



Herd's Word

Venice Moose Lodge 1308

Venice Moose Chapter 758

Venicefloridamoose.com

August, 2025



Breakfast every Sunday 8:00 – Noon

July 30 Auburn Road Cleanup 9:00 A.M.



August 4 Special Meeting 6:15 P.M.



August 9 District 16 picnic at the lodge Noon-4 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 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. will return in the fall

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

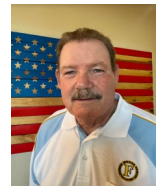
Sunday **(On Vacation until after Labor Day)**

No Horse Races and 50/50 Ticket Sales start at 4:30 P.M.

Horse Races start at 5:00 P.M. **No** Show Me the Money to follow



President's Message



LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

Lodge 1308

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Venice, FL 34292

941-485-7333 (Social)

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OFFICERS

President

Donald Green

Jr. Past President

Bob Fultz

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Joanne Dayton

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Terry La Du

Two Year Trustee

Rick Colon

Three Year Trustee

John DiSilvestro

Administrator

Lydia Ferri

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Sergeant-at-Arms

Russell Green

Inner Guard

Ric Foster

Outer Guard

Karen Beadle

Greetings all. WELCOME BACK!!!! Talk about a long hot summer without your favorite place for good food and cold drinks! But we are open now and happy to see everyone. It was somewhat agonizing to come to see the lodge closed and to have to postpone the reopening several times, but that is behind us now and we are resuming our regular activities. I want to give a huge THANK YOU to all the members who came to the lodge to help put things back together. There was a lot of cleaning and moving to be done and it could not have been done without the great members that we have. Sometime in the near future we will have a welcome back party to celebrate our reopening.

Looking ahead, District 16, which we are a part of, will be having its annual picnic right here at Venice Moose on August 9th from 12 to 4. Please come to enjoy yourself and support the District. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs salads and such to eat, live music and plenty of raffles and a silent auction. The price is \$15 per person and tickets are available at member services. The raffle tickets being sold are for six baskets, one from each lodge in the District. Each one has a different theme, with liquor. One raffle ticket gives six chances to win a basket. First ticket drawn gets choice and so on down the line. Winners will be drawn at the picnic. Tickets are available at member services.

Now the business part of the newsletter - we have completed all the work at the lodge: new roof, mold remediation, all new ceiling tiles and filters and vents. Since we were given an emergency dispensation from Moose International to have the mold remediation, we now need the membership's approval for the money that was spent on that endeavor. To accomplish this we need to have a special meeting to vote for the memberships approval. That meeting will take place on August 4th at 6:15pm in the Mooseheart room. A Constant Contact notice will be sent out to the membership.

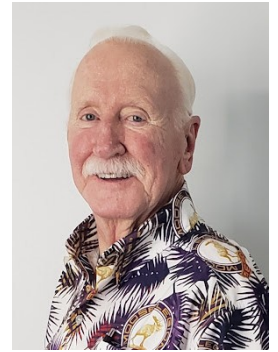
Our next step is already on the way. We have two of the necessary bids for the renovation of the lanai and will shortly have the third bid. They will be sent to Moose International with the winning bid recommendation for their approval, which should be given to us. The planned work is to replace the existing plastic walls with heavy duty aluminum walls and windows and steel doors. That would enable us to take down the two sets of doors leading to the lanai, remove the windows next to the doors, and cut the wall down to the floor, opening up the social quarters to the lanai. We have applied for a \$25,000 grant from Moose International and if that is granted we will still be short some \$35,000 or slightly more to complete this project. We would have to find the extra money and of course donations would be much appreciated.

That's all I have for now. I am always available for questions. I like to have the correct information for the members, so if you have a question let me know.

Fraternally yours, Donald Green

Moose of the Month for August

My Moose of the Month for August is **Orlando Guzman**. Orlando is a blessing to the lodge. He is always around offering his help for whatever needs to be done. He doesn't need to be asked. If he knows that something has to be fixed or help is needed, Orlando is there. Thank You, Orlando, for being one of our treasured volunteers.



Moose Legion

We will be raffling off a Blackstone grill with cover, a case of 6 oz hamburgers, and a case of beer. The raffle will start Aug 11th and will go until all tickets are sold. Tickets will be \$10 each or 3/ \$20.

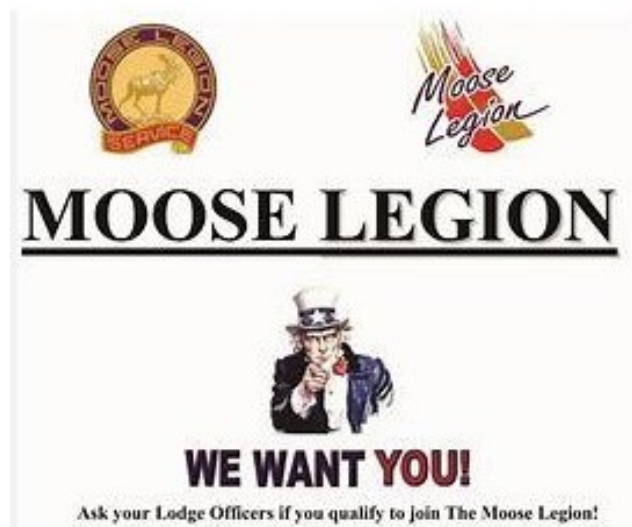
We need more volunteer door officers. If you can give us at least one night a month, it would be greatly appreciated. You will receive a dinner and drinks chips. Please let the office know if you can help.

August 9th will be the district picnic at our Lodge from 12-4. If you can help us, please let Donald Green know.

Manatee 58 Moose Legion Celebration is Sept 13th at noon. It is at Ft Myers Lodge 1899, 9171 College Parkway.

Next meeting will be Aug 13th, at 6 PM.

Ric Foster





Heart of the Community

It's good to have everyone back at the Lodge. But during the time that we were closed, our donations of food items to the local Food Bank dropped to zero. So how about we all make an extra effort to drop off some non-perishable food items at the collection box near the entrance to the Lodge the next time we are here.

Though we were closed, our Lodge did manage to make donations to several local and national charities this month. We also dropped off two boxes of Tommy Moose at the Venice Police Department for distribution by the officers to children in stressful situations. The Police Officers seem to love the stuffed Tommy Moose as much as the kids do!

Our Auburn Road Warriors will be hitting the road on Wednesday, July 30th 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! Safety vests, garbage bags and grabbers will be provided . Plus you might get your picture in the next issue of the Herd's Word!

If you are a volunteer at any of the following organizations during the months of May, June or July (**Challenger Baseball, Mote Marine, Special Olympics, Sarasota Memorial Hospital at Laurel Road, South County Food Pantry, Venice Theater, Keep Sarasota County Beautiful**), email me no later than the first day of August with the hours you spent and the miles you traveled. We will include them in our quarterly report to Moose International.

Welcome back, and remember to bring a donation for the Food Pantry the next time you are at the Lodge.

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

Fraternal Recognition Program

Moose CEO Scott Hart has announced a new Fraternal Recognition Program that is "open to every member – whether you just joined or have had your College of Regents Degree or Pilgrim Degree for 10 years, we all are starting at square one."

There are four levels within the program – **Preferred, Power, Prestige and Platinum**. This explainer page gives an overview of the **Preferred** and **Power** levels; the final two are not included as it will take a few years for members to meet all of the criteria. Every member must achieve the first level in order to advance.

Why do we need another recognition program? When the Moose Fraternity unified on May 1, 2021, female members began serving on lodge, district and association boards and committees. Unfortunately, this service did not count toward either of the two longstanding Higher Degree programs of the Women of the Moose (Academy, Star, College) or of the men's (Moose Legion, Fellowship, Pilgrim). In addition, nearly 500,000 male members of The Moose were not part of the current Higher Degree program. We designed this new recognition program so every member can participate.

Preferred Program Criteria:

- 1) Sponsor 1 new member into the Lodge
- 2) Attend Lodge Orientation presentation
- 3) Complete and log 10 volunteer hours at the lodge or that involves Moose-initiated Heart of the Community projects/events
- 4) Donate at least once to Moose Charities either via an online contribution or by check in support of Mooseheart or Moosehaven
- 5) Create and maintain an active My Membership Record.

Program Honors:

- 10,000 Moose Reward Points
- Custom Moose International Preferred Lapel Pin
- Moose-branded Preferred Laptop Sticker
- Certificate of Preferred Membership
- Moose-branded Preferred Challenge Coin
- Recognition on the Moose International Website
- Recognition on a "Wall of Honor" at Primary Lodge.

COMPLETE DETAILS ARE HERE:

<https://www.mooseintl.org/>

<https://www.mooseintl.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/2025-Fraternal-Recognition.pdf>

(NOTE: No activities prior to May 1, 2025 are considered as part of this program, even multi-year achievements. Therefore, any criteria that lists a multi-year or full-year requirement cannot be achieved within this fiscal year)



Power Status Criteria:

(Must hold Preferred Status and attain 5 of the 8 criteria)

- 1) Sponsor 5 Lodge members within a single membership campaign year – 5/1 thru 4/30 in either of the past 2 years
- 2) Served a complete/successful term as a Lodge Officer (5/1– 4/30)
- 3) Two consecutive years as a donor to Moose Charities, including the current year
- 4) Current in Lodge Leadership Training
- 5) Served a complete/successful term as Lodge Committee Chair (5/1 – 4/30)
- 6) Attended an International Moose Convention (2025 and going forward)
- 7) Have participated in an International Sports Tournament within the past 3 years
- 8) Complete and log a minimum of 50 cumulative volunteer hours at the lodge or that involves Moose-initiated Heart of the Community projects/events

Program Honors:

- 50,000 Moose Reward Points
- Custom Moose International Power Lapel Pin
- Moose-branded Power Premium T-shirt
- Moose-branded Power Laptop Sticker
- Certificate of Power Membership
- Moose-branded Power Challenge Coin
- Recognition on the Moose International Website
- Recognition on a "Wall of Honor" at Primary Lodge
- Special Edition Moose Power Membership Card.



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.

On vacation until September!

Joanne Dayton

Orientation Director





Robert Eboch
Charlie Lowe



Carol Anderson

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

August 4

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

Special Meeting 6:15 P.M. General Meeting 6:30 P.M.

August

New Member Orientation

On vacation until September

August 13

Moose Legion Meeting 6:00 P.M.

August 18

Officers' Meeting 5:30 P.M.

General Meeting 6:30 P.M.

WOTM Meeting

Canceled pending election

of Officers

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

AUGUST 2025

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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
						
3 Breakfast Lunch 1:30-6 PM	4 Lunch & Dinner Music 6 - 8 PM <i>Dennis & Friends</i> Lodge Mtg. 6:30 PM	5 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12: 30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Trivia w/ Queen of Hearts 6:30 PM	6 Lunch & Dinner Higher Degree Day Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7-10 PM	7 Lunch & Dinner Bingo 6:00 PM	8 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:45 PM Music by <i>2 For the Show</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM	9 PICNIC \$15 pp Tickets @ Member Services or at the door. Kitchen closed during picnic. Music: 7:30 - 10:30 PM <i>Hot Mix</i>
10 Breakfast Lunch 1:30-6 PM	11 Lunch & Dinner Music 6 - 8 PM <i>Lonnie Paul & Bill V</i>	12 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12: 30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Trivia w/ Queen of Hearts 6:30 PM	13 Lunch & Dinner Higher Degree Day Moose Legion 6 PM Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7-10 PM	14 Lunch & Dinner Bingo 6:00 PM	15 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:45 PM Music by <i>Ten Strings</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM	16 Lunch & Dinner Music: <i>TAT2</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM
17 Breakfast Lunch 1:30-6 PM	18 Lunch & Dinner Music 6 - 8 PM <i>Dennis & Friends</i> Lodge Mtg. 6:30 PM	19 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12: 30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Trivia w/ Queen of Hearts 6:30 PM	20 Lunch & Dinner Higher Degree Day Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7-10 PM	21 Lunch & Dinner Bingo 6:00 PM	22 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:45 PM Music by <i>Checkered Past</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM	23 Lunch & Dinner Music: <i>2 Doors Down</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM
24 Breakfast Lunch 1:30-6 PM	25 Lunch & Dinner Music 6 - 8 PM <i>Lonnie Paul & Bill V</i>	26 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12: 30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Trivia w/ Queen of Hearts 6:30 PM	27 Lunch & Dinner Higher Degree Day Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7-10 PM	28 Lunch & Dinner Bingo 6:00 PM	29 Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:45 PM Music by <i>Taylor & Taylor</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM	30 Lunch & Dinner Music: <i>Robert & Wolfe</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM
31 Breakfast Lunch 1:30-6 PM	 THURSDAY 6:00PM. DINNER STARTS 4PM  Effective Aug 1, 2025					

All Guests Must Join after 2 Visits
 This includes a Member's
 Spouse/Partner!

Take advantage of a special
 New Member Savings Offer. Join
 by August 31 and save \$\$.