



MOOSE NOTES

MARCH 2023

FREDERICKSBURG MOOSE FAMILY CENTER

L.O.O.M. 1655

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Sunday – 8 AM – 10 PM

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MOOSE MEMBERSHIP MOBILE APP

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.). The app includes the new electronic Moose membership card, your Moose membership record, the lodge locator, the General Laws of the Fraternity, as well as instant access to pay dues or sign a new member. Members should use their existing Moose "My Membership Record" user name and password to log in, or register in the app, if they don't have a "My Membership Record" login.

If you are viewing this message on a phone or tablet, the links below will take you directly to the Moose Membership app. If you are viewing this from a computer, it will take you to an information page, but you will not be able to load the app to your phone.



Note: Administrators, volunteers and other individuals tasked with checking Moose membership cards should treat the new electronic membership card the same as the printed card. The membership expiration date is in the same location as on the printed card. The electronic card is almost identical to the printed card, however, if a member is marked as a Valued Veteran, the card will carry the VV design. Also, the electronic card does NOT have a magnetic strip, but rather a QR code instead, so members will still need to carry their printed card if their lodge has a mag strip reader on the entrance door that has not yet been upgraded with a QR code reader.

(from Moose International website)

Membership Meetings

MOOSE – Mar. 9th & 23rd; WOTM – Mar. 21st; MLC – Mar. 25th

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

Hello Brothers and Sisters.

I hope everyone is doing well. March is here and we still have NO SNOW. Will March bring us some of the white stuff? We will be watching the temperature very closely, if it gets warm enough, we will have a band outside at the pavilion to kick off the warmer weather. Let's hope the good weather stays with us. I encourage all members to join our text blast system to get the latest information about what is going on in your Lodge.

We are entering the time of the year to focus on electing new officers for the coming year. I encourage all members to stop by and visit your Lodge to fill out the form to submit your name to be considered by the Nominating Committee and turn it into the Administrator or the bartender on duty.

Let's not forget Mardi Gras Time at the Lodge, March 4th, 5 PM-12 AM. Look for the flyers displayed around the Social Quarters and purchase your tickets soon from the bartender on duty. After March 1st, the price goes up!

Brothers/Sisters of Moose Lodge 1655, we have a nice collection of coats, shirts, and crockpots left behind in the Lodge. Please check to see if they are yours. The coats will be in the hall hanging on the coat rack.

Thanks to all Brothers and Sisters of Moose Lodge 1655. I will close for now.

Your President, Norm

It's Mardi Gras Y'all

March 4th

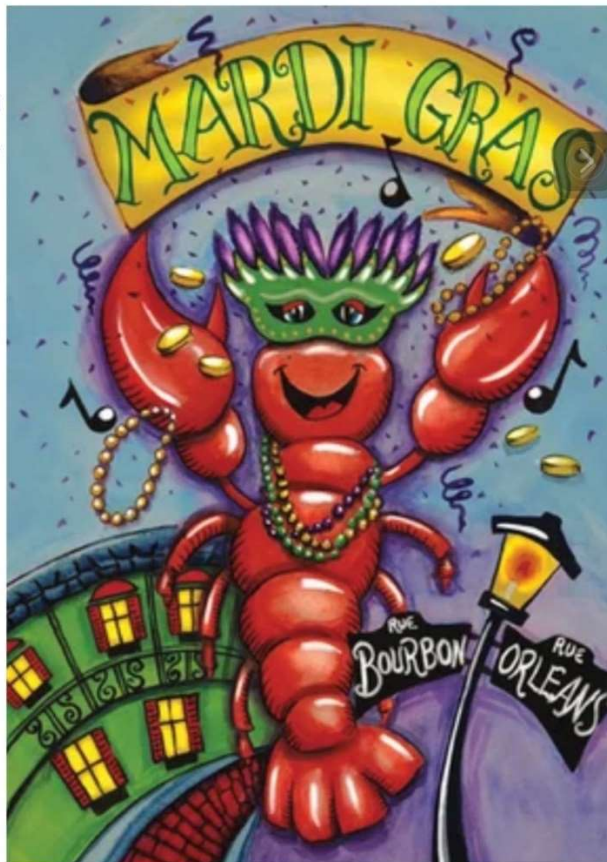
5 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Wear your best Mardi Gras duds and dance the night away with a DJ from 5-8 p.m. and a live band starting at 8p.m.

- \$30 Per Couple, \$15 Single Ticket
- Tickets sold after March 1st, \$40/\$20
- 50/50 Raffle
- Crowning of the 1655 Mardi Gras King and Queen
- Mardi Gras Parade

Ticket's include:

- Your meal, Cajun Cuisine
- Hurricane Drinks
- Select Draft Beer (5-8 p.m.)
- Party Beads
- Lots of Prizes



Tickets can be purchased at the bar or from the Veterans Committee. Party is open to all members in good standings and qualified guests.

OFFICERS/CHAIRS

MOOSE #1655

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| President | Norm Churchill |
| Administrator | Dawn Boxwell |
| Junior Past President | Vacant |
| Vice President | David Cramer |
| Treasurer | Ivory Hallmon |
| Chaplin | Paulette Gentle-Jones |
| Three Year Trustee | Kevin Mills |
| Two Year Trustee | Barbara Bologna |
| One Year Trustee | Larry Mastin |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Gerald Brusich |
| Inner Guard | Vacant |
| Outer Guard | Vacant |

MOOSE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| Activities | TBD |
| Applications Review | Dave Cramer |
| Auditing | TBD |
| Building and Grounds | TBD |
| 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

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

WOTM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

MOOSE LEGION COMMITTEE

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



We would like to start out with saying Congratulations to Judy Stiles, who recently received the Chapter Member of the Year award for our chapter. Judy has always been there for us and for the Lodge. Judy is a true friend and mentor. Our chapter has been lucky to have a sister like her!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Sweetheart Dinner and Dance on Feb 11th. The dinner was amazing, the band was great and everyone who attended it had a great time. Thank you for all of the support as all proceeds raised will be donated to Moose Charities Rocker Fund.

The chapter has just finished with our nomination meetings and read the slate for elections to be held on March 21st at 7:00 pm. The following sisters have been placed on the slate: Marci Norris for the position of Treasurer and Kelsi White for the position of Secretary. As of this article, the position of Senior Regent is still open and we will be holding another nominating meeting in March. Date to be announced. The Installation of new officers will be on April 29th.

We also have chairman positions available for 2023-2024 year as follows so if you are interested in holding one of these positions, please let us know and we will relay it on to the new board of officers:

Higher Degree Committee
Mooseheart/Moosehaven Committee
Membership Retention Committee
Fraternal Activities
Special Chairman – Government Relations and very
Importantly – Moose Charities Chairman

The Chapter is running a new promotion for Women to join the Chapter from now till April 18th. Any current female of the Lodge may join the chapter for only \$5.00. There is no application fee to join. If you are already a member of the chapter and your dues are coming due, please renew them. If your dues are not renewed, then you are not a member in good standing even if your Lodge dues are current!

Remember without YOU – We would not be able to support our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven!!

March Calendar of Events

Friday March 10th WOTM Dinner – Shrimp & Fish, Coleslaw, Hushpuppies, Dessert \$9.00

Tuesday March 14th WOTM Audit 6:30 PM and WOTM BOO Meeting 7 PM

Friday March 17th WOTM Dinner – Roasted Pork Loin with Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Dessert \$10.00

Tuesday March 21st – WOTM Chapter Meeting & Elections 7:00 PM

The Children's Easter Party is being planned for April 2nd 1-4 PM. Easter Flyer to be posted March 1st with last MOOSE NOTES – Fredericksburg Moose Family Center #1655

day to sign up being March 26th. Anyone interested in helping with the planning of this event, please contact one of the current board of officers – Susan Malove, Terry Denniston or Nancy Darrow.

Remember, Spring is just around just around the corner! Sunshine and flowers Woo Hoo!
Terry Denniston, WOTM Treasurer



Moose Legion

As we are closing in on the end of the Moose year, it's time to start looking forward to the next year and think about what we can each do to help our Lodge continue to be successful. Could you take the next step in the Fraternity and join the Moose Legion or WOTM? Could you volunteer some time to help with a dinner or other event at the Lodge? These small things will help you fill the obligation you agreed to when you signed your membership application, and help your Lodge stay successful. Remember, "a job heavy to one is borne lightly by many".

MLC steak night is Mar 3rd, breakfast is Mar 19th, prime rib night is Mar 24th, and our meeting is Mar 25th.
Tim Bliss, Asst Secretary

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

Our Heart of the Community Committee has started a project that will involve our children! Jack Hilldrup is organizing a Children's Garden. Jack will be showing our children how to grow their favorite veggies. It is so important to help our children enjoy outside activities in this age of electronics and high tech. A signup sheet will be posted on the Women of the Moose information board near the kitchen. Event days will be Saturdays at 11:00am. A start date will be announced shortly.

As Moose One evolves, so will your entry into the Lodge. A new entry system will be installed as soon as it arrives so let's get ready. You can get ahead by downloading the new Moose app. However, you must have a "My Membership Record" set up first.

Go to Mooseintl.org,

Scroll to bottom of the page,

Under the "Members" section click on "My Membership Record",

Proceed with "New User",

Record your username and password.

Now download the Moose Mobile App from the Apple Store or Play Store for your phone. Printed directions can be found at the bar rail. If you need assistance, I will be happy to help.

Dawn Boxwell, Administrator

MEMBERSHIP

Here we are, one month into the new year. I hope all is going well for you and you are dealing with your “New Year’s Resolutions;” or not, as the case may be. Several of us attended the Virginia Moose Association Mid-year conference last month. It was a time to renew past acquaintances and meet some new ones. The usual reports about the various programs and happenings were presented. One of the normal topics for discussion is always membership and our membership numbers. The Moose fraternity seems to be doing well this year and the Virginia Moose Association (VMA) is also doing well.

As a Lodge, 1655 seems to be on track to meet our membership goals as well. Our total membership numbers seem to be steady and most of the reminders for renewal seem to be fruitful. Our new application numbers could use some work though. Two of the requirements for the Premier Lodge Award are directly tied to our membership and application numbers. In the last few years, we have come up short in these areas. Our goal for new applications this year is 258. That means that by the end of the Moose year we need to have that many applications completed, approved, voted upon, and processed. The Moose year ends on April 30th. The latest report from the VMA shows that we are currently at 201. We need 57 more applications by the end of the Moose year. That is three more months. Our current trend should bring us close but possibly not over the goal. We need your best efforts to recruit and sponsor your friends, work associates, and family members.

Our total membership numbers look good, and we are currently over the goal. We cannot relax on this though because if we have a month of light renewals, it will take away from our total numbers. Historically, March has always been the worst month for renewals. It seems that many of our members have March renewal dates and wait for a while to complete the renewal process. If you have a March renewal, I would suggest that you renew now. Additionally, if you have sponsored someone around this time last year, reach out to them. Encourage them to renew early. Remember that you cared enough for them to sponsor them into our Lodge, and you should care enough to remind them to renew.

Paying your renewal dues is not difficult at all. You can always use the mail to send it in. You can also pay right at the Social Quarters. It is also easily done online at the Moose International website (www.mooseintl.org). You can even renew for more than one year. Renewing early does not impact your next renewal date because your anniversary will always be the same. Besides, then you won’t be left in arrears and not be able to enjoy your Moose privileges.

David Cramer, Membership/Ritual Chairman
(Editor’s Note: Repeated article)

NEW MEMBERS

| New Member | Sponsor |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Kelly McCahren | William E. Harrington |
| Matthew Glancy | Sandra Bartel |
| Jodie Lynn Brook | Lisa R. Wright |
| Danielle J. Butler | Michael W. Diamond |
| Richard Dailey | Carl Van Doren |
| Rita Dailey | Carl Van Doren |
| Charles Morris | William N. Brooks |
| Ray B. Cobean IV | Ivory Hallmon |
| Lauren Weaver | Candy Joyce |
| Anthony G. Jarrell | Candy Joyce |
| Tammi Minter | Candy Joyce |
| Mrs. Debbie W. Johnson | Heather Johnson |
| Barry C. Johnson | Heather Johnson |
| Vicki Brown | Barry W. Sullivan |
| Brain Schultz | Dan Oster |
| Greg Gromer | Dan Oster |
| Christopher Seraphin | Tom Keating |
| Karen Creed Wright | Randall G. Powers |
| Gregory Wright | Randall G. Powers |
| Jessie Leigh Bolinsky | Stacie Embrey |
| Nicole Reedy | Christine Andrews |
| Shondra O’Keefe | Danielle Hlava |
| Brain Osborne | Teressa Lemoine |
| Kathleen Washington | Peggy Maldonado |
| Carl Clawson | Peggy Maldonado |
| Brian Schenkel | Donna Ratcliff |
| Clark Hovland | Keith Seitz |
| Jeffery A. Pearce | Tim McLaughlin |
| Mark Travis | Zach Miller |
| Samuel C. Harlow | James W. Cole |
| Freddie Velez | Joyce C. Pratt |
| Ron Neunlist | Dawn Boxwell |
| Vita R. Miller | Dawn Boxwell |
| Jamie Schroeder | Daniel C. Wagoner |



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|  | April 2nd – Kids' Easter Party | | 1 Pool 6:30 PM | 2 Higher Degree Meeting - 7 PM  | 3 Steak Night \$22.00 Josh Allen Band 8 PM - 12 AM | 4 Mardi Gras Party Smylin' Jack 8 PM - 12 AM |
| | 5 Breakfast 8 – 11 AM | 6 BOO Meeting 6:30 PM Shuffleboard 6:30 PM | 7 DJ Ned 1-4 PM Darts 7 PM Karaoke 7 PM - 10 PM | 8 Pool 6:30 PM Dance Club 7 PM | 9 MOOSE Meeting 6:30 PM  | 10 WOTM Shrimp & Fish \$9.00 Kreek Water 8 PM - 12 AM |
| | 12 Breakfast 8 – 11 AM | 13 Shuffleboard 6:30 PM | 14 WOTM Meeting 7 PM  | 15 MOOSE Orientation 7 PM  | 16 WOTM Roasted Pork Loin \$10.00 Lonesome Ryder Band 8 PM - 12 AM | 17 Mynx 8 PM - 12 AM |
| | 19 Breakfast 8 – 11 AM | 20 BOO Meeting 6:30 PM Shuffleboard 6:30 PM | 21 Darts 7 PM Karaoke 7 PM - 10 PM | 22 Pool 6:30 PM Dance Club 7 PM | 23 MOOSE Meeting 6:30 PM  | 24 MLC Prime Rib \$18.50 Rewind 8 PM - 12 AM |
| | 26 Breakfast 8 – 11 AM | 27 Shuffleboard 6:30 PM | 28 Darts 7 PM Karaoke 7 PM - 10 PM | 29 Shrimp Night 6 PM Pool 6:30 PM | 30 Tuff Luck 8 PM - 12 AM | 31 Unchained 8 PM - 12 AM  |



Birthdays

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| 1 Anita M. Cook Anthony D. Maida Conne Ray Scott Tracy Wheeler | 12 Scott A. Smith Cathy Henderson Beverley Mangum Eunice Denise Ellis William J. Faircloth Karen Hill Chris Farmer Brett Johnson | 23 James W. Yeatts Marvin W. Davis Jr. Sharon Lambert Katherine Giovannini |
| 2 Frank Lyons Nick Giambo Sharon Wilson Barry Q. Groves Gabrielle Sharon Tokar Joe McLaughlin | 13 Troy Cornett | 24 Steven R. Bencie Rebecca K. Vento Charlre Belden Jeffrey Kline Gary R. Ibanez Linda Fisher |
| 3 Calvin N. Marsden Kristina M. Castle Faye Mundie Kennith Compher | 14 Jack W. Pruitt Charles R. Forrester Tom Keating | 25 Larry Manilous Mastin Bryan Peyton Diane Bowles Steven N. Smith Patricia A. DelGiacco David Binkley Joseph C. Dryer Lewis Turner Robin M. King Vita R. Miller |
| 4 Debra L. Watson Michael P. Whalen Edward Shanahan John Bresnahan Craig Rawlett | 15 Richard F. Martin Barbara J. Johnson Lyle Martin Schrupp | 27 Mark A. Perryman Margaret Ann Dameron Stephen W. Schenk Debbie Woodbury Annette Rowley Hunter Griffis Paulette Minter |
| 5 Joseph M. Baez Matt Johnson Alison Dunaway Thomas Moran | 16 Rebecca Noel Claudia S. Johnson Hugh Riley Styborski James P. Hines Richard Rawlings Erol Oztuna Gregory Martin Delton Anglin III | 28 Mike Majcher |
| 6 Garvelyn Blaine Mary Ann Pully Kimberley D. Greene Michelle Gorham Mills | 17 R. Wayne Jones Kenny Wine Jr. Patricia DiDonato Joshua Lam | 29 Chris Vanvoorhis Marcia L. Tinnell Dana Leigh Hall Elizabeth Bender |
| 7 Lee R. Hafer Zsuzsana Briles Ron Doggett | 18 Robert Sherba Donald Williamson | 30 Norman R. Stahl Conway Cosner Madeline Griffith Ed Bast Matthew Glancy |
| 8 William Brizindine Samuel Pitner Chris Snyder Deborah Stromberg | 19 John T. Tinnell William H. Saunders III Betty E. Francy Marcella Norris Ella Jean Durrett Denise Foster | 31 Brent Hudson Amy S. Bourquein Mark A. Primeau Chris Tate Nick Travis Jerry Decatur Doris Carl Donna M. Powers |
| 9 Josephine Hall John Lawrence Laine Donald Burgess | 20 Steven L. Van Aman James Hall | |
| 10 Terry Burnette Larry Bickmann Denise D. Clark Jon Benson Kelley Robinson Shondra O'Keefe | 21 Lora Farney Vicky Eveslage Susan Trunzo Marc Graninger | |
| 11 William A. Robinette | 22 Carolyn Bologna Morrison Bryce LeBlanc John Dent Heather Johnson | |