

“THE GUIDING LIGHT”

“A Burden, heavy to one

The Moose

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is borne lightly by many.”

JANUARY

“The Friendliest Lodge There Is”

2025

From the Administrator



Brothers / Ladies: I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Now, with the holidays behind us let's look forward to a great new year. As usual we have a lot going on in your lodge, your

district, and Moose Legion. Your Moose Legion is hosting the Golden Ball at the Port Charlotte Moose Lodge #2121 on January 18 starting at 5 PM with a social hour, dinner from 6 - 7:30 PM, and then a presentation of the Moose Golden Ball program at 8 PM. Dancing until 10 PM follows the program.

On Sunday, February 16, the Manatee 58 Moose Legion picnic will be held at Port Charlotte Lodge #2121 starting at noon; \$15 per person includes lunch and draft beer, raffles, 50/50, and a lot of fun. Live music by *American Made Band*.

Parking has been an issue at our Lodge and some relief is here. The neighboring restaurant has rented the lot by the car wash and their employees are now parking in this lot freeing up parking along the street, so please come in and enjoy your lodge. We need your support.

In addition to the activities shown on the calendar don't forget that we serve an outstanding breakfast every Saturday and Sunday from 8 - noon plus lunch and dinner everyday. Check our Facebook page for the daily lunch and dinner specials. We keep our prices low and quality high.

North Port Moose Lodge is blessed to have a great staff that works so hard for our lodge and the volunteers. We could not do the events in our lodge if these members did not do what they do each and every day, and at the end of the day we could not do anything without the support of our members. So may God bless our children at Mooseheart, our seniors at Moosehaven, and our members.

Fraternally,
Terry Seal Sr.
Lodge Administrator

From the Lodge President



As 2024 ends, I hope all our Officers, Staff, and Members had a Blessed Christmas and look forward to a Happy and Healthy 2025.

November was a busy month with many events that were held. Just to name a few: The monthly District meeting was held at the Englewood Moose on November 16. **Susan Runge**, from our North Port Moose Lodge, a member of the Moose organization for over 21 years, received the November Valuable

Moose award for her dedication and volunteering at various events held at our Lodge and Chapter. She always steps where she is asked or not even asked for assistance and is a great asset to our group and at the District meetings.

On November 24, we held our first Chili Cook-Off event which was a great success. **Rod Black** oversaw the event with over 15 crock pots filled with our members' recipes and a

tasting voting process. Various winners in different categories were announced. Thanksgiving Day was a great turnout as we had so many different delicious side dishes brought in by many members to try and enjoy.

Now on to December. Besides all the regular and various daily and weekly functions held at our lodge, stop in and have lunch and dinner with breakfast served on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Or just stop in and have a cocktail and meet up with friends. The December District meeting was held at the Port Charlotte Moose Lodge with **Denise McKee**, our new bar manager and waitress who also is a veteran, receiving the December Valuable Moose award. She has been a Moose member for a few years and has had prior experience with restaurant functions. She also helps out in our lodge in other areas and frequents our lodge quite often. Also, our Lodge received back the monthly District attendance plaque

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



Jan 4
Denise Marie



Jan 11
TAT2

Danny Martin
American Music

Jan 18
Danny Martin

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



EVERY THURSDAY
@ 6:30 PM

FIRST SATURDAY @ 11 AM



Friday 6:30 - 9:30 PM



MONDAY @ NOON



SHIP-CAPTAIN-CREW
SATURDAY 1 - 3

SUNDAY BREAKFAST



8:00 AM - 12 NOON

SHOW ME THE MONEY

TUESDAY
5 - 7 PM



PLAY MAHJONG



MIDNIGHT DICE
1 - 14 - 24
MONDAY
1 - 3 PM



Wednesday 6 PM



Monday @ 6 PM
followed by ...



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and we look forward to obtaining it more often throughout 2025! So come on out and learn what the other lodges in our district do each month. On December 20th, the Women of the Moose held their monthly bake sale with lots and lots of homemade Christmas goodies to be had. What a great turnout and yummy treats to enjoy and take home.

Then on December 21st, the Chapter held its annual breakfast with Santa. Twenty children along with their parents and friends had a buffet breakfast, fun activities and of course, Santa stopped in to give out gifts to the children and get their pictures taken with Santa. Afterward, he took them out for a hayride around the neighborhoods. Lots of fun was had by all! On December 22nd, the Lodge held the employee and volunteers Christmas party to thank them for all their support throughout the year. We appreciate every one of you.

The North Port Moose Lodge members-only party was held on Christmas Eve and we are looking forward to this annual get-together. There will be a \$5 charge to attend with food and drinks provided. An electric bike drawing will be held also where 3 tickets for \$10 were sold and the lucky winner will be announced. After all the Christmas activities, the WOTM's Sip and Paint event was held on December 28. Another Cornhole tournament was held on December 29th. And finally, for the final day of the year, the sold-out New Year's Eve celebration was held with party favors, dinner, and music provided by the Last Re-Sort Band.

More great activities and events to be held in January by the Lodge, Moose Legion and Chapter, so keep checking our bulletin boards, website and Facebook for all the great happenings. We do know another Moose Crawl will be occurring on February 22, and a sign-up sheet already posted. Three great lodges will be visited, Golden Gate Moose #1654, Naples Moose #1782, and Fort Myers Beach Moose #964. Cost is \$50 per person and tickets are selling fast. So please get your tickets paid for a guaranteed seat!!

Fraternally,
President James Godshall



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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.

We had our monthly meeting on December 7 and discussed our business and upcoming events. We had a nice turnout. Meetings are on the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM in the Moose Annex so please attend. Our next meeting is on January 4. The December 21 conferral held at Pine Island Lodge #1954 was well attended, and followed by a Pilgrim celebration for Tom Akers. A mini conferral will be held on January 25 at Gulf Cove Lodge and the next Conferral will be at Ft. Myers Beach Lodge #964 on March 15, 2025.

Moose Legion will pay \$20 toward a Moose Legion shirt to any new Moose Legionnaire who attends a conferral. The Golden Ball dinner and dance party at the Port Charlotte Lodge is on January 18, starting at 5 PM. We begin selling raffle tickets for two roundtrip vouchers, valid for two years, on the Key West Express starting January 1, 2025. 3 tickets for \$10. We donated \$200 to Toys for Tots and donated money for new front outside lights.

I hope everyone had a great and blessed Christmas and has a healthy and prosperous New Year. 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 also 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 - LAC

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All meetings are held at the at the Annex.



Jan 4, Saturday: Moose Legion at 8:30 AM
Jan 8, Wednesday: WOTM at 6:30 PM
Jan 14, Tuesday: General Membership at 7:00 PM
Jan 15, Wednesday: Member Orientation at 6:30 PM
Jan 28, Tuesday: General Membership at 7:00 PM



MORE FOR YOU AT THE NORTH PORT MOOSE LODGE



JANUARY 25, BEGINNING AT 2:00 PM

**PUNCH-OUT BINGO, TEXAS HOLD-EM,
BLACK JACK,
PULL TABS, AND SLOT MACHINES**



VINTAGE CANDY
CIGARETTES &
BUBBLE GUM
CIGARS
FOR SALE



Learn the Story of the Moose
Cocktail Hour at 5
Dinner & Ritual 6 - 7:30
Dance & Music at 8 PM

Port Charlotte Lodge #2121

**Moose Legion
RAFFLE**



Two round-trip ticket vouchers for
the Key West Express!
GOOD FOR TWO YEARS
Three tickets for \$10
Drawing to be held January 31, 2025

MOOSE CRAWL
FEBRUARY 22, 2025



**Tropical
Theme**



DEPART NORTH PORT 764 AT 9:00 AM To:
GOLDEN GATE MOOSE 1654, NAPLES MOOSE 1782,
FT MYERS BEACH MOOSE 964,
RETURN NORTH PORT MOOSE ~ 6:00 PM

Sign up sheet in lodge .. Only paid tickets are guaranteed a seat

See Mike Gomez or Stephani Davis for tickets

Moose Lodge #764 Meeting Schedule

General Membership Meetings (men & women attend)
 Second Tuesday of the Month: **Jan 14 @ 7:00 PM**
 Forth Tuesday of the Month : **Jan 28 @ 7:00 PM**

Jan 8
6:00 PM
Chapter meeting



Feb 12
6:00 PM
Chapter meeting

President	James Godshall
Vice President	Anna Marie Mitchell
Chaplain	Dominic Russo
Treasurer	Mike Gomez
Administrator	Terry Seal
1 -Yr Trustee	Rod Black
2-Yr Trustee	Kevin Mennerick
3-Yr Trustee	Skip Skoda
Jr Past President	Ed Mell
Sgt-at-Arms	Susan Runge
Inner Guard	Joe Stanziale
Outer Guard	George Meekins


**LODGE &
CHAPTER
OFFICERS
2023 - 2024**



Sr Regent: Catherine Frangkos
 Secretary: Gail Soderman
 Treasurer: Becky Brooke
 Jr. Past Regent: Brenda Seal

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

**FMA District 16
January 11
North Port #764**



The Moose Legion meets on Saturday, January 4, in the Annex at 8:30 AM this month.
 LAC-Ed Mell, LAS-James Godshall,
 VIC/LAC Kevin Mennerick.

From the Women of the Moose

Welcome all Moose and Chapter Members.



The month of December was a productive one. The December Jewelry Event was a huge success with a great presentation by Teresa Morefield, chairperson, overall excellent job! Breakfast With Santa at the North Port Lodge on December 21 saw lots of happy faces and a good time. The hayride was a lot of fun with the kids as was the face painting. Special thanks to April Shake for doing the face paint and to Will Cheney, Lisa Moser, Sheila Fell, Denise McKee, Cheryl Straea, Gail Soderman, and Teresa Morefield for their efforts serving the food. Brenda Seal and Becky Brooks did a great job at the front door. Of course, Santa Claus Kevin Mennerick was fantastic. Patty Groves and Susan Runge took some great pictures. Thank you AI and Darts Team for funding this project!!

Sip & Paint is being held on December 28. More updates in next letter. The chairperson is Teresa Moorefield. January's event is Casino Night. The event takes place Saturday, January 25, beginning at 2:00 PM at the Lodge. Featuring punch-out bingo, Texas hold-em, black jack, pull tabs, and slot machines, vintage candy, cigarettes & bubble gum cigars for sale (FYI - if you like dress like the Roaring Twenties). The chairperson for this event is Brenda Seal. Remember each event supports the Women of the Moose, which supports our seniors at Moosehaven, and children at Mooseheart. After all, that is why we are here. Thank you for your hard work, my board chairmen and committee members.

We are planning a lot of events where we all can have fun and achieve our goal to support the Women of the Moose. Chapter meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Board meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Both are held at the annex just down the street from the Lodge. If you have any question please call the lodge and ask for me or speak to any of the moose members.

Thank You
 Catherine Frangkos
 Senior Regent