

MOOSE TRACKS – SEPTEMBER 2026



Fredericksburg Moose Family Center

L.O.O.M. 1655

W.O.T.M. Chapter 1592



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Sunday: 8 AM – 10 PM

Monday: 11 AM – 11 PM

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Saturday: 11 AM – 1 AM

Members & Qualified Guests Welcome

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- Fellowship / Pilgrim Meeting: **September 3**
- Lodge Meetings: **September 10 & September 24**
 - Lodge Orientation Meeting: **September 16**
 - WOTM Meeting: **September 22**
 - Moose Legion Meeting: **September 23**



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Members & Qualified Guests Always Welcome

Important Notice: The Loyal Order of Moose is a private organization. Events listed are for members in good standing and qualified guests.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

To all Fredericksburg Moose Lodge 1655 members and staff who came out to support me in becoming your president — there are hardly any words that can express how proud I was that everyone showed up in support. So again, thank you. I hope we can work together as a strong family center in making this lodge a happy, fun place to come for our families and our guests.

In the month of September, we will have a nominating committee meet to interview candidates. We are interviewing a candidate for the treasurer's position. We will then update the members at the membership meeting on when the election will be held.

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 7 — Labor Day Picnic, 2–6 p.m., for members and qualified guests

September 12 — Flea Market, 8 a.m.–1 p.m., open to the public

September 30 — Shrimp Night. In the other half of the hall, the Dance Club will be meeting all welcomed.

More to come.

Thank you,

Your President,

Mark P. Collins, Sr.



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OFFICERS/CHAIRS

MOOSE FAMILY CENTER #1655

President	Mark P. Collins Sr.
Administrator	Michelle Fitch (Acting)
Junior Past President	Tim Bliss
Vice President	Randy Powers
Treasurer	Open
Chaplain	Dave Cramer
Three-Year Trustee	Tim Driskill
Two-Year Trustee	Lonnie Plotner
One-Year Trustee	Jason Hite
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bruce Prumbly
Inner Guard	Marcie Norris
Outer Guard	Michelle Fitch

MOOSE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Activities	Tamara Adkins
Applications Review	Lonnie Plotner
Financial Review	Barbara Bologna
Council of Higher Deg	Terry Denniston
Communications/Internet	Kimmee Hancock
Heart of the Community	Jeanette Jones
Entertainment	J.J. Moravetz
Blue Christmas	Tim Driskill
Fellowship/Pilgrim	Tad Bliss
Government Relations	Michelle Fitch
Mental Health	Tarome Fowler
Historian	Michael Payne
Loss Prevention	Jason Hite
Massey Cancer	Marcie Norris
Membership	Dave Cramer
Moose Charities	Michelle Fitch
Publications	Kimmee Hancock
Ritual	
Pool	Melvin Heflin

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE #1592

Senior Regent	Karin Haid
Secretary	Michelle Fitch
Treasurer	Terry Denniston
Junior Past Regent	Marcie Norris
Guide	Debbie Bartley

WOTM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Application Review	Dawn Boxwell
Audit	Tracy Plotner
Fraternal Activities	Anette Constatnt
Higher Degree	Nancy Darrow
Membership/Retention	
Mooseheart/Moosehaven	Kimmee Hancock

MOOSE LEGION COMMITTEE

Chairman	Randy Powers
Vice Chairman Junior	Jason Hite
Past Chairman	Mark P. Collins Sr.
Assistant Secretary	Loren Plotner
Chaplain	-
Marshal	Norm Churchill

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE



LOYAL TO THE MOOSE
TRUE TO EACH OTHER

WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN. STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY.

Fredericksburg Chapter #1592

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EMPOWERING WOMEN • ENRICHING LIVES • BUILDING TOMORROW

*Stronger Together.
Making a Difference.* ♥



Moose on the Move: WOTM Chapter News & Fun!



Fall Into Fun: Upcoming WOTM Autumn Events!

The end of summer is just the beginning of a busy and exciting fall and winter season for the Women of the Moose (WOTM)! We have a packed calendar full of community events, fundraisers, and family fun over the next two months. Mark your calendars and come out to support our committees!



Sept 12: Fraternal Activities Big Flea Sale

Where: In our main lodge hall

When: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

(Open to the public!)



Upcoming Events & Mark Your Calendars

- Sept 8: WOTM BOO Meeting
- Sept 11: WOTM Dinner Service
- Sept 12: Big Flea Sale
- Sept 15: Monthly Meeting at 6:30



Sept 19: DRC 'Let the Gourd Times Roll'

Where: Fredericksburg Fairgrounds.

What: A massive community event packed with local vendors and businesses.

Action: Come out for a day of fun, and make sure to stop by the WOTM booth to say hello!



FELLOWSHIP / PILGRIM COMMITTEE



September is here and hopefully brings some cooler temperatures. The kids are back into their school routines, so be on the lookout for the little ones as you traverse our roads as they may not always be looking for you. September also brings back football and our Sunday potlucks. During the NFL season, the kitchen will be closed after breakfast ends at 11am.

Our September meeting will be held on Thursday, 3 September promptly at 7pm. I encourage all Lodge Fellows and Pilgrims to attend. Our next breakfast will be Sunday, 13 September from 8am to 11am. We will have all of our regular breakfast items plus chipped beef gravy. Supplies are limited, so come out early to ensure you are able to get what you want. We can't remake gravy on the fly. Additionally, it has been brought to my attention by our Kitchen Manager that the "big moose" special has been removed from the menu.

While not Committee related, on behalf of the Fellowship/Pilgrims, I would like to congratulate Jerry Romine on being awarded the Moose of Year certificate. For those who are new to our Lodge, Jerry has always volunteered to be our bartender on duty for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. She does this to ensure that all members have somewhere to go on a holiday and not be alone. Additionally, it allows our other staff to spend the holidays with their own family. Well-deserved Jerry.

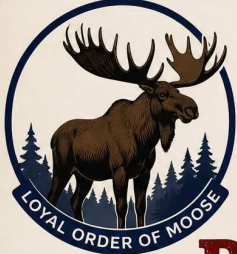
Similarly, not Committee related, but definitely worth mentioning. Welcome back, Mark Collins as our duly elected President. I know folks get tired of hearing us say "get involved and attend meetings", well this is one example as to why that is so important. Because of following that process, that this was made possible. We hope to see many more members staying involved and attending meetings from here on out.

On a personal note, I would like to extend condolences and sympathies to the family and friends of John Frye (New York John). John was a great friend and Moose and will be missed greatly.

Fraternally,

Tad E Bliss
Fellowship/Pilgrim Committee Chairman





MOOSE LODGE — 1655 — SUNDAY BREAKFAST

8 A.M. TO 11 AM

Prepared by the
**FELLOWSHIP
AND
PILGRIM
COMMITTEE**



★ *Members and qualified guest* ★

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The 89th Annual Virginia Moose Association Convention, held August 13–16 at the Hampton Convention Center, is now behind us, but the memories, information, and friendships we brought home will stay with us for some time.

The convention was a wonderful opportunity to come together as one Virginia Moose family. From Association business and educational sessions to committee reports, fellowship, and activities, there was something for everyone. Conventions like this remind us that while we may belong to individual Lodges, we are all part of something much larger—the Moose fraternity.

One of the most important parts of any convention is learning. We had the opportunity to hear reports, discuss the direction of our Association, learn about changes and expectations, and gain a better understanding of how we can make our Lodges stronger. The information we receive at these events is only valuable if we take it home and put it to work.

Our charitable efforts also remind us of who we are. Through the Moose, we support our children at Mooseheart, our seniors at Moosehaven, and many local charities in the communities where we live and serve. These efforts are a wonderful example of what we can accomplish when we work together and remain committed to helping others.

Of course, a Moose convention isn't all business. Fellowship, catching up with old friends, meeting new ones, sharing a meal, and simply spending time together are important parts of what makes our fraternity special. These moments strengthen the bonds between our Lodges and remind us that the Moose is truly a family.

As we look back on the 89th Annual Virginia Moose Association Convention, I hope each of us takes something positive home with us—new knowledge, renewed enthusiasm, a new friendship, or simply a greater appreciation for what our Moose fraternity accomplishes every day.

Now it is time to take what we learned and put it into action here at home. Our Lodge, our Association, and our fraternity are only as strong as the members who are willing to participate, volunteer, recruit, and serve.

Thank you to everyone who represented our Lodge at the convention and to all of our Virginia Moose brothers and sisters who continue to make a difference for our children at Mooseheart, our seniors at Moosehaven, and the many local charities that depend on our support.

One Moose, one family, working together for our communities, our children, our seniors, and each other.

Dave Cramer
Membership Chairman
Fredericksburg 1655



From the Chaplain

Over the past few months, our Fredericksburg Moose Lodge family has experienced the loss of several of our members. Each loss reminds us just how much our Moose family means to us and how deeply the friendships we build here can touch our lives.

Grief is never easy. We each cope with the loss of a friend, brother, sister, or loved one in our own way. There are times when words simply aren't enough. We may find ourselves remembering the good times, the laughter shared around the Lodge, the stories told, the meals enjoyed together, or simply the familiar face of someone who was always there.

That is one of the things that makes the Moose special. We are more than an organization—we are a fraternity and an extended family. When one of our members hurts, we should be there to offer a listening ear, a helping hand, a kind word, or simply our presence.

Our departed members have each left something behind. They have contributed their time, friendship, service, and memories to our Lodge. Their absence will be felt, but their impact will remain a part of who we are.

As we mourn, let us also celebrate their lives. Let us continue the friendships they helped build and the traditions they helped make special. Let us check on one another, especially those who may be struggling with a loss, and never hesitate to reach out. Sometimes a simple phone call or an invitation to come to the Lodge can mean more than we realize.

The Moose has always been about caring for one another, serving our communities, and celebrating life together. In times of sadness, that commitment to family becomes even more important.

To the families and friends of our departed members, please know that you are not alone. Your Moose family remembers, cares, and stands beside you.

May we keep our departed members in our thoughts and prayers, cherish the memories they gave us, and continue to make Fredericksburg Moose Lodge a place where everyone knows they are part of a family.

May God bless our departed members, comfort their families, and watch over all of us as we continue this journey together.

Dave Cramer
Chaplain
Fredericksburg 1655

Activities Committee

Summer is wrapping up, but the fun is far from over! Back in August, we had a first for our lodge—a party that was truly the best of the best and a fantastic way to end the summer. Our Parrot Head party was an amazing success! We're so grateful to everyone who came, decorated, served, and attended. The band Last Call did an incredible job, and we're thrilled to announce they'll be our band for our New Year's party.

Our next celebration is on Monday, September 7, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. We have a sign-up on Facebook and on the bulletin board near the shuffleboard. Please sign up to bring a dish to share, and if you're interested, consider helping set up and break down. We need as many volunteers as possible, and it won't take much of your time.

We'll be announcing tickets for our Halloween party soon. We have the band Cougar Flash performing, so keep an eye out for that announcement. Tickets will be available for a short time and limited to 150 people. First come, first served, with a purchase cutoff date. We're also looking for a committee to sponsor the Halloween party. If your committee is interested, please see Tamara.

We thank you for everyone's attendance, participation, and continued support of the activities here at the Moose Lodge 1655.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Due to an unforeseen vacancy on the Board of Officers, President Mark Collins has assembled the Nominating Committee once again. The position for Treasurer is open for nominees. Applications will be available behind the bar or through the office during normal business hours. Duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer are as follows but not limited to: The Treasurer of the Lodge is the Treasurer of the corporation. The duties of the Treasurer include the following: 1. Attend Lodge, Board of Officers' meetings, and Executive Sessions; 2. Ensure that the Administrator deposits all funds as often as possible but not less than once per week; 3. Receive (from the Administrator) duplicate deposit slips showing the weekly deposits made by the Administrator to the Lodge, Social Quarters, and other authorized accounts, AND initial the duplicate deposit slips that will be retained by the Administrator as a receipt; 4. Be the custodian of all securities along with the Administrator and President; 5. Perform all other duties required of them by the General Laws of The Moose; 6. Sign authorized checks, but never when blank; 7. Conduct a weekly inspection of all Lodge and Social Quarters financial records to verify that all accounting entries are current, and such entries are consistent with all receipts and expenditures; 8. Perform the duties of the Administrator, whenever a vacancy occurs, until an Administrator is appointed or elected, as provided by our General Laws, Sections 36.1 and 38.1.

Only lodge members whose dues are paid and in good standing may be considered for elective office. To be an elected officer of a lodge, the officer must be a member of that lodge. A member is not eligible for the office of President, Vice President, Treasurer or Chaplain unless their membership in the lodge in which they seek office equals or exceeds six (6) months preceding the date of the election. Once elected, the elected officer must complete the Lodge Leadership Training course.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting on the following days for interviews: Monday, 14 September, Thursday, 17 September, and Monday, 28 September. All meetings will begin promptly at 7pm. Committee members should arrive to the Lodge prior to the meeting time in order to be able to start on time. Candidates should arrive to the Lodge prior to 7pm on their scheduled interview date and wait for a Committee member to escort them into the meeting room. Candidates should write the day in which they wish to be interviewed on their application.

Fraternally,

Tad E Bliss
Nominating Committee Chairman

The word "NOMINATE" is spelled out using eight light-colored wooden blocks, each with a black letter. The blocks are arranged in a single row on a wooden surface.

September

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Breakfast 8-11 Every Sunday Committee Event		1 Taco Tuesday \$1 Tacos Chips & Salsa \$2.00	2 Wing Wednesday .75 w/celery Sauce Choice	3 Crab Cake Dinner FF, Coleslaw Hush Puppies \$12.00	4 Communications **Committee Dinner**	5 Meatball Sub French Fries \$9.00
6 Bring a Dish to Share Potluck Football Sunday's	7 Kitchen Closed Labor Day Bring Dish To Share	8 Taco Tuesday \$1 Tacos Chips & Salsa \$2.00	9 Wing Wednesday .75 w/celery Sauce Choice	10 Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Green beans \$9.00	11 WOTM **Committee Dinner**	12 Fish & Chips w/ Shrimp Coleslaw, Hush Pups \$9.00
13 Bring a Dish to Share Potluck Football Sunday's	14 Football Special 2 Topping Pizza 4 Wings \$10.00	15 Taco Tuesday \$1 Tacos Chips & Salsa \$2.00	16 Wing Wednesday .75 w/celery Sauce Choice	17 Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Casserole \$9	18 Heart of Community **Committee Dinner**	19 Salmon Rice Pilaf Asparagus \$12.00
20 Bring a Dish to Share Potluck Football Sunday's	21 Football Special 2 Topping Pizza 4 Wings \$10.00	22 Taco Tuesday \$1 Tacos Chips & Salsa \$2.00	23 Wing Wednesday .75 w/celery Sauce Choice	24 Open Faced Turkey on Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, G Beans \$9.00	25 Mental Health **Committee Dinner**	26 Meatloaf Scalloped Potatoes Succotash \$9.00
27 Bring a Dish to Share Potluck Football Sunday's	28 Football Special 2 Topping Pizza 4 Wings \$10.00	29 Taco Tuesday \$1 Tacos Chips & Salsa \$2.00	30 Wing Wednesday .75 w/celery Sauce Choice until 4.00			
Kitchen Closed Sept-March on Sunday Football Potluck			Sept 30 6pm-8pm Crab & Shrimp 6pm-8pm	Thursday Lunch Special Cold Plate or Sandwich w/chip \$5	Friday Lunch Special Until 4 Chili Dogs w/ff \$5	Saturday Lunch Until 4 Cheeseburger w/ff \$5