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FEBRUARY

"The Friendliest Lodge There Is"

2022



From the Administrator Brothers / Ladies

January was again a very busy month for our lodge and I hope February is just as busy. We have a lot of events planned: Trivia night on Mondays after the queen is

growing. We still have room for more teams—\$5 per team with cash prizes to the winning team, so come out and join us for some fun and a way to sharpen your thinking skills.

This month we have, in addition to our popular weekly recurring events, the following highlights. The monthly FMA District 22 meeting is here at North Port on Saturday, Feb 12 at noon. The next day, Sunday, we're hosting a benefit D22 "Cash Party" at 1:00 PM *at the Englewood Moose Lodge 1933*. If you're new to the Moose Fraternity or in need a refresher about our fraternal goals & obligations come the Moose Orientation on Wednesday, February 16 at 6:30 PM. The Corn Hole tournaments have proven popular so we're having another one this month on Saturday, Feb 29. Practice begins at 11 AM and games start at noon—\$10 entry fee and there will be cash prizes.

See the calendar for Friday and Saturday entertainment as well as daily events / activities. *continued on page 4*



From the Senior Regent

So for the moment it seems to be winter. Our brothers and sisters are down for the season. It's harder to find a seat at the bar but our games are so much more fun (and the winnings are bigger).

We need to reach out to our new sisters that are lodge members. Being a member of the WOTM is a wonderful opportunity to share your talents to benefit our many charities. We are also in need of volunteers for the scholarship committee. We have been charged with granting a \$500 scholarship to a deserving high school senior. This is a temporary committee that will end in April. Please reach out to me to volunteer.

February events:

Saturday, Feb 19 @ 6 PM: Twisted Pageant Friday, February 25 @ 5 - 7 PM Bake Sale (if you can't volunteer, please bake something)

Please help support your Chapter and Lodge. Even an hour a month will help. We are accepting nominations for all offices on the board. You must have been a member of the Chapter for 6 months or more to run. Please consider running for an office. Contact me for more information.

February is "Rock the Rocker" month to benefit our seniors at Moosehaven. We celebrate the children at Mooseheart in



October with the Cradle Fundraiser and every February we celebrate our seniors with the Rocker Fundraiser. All money collected will go into the Endowment Fund. This fund is the security that if anything ever happens to the Moose Fraternity, our seniors and children will continue to be taken care of.

As always, our Chapter meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 PM in the annex. Please try to make it to the meetings. Many decisions are made and a new opinion or idea is always welcome. Blessings to each of you.

Fraternally yours, Shirley Roosevelt, Senior Regent Shirleyroosevelt9 @ gmail.com; 941-702-3641

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Moose Lodge #764 Meetings Schedule

General Membership Meetings (men & women attend) Second Tuesday of the Month: **Feb 8 @ 7 PM** Fourth Tuesday of the Month: **Feb 22 @ 7 PM**

President Vice President Chaplain Treasurer Administrator Jr Past Pres Trustee Trustee Trustee Sgt at Arms Asst. Sgt at Arms Inner Guard Outer Guard Ed Mell Gene Herbst Tom Creighton Fred Leonard Terry Seal Mike Lambert Don Caron Paul Stevens Jim Godshal Bill Hostetler George Garmon Mike Gomez Dominic Russo

LODGE & CHAPTER OFFICERS 2021 - 2022



February 10 6:00 PM Chapter meeting



March 10 6:00 PM Chapter meeting

Sr Regent: Shirley Roosevelt Secretary: Christa Torrance Treasurer: Becky Brooke

Women of the Moose Chapter 1892 meet on the **second Thursday of every month at 6:00 PM in the annex**. The Chapter Board of Officers meet on the 4th Thursday at 6:00 PM: All women in the the North Port Moose are invited to join our Chapter.



FMA

Moose Legion meets 4th Tuesday @ 5 PM



From the Lodge President —

Men and women of Moose Lodge 764:

You need to show your Moose membership card to the bartenders, they will ask you for it. We know they know you but that's the rule! I've explained the rules too many times to count, so please have your card handy when you come to the Lodge.

Remember the lodge general meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the office annex. Men and women are entitled to attend these meetings. The Moose Legion meets on the fourth Tuesday at 5 PM. District 22 meets February 12 at noon here at Lodge 764. Please plan to attend and support our district president.

We have posted signup sheets for the board of officers election. The positions are president, vice president, treasurer, chaplain and 3-year trustee. Instructions will be on the sheets. The elections will be held this April for Moose year 2022-2023 beginning May 1.

Our lodge is sponsoring the cash party for District 22 and will be held at Englewood Lodge on Saturday, February 13. This was the district's biggest event last year so please support the district. Women's Chapter 1892 is putting on the Twisted Men's Beauty Pageant February 19, so men get your heels on, sign up and help the WOTM for this event, it's a lot of fun. **FEBRUARY** The Guiding Light A monthly publication of North Port Moose Lodge #764

Even More Stuff to do at the North Port Moose Lodge



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New and not-so-new Member ORIENTATION Who we are, What we do, Why we do it & Your role with Us.

WEDNESDAY, FEB 16 6:30 PM

North Port Moose Lodge Annex

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Brothers / Ladies, please take a minute to look at your membership card and this is for a lot of reasons. (1) If you are a veteran you should have a Valued Veteran card (2) the expiration date: if your membership has expired then please come and see me. I can help you renew your dues. And if your membership is about to expire, again, come see me and I can help you renew your dues or you can go to <u>www.mooseintl.org</u> and renew. The bottom line is we don't want to lose any of our members, nor do you want to be turned away by the bartender if you should present an expired card. (3) And most of all we need to support our children at <u>Mooseheart</u> and our seniors at <u>Moosehaven</u>.

Men, if you're not a member of the Moose Legion please come see any officer. We need to build our Moose Legion (ML) so we're running a special: if you pay \$7 the lodge will pay the remaining \$10 dues for each new member. Thereafter your ML annual dues are just \$17. All funds collected for ML dues goes toward medicine for Moosehaven seniors and sports for our Mooseheart children. Moose Legion meetings are held every 4th Tuesday at 5 PM. Men, please come out, get involved and discover what's going on in the degree of service in your lodge.

Everyone, you're needed at the twice-a-month general membership meetings! There're held on the second and forth Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the annex. Every North Port Moose member, male & female, is invited and urged to attend at least one of the meetings.

Elections are coming up in April. Members are needed who want to build and strengthen our lodge for the near future and bring new ideas for member events. But be aware of the time commitment: there is a lot of behind the scenes work required of board members, i.e., board of officers meetings, district meetings, ML meetings and events at the lodge that require an officers attendance. So if you have the time and wish to apply to be a board member submit your application to any officer and you will be contacted.

In closing, let me say as I always do: thank's to all of our great volunteers, we can't do it with out you. May God bless Mooseheart, Moosehaven and our members.

Fraternally, Terry W. Seal Sr., Administrator



Saturday, February 12 Surf & Turf Dinner 5 - 8 PM Music by Jukebox Dreams 6 - 9 PM \$15 pp

MOOSE MEMBERS & QUALIFIED GUESTS

From the President continued from page 2 — The Moose Legion Manatee 58 picnic will be held at Port Charlotte Lodge 2121 on Sunday, February 20. Tickets are on sale at the bar or buy them from any officer. This event is always a big deal and a lot of fun.

I want to thank you, the members, for supporting your lodge. Our membership is growing at a fast pace so please be patient with our wait staff, bartenders and our members. Please welcome the new members and make them feel at home. We are known as the friendliest lodge around so please help keep it this way and talk to people.

We have a lot going on in February, so please check out the website, monthly calendar, the mobile app, newsletter and posters at the Lodge for upcoming events. We do our best to keep everyone informed.

I also want to thank all the volunteers; bar tenders, servers, our kitchen staff and everyone else that helps us around (your) lodge.

God bless you and your families and have a blessed and safe year.

Fraternally yours Edward J. Mell