



"The Guiding Light"

The Moose

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"A Burden, heavy to one



is borne lightly by many."

MAY

"The Friendliest Lodge There Is"

2025

From the Administrator

Dear Moose Family,

It is with great excitement and gratitude that I introduce myself as the new Administrator of Moose Lodge 764. My name is Rod Black, and I'm thrilled to join this incredible Lodge in this capacity. I will officially begin in this role on June 1st, although I will be hands-on for May. I look forward to working alongside all of you to continue the traditions and mission that make our Lodge so special.

Before I share a bit about myself, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to Terry Seal, who has served this Lodge so admirably for the last 5 ½ years. Terry has been a true asset to our Lodge, bringing dedication, passion, and hard work to every project. We all owe Terry a debt of gratitude for his leadership, and I'm sure we all wish him and Brenda (whom will also be very, very missed) nothing but the best in their future endeavors. Thank you, Terry and Brenda, for everything you've done!

A little bit about me—I come to you with a background of being a self-employed specialty contractor for 48 years (now retired), have been a Moose for 15 years, have reached the Fellowship degree of service, and past Governor in my California Lodge, as well as other board positions both in CA. And North Port. I've always believed in the power of community. We are Moose, after all!

My focus as your new Administrator will be to continue strengthening our Lodge, keeping it running smoothly, and ensuring that it remains a welcoming place for everyone who walks through our doors. I am committed to fostering an environment where everyone's voice is heard, and I look forward to working with and for all of you to carry the Lodge

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From the Lodge President

Dear Moose Members,

As April wraps up, you'll notice a few changes kicking off in May. First off, we have a new Board of Officers for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. I'm super excited to be your President! Jim Godshall will be helping out as Jr. Past President. Towards the end of May, Terry Seal Sr. will be stepping down as our Administrator, and Rod Black will take over on June 1. We'll really miss having Terry around every day.

Looking back at April, many of our lodge officers attended the Florida Moose Association conference in Orlando. We learned a ton about Moose operations. The cookout on April 5th was a big hit—everyone loved the food! Plus, the WOTM hosted an awesome 80's bingo event, with lots of folks rocking 80's outfits. We also had the Installation of Officers and Chairman.

Coming up in May, we have a Disco night planned for May 3rd. North Port Moose moms can enjoy a Mother's Day buffet for just \$5. Shout-out to our new Senior Regent, Gail Soderman, who also happens to be my amazing mom!



Later in May, we'll be heading to the International Convention. I think it's going to be an unforgettable trip. One of the highlights will be visiting MooseHeart to tour the campus and see the 2025 Class graduation from high school.

As the new President, seeing how our Lodge's funding has made a difference will be incredible. In closing, I'm truly honored to serve as your President. Make sure to swing by our General Meetings on the 1st or 4th Tuesday night to stay in the loop about what's happening at our lodge.

Best,
Anna-Marie Mitchell
President, North Port Moose Lodge #764

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

**live
DJ**

May 3
Disco Party



May 10
TAT2



May 17
Free Jukebox



May 24
Free Jukebox



May 31
Robert & Wolfie

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



SHIP-CAPTAIN-CREW
SATURDAY 1 - 3



8:00 AM - 12 NOON



DARTS



Monday @ 6 PM
followed by ...



Moose Lodge #764 Meeting Schedule

General Membership Meetings (men & women attend)

Second Tuesday of the Month: **May 13 @ 7:00 PM****Change for May due to convention May 31 @ noon****May 14****6:00 PM**

Chapter meeting

**June 11****6:00 PM**

Chapter meeting

President	Anna-Marie Mitchell
Vice President	Edward Mell
Chaplain	Susan Runge
Treasurer	Mike Gomez
Administrator	Rod Black
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 6:00 PM.

**FMA District 16
May 10
at Englewood #1933**



The Moose Legion meets on Saturday,
May 3, in the Annex at 8:30 AM.
LAC-Ed Mell, LAS-James Godshall,
VIC/LAC Kevin Mennerick.

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forward into an exciting new chapter. I truly believe that our strength comes from our members, and I'm eager get to know each of you and hear your thoughts, ideas, and stories. Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to me if I don't already know you.

As you know, we have some huge issues to overcome. We have major growing pains (a good thing) but come with big challenges. I promise to work diligently to try and find us a bigger and better situation. As you may have noticed, we have started an important fundraiser to work toward a new and bigger Lodge (with MUCH more parking!). Please contribute toward this lofty but necessary goal. There is a drop box by the thermometer in the social quarters that you can put ANY amount in there. Small donations all add up to bigger ones.

Ok, a little business. We have several events coming up in May. Don't miss the Disco Party on Saturday the 3rd! Costume contest and a DJ with the mirror ball, special appetizers and fun! TAT2 on the 10th, a Doggie fashion show on the 17th, outside next to the Annex office building. Don't miss the women's bake sale on the 30th. Expect some menu changes, which we'll try with our new Chef Jim! Welcome Chef! Memorial Day will be simple hamburgers and hot dogs. Check the website, calendar and bulletin board, and our Facebook page for updates and any changes that pop up.

Several of our board members will be traveling to Milwaukee to the International Convention starting on May 21. Those attending the convention will have the opportunity to visit Mooseheart! I am particularly excited to visit there! Again, check our Facebook page often for updates and the daily lunch specials!

Thank you for the warm welcome and support. I'm excited to be here, and I can't wait to see what we can accomplish together! Don't forget: the second General Membership meeting this month is on Sat. May 31 at noon this month.

Fraternally,
Rod Black, Administrator,
Moose Lodge 764

Senior Regent's Report

Greetings to the North Port Moose Lodge and Chapter members! The installation of officers has been completed, and I would like to introduce you to the 2025-2026 elected Board of Officers for the Chapter and the appointed positions. As you can see, we are still looking for a member of the Chapter to fill the secretary position. We hope to fill this position as soon as possible. Please reach out to any of the Board members for an application to be nominated for this position. I will be happy to provide guidance as well. It is my pleasure to introduce the new Chairmen for 2025-2026 and offer my congratulations to them.

Elected & Appointed Officers

Sr. Regent: Gail Soderman
Jr. Past Regent: Catherine Frangkos
Treasurer: Becky Brooke
Secretary: TBD
Appointed Guide: Kathy Skoda
Appointed Chapter Auditor: Sheila Composto

Committees / Chairmen

Higher Degree: Rachel Baker
Membership: Karen Stanziale
Fraternal Activities: Barbara Stanziale
Mooseheart / Moosehaven: Kathy McSteen



I know the Chapter will be very supportive in helping us to assist and participate in their events this year. Their success allows us to continue supporting Mooseheart, Moosehaven and many other local charities, including the 8 scholarships given to candidates from North Port High School and our Lodge! Thank you to Brenda Seal, outgoing Jr. Past Regent. Your guidance and assistance this past year has been so helpful for the continued success of the Chapter. You will be missed!

A big congratulations to our new Academy of Friendship recipients at the FMA conference this past April! **Lois Metcalf, Rachel Baker, and Catherine Frangkos** worked hard for this achievement and are so deserving of this recognition.



My husband and I are from Massachusetts and have three beautiful children, Deanna, Anna-Marie, and Jason, plus 8 grandchildren. I am married to the best husband in the world, Ray Soderman, 39 glorious years. I have been a member of the Moose since 2017 in West Palm Beach, transferred to the North Port Moose Lodge in 2021 as my Mom, Connie Hopkins, wanted to play Bingo. My daughter, Anna-Marie Mitchell and I took her to the Thursday Bingo and met Terry Seal. Mom was enamored with him because of his friendly and welcoming demeanor. Mom and daughter joined and we became more involved with the Chapter and Lodge. I have served as the Chapter Secretary for over two years, Mom as the Guide and Anna-Marie joined the Lodge Board as an appointed member. I am proud to say that she will be the new President of the Lodge for 2025-2026. Who knew that playing Bingo would lead to so many friendships and participating in the ongoing success of the Chapter and Lodge?

A huge THANK YOU to Catherine Frangkos, our outgoing Sr. Regent and new Jr. Past Regent for 2025-2026. The Chapter was so successful because of your enthusiasm, dedication and hard work on all the events this past year. You put your heart into making sure all events were successful and fun! It will be great to have you as my mentor as I have some big shoes to fill! With our knowledgeable Treasurer Becky Brooke remaining on the Board and Catherine, we will have a great team this coming year!

We have many planned upcoming events this year beginning with a Doggie Fashion Show in May, a Comedy Show, a Comedy Play, Bowling Tournament, Fashion Show and many others. Please join us in these fun-filled events as your support and participation means the world to us. Chapter Meetings are held at 6 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and the Board of Officers meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Both are held at the Moose Lodge Annex, just down the street from the Moose Lodge. If you have any questions,

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Moose Legion Report

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 April 5 and discussed our business and upcoming events. We had a nice turn out. Meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 at the Moose Annex so please attend. Our next meeting is May 3, 2025.

We had a mini conferral April at the Venice Lodge, and the next regular Conferral will be at the Gulf Cove Moose June 21 at noon. The Moose Legion will pay \$20 toward a Moose Legion shirt to any new Moose Legionnaire who attends a conferral. We are planning another bus trip to either Immokalee or Brighton casino on June 28, 2025 look for posters in the lodge. Our upcoming fundraiser is a book of 60-\$5 dollar lottery scratch offs. The Moose Legion will spend up to \$250 for the baby shower supplies for the FMA convention. Thanks to Rod Black and Rick Jacobs for all the hard work at the rib and steak barbecue in April.

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



DISCO PARTY

SATURDAY, MAY 3

LIVE DJ 6 – 9 PM

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please call the lodge and ask for me or speak to any of the Moose Members.

The May event is a Doggie Fashion Show on Saturday, May 17 at the Moose Annex from 10 AM – 12 PM. Tickets will be available May 1 for \$15 entry fee (includes breakfast items). Anyone that would like to come to watch and have breakfast items will be \$10. There will be baskets to be raffled off for our four-legged friends and our two-legged friends.

Remember each chance purchased supports the Women of the Moose, our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven. Please join us to cheer on your favorites!

Thank you,
Gail Soderman
Sr. Regent, North Port Chapter 1892



SATURDAY, MAY 17: 10 AM - NOON
AT THE MOOSE ANNEX BUILDING
TICKETS ARE \$15 AND INCLUDE
BREAKFAST. DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE

