



Herd's Word

Venice Moose Lodge 1308

Venice Moose Chapter 758

Venicefloridamoose.com

April, 2025



Breakfast every Sunday 8:00 – Noon

April 13 Bob Anderson Memorial Golf Tournament



**April 27 Elvis Concert Dinner Show
Dinner 4 P.M., Show 5 P.M.**



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 Line dancing lessons 4/6 and 4/27 1-3 P.M.

Horse Races and 50/50 Ticket Sales start at 4:30 P.M. (Just April 6)

Horse Races start at 5:00 P.M. Show Me the Money to follow



LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

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111 N. Auburn Road
Venice, FL 34292
941-485-7333 (Social)
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OFFICERS

President

Donald Green

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Two Year Trustee

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Three Year Trustee

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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, fellow Venice Moose members. I hope that all is well for everyone. March was a good month for Venice Moose. We welcomed many new members. We had a comedy show, a few great raffles, a picnic at Port Charlotte, an awesome dinner on St. Patrick's Day, a bus ride to visit a few of the other lodges, and we started Country Music on Sundays. Hopefully you participated in some or all of these events and had a great experience. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped to make the St. Patrick's Day dinner a success. Although it is a dinner, it is run and staffed by volunteers and it takes much planning to make sure you all have a great day. I would especially like to thank Russ Green for being the Chairman of the event and making sure everything was done right. I also thank Sharon Onstott for securing all the servers for the event.

Now on to April- unfortunately we had to cancel the Luau as there were not enough tickets sold.

- ◆ We will be having the Bob Anderson Memorial Golf outing on Sunday April 13. Please stop into some of the merchants that you frequent and ask them to be a sponsor as all proceeds go to support the Special Olympics. Information and forms for sponsors and players are available at Member Services.
- ◆ On Easter Sunday, we will be serving breakfast and the lodge will close shortly after.
- ◆ On April 26th, District 16 will have Bingo at the lodge. Tickets are \$25 and all games will pay \$100 with the last game prize of \$1,000.
- ◆ On April 27th, we will install the Lodge Officers for the 2025-2026 Moose Year at 12:30.
- ◆ Also on the 27th **ELVIS** will be returning to Venice to perform for us. This is a great show. The price is \$35 which includes a chicken parmigiana dinner. The dinner starts at 4pm with the show starting at 5pm. Tickets are available at Member Services and there will be a limited amount of tickets sold.
- ◆ We will be having a Kentucky Derby party on Saturday, May 3, with contests and race betting. Look for more information posted at the lodge.

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Update on the renovation/repairs that will be made at the lodge: because we had to rearrange some of the plans we had before, we needed to get some new architectural designs and estimates on the costs. These are almost done and we will get several bids for each step and send our winning bid to Moose International. Then the work can start. I will keep you all informed along the way. When I know something, you will know the same.

Now I have to talk about something that upsets me and the Board of Officers. In my travels within the Moose Fraternity I have been told that people find our lodge to be UNFRIENDLY!!! This should not be. We are a fraternity, all with the same ideals, to help others and have fun while doing so. We have several thousand members and all of us did not enter the lodge with a bunch of friends. Most of us came in with a friend and thought it was a great place and something that we wanted to be part of and by being open and friendly we acquired more friends within the lodge. When did that stop?? I am asking everyone to go back to that time, if you see a new face, say hello. If you see someone looking for a seat, invite them to sit with you. If someone sits next to you at the bar, say hello and engage them in conversation. It would be great to hear what a friendly lodge Venice is again.

Moose of the Month



My Moose of the Month for April is **Sharon Onstott**. For years, Sharon served the lodge as the Administrative Assistant and ran the office like a fine-tuned machine. Even though she retired from that job, she is always available to help when needed. Recently Sharon has taken on the task (again) of assigning volunteers to the daily tasks associated with the dining room. I don't know why she did, but I am glad that she did. Sharon, Thank You for all you have done and continue to do.

Fraternally Yours,
Donald Green

Junior Past Regent's Message



We are still in need of ladies to step up and help the Chapter out for next year. We need a Senior Regent, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Chapter does so much for Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and our community. Our Chapter alone donates to Moose Charities on average of \$12,000- \$15,000 a year and approximately \$8,000 plus to our local community. So, you can see why it is important to keep our Chapter active.

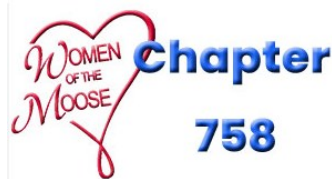
Congratulations to **Susan Nash** for winning the Spring Fling Raffle!

Due to not enough interest, the Luau has been cancelled. We will have an Easter Basket Raffle. The drawing will be held on 4/22.

We are changing the times and date of all the meetings for April ONLY. They will all be on April 7th as follows: Board meeting 3:00PM, Application review 3:30 if needed, Financial Review 3:45, Nominating 4:00, and General meeting 4:45.

Don't forget we are collecting baby items to take to Orlando for the Convention in April. They will be distributed to Health Start Coalition throughout the State. If you could bring the items in by April 7th it would be appreciated.

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

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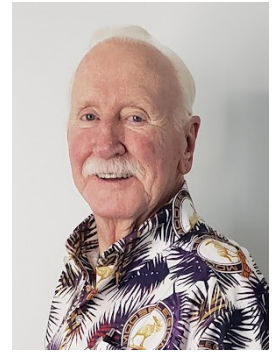
Please notify us if you know of a sister who is ill or has suffered the loss of a loved one. Please contact:

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Moose Legion

I would like to thank everyone who came out on St Patrick's Day. We served over 200 meals. Thank you to all who helped that day. As always, the dinner was delicious.

At the mini Conferral at Punta Gorda Lodge, 12 members were conferred. Larry Morgan from our Lodge was one of them. Congratulations and welcome to the Moose Legion program.

The April Moose Legion meeting will be April 2nd, not April 9th, at 6 PM.

There will be a mini-conferral on April 5 at 10:00 AM at the Venice Lodge.

There is a Moose Legion Training class being held on April 19th from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Venice Lodge. If interested in attending, please be there by 10 AM.

The Annual Bob Anderson Golf Tournament will be held April 13th. Get your team together or you can also sponsor a hole to help support this cause. All proceeds go to Special Olympics.

On April 27th we are having an Elvis dinner show with Vito Ameruso. Tickets are available in Member Services.

Ric Foster LMLC





Heart of the Community

Our Auburn Road Warriors will be hitting the road on Wednesday, April 16th at 9:00 am for the quarterly cleanup of the one and a half miles of Auburn Road fronting our Lodge. Look for a sign-up sheet on the Lodge bulletin board. New recruits are always welcome! You will be provided with safety vests, garbage bags, grabbers, coffee and donuts. Plus you might get your picture in the next issue of the *Herd's Word*!

There is still time to donate to this year's Heart of the Community project at the Florida Moose Association mid-year Conference in April. Our Lodge is 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.

Don't forget to report your volunteer hours for the quarter ending in April. We will be looking for your next reports no later than the first week of May.

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. Members of our Lodge can 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

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THE MOOSE FAMILY





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. In April we will be holding 2 Orientations, the monthly one

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

DAY: TUESDAY, April 8th, 2025

TIME: 6:30-7:30 PM

And a special one for folks who can't attend in the evening or have a conflict with Tuesday evenings. VENUE: Mooseheart Room, Venice Moose Lodge 1308

Day: Saturday April 12th at 11:00 am

Everyone who attends will get a free drink ticket so I really need to know who is coming so I don't run out!! 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





Larry Dlugolencki
 Ron Wichert
 Richard Wroznec

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 (note date changes)

Lodge Meetings

WOTM Meeting

April 2

Moose Legion 6:00 P.M. Meeting

April 7

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

General Meeting 6:30 P.M

April 8

New Member Orientation

6:30 P.M. Venice Police Station

Orientation April 12 11 A.M. Lodge

April 15 Moose Legion Mini-Conferral 10 A.M. Venice Lodge

April 21

Officers' Meeting 5:30 P.M.

General Meeting 6:30 P.M

April 7

3:00 P.M. Board of Officers

3:30 P.M. Application Review Com.

3:45 P.M. Financial Review Com.

4:00 P.M. Nominating Committee

4:45 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

APRIL 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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 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	
Bob Anderson Memorial Golf Outing  Proceeds go to Special Olympics Sunday, April 13		1 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Trivia w/ Queen of Hearts 6:30 PM	2 Lunch & Dinner Higher Degree Day Euchre 12:30 PM Moose Legion Mtg 6 PM Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7-10 PM	3 Lunch & Dinner Bingo 6:00 PM	4 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:45 PM Music by Michael Starr 7:30 - 10:30 PM	5 Cornhole 11 AM Moose Legion Mini-conferal 10 AM FMA D16 Noon @ Port Charlotte Music: TAT2 7:30 - 10:30 PM	
6 Breakfast Lunch 1:30-6 PM Line Dance Lessons 1-3PM Moose Races 5 PM Show Me the Money follows	7 Lunch & Dinner Music: 6 - 8 PM Dennis & Friends WOTM Chapter Mtg. 4:45 PM Lodge Mtg. 6:30 PM	8 Mahjong 12:30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Trivia w/ Queen of Hearts 6:30 PM Moose Orientation @ 6:30 PM Venice PD Station	9 Higher Degree Day Euchre 12:30 PM Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7-10 PM	10 Lunch & Dinner Bingo 6:00 PM	11 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:45 PM Music by Fawny 7:30 - 10:30 PM	12 Cornhole 11 AM Moose Orientation @ 11 AM Mooseheart Room Music: Ron Lorenzo 7:30 - 10:30 PM	
Florida Moose Association Mid-Year Conference - Orlando							
13 Breakfast Bob Anderson Memorial Golf Outing Lodge closes Noon, Bar open until 8 PM NO Moose Races or Show Me Money	14 Lunch & Dinner Music 6 - 8 PM Lonnie Paul & Bill V	15 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Trivia w/ Queen of Hearts 6:30 PM	16 Lunch & Dinner Higher Degree Day Auburn Road Cleanup 9 AM Euchre 12:30 PM Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7-10 PM	17 Lunch & Dinner Bingo 6:00 PM	18 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:45 PM Music by Hot Mix 7:30 - 10:30 PM	19 Moose Legion Training 8 AM-4 PM Cornhole 11 AM Lunch & Dinner Music: Black Velvet 7:30 - 10:30 PM	
20 Breakfast Lodge closes 1:00 PM EASTER	21 Lunch & Dinner Music 6 - 8 PM Dennis & Friends Lodge Mtg. 6:30 PM	22 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Trivia w/ Queen of Hearts 6:30 PM	23 Lunch & Dinner Higher Degree Day Euchre 12:30 PM Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7-10 PM	24 Lunch & Dinner Bingo 6:00 PM	25 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:45 PM Music by Top Shelf 7:30 - 10:30 PM	26 Cornhole 11 AM FMA-D16 BINGO 11 AM - 2 PM Lunch & Dinner Music: Robert & Wolfe 7:30 - 10:30 PM	
27 Breakfast Kitchen close 2 PM Lodge Close 3 PM Line Dancing 1-3PM NO Moose Races or Show Me the Money Elvis Tribute w/Vito Ameruso Diner 4PM>Show5PM	28 Lunch & Dinner Music 6 - 8 PM Lonnie Paul & Bill V	29 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Trivia w/ Queen of Hearts 6:30 PM	30 Lunch & Dinner Higher Degree Day Euchre 12:30 PM Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7-10 PM	Vito Ameruso & TCB Band  ELVIS Sunday, April 27 Tickets @ Member Services			Scan for website 