



"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."

DECEMBER

"The Friendliest Lodge There Is"

2023

From the Administrator



Brothers / Ladies: Merry Christmas to all.

Your Lodge was very busy in November and owes a big thank you to **Mike Gomez, Stephani Davis,**

and all that helped with the Moose Crawl on November 11. We held our Veterans dinner with a nice turnout and a few of your officers traveled to Moosehaven for the chili cook-off. Our cook team was Jim and Donna Godshall, Rod Black, Brenda and Terry Seal.

December promises to be a busy month with weekly activities and other events planned to keep our members active and happy. See the calendar for specifics about Bingo, Karaoke, Live Music, Games, and "The Price is Right" game sponsored by the WOTM. Santa will be here for breakfast on the 16th, so be sure to sign-up the kids.

Sunday, December 24, is our annual member-only Christmas party from 4 - 6 PM, but remember it's open only to Lodge #764 Members. The Lodge will close at 6 PM on Christmas Eve; open Christmas day from noon until 6 PM and New Year's Day 10 - 8 PM.

New Year's Eve tickets will go on sale December 1 for \$30 per person and includes dinner with choice of Prime Rib / Pork Chops, party favors and a champagne toast at midnight. We'll play a game called "Watch the Clock" with cash prizes given away every half hour, tickets are 3/ \$10. Dinner will start at 6 PM with music from 8 PM until midnight by the *Last Resort Band*. Even though it's holiday season, make time for a meeting. The General Membership meets

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From the Lodge President



Hello Moose Family:

Well so far, we have been lucky, we have made it through November and didn't have to shovel any snow yet!! The Lodge has been very busy with a lot of our northern friends back in Paradise.

As in all months, November has been full of fun and entertainment. Veterans' dinner was a big hit this year on the 4th.

On the 11th we had another Moose crawl put together by Stephani & Mike.

Awesome job guys. Also, on the 11th the Lodge participated in a chili cookoff at Moosehaven in Orange Park, FL. This was organized by our Vice-President Rod Black and what a fun day was had by all. We met Moose Fraternity NASCAR driver Ross Chastain, a native of Alva, FL who was showing off his Moose race car. The annual Thanksgiving dinner held at the Lodge was enjoyed by everyone that participated with delicious, covered dishes to share.

December Activities. We have many activities planned for the month of December. In addition to all our regular activities every week, we have Breakfast with Santa on December 16 from 9 - 11 AM. The sign up sheet for the children is on the WOTM board. Also on the Dec 16 the Chapter will be hosting a Price-Is-Right game at the lodge starting at 4 PM. For \$5 you get a chance to get on stage. December 21 the Moose Legion will have two drawings for 9MM pistols. Then on Christmas Eve there will be a drawing held for the Lodge Yeti Cooler. So, stop by the Lodge, have some lunch or dinner and get your tickets. February 25 is the Tribute to Elvis show. Get

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Moose Lodge #764 Meeting Schedule

General Membership Meetings (men & women attend)

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

Fourth Tuesday of the Month: **Dec 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**



**Dec 13
6:00 PM**

Chapter meeting



**Jan 10
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
December 9, 2023
Gulf Cove #2524**



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

on December 12 and 26 @ 7 PM; Member Orientation Dec 20 @ 6:30 PM; Moose Legion Dec 2 @ 8:30 AM; WOTM Chapter Dec 13 @ 6 PM, There is a Moose Legion Conferral @ noon on Dec 16 at Bonita Springs Moose Lodge #1454. If you've joined the Moose Legion you must attend a conferral to complete the enrollment procedure.

We are looking for Volunteers to put together (4) teams to work bingo once a month. If you're interested, please see any officer. We will be reaching out to all who sign up on the bingo volunteer list.

As you know we don't get the snow or cold temperatures at Christmas in Florida, but we still celebrate the season. We are putting an Angel tree up again this year so please take a tag and bring a **wrapped gift** back to the Lodge so we can get the toys delivered. And please don't forget the Toy's for Tot's box in the lobby. Bring an **unwrapped toy** and drop in the box for a child in our area. We're also collecting non-perishable food for the food banks.

I want to thank each and every member of the North Port for your support of this lodge all year long. I know we are always coming around selling something or asking for donations and you always come through but please remember that if we don't do these things then who will take care of our children at Mooseheart or our seniors at Moosehaven? They are our mission and we can't let them down.

I want to reflect on a very Important benefit of keeping your Membership active. Most may already know this but for those that don't know if you are a member of any Moose Lodge for fifteen consecutive years and have reached the age of 65 and wish to live at Moosehaven then you are eligible to apply. No one knows what the future may hold and this is a great benefit for any of us. It's nice to have a backup plan.

On behalf of the North Port Moose Lodge Board of Officers we want to will wish each and every one of our members a safe and happy New Year. In closing out my letter I want to thank the board of officers for working so hard for our lodge and I also want to thank the many volunteers we are so blessed to have each and every one you and this lodge could not survive without your support each and every day. So, with that being said, Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

Fraternally,
Terry W. Seal Sr.,
Administrator

From the Senior Regent

Greetings one and all, the holidays are upon us. November has been super busy and the WOTM have really been working with the Lodge to try and give our members something to do. Veterans Day was a success for the lodge and I hope we had some women Veterans there to eat dinner as well. We salute and value each and every service member of our lodge, you gave and continue to give the best of who you are for the people of this great country. Thank You!



On November 11 Moosehaven had their annual Chili Cookoff and we had 5 people from our lodge along with a couple of friends from the Venice Lodge accompany us to the great event. We had so much fun with our "Pirate Chili" and everyone told us they loved it and our costumes. Just a wonderful weekend all around. Special thanks to Rod Black (resident Chili Master) Jim Godshall (special ingredient adder) Terry Seal (all around Chili overseer), and of course my partner in crime Donna Godshall (overall best wench in town). Although we didn't place in the top 3 in any of the categories, we gave it the old "North Port" try with friendly beads and doubloons for all. The whole month of November Kristie Frein has been selling her Gift Certificate board tickets and a winner will be chosen on November 27 right after "The Queen of Hearts".

Looking forward to December we have Breakfast with Santa on the morning of December 16 from 9 to 1 AM. Kids eat for free and adults will pay lodge prices. There will be a special visit by Santa himself, so *make sure you sign up the little ones before Friday December 8!* The list will come down and the shopping and wrapping will begin. Also on December 16, Katy Baker will be holding our first ever "The Price Is Right" game. Please buy a chance to come up on stage and win some fabulous prizes and maybe some money. Tickets will go on sale on the first of December and cost \$5 a chance. Take a chance to "Come On Down" and have some fun with us.

Another big shoutout to the "bake sale team" Connie and Gail. You girls are fabulous, and every month you just make our chapter so proud. In October we had very few people helping with the bake sale, but you guys stepped up and made the best of it. In December, Connie and Gail are planning on a

special Christmas bake, so watch the board for updates. Also a thank you to Deanna Sandei who brought in boxes and boxes of toothpaste that was distributed to Moosehaven and local charities. 'Tis the season.



For all you who are interested: our meetings are always the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. Please come join us at the annex, we have a lot to share. Bake sales are always the 4th Friday of the month unless posted otherwise on the bulleting board. if you want to volunteer for anything, please come see me, we need All the help we can get, i promise we can use you.

Until next month, all of us at the Women of the Moose would like to wish peace, joy, and love to each and every one of you. May you have a wonderful holiday season filled with friendship and laughter.

Fraternally, Brenda Seal
Sr. Regent

(L to R) Rod Black, Brenda Seal, Terry Seal, Donna Godshall, Jim Godshall

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



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
RON HARRISON



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
RON LORENZO

FREE
JUKEBOX!
6 - 9 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

FREE
JUKEBOX!
6 - 9 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



Friday 6:30 - 9:30 PM



SHIP-CAPTAIN-CREW
SATURDAY 1 - 3 PM



DEC 16 @ 4 PM
tickets \$5 ea



TUESDAY
5 - 7 PM



Thursday @ 6:30 PM
First Saturday @ 11 AM



Monday @ 6 PM
followed by ...



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 goes 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. We had our monthly meeting on October 7th and discussed our business and upcoming events, and had a very nice turn out. Our meeting date and time is the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM, so please attend. Our next meeting is on December 2 at 8:30 AM at our Moose Annex building. We need your input to come up with things that we can do in the months ahead. The next regular conferral will be held at Bonita Springs #1454 on December 16 at 11:30 AM.

We are doing a monthly joint venture with the lodge to provide meals for the homeless at the 100 Church once a month. The Moose Legion chili cook-off at Moosehaven on November 11 was a great success. We finished 11th but our people met NASCAR driver Ross Chastain and got some pictures with him.

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your reserved tickets early as seating is limited.

I would like to wish all our members and families a very Merry and Blessed Christmas filled with Peace, Love and Joy!

Fraternally,
President James Godshall



Our Three Wise Men

WOTM CHAPTER 1892 NORTH PORT MOOSE LODGE



COME ON DOWN...

**ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16,
BEGINNING AT 4:00 PM TO
PARTICIPATE AND MAYBE WIN
THE GRAND SHOWCASE!**

We are having another gun raffle to be drawn on December 24 for two Sig Sauer P365 9mm pistols with two winners. Tickets are 3/\$10 or 9/\$20 and are on sale now. 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
Ed Mell