lay eggs," he said. "It won't be as big as the other one. But it will serve its purpose, and they'll get it how they want it. This will be the third nest the mom has built. So she knows what she's doing."

The female has called the 1,000-acre Mooseheart campus home for at least a dozen years. Her first nest on the west side of the property near Randall Road blew down in a storm in 2011. She and her mate relocated to the tree in the parking lot and lived there together until he was killed in a car accident in 2019.

She found love and met a new, younger mate a few months later, and now they're settling into their new (love) nest.

Soderstrom said that, since his retirement, you can find him photographing the eagles nearly every day. As a member of the Moose Lodge in St. Charles, he has access to the campus.

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The Courler **FMA Special Project** Daytona 500 ticket sales raise over \$2500 for AAA project

February 19, 2023... On this day we experienced the greatest race of the year, at Daytona International Speedway. The Daytona 500 was at a capacity sold out level. In the crowd were 250 people who used the Florida Moose Association ticket link. For each ticket sold through the link, a donation was made to Moose Charities to support the Moosehaven Triple A Project. At ten dollars a ticket for the fundraising we raised over \$2500. NASCAR invited us to the check presentation at the Midway Performance Stage before the race began. With race fans all around, the Moose was recognized and presented the check. And since they gave us a microphone, we introduced the gathered crowd to the Moose Fraternity. Explaining what we do for our children at Mooseheart and our Seniors at Moosehaven. Then proving our commitment to our communities, we held a Tommy Moose presentation, with representatives from the Racetrack First



Responders, the Advent Health on site Medical Center, and our local Florida Highway Patrol. Three presentations and a walk through the crowd with none other than Tommy Moose. The Midway was buzzing with people before the race and we had a great time representing the Florida Moose Association.

On stage accepting the check was District 6 President Cindy Barnhart, and District 5 President Teresa Hoffman. The crowd held a few Moose who came out to cheer us on, and hundreds of excited NASCAR fans. A special thanks goes out to the Palm Bay Lodge 2311 for donating the boxes of Tommy Moose dolls, and the Cocoa Moose #1717 who provided Tommy as our special guest.

Ross won the second stage and came out of the race leading the way for the championship in points. The Moose Chevrolet will race at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway on April 23, World Wide Technology Raceway near St. Louis on June 4, as well as Watkins Glen (N.Y.) International on Aug. 20, and Oct. 29 at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with NAS-CAR and will have special ticket offers available for the Coke Zero 400 at Daytona and the NASCAR Cup Series 400 at the Homestead-Miami Speedway. The link to buy tickets will be posted on the Florida Moose Association website, <u>www.floridamoose.com</u>, when they become available. They will have a cutoff date so don't delay, get the best seats early, and each ticket helps raise money for the Moosehaven Triple A Project.





Submitted by Scott Duncan



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Package includes a reserved grandstand seat in the FMA Section. Moose & Ross Chastain spiritwear is encouraged!

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MOOSE INTERNATIONAL



Join us in Reno for the 2023 International Moose Convention from June 20th-23rd, 2023!. The Opening Session will take place on Tuesday, June 20th and the Installation of Officers will take place on Friday, June 23rd. Auxiliary meetings, training, etc. may begin beforehand starting on June 17th.

Moose Slot Tournament – Wednesday, June 21, 2023 | 6:00pm-8:00pm



Moose International will be conducting a slot tournament with a portion of the proceeds going towards the Endowment Fund. There is a \$20 fee to participate with \$15 devoted towards the winners' payout pool. Payouts will be made based on the results of both sites combined.

There will be 300 openings at each pri-

mary convention hotel location – the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino and the Nugget. Members registering for the convention who are interested in participating may register for either one of the two locations, but not both, as long as the player limit has not been reached. Only one registration for the tournament can be made per convention registration. Once a location has been filled, it will no longer be available on the online convention registration form.

Registered members should plan to arrive between 6:00pm-7:30pm to the tournament location at the assigned hotel to start play. Members are responsible for their own transportation to the tournament site they choose if it is not at the hotel where they are staying.

MOOSE INTERNATIONAL



Preliminary Schedule - December 2022

Sessions held at the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino (Subject to change)



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Monday, June 19

8:00am - 5:00pm 2-HOTT Training

12:00n - 6:00pm **Registration Open** Moose Gift Store Open Moose Member Center Open





7:00am - 6:00pm Registration Open

Tuesday, June 20

8:00am - 5:00pm Moose Gift Store Open Moose Member Center Open

8:00am - 11:00am Moose Legion Breakfast and Session

9:00am - 11:30am

WOTM Topical Session 11:15am - 12:00n Moose CommunicationAwards

12:00n - 2:30pm Star Luncheon & Conferral

12:30pm - 1:30pm Moose Legion Conference Session

> 1:00pm - 3:45pm Moose Workshops

1:45pm - 2:45pm Moose Legion Conference Session

> 3:00pm - 4:00pm Moose Trainers Meeting

7:00pm - 9:00pm Opening Session of The Moose

Wednesday, June 21

7:30am - 9:30am Fellowship Breakfast & Conferral

8:00am - 5:00pm **Registration Open** Moose Gift Store Open Moose Member Center Open

8:00am - 5:00pm Moose Legion Ritual Competition

10:00am - 12:00n Second Session of The Moose

12:30pm - 2:00pm College of Regents Luncheon

> 1:00pm - 3:45pm Moose Workshops

2:30pm - 4:30pm College of Regents Conferral

6:00pm - 8:00pm Moose Slot Tournament



Thursday, June 22 7:30am - 8:30am

Academy of Friendship Breakfast

8:00am - 1:30pm **Registration Open** Moose Gift Store Open Moose Member Center Open

9:00am - 11:00am Third Session of The Moose

> 12:00n - 1:30pm Pilgrim Luncheon

2:00pm - 3:00pm Chris Tuff Special Session

> 3:30pm - 4:30pm Moose Workshops

5:00pm - 7:00pm Moose Legion Ritual Dinner

8:00pm - 10:30pm 25 Club/Moose Fun Night



Friday, June 23

10:00am - 11:30am Installation of Officers

2:00pm - 4:00pm Moose Bowling Outing

5:00pm - 7:30pm League of Guardians Event







DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	
5/6/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	West Dade 1825	
5/6/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	West Boca 204	
5/6/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	Melbourne 1406	
5/6/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	Leesburg 1271	
5/6/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	Cape Coral 2199	
5/7/2023	SUN	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	Sun Dade City 397	
5/7/2023	SUN	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	Sun Brandon 1880	
05/08/23 05/09/23	MON TUE	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Admin Training Class	Lake Worth Lodge	
5/13/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	Wachula 1487	
5/13/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	Bradenton 1223	
5/13/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	Lake Shore 2020	
5/20/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	Port Charlotte 2121	
5/20/2023	SAT	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	2-HOTT Class	Riverview Moose Lodge Trainer: Shirley Brosie	
5/20/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	Pt. St. Lucie 513	
5/20/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	Winter Haven 1023	
05/20/23 05/21/23	SAT SUN		FMA Pool Tournament Re- gional Men's	Tallahassee Moose Lodge	
5/27/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	New Port Richey 1747	
5/28/2023	SUN	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	Largo 2205	
5/27/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	Palm Beach Gardens 2010	
5/27/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	Orlando 766	
5/27/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	Bonita Springs 1454	
5/28/2023	SUN	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	Sun Lehigh Acres 2266	
6/3/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 3:00 PM	Leadership Training	Big Pine Key 1585	
6/10/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	Quncy 2672	
06/10/23 06/11/23	SAT SUN		FMA Pool Tournament Re- gional Men's	Vero Bch Moose Lodge	
06/10/23 06/11/23	SAT SUN		Golf Tournament	Inverness Lodge 2112	
06/17/23 06/19/23	SAT MON		International Moose Conven- tion Auxiliary meetings, train- ing, etc.	Reno, NV Hotel and registration information will be available in De- cember	
06/20/23 06/23/23	TUE FRI		2023 International Moose Convention	Reno, NV Hotel and registration information will be available in De- cember	
07/14/23 07/16/23	FRI SAT SUN		FMA Pool Tournament Wom- en's State Pool	Orlando Moose Lodge	
7/15/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	West Volusia 2538	
7/22/2023	SAT	9:00 AM 3:00 PM	FMA Full Board Meeting	Moosehaven	
7/23/2023	SAT	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Leadership Training	Ocala 1014	
09/02/23 09/04/23	SAT SUN MON		FMA Pool Tournament Men's State Pool	Orlando Moose Lodge	
09/07/23 09/10/23	THU SUN		2023 FMA Convention	Rosen Plaza Orlando	



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