



MOOSE NOTES

MAY 2022

FREDERICKSBURG MOOSE FAMILY CENTER

L.O.O.M. 1655

11917 Cherry Rd Fredericksburg, VA

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"The Friendliest Place in Town"

SOCIAL QUARTERS HOURS

Sunday – 8 AM – 10 PM

Wednesday – Noon – 11 PM

Monday – Noon – 11 PM

Thurs – Noon – 11 PM

Saturday – Noon – 1 AM

Tuesday – Noon – 11 PM

Friday – Noon – 1 AM

ABOUT US

You may have heard the saying, “A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many.” This is at the core of the Moose organization and what makes us unique in our Lodges, local communities and charitable “cities” that we support. Our roots can be traced to 1888 and the founder of the Moose, Dr. Henry Wilson, who successfully established the first Lodge in Louisville, Kentucky. In the early years, the Moose was to serve a modest goal of offering men an opportunity to gather socially, to care for one another’s needs and celebrate life together.

Since those early years, our fraternal organization rapidly expanded to include valuable service to our communities, care for children and teens in need at Mooseheart Child City & School, a 1,000-acre campus, located 40 miles west of Chicago and care for our senior members at Moosehaven, a 70-acre retirement community near Jacksonville, Florida.

With a combined membership of over 1,000,000 members in the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose, our presence is felt in over 1,500 communities across all 50 states and four Canadian provinces, plus Great Britain. The Moose organization contributes between \$75 to \$100 million worth of community service (counting monetary donations, volunteer hours worked and miles driven) annually.

In addition to Mooseheart and Moosehaven, the Moose fraternity’s Heart of the Community effort is multifaceted with internally developed programs like Tommy Moose. Tommy Moose aids in helping children overcome fears and anxiety during times of stress. Donated to law enforcement, fire fighters and other emergency workers, Tommy Moose plush dolls are presented to children in various traumatic situations. The external focus of our service is directed towards many worthwhile national charities, a few of which are: Salvation Army, Safe Surfin’USA Foundation, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, and St. Jude.

In our local Lodges, you will find a wide array of activities to participate in both as an individual and as a family. From holiday parties, dances, sports, themed dinners and live entertainment, the Moose has much to offer. Membership can mean different things to different people. You are the one determining what you want to get out of the organization, and what you want to give back. The Moose is about celebrating life together, serving those in need within our local community, supporting our children at Mooseheart and standing by our senior members at Moosehaven.

(Information sourced from Moose International website)

Membership Meetings

MOOSE – May 12th & 26th; WOTM – May 10th; MLC – May 28th

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Loyal Order of Moose is a private organization. All activities and events referred to in this newsletter are available to members in good standing and their qualified guests only.

From the President

As members, you all should know it's the month of May- the start of the new Moose Year, New President, New Board Members, Committee Chairpersons and just about everything else within the Lodge moving forward for the Year 2022-2023. I don't know how I got thrown under the bus (Tractor Trailer), but I did and am looking forward to the coming year.

Hello brother and Sisters of The Family Moose Center 1655, it's the beginning of a new calendar year. I just want to let you all know a little about myself. I have been a member of the Moose all most 20 years I transferred my membership from Corpus Christ, TX to Moose 1655 in 2006. I am a Vietnam Veteran, after Vietnam I went to college at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, I then went to work for Sikorsky Aircraft Co in 1975 in CT for 41 years, traveled the world then retired in 2016.

As your President for this coming year, I will work with the New Board of Officers, House Committee, the Administrator, Social Quarters Manager, Committee, chairmen and the Women of the Moose (WOTM) to make sure the Lodge prospers and moves forward in the right direction.

The member ship must understand it's not about what the President wants or needs to do within the Lodge. It is all about what is good for the "Members" and what way can we enhance the growth and progress of the Lodge! Congrats and welcome to the new Board of Officers and House Committee you are a welcome asset to the Lodge as are all of the members. If any member has something they would like to bring up, COME TO A MEETING AND TELL US!! It can't be solved in the Social Quarters.

I want to thank the WOTM and all that helped for a great Easter Party that they had for the kids. Cher, you were an awesome Easter Bunny. The most important aspect of the event was the kids had a great time and enjoyed themselves. Thanks, Ladies, for a job well done.

May 22, 2022, we are holding our annual Memorial Service from 1 to 3 PM in the Hall to celebrate the lives of our members that have passed away. Last years' service had a huge turnout and was very respectfully done; I hope to see a good turnout for service this year.

Just a reminder to the members to support your Lodge by participating in the Friday Night dinners, Sunday breakfasts, and other special meals presented by Higher Degree, Moose Legion and WOTM. They all work hard and give their free time to provide these dinners and breakfast every month. They are always looking for volunteers to help in these efforts. I want to thank you all in giving your time and effort for the better of the Lodge.

- May 5, 2022, is the Queen of Hearts and Cinco de Mayo come out and enjoy the fun!
- Tickets for the Comedy Show & Dinner on May 7, 2022, are on sale just ask the bartenders; Doors open 6:20 Dinner 6:30. Show starts at 8:00.
- Let's support; Sunday Breakfast, Prime Rid Night, Stake Night, Shrimp Night and WOTM dinners.

I will close for now until next month. Thanks to all new committee people, bartenders, building and grounds and new officers along with the WOTM. Let's have a great year 2022-2023

Your President, Norman K Churchill Jr

OFFICERS/CHAIRMEN

LOOM #1655

President	Norm Churchill
Administrator	Dawn Boxwell (Acting)
Junior Past President	Richard Maisonneuve Sr
Vice President	Richard Maisonneuve Sr
Treasurer	Dawn Boxwell
Chaplin	Paulette Gentle-Jones
Three Year Trustee	Vacant
Two Year Trustee	Vacant
One Year Trustee	Larry Mastin
Sergeant-at-Arms	Vacant
Inner Guard	Vacant
Outer Guard	Vacant

LOOM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Activities	TBD
Applications Review	Dave Cramer
Auditing	Jim Savage
Building and Grounds	Jim Hensel
Communications/Internet	Michael Payne
Heart of the Community	TBD
Entertainment	J.J. Moravetz
Family Activities	TBD
Fellowship/Pilgrim	Wayne Noel
Government Relations	TBD
Historian	Michael Payne
Loss Prevention	TBD
Massey Cancer	TBD
Membership	Dave Cramer
Moose Charities	TBD
Publications	Michael Payne
Ritual	Dave Cramer
Sports	TBD

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE #1592

Senior Regent	Susan Malove
Secretary	Nancy Darow
Treasurer	Terry Denniston
Junior Past Regent	Vacant
Guide	TBD

WOTM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Application Review	TBD
Audit	Cher Seeley
Fraternal Activities	TBD
Higher Degree	Dawn Boxwell
Membership/Retention	TBD
Mooseheart/Moosehaven	TBD

MOOSE LEGION COMMITTEE

Chairman	Mark Collins Sr.
Vice Chairman	TBD
Junior Past Chairman	Al Smith
Assistant Secretary	Tim Bliss
Chaplain	TBD
Marshal	TBD
Assistant Marshal	TBD



Welcome to the start of a new Moose year!! The theme for this year May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023, is “Make it Happen!!

I would like to start off this article by saying Congratulations to both the men and women, who have been elected to the Lodge and WOTM boards. The new officers for the Women of the Moose are as follows:

Senior Regent – Susan Malove

Secretary – Nancy Darrow

Treasurer – Terry Denniston

As we work through this first month, I am sure there will be some changes coming regarding what the Women of the Moose Chapter will be doing in the coming months. More to follow in future newsletters.

We hope that you will continue to support both the Lodge and chapter by attending meetings, giving both boards new ideas for fun activities and charitable events along with supporting Mooseheart and Moosehaven. We need everyone helping to Make It Happen. When you sign up a new member, are you telling them what the Mooseheart and Moosehaven are? Are you telling them about the Women of the Moose Chapter and why they should consider joining the chapter? We hope you are as the Chapter is a very vital part of the Lodge.

We are looking for volunteers (men or women) to help with our Friday Night Dinners even if it is for only 1-2 hours. Remember all funds that we raise are used for the Chapter’s monthly obligation to support Mooseheart and Moosehaven along with the community. We are also looking for any women interested in holding a chairman’s position. Please see any of the WOTM board of officers or drop your name and number in the WOTM white mailbox.

UPCOMING Events

May 13 - WOTM Dinner – Fish and Shrimp with Cole saw, Fries & Dessert \$9.00

May 20 - WOTM Dinner – BBQ, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fries & Dessert \$8.00

Chapter Meeting nights

May 3 -Chapter Audit 6:30 pm

May 10 - Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm

May 24 - Chapter Fun Night 7:00 pm.

Enjoy the Sunshine

Terry Denniston

Treasurer



Moose Legion

Here we are, ringing in the new Moose year. I'll start by congratulating the new Lodge Board of Officers and wishing them well. As for your Moose Legion, I want to thank Mark Collins for stepping up to Office of Moose Legion Chairman for the new year. Not much going on with your Moose Legion Committee lately because of Bull Run Celebrations, but our next meeting will be May 28th, social hour starts at 5:00 and meeting follows at 6:00. Come out and join us. The May MLC breakfast will be on the 15th and the prime rib dinner is on 27th. Support your Moose Legion.

Tim Bliss,
Assistant Secretary
Fredericksburg 1655 MLC



COMEDY show

Headline **Feature** **Host**

Dan Ellison **Nathan Carlson** **Bryan Siegel**

Saturday, May 7th at Moose Lodge #1655
Doors open at 6:20pm.
Dinner starts at 6:30pm.
Show begins at 8pm.

Tickets: Singles - \$40, Couples - \$70

Day Before & Day of Event Pricing
Singles - \$45 | Couples - \$80 |
Just Show - \$20

To learn more, see Bartender for tickets.

Dinner and show is included. Choose one protein.

HUB-HOPE A portion of the proceeds will go to fund the mission of HOPE (Helping Other People Eat) in the Greater Fredericksburg region.

MEMBERSHIP

Here we are beginning another Moose year. In case you haven't heard, the Moose year officially begins on May 1 of every year. So, I wish each of you a good New Moose Year. Raise the appropriate glass of your choice for a virtual toast. With the new year comes the new Executive Board. The new Board was sworn in on April 30th. Among the new board members, we have two ladies. I encourage all of you to attend the membership meetings, meet the new board, and support them.

Since this article is penned before the May 1 publication date, I can't give you final membership totals for the past Moose Year. I can tell you that it is unlikely that we will achieve our membership goal. This is the main reason that we will not qualify for the Premier Lodge award this year. We needed to have one member more than last year's final total on the roles. Sadly, we are not even close. Additionally, our goal for new applications is short as well.

Some of you may be aware that I hold an orientation class every other month. Actually, all of you should be aware of that. I say all because the classes are advertised on the Blast and a personal invitation is sent to each new member with their welcoming package. Also, an email is sent out a few days before the class. As of this date we enrolled a little over 200 new members. The total number of new members that attended the class was about 20. To look at that another way, about 10% of the new members cared enough to learn about the Fraternity they joined. That is sad.

We have a very dedicated paid staff to ensure that the daily operations of the Social Quarters are done as efficiently as possible. But our Lodge is run by volunteers. People who donate their time and effort to make it a friendly and enjoyable place. The board and the various committees are volunteers. The events, the parties, the excursions, pool, darts, shuffleboard, the Queen of Hearts, even the occasional Memorial service are all done by volunteers. Earlier, I stated that only 10% of the new

members cared enough to learn about The Moose. In the past few years, I know of only 2 newer members who have joined the ranks of the volunteers. I can't calculate that percentage. I do know that if we don't start getting our members to care about the Lodge as a whole, we will find ourselves belonging to just another bar.

David Cramer

Membership Chairman

NEW MEMBERS

New Member	Sponsor
Delton Anglin III	John Matthew Lambert
Elizabeth Jenkins	Sue A. Jenkins
Jennifer Sherbert	Denis L. Gordon
Robin Spencer	Donna Ratcliff
Danielle Hlava	Gabrielle Sharon Tokar
Nicholas Wagoner	Daniel C. Wagoner
Cynthia Cash	Dave Hazel
Kj Matthews	Patricia Stanley
Lionel Carter	Prudence Yen Ruwaldt
Darrell Thomas	Velda Cooper
Sheila Cockrill	Velda Cooper
Doug Martinez	Dan Oster
Cynthia Martinez	Patricia C. Whalen
Desiree Anglin	Sharon Lambert
Denise Talley	Theresa K. Seay
Scott Baird	Tim Garrett
Bridgette Smith	Mr. Stacy Smith
Diane Rodgers	Susan Ritts
Jason Smith	Jeffery L. Moravetz Jr.
Craig Adams	Orlando Jones
Nathan McNally	Frances McNally
Leonard Rodgers	Melvin H. Ritts III

COMEDY
show Menu

Whiskey Marinated Pork Tenderloin with wild rice corn, mixed green salad, and dinner rolls.

Chicken Parmesan with penne pasta, mixed green salad, and dinner rolls.

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MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8 – 11 AM Ballers Losers Drawing–Noon	2 Shuffleboard 6:30 PM	3	4 Pool 6:30 PM	5 Higher Degree Meeting - 7 PM Queen of Hearts 8:30 PM DJ Sam Cinco De Mayo	6 Steak Night TBD Bleu Gene Gentry Band 8 PM - 12 AM	7 Comedy Show
8 Breakfast 8 – 11 AM Ballers Losers Drawing–Noon	9 BOO Meeting 6:30 PM Shuffleboard 6:30 PM	10 WOTM Meeting 7 PM	11 Pool 6:30 PM	12 MOOSE Meeting 6:30 PM Queen of Hearts 8:30 PM	13 WOTM Fish-n-Shrimp \$9.00 Cheap Whiskey 8 PM – 12 AM	14 Jukebox George 8 PM - 12 AM
15 Breakfast 8 – 11 AM Ballers Losers Drawing–Noon	16 Shuffleboard 6:30 PM	17	18 MOOSE Orientation 7 PM Pool 6:30 PM	19 Queen of Hearts 8:30 PM	20 WOTM BBQ Dinner \$8.00 Josh Allen Band 8 PM - 12 AM	21 Steel Band 8 PM-12 AM
22 Breakfast 8 – 11 AM Ballers Losers Drawing–Noon Memorial Service 1 PM	23 BOO Meeting 6:30 PM Shuffleboard 6:30 PM	24 WOTM Meeting and Fun Night 7 PM	25 Shrimp Night 6 PM Pool 6:30 PM	26 MOOSE Meeting 6:30 PM Queen of Hearts 8:30 PM	27 MLC Prime Rib \$18.50 Bittersweet 8 PM - 12 AM	28 TBD 8 PM-12 AM
29 Breakfast 8 – 11 AM Ballers Losers Drawing–Noon	30 Shuffleboard 6:30 PM	31	MAJOR EVENTS May 5 th – Cinco De Mayo May 7 th – Dinner/Comedy Show May 21 st – Frank Lynch Memorial Ride Pool Tournament – Eight-ball Doubles May 22 nd – Memorial Service			



Birthdays

1 Joe Maldonado	10 Cheryl Flippo	17 Timothy D. Romine	24 Dennis R. Skinner
2 Kenneth Griffis	Norman K. Churchill Jr.	Timothy K. Bliss	Susan B. Perryman
Krystal Simmons	Prudence Yen Ruwaldt	Richard Uhler	Debra Maass
3 Randolph L. Martin	Scott Polcha	Patricia Stanley	25 Sharon Melvin
Patricia Conforti	11 Thomas G. Thompson	18 Ronald L. Brock	Marie Yesko
Lisa L. Newton	Charles K. Miller	William R. Tydings	26 Michelle Robinson
Gerald Abel	Richard J. Salomone	Ryan Sharkey	Sue Murphy
Stanton Coffey	Glen R. Poe	Melanie Horstkamp	Ivory Hallmon
Sandra Martin	Cory Clark	Lawrence Locklair	Charlotte J. Storm
4 RoseAnn P. Mitchell	Henry Wilson Samuels Jr.	19 Carla Davis	Deborah A. Miller
Adelbert F. Waldron IV	Julie Steen	Dawn Sharpless	Stefani Huff
Irma Medina	12 Mabis Serrato	Robert Hamilton	27 Tom Liddle
5 Bruce R. Lee	Carmelita James	20 Edward K. Bowles	Thomas Blankenbaker
Robin Robbins	Bryan E. Schmidt	Bruce R. MacBryde	Barbara Tice
6 Gary Leitch	13 Melanie Ann Romine	Jacqueline Anne Epling	Lester Jedlicka
Robert Gallahan	Kathy Blankenbaker	21 Frederick W. Ehardt	28 Mark Wayne Kennedy
Melissa Ortega	14 Stephen Caylor	James Spencer III	Michelle Bradshaw
7 Jimmy Wallace	Michael L. Payne	Sheila Reid	Travis Helmick
Stacy A. Ciccone	Thomas Hayes	Elizabeth Jenkins	29 Nicholas Wagoner
Sharon Harris	David G. Cooper	22 Jeanne L. Todd	30 Denis L. Gordon
Kathy Chenault	Virginia Foutz	Terri Lynn Major	Guy Douglas Durant Jr.
George H. Luhmann III	James Zitz	Michael Winderl	Paul Dodd
George Steele Jr.	16 Michael R. Manes	23 William L. Wright	31 Katie Duvall
Robin Spencer	Linda Mattox	Neal Spiece	Brandi Carbaugh
Craig Adams	Karen Denise DeShazo	Heath Chellberg	Kim Hetland
8 Zenas Rainey	Alyssa McCarthy	James Volosin	Billy Carroll
Orlando Jones	Christian Stiller		
Sue Colbert			



2022-23 INSTALLATION BOARD OF OFFICERS

