



## Taking the Moose to the finish line

The next few months are going to be exciting.

It's the time between now and April 30 when both the Lodge and Chapter develop their leadership teams for the new Moose year which begins May 1.

I always compare this time of the Moose year to what used to be known as NASCAR's "silly season".

This is time of year that contracts are renewed, or not. Those that are open to new offers find themselves on new race teams.

When I think of the analogy, the race is on to find new members to fill leadership roles within the Moose Lodge and Chapter.

Much like a **Crew Chief**, whose responsibility is being the person in charge, the Board of Officers' focus is to oversee the Lodge or Chapter and execute and promote the initiatives of the membership.

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They also oversee the training of members who wish to step into leadership positions in the future.

The Lodge President and Chapter's Senior Regent are like the **Car Chief** who is responsible for the operations of the team. They are the person in charge and are the initial go-to person when there is a question or problem, and they help guide the team through the year.

The **Jackman** is like that of the Junior Graduate Regent and the Lodge Chaplain.

Their role is to lift up the membership through devotions in meetings and personal contact with those who are sick, disabled and distressed and give them words of encouragement.

The **Treasurer** is like that of the tire changer.

Using their skills, the Lodge and Chapter Treasurers must maintain control of the funds of their respective entity through the proper collection and deposit of all funds

(like that of the proper amount of lug nuts on a car) well as expenditures, so that the tires don't fall off the car.

Lodge trustees are the **Utility** team. They maintain
the safety of the Lodge, reduce
incidents, and take count of the team's
inventory.

The **Gasman** is like the role of Committee Chairmen because they keep the team rolling through membership, activities, communications.

Without them, the team will run out of

fuel and become stagnant.

Just like being part of a NASCAR team, being a member of the team is an intricate part of what makes the team functional.

Moose leadership takes all kinds of individuals to make the team operate successfully.

If you are interested in being part of the leadership team of the Lodge or Chapter, please talk to a member of their respective Board of Officers for more information.

They are there to help educate and guide you through the processes

So, while the current Board of Officers are excited to see the checkered flag, they are just as ready to help get you to the starting line and mentor you as you begin a new role within the Moose.

Get ready for an exciting race. I'll be watching from the grandstands and will see you in victory lane!



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# Important dates to make note of

#### NICK SHROUT, PRESIDENT

volunteers to help

check donors in.

Thank you to all our volunteers who stepped up and helped with the Christmas parties that we hosted and cooked for including our own lodge party.

I spoke with several guests at the Christmas parties, and they are looking forward to booking with us next year.

I hope everyone enjoyed the band

we had for New Year's Eve.

In January we start out with the Moose Legion meeting on January 7, and the Moose Legion Celebration in Stillwater on January 20 through January 22.

Saving the most important date you need to remember is January 9.

On that day we are hosting an OBI blood drive from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

We will need a couple of

## I encourage all members to join us on January 27 to welcome Bruce Masopust

(Chairman of the Board)

We will be having a meal at 7:00 p.m. and a dart tournament to follow.

#### **WOODWARD MOOSE LODGE 452**

President - Nick Shrout. Vice President - Alan Shive. Chaplain - John McVicker. Treasurer - Don Parella. Past President - Bob Head. Administrator: Bruce Snyder. Trustees - Robert Smith, Sean Baker, Donna Turner. Sargent at Arms - Greg Faris.

### The new year brings a new focus

#### CONSIDER LEADING THE WAY

#### **CAROL HARRIS, TREASURER**

We are truly blessed. The holidays have come to a close and old man FRIGET has gone north.

We accomplished so much this holiday season.

We rang the bells for Salvation Army, donated warm clothing and hygiene products for the Day Center for the homeless, purchased gifts for the Angel Trees and several families in need. We purchased Toys for Tots to help A.B.A.T.E.

Each of you are amazing.

This is what we do! We are truly needed and we step up.

Keep the donations of warm clothing, blankets, throws and personal hygiene coming. Drop them off at lodge and we will make sure they are donated to those in need.

January brings us to the beginning of Nominations,

Elections and installation for our ensuing year May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 for our Chapter.

In our Chapter meeting January 9 we

will announce the Nominating Committee, date and time of each nominating meeting. The announcement will be on the bulletin board.



#### **Nominating Committee Schedule**

January 16, 7:00 p.m.

First nominating meeting

February 6, 7:00 p.m.

Second nominating meeting

#### February 13

Slate of nominees will be read on floor at Chapter Activity Night.

#### March 13

Flections for New officers

Our Chapter thrives only because members step up.

Please consider being a leader, mentor and help our chapter to continue in success.

We meet once a month and have Monday night meals as one of our fundraisers, to support children, senior members and our communities young and older.

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# Let's make our Moose Legion strong in 2023

TREVOR HEPNER

Welcome to January Moose Legionnaires.

We have hosted a few Christmas parties this holiday season. Thank you.

We are always grateful for any help that you have provided.

So far this year we are doing better than our previous years with only a few members down in the Moose Legion.

But, please keep signing up new members into the Moose Legion.

Stillwater is hosting the next celebration January 20 through

January 22, 2023.

Stillwater always puts on a good show and the raffle for that weekend is a big screen "smart" TV.

Tickets for the raffle will be available at the lodge or ask a Moose Legionnaire.

The next meeting is January 7at 7:00 p.m.

Please make plans to visit the lodge on January 27 when our lodge will be hosting the Chairman of the Board.

There are plans for a dart tournament that evening.
I hope to see you soon.

#### **Dress Code set for Social Quarters and Lodge Home**

No clothing with obscene, profane or offensive language or art. No tank tops, sleeveless or muscle shirts, cut off shorts or shirts, boxer (worn as outside clothing) or lounge (pajama) pants can be worn by men. For women, it means no tube tops, halter tops, crop tops, sports bra (worn as outside clothing), cut off shorts, boxer (worn as outside clothing) or lounge (pajama) pants.

If any article of clothing not specifically mentioned above is deemed inappropriate by the House Committee, you may be asked to cover it and/or ask not to wear it again.

## January 1974

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	LODGE OFFICERS 7:30 PM LODGE MEETING 8:00 PM	3 POOL	4 DARTS	5 CARDS	6	7 MOOSE LEGION MEETING 7:00 PM
8	9 SPAGHETTI  OBI BLOOD DRIVE 4:30-7:00 PM  WOTM OFFICERS 7:00 PM CHAPTER ACTIVITIES 7:30 PM	10 POOL	11 DARTS	12 CARDS	13	14
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