



MOOSE NOTES



"The Friendliest Place in Town"

JANUARY 2026

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
Saturday – NOON – 1 AM

Did You Know Your Membership Card Is On Your Phone?



MOOSEHEART
Child City & School Inc.



Membership Meetings

LODGE –JAN 8Th & 22ND; WOTM – JAN20th; MLC –JAN 24TH

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

A December to Remember!

What an incredible month December turned out to be! Our Moose Lodge family came together in so many meaningful ways, and we want to take a moment to celebrate all that we accomplished and enjoyed together.

Blue Christmas Toy Drive Success

We're thrilled to report that our Blue Christmas Toy Drive was a tremendous success! Thank you to everyone who donated toys and helped make the holidays brighter for children in our community. Your generosity truly embodies the spirit of what our lodge stands for, and we couldn't be prouder of the impact we made together.

Adult Christmas Party

Our adult Christmas celebration was an evening to remember! Members enjoyed a wonderful sit-down dinner followed by dancing that kept the floor lively all night long. Our kitchen staff outdid themselves, preparing a delicious feast that had everyone asking for seconds. The company was even better, and the festive atmosphere made for a truly special evening. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and new friends celebrating the season together.

Children's Christmas Party

The smiles on the children's faces said it all! Our annual Children's Christmas Party was magical, thanks in large part to Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus making a special appearance. The kids loved visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and the joy in the room was contagious. A special shout-out goes to the Women of the Moose, who did an absolutely outstanding job decorating the hall. Their hard work and creative touches transformed our space into a winter wonderland that perfectly captured the magic of Christmas.

New Year's Eve Celebration

We rang in 2026 in style! Our New Year's Eve party featured fantastic food prepared by our talented kitchen staff, wonderful company, and of course, a champagne toast at midnight to welcome the new year. Once again, the Women of the Moose outdid themselves with beautiful decorations that set the perfect tone for the celebration. Our kitchen crew deserves special recognition for the outstanding meals they prepared for both our Christmas and New Year's celebrations, what a great job they did!

A Heartfelt Thank You

To the Women of the Moose: Your dedication to making our hall look spectacular for both the Christmas and New Year's celebrations did not go unnoticed. Thank you for the countless hours you put into decorating and creating such welcoming, festive spaces for all of us to enjoy.

To our kitchen staff: Thank you for the incredible meals you prepared for both celebrations. Your hard work and culinary skills made these events even more special and memorable.

To everyone who attended these events: Thank you for coming out and spending time together. Our lodge is only as strong as the bonds we build with one another, and seeing everyone come together to celebrate, support our community, and simply enjoy each other's company is what makes this organization so special.

Here's to carrying the spirit of togetherness and generosity we showed in December throughout all of 2026!

Thank you from 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	Mark Collins
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



Welcome WOTM 2025-2026

Happy New Year! What a joyous and giving month for our WOTM Chapter. We provided 2 families with gifts and food for their families thanks to our caring members for purchasing gifts from the Angel Tree and donating food for these grateful families. We also delivered gifts to Fredericksburg Health and Rehab located on Rt 3 to eight seniors that have no family and very little visitation. They were all smiles and very thankful.

Thanks to WOTM Board of Officers for coordinating and organizing these events.

Special thanks to the following members that assisted with delivery and made this event memorable; Mrs. Santa (Bill and Barbara Tice), Mark Collins, Michelle Fitch and our elves, Ryleigh, Lexis, and Autum. Special thanks to Dawn and Camella for making and donating handmade quilts to the seniors, they were beautiful.

Our Children's Christmas Party was a success but participation was lower than in previous years. WOTM and our volunteers spend numerous hours to ensure our children enjoy their Christmas event from purchasing gifts, wrapping, decorating, preparing food etc. . We know that sometimes emergencies or sickness prevent them from participating, but ask that if you sign-up your children, every effort is made to ensure they participate and enjoy this annual event.

I want to recognize the following for volunteering their time for the Children's Christmas Party; Terry Denniston, Nancy Darrow, Michelle Fitch, Karin Haid, Lonnie Plotner, Tracy Plotner, Nikki Snider, our Photographer-Anette Constant, and our DJ, Sam Franklin.

This month is Golden Gavel Committee – Special Project- Mooseheart Special Activities Funds

Jan 9 – Audit/Boo Mtg

Jan 13 – WOTM dinner

Jan 20 – Membership Meeting

Upcoming events

Jan/Feb– Rocker Fund (Feb) we will be selling tickets to raffle an adult and child wooden rocking chairs as a set purchased from Cracker Barrel.

5-7 Feb – State Conference, Hampton VA – Academy Of Friendship – Marcie Norris and Shannon Wright

21 Feb – Rally Days, Richmond VA – Signup sheet will be posted for WOTM that would like to attend this one-day event. We are asking for donations for a SPA basket that will be raffled during this event.



MOOSE LEGION

Happy Holidays from your Moose Legion!

The Moose Legion would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the Vice President of Fredericksburg Moose Lodge 1655 and the Board of Directors for hosting an outstanding Christmas party and dance. It was a wonderful evening filled with great music, fellowship, and holiday spirit.

We also thank the Executive Board for an excellent New Year's Eve celebration. A special note of appreciation goes to the Moose Legion, the Veterans Committee, and Blue Christmas for sponsoring a free and safe ride home for members and guests on New Year's Eve. Your commitment to the safety and well-being of our Moose family truly reflects the values of our lodge.

To all the gentlemen of our lodge—if you are not yet a Moose Legionnaire, we would love to have you join us. The Moose Legion is known as the “fun committee” of the lodge, organizing and supporting many of the social events and gatherings throughout the year. We also proudly serve in the kitchen on the third Sunday of every month. For just \$20, you can become a Moose Legionnaire—arguably the best \$20 you'll spend for great times, strong fellowship, and lasting friendships.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Moose, the time of year has come once again to begin the process of nominating and electing next year's Board of Officers. I wanted to get this information out as soon as possible. Positions available are as follows : 3 -Year Trustee, Treasurer, Chaplain, Vice-President, and President. 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. The office of

Trustee only requires that the member be in good standing at the time of the Nominating Committee report. 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. A member must have served at least one (1) term [twelve (12) full months] in another elective office [not a combination of one (1) year in elective offices] of the lodge in which they seek office before their name may be placed in nomination for the office of President. Exemption from these qualifications requires a special dispensation from the Chief Compliance Officer and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. A special dispensation will only be granted after the Chief Compliance Officer receives a dispensation (form) signed by a majority of the Nominating Committee stating that no other qualified member has applied for that specific office.

A brief description for each position (but not all duties) includes: Trustee - They shall inventory all furniture and fixtures and other physical property of the lodge at least once each year, examine and approve all bills (except recurring overhead items) and make recommendations regarding their payment. They shall perform all other duties as required by the laws of The Moose. The Trustees shall compile an annual inventory of the physical property of the lodge and a monthly inventory of merchandise for resale. Treasurer - They shall receive and receipt (initial) all deposit slips of the lodge, and with the President and Administrator, be custodian of all securities and perform all other duties required of them by the laws of The Moose. They, or the President, shall sign all checks drawn by the Administrator. They shall relinquish all lodge property to their successor. They perform the duties and responsibilities of Administrator if that office becomes vacant until the Board of Officers appoints an Acting Administrator, or the lodge elects an Administrator. Chaplain - In the absence of the President and Vice President, they preside over the deliberations of the lodge. They perform all other duties required of them by the laws of The Moose. They serve on the Financial Review Committee as a member, but not as its chairperson in order to assist with questions. It is their duty to visit the sick, disabled and distressed, whenever possible, and make a full report at each lodge meeting. They may ask for assistance from President as needed. Vice-President - During the absence of the President, they preside over meetings of the lodge. In case of vacancy in the office of President, they become the Acting President and perform all the duties and responsibilities of the office of President. They shall perform all other duties required by

the laws of The Moose. President - They shall preside at all lodge meetings, preserve order, apply and enforce all the laws of The Moose and appoint certain officers, chairpersons of standing committees and the Financial Review committee as required by the General Laws. They shall chair the Board of Officers, be a member of most other lodge committees, and oversee the deposit of lodge funds. They, or the Treasurer, shall sign all checks drawn by the Administrator. They shall ask the Compliance Office to have members dropped or expelled from the rolls when deemed proper. They shall, in cooperation with the Chaplain, oversee visitation of the sick and, when requested, make arrangements for memorial services. The President may impose reasonable fines upon lodge members for offenses or misconduct committed in their presence in meetings, anytime on lodge property or during lodge sponsored activities off lodge property. Any member failing to pay the fine within thirty (30) days after written notice may be dropped from the rolls of the lodge through a request to the Compliance Office. They may declare any office vacant (except for Jr. Past President) if the office holder has had three unexcused absences (See Section 35.10). The responsibilities of leadership rest upon all of the officers. They must recognize that their duties and responsibilities go far beyond merely occupying a chair in the Lodge room and performing the duties, which are described in this book and the General Laws. All officers must accept the responsibility to devote their best efforts to improve the financial security of the Lodge, to retain the present membership, and to secure an increase in new members – in short, to do everything consistent with the welfare of the Lodge.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting three (3) times to interview candidates for these positions. Candidates must be interviewed to be eligible to be placed on the ballot. Candidates should write on their application about which meeting they will attend to be interviewed. Applications will be available in the Social Quarters beginning 12 January 2026. Interview meetings will be as follows: Monday 2 March 2026, Tuesday 3 March 2026, and Wednesday 4 March 2026. All meetings will begin promptly at 7 pm. Committee members, please be at the Lodge on these dates no later than 6:45 pm. Candidates, please be at the Lodge on your scheduled dates no later than 6:45 pm and wait in the Social Quarters to be called back. Interviews are done on an individual basis, and we may have multiple interviews per meeting night. The President will be selecting and contacting the Nominating Committee as soon as possible.

If anyone has any questions about the process, please do not hesitate to go onto the Moose International website at www.mooseintl.org, scroll to the bottom of the page, click on All Forms and Documents, then click on Compliance Office, and then you can click on links for the General Laws, Lodge Election, and/or Officers and Committeemen's Handbook. Additionally, you can feel free to ask me. If I don't know the answer for certain, I will find the answer and get back to you.

Fraternally,

**Tad E Bliss
Nominating Committee Chairman**

MEMBERSHIP

January 2026

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

Nancy Darrow
Committee Membership Chairman

~~FELLOWSHIP~~ - PILGRIM

And just like that, it's 2026. With the calendar year officially over, the end of the Moose year is close in sight as well. Hopefully everyone had a very merry Christmas. Here's to a prosperous New Year. Winter is officially here, with that comes inclement weather, please be safe when traveling in such conditions. I am sure that everyone enjoyed both the Lodge Christmas and New Year's Eve parties. Thanks to those who plan, set up, work, and clean up these events.

With the end of the Moose year coming soon, now is the time to start thinking about next year. Are you interested in being a committee chair? Are you interested in running for a position on the board? Now is the time to really start thinking about it. Before you know it, election time will be here. If you even think that you might be interested or want to learn more about the positions, talk to those who are currently holding them. Go to the Moose International website and read about what each position entails. There is a lot of information to be found on that site; you just have to take the time to look for it.

As of right now, we do not have a set date for our January meeting as our normal meeting date is New Years Day. Fellows and Pilgrims will be made aware if a January meeting is scheduled. Our next breakfast is set for 11 January 2026. December's breakfast was a little light with the snow that came early that morning. It was a little gnarly getting to the lodge by 0600 while the heaviest of the snow was falling. Thanks to the crew that was in the kitchen getting it done and thanks to those who did come out and enjoy breakfast.

Fraternally,

Tad E Bliss
FELLOWSHIP/PILGRIM COMMITTEE

New Members

Full_Name	Sponsor_Full_Name
Walter W. Parker	Randall G. Powers
Carlton Kersey	Loren Plotner
Sian McMullen	Brenden T. McMullen
Brandy Young	Michelle McMullen
Finn McMullen	Brenden T. McMullen
Alyssa Marshall	Robert Spinosa Jr.
Samuel Marshall	Robert Spinosa Jr.
Mark Kluxen	Corey Heflin
Rosemary Kluxen	Corey Heflin
Linda D. Schlosser	L. Thomas Grier
Terra Haydon	Orlando Jones
Anna L. Rudolph	Charles Rudolph
Reginald Johnson	Wayne Johnson
Stuart Van Valzah	Charles Ramsey
Troy Thurston	Donald Thurston
Richard Burke	Laura O'Neill
Chloe Coffin	Bob Coffin

Susan Parker	Randall G. Powers
Amgelita Petty	Mitchell Wood
Dennis Galan	Cynthia Wells
Bruce S. Hough	Tim Garrett
Lias A. Hough	Tim Garrett
Raymond L. Joe	Aaron Adams
Samuel Willis	Aaron Adams
Desirae M. Rhodes	Kimberly Heindle
Karen Young	Jack Young
Jennifer Gromer	Greg Gromer
Marco Pelaez	Bob Coffin
Steven Athey	Mark P. Collins Sr.
Shannon Athey	Mark P. Collins Sr.
Mark Mozingo	Brandi Ingalls

BIRTHDAYS

First_Name	Last_Name	Day	First_Name	Last_Name	Day
Phyllis	Clark	1	Jeff	Lamoy	17
Paul	Darrow	1	Gordon	Lynch	17
Sharen	Swadley	2	Mark	Collins	17
Carl	Apperson	2	Ronald	Chewning	17
Susan	Meeks	2	Kristin	Rank	17
Terry	Henry	2	Michael	Diamond	17
Lottie	Gorham	2	David	Colbert	17

Timothy	Bliss	3	James	Johnson	18
Marilou	Campbell	3	Richard	Hawkins	18
Bryan	Harper	3	Robert	Ross	19
Paul	Bird	4	Dianne	Stafford	19
Karen	Dove	4	Barbara	Weaver	19
Greg	Gromer	4	Bernard	Jenkins	19
Brenda	Michael	4	Edwin	Allen	19
Allen	Cooke	4	Beverly	Graham	19
Jarred	Newton	5	Michael	Mills	20
Robert	Kane	5	Theodore	Genco	20
James	Skinner	6	Debra	Ritchie	20
John	Day	6	Gregory	Nye	20
Mark	Bromley	7	Gerald	Brusich	21
Celia	Berghoff	7	Tracy	Smith	21
Lyndell	Yeatts	7	John	Wilcox	21
Deborah	Gates	7	John	Marshall	21
Donna	Snelson	7	Gary	Wiseman	21
Barry	Thomas	8	Darin	Tlach	21
Charles	Morris	8	Jerry	Nappier	21
David	Ozoskey	9	Jon	Thurston	21
First_Name	Last_Name	Day	Stacey	Connell	22
Lorraine	Haas	10	Steve	Hudak	22
Walter	Cox	10	Charles	Clore	22
Elizabeth	Vaquera	10	Peggy	Enevoldsen	23
Jason	Poulter	10	Pamela	Morris	23

Gerald	Reed	11	Michael	Simmons	23
John	Delmar	11	Karin	Haid	25
Katie	Adams	11	William	Bowers	25
Terri	Smith	11	Jimmy	Morgan	26
Mitchell	Allen	12	Donna	Scott	26
Jeff	Kettler	12	James	Malove	26
Joanne	Sutherland	12	Bill	Burge	26
Shuma	McGrady	12	Jay	Kline	26
Todd	Drake	12	Christine	Taylor	27
Maxine	Schremp	12	Donald	Nails	27
Danny	Ward	12	Lynn	Moravetz	27
Kim	Denniston	13	Tim	Jeffrey	28
Janice	Daudelin	13	Victoria	Nason	28
Angela	Wornstaff	13	Carole	Mess	28
Pam	Herndon	13	Harry	Payne	28
Grace	Peterson	14	Russell	Porell	29
Bernie	Hess	14	Jay	Otto	29
Kathryn	Downhour	14	Margaret	Duboise	29
Kay	Cheek	14	Cheryl	Jenkins	30
Adam	Sturgill	15	Garyn	Labenz	30
Pamela	Arledege	15	James	McGhee	30
Don	Petroski	16	Cindy	Mason	31
Wendy	Money	16	Marshal	Maready	31
Billy	Naill	16	Oscar	Emerick	31
Timothy	Trend	16	Donna	Carroll	31

Lynn	Riker	16	Pansy	Mercer	31
Jennifer	Griffis	16	Linda	Gallagher	31
Diana	Short-Bresley	16	Steve	Cramer	31
Melissa	Coillot	17	Renne	Ballard	31

January 2026

January 2026							February 2026						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 28	29	30	31	Jan 1, 26 REWIND (NEW YEARS EVE P. 8:30pm NO QUEEN OF HEARTS	2 CROSSING JAMES 6:00pm FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER - BY THE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE	3 LOST IN THE SHUFFLE
4 FOOTBALL POT LUCK - NO KITCHEN 8:00am BREAKFAST - SHUFFLEBOARD	5 6:30pm SHUFFLEBOARD 6:30pm LODGE BOARD OF OFFICERS MEETING	6 7:00pm KARAOKE	7	8 6:30pm DARTS TONIGHT 6:30pm LODGE MEMBERSHIP 8:30pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	9 ROCKITS 6:00pm WOTM DINNER - FISH	10 CARTER RUN
11 FOOTBALL POT LUCK - NO KITCHEN 8:00am BREAKFAST - FELLOWSHIP/PILGRIM	12 6:30pm SHUFFLEBOARD	13 6:30pm WOTM - BOO AND AUDIT MEETING 7:00pm KARAOKE	14	15 6:30pm DARTS TONIGHT 8:30pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	16 TUFF LUCK 6:00pm HEART OF COMMUNITY - DINNER (TBA)	17 BADLANDS 8:00am MARINES IN HALL 12:00pm FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL AWARDS -
18 FOOTBALL POT LUCK - NO KITCHEN 8:00am MLC BREAKFAST	19 6:30pm SHUFFLEBOARD 6:30pm LODGE BOARD OF OFFICERS MEETING	20 6:30pm WOTM GENERAL MEETING 7:00pm KARAOKE	21 7:00pm LODGE ORIENTATION	22 6:30pm DARTS TONIGHT 6:30pm LODGE MEMBERSHIP 8:30pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	23 WHISKEY TANGO 6:00pm MENTAL HEALTH DINNER (TBA)	24 DBX 6:00pm MOOSE LEGION COMMITTEE MEETING 6:00pm MLC MEETING
25 FOOTBALL POT LUCK - NO KITCHEN 8:00am BLUE CHRISTMAS - BREAKFAST	26 6:30pm SHUFFLEBOARD	27 7:00pm KARAOKE	28 6:30pm DANCE CLUB	29 6:30pm DARTS TONIGHT 8:30pm QUEEN OF HEARTS	30 POOL TOURNAMENT KITCHEN OPEN 12 TO 12 WHISKEY BUSINESS	31 To Feb 1 → KITCHEN 12 TO 12 JD ROBETS BAND

January

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Monday Night Football Pizza & Wings \$10.00			1 Spaghetti and Meatball \$9.00	2 2 Chili Dogs w/ff \$5 Kitchen Closes 4 pm Dinner Higher Degree	3 Pulled Pork Potato Salad \$9.00
4 Kitchen Closed	5 Chili Grilled Cheese \$7.50	6 Taco's (3) \$6.50 Enchilada's \$7.50 Beef or Chicken	7 75 Wings w/Celery & Carrots (Ranch or Blue cheese) Sauce of choice	8 Baked Chicken Stuffing Mixed Vegi \$9.00	9 2 Chili Dogs w/ff \$5 Kitchen Closes 4 pm WOTM	10 Italian w/chips \$8.00 w/French Fries \$9.00
11 Kitchen Closed	12 Chicken Noodle Chicken Sandwich \$7.50	13 Taco's (3) \$6.50 Burrito \$7.50 Beef or Chicken	14 75 Wings w/Celery & Carrots (Ranch or Blue cheese) Sauce of choice	15 Loaded Baked Potato Side Salad \$9.00	16 2 Chili Dogs w/ff \$5 Kitchen Closes 4 pm HOC	17 Reuben w/chips \$8.00 w/French Fries \$9.00
18 Kitchen Closed	19 Vegetable Beef Soup Grilled Cheese	20 Taco's (3) \$6.50 Pizza \$7.50 Beef or Chicken	21 75 Wings w/Celery & Carrots (Ranch or Blue cheese) Sauce of choice	22 Meatloaf Mashed potato Green beans \$9.00	23 2 Chili Dogs w/ff \$5 Kitchen Closes 4 pm Mental Health	24 French Dip w/chips \$8.00 w/French Fries \$9.00
25 Kitchen Closed	26 Potato Soup BLT \$7.50	27 Taco's (3) \$6.50 Taco Salad \$7.50 Beef or Chicken	28 Shrimp Night!!!	29 Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Corn \$9.00	30 Limited Menu Kitchen Open 12-12	31 Limited Menu Kitchen Open 12-12
Limited Menu Kitchen Open 12-12						