



"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."

SEPTEMBER

"The Friendliest Lodge There Is"

2023

From the Administrator



Brothers / Ladies:

September means we can start welcoming back some of our members from up North, and let you know we have missed you. Just a few things to let those returning: we

are now in our new office building just two doors up the street (with a building sign "Moose Lodge Annex") making more room for activities in our lodge and we are planning a lot of events in September.

At a glance, here's what we have planned this month: Cash Bingo on Saturday, September 2 at 11 AM. Due to the state convention in Orlando, District 22 meets at noon on September 2, the first instead of the usual 2nd Saturday at Punta Gorda Lodge 1693. The State Convention convenes in Orlando on Thursday, September 7 at 8 AM. The WOTM are having a Pound auction at 3 PM on Saturday, September 16, Then on Saturday, September 23, we're having a standup comedy show starring Harley Worthit from 6 - 8 PM. Tickets are \$10 and dinner can be ordered from our menu. A double-header is planned for Saturday, September 30: first up is our Community Service Day beginning at 10 AM with activities for the children of our community and, of course, our member's children and grandchildren. This includes an open house event so non-members can learn about us and why they should join. The event includes burgers and dogs for sale—free to police/fire and first responders—as well as other fun things for everyone. That evening we're serving BBQ Ribs—hot off the grill and they will go fast. Check the calendar for the daily activities because we have at least one event for the membership every day.

Meeting Nights. Moose Legion meetings are always the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM in the office annex. A Moose Legion Conferral will take place at Port Charlotte Lodge 2121 on Saturday, September 16 with an 11:30 AM sign-in time. Lodge general membership meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the annex office building and begin at 7:00 PM. The WOTM Chapter 1892 meets once a month on the second Wednesday

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From the Lodge President



Hello Moose Members:

August has been an extremely busy month with the preparation and installation of the new floor and equipment behind the bar and the moving of the offices from our Moose Lodge to the new Moose Lodge 764 annex building right down the street. It was a lot of work, but we got it done. I do want to thank **Rod Black, Terry Seal, Ed Mell, Scott Fusco, Mike Gomez, Scott Heinis** and all the volunteers, bartenders, and servers that put in many long hours to get the project finished in four very long days. We couldn't have accomplished this without you! I apologize if I missed anyone and thank you, we appreciate you for all your help.

Moving into September! The Moose Lodge is doing very well and growing every day, thanks to all our members signing members. Keep up the great work. In a very short time our northern members will be making their trek south again for great food and cocktails.

Events that September has to offer: On the 2nd, there is a Moose Legion Meeting at 8:30 AM, the monthly District 22 meeting will be at noon at Punta Gorda Moose #1693 and Cash Bingo at our Lodge, beginning at 11 AM. From September 6 - 9, some of the officers will be attending a Moose Convention with training and new information meetings in Orlando. Moose General Lodge meetings will be held on September 12 and 26 at the annex at 7 PM. A Moose Legion Conferral is scheduled for September 16 at Port Charlotte Lodge #2121, incoming Moose Legionnaires should be there at 11:30 AM.

Remember on Wednesday, September 20 a Moose Orientation for new and not-so-new members meeting is at 6:30 PM in the annex building and lasts approximately 45 minutes. These Moose Orientation meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of every month and are very informative of what the Moose is all about.

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Moose Lodge #764 Meeting Schedule

General Membership Meetings (men & women attend)

Second Tuesday of the Month: **Sep 12 @ 7 PM**

Fourth Tuesday of the Month: **Sep 26 @ 7 PM**

President	James Godshall
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**



**Sep 13
6:00 PM**

Chapter meeting



**Oct 11
6:00 PM**

Chapter meeting

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
September 2, 2023
Punta Gorda, #1693**



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

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 you help support for just that small amount of \$17 dues. When you join, and after being conferred into the order, you will get \$10 dollars back in Moose bucks.

We had our monthly meeting on August 5 and discussed our business and upcoming events, and had a very 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 September 2. 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 monthly joint venture with the lodge to provide meals for the homeless at the 100 Church once a month. We had a gun raffle for the building fund and Mike Hughes won the Hellcat 9 mm. We are having a comedy night on September 23 from 6 -8 PM starring well-known comedian is **Harley Worthit** and the Moose Legion is selling raffle tickets to win a book of 60 — \$5 lottery scratch-offs on September 30. There also will be smoked rib night that evening.

We've planned a casino night for October 28 at 3 PM, right after ship-captain-crew. The Moose Legion chili cook-off at Moosehaven is on November 11, 2023. We are also having a local talent show at 6 PM and a seafood boil starting at 5 PM on November 18. So if you or anyone you know wants to participate in the talent show let us know, we will have a signup sheet on the board. That's all I have for now so stay safe and be kind to your neighbor. But 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



Book of 60

\$5 lottery scratch-offs.

Cost is 1/\$5 or 3/\$10.

Benefits the Moose

Legionnaires.

Drawing September 30, 2023.

Winner need not be present.

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



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
RON LORENZO



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
COUNTRY EXPRESS



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
LISA RIDINGS DUO



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
BRIDGET PHILLIPS

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



Friday 6:30 - 9:30 PM



Harley Worhtit
Live!!- Sept 23



SHIP-CAPTAIN-CREW
SATURDAY 1 - 3 PM



Thursday @ 6:30 PM
First Saturday @ 11 AM



Monday @ 6 PM
followed by ...



From the Senior Regent

Greetings to all North Port WOTM members. First I want to congratulate **Ann Mell** for receiving her Golden Gavel Award and earning the Chapter Award of Achievement.



Ladies, this is such an honor for Ann and our Chapter. These awards are not taken lightly and are difficult to earn. Congratulations again Ann, you so deserve this and we are all very proud of you and your accomplishments!



August was a busy month and now we begin September. Back to school for the kids up north and our local schools have already started. Soon our friends from up North will be coming back to visit and we want to be ready for them. For the month of September, we will be traveling back to Orlando for the Convention of the Florida Moose Association. We hope to see as many people as possible and do some networking as well as get some new ideas for fundraising. Our bake sales continue to be a huge success and I want to thank all of you who bake and bring in your goodies to be sold. Our continued success depends on your support, along with the membership who purchase your baked goods.



Also happening on September 30, the lodge will be holding an open house for the community. We will all join together to celebrate the North Port Community. We need volunteers to help with the programs that will be going on that day. Please see Terry Seal, to sign up and help out. One of the things we will be doing is the Identity Program for Safe Surfing: with a parents consent their child's ID put on a thumb drive. If anyone would like to take a shift, it would be appreciated. We only have one machine at the moment, but we might be able to get more if we have volunteers willing to sign up to help. Just let me or one of the other Chapter officers know. We will also be hosting the "First Responders" all day and giving them Tommy

Moose dolls for distribution to children in emotional distress during times of need. There will be a bounce house! So much fun for our local community. This is an opportunity to sign new members and tell people who we are and what we do, so come out and help us educate the community on what we do.

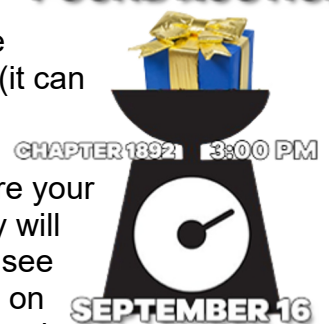


For our September fundraiser the WOTM will be holding Moose Races and having a pound auction on Saturday, September 16 starting at 3:00 PM.

Please come join us and bet on a "Moose" of your choice.

In case you are wondering what a pound auction is, let me explain: everyone chooses an item that weighs "1 pound" (it can be a pound of M&Ms or a pound of ink pens, etc.), then you wrap that item with any kind of fancy paper or wrapping (Christmas, birthday) of your choice and bring it into the lodge. The nicer the wrapping, the more your item will fetch at auction. Don't tell anyone what you wrapped and one by one, they will be auctioned to the highest bidder. If you think Moose races are fun, wait until you see the excitement of auction bidding that goes on. I expect our lodge officers to join in on the bidding fun. There are no requirements except your item weighs only 1 pound and it must be wrapped. I just want to say thank you to our wonderful board this year, you are doing a great job!

POUND AUCTION



I also want to say another thank you to **Skip** and **Kathy Skoda** for being our judges during the Family Feud, not an easy job, but they handled it like pros. Without all of your support we would not be able to accomplish what we do, so from the bottom of my heart "Thank you all". We have a proud past and a bright future ahead.

Kindest Regards,
Brenda Seal
Sr. Regent

PARKING LOT REMINDER



DON'T BE THIS GUY

WHEN PARKING IN THE LODGE PARKING
LOT PLEASE TRY HARD AND PARK
BETWEEN THE WHITE LINES.

I KNOW AT TIMES THIS IS NOT EASY BUT
WHEN A PERSON PARKS ON THE WHITE
LINES OR OVER IT, OTHER MEMBERS
CANNOT GET IN THEIR SPACE, AND
SOMETIMES EVEN THEIR CAR!

From the President continued from page 1

Come join us for a night of laughs with **Harley Worthit** for a Comedy Night on September 23 from 6 to 8 PM with dinner starting at 4 PM with specials or order from the menu. Tickets are \$10 each and are on sale at the Lodge. See the calendar for our other live entertainers during September.

Now, here's a hint about a big event coming to our Lodge in mid- November: if you do stand-up comedy, a magic act, sing, or are a member of a band looking for some exposure keep the evening of Saturday, November 18 open. Moose Members, if you enjoy any/all of the above, plus eating a seafood boil, mark that date in your calendar. More information will be on the bulletin boards and website in mid-to-late September.

Fraternally,
President James Godshall

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in the office annex at 6:00 PM. Come out and find out what's going on in your lodge. Member orientation meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the annex office building at 6:30 PM.

The Moose Fraternity has a proud past and a bright future because of our members supporting Moose Heart and Moosehaven as well as our community. Remember ~ *A man never stood so tall as when he stooped to pick up a child.*

I would like to thank Chapter #1892 for their continued support of our lodge. Their recent production of the Family Feud game was a huge success. A big thank you to **Fred Leonard, Ann Mell,** and **Brenda Seal** for all their hard work. It was a great day and a lot of fun.

Fraternally,
Terry W. Seal Sr. Administrator

ONE NIGHT ONLY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: 6 - 8 PM



COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF LAUGHS
NORTH PORT MOOSE LODGE #764
TICKETS \$10

DINNER STARTS 4 PM, ORDER FROM MENU OR SPECIALS