



# Herd's Word

Venice Moose Lodge 1308

Venice Moose Chapter 758

Venicefloridamoose.com

January, 2025



**Breakfast every Sunday 8:00 – 11:00 A.M.**



**Every NFL game every Sunday  
Super Bowl Party February 9**



**Burger Baskets offered all day every Monday  
Burger Baskets with potato chips \$5  
Burger Baskets with French fries \$6**

**January 11 Blood Drive 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.**



**Blood Drive!**

## **Weekly Events**

Monday Musical Monday Night Mix 6:00—8:00 P.M.

Tuesday Mah Jongg 12:30 P.M.; Cribbage 1 P.M. and Trivia 7:30-9:30 P.M.  
**Queen of Hearts Tickets Sales: 5:30 Drawing 7:00**

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

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

Friday Mah Jongg 12:45 P. M.

Saturday Corn Hole 11 A.M.

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. Show Me the Money to follow**



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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*

Lydia Ferri

APPOINTED OFFICERS

*Sergeant-at-Arms*

Russell Green

*Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms*

Art Villarreal

*Inner Guard*

Mary Foster

*Outer Guard*

Karen Beadle

**President's Message**



Greetings, Venice Moose members. I trust that all had a happy holiday season, and on behalf of myself and the Executive Board, I wish all of you a happy and healthy New Year. Looking back at 2024, it was a pretty good year, with the exception of Moose International dragging their feet on giving us the go ahead with the renovations. Through your generosity we were able to make charitable donations which helped many throughout the Moose fraternity and also local organizations that needed help. I am very proud of the Venice Lodge members and I look forward to continuing our good work.

There are several upcoming activities planned for the lodge: the Manatee 58 Golden Ball Ceremony on January 18th, which tells the story of the Moose, including a dinner dance. If interested, see Bob Fultz for tickets. The Manatee 58 picnic is on February 16th at Port Charlotte. Posters are up around the lodge with all the information, and tickets are on sale at member services. There is a District 16 raffle for a Yeti cooler with 12 bottles of liquor and \$100 worth of scratch offs. Tickets are 3 for \$10 and available at member services. We are planning a comedy night at the lodge and an Elvis show featuring Tat2's Vito Ameruoso. Dates and information for both will be forthcoming.

As we begin a new year, I would like to thank all our members who have volunteered during the past year: all those who give their time week after week, those that volunteer whenever there is something to be fixed in the lodge or help in any way at our functions throughout the year, and those that volunteer outside of the lodge. We wouldn't be the amazing lodge that we are without you. THANK YOU!! And don't we have the best cooks and bar staff in Florida!! In closing, we have a great lodge, with the friendliest members so 2025 is going to be a fun year.

Fraternally yours, Donald J. Green

**Moose of the Month**



My Moose of the Month for January is a relative newcomer, but he has made quite an impact. He introduced himself to me and said, "I'm a handyman and if you need anything fixed you let me know." WELL, it didn't take long for us to take him up on that! **Patrick Hannon** has been fixing things around the lodge for a month now and he just keeps saying, this or that needs work, and wants to know when he can do it. Pat, you are a gift to the lodge.

## Junior Past Regent's Message

Congratulations to Dotty Kirkpatrick for receiving the WOTM 2024 Chapter Member of the Year Award!



Thank you to all who came and supported our bake sale. Whether you baked something, bought something, or came and worked the bake sale, we appreciate you.

Another big Thank You goes out to everyone who showed up to decorate the Lodge for Christmas. It looks beautiful! If you haven't noticed the tree, we have started placing pictures in memory of loved ones and friends who have passed. If you have someone that is special to you, and you would like to place a picture on the tree, we would love to have it on there.

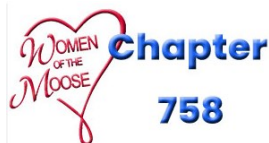
This month we have a "Dine Like a Local" raffle. We have over \$500 in gift cards from restaurants around Venice and scratch off lottery cards. Drawing will be held Dec 29th. January 27th and 28th is our Gaming Getaway. There are still seats available on the bus. If you are interested in going, call All Around Tours 941-488-9393 to book your spot. You will need to be at the lodge by 8 AM and the bus leaves at 8:45 AM. Bring your dollars; we play games on the bus. There will be coffee and donuts available for purchase before we leave. The bus will return approximately 10 PM on January 28th.

Our Paint and Sip party has been canceled for January. We plan to reschedule it.

Happy New Year to all!

Mary Foster

JPR



## WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

### Chapter #758 Monthly Meetings:

#### 1st Monday of the Month

10:00 am Committees

10:15 am Board of Officers

#### 2nd Monday of the Month

3:45 pm Application Review

4:00 pm Financial Review

5:00 pm General Meeting

### Board of Officers

Junior Past Regent **Mary Foster**

[maryafos727@gmail.com](mailto:maryafos727@gmail.com)

Senior Regent– Vacant

Secretary **Charlene Turczyn**

Treasurer **Judy Sporar**

Guide - **Geri Kirk**

### 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/](mailto: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](mailto:maryafos727@gmail.com)

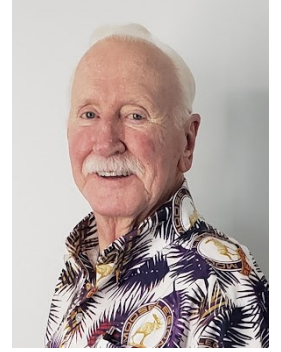
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## Moose Legion



I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday and I am wishing you a great New Year.

Just a reminder to get your Golden Ball tickets. It will be at the Port Charlotte Moose January 18<sup>th</sup>. Cocktails 5-6, dinner 6-7:30, music 8 PM. This is a Black Tie/Regalia. Tickets are available through Bob Fultz. Also, Manatee 58 picnic is February 16th, noon to 4 PM. Tickets available in member services. Tickets include food and beer. American Made will be playing.

The next Moose Legion Conferral Celebration will be March 15th at Ft. Myers Beach at noon.

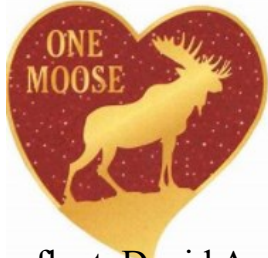
Next District 16 meeting is January 11th at North Port Lodge. Meeting starts at noon.

We still have some tickets left for the cash raffle. Next meeting will be January 8th at 6 PM.

Ric Foster







### *Holiday Parade a Success!*

Fifteen Special Olympians enjoyed this year's Venice Holiday Parade while riding on our Lodge's float in the City of Venice Holiday Parade. A great big "GOOD JOB" has to go out to all of the volunteers from our Lodge who transported, assembled and decorated our float. David Anderson once again used his truck to move the trailer from storage to the Lodge, where repairs were made to the wood flooring of the trailer by Ron Wencil, Russell Green, Rick Colon and Larry Cioffe. Then a new coat of white paint was added to the railings and the trailer was ready to become a float. Lights and other decorations were added a week before the parade by an enthusiastic group of eager volunteers.

Larry Cioffe generously donated his generator to run the lights and music on the float, and Lonnie Beck volunteered to pull the float in the parade with help from Gordon Taylor. Gena Luoma from Special Olympics did a spectacular job organizing the Special Olympians before, during, and after the parade, and Randy Klinger made sure we had music for the Olympians to sing along with. A bevy of "Elves" from our Lodge marched alongside the float in the parade handing out candy to the children along the route.

Thousands of spectators along the parade route had the opportunity to see how the Moose supports local charities like the Special Olympics, thanks to the efforts of all our volunteers. A photo of the float with our volunteers and the Special Olympians is below. WE ARE MOOSE PROUD!

Joe Toth, Heart of the Community Chairman  
[jtoth813@gmail.com](mailto:jtoth813@gmail.com)

Special Olympians and our Moose Lodge 'Elves' prior to participating in the Venice Holiday Parade.





## 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 are as a Moose member.

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

**Several new members have requested that Orientation be held on a different day of the week and during the day. So, this month I will be holding two orientations:**

**Tuesday January 14th, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Police Station, 1575 E. Venice Ave.**

**Saturday, January 18th at 11:00 am in the Mooseheart Room at the Lodge.**

**I will be sending out invitations to new members in early January. When you respond, please note which session you would like to attend.**

**If you are an existing member and would like to attend, you can email me at [jadayton@yahoo.com](mailto:jadayton@yahoo.com). Thank You!!**

Joanne Dayton

Orientation Director



**Venice WOTM #758  
Gaming Getaway  
January 27-28, 2025**

**\$197 PER PERSON Based on Double Occupancy  
\$273 PER PERSON Based on Single Occupancy  
\$171 PER PERSON Based on Triple Occupancy  
\$159 PER PERSON Based on Quad Occupancy**

**Casinos: Hollywood Hard Rock, Harrah's Pompano Beach, Coconut Creek and Immokalee!**

**Hotel: Fairfield Inn by Marriott, one night stay with full breakfast**

**\*New Hotel\***



**Tentative Itinerary: Depart Moose Lodge at 8:45 A.M. January 27, 2025**

Monday 1/27/25: Hollywood Hard Rock 12:00 PM-4:00 PM, Harrah's Pompano Beach Casino from 5:00 PM 9:00 PM

Tuesday 1/28/25: Coconut Creek 9:30 AM-1:30 PM, Immokalee 3:30PM - 7:30 PM

Spend a restfunight at the Fairfield by Marriott with free **full breakfast**.

\*Possible free play at casinos

**Return approximately 10:00 P.M. January 28, 2025**

**Reservations:** Contact All Around Tours at 941-488-9393 and mention that you are with the Venice Moose Lodge. Payment can be made with Visa, Mastercard, check or cash.

**Questions:** Contact Lynn Lodge at 941-716-0687.



## A Note from The Board of Officers

The Board of Officers would like to offer our best wishes to David Anderson, our Kitchen Manager for the past eight years, as he has accepted a promotion within Motorola. He will be missed by all.



We are pleased to announce the promotion of Christofer Reed to the position of Kitchen Manager. Chris has been an integral member of our kitchen crew for the past year.

Chris, 40, was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA where he received his Culinary Degree. Over the next 10 years, he moved to Atlanta, GA, where he honed his skills in a few great restaurants. In 2016, he moved to Florida to serve, for the next six years, as an Executive Chef on Longboat Key. Lucky for us, we were able to snatch him up when he relocated to Venice in 2023.

Please welcome Chris as he fine-tunes operations and maintains this lodge's reputation for great food.



The Board of Officers would like to offer their sincere appreciation to each and every volunteer who makes operating our lodge possible. Their dedication and determination have made 2024 a very successful year.



We look eagerly forward to another prosperous year in 2025.





Timothy Ebel



Dana Pratt  
Steven Donofrio  
Bob Johnson

As your chaplain this year, I need your help. If anyone has any information regarding Venice 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](mailto:jadayton@yahoo.com)  
Thank you, Joanne Dayton  
For Women of the Moose illness or death, please contact Mary Foster at [maryafos727@gmail.com](mailto:maryafos727@gmail.com)

## Meeting Schedule

### Lodge Meetings

January 6

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

General Meeting 6:30 P.M.

January 14

New Member Orientation

6:30 P.M. Venice Police Station

January 18

New Member Orientation

11:00 A.M. Lodge

January 8

Moose Legion 6:00 P.M.

January 20

Officers' Meeting 5:30 P.M.

### WOTM Meeting

January 6

10:00 A.M. Chapter Committees

10:15 A.M. Board of Officers

January 13

3:45 P.M. Application Review Com.

4:00 P.M. Financial Review Com.

5:00 P.M. Chapter #758 Business



### 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](mailto: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 - 11 AM

# JANUARY 2025

## 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:  
 941-485-7333  
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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
 <h3>BLOOD DRIVE</h3> <p><b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 11</b>  <b>9 AM - 1 PM</b></p>			<b>1</b> Lunch & Dinner Higher Degree Day Euchre 12:30 PM Lodge Closes 4 PM NO Dinner	<b>2</b> Lunch & Dinner Bingo 6:00 PM	<b>3</b> Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:45 PM Music by <i>Top Shelf</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM	<b>4</b> Cornhole 11 AM Music: <i>Bobby &amp; Doreen</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM
<b>5</b> Breakfast 8 - 11 AM Sunday Fun Day Lunch 12:30 - 6 PM Moose Races 5 PM Show Me the Money follows	<b>6</b> Lunch & Dinner Music: 6 - 8 PM <i>Dennis &amp; Friends</i> <b>Lodge Mtg. 6:30 PM</b>	<b>7</b> Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Trivia w/ Queen of Hearts 6:30 PM	<b>8</b> Lunch & Dinner Higher Degree Day Euchre 12:30 PM <b>Moose Legion Mtg 6 PM</b> Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7-10 PM	<b>9</b> Lunch & Dinner Bingo 6:00 PM	<b>10</b> Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:45 PM Music by <i>Lisa Ridings Duo</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM	<b>11</b> Blood Drive 9 AM - 1 PM Cornhole 11 AM <b>FMA District 16 Noon @ North Port</b> Music: <i>Fawny</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM
<b>12</b> Breakfast 8 - 11 AM Sunday Fun Day Football Lunch 12:30 - 6 PM Moose Races 5 PM Show Me the Money follows	<b>13</b> Lunch & Dinner Tin Can Sailors meet <b>WOTM Chapter Mtg. 5 PM</b> Music 6 - 8 PM <i>Lonnie Paul &amp; Bill V</i>	<b>14</b> Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Trivia w/ Queen of Hearts 6:30 PM New Member Orientation @ 6:30 PM Venice PD Station	<b>15</b> Auburn Road Cleanup 9 AM Lunch & Dinner Higher Degree Day Euchre 12:30 PM Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7-10 PM	<b>16</b> Lunch & Dinner Bingo 6:00 PM	<b>17</b> Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:45 PM Music by <i>Escape</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM	<b>18</b> New Member Orientation @ 11 AM Mooseheart Room Cornhole 11 AM Lunch & Dinner Music: <i>Sweet Lou</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM
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