



"The Guiding Light"

The Moose

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"A Burden, heavy to one



is borne lightly by many."

JULY

"The Friendliest Lodge There Is"

2025

From the Administrator



Brothers / Ladies

I have so much to talk about. North Port was well represented at the International Convention in Milwaukee. We had 15 of our members present.

We had a lot of information to bring back. Most of us from North Port visited Mooseheart, where we witnessed 13 young men and women walk across the stage and receive their diplomas. We were also present when **Ann Mell** received her College of Regents—well done, Ann, and congratulations on this high honor. Some of us were invited into the House of God and watched 103 members of the Fellowship Degree receive the

highest honor: the Pilgrim degree of Merit. Others visited homes at the facility and met with the children. I believe **Josie Frangkos** is now the new grandmother of the children; they all loved her. Most of us saw 28 children advance from elementary school to middle school and middle school to high school in Wisconsin. I have always said that if you ever get the chance to visit Mooseheart, you will never drop your membership if you see the good you are doing for the young boys and girls.

Effective August 1, 2025, all persons over age 21 entering the lodge after their second visit must apply for membership. This is not just a North Port Moose Lodge 764 rule: see the summary of changes approved to the Moose Laws on [page 2](#). North Port Lodge #764 is trying to help by temporarily suspending the enrollment fee so you can join for \$50, not \$70. If you look at the annual cost, it's only 27.5¢ a day for both husband and wife to be members. Good meals and cold drinks are less expensive at your lodge, and think about all those children and seniors we support.

Special Events Planned: Saturday, July 5th, celebrate Independence Day at your Lodge, we'll be cooking

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From the Lodge President



Dear Members,

As we welcomed the start of our new Lodge year in May, I've been inspired by the energy, dedication, and Moose pride that continues to grow within our community. Your involvement is what drives our success, and together, we're laying the groundwork for an exciting future.

June was a fantastic month! Our Father's Day cookout brought in a wonderful crowd with delicious food, great company, and meaningful moments shared among members. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make it happen, it was truly a team effort.



The Casino Trip to Immokalee was another highlight, filled with laughs, a bit of luck, and lasting memories. And who could forget the WOTM SOCK Hop? It was a vibrant, retro night of dancing and fun—huge thanks to the

Women of the Moose for organizing such a groovy event!

I'd also like to shine a light on the Building Committee, which is actively meeting and organizing fundraising efforts to support an important goal: finding and securing a new Lodge location. This is a significant step toward strengthening our future and ensuring we have a space that truly reflects the needs and spirit of our growing Moose Family.

Let's continue this momentum as we embrace the challenges and opportunities ahead. With your support, we're building not just a Lodge, but a legacy.

Fraternally yours,
Anna-Marie Mitchell
President, North Port Moose Lodge

Moose Law Changes at Milwaukee Convention

Fraternal Order of Moose Updates General Laws for 2025

The Fraternal Order of Moose recently approved significant changes to their General Laws during the 2025 International Moose Convention held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. These amendments, which were voted on electronically by registered delegates, represent the most comprehensive updates to the organization's governing structure in recent years.

Key Changes Approved. The amendments were organized into four voting categories, each addressing different aspects of lodge operations and governance:

Membership and Guest Policies

The most notable change affects how lodges handle qualified guests. The spouse of a member is no longer considered an indefinite qualified guest, with new language specifying that all qualified family members over age 21 shall be considered prospective members and limited to two visits before making application for membership.

Leadership Requirements

Several amendments strengthen leadership qualifications. Lodge Administrators must now be active members for at least six months immediately preceding their appointment or election, while Lodge Treasurers face the same six-month active membership requirement before election.

Financial Oversight

The organization increased financial thresholds requiring dispensation approval. The dispensation requirement threshold has been raised to \$10,000 for both the sale or purchase of personal property or equipment, and lodges must now obtain approved dispensation for all community service and charitable fundraising events.

Operational Clarifications

Many changes provide clearer guidance on lodge operations. Special meetings must now be held separately from general membership meetings, and the organization has established new requirements for adequate meeting space for lodge-affiliated Moose Units or committees.

Additional Updates

The amendments also address modern communication methods, adding social media platforms like Facebook and texting to prohibited campaigning tactics during lodge elections. New provisions were added regarding the use of security cameras in lodge facilities, and clarifications were made about compensation for elected officers who provide additional services.

Implementation

These changes take effect immediately and represent the Fraternal Order of Moose's commitment to modernizing their governance structure while maintaining the traditional values that have guided the organization for over a century. Lodge administrators have been provided with complete documentation of all amendments to ensure proper implementation at the local level.

For complete details on all amendments, members can access the full red-lined versions through the Convention section of the Moose International website at www.mooseintl.org.

TLDR

Removes the spouse of member as an indefinite qualified guest. New language specifies that all qualified family members, over the age of 21, including spouse, shall be considered a prospective member and limited to two visits before making application for membership.

Lodge Administrators must now be active members for at least six months immediately preceding their appointment or election, while Lodge Treasurers face the same six-month active membership requirement before election.

Special Meetings cannot be incorporated into a General Membership Meeting, and must be held as a separate meeting.

- Requires an approved dispensation for all lodge community service and charitable fundraising events.
- Adds Social Media to the advertising options that must conform to set conditions.
- Further defines prohibited campaigning tactics to include electronic social media (texting, Facebook, etc.).

Questions? Come to a Lodge meeting and ask.

Moose Lodge #764 Meeting Schedule

General Membership Meetings (men & women attend)

Second Tuesday of the Month: **July 8 @ 7:00 PM**Fourth Tuesday of the Month **July 22 @ 7:00 PM****July 9
6:30 PM**

Chapter meeting

**Aug 13
6:30 PM**

Chapter meeting

President	Anna-Marie Mitchell
Vice President	Edward Mell
Chaplain	Susan Runge
Treasurer	Mike Gomez
Administrator	Terry Seal
1 -Yr Trustee	Kevin Mennerick
2-Yr Trustee	Steven Skoda
3-Yr Trustee	Raymond Loffredo
Jr Past President	James Godshall
Sgt-at-Arms	Joe Stanziale
Inner Guard	George Meekins
Outer Guard	Raymond Soderman

**LODGE &
CHAPTER
OFFICERS
2025 - 2026**

Sr Regent: Gail Soderman

Secretary: vacant

Treasurer: Becky Brooke

Jr. Past Regent: Catherine Frangkos

Women of the Moose Chapter 1892 meet on the
second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM.**FMA District 16
July 12
at North Port #764**The Moose Legion meets on Saturday,
July 5 in the Annex at 8:30 AM.
LAC-Ed Mell, LAS-James Godshall,
VIC/LAC Kevin Mennerick.**Administrator's Report** continued from page 1

Burgers & Brats on the grill served with a choice of sides. Then, celebrate Christmas in July on Sunday, July 20 at 1:00 PM, with food/games/auction. All proceeds will benefit the New Building Fund. More Information will be posted at the lodge as we get closer. In the coming months, our Building Committee Chairman, Catherine Frangkos, is planning fundraisers to purchase land for our new lodge home. I know she is working hard, so please come out and support her as we start on our new journey to make North Port Moose Lodge bigger and better for all of our members.

There is another way you can donate. We have a box beside our new fundraising thermometer. If you can drop a donation in the box, please do—every dollar counts, and all money collected will be put into a separate New Building Fund account. Another option is to donate \$10 per month, or if you like, get it over with and donate \$120 for the year. If every one of our members donated \$120 a year, we could raise \$300,000! We need this to happen, our members have stood by us, but we can't do it without everyone's support

Membership, please renew your membership. We can't afford to lose any of our members. Sign up your friends, neighbors, and coworkers, and until the end of August, they can save on the enrollment fee. Bring prospective members into your lodge for lunch, dinner, or a weekend breakfast to show the value of Moose membership.

We have new games every day of the week from 1 to 3 PM at the bar. To all of our members, thanks for supporting our children at Mooseheart, our seniors at Moosehaven, our community, and this lodge.

Remember to try to do a good thing for someone each day.

Fraternally

Terry Seal,

Lodge Administrator

All meetings are held at the at the Annex.**JULY 5**, Saturday: Moose Legion at 8:30 AM**JULY 8**, Tuesday: General Membership at 7:00 PM**JULY 9**, Wednesday: WOTM at 6:30 PM**JULY 16** Wednesday: Member Orientation: 6:30 PM**JULY 22**, Tuesday: General Membership at 7:00 PM

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



July 5
DJ Tim



July 12
TAT2

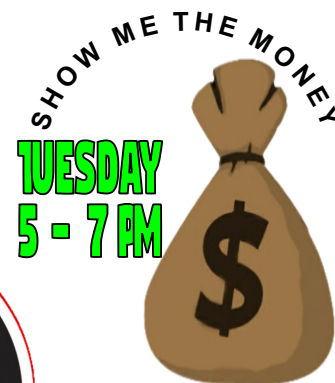


July 19
Free JukeboxDJ



July 26
PopRox

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



Senior Regent's Report

Greetings brothers and sisters!

Since visiting Mooseheart in May, I've found myself even more passionate about the mission we serve. Meeting the children of Mooseheart face to face was powerful—their gratitude, strength, and growth were inspiring. Knowing that our efforts are helping provide them with life skills, education, and hope for the future fuels my determination to share our story far and wide. I'm proud to represent the Women of the Moose, and even prouder of the impact we all continue to make together. All the people who work/live at Mooseheart deserve our thanks for doing such a wonderful job with these kids.

Summer kicked off in the best possible way with our Sock Hop Event of the Year! A huge shoutout to Chairman **Rachel Baker** for coordinating the food for this event! Her hard work and creativity made this an unforgettable evening. The Hula Hoop Contest was a big hit—congratulations to **Hailee**, our 1st place winner, and **Gwen**, who took 2nd place! Honorable mention to **Katie**, who hula hooped while pregnant with twins! Unbelievable! And the fashion didn't disappoint: **Ariana** won Best Outfit, with **Heather Adamson** taking 2nd place. You all looked fabulous! DJ Tim kept the dance floor buzzing all night long with nonstop tunes that had everyone on their feet. He was even spotted dancing and giving dance lessons! Thank you for the energy and great vibes, Tim!

Our thanks to **Kathy Skoda** for assembling the fantastic prize baskets and handling all the raffle tickets. Thank you again to Catherine for gathering generous donations from some of our awesome businesses in town. Huge appreciation goes to Publix, Total Wine, Flip Flops, Jeremiah's, and Blue Tequila for providing gift cards or products for the baskets. Thank you to **Dave** and **Ann Marie Wright** for donating scratch-off tickets to add even more excitement to the baskets!

Congratulations to all our winners, and thank you to everyone who made this event a success. It certainly looked like a festive 50's sock hop with the decorations and so many wearing 50's outfits. Decorating was by **Catherine Frangkos**, our Lodge President

Anna-Marie Mitchell, **Brenda Seal**, and **Ray Soderman**, who helped with ensuring our 50s decor was spot on and, of course, putting the Lodge back to normal at the end of the evening. Appreciation to **Skip** and **Kathy Skoda** for helping, too! The ticket sales, 50/50, and basket raffles could not happen without the support of our WOTM team and Lodge. The proceeds from this Sock Hop will go toward supporting the causes nearest to our hearts: children at Mooseheart and our beloved seniors at Moosehaven.

Coming Up: Family Feud Fun!

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Food served 1 - 7 PM Music by DJ Tim 3:30 - 7 PM

Rack of ribs \$20 | Pulled Pork \$15, served with Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, and Corn Bread
(corn bread only served with ribs, and pulled pork without a bun)

IMPORTANT MOOSE NEWS!!

AUGUST 1, 2025. MOOSE INTL GUEST POLICY HAS CHANGED: ANY QUALIFIED GUEST, INCLUDING SPOUSE, AND FAMILY MEMBER OVER THE AGE OF 21 WILL BE CONSIDERED PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS, LIMITED TO TWO VISITS BEFORE APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP. YOUR NORTH PORT MOOSE IS WAIVING THE \$20 ENROLLMENT FEE UNTIL AUGUST 31, 2025, SO NEW MEMBERS CAN SIGN UP FOR ONLY \$50. IF YOUR SPOUSE IS A MEMBER BUT YOU ARE NOT, YOU ARE ALLOWED 2 VISITS TO THE LODGE. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS DEAL AND JOIN TODAY.



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Mark your calendars: Saturday, July 19th, we're bringing the laughs and friendly competition with our Family Feud event! It all begins at 4 PM (players should arrive by 3:30 to get their team's number and slot, which will be drawn at that time); Team Size: 4 players per team; There are slots for 16 teams, so please sign up early to guarantee your spot!

- Entry Fee: \$10 per player
- Sign-Up Sheet: Available now at the Lodge
- The chairman and organizer of this event is **Barbara Stanziale**. Emcee is **Joe Stanziale**.

Let's keep the summer energy going strong—grab your friends, sharpen your trivia skills, and get ready to have a blast! The WOTM monthly Bake Sale is Friday, July 25, from 5-7 PM at the Moose Lodge.

Monthly Meetings & Member Orientation

- Women of the Moose Chapter Meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Moose Annex, just down the street from the Moose Lodge.
- Board of Officers Meetings are every 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Moose Annex.
- New & Not-So-New Member Orientation sessions are every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM at the Moose Annex. We encourage all members to attend and stay involved. Whether you're new or seasoned, these gatherings are a great way to connect, share ideas, and strengthen our chapter! Thank you all, and remember to always be kind!

Gail Soderman
Sr. Regent, North Port Chapter 1892



WOTM SIGNUP ON BULLETIN BOARD

FAMILY FEUD

Saturday, July 19
Game begins at 4 PM

PLAYERS ARRIVE AT 3:30 PM
4 PEOPLE TO A TEAM, \$10 PER PERSON ENTRY FEE
SLOTS FOR 16 TEAMS, SO SIGN UP EARLY

Gather Your Team of 4
Tickets at the Lodge

+\$5 SPIN TO WIN PRIZE WHEEL

This is a Women of the Moose fundraising event open to Moose members and their qualified guests



From the Moose Legion

Moose Legionnaires:



My fellow Legionnaires, thank you for being a Moose Legionnaire. Your annual dues go directly to Mooseheart and Moosehaven, so please don't drop your Legionnaire membership. If anything, think of the children and seniors that it helps support for just the small dues of \$17.

At our monthly meeting on June 7, we discussed our business and upcoming events. We had a nice turnout. We passed a motion to spend \$250 with the lodge and chapter to place a half-page ad in the North Port Police magazine, handed out to children for drug safety and other safety information. Moose Legion meetings are on the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 at the Moose Annex, so please attend. Our next meeting is on July 5, 2025.

The next regular Conferral will be at the Fort Myers Moose at noon on September 20. We had a nice turnout at the mini-conferral at Gulf Cove Moose Lodge on June 21. The Moose Legion will pay \$20 toward a Moose Legion shirt to any new Moose Legionnaire who attends a conferral.

We had another bus trip to Immokalee Casino on June 28. Everyone had a good time. We had winners, and we had some donors. The winner of the first group of lottery tickets was Joe Gonzalez. We're selling tickets to win the second book of 60 five-dollar lottery scratch-offs, with only a few left, so if you didn't get yours, you still have time.

Get your burgers and brats on July 5th at our Independence Day cookout.

That's all I have for now, so stay safe and be kind to your neighbor. Remember one thing, you'll get more in life by giving than receiving, not only in money but also the time 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

	COME TO OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY COOKOUT	NORTH PORT MOOSE LODGE
	1 - 6 PM SATURDAY, JULY 5	

BRATS**BURGERS****BRATS WITH SIDE \$8****BURGER WITH SIDE \$10**