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"EMBRACE OUR COMMUNITY"



Membership campaigns are created and implemented by the Membership Department at Moose International. Annual Membership Campaigns typically run from May 1 to April 30 and have a unique theme each year.

This year's Annual Membership Campaign is "Embrace Our Community" which runs from May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025.

"Embrace Our Community" highlights the good that our Fraternity has provided to our local communities for the past 100+ years and promotes what we will continue to do into the future. We embrace our communities with awareness of the Moose, ask how we as a Fraternity can assist, and invite them to join us in support of their/our community.

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IT'S YOUR MOOSE LODGE

And there are some great things happening at your Moose Lodge!

We need your support.

Our new year started May 1st. And again, the men and women who have stepped up to be the Board of Officers for our great lodge will be giving many hours of their time and lots of their energy. Please support them in any way you can.

Also, we don't want to forget to give a big shoutout to our wonderful volunteers. Whether it's through donating their time working, cleaning, or donating resources, we couldn't do what we do without them.

Keep an eye out for future emails with more details on how you can help make YOUR LODGE an even greater place to be.

You want to enjoy your time at the Lodge. If you have some suggestions for additional events or activities, please contact one of this years board of officers.

**2024-2025
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lodge members whose dues are paid and in good standing may be considered for elective office. To be an elected officer of a lodge, the officer must be a member of that lodge. The offices of Treasurer and Trustee only require that the member be in good standing at the time of the Nominating Committee report. A member is not eligible for the office of President, Vice President or Chaplain unless their membership in the lodge in which they seek office equals or exceeds six (6) months preceding the date of the election.

A member must have served at least one (1) term [twelve (12) full months] in another elective office [not a combination of one (1) year in elective offices] of the lodge in which they seek office before their name may be placed in nomination for the office of President.



Any member desiring to run for an elective office shall submit their name to the Nominating Committee at least one (1) week prior to the date the Nominating Committee is required to make its report at a regular/general membership meeting.

*I, _____
(Include first, middle (and/or nickname) and last name)*

*wish to be considered for the office of _____
(state title of office)*

I recognize the responsibilities and duties of the office and am willing to devote the necessary time and effort required by the office if elected.

Signature

Date _____

From: Department of Communications
Moose International
Mooseheart, Illinois 60539-1174

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ROBERT K. FUNKEY

Robert K. Funkey serves as Chairman on the Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors for The Moose. He was nominated and elected to this position at the 136th International Moose Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Prior to this post, Bob served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors (2023-2024), Director/Chaplain (2022-2023) and as a Director on the Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors for The Moose. Bob served as a member of the Moosehaven Board of Directors (2014-2019), Loss Prevention Committee (2012-2014) and on Moose International's Government Relations Committee (2010-2012).

Bob joined the fraternity as a member of St. Clair Shores, MI Lodge 1837 in April 1995. He also holds membership in Grayling, MI Lodge 1162, Painesville, OH Lodge 490, North Pole, AK Lodge 306 Antler, VA Lodge 2726 and Dickinson, ND Lodge 2728. Bob served the St. Clair Shores Lodge as Treasurer, Jr. Governor, Governor, and Jr. Past Governor; and has chaired the Audit, Life Care, Special Projects, Gimme Five, and Call to Action Committees. He is also a Lodge Ritualist and Administrator of Grayling Lodge #1162.

Bob elevated to Michigan Moose Legion 105 in April 1998; he has served as President, Secretary, Jr. Past President and Prelate. He also holds Moose Legion membership in East Michigan, Legion 107, Tar Heel, NC 158 and Alaska Interior, Legion 216.

At the Association level, Bob has served the Michigan Moose Association by chairing committees on Moose Charities, Government Relations, Special Projects, Fraternal Fundraising and Loss Prevention as well as serving the District 4 as Prelate, Vice President, President, Jr. Past President, Audit Chair and Secretary. He also served as Deputy Supreme Governor for the 2009-2010 Moose Year and as a Technical Trainer, 2-HOTT Trainer and Lodge Leadership Trainer. He is also the Training Coordinator for Michigan.

Bob is a member of the 75 Division of the Moose 25 Club. He received the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 2004 and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 2011. Bob was nominated for Moose International Shining Star Moose Legionnaire of the Year for the 2009-2010 Moose Year. He is also a fourteen-time League of Guardian recipient.

Outside of the Moose, Bob belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He attended the University of Michigan and is retired from bank branch management after 32 years.

He and his wife Cathy reside in Roscommon, Michigan. They have four children and sixteen grandchildren, and a new great granddaughter.

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JERRY'S ADMINISTRATOR NOTE HAS BEEN BORROWED FROM A FELLOW ADMINISTRATOR:

FROM THE DESK OF
BRUCE L SNIDER
ATM FOR OSKMA

MOOSE' VERSION OF ARM CHAIR QUARTERBACK

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 2 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.



MOOSE LEGION NEWS

January was here and now it's gone in a flash!

The month was filled with great meals and great projects in our lodge but it sure flew by.

We will be hosting the Sooner Moose Legion Celebration the weekend of February 21-23. As you remember it was snowed out in January, so this will be the make-up date. Hopefully everyone who had signed up to help will still be able to fulfill the times they signed up for...same times, different dates. We should all be looking forward to welcoming our fellow Legionnaires and gentlewomen from the Oklahoma Lodges.

February 28th is our night to serve dinner. We are planning a taco bar with all the fixins. This should be a popular and delicious meal so come on out and enjoy.

Thanks to all the great members and volunteers who made 2024 a successful year. Please keep up the good work for this coming year too.

Scott Saylor
Hutchinson Moose Legion
Chairman



ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S NOTE

Well, here we are into February, and we are gearing up for a visit from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Moose International on the February 21-23, 2025 weekend. We have our registration table covered, our kitchen duties covered but we are still in need of barbacks and transportation drivers. If you can spare a few hours to help us we would greatly appreciate it.

We have tickets available for sale for a laptop to be given away at the rescheduled Moose Legion Celebration on the same weekend as the visit from the COB. See Scott, Tom or Jerry for your tickets. The price of the tickets is \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The monies go towards the expenses of our world-renowned Ritual Team.

Please plan on attending the 70's Disco dance on Saturday February 22, 2025. Patricia has a great line up of songs from that era she will be playing for us. I have been informed that our Official Visitor is a dancer and will probably attend the dance. Let's pack the dance floor that evening.

Next item, the Mid-year Conference will take place on the weekend of March 20-23, 2025, at the Tulsa Lodge. I would like to invite all our Board of Directors, and any of our great members to attend. All the information pertaining to the agenda and motels will be coming sometime this month. Pay attention to the table in the foyer for the information.

Until next month, Tom

SOCIAL QUARTERS HOURS

TUESDAY 5-8 PM
WEDNESDAY 5-8 PM
THURSDAY 5-8 PM
FRIDAY 5-11 PM
SATURDAY 6-11 PM

OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY 5-8pm
WEDNESDAY 5-8pm
THURSDAY 10am- 3 pm
FRIDAY 5-8pm

Hours may be extended at bartender's discretion.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

PLEASE EXCUSE OUR MESS

The Improvement committee is still meeting. Projects are underway and a few have been completed. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help make things happen! Consider helping with future projects yet to come.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS THAT YOUR MOOSE LODGE HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN JANUARY

You donated 250 lbs of food to the Reno County Food Bank



BULL MOOSE

The Bull Moose is the current member who was the last person to sign up a new member into the Hutchinson Moose Lodge #982. They are entitled to one free drink each day they come into the lodge. They remain as the Bull Moose until another member signs up a new member thus becoming the Bull Moose.



VOLUNTEERS

We greatly appreciate anyone who has volunteered in the month. Whether it was in the kitchen, at Bingo, cleaning, maintenance, mowing, selling 50/50, baking pies, or any of the many other things that only get done because someone has volunteered to do it. Thank you! And thank you in advance for all

that you continue to do.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH:

Jane Burgess & Eva Pruitt

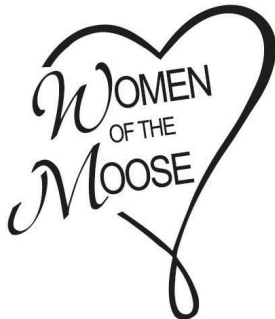
Hutchinson Chapter is extremely pleased to be able to donate funds toward the annual Moosehaven budget and once again, assist our Moosehaven Residents. The annual pharmacy budget for our Moosehaven residents averages more than \$300,000 per year, over and above the amounts covered by Medicare and private insurance. The cost of prescription drugs and over the counter medications and supplies necessary to our residents' good health continues to escalate at an alarming rate. The Women of the Moose have pledged to help offset this expense

**2023-2024
WOTM CHAPTER
OFFICERS**

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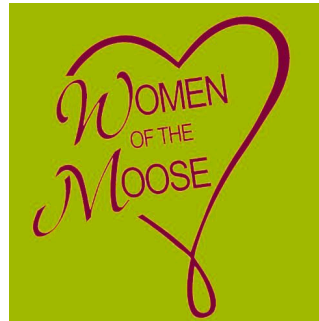
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**WOMAN OF THE
MOOSE
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GET WELL SOON
Jackie Symonds



FROM YOUR SENIOR REGENT

Welcome February! Our Chapter meeting will be February 2, at 4:00 pm.

This month our Lodge will have the pleasure of hosting the rescheduled Moose Legion Celebration February 21-23. The WOTM will be in charge of Friday supper, you will have your choice from rib eye, KC strip, bacon wrap or pork chop, baked potato, roll and salad. I have no doubt it will be delicious, so consider joining us for good food and fellowship. Let us know if you can volunteer to help prepare and serve, all help will be welcomed.

The WOTM Chapter is still needing nominations for Officers and Chairman for the up coming year. If you or anyone you know would like to step up and be considered for one of these positions please give your name to a current Officer.

We will have additional nominating meetings:
2/6/25, 2/13/25, 2/27/25 all at 6:30pm

Sincerely,
Senior Regent
Jennifer Wright

HUTCHINSON MOOSE LODGE #982 FEBRUARY 2025 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 6pm Social Quarters Opens 7-10pm Craig Stevens
2 1pm BINGO 4pm WOTM Meeting	3 Closed	4 5pm Social Quarters Opens 5pm Dance Lessons 6-7pm Hamburgers	5 5pm Social Quarters Opens POOL LEAGUE	6 12pm BINGO 5pm Social Quarters Opens 6pm Games	7 5pm Social Quarters Opens 6-7:30pm Chicken Fried Steak Dinner 8-11pm KARAOKE	8 CLOSED Dance @ Elmdale
9 4pm Social Quarters Opens SUPER BOWL WATCH PARTY Covered Dish	10 Closed	11 5pm Social Quarters Opens 5pm Dance Lessons 6-7pm Hamburgers	12 5pm Social Quarters Opens 6pm BOO Meeting 7:30pm Lodge General Meeting	13 12pm BINGO 5pm Social Quarters Opens 6pm Games	14 5pm Social Quarters Opens 6-7:30pm Steak/ Pork Chops OR Bacon Wraps ORDER AHEAD 8-11pm KARAOKE	15 6pm Social Quarters Opens PRIVATE PARTY 7-10pm
16 Closed	17 Closed	18 5pm Social Quarters Opens 5pm Dance Lessons 6-7pm Hamburgers	19 5pm Social Quarters Opens POOL LEAGUE	20 12pm BINGO 5pm Social Quarters Opens 6pm Games	21 3pm-1am Social Quarters Opens 6-7:30pm Steak/ Pork Chops OR Bacon Wraps 8-11pm KARAOKE MOOSE	22 8am-1am Social Quarters Opens MEATLOAF DINNER @ 6pm TBD DJ 70's Disco Dance LEGION Special Guest Robert Funkey
23 8am-??? Social Quarters Opens CELEBRATION HUTCHINSON KANSAS	24 Closed	25 5pm Social Quarters Opens 5pm Dance Lessons 6-7pm Hamburgers	26 5pm Social Quarters Opens 6pm BOO Meeting 7:30pm Lodge General Meeting	27 12pm BINGO 5pm Social Quarters Opens 6pm Games	28 5pm Social Quarters Opens 6-7:30pm MOOSE LEGION Taco Bar 8-11pm KARAOKE	

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