



# Herd's Word

Venice Moose Lodge 1308

Venice Moose Chapter 758

December, 2024

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



**Every NFL game every Sunday**



**Starting December 2—Burger Baskets offered all day every Monday**

**Burger Baskets with potato chips \$5**

**Burger Baskets with French fries \$6**



**December 22 Employee Party Lodge Closes 4 P.M.**

**December 24 Lodge Closes 4 P.M.**

**December 25 Merry Christmas Lodge Closed**

**December 31 Lodge Closes 4 P.M.; NYE Party 6:30 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 7:00**

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 A.M.

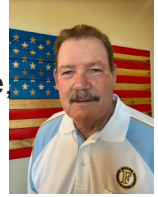
Friday and Saturday nights music from 7:30 –10:30 P.M.

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 (Canceled 12/22)**



## President's Message



LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE  
Lodge 1308  
111 N. Auburn Road  
Venice, FL 34292  
941-485-7333 (Social)  
941-445-5264 (Admin.)

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### 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

Greetings fellow Venice Moose members. Well here we are the last month of 2024. Wow did this year fly by fast. It was a good year overall. We met some new friends and sadly lost some old friends. With this in mind, we will be holding a memorial for Big Bill Guziejka at the lodge on December 6th from noon till 3pm.

The WOTM will hold a bake sale the day before Thanksgiving, and I want to thank all who brought in items to help the sale be a big success. On Thanksgiving we plan to serve 300 dinners to our members. I hope everyone enjoys the meal and the time spent with friends at the lodge. A big Thank You goes out to all the volunteers who will give up time on Thanksgiving to make sure it is an enjoyable day for our members. I want to especially thank Russ Green and Sharon Onstott for being in charge of the festivities.

Our Holiday Parade float will be in the November 30 parade which begins at 6:30 P.M. in downtown Venice. Again, this could not be achieved without the help of our members. Thank You to all who helped to get the float in shape, those who decorated the float, and those who will march in the parade with the float and hand out candy to the crowd. The Special Olympians who ride on the float always have a great time. Thank You, Joe Toth, the man who coordinated this every step of the way.

December will be a busy month with everyone getting ready for Christmas and New Year's. The lodge will be closing early on Christmas Eve and remain closed Christmas Day. The lodge will also close early on New Year's Eve to get ready for our New Year's Eve party. Tickets for the NYE party will go on sale the Saturday after Thanksgiving and will be sold again on December 7th.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all our members Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Fraternally, Donald Green

*Linda*

### Moose of the Month

My selection for the December Moose of the Month is **Linda Ellis**. Linda is one of our volunteer waitresses and can usually be found at the lodge most afternoons serving lunch. Linda also helps in any way she can and is a great ambassador for the Venice lodge. Thank You, Linda.

## Junior Past Regent's Message



The Quarter Auction was a great success. We had 85 baskets this year! Thank you to all that helped support it.

For the month of December we will be raffling a Gift Basket, "Dine Like a Local." It has gift cards from restaurants all around Venice and lottery tickets. The basket has a value of over \$500. The tickets will be available for purchase starting Dec 1st in Member Services.

January 27-28 is our Gaming Getaway. If you plan on going, make your reservation through All Around Tours 941-488-9393. All payments are due by Dec 15th.

We are planning a Paint and Sip party in Jan or Feb. We will only have room for 20 people so please if you want to attend, at the time you make your reservation, payment will be due. Watch for more details.

The Lodge is having a New Year's Eve Party. Tickets will go on sale Nov 30th. It is highly suggested to come and reserve your table as soon as possible.

Dates to keep in mind:

Jan or Feb: Sip and Paint

Jan 27 & 28th: Gaming Getaway. See the Flyer on page 7.

Feb: Raffle?

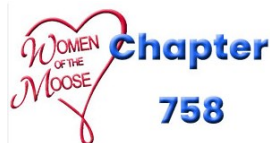
March: Fashion Show

April: 6th Luau.

I would like to wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

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

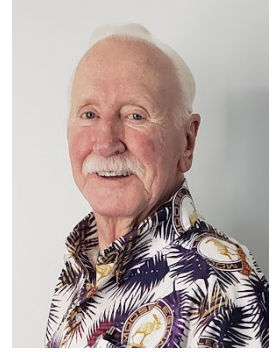
Please notify us if you know of a sister who is ill or has suffered the loss of a loved one. Please contact:

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

Chapter e-mail

[Chapter758@outlook.com](mailto:Chapter758@outlook.com)





## Moose Legion

I would like to thank all of you that have volunteered to work on Thanksgiving. I hope everyone will enjoy his/her meal.

Next Conferral will be Dec 21st at Pine Island Moose Lodge. Business meeting at 11 AM and Conferral at noon. Immediately following is Tom Akers' Pilgrim Celebration.

The Golden Ball Ceremony will be Jan 18th at Port Charlotte Moose Lodge. Tickets are limited.

Manatee 58 Picnic will be at Port Charlotte Lodge on Sunday, Feb 16th from noon to 4 PM. We will need some volunteers to cover a shift that day. Tickets are \$15 for food and drinks. Tickets are available at Member Services.

Manatee 58 is also having a Gun Raffle for a 380 hand gun. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Member Services.

Our next District 16 meeting will be Dec 14th at the Port Charlotte Lodge. Officers' meeting is at 11 AM; general meeting is at noon.

Next Moose Legion meeting will be Dec 11th with a social hour from 5-6 PM; meeting at 6 PM.

Ric Foster

MLAC





## *Heart of the Community*

Preparing our float for the City of Venice Holiday Parade was our dominant Heart of the Community activity for the month of November. Many thanks to all who volunteered to prepare our trailer for the road, decorate it, then will march in the parade and distribute candy to children along the parade route. A full report on our participation in the parade will be forthcoming next month.

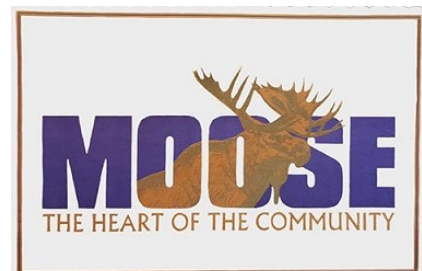
Lodge members donated their time this past month to Challenger Baseball, Sarasota Memorial Hospital on Laurel Road, and the South County Food Pantry, to name a few of the many local organizations that our Lodge supports. Thanks all, and keep up the good work.

Five Venice High School students have elected to participate in this year's Youth Awareness program with hopes of qualifying for \$35,000 in scholarships awarded by Moose International and a trip to the International Youth Awareness Congress in Rapid City, South Dakota, next April.

Be safe in your travels this Holiday Season, and keep in mind those who are less fortunate and can benefit from our being the Heart of Our Community.

Joe Toth

Heart of the Community Chairman  
[jtoth813@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**NOTICE: WE HAVE OUTGROWN THE MOOSEHEART ROOM.**

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

**DAY: TUESDAY, December 10, 2024**

**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](mailto:jadayton@yahoo.com) so I can have an accurate count.**

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 restful night 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 is due by **December 15, 2024** and can be made with Visa, Mastercard, check or cash.

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



Dear Moose Lodge Members,

I wanted to give all of you an update on the status of the Building & Renovation Project at the lodge. It has been a long, frustrating ordeal dealing with Moose International and attempting to gain their approval for us to move forward. We are unwavering in our attempts to provide the membership with a safe, expanded facility that will accommodate our increasing membership. It is sad that I must keep “putting out fires” that are being spread concerning our efforts.

THE PROJECT IS ALIVE AND WELL !!! Someone seems to like spreading false rumors that we have failed. NOT TRUE ! I cannot emphasize that enough. Many people have taken advantage of our promotion that one receives two years paid lodge dues for a donation of \$500.00. Some have made outright, no strings attached donations that were greatly appreciated.

Representatives from Moose International were supposed to be visiting our lodge on October 16, October 28, and November 16. NO SHOWS ! Aside from a visit from our Territorial Manager, we are still waiting for word from MI to proceed with the project. I hope you can understand our frustration. There was some extensive damage done to the building during the recent hurricanes. We don't want to do some patchwork and waste money on repairs that would be included in the expansion. We want to be judicious with our spending.

We need your help in raising enough money that will satisfy Moose International and gain their approval. How much is “enough money”? We don't know since they will not provide us with a number. Please consider a donation to the project. We need around \$1.35 million to complete Phase 1 so we have a long way to go. But, we have presented them with a Business Plan that provides a path for success. All we need is the approval from Moose International. Our lodge presently has 6500 members. If 4000 members would donate \$500 we would be well on our way to completion of the entire project. We know that not everyone has the financial resources to make a sizeable contribution up front but if you would be willing to donate over a couple of years that would certainly be helpful. For those who are asking about our taxstatus, we are a 501 C8, unfortunately, not a 501 C3.

This undertaking is for YOU, your comfort and safety. The Building Expansion & Renovation Committee has spent considerable time putting everything together since its inception on September 6, 2022. We don't want their efforts go for naught.

Sincerely,

Bob Fultz







Ken Sparks



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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

December 2

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

General Meeting 6:30 P.M

December 10

New Member Orientation

6:30 P.M. Venice Police Station

December 11

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

December 16

Officers' Meeting 5:30 P.M.

General Meeting 6:30 P.M.

### WOTM Meeting

December 2

10:00 A.M. Chapter Committees

10:15 A.M. Board of Officers

December 9

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

# DECEMBER 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:  
 941-485-7333  
 web: [venicefloridamoose.com](http://venicefloridamoose.com)  
 mail: [venicemooselodge@gmail.com](mailto: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
<b>1</b> Breakfast 8 - 11 AM Sunday Fun Day Football Lunch 12:30-6 PM Moose Races 5 PM Show Me the Money follows	<b>2</b> Lunch & Dinner Music: 6 - 8 PM <i>Lonnie Paul &amp; Bill V</i> <b>Lodge Mtg. 6:30 PM</b>	<b>3</b> Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:30 PM Cribbage 1 PM Trivia w/ Queen of Hearts 6:30 PM	<b>4</b> Lunch & Dinner Higher Degree Day Euchre 12:30 PM Gil & Rhonda Karaoke 7-10 PM	<b>5</b> Lunch & Dinner Bingo 6:00 PM	<b>6</b> Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:45 PM Music by <i>Bobby &amp; Doreen</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM	<b>7</b> Cornhole 11 AM Music: <i>Fawny</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM
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<b>22</b> Breakfast 8 - 11 AM Sunday Fun Day Football Employee Party. Lodge closes at 4 PM. NO Moose Races or Show Me Money	<b>23</b> Lunch & Dinner Music: 6 - 8 PM <i>Dennis &amp; Friends</i>	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> Kitchen and Lodge close 3 PM  NO Trivia or Queen of Hearts	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> Lodge is closed. No Karaoke	<b>26</b> Lunch & Dinner Bingo 6:00 PM	<b>27</b> Lunch & Dinner Mahjong 12:45 PM Music by <i>Top Shelf</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM	<b>28</b> Cornhole 11 AM Lunch & Dinner Music: <i>Escape</i> 7:30 - 10:30 PM
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