



Herd's Word

Venice Moose Lodge 1308

Venice Moose Chapter 758

Venicefloridamoose.com

March, 2025



Breakfast every Sunday 8:00 – Noon

March 17 St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner 12-4 PM.



April 6 Luau 4 PM to 7 PM.

April 13 Bob Anderson Memorial Golf Tournament



April 27 Elvis Concert Dinner Show



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 6:30

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 Country music and line dancing 1-4 P.M.
Horse Races and 50/50 Ticket Sales start at 4:30 P.M. (Not on 3/2)
Horse Races start at 5:00 P.M. Show Me the Money to follow





President's Message

Greetings fellow Venice Moose Members. I hope all is well with everyone. This article will be a bit lengthy as there is much to cover. First, recapping some events from February. Those that watched the Super Bowl at the lodge had a great time, especially the winners, and I don't mean the Eagles. Close to 80 of our members enjoyed some fun on the Moose Cruise to the ABC islands and another 86 members enjoyed the Manatee 58 picnic at Port Charlotte. There is always something going on at the lodge, and if you get involved you are sure to have fun.

Upcoming events at the lodge for March: on the 2nd we will be starting Country Music on Sunday afternoons at the lodge so come on down and dance the day away. Also, that night there will be a comedy night at the lodge with several comedians who have donated their time to entertain us at no cost, so we could donate all the proceeds to charity. So far over \$4,000 has been sent to Moose Charities from this with more to come. A Big Thank You to Venice Moose Member Rocky Mangiarano, for putting this all together. Sorry but the show sold out within a couple of days. Next up is St. Patrick's Day and we will be serving our famous Corned Beef Dinner from Noon to 4pm. Tickets are \$20 and available at Member Services. Only a limited number of tickets are being sold so get your tickets early.

Looking ahead to April, mark your calendar. On the 13th, we will be having the Bob Anderson Memorial golf outing. Get your team together and sign up. If you can't make the outing, become a sponsor for this great event with the proceeds going to Special Olympics. On the 27th there will be an Elvis Tribute dinner show, starring Vito Ameruoso (Tat2) at the lodge. Posters are displayed with the information.

Now for some business. We met with Moose International representatives earlier in February to discuss our plans for the lodge. We explained that there are projects that we have to do: a new roof and a complete fire suppression system. We need to make more room for our members, as our membership is increasing. We HAVE to have additional seating. They went over our financial records and asked a lot of questions, which were answered. Then they told us that at this time we could not afford to take out the 2.6 million dollar loan that would cover the entire project that we wanted to do which would include a new kitchen and all the other renovations we wanted to do, because we would be paying at least \$15,000 a month on the loan.

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LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

Lodge 1308

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Venice, FL 34292

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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

Then the Good News. They said that with the money we had raised already, we could go ahead with the new roof, the fire suppression system and the renovation of the lanai.

The process now involves getting three separate bids for each of those projects and submitting the best bid for approval, which they will approve. Our contractor is now securing those bids for us and we will send them along as soon as possible. FINALLY, the process has started. The Moose International team also told us that if the membership made more donations and we continued to get our costs down, we would have no problem getting approval for the remainder of our renovations.

It is the time of the year for Lodge elections. If you would like to become an officer in the lodge, the elected positions of President, Vice President, Chaplain, Treasurer and Trustee are open for nominations. Nomination forms, requirements and instructions are available on the bulletin board in the hallway by the bathrooms.

Sadly it has been brought to my attention that some members are making rude and disrespectful remarks to other lodge member in the social quarters. It does not matter if you are a full time or part time resident, the fact is that we are all Moose Members and should be treated as such. NO EXCEPTIONS!! If someone comes into the lodge, it does not matter if he is a full time resident, part time resident or a member from another lodge visiting our lodge. He is to be treated in a friendly, courteous manner, the same as you would expect to be treated at any other lodge. Please don't be the person who makes our lodge look bad.

Moose of the Month



My Moose of the Month for March is **John Barry**. For years now John has been serving the lodge as a busser and dishwasher. He is always there early on Sunday mornings and evenings during the week. If he is not taking the plates off the tables or loading them into the dishwasher, you may see him solving a puzzle. Thank you, John, for all you do.

Fraternally yours,
Donald Green, President

Junior Past Regent's Message



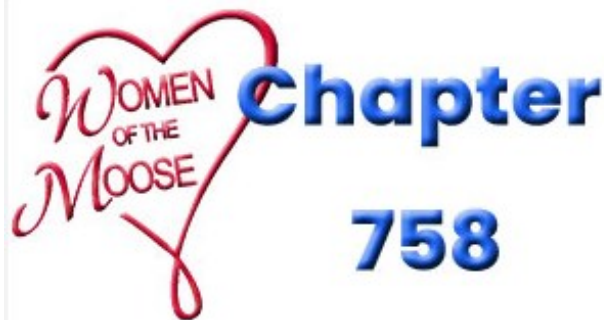
We still have raffle tickets for our Spring Fling Raffle. The drawing will be on Friday, the 28th, in the evening. Tickets can be purchased in Member Services.

Currently we are looking for nominees for our 2025-2026 Chapter year. If you are interested in a position, Senior Regent, Treasurer, or Secretary, the intent forms are located on the WOTM board in the hallway. Fill one out and give it to one of the current officers of the Chapter. Our next nominating committee will be March 10th at 3:30 PM.

Sunday, April 6th, we will be having a Luau from 4 PM to 7 PM. More details soon to come.

We are collecting baby items for the FMA mid-year project. The items are going to Healthy Start Coalition. These items will be taken to the Orlando Convention in April. Items requested: diapers preemie-3, baby bottles with liners, soft books, baby wipes, diaper cream, clothing preemie-12 months, and receiving blankets.

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

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

Chapter e-mail

Chapter758@outlook.com



Women of the Moose

Do you ever wonder why the Women of the Moose have so many fundraisers, or why women should join the chapter when they are already a member of the lodge?

Here's why- EVERY month of the year, WOTM Chapters support a different function of Mooseheart or Moosehaven including:



Moosehaven Daily Needs – clothing, laundry, newspapers, pet needs, bicycle repairs



Mooseheart Feed a Home in December



Mooseheart Girls' Athletic Program



Mooseheart Boys' Athletic Program



Moosehaven Vision, Hearing, and Dental costs



Mooseheart and Moosehaven Christmas Presents



Mooseheart and Moosehaven Photo Fund



Mooseheart Music Department



Mooseheart Special Activities Fund



Physical and Occupational Therapy



Moosehaven Pharmacy Assistance Fund



Mooseheart Right Start Program



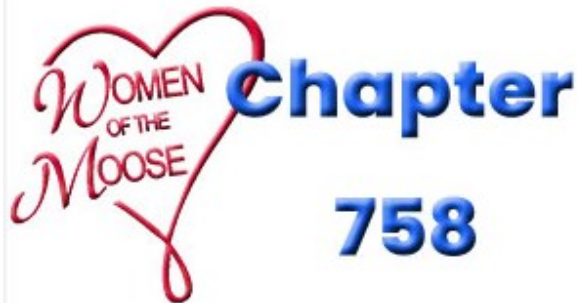
Moose Scholarship and Maintenance Fund

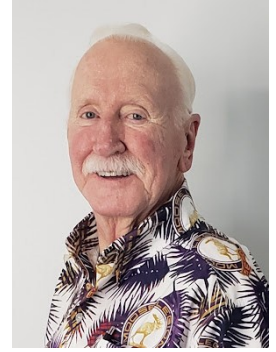
So you see how important the work of our chapters is. Please consider this if you are thinking about joining a chapter or renewing your dues.

To our current chapter members, we are still doing good work. Come to our monthly chapter meetings and see how you can help us keep supporting our children and seniors.

To our lodge members, please keep supporting our endeavors so that we may keep supporting others!

Thank you!





Moose Legion

I would like to thank all the Moose Legionnaires who helped at the Manatee 58 picnic. I hear it was very successful and it is because of everyone who came out to support the event.

St. Patrick's Day we are having our famous Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner from 12-4 PM. We can always use some help that day. If you can help see Russ Green or myself.

Our next District 16 meeting is at Punta Gorda. The meeting starts at noon. We will be pulling the ticket for the Yeti cooler raffle that day. Tickets are available in member services.

There will be a Moose Legion Conferral at Ft. Myers Beach on Saturday March 15th at noon.

The next Moose Legion meeting is March 12th. Social hour at 5; meeting at 6.

Ric Foster

MLAC





Heart of the Community

Thank You to everyone who supported our “Rock the Rocker” fundraiser over the last month. Your donations are vital to the continued successful operation of both Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

Thank You also to everyone who reported their volunteer hours for the quarter ending in January. Going forward, we will be looking for your next quarterly reports after the quarter ending April, 2025.

This year’s Heart of the Community project at the Florida Moose Association mid-year Conference in April is “The Greatest Baby Shower.” Our Lodge will be collecting diapers, clothes, wipes, blankets, books and any other baby supplies for distribution to the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions. Look for the playpen near the front door beginning March 1st.

Our Lodge supports Special Olympics with our annual donation from our Bob Anderson Memorial Golf Tournament. This year’s tournament will be held on April 13. We are hoping that every member of our Lodge will support this tournament by obtaining a donation from local businesses, by volunteering to help on the day of the tournament, or by registering to play. Talk to Richard Kenney for more info on how you can help make this year’s tournament our best ever.

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



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.

VENUE: VENICE POLICE STATION, 1575 E VENICE AVE, VENICE FL

DAY: TUESDAY, March 11, 2025

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



MOOSE CRAWL!

MARCH 30



10 AM ~ 7 PM

BUS WILL DEPART AND RETURN FROM THE LODGE

AND VISIT (LOCATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

FORT MYERS | CAPE CORAL | PORT CHARLOTTE

COST \$50.00 PP

RAFFLE FOR A 75-INCH TV: \$10.00 PER TICKET

IF INTERESTED, THERE IS A SIGNUP SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.



None to Report!

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

Meeting Schedule

Lodge Meetings

March 3

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

General Meeting 6:30 P.M

March 11

New Member Orientation

6:30 P.M. Venice Police Station

March 12

Moose Legion 5:00 P.M. Social Hour; 6:00 P.M. Meeting

March 24

Officers' Meeting 5:30 P.M.

General Meeting 6:30 P.M

WOTM Meeting

March 3

10:00 A.M. Chapter Committees

10:15 A.M. Board of Officers

March 10

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 or call 941-493-1750.

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

MARCH 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
 web: venicefloridamoose.com
 mail: venicemooselodge@gmail.com
 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
SUNDAY 1 - 4 PM COUNTRY MUSIC AND LIVE DANCING		 MOOSE CRAWL March 30 10 AM ~ 7 PM Bus will depart and return from the lodge and visit Fort Myers Cape Coral Port Charlotte Cost \$50 pp			 1 Cornhole 11 AM Music: TAT2 7:30 - 10:30 PM	
2 Breakfast Lunch 1:30-6 PM Line Dancing 1-4 PM NO Show Me Money NO Moose Races Doors Close at 6:30 PM Comedy Show-ticketed event @ 8 PM, doors reopen 7:15 PM	3 Lunch & Dinner Music: 6 - 8 PM Dennis & Friends Lodge Mtg. 6:30 PM	4 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Trivia w/ Queen of Hearts 6:30 PM	5 Lunch & Dinner Higher Degree Day Euchre 12:30 PM Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7-10 PM	6 Lunch & Dinner Bingo 6:00 PM	7 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:45 PM Music by Bobby & Doreen 7:30 - 10:30 PM	8 Cornhole 11 AM FMA District 16 Noon @ Punta Gorda Music: Hot Mix 7:30 - 10:30 PM
9 Breakfast Sunday Fun Day Lunch 1:30-6 PM Line Dancing 1-4 PM Moose Races 5 PM Show Me the Money follows	10 Lunch & Dinner Tin Can Sailors meet WOTM Chapter Mtg. 5 PM Music 6 - 8 PM Lonnie Paul & Bill	11 Mahjong 12:30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Trivia w/ Queen of Hearts 6:30 PM Moose Orientation @ 6:30 PM Venice PD Station	12 Higher Degree Day Euchre 12:30 PM Moose Legion Food 5 PM Mtg 6 PM Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7-10 PM	13 Lunch & Dinner Bingo 6:00 PM	14 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:45 PM Music by Robert & Wolfe 7:30 - 10:30 PM	15 Cornhole 11 AM Lunch & Dinner Music: Fawny 7:30 - 10:30 PM
16 Breakfast Sunday Fun Day Lunch 1:30-6 PM Line Dancing 1-4 PM Moose Races 5 PM Show Me the Money follows	17 St.Patrick's Day Party Ticketed Event noon - 4 PM \$20 Lodge reopens 5 PM Dinner 5-7 Music 6 - 8 PM Dennis & Friends NO MEETING	18 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Trivia w/ Queen of Hearts 6:30 PM	19 Lunch & Dinner Higher Degree Day Euchre 12:30 PM Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7-10 PM	20 Lunch & Dinner Bingo 6:00 PM	21 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:45 PM Music by Lisa Ridings Duo 7:30 - 10:30 PM	22 Cornhole 11 AM Lunch & Dinner Music: Black Velvet 7:30 - 10:30 PM
23 Breakfast Sunday Fun Day Lunch 1:30-6 PM Line Dancing 1-4 PM Moose Races 5 PM Show Me the Money follows	24 Lunch & Dinner Music 6 - 8 PM Lonnie Paul & Bill V Lodge Mtg. 6:30 PM	25 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Trivia w/ Queen of Hearts 6:30 PM	26 Lunch & Dinner Higher Degree Day Euchre 12:30 PM Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7-10 PM	27 Lunch & Dinner Bingo 6:00 PM	28 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:45 PM Music by Top Shelf 7:30 - 10:30 PM	29 Cornhole 11 AM Lunch & Dinner Music: The Allegros 7:30 - 10:30 PM
30 Breakfast Sunday Fun Day Lunch 1:30-6 PM Line Dancing 1-4 PM Moose Races 5 PM Show Me the Money follows	31 Lunch & Dinner Music 6 - 8 PM Gary Vogel	St. Patrick's Day Party March 17  March 17 Hours of Operation St.Patrick's Day Party is a Ticketed Event \$20 pp from noon - 4 PM with music by Lonnie Paul & Bill V. The Lodge reopens to the Membership at 5 PM with dinner from 5 - 7 PM, music by Dennis & Friends. NO MEETINGS THIS DATE				