



Enid moose News

ENID, OKLAHOMA, LOYAL ORDER OF THE MOOSE #1740

FEBRUARY 2024

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SOCIAL QUARTERS HOURS

Monday 5-9PM

Tuesday 5-9PM

Wednesday 5-9PM

Thursday 5-10PM

Friday 5-12PM

Saturday 5-12PM

NOTE: As long as there are active Moose Members present and actively patronizing the Social Quarters, the Social Quarters will remain open for those present until they are finished with their activities or socializing, up until the legal time limit of 2AM.



Members represent Enid Moose Lodge at Texas Hold'Em Tournament

Pictured from left to right are Jimmy Robinson,
Doug Carpenter, Frank Henry and Norman Scott.

**Enid
Moose
Lodge
1740**

**BOARD OF
OFFICERS**

President

Norman Scott

Vice President

Julie Schroeder

Jr. Past President

Don Kirkley

Treasurer

Harry Kruzick

Chaplain

Linda Anderson

Administrator

Ben Franklin

1-Year Trustee

Doug Carpenter

2-Year Trustee

Rick Edwards

3-Year Trustee

Angie Kirkley

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Signs, Signs, Everywhere a Sign

BEN FRANKLIN ADMINISTRATOR

West of the Denver suburbs is the community of Indian Hills, home of the Indian Hills Community Center.

The Center had a sign out front, but in 2012, they asked a volunteer, Vincent, if he could build them a larger one.

The sign had the typical information you would expect from a sign until April Fools Day, which is when Vincent decided to have a bit of fun.

I suppose the first message wouldn't mean anything to those outside Indian Hills, but that community found it hysterical...."Indian Hills annexed by Morrison, slow down."

After that first message, the sign took on a life of its own, being changed regularly, and the punny messages became a town favorite.

"Of course, I'm an organ donor. Who wouldn't want a piece of this?!"

"I'll take the high road; you take the psycho path."

"Past, present, and future walked into a bar. It was tense."

"It's easy to get back on your feet. Just miss two car payments.

"My relationship with whiskey is on the rocks." And my Stephen King favorite,

"If clowns attack, go for the juggler."

The sign now has a Facebook page and many followers.

Signs are everywhere. Some are more complicated than others, but many have been used so much that we no longer need words to tell us what they mean.

They have become simple symbols.

You see a red octagon, and you know it means stop (unless, of course, you live in Enid, then it is a suggestion to stop).

You see a cigarette with a red circle around it and a red slash, the prohibition symbol; you know it means no smoking.

And, if you were to replace the cigarette with a penguin, you would know that you can't take your pet penguin along.

See **SIGN**, page 4

The benefits of stepping up

DON LOCAL CHAIRMAN, SOONER MOOSE LEGION VICE-PRESIDENT

I want to thank those Moose Legionnaires who have stepped up and helped out in various areas over the last couple of months.

We have been involved in many things including a Meat sale, Smoking, wrapping and delivering the meats as ordered, Ringing the Bells for Salvation Army, packing boxes of groceries for needy families. I especially want to thank Lou Heckman for the many hours he has donated towards re-working the ceiling in Jim's Joint.

Lou has also been helping with Bingo every Monday.

I want to thank Harry Kruzick for stepping in and helping with Bingo in Norm's absence.

I want to thank Chris Kirkley for setting up the date and times for Ringing the Bells for Salvation Army, as well as working the Door for most of the Dances we schedule.

We had additional participation with preparing and serving the last Steak Night we had, and we look forward to that continuing.

Thanks again to Toby for spearheading the meal for the first Thursday of each month in the Social Quarters on the Moose Legion's behalf.

We will be continuing the Ceiling tile work over the next few weeks and months.

Next on the list is the Kitchen and supply room areas. Please communicate with Brother Norm Scott, if you can help us out in this area.

The Sooner Moose Legion Celebration that was canceled in January was rescheduled for February 21-23 at the Hutchinson Ks. Lodge.

Thank you!

I highly encourage our Moose Legionnaires to attend these celebrations, to strengthen your bond with the Moose Legion locally and with the

other Lodge groups.

The more we have participating, the more we can do for our kids at Mooseheart, and our seniors at Moosehaven.

Remind your fellow local Moose Legionnaires of our local meetings, and encourage them to attend.

We have close to 70 members on our roles, so we should be having 25-40 plus at meetings.

The more we have, the more ideas are generated and the more we can accomplish.

Our next meeting will be February 14.

Happy Birthday!

FEBRUARY 1

Renee' Tapia
Karen Warner

FEBRUARY 2

Cleta Becker
Stephen Cahoon

FEBRUARY 3

Yvonne Frye
Jenny Jackson
Gary Vasquez

FEBRUARY 4

Shawn Mahaffey

FEBRUARY 6

Roy Hill

FEBRUARY 7

Pam Edwards
Jan Snapp

FEBRUARY 8

Emily Denton
Barbara Lohse
Claudine Nelson

FEBRUARY 9

Kent Cook
Dylan Cox

FEBRUARY 10

Sandi Cisco
Leroy Ringwald

FEBRUARY 11

Julinta Anien

FEBRUARY 12

James Dodson
Wes Johnson

FEBRUARY 13

Robert Cutshall
Janet Fitzwater

FEBRUARY 14

Mickey Stowers
Gay Morrison

FEBRUARY 15

Corbeny Moss

FEBRUARY 16

Sherry Fischer

FEBRUARY 17

Robert Holden
Chris Kirkley
Susanne Lee
Leslie Parker

FEBRUARY 18

Rachael Cox
Julie Schroeder

FEBRUARY 20

Rose Butler
Robert Rogers

FEBRUARY 21

Earl Marker
Lester McKee
William Smith

FEBRUARY 22

Billy Butler
Anthony Henry
Jeff Marshall

FEBRUARY 23

Kenny Dennett

FEBRUARY 25

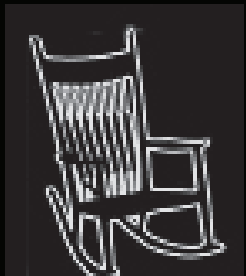
Maggie Ream

FEBRUARY 26

Karen Burton
Gary Cole
Richard Gau
Jovita Lang

Moose International Chairman of the Board will be visiting our Lodge on Friday, February 21

More details will be coming on this but please mark your calendars and plan to be at the Lodge this night!



February is Rocker Month

This is the annual Fundraiser for Moose Charities to support our Senior Members at Moosehaven.

We will be "selling" rockers all month.

Please help us "fill our wall" with those who donated.

Music, Dance & Food

February 8	6:00 – 7:30	Pork Chop Dinner	Jim's Joint
	8:00 – 11:00 DANCE	Skeleton Station (Country)	Ballroom
February 15		Taco Bar	
	7:00-10:00	Steven Harwood	Social Quarters
March 1		TBD	
March 8	6:00 & 7:00	Steak Night	Jim's Joint
			RSVP in Social Quarters
	8:00 – 11:00	Backstage Pass	Ballroom
March 15		TBD	
April 5	6:00-6:00	Chicken Fried Steak	Jim's Joint
	8:00-11:00	Lost River Band	
April 19	6:00-8:00	TBA	Jim's Joint
	8:00-11:00	Bobby Bennet Band	

Weekend Food Options

Friday, Feb 7	6:30-7:30	TBD
Saturday, Feb 8	6:00 – 7:30	Pork Chop Dinner
Friday, Feb 14		Bring Snacks to Share
Saturday, Feb 15	6:00 – 8:00	Taco Bar in SQ
Friday, Feb 28	6:30 – 7:30	Fry Baskets

Don't forget we have the best Karaoke in N.W. Oklahoma every Friday night in the Social Quarters
for members and qualified guest beginning about 8:30 until Close!

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Just as there are many signs around us, there are just as many symbols.

The more complicated symbols are those that point to something beyond themselves.

Take, for example, the American flag. In some respects, the American flag is a simple symbol—it represents the United States.

Easy enough, but when you ask people what that flag means, it takes on greater meaning—patriotism, honor, freedom, and so on.

However, if you were to ask someone outside of the United States what the American flag represents, you would likely get a very different answer—opportunity, wealth, hope—but not all those who see it would have such positive responses.

Others would see the American Flag as a symbol of oppression, imperialism, greed, the Great Satan, and more.

The American flag is, therefore, a simple symbol, but it is also very complex and nuanced. It points to something beyond itself—an idea.

Well, I've used most of my allotted space rambling on, but one symbol I would like to mention is the Moose ID card, that little 2 inch x 3.5 inch card that you have, stands for so much.



It stands for your desire to help others, the kids at Mooseheart, the seniors at Moosehaven and our communities.

It means that you want to be a part of our lodge family and have fun with us.

Please be proud of the card and your Moose Membership and show your card when you are at the Lodge.

Happy New Year!

It's time to look toward future

NORM PRESIDENT

I know what you're thinking, you're thinking Happy New Year, January is over!

Yes, but I have not done an article in a few newsletters.

That is true, we've been busy around the lodge, from replacing the ceiling tiles and painting in Jim's Joint to getting ready for the bands and dances coming up with all the parties and gatherings being scheduled in the lodge.

We have a special guest coming from Moose International, Robert K. Funkey. He is the Chairman of the Board, and he will be making a stop in our Enid lodge.



Robert K. Funkey
MI Chairman of the Board

I encourage everyone to come out and meet Chairman Funkey on Friday February 21.

We will have a meet and greet and dinner, followed by Karaoke. We'll be able to show him the many talented singers we have.

With the new year, it's also time for the nomination and election of a new Board of Officers for the Lodge.

I will need a nominating committee to help in this process.

I have been your President for two years and the MI bylaws say I can only serve for two consecutive terms without a dispensation for a third term.

So, with that said, if you are interested in knowing the ins and outs of the lodge, in

addition to a President, other positions we need to fill are Treasurer, Chaplain, Vice President and a couple of trustee positions.

You must serve on the Board for an entire year before serving as President.

We only have four individuals on the Board now who qualify to be President.

I'm not 100% sure, but I think they are not interested in holding the President position.

We will have nominating sheets at the bar in the SQ and information about what the duties and expectations are of the positions.

I was scared at first, but when I joined the Board of Officers, learned the workings of the lodge and got more involved, there was nothing to fear.

The swordfish has no natural predators to fear..... except the pinfish, which is supposed to be even mightier.

So please, if you have any questions about the Moose, or about what's going on at the Moose, please feel free to give me a call, (580-747-5250) leave a message or text me your question and I will get right back to you as soon as I can.

You can also get information about what's going on at the Moose from our Face Book page, Enid Moose Lodge 1740.

If you happen to be at the lodge; and if you see Doug, Jimmy, Frank or me, ask us how our trip to Vegas went for the MI Texas Hold'em poker tournament.

I'll tell you I had fun!

I did my personal best; I wasn't the first one out nor was I the first one out at my table!

**Super
Bowl
Party**

**Sunday
Feb 9**

**Doors
open at
4:00**

**Game
starts at
5:30**

**Bring
"Tailgate"
snacks to
share.**

Upcoming Pool & Darts

February 8

10:00 AM

*Local Pool
Qualifying*

March 1

District Pool

Enid Lodge

March 7-9

State Darts

Enid Lodge

April 4-6

State Pool

Tulsa Lodge

Feb 28

Game Night

Tuesday

6:00 PM

Bring Snacks to Share

Meetings changed for February

*Both the Chapter and Moose Legion meetings
will be held on February 7*

JULIE SCHROEDER SENIOR REGENT

I can't believe January is already over.

It's time for new officers to be nominated.

If you're interested in holding an office, we would love to have new ideas. Offices are Sr. Regent, Secretary and Treasurer.

Nominating slips are located at the end of the bar in the social quarters.

If you nominate someone, please have their permission.

Our first nominating committee meeting was on January 30. The second will be February 13. Please consider being part of the team.

We can't keep doing what we do without everyone's support.

Thanks to everyone who bought tickets for the Quilt Raffle. The drawing was held January 30.

We donated \$250 from the proceeds of the raffle to the Grand Regents Project which is purchasing new bedroom furniture and some living room furniture for our children at Mooseheart.

One more thing, our regular Meeting night for our chapter would be February 14, Valentine's Day.

We believe many of you would rather be doing something besides attending a meeting on this day.

Therefore, we have moved our February meeting to February 7. The same applies to the Moose Legion meeting.

Please mark your calendar and come to our meeting on February 7.

New Member incentive extended

The Moose International Board of Directors has authorized an extension of the two-year online membership incentive.

If an applicant pays for two years using the online Moose application only, the \$20 application fee is waived.

This program was set to expire on December 31, 2024, however, the Board has extended the program to April 30, 2025.

NO Application Fee

Now extended through April 30, 2025
to join the Moose online

Beginning May 1, 2024, the \$20 application fee has been waived for new (enroll or re-enroll) applicants paying **2 years of dues** and using the **online application process only**. This will not only promote and encourage use of the available technology but incentivize member production, giving the lodges an extended opportunity to showcase the benefits of Moose/lodge membership to include our fraternal endeavors as well as the local lodge amenities. The Moose Intl. Board of Directors has now extended this program through April 30, 2025.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Moose organization is encouraged to view the video message on our www.beamoose.org website where they will also have an opportunity to access the online application.

If you are a current member looking to sponsor a prospective member into the Moose Fraternity, please use our online application at www.beamoose.org.

The Moose Fraternity is a private organization. This correspondence contains general information available to the public, but should not be construed to be a solicitation for membership. To be part of the Moose organization, you need to be invited by a current member.



Moose version ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACKS

BRUCE SNIDER

ASSISTANT TERRITORY MANAGER
OKLAHOMA SOUTH KANSAS
MOOSE ASSOCIATION

Once again it is that time of year for football playoffs and NFL championship games.

This is also the time of year when all of the "armchair quarterbacks" come out of the closet and show their expertise!

Every game during this time of year, "armchair quarterbacks" sit at the bar, watching the game and yell at the television saying "that's not the play I would have called" or "why did that coach go for two when....." You get my point.

Sitting at the lodge, I realized the Moose have those too. Let me explain..

More often than not, people sit at the bar and act just like the "armchair quarterback". I call them "armchair lodge officers".

These are members, both men and women, whom always have a better way of doing things after the fact.

They want to wait until the Board of Officers make a decision and enact said decisions, then start with the "Well I would not have done it that way".

Or "that is not going to work for my group" i.e.

dart league, pool league, karaoke, cards, etc.

What these "armchair officers" do not realize is decisions made have to be in the best interest of the entire lodge while abiding by the General Laws of the Order.

Oh, and did I mention they especially need to be a good business decision?

Good business decisions are usually not popular with the membership; raising product prices, changing operating hours, staffing changes, etc.

Most "armchair officers" do not have a clue the amount of time and the thought process we go through just to make rules that affect the daily operations of our Moose home.

What is the solution to these "armchair officers"?

Now is the time of year we are gearing up for our annual nominating meeting for lodge officers.

"Armchair officers", if you have all of the answers, we need you to run for a position on the board and do not think you should start at the top.

Start where your lodge needs help.

Realistically, you should start as a trustee. This position is one of the most important and the least appreciated.

You read that right, the most important. They look over and approve the bills and keep track of inventory.

Where ever you start, be patient and learn.

Regardless of what you believe, you do not know everything about running a Moose Lodge. Knowledge of running a lodge comes with time.

Knowledge of running a Moose lodge comes with being open minded and not making decisions for a select group.

This is a Moose lodge and not anyone's personal country club.

"Armchair officers" will tell you they don't have the time to serve on the board or cannot make the meetings.

But, they are there after the meetings telling you how to run the Moose.

Most of them are sitting on the barstool several nights a week but never have the time to serve. Just too busy to help out.

News flash. We do not need "armchair officers".

We need members whom are willing to give the time to serve in this important role.

I hear members say, "is all we do is rotate officers. We have had the same officers for years".

Have you ever heard that, or worse, said those words?

The reason for most lodges rotating their officers is because none of our "armchair officers" will step up and help us grow with new and legitimate ideas and programs.

We do not need you as an "armchair officer".

We need you as a lodge Board of Officer.

The Moose fraternity needs you on the board of your local lodge.

Go to your lodge meetings now.

Get involved in the decision making now.

Show an interest in your lodge and the Moose Fraternity.

Let your president or any officer know you are interested in serving on the board in any capacity, whether it be an elected or an appointed position.

Start being a real board of officer in your lodge.

Resign the position of "armchair officer".

After all, you were not very effective in that position.

You only caused uproar, doubt and discontent among Moose members.

Please make a difference for our children, our seniors, and mostly your Moose Lodge.



FEBRUARY 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 MEMBERS AND QUALIFIED GUESTS beamoose.org	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 5:30-7:00 LINE DANCE LESSONS 5:45 BINGO EARLY BIRDS 7:00 MAIN HOUSE SESSION SNACK BAR 5:30-8:00	4 5:15 WOTM BOARD MEETING 6:00 LODGE BOARD MEETING 7:00 LODGE MEMBER MEETING 8:00 WOTM NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING	5 7:00 TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT	6 5:15 WOTM AUDIT 6:30 BURGERS & FRIES \$6.00 7:00 MOOSE RACES, LADY LUCK	7 6:30 MEAL (Legion) 7:00 MOOSE LEGION MEETING 7:15 WOTM MEETING 8:30 KARAOKE	8 10:00 LOCAL POOL QUALIFYING 6:00-7:30 PORK CHOP DINNER 8:00-10:00 DANCE SKELETON STATION
9 SUPER BOWL PARTY	10 5:30-7:00 LINE DANCE LESSONS 5:45 BINGO EARLY BIRDS 7:00 MAIN HOUSE SESSION SNACK BAR 5:30-8:00	11 6:00 ACTIVITY PLANNING MEETING	12 7:00 TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT	13 6:30 MEAL TBD 7:00 MOOSE RACES, LADY LUCK	14 VALENTINE'S DAY BRING FINGER FOOD TO SHARE 8:30 KARAOKE	15 6:00 - 8:00 TACO BAR IN SOCIAL QUARTERS 7:00-10:00 STEVEN HARWOOD IN SOCIAL QUARTERS
16	17 PRESIDENT'S DAY 5:30-7:00 LINE DANCE LESSONS 5:45 BINGO EARLY BIRDS 7:00 MAIN HOUSE SESSION SNACK BAR 5:30-8:00	18 6:00 LODGE BOARD MEETING 7:00 LODGE MEMBER MEETING	19 7:00 TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT	20 5:30 LODGE AUDIT 6:30 POTLUCK MEAL <i>No charge if you bring a dish to share. If not, \$9.00</i> 7:00 MOOSE RACES, LADY LUCK	21 Moose International Chairman of the Board Visit Diner TBD 8:30 KARAOKE SOONER MOOSE LEGION HUTCHINSON LODGE	22 SOONER MOOSE LEGION HUTCHINSON LODGE
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23 MEMBERS AND QUALIFIED GUESTS beamoose.org	24	25	26	27	28	1 DISTRICT POOL ENID LODGE
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9 STATE DARTS ENID LODGE	10 5:30-7:00 LINE DANCE LESSONS 5:45 BINGO EARLY BIRDS 7:00 MAIN HOUSE SESSION 5:30-8:30 SNACK BAR OPEN	11 6:00 ACTIVITY PLANNING MEETING	12 7:00 TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT	13 5:30 LODGE AUDIT 6:30 TBD 7:00 Moose Races, Lady Luck	14 6:30 MEAL (by WOTM) 7:00 MOOSE LEGION MEETING 7:15 WOTM MEETING 8:30 KARAOKE	15 9:00 MOOSE LEGION BREAKFAST
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