



"THE GUIDING LIGHT"

**The Moose**

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North Port Family Center 764

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"A Burden, heavy to one



is borne lightly by many."

**AUGUST**

**"The Friendliest Lodge There Is"**

**2023**

**From the Administrator**



Time waits so let's get right to the point. We have been very busy coming up with new ideas of events to keep our members coming back and we won't stop now. August will again be a very busy month. First, let's look back on July. On July 4th we held our first cookout sponsored by your Moose legion. We had a good turn out and everyone had a good time. On July 8, your Moose Legion sponsored a fish fry. We had great music by *Jukebox Dreams* and while we would have liked more of a turnout, I know a lot of our members had other plans. But for those that did come out the food was good, and our members seemed to enjoy the event.

On July 22 we hosted our Christmas in July event starting with a bus trip to different lodges and they seemed to have a lot of fun. I would like to thank **Mike Gomez** and **Stephani Davis** and all those that helped make this a huge success. Later the same day we hosted our member appreciation party with a two-hour open bar for all North Port Moose Lodge members, a silent auction with items donated by some of our members as well as hosting a liquor chance table. All money raised will go back into your Lodge.

As far as what I am up to, I recently to Moosehaven in Jacksonville for a Florida Moose Association board meeting of the to give a report as the state Pilgrim Chairman.

See the calendar for daily events. Don't forget we have outstanding Karaoke every Friday with Carl Stadler from 6:30 - 9:30 PM and some of the area's best live music every Saturday from 6 - 9 PM. Line dancing lessons with Bridget Phillips resume in the last half of this month. The general membership meeting is at 7 PM on the second and fourth Tuesday; Moose Legion Meetings first Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM; the WOTM meets on the second Wednesday at 6 PM. Remember that we serve breakfast every Saturday and Sunday from 8 AM until noon.

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**From the Lodge President**



Hello Moose Members!

As for July, we had another fun-filled month full of activities! On July 4 the Lodge held our first annual Independence Day Cookout of hot dogs and burgers, baked beans, and potato salad which was a great success. The monthly District 22 meeting was held at our lodge on July 8 with many in attendance along with the North Port Moose Legion holding a special fish fry dinner that evening. The Christmas in July-themed Moose Crawl held on July 22 was a great success with fun times had by all. Thank you to **Stephani D.** and **Mike G.** for putting that together. A Christmas in July Membership Appreciation Day for our members was also held later that day with a silent auction, games, dinner, and other specials.

Both of our elected officers and general lodge meetings were held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and the WOTM general meeting held on the second Wednesday of each month was finally held in July at our new North Port Moose Lodge Annex building down the street from the lodge. We still have some updates to complete and moving our offices but we are looking forward to the final transition!

It is hard to believe that we are in August. Just think in a very short time we will be welcoming back our northern Moose members to join in the fun. In recent months we have increased our membership to over 2,100 members. Thank you to all members who have signed up as new members.

Keep in mind, August 12 is the next District 22 Meeting being held at the Venice Lodge #1308. Following the meeting from noon to 4 PM, they will be holding the District Picnic at \$13 per person. Burgers, hot dogs, and pulled pork along with live music and raffles will be held. Bring a chair and we hope to see you there.

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**Moose Lodge #764 Meeting Schedule**

General Membership Meetings (men & women attend)

Second Tuesday of the Month: **Aug 8 @ 7 PM**

Fourth Tuesday of the Month: **Aug 22 @ 7 PM**

**Aug 9  
6:00 PM**

Chapter meeting



**Sep 13  
6:00 PM**

Chapter meeting

President	James Godshal
Vice President	Rod Black
Chaplain	Dom Russo
Treasurer	Patricia Groves
Administrator	Terry Seal
Jr Past Pres	Ed Mell
Trustee	Don Caron
Trustee	Scott Fusco
Trustee	Mike Gomez
Jr Past President	Ed Mell
Sgt-at-Arms	William Hostetler
Inner Guard	Susan Runge
Outer Guard	Paul Stevens

**LODGE &  
CHAPTER  
OFFICERS  
2023 - 2024**



Sr Regent: Brenda Seal

Secretary: Gail Soderman

Treasurer: Becky Brooke

Jr. Past Regent: Ann Mell

Women of the Moose Chapter 1892 meet on the  
**second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM.**

**FMA District 22  
August 12, 2023  
Venice, #1308**



The Moose Legion meets on the first  
Saturday in the Annex at 8:30 AM.  
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.

**From the Administrator,** *continued from page 1*

Where does your money that we collect for the Endowment Fund go? Mooseheart is a residential child facility located on 1000 acre campus 38 miles west of Chicago; the child city is a home for children and teens in need from infancy through high school.

Moosehaven is a private membership retirement community located on the banks of the St Johns River, in the heart of Orange Park, FL with a full range of programs and services, Moosehaven provides seniors 65 and older with comfortable and secure retirement option residents enjoy the benefits of social interaction and support services within a residential community that has served members of the Moose since 1922.

Fraternally, Terry W. Seal Sr.

**From the Lodge President,** *continued from page 1*

We still have open spots for teams in the golf tournament to be held at Pelican Point on October 21. Sign-up sheets can be picked up at the lodge.

The material for the floor behind the bar and in the liquor room has been ordered. Tentatively, the plan is to have it installed is August 12 & 13, and if needed on August 14. Thanks to Rod Black, our Vice President, for doing the legwork to find the appropriate type of flooring needed for this application and doing the installation. We are looking for a few volunteers to help in removing the equipment behind the bar and liquor room.

Fraternally,  
President James Godshall

This is our new office and meeting room location. Just up the street from the Lodge, past Quality TV.





# THE BEST IN LIVE MUSIC EVERY SATURDAY 6:00 - 9:00 PM



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5  
RON LORENZO**



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12  
JUKEBOX DREAMS**



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19  
TAT2**



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26  
BRIDGET PHILLIPS**

## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



Friday 6:30 - 9:30 PM



Monday-  
beginner  
9:30 - 10:30 AM

Wednesday  
Intermediate/  
Advanced  
4 - 5 PM.

Resumes Aug 21 :Beginners 9:30-10:30 AM  
Wed, Aug 23: Advanced/Beginner 4 - 5 PM



**MONDAY @ NOON**



**SHIP-CAPTAIN-CREW**

**SATURDAY 1 - 3 PM**



SHOW ME THE MONEY

**TUESDAY  
5 - 7 PM**



**Thursday @ 6:30 PM  
First Saturday @ 11 AM**



Monday @ 6 PM  
followed by ...



**From the Senior Regent**

Greetings to everyone, we have been so busy at the North Port Moose Lodge this past month. So much going on. We had the conference for International and took a long trip to Reno. There was much to do and we kept busy learning and shopping and of course gambling. The Moose held a slot tournament and a couple of us actually took home some prize money (yours truly was among the winners), which Moose International sent checks to the winners. Although there were 104 lodges and chapters that closed in the last 12 months, the Moose has managed to still show a gain in membership for the last 3 years in a row. It never ceases to amaze me what the Moose can and does accomplish for the "good" of everyone.



The lodge held its "Christmas in July" on July 22 and everyone had a great time. There were auctions, food, and drinks for everyone. July 23rd was the Moose Family Feud! If you missed it, you missed a great chance for some big laughs. There were so

many teams and I would like to thank everyone who participated. With these things done and behind us, we have a fantastic bus trip planned for August 19. We will go to Immokalee and do some gambling, and on a bus so no one has to drive. This is being coordinated by Angie and Kristie for Moose Charities and Higher Degrees; see any Chapter officer to buy a ticket. Only 53 tickets will be sold and the driver's tip is included in the ticket price. There will be raffles and so much fun. Please join us and support the Chapter and the good work we do. A special and grateful thank you to Mr. Fred Leonard! Fred made our board for the Moose Family Feud game and did such a great job. Not to ever be left out, I



want to personally thank Ann Mell for all of her hard work and for being so much fun! I could not do this without your support! Our volunteers are the best; which reminds me, please come and turn in your volunteer hours to the Chapter at our next meeting. We will submit them to Moose International. There are so many things going on at the lodge, so please come in and have lunch or dinner.

We had our first meeting at the new annex in July and it was so nice to have our own place. Come visit us and see the new digs! Our bake sale for August will be Friday the 25th and Gail will send out emails to remind all of our bakers. Thanks to everyone who takes the time to bake for the bake sale. We look forward to seeing and eating all of the goodies.

Our next meeting is at 6 PM in the new Annex on August 9, with a reception starting at 5:30 PM. The Board of Officers will be meeting Wednesday, August 23 at 6 PM. If you have any matters to bring before the board, that is the time to do it.

Fraternally,  
Brenda Seal, Senior Regent



**From the Moose Legion**

Moose Legionnaires:

My fellow Legionnaires first off I want to thank you for being a Moose Legionnaire. Your dues every year go directly to Mooseheart and Moosehaven so please don't drop your Legionnaire dues. If anything, think of the children and seniors that it helps support for just that small amount of \$17 dues. If you join and when attending the conferral to be conferred you will get \$10 dollars back in Moose bucks.



I hope everyone had a blessed July 4th, and we are blessed by having you as a member. We had our monthly meeting on July 1 and discussed our business and upcoming events, and had a nice turnout. The next Moose Legion conferral will be on September 16 at 11:30 AM at Port Charlotte #2121.

Our meeting dates and time are on the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM, so please attend. Our next meeting is on August 5 in our Moose Annex building. We need your input to come up with things that we can do in the months ahead. Remember this is your lodge. We are doing a joint venture with the lodge to provide meals for the homeless at the 100 Church once a month. We concluded a gun raffle for the building fund and the winning ticket was drawn July 22. I won't have a name until the September newsletter because the ticket won't be drawn until after I write this newsletter. Thank you all for buying tickets and supporting your lodge.

The 4th of July burger and dog cookout was a huge success as was the fish fry on July 8. Thanks to all that helped with these events and thanks to all that came out. We are having a comedy night on September 23. So look for the poster to come out. We are also planning a local talent show for November 18 at 6:30 PM, so if you or anyone you know wants to participate let us know, we will have a sign up sheet on the board.

That's all I have for now so stay safe and be kind to your neighbor. And remember one thing, you get more in life by giving than receiving—not only in money but the time that you give up to help with what we stand for: our children, our seniors, our members, and our community.

Your Moose Legion Chairman  
Edward J Mell

**DISTRICT 22 PICNIC**

**August 12**

**Noon**

**FMA**

**Venice #1308**

**Food, Fun, Music**

**GET YOUR TICKETS AT THE BAR**