



MOOSE NOTES

MARCH 2026

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Membership Meetings

LODGE –MAR 12Th & 26ND; WOTM –MAR24th; MLC –MAR 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

President's News – March 2026

December Recap

We had a wonderful Christmas party organized by our Vice President! The Women of the Moose and our volunteer kitchen staff separated duties and served outstanding food. Then we rang in the New Year with a bang on New Year's Eve with great decorations, delicious food from our kitchen staff, and excellent company as members gathered to celebrate together.

January Update

January went out with a bang as well—though not the way we expected! We had to close due to the unexpected ice and snow storm. Please take care of yourselves on these slippery, icy roads and sidewalks.

February Events

February 4-8: VMA (Virginia Moose Association) Convention. Come out and learn more about what the Virginia Moose Association does for our Moose community!

February 14: Valentine's Day Dance, hosted by the Women of the Moose. It went Great

February 18 (Wednesday): New Member Orientation

February 21: Nominations for Bull Run officers. MLC meeting.

February 25 (Wednesday): Dance Club meeting. Come out and join the fun!

March 2026 Events

March 2, 3, and 4: Nominating Committee meetings at 7 PM

March 7: Mardi Gras Party

MARCH 15 – MOTHER'S DAY

March 17: Saint Patrick's Day Party

March 21: Veterans Luncheon, 2-6 PM

March 22: Veterans Breakfast

Please come out and celebrate together!

All the charitable donations we're able to give are possible because of our members supporting our Lodge and its mission. Thank you again for everything you do!

Your President,

Mark P. Collins, Sr.

Fredericksburg Moose Lodge 1655

OFFICERS/CHAIRS

MOOSE #1655

President	Mark Collins
Administrator	Dawn Boxwell
Junior Past President	Ivory Hallmon
Vice President	Scott Smith
Treasurer	Terry Denniston
Chaplain	Brenden McMullen
Three-Year Trustee	Loren Plotner
Two-Year Trustee	Jason Hite
One-Year Trustee	Liane Fowler
Sergeant-at-Arms	Gilbert Taylor
Inner Guard	Dale Chase
Outer Guard	Gillian Chase

MOOSE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Activities	Tamara Adkins
Applications Review	Christian Allen
Financial Review	Barbara Bologna
Council of Higher Deg	Terry Denniston
Communications/Internet	Kim Denniston
Heart of the Community	Jeanette Jones
Entertainment	J.J. Moravetz
Blue Christmas	Sam Franklin
Fellowship/Pilgrim	Tad Bliss
Government Relations	Dawn Boxwell
Mental Health	Tarome Fowler
Historian	Michael Payne
Loss Prevention	Liane Fowler
Massey Cancer	Terry Denniston
Membership	Nancy Darrow
Moose Charities	Dawn Boxwell
Publications	Kim Denniston
Ritual	Kim Denniston
Pool	Moe Jenkins
Toys for Tots	Joyce Pratt

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE #1592

Senior Regent	Marcie Norris
Secretary	Michelle Fitch
Treasurer	Terry Denniston
Junior Past Regent	Nancy Darrow
Guide	Anette Constant

WOTM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Application Review	Dawn Boxwell
Audit	Cher Meyer
Fraternal Activities	Kelsie White
Higher Degree	Dawn Boxwell
Membership/Retention	Karen Haid
Mooseheart/Moosehaven	Shannon Wright

MOOSE LEGION COMMITTEE

Chairman	Randy Powers
Vice Chairman	Kevin Mills
Junior Past Chairman	Mark Collins
Assistant Secretary	Loren Plotner
Chaplain	David Cramer
Marshal	Norm Churchill

WOTM

Welcome WOTM 2025-2026

Membership Retention!! – If your membership has expired or expires in March or April and you renew before 30 March, WOTM will pay your dues for the next year, so basically “buy one year, get one year free”. You must renew by 30 March to take advantage of the offer. Don’t miss out to remain a part of great Chapter.

We announced our nominations for the upcoming year Board of Officers 2026-2027. If you are interested in becoming a part of our great organization, information is located on the WOTM bulletin board.

Our Cupid team did an outstanding job for the annual Valentines Dinner/Dance on 14 February. We hope everyone enjoyed this event and look to future events.

WOTM had 9 members attending Rally Days at the Richmond East Lodge. The theme this year was Paris. Our Picture was posted on Facebook. We look forward to increasing participation from our chapter next year. Our Chapter was also recognized and placed 3d place for our contributions to Moose Charities for the 2024-2025. Your contributions for our fund raisers made this possible. Thanks for your support.

The winner of the Rocking Chairs was drawn 26 February and winner was Pete Fitch. Thanks to all that participated. All proceeds will be submitted to Moose Haven.

Golden Gavel Committee (Nancy Darrow) will be raffling tickets for a chance to win a set of cornhole boards. We have two sets and will be drawing 2 winners. Tickets sales will begin 01 March – 02 April and winners will be drawn during Queen of Hearts on 2 April.

This month is Membership Committee – Special Project- Mooseheart Photography

March 10 – Boo Mtg

March 13 – WOTM dinner

March 22 – Kids Easter Party

March 24 – Membership Mtg and elections

Monthly Audit - TBD

Upcoming events

28 Feb – Heart of the Community project - WOTM of Moose will participating in 5k Walk , Coldest Night of the Year for Micah Ministries. We have our own Team with 9 participates and hope to make this event bigger next year. Donations collected will assist our homeless community.

17 March – St Patty’s Day event will be sponsored by Veterans Committee and WOTM. This year we will be serving Corn Beef, cabbage, potatoes, and carrots. We are also offering some great speciality drinks, 50/50, raffle of Lucky Lottery Tree and prizes for costumes. Please join in the fun. This is also Karaoke night so bring your singing voice

and let's have some fun. Watch for the flyer or additional information.

22 March – Children's Easter 1-4. We are asking for candy donations to fill the eggs for the Easter Egg hunt. Watch for the flyer for additional information.

We encourage everyone to sign up for text blast as well as become a member on Moose Family Center #1655 Center Group on Facebook where we post upcoming events, reminders, and requests for volunteers. WOTM also has kitchen duty on the 2nd Friday of every month from 6-8 pm. We are always looking for volunteers to assist.

Moving Forward, Giving Back

Senior Regent

Marcie Norris



MOOSE LEGION

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

At the time of sending this to our Communications Chairman, we have only received 1 application for next year's Board of Officers interview. We have 5 open billets to fill due to natural turnover. President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Chaplain, and 3-Year Trustee. Only the office of President requires the applicant to have held a prior office for 1 full year. New members create new and different activities to keep them interested. New members can become active in our lodge by volunteering for going through the process for being elected to the Board of Officers, being a Committee Chair, or helping a Committee on their various projects. It is work yes, but it can also be fun. You get to meet new people, both the older members and the newer members.

New "blood" in the Board and Committees is what keeps us current with new members and can help us attract more new members. Everybody gets tired of the same old same old, so the direct input from newer members can help us stay relevant. It also helps newer members learn what it truly means to be a Moose. We are a family fraternity with an obligation to help our seniors at Moose Haven, our children at Moose Heart, and our local community. We are fortunate to have an active social quarters to relax, unwind, and converse with fellow Moose. Every Committee is always looking for volunteers to help lighten the load. A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many.

Board of Officers interview dates are Monday 2 March, Tuesday 3 March, and Wednesday 4 March 2026. All meetings will begin promptly at 7pm. Applicants are to fill out the form (kept behind the bar) and write which date they will be coming in for their interview. All applicants MUST be interviewed in order to be considered to be placed on the ballot. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

**Tad E Bliss
Nominating Committee Chairman**

MEMBERSHIP

MARCH 2026

Membership is climbing, but we must do better, we need to keep the members we have.

Nancy Darrow
Committee Membership Chairman

FELLOWSHIP - PILGRIM

Hopefully, we have seen the last of the ice and begin to see warm and welcoming temps. Football season is officially over, but that just means the beginning of the season for multiple other sports. NASCAR, NCAA March Madness, and Major League Baseball are moving in. With that being said, the kitchen will now be open on Sundays after breakfast from 12 to 8 pm. Ivory and the Activities Committee will be a few weeks into the Corn Hole tournaments on Sunday as well. Sundays are quite often the most active day of the week here at 1655.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 7 pm. Our next breakfast will be Sunday, March 8, 2026, from 8 to 11 am. I think last month's special of being able to add a nice 6 oz steak to your breakfast was a hit. I only know of one complaint, and that was completely on me for over seasoning just a tad (yes, it's a pun, I know). Keep your eye out for any potential special this month. Maybe it'll be steak again or maybe it'll be something new. We like to keep it exciting and not put it out too early. Mainly because I haven't figured it out yet ;). So, come on out for breakfast, stay to catch a game or a race, enter the corn hole tournament, and grab dinner to go so you don't have to worry about cooking or cleaning up after. It's pretty easy to make Sunday Funday an all-day event at our lodge.

Not to mention, all the other upcoming events throughout March being put on by our many active Committee's. Mardi Gras Party on Saturday, March 7, 2026, and St. Patrick's Day festivities on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. See flyers for more details on both of these. I hope to see you all around the lodge.

Fraternally,

Tad E Bliss
Fellowship/Pilgrim Committee Chairman

First_Name	Last_Name	D	First_Name2	Last_Name3	D4
Tracy	Wheeler	1	James	Hines	16
Mary Jane	Lee	2	Alicia	Kline	16
Joe	McLaughlin	2	Peggy	Roath	16
Victoria	Guss	2	Rebecca	Noel	16
Frank	Lyons	2	Claudia	Johnson	16
Nick	Giambo	2	Kenny	Wine	17
Sharon	Wilson	2	Patricia	DiDonato	17
Virginia	Naill	2	R	Jones	17
Faye	Mundie	3	Cynthia	Greene	17
Kristina	Castle	3	Kevin	Nason	17
Terri	Brown	3	Shaun	Muha	17
Jason	Pitts	3	Erica	Cuskey	17
Kennith	Compher	3	Jon	Ward	17
Rick	Meadows	3	Christian	Allen	18
Craig	Rawlett	4	Kevin	Seneck	18
Ronnie	Edwards	4	John	Tinnell	19
Gary	Bounds	4	William	Saunders	19
Edward	Shanahan	4	Marcella	Norris	19
Debra	Watson	4	Donald	Naill	19
Michael	Whalen	4	Jeffrey	Jenkins	19
John	Bresnahan	4	Steven	Van Aman	20
Joseph	Baez	5	James	Hall	20
Matt	Johnson	5	Kelly	Autolino	20
Elizabeth	Pritchard	5	Susan	Trunzo	21
Thomas	Moran	5	Marc	Graninger	21
Michelle	Mills	6	Vicky	Eveslage	21
Mary	Pully	6	Lora	Farney	21
Zsuzsana	Briles	7	Todd	Comstock	21
Jerrod	Denniston	7	Bryce	LeBlanc	22

Dale	Chase	7	Carolyn	Morrison	22
Lee	Hafer	7	John	Dent	22
Ron	Doggett	7	Heather	Johnson	22
Ruben	Holladay	7	Rebecca	Lovley	22
Juanita	Bowers	7	Tim	Bauckman	22
Jeff	Moravetz	8	Jay	Long	23
Julie	Cass	8	Katherine	Giovannini	23
Deborah	Stromberg	8	Marvin	Davis	23
Samuel	Pitner	8	Sharon	Lambert	23
John	Laine	9	Gary	Ibanez	24
Donald	Burgess	9	Charlie	Belden	24
Carroll	Smith	9	Steven	Bencie	24
Troy	Keller	9	Rebecca	Vento	24
Betty	McFall	9	Linda	Fisher	24
Rrebecca	Wilson	9	Michelle	King	24
Noreen	Collins	9	Christine	Reyes	24
Eva	Haynes	9	Michael	Simms	24
Doreen	Gibbs	10	Lewis	Turner	25
Montgomery	Wood	10	Robin	King	25
Irene	Belcher	10	Vita	Miller	25
Jessica	McGowen	10	Larry	Mastin	25
Lesley	Reichert	10	Steven	Smith	25
Sherry	Gillispie	10	Patricia	DelGiacco	25
Kelley	Robinson	10	Diane	Bowles	25
Denise	Clark	10	David	Binkley	25
Larry	Bickmann	10	Joseph	Dryer	25
Terry	Burnette	10	John	Bell	26
Isaiah	Fowler	11	Rhonda	Hurry	26
Dean	Martin	11	Paulette	Minter	27
Brett	Johnson	12	Hunter	Griffis	27

Chris	Farmer	12	Annette	Rowley	27
Beverley	Mangum	12	Debbie	Woodbury	27
Karen	Hill	12	Stephen	Schenk	27
Scott	Smith	12	Margaret	Dameron	27
Cathy	Henderson	12	Kelly	Fitzgerald	27
Troy	Cornett	13	Mike	Majcher	28
Jason	Herman	13	Gordon	Clarke	28
Charles	Forrester	14	Dana	Hall	29
Douglas	Cuffage	14	Marcia	Tinnell	29
Barbara	Johnson	15	Chris	Vanvoorhis	29
Bradford	Keeler	15	Conway	Cosner	30
Lisa	Williams	15	Norman	Stahl	30
Erol	Oztuna	16	Madeline	Griffith	30
Delton	Anglin	16	Butch	Mims	30
Richard	Rawlings	16	Jason	Humphries	30

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Ed	Bast	30
Jerry	Decatur	31
Donna	Powers	31
Eric	English	31
Amy	Bourquein	31
Nick	Travis	31
Mark	Primeau	31
Brent	Hudson	31
Nora	Avram	31

March 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 1 8:00am BREAKFAST - SHUFFLEBOARD	2 6:30pm SHUFFLEBOARD 7:00pm LODGE NOMINATION MEETING	3 7:00pm KARAOKE 7:00pm LODGE NOMINATION MEETING	4 7:00pm LODGE NOMINATION	5 6:30pm DARTS TONIGHT 6:30pm Lodge Counsel of Higher Degrees 7:00pm Pilgrim 8:30pm QUEEN OF	6 STRING KINGS	7 MARDI GRAS PARTY WICKED JEZABEL (MARI GR
8 8:00am BREAKFAST - FELLOWSHIP/PILGRIM	9 6:30pm SHUFFLEBOARD 6:30pm BOARD OF OFFICER MEETING	10 6:30pm WOTM - BOO AND AUDIT MEETING 7:00pm KARAOKE	11	12 6:30pm DARTS TONIGHT 6:30pm LODGE MEMBERSHIP 8:30pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	13 CROSSING JAMES BAND 2:00pm KIM VA DR APPOINTMENT 6:00pm WOTM DINNER - SHEPERD'S PIE	14 DOUBLE DOWN RVA
15 8:00am Moose Legion International Meeting (waynesboro moose lodge) - MOOSE FAMILY CENTER 8:00am MLC BREAKFAST	16 6:30pm SHUFFLEBOARD	17 5:00pm WOTM - ST PATS DAY DINNER & DANCE 7:00pm KARAOKE	18 7:00pm LODGE ORIENTATION	19 6:30pm DARTS TONIGHT 8:30pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	20 BOBBY G AND THE HEAVIES 6:00pm HEART OF COMMUNITY - DINNER (TBA)	21 BADLANDS
22 8:00am BLUE CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST 1:00pm KIDS EASTER PARTY	23 6:30pm SHUFFLEBOARD 6:30pm BOARD OF OFFICERS MEETING	24 6:30pm WOTM MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:00pm KARAOKE	25 6:30pm DANCE CLUB	26 6:30pm LODGE MEMBERSHIP MEETING 8:30pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	27 CHEAP WHISKEY 6:00pm MENTAL HEALTH DINNER (TBA)	28 WHISKY BUSINESS 6:00pm MLC MEETING
29 8:00am HEART OF THE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST	30 6:30pm SHUFFLEBOARD	31 7:00pm KARAOKE	Apr 1	2	3	4

March

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Breakfast 8-11 Manager Special	2 Chili Grilled Cheese \$7.50	3 Taco's (3) \$6.50 Enchilada's \$7.50 Beef or Chicken	4 75 Wings w/Celery & Carrots (Ranch or Blue cheese) Sauce of choice	5 Baked Chicken Breast Stuffing w/Gravy Mixed Vegi \$9.00	6 2 Chili Dogs w/ff \$5 Kitchen Closes 4 pm Board of Officers	7 Italian w/chips \$8.00 w/French Fries \$9.00
8 Breakfast 8-11 Manager Special	9 Chicken Noodle Chicken Sandwich \$7.50	10 Taco's (3) \$6.50 Burrito \$7.50 Beef or Chicken	11 75 Wings w/Celery & Carrots (Ranch or Blue cheese) Sauce of choice	12 Spaghetti Side Salad, Garlic Toast \$9.00	13 2 Chili Dogs w/ff \$5 Kitchen Closes 4 pm WOTM	14 Sloppy Joes French Fries \$8.00
15 Breakfast 8-11 Manager Special	16 Vegetable Beef Soup Grilled Cheese	17 Taco's (3) \$6.50 Pizza \$7.50 Beef or Chicken	18 75 Wings w/Celery & Carrots (Ranch or Blue cheese) Sauce of choice	19 Meatloaf Mashed potato Green beans \$9.00	20 2 Chili Dogs w/ff \$5 Kitchen Closes 4 pm HOC	21 Stuffed Bell Peppers Mac & Cheese Side salad \$9.00
22 Breakfast 8-11 Manager Special	23 Potato Soup BLT \$7.50	24 Taco's (3) \$6.50 Taco Salad \$7.50 Beef or Chicken	25 75 Wings w/Celery & Carrots (Ranch or Blue cheese) Sauce of choice	26 Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Corn \$9.00	27 2 Chili Dogs w/ff \$5 Kitchen Closes 4 pm Mental Health	28 Ruben w/chips \$8.00 w/French Fries \$9.00
29 Breakfast 8-11 Manager Special	30 Grilled Chicken Ceaser Wrap \$7.50	31 Hot Honey Chicken Tender Wrap Chips \$7.50	Shrimp Night! Wednesday March 25, 2026		Kitchen Closes from 4pm-6pm Committee Dinner	Saturday Lunch Special Cheeseburger w/ FF \$5.00