



# MOOSE NOTES

**AUGUST 2025**

**FREDERICKSBURG MOOSE FAMILY CENTER**

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## SOCIAL QUARTERS HOURS

Sunday – 8AM – 10 PM  
Monday – NOON – 11 PM  
Tuesday – NOON – 11 PM

Wednesday – NOON – 11 PM  
Thursday – NOON – 11 PM

Friday – NOON – 1 AM  
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## ***Membership Meetings***

**LODGE –AUG 21st & 28th; WOTM – AUG 12TH; MLC –AUG 23rd**

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

Dear Lodge Members,

I hope this message finds you and your families in good health and spirits. As we are moving forward into another exciting month, I wanted to update you on some important upcoming events that deserve your attention and participation.

I am pleased to report that our air conditioning project and dehumidifier installation should be completed by the last week in July, ensuring our members will have a comfortable environment with optimal air quality for all upcoming activities.

Mark your calendars! In approximately two weeks, our Virginia Moose Association Conference will be. This is always a highlight of our lodge calendar, bringing together members from across the region for fellowship, recognition, and celebration of our shared Moose values.

I encourage all members to plan to attend this significant gathering. For complete details about the VMA celebration, please visit the VMA website where you will find all the information you need about timing, agenda, and activities.

Labor Day Picnic - End of August

Looking ahead to the end of August, we are excited to announce that our annual Labor Day Picnic is in the planning stages. This beloved tradition brings our lodge family together for food, fun, and fellowship as we celebrate the holiday weekend. Posters with complete details about the picnic should be coming out soon, so please watch for them throughout the lodge. We are working hard to make this year's picnic another memorable event for members and their families.

As always, I remind you to stay engaged with your lodge activities and watch for important communications. Your participation makes our lodge stronger and helps us continue our mission of serving our community and supporting one another. Thank you to all of our members and their families for your continued support and dedication. You truly make our lodge the special place it is.

Fraternalty yours,

Mark P. Collins Sr.

President, Fredericksburg Moose Lodge 1655

## OFFICERS/CHAIRS

### MOOSE #1655

President	Mark Collins
Administrator	Dawn Boxwell
Junior Past President	Ivory Hallmon
Vice President	VACANT
Treasurer	Terry Denniston
Chaplin	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	VACANT
Applications Review	Christian Allen
Financial Review	Barbara Bologna
Council of Higher Deg	Jim Joyce
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	VACANT
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	Shannon Wright
Mooseheart/Moosehaven	Judy Stiles

### 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

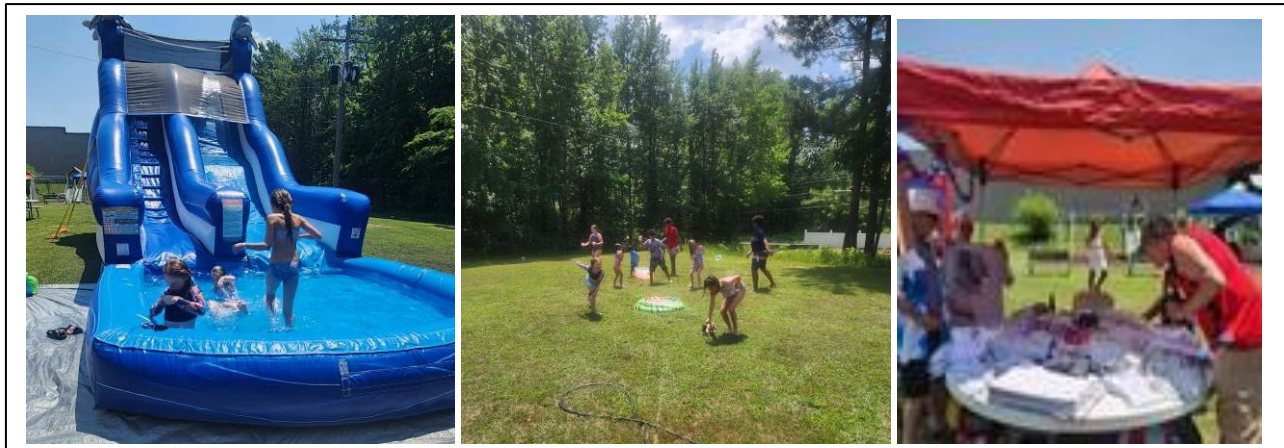
Welcome WOTM 2025-2026

July came with a heat blast not typically here in Virginia until August, but we managed to continue our work to support Mooseheart and Moosehaven as well as local charities. Congratulations to our Chapter for receiving the Award of Achievement for 2024-2025. Congratulations to Nancy Darrow for earning her Golden Gavel as Senior Regent for 2024-2025. The awards can only be achieved with the support of our WOTM board of officers, committees and members.

We were present to support the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration on July 5<sup>th</sup> and had a great turn-out. The men and women worked together to ensure the success of this event which included set-up, cooking, activities and other behind the scenes volunteers. The children had a blast playing on the water slide and with water balloons. WOTM also sold moose shirts for a special discounted price of \$5.00. If you miss out, the lodge is still selling shirts but not for that discounted price. Thanks to the members for participating and providing side dishes. I do not think anyone went home hungry.

This month we collected school supplies to donate to Treasure House in Spotsylvania for those families and children to support them by providing them with the necessary supplies to make the school year successful. We apologize for cancelling the Back-to-Party this year, however, due to minimal interest, most likely due to

summer



vacations, we decided to cancel the event. We appreciate and thank everyone for their donations for a great cause.

This month is Higher Degrees Star – Special Project- Mooseheart Boys Athletic Program

Aug 5 – BOO Meeting – 6:30 pm

Aug 8 - WOTM Dinner – 6-8 pm

Aug 12 – Quarterly Audit – 6:00 pm

Aug 19 – General Membership Meeting – 6:30 pm

Coming Soon WOTM flyer/sign-up to participate in the Sip, Shop, Repeat at Fredericksburg Convention Center Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>.

WOTM membership drive will run through December. If you renew your dues, WOTM will pay for the next year. If you join, WOTM will pay for another year's membership. Don't miss out!

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

Moving Forward, Giving Back

Senior Regent

Marcie Norris

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**Moose Legion**

September 28<sup>TH</sup> NOON – 6PM BULL RUN 185 BULL  
ROAST PICNIC.

## MEMBERSHIP

FOR THE MONTH OF JULY NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION WILL BE HELD ON JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> STARTING AT 7PM. AFTER THAT TO KEEP WITH A CONSISTENT CALENDAR IT WILL BE HELD ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING IN AUGUST. REMEMBER OUR CAMPAIGN FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR IS FOR EACH APPLICATION YOU SUBMIT THAT YOUR NAME WILL BE PUT IN FOR A DRAWING OF A LIFE MEMBERSHIP. THE FIRST ROUND WILL BE DRAWN AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY IN DECEMBER.

NANCY DARROW  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

### FELLOWSHIP - PILGRIM

August is here and the heat is on as they say. Along with August comes the beginning of the new school year here in Spotsylvania County so, be sure to start looking out for the little ones around the school buses. August also brings in the new changes in the General Rules from Moose International that were ratified at the International Convention. Our own VMA (Virginia Moose Association) Annual Convention begins on 14 August and runs through 17 August in Hampton Virginia. I am sure that there will be many things to report on after our Board of Officers return from there. The deadline for both mail in and online registration is 4 August. Hotel lists and additional information can be found at the VMA website [www.virginiamoose.net](http://www.virginiamoose.net) under the conferences and conventions heading.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 7 August 2025 at 7 pm in the hall. Additionally, our next breakfast will be Sunday 10 August 2025 from 0800 to 1100 hours. We try to do our best to put out a good hot meal for your enjoyment. Chipped beef gravy, sausage gravy, biscuits, toast, sausage patties, sausage links, corned beef hash, ham, scrapple, home fries, bacon, bologna, pancakes, French toast, and eggs made your way are

available as long as supplies last. Some things we can replenish, but things like gravy, scrapple, biscuits, and such we are limited to what we prepped. With that being said, we never know how many folks will be at breakfast. We try our best to play the balance game of having enough and not being wasteful. It's not an exact science, but we try our best.

Fraternally,

Tad E. Bliss  
Fellowship/Pilgrim Committee Chairman

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER 7/29/2025**

As we wrap up Summer 2025, we return from vacations and prepare our students for the school year. Remember to keep your Moose brothers and sisters in your thoughts and prayers. Our social ties don't end when we leave the Social Quarters! As a reminder, if anyone is aware of a member who is hospitalized or shut in, please bring it to my attention via friends, bartenders, or in our meetings. I am in the Lodge at least 3 days/wk. May we all enjoy a blessed August, and the return of cooler weather.

## NEW MEMBERS

FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	Sponsor_Full_Name
Joni	Stevens	Candy L. Joyce
Dustin	Sullivan	Delores Smith
Elvis	Balla	Sherri Kimmell
Joseph	Habib	Joseph A. Habib
Jon	Thurston	Carl Van Doren
Martine	Mullen	Marcella Norris
Fred	Mullen	Marcella Norris
Jason	Brannon	Gregory Kaszuba
Yvonne	Yantsios	George D. Decatur III
Robert	Icolari	Michael Steele
Frank	Marino	Candy L. Joyce
Melvin	Martir	David C. Cramer
Oscar	Salazar	Orlando Jones
Cesar	Mardeli	Orlando Jones
Bryce	Hallmon	Ivory Hallmon
Tom	McCarter	Brenden T. McMullen
Connie	O'Reilly	Anthony Sieber
Brian	Ingram	Anthony Sieber
Donna	Bunting	Robert F. Bardon Jr.
Lorraine	Haas	Lisa R. Wright
Jenny	Comstock	David C. Cramer

# BIRTHDAYS

First_Name	Last_Name		First_Name	Last_Name		First_Name	Last_Name		First_Name	Last_Name	
Judy	Jones	1	Cynthia	Milligan	5	Don	D'Amico	12	Marjorie	Morello	19
Tim	Garrett	1	Katherine	McLaughlin	5	David	Olinger	12	Margaret	Fagan	19
Josh	Heflin	1	Francis	Sankey	5	Justin	Danielson	12	David	Henderson	19
Eugene	Hughes	1	Michael	Butts	5	Matt	Le	12	Kylee	Bliss	19
Peter	Habib	1	Cath	Cowan	6	Christine	Abano	12	Nicholas	Mack	19
Linda	Sulfridge	1	Richard	Holmes	6	Barbara	Pritchett	13	Justin	Greene	19
Marianne	Strafer	1	Thomas	Cubbage	6	Shirley	Cole	13	Michelle	Neller	20
J Ross	Lewis	1	Shirley	Emerick	6	Chris	Edwards	14	Martha	Donaghey	20
William	Wares	1	Dennis	Metheney	6	James	Fricchione	14	George	French	20
Kevin	Churchill	2	Wanda	Lloyd	6	Carla	Bullock	14	Scott	Baird	20
Gregory	Hatch	2	Joyce	Jessee	6	Timothy	Turner	14	Tina	Kitts	20
Sandra	McCall-Hord	2	Andre	Lamonde	7	Paul	Perry	14	Loisanne	Purchell	20
Dayle	Mauck	2	Patrick	Steininger	7	Tracey	Minifield	15	Charles	Leitch	20
Sherwood	Cottrell	2	Sidney	McGraw	7	Xavier	White	15	Lynn	Lowe	20
Warren	McCauley	2	David	Britts	7	Owen	Thaler	15	Robert	Birch	21
Daniel	Bobo	2	Elissa	Parks	7	Fred	Pratt	15	Jay	Misencik	21
Robert	Aversa	2	Michael	Stedman	8	Karen	Cassey	15	Catherine	Ryschon	21
Chandra	Monroe	3	Shannon	Wortman	8	Richard	Dailey	16	Kevin	Dunn	21
Kylene	Miller	3	Sheila	Cockrill	8	Stephen	Griffis	16	Corey	Smallwood	21
Richard	Nuckols	3	Leonard	Rogers	8	Ronnie	Faulkner	16	Samuel	Mancilla	22
Richard	Merryman	3	Brenda	Wagner	9	Daniele	Daniel	16	Karen	Wright	22
Charles Tony	Dean	3	Helen	Huffman	9	Dakota	Bailey	17	Judith	Skinner	22
Eugene	Hodgson	3	Vicki	Hitt	9	Edwin	Torrescortes	17	Ramona	Goff	23
Rick	Bouchard	4	Mark	Pitts	9	Raymond	Potter	17	Lois	Blaisdell	23
Linda	Brooks	4	Virginia	Harrold	9	James	Burgess	17	Margaret	Clark	23
Talaya	Fairchild	5	Nina	Brown	9	Randy	Hoffman	18	Dawn	Dye	23
Mary	Blaylock	5	Patricia	Massey	9	Winfield	Herring	18	Sam	Franklin	23
Carolyn	Sixkiller	5	Allan	Lane	10	David	Taylor	18	Pam	Page	23
Guy	Kennedy	5	Robin	Veax	10	Diane	Watson	18	Rosa	Seale	23
Alice	Obermeier	5	Carl	Schmidtke	10	Larry	Rausch	18	Pamela	Singleton	23
Leon	Zacek	5	Michael	Clark	11	James	Maher	18	Linda	Perrone	24

# BIRTHDAYS CONT

First_Name	Last_Name		First_Name	Last_Name	
James	Hannigan	24	Sandra	Hefner	31
Allison	Nails	25	Tom	McCarter	31
Brian	Manion	25			
Howard	Carter	25			
Edith	Stitt	25			
Denise	Habicht	26			
Dennis	Keller	26			
Richard	Harry	26			
Jeff	Russell	26			
Paul	Varga	26			
George	Colvin	26			
Steve	Kasey	26			
Paul	Wuttke	27			
Patrick	Taylor	27			
Christina	Evans-Zook	27			
Carolyn	Quick	27			
Anthony	Alexander	27			
Jeremy	Wells	28			
Herman	Edwards	28			
Charles	Trigger	28			
Jim	Snelson	28			
Dana	Nielsen	29			
Tad	Bliss	29			
Robert	Findley	29			
Rex	Berfield	29			
Thomas	Winston	29			
Brian	Frye	30			
Larry	Herman	30			
Sylvia	Gould	30			
Donna	Raines	30			
Anthony	Atkinson	31			



# July 2025

July 2025							August 2025						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
6	7	1	2	3	4	5	3	4	5	6	7	1	2
13	14	8	9	10	11	12	10	11	12	13	14	8	9
20	21	15	16	17	18	19	17	18	19	20	21	15	16
27	28	22	23	24	25	26	24	25	26	27	28	22	23
		29	30	31			31					29	30

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 29	30	Jul 1	2	3	4	5
		7:00pm KARAOKE	6:30pm POOL 7:00pm LODGE NOMINATION MEETING	6:30pm Lodge Counsel of Higher Degrees 7:00pm Pilgrim Fellowship Meeting 8:30pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	DJ SAM (Fredericksburg Lod 6:00pm DINNER WOTM - LIGHT MENU	KITCHEN WILL BE CLOSED DBX 12:00pm JULY 5TH PICNIC
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:00am BREAKFAST - SHUFFLEBOARD	6:30pm SHUFFLEBOARD 6:30pm BOARD OF OFFICERS MEETING	6:30pm WOTM - BOO AND AUDIT MEETING 7:00pm KARAOKE	6:30pm POOL	6:30pm LODGE MEMBERSHIP MEETING 8:30pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	DJ D LACK (Fredericksburg L 6:00pm WOTM DINNER - SLOPPY JOES	FLOWER POWER
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:00am BREAKFAST - FELLOW/PILGRIM	6:30pm SHUFFLEBOARD 7:00pm LODGE NOMINATION MEETING	6:30pm WOTM - CHAPTER MEETING 7:00pm KARAOKE	6:30pm POOL 7:00pm LODGE NOMINATION MEETING	7:00pm LODGE ORIENTATION 8:30pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	DJ SAM (Fredericksburg Lod 6:00pm HEART OF THE COMMUNITY DINNER	BITTERSWEET BAND 8:00am MARINES - HALL
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:00am MLC BREAKFAST	6:30pm SHUFFLEBOARD 6:30pm BOARD OF OFFICERS MEETING	7:00pm KARAOKE	6:30pm POOL - CANCELLED TONIGHT	6:30pm LODGE MEMBERSHIP MEETING 8:30pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	TUFF LUCK 6:00pm MENTAL HEALTH DINNER	DJ JUKEBOX GEORGE 6:00pm MLC MEETING
27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2
8:00am BLUE CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST 1:00pm BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY	6:30pm SHUFFLEBOARD	7:00pm KARAOKE	6:00pm DANCE CLUB 6:30pm POOL	8:30pm QUEEN OF HEARTS		

# August

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Beginning Sept 1</b> <b>Kitchen will be closed!</b> <b>**Football Potluck**</b>				<b>Lunch until 5pm</b> <b>Cold Sandwiches</b> <b>w/Chips \$5.00</b>	1 2 Chili Dogs w/ff \$5.00 *Committee Dinner	2 Ruben w/FF \$8.00
3 Manager Special! Breakfast Shuffle Board	4 Patty Melt Tator Tots \$7.50	5 Taco's (3) \$6.50 Quesadilla \$7.50 Beef or Chicken	6 75 Wings w/Celery & Carrots (Ranch or Blue cheese) Sauce of choice	7 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Salad, Bread \$9.00	8 2 Chili Dogs w/ff \$5.00 *Committee Dinner	9 Meatball Sub French Fries \$8.00
10 Manager Special! Breakfast Higher Degree	11 Smash Burger w/ FF \$7.50	12 Taco's (3) \$6.50 Quesadilla \$7.50 Beef or Chicken	13 75 Wings w/Celery & Carrots (Ranch or Blue cheese) Sauce of choice	14 Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Bean \$9.00	15 2 Chili Dogs w/ff \$5.00 *Committee Dinner	16 French Dip Tator Tots \$8.00
17 Manager Special! Breakfast MLC	18 The Moose Burger Ham, Cheese, on, Honey Mustard \$7.50	19 Taco's (3) \$6.50 Quesadilla \$7.50 Beef or Chicken	20 75 Wings w/Celery & Carrots (Ranch or Blue cheese) Sauce of choice	21 Meatloaf Scalloped Potatoes Vegetables \$9.00	22 2 Chili Dogs w/ff \$5.00 *Committee Dinner	23 Ham & Turkey Club Sub w/Chips \$8.00
24 Manager Special! Breakfast Blue Christmas	25 Super Chicken w/ff \$7.50	26 Taco's (3) \$6.50 Quesadilla \$7.50 Beef or Chicken	27 Crab & Shrimp Night	28 Chicken Cordon Blue Vegetable Medley Roasted Potato \$9.00	29 2 Chili Dogs w/ff \$5.00 *Committee Dinner	30 <b>Kitchen Closed</b> <b>Labor Day Picnic!</b>
31 Manager Special! Breakfast TBD						