



“THE GUIDING LIGHT”

“A Burden, heavy to one

**The Moose**

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North Port Family Center 764

14156 Tamiami Trail, North Port, FL 34287



is borne lightly by many.”

**AUGUST**

**“The Friendliest Lodge There Is”**

**2022**



**From the Administrator**

Brothers / Ladies

July was a very busy month. Some of your officers attended the Moose International Convention in Orlando. For the first time in 22 years, the Moose Fraternity has shown an increase in membership of over 5,000 new members! Please keep up the great work in sponsoring new members. While at the convention over 1,700 members had a chance to visit Moosehaven; 44 buses traveled to Orange Park, the Moosehaven campus, to help celebrate one-hundred years of service to our seniors. What a great time and a chance to see firsthand just what your membership dues and donations can do for our seniors entrusted to our care. Also at the convention **Ed Mell** earned his Fellowship degree of honor, **Becky Brooke** earned her Star Recorder degree and **Bev Massy** earned her College of Regents. Congratulations to each of these dedicated Moose members. Thank you for all you do for our Lodge and the Moose fraternity.

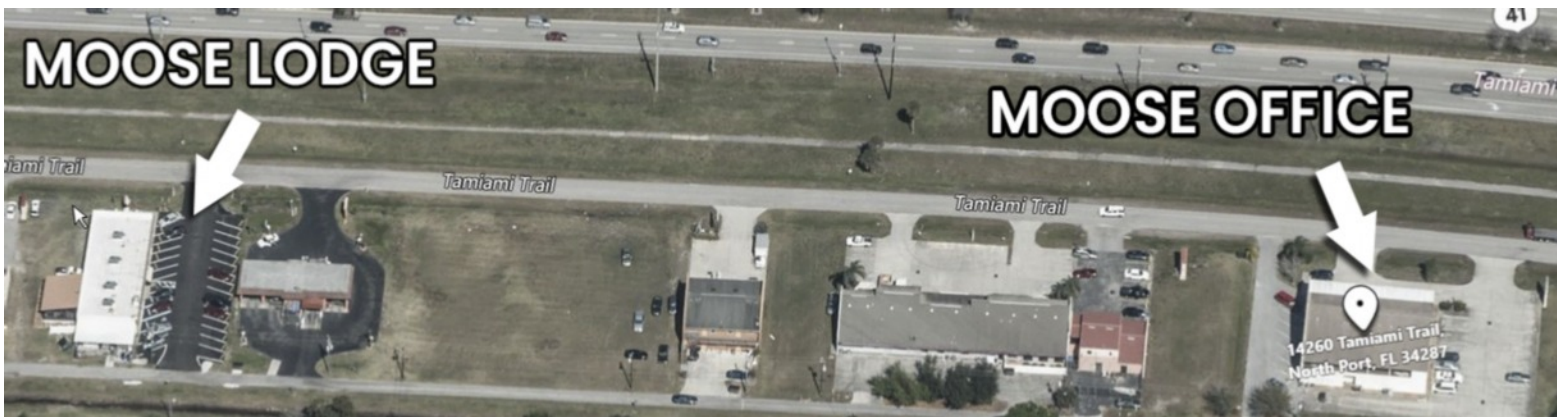
The annual District 22 picnic is on Saturday, August 13 here at the North Port Moose Lodge starting at noon. Tickets are \$12 per person. The menu is pulled pork, chicken leg-quarters, hot dogs, coleslaw, and baked beans. Every ticket that is sold will be put into a drawing to win \$250 in cash. You must be present to win, so come out and support our Lodge and our district, and have a great day of fellowship and fun. A Yeti cooler will also be raffled: tickets are 3/\$10. We'll close the day with entertainment by Bridget Phillips from 5-8 PM.

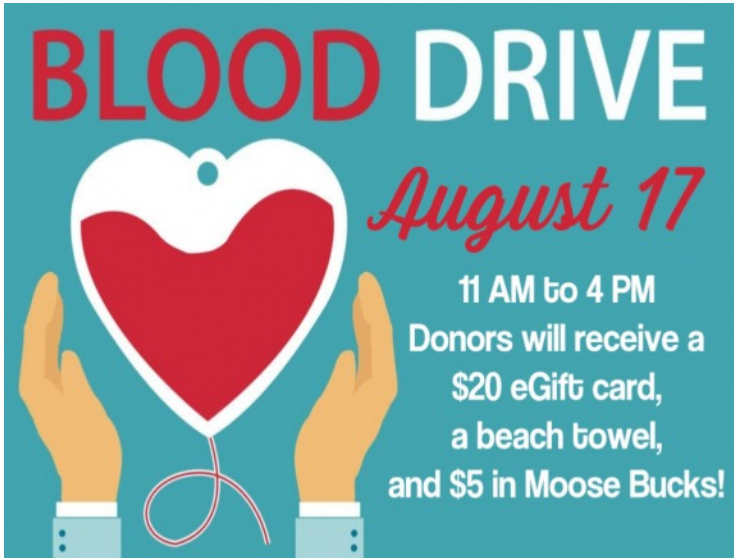
(LAS) Jim Godshall and (LAC) Ed Mel have been working hard on building up the Moose Legion in our Lodge. Please take the time to come out to a meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27. Come learn what the Moose Legion is doing in our Lodge and for our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven. Our next Moose Legion Conferral will be held at the North Port Moose #764 on September 17 at noon. Please, if you are a new Moose Legion member to be enrolled, plan on being here at 11:30 AM.

Our next new member orientation is Wednesday, August 17 at 6:30 PM. This is for any new member, male or female—if you are a new member or a Moose member who has never been through an orientation come out and find out what we, the Moose, are all about and the good we do in our community and our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven.


The Lodge administrator's office will be relocating to 14260 Tamiami Trail, also known as the Cowork Hive building because the current office building has been sold. Please work with us as we make this move to better serve our members. It's just down the road from the Lodge, as shown on the map.

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### Moose Legion News

 To all Moose Legionnaires, I want to let you know that we have changed the Moose Legion meetings to the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. The next meeting will be held in the meeting room at the Hive office (see map on page 1), up the street from the Moose on August 24; James Godshall and Dalon Liles will be running the meeting.

We are off to a good start by the number of Legionnaires coming to the meetings. I want to thank all that came. We are still selling lotto boards to generate funds and are working well and going to come up with new ideas to raise funds, so put your thinking caps on for special events. The Moose Legion is a very important part of the Moose and you should be proud that you are a Moose Legionnaire—so please help support us by coming to the meetings and being a volunteer.

We are doing a special on new Lodge member applications. When you sign up a new male lodge member this will allow them to become a Moose Legionnaire, but you have to fill out an application for that too and turn them in together with the \$70 fee.

The next conferral will be at our Moose Lodge 764 on September 17 at 12 PM, please plan on attending.

Fraternally yours,  
Chairman Ed Mell

### From the Lodge President

Brothers and Sisters:

Congratulations to **Mike Gomez** for being selected as the most valuable moose volunteer of the month for July. Thanks to all members who attended our District 22 meeting in Punta Gorda. Our next District meeting will be in North Port. Please try to attend and support your lodge and District President Terry Seal.

We are continuing work on our bar restoration. The drains are in for our sink and dishwasher relocation, and a new beer tap system is installed and working. New TVs have been installed for your enjoyment. A new wall has been put up on the back side of the bar. We have placed a trailer outside by the lanai for our storage use.

We have started to relocate our office space to a facility down the road from the lodge. It's called the Hive right beside the Shell gas station. We hold our first orientation there on Wednesday, August 17 at 6:30 PM.

Come one, come all, to our District 22 Picnic on



Saturday, August 13. Thank you so much to our volunteers who have helped on all these projects. We couldn't do it without you. You are truly awesome.

Fraternally,  
Thomas Creighton,  
Lodge President

**Heart of the Community News**

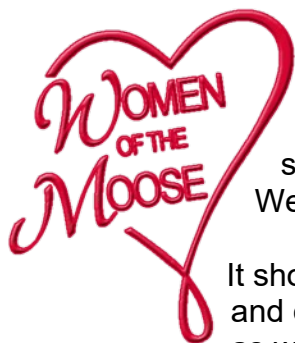
First, I would like to say a big thank you to our members for making our June food drive such a big success, I am very excited for July as well! On July 23, the North Port Moose Lodge's Heart of the Community sponsored a luncheon at the Douglas T. Jacobson State Veterans nursing home. We provided 25 large pizzas for the luncheon and \$500 in gift cards to the nursing home for resident outings, crafts and their favorite activities. In addition, on August 17 from 11 AM to 4 PM. I am calling on all of our community heroes once again to donate blood at our North Port Moose Lodge blood drive! Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or to schedule your appointment. Donors will receive a \$20 eGift card, a beach towel, and \$5 in Moose Bucks! I look forward to working with all our members in the coming months to make a positive impact on our local community. As always it is my pleasure to serve my local community and The Moose.



Fraternally,

Dalon M. Liles,

Hello to all our Brothers &amp; Sisters,



I do hope as always things are going well for you and your loved ones. WOTM would like to again say a special thank-you to all that made our cupcake bake sale another success! Thank you all who helped work it and those who baked all the great cupcakes. We couldn't do this without your help and participation in buying our baked goods.

It should make you feel happy knowing you're helping to benefit the children at Mooseheart and our seniors that have a home at Moosehaven. That's what it's all about, helping as much as we all can. I don't know about you but I have such a loving feeling in my heart as we do these and all that we continue to give to other charities because that's what the Moose is all about.

For this month's fundraiser the WOTM is raffling off a gift-card board... hey, they make good Christmas gifts, and the way time is flying it will be here sooner than we know. So please see Kristie Frien or any other officer or helper in getting a good response for this project. It will start on Monday, August 1, and ends on August 27 when the winning ticket will be pulled right after the Ship's Captain & Crew.

Don't forget to join us on the 2nd Wednesday of each month for our Women of the Moose Chapter meetings. It's where you can meet new people, see what we are doing and participate in any way you can, bring your concerns or recommend things that you would like to see, so join us, come let's meet. There's a new member special going on right now—if you join the Lodge (which you have to do to be eligible to join the Women of the Moose) for \$70 you can also join the WOTM. Need more? OK, cash benefits: 50¢ off all drinks excluding drafts on Sundays and \$1 off breakfast on Saturdays.

Till we meet again, God bless and be safe,

Ann Mell, Senior Regent



**4<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY**  
**5 - 7 PM**

PLEASE DONATE AND BUY

**Bake Sale****WOTM CHAPTER 1892**

**Moose Lodge #764 Meetings Schedule**

General Membership Meetings (men & women attend)  
 Second Tuesday of the Month: **Aug 9 @ 7 PM**  
 Fourth Tuesday of the Month: **Aug 23 @ 7 PM**

**Aug 10**  
**6:00 PM**  
 Chapter meeting



**Sep 14**  
**6:00 PM**  
 Chapter meeting

President	Thomas Creighton
Vice President	James Godshall
Chaplain	Patricia Groves
Treasurer	Fred Leonard
Administrator	Terry Seal
Jr Past Pres	Ed Mell
Trustee	Don Caron
Trustee	Paul Stevens
Trustee	Mike Gomez
Sgt-at-Arms	William Hostetler
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms	Anna Marie Mitchell
Inner Guard	Scott Fusco
Outer Guard	Dominic Russo

**LODGE &  
 CHAPTER  
 OFFICERS  
 2022 - 2023**



Sr Regent: Ann Mell  
 Secretary: Teresa Sekscinski  
 Treasurer: Brenda Seal

Women of the Moose Chapter 1892 meet on the **second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM in the annex**. All women in the the North Port Moose are invited to join our Chapter.

**FMA District 22**  
**August 13 – PICNIC**  
**North Port 764**

Moose Legion meets 4th Wednesday @ 6:30 PM in the Moose Lodge meeting room (annex).  
 LAC-Ed Mell, LAS-James Godshall, VIC/LAC Dalon Liles

Activities and events listed in this newsletter / calendar are for Moose members & their Qualified Guests.

North Port Moose Lodge  
**Saturday  
 Sunday  
 BREAKFAST**  
**New Hours!**  
**8 AM  
 12 noon**

**NORTH PORT MOOSE**  
**CASH  
 BINGO**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6**  
**GAMES BEGIN 11 AM**  
**DOORS OPEN 8 AM BREAKFAST**  
**& EVERY THURSDAY @ 6:30 PM**

*From the Administrator, page 1*

I know I say this a lot but it is always worth saying again and again: we can't survive without our great volunteers who come out each and every day and make a difference in our lodge. If you have not volunteered and would like to help, we can use your help. Reach out to any officer or chairman or sign up on the list on our bulletin board.

Fraternally, Terry W. Seal Sr., Administrator