



Herd's Word

Venice Moose Lodge 1308

Venice Moose Chapter 758

May, 2024



Breakfast every Sunday 8:00 – Noon



May 4 Kentucky Derby Party
Food served starting at 2 P.M. Food specials, mint juleps
Ladies' Hat Contest— Judging at 5:45 P.M.
Wagering on races

May 27 Memorial Day Donation Only Luncheon
Noon—3 P.M. Hot dogs, hamburgers, salads
Lodge will close at 4 P.M.



Weekly Events

Monday Jazz Night 6:30—8:30 P.M.

Tuesday Mah Jongg 12:30 P.M.; Cribbage 1 P.M. and Trivia 7:30-9:30 P.M.

Wednesday Euchre 12:30 and Karaoke 7:00-10:00 P.M.

Thursday Bingo 6:00-8:30 P.M.

Friday Dance Class 10:30 A.M. ; Mah Jongg 12:45 P. M.

Saturday Corn Hole 11:00 A.M. Registration, 11:30 A.M. Play

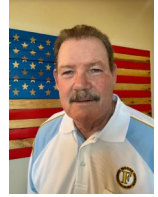
Friday and Saturday nights music from 7:30 – 10:30 P.M.

Sunday **Horse Races and 50/50 Ticket Sales start at 4:30 P.M.**

Horse Races start at 5:00 P.M. Queen of Hearts follows.



President's Message



LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

Lodge 1308

111 N. Auburn Road

Venice, FL 34292

941-485-7333 (Social)

941-445-5264 (Admin.)

OFFICERS

President

Donald Green

Jr. Past President

Bob Fultz

Vice President

Richard Kenney

Treasurer

Jack Dupre

Chaplain

Joanne Dayton

One Year Trustee

Joe Toth

Two Year Trustee

Terry La Du

Three Year Trustee

Rick Colon

Administrator

Stan Adelman

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Sergeant-at-Arms

Russell Green

Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms

Art Villarreal

Inner Guard

Mary Foster

Outer Guard

Karen Beadle

Greetings to all my fellow Venice Moose members. In case you don't know me, I am Donald Green and I will be your President for the 2024-2025 Moose Year. I am very proud to be your President and at the same time a little nervous to be the leader of the best Moose Lodge in the fraternity. I can assure you that I am confident that I am up to the task and there is a great board of officers to help me. The fraternity of The Moose is very important to me and having everyone enjoy being a Moose member and participating in our activities is what makes our lodge great. When you see me at the lodge, don't hesitate to stop me and say hello or ask a question or tell me what you are thinking. I value everyone's thoughts and opinions. And don't be surprised if I sit down at your table to find out how we are doing.

At this time I would like to thank Ric Foster and Bob Fultz for their dedication to The Moose. Ric Foster has been an officer of the lodge for many years and has finally run out of positions to hold, but that doesn't mean he is off the hook. Ric will still be giving his time and effort to make sure the lodge runs smoothly and I value him as a friend and mentor. Bob Fultz has served the lodge for the last two years as President and will now be serving as the Jr. Past President. During Bob's tenure he has brought the expansion of the lodge into reality, and he is looking forward to its completion. Speaking of the expansion of the lodge, there is an article on page 6 of the newsletter giving the members an update on the progress, so please read it.

Upcoming events in May: we will be having a Kentucky Derby Party on May 4th, with betting on the horses starting at 2pm and a hat contest at 5:45, so use your imagination and maybe you will be the winner. On Memorial Day we will be hosting a "donation only" lunch at the lodge. Franks, burgers, salads, etc., will be served. Please make a donation in whatever amount you please, which will be given to Moose Charities.

All my best to everyone.
Fraternally, Donald

Bob

PERSON OF THE MONTH

I am pleased to present **Bob Fultz** as my person of the month. Bob has served the Lodge as an officer for many years including the last two as President. He started over a year and a half ago to organize a team to put together ideas for the expansion of the lodge. He kept on top of the committee and the result is the building plan we now have. This, along with all the work he put in to keep Venice one of the best lodges in the fraternity, is why he is my Person of the Month. Congratulations, Bob!

Junior Past Regent's Message

Congratulations to incoming WOTM officers Charlene Turczyn, Secretary, and Judy Sporar, Treasurer, and myself as Junior Past Regent for 2024-2025 Chapter year.



We are still in need of a senior regent and two people to help with the application review committee. Plus, we can always use more 50/50 workers for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. Please consider helping us out this Chapter year. If you are interested or have any questions contact me at maryafos727@gmail.com.

The Quarter Auction once again was a huge success. Thank you to Cord and her committee for your hard work and thank you to all who attended.

Watch for flyers in the Lodge with information on our May Fundraiser.

When we became One Moose in 2021, we were given three free years of membership and that has now come to an end. Please check your membership card for the expiration date. If yours has expired it only costs \$15 to renew each year. The Women of the Moose play a crucial role in supporting Mooseheart, Child City and School, and Moosehaven, a 70-acre retirement community for Moose members. On an annual basis the Women of the Moose donate more than one million dollars to help support programs and activities at Mooseheart and Moosehaven. So, you can see why it is important to continue your membership. Thank you.

Mary Foster JPR



WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

Chapter #758 Monthly Meetings:

2nd Monday of the Month

- 3:00pm Financial Review
- 3:30pm Committee
- 3:45pm Board of Officers
- 4:15pm Application Review
- 5:00pm Chapter

Board of Officers

Junior Past Regent **Mary Foster**

maryafos727@gmail.com

Senior Regent– Vacant

Secretary **Charlene Turczn**

Treasurer **Judy Sporar**

Guide - **Geri Kirk**

Past Regent **Karen Beadle**

Committee Chairs

Membership: **Phyllis Dlugolencki**

Fraternal Activities: **Kathy Powers**

Mooseheart/Moosehaven:

Deanna Stewart

Higher Degree: **Ruth Lakes**

Interested in helping with 50/50,

contact Phyllis Dlugolencki

plsawgrass@verizon.net/

941-483-3468

Please notify us if you know of a sister who is ill or has suffered the loss of a loved one. Please contact:

Mary Foster maryafos727@gmail.com

Chapter e-mail

Chapter758@outlook.com





Moose Legion



Greetings fellow Moose Legionnaires. I hope that this finds all in good health. On April 20th we had another Mini Conferral at the Venice lodge and brought in eight new members into the Moose Legion. This is helping to keep Manatee 58 the number one Moose Legion in the country. Keep up the good work. Talk to the men at the lodge who you know are NOT Moose Legionnaires. Tell them who we are and what we do. If they are interested, invite them to come to our next meeting. There will be a Moose Legion Celebration at the LaBelle Lodge on June 15th. If you know of anyone who needs to be conferred, please let him know.

May 27th is Memorial Day and we will be hosting a "Donation Only" lunch at the lodge from noon till 3pm. As in the past, we will be serving the lunch to the members. There is no charge to the members and they are encouraged to make a donation in whatever amount they please. It sounds like a lot of work: setting it up, serving and taking it down, but I assure you it is not. If you haven't been at one of these, come in and help and find out that we have fun and the time passes quickly. Our last one was on last Labor Day and we had enough Moose Legionnaires there that it was easy to keep changing everybody so everyone got a chance to enjoy the day. The more hands, the easier the work. So come to the meeting and let us know that you will be available.

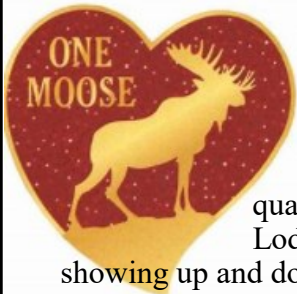
We will be having a Kentucky Derby party on May 4th with a hat contest. Our next meeting will be on May 8th at 6pm. Until then remember our motto, "Try to do something good for someone each day."

Fraternally yours, Donald Green, Moose Legion Chairman



Every Bunny loves a Moose!





Heart of the Community

Four Auburn Road Warriors hit the road on Wednesday, April 17th for the quarterly cleanup of the one and a half miles of Auburn Road fronting our Lodge. Thanks to Larry Cioffe, Lionel Lavallee, Philip Lagace and Mac Maclary for showing up and doing their part to help our Lodge continue to earn our annual Premier Lodge Award.

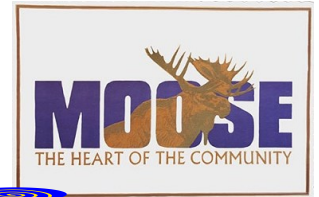
Our Lodge donated two boxes of Tommy Moose at the Florida Moose Association Conference last month in support of an FMA project benefiting Child Advocacy Centers throughout Florida. A total of 95 boxes were collected at the Conference.

Thank you to the members who donated blood last month. We had a total of six members participate.

We had a doughnut party for the Venice Little League team that our Lodge has sponsored for more than four decades. Look for a photo of our team along with the manager and coaches on page 8 in this issue.

And last, but definitely not least, thank you to all of our members for your contributions of time and money to all of the various projects that our Lodge conducts. You are indeed the "Heart of our Community."

Joe Toth, Heart of the Community Chairman
jtoth813@gmail.com



Valued Vets

There will be a luncheon for the Valued Vets on Saturday, 5/18, from 11am-1pm with a meeting following from 1pm-2pm.

It is sponsored by the Moose Legion. There will be no charge for the Vet. Each may bring one guest, who must pay \$5 for his/her lunch.

There will be no Valued Vet meeting in June.

There will be a meeting on the third Wednesday in July.

There will be no meeting in August.

Starting in September, there will be monthly meetings held on the third Wednesday of the month.



MOOSE LODGE 1308 MONTHLY RENOVATION & EXPANSION UPDATE

Welcome to the first of what will be monthly updates on the progress we are making toward our expanded, renovated, and remodeled Lodge. Our Lodge committees, along with our Board of Officers, have had multiple meetings with our professional construction team, local banks, as well as Moose International. And, *as you already know, our fundraising campaign is now in full swing. When we reach our campaign goal and complete the construction process we will all enjoy a more spacious, comfortable, efficient, and aesthetically pleasing Moose Lodge facility that we can be proud of for years to come.*

The plan is that our total project will be performed in specific stages so we can, as much as possible, minimize disruptions to our Lodge operations and Membership enjoyment, while also ensuring that our professional construction management team can perform its tasks as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible.

Construction Phase #1: At the April 15th Board of Officers meeting, it was decided that Phase #1 of our construction project will be focused on the renovation and extension of the Lanai area. Beginning in this area will allow us to have much needed additional table seating while the next phases of construction proceed. Our Lodge's fire sprinkler system is also scheduled to be installed during this first phase.

FUNDING OUR RENOVATION AND EXPANSION THE PROJECT'S TOTAL GOAL: \$2,500,000

We can all appreciate that the magnitude of our building renovation and expansion project comes with a hefty price tag, and that all donations and pledges of any amount are the key to our project's success. If you haven't already done so, we hope you will soon join other Moose members by donating to help support our project.

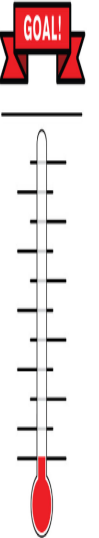
You probably received our Lodge's fundraising letter recently, with a donation/pledge form enclosed. This listed several different ways to contribute and show your support, and we urge you to select the method and amount that is most comfortable for you. *Most Importantly: Whether it be a member's one-time substantial donation, or scheduled pledges throughout a two-to-three-year period, all donations are important and critical to the success of the project. **If you have not received the fundraising letter and form, please contact one of the Funding Team members whose phone number is below.** The team encourages you to call any team member to answer questions or concerns, or to discuss a specific type of contribution. If you need another copy of the pledge form, would like to donate, or make a pledge, please stop by your Member Services Office during your next visit, where you can always get the helpful assistance you need. For your convenience, business cards are available at Member Services that list the Funding Team members and their phone numbers.*

If you're one of the many members that have already donated and/or pledged to help support this important project and reach its goals, we sincerely **THANK YOU** for your support and hope that you'll consider donating again in the coming months.

As of this month, our Moose Lodge has received nearly **\$90,000** in donations to the project. TOGETHER, we can reach every project goal and transform our Venice Moose Lodge #1308 building into a more comfortable, more-efficient, exciting, and fun-filled facility for many years to come.

FUNDRAISING TEAM Tom Maranville: (Committee Chairman) (309)-648-7695

John Budd: (540)-270-5147 Tom Flounders: (804)-725-4455 Ken Urbanski: (734)-634-2387





VENICE MOOSE RETENTION

Every member should be aware of the month and year his/her membership expires. Please check your card to make sure it is current. Renewing your membership at the beginning of the month it expires will prevent any disruption in your membership privileges.

Moose International is offering a new Moose Membership Mobile app available at Android Play Store or Apple Store. The app includes the new electronic Moose membership card, your Moose membership record, lodge locator, General Laws of the Fraternity, as well as instant access to pay dues or sign up a new member. Members should use their existing "My Membership Record" user name and password to log in, or if you have not previously registered you may do so in the app. The lodge has a new card reader at the front door so, using the app on your phone, you can scan for entrance. If you forget your card, no problem, with the new mobile app you will always have it with you.

With your continued membership in our fraternity, we are able to assist charitable organizations in the Venice area. Thank you for all you do.

Rick Colon, Membership Retention Chairman



MOOSE ORIENTATION

Do you think that the Moose is just a social club where you can go to have a great meal, drink and dance with friends? The Moose is so much more: we support our kids at Mooseheart, our seniors at Moosehaven and our local charities.

At our Orientation session you will learn what the Moose is all about. You will also learn who our local officers are, rules and regulations for guests and what your perks as a Moose member are.

This is also a great opportunity to meet other new members and create lasting friendships.

NOTICE: WE HAVE OUTGROWN THE MOOSEHEART ROOM.
NEW VENUE: VENICE POLICE STATION, 1575 E VENICE AVE, VENICE FL
NEW DAY: TUESDAY, May 14th, 2024
NEW TIME: 6:30-7:30 PM

Because the seating is limited to 64 people, I really need to know who is coming so I don't have to turn people away. I will be sending out notification to new members in the next few weeks. If you are not a new member, but would like to attend, please text me at 508-246-4324 or email me at jadayton@yahoo.com so I can have an accurate count.

Thank You!!

Joanne Dayton, Orientation Director





Expedia Cruises, the organizers of our recent Moose Cruise, donated \$1,325 to Moose Charities. Pictured are Karen Suter of Expedia Cruises presenting the check to,

right to left, Administrator Stan Adelman, President Bob Fultz and Heart of the Community Chairman Joe Toth.



For more than four decades, our Venice Moose Lodge has sponsored a baseball team in the Venice Little League as one of our "Heart of the Community" projects. We treated this year's team to donuts and drinks after a recent victorious game.





Etta McDonnell



Bim Wilder
Rose Pratt

As your chaplain this year, I need your help. If anyone has any information regarding Lodge members who have passed on, have an illness, or are recovering from surgery, I would appreciate if you could notify me at 508-246-4324 jadayton@yahoo.com

Thank you, Joanne Dayton

For Women of the Moose illness or death, please contact Mary Foster at maryafos727@gmail.com

Meeting Schedule

Lodge Meetings

May 6

Officers' Meeting/House Committee 5:30 P.M.

General Meeting 7:30 P.M.

May 14

New Member Orientation 6:30 P.M.

(Venice Police Department)

May 8

Moose Legion Meeting 6:00 P.M.

May 20

Officers' Meeting 5:30 P.M.

General Meeting 7:30 P.M.

WOTM Meeting

May 13

3:00 P.M. Financial Activities Com.

3:30 P.M. Chapter Committees

3:45 P.M. Board of Officers

4:15 P.M. Application Review Com.

5:00 P.M. Chapter #758 Business

Valued Vets May 18 11:00 A.M.—1 P.M.



A Word from the Editor—Marie Naple

Our commitment is to make this the informative publication Moose Lodge members deserve. Let us know if there is a feature you would like to see in future newsletters. If you are not receiving the newsletter by e-mail, contact us at naplem42@gmail.com or call 941-493-1750.

Dining Room Hours
 Lunch Mon - Sat 11:30 AM - 2 PM
 Dinner Mon - Sat 4:30 - 7:30 PM
 Thurs 4 - 7 PM Sun 12:30 - 6 PM
 Breakfast - Sun 8 - 12 noon
 Lunch - Sun 1:30 - 6:00 PM

MAY 2024
VENICE MOOSE LODGE 1308
 All activities and events referred to on this calendar
 are available to members in good standing and
 their qualified guests only.

Social Quarters Phone:
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 Hours of Operation:
 Mon, Tues & Thurs 11 9:30 PM
 Wed/Fri/Sat 11 - 11 Sun 8 - 8 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Breakfast & Sunday Menu	BBQ Ribs & Chicken	Spaghetti, Meatball- Subs, Lasagna more	Tacos, Burritos, Taco Salads, & Nachos	Philly Cheese, Burgers, Pizza & More	Fish, Shrimp, Scallops, Chicken	Filet Mignon, Ribeye, Chicken, Lobster & Shrimp
Scan for website 	 SAT DERBY Party MAY 4 Food Specials, Mint Julips, Race Wagering Derby Hat contest:5:45		1 Higher Degree Day Euchre 12:30 PM Lunch & Dinner Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7 - 10 PM	2 Lunch Dinner 4 - 7 PM Bingo 6:00 PM	3 Dance Class 10:30 AM Mahjong 12:45 PM Lunch & Dinner Music by <i>Fawny</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM	4 Corn Hole 11 AM Lunch & Dinner Kentucky Derby Party 2 PM Music by <i>Tat Two</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM
5 Breakfast 8 - 12 noon Lunch 1:30 - 6 PM Moose Races 5 PM Queen of Hearts follows	6 Lunch & Dinner Live Jazz Night 6:30 - 8:30 PM Lodge Mtg. 7:30 PM	7 Mahjong 12: 30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Lunch & Dinner Trivia 7:30 PM New Member Orientation 6:30 PM Venice Police Station	8 Higher Degree Day Euchre 12:30 PM Moose Legion Mtg 6 PM Lunch & Dinner Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7 - 10 PM	9 Lunch Dinner 4 - 7 PM Bingo 6:00 PM	10 Dance Class 10:30 AM Mahjong 12:45 PM Lunch & Dinner Music by <i>Tracy Z</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM	11 Corn Hole 11 AM FMA District 22 Englewood@noon Lunch & Dinner Music by <i>Music Box Duo</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM
12 Breakfast 8 - 12 noon Lunch 1:30 - 6 PM Moose Races 5 PM Queen of Hearts follows Happy Mother's Day	13 Lunch & Dinner Live Jazz Night 6:30 - 8:30 PM Chapter Mtg.5 PM	14 Mahjong 12: 30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Lunch & Dinner Trivia 7:30 PM	15 Higher Degree Day Auburn Rd Cleanup Euchre 12:30 PM Lunch & Dinner Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7 - 10 PM	16 Lunch Dinner 4 - 7 PM Bingo 6:00 PM	17 Dance Class 10:30 AM Mahjong 12:45 PM Lunch & Dinner Music by <i>Escape</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM	18 Corn Hole 11 AM Valued Vet Luncheon 11 AM - 1 PM Lunch & Dinner Music by <i>Heart & Soul</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM
19 Breakfast 8 - 12 noon Lunch 1:30 - 6 PM Moose Races 5 PM Queen of Hearts follows	20 Lunch & Dinner Live Jazz Night 6:30 - 8:30 PM Lodge Mtg. 7:30 PM	21 Mahjong 12: 30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Lunch & Dinner Trivia 7:30 PM	22 Higher Degree Day Euchre 12:30 PM Lunch & Dinner Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7 - 10 PM	23 Lunch Dinner 4 - 7 PM Bingo 6:00 PM	24 Dance Class 10:30 AM Mahjong 12:45 PM Lunch & Dinner Music by <i>Sweet Lou</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM	25 Corn Hole 11 AM Lunch & Dinner Music by <i>Michael Starr</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM
26 Breakfast 8 - 12 noon Lunch 1:30-6 PM Races 5 PM Queen of Hearts follows	27 MEMORIAL DAY Burgers-Dogs free will donation 12 - 3 by the Moose Legion Lodge closes 4 PM	28 Mahjong 12: 30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Lunch & Dinner Trivia 7:30 PM	29 Higher Degree Day Euchre 12:30 PM Lunch & Dinner Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7 - 10 PM	30 Lunch Dinner 4 - 7 PM Bingo 6:00 PM	31 Dance Class 10:30 AM Mahjong 12:45 PM Lunch & Dinner Music by <i>Taylor & Taylor</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM	 Valued Vet Luncheon Saturday, May 18, 11 AM - 1 PM No charge for the Vet who may bring one guest: \$5 lunch. Sponsored by Moose Legion.