

The Guide

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The Moose is an international organization of men and women dedicated to caring for young and old, bringing communities together, and celebrating life.



J.C. Patton, pictured on the far right, was installed onto the International Moose Legion Council during the 2024 Moose International Convention. The convention was held July 23-28, 2024 in New Orleans. Pictured are Jr Past International President Chuck Barber, Councilman Brian Weaver, International President Ronny Serio, Councilman Steve Hennen, Councilman Ted Burton Past International President Dan Gooch, Councilman Helton Shaw, and Councilman J.C. Patton. Not pictured is Secretary Danny Williams.



J.C. PATTON APPOINTED TO INTERNATIONAL MOOSE LEGION COUNCIL

TREVOR HEPNER *Moose Legion*

Welcome to August, I hope everybody enjoyed the summer trying to stay cool.

If you need a break from the heat in the evenings stop by the lodge. This summer is drawing to a close and kids and grandkids are headed back to school.

Thank you to all the Moose legionnaires that made it to Stillwater in July.

The International Convention just wrapped

up in New Orleans.

Our lodge brother JC Patton was just appointed to the International Moose Legion Board of Directors. We are all extremely proud of JC Patton, Congratulations my friend.

The next Moose Legion celebration is in Woodward the 11th through the 13th in October I hope to see you all there.

The next Moose legion committee meeting is August 3rd.

DONNA TURNER SET TO RECEIVE GOLDEN GAVEL

TINA HOWARD *Senior Regent*

Well International is over and it was a great convention!

Our own JC Patton was named to the Moose Legion Board of Directors!! Congratulations JC!!

Also, our Editor of our news letter Kim Kelly who is a member of our Chapter was named to the WOTM Higher Degree Board. Congratulations Kim!! We are so proud of you!!

We have OSKMA coming up August 15-18 in Hutchinson, KS.

On Saturday morning our Jr. Past Regent Donna Turner will receive her Golden Gavel Award. Congratulations Donna!!

For all you ladies worrying about the major drop in chapter numbers this year affecting the Award of Achievement... it won't.

The requirement for plus-1 in membership (for Chapters) has been waived for this year only.

Monday Night Meals are starting back up next month so talk to Pam or Carol if you would like to help with meals.

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THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF MY MOOSE FAMILY



KIMBERLY KELLY *Editor*

I get so excited every year when I am able to attend the Moose International Convention.

This year was no exception as I knew I would reconnect and make new friends throughout the week. Who would have thought there would be over 4,500 attending the Convention held in New Orleans July 22-27, 2024!

That made finding some of them nearly impossible.

Imagine taking a break from the cold session room while someone was looking for you inside.

Thank goodness for cellphones.

ME: "Where are you?"

REPLY: "Out front in the shade."

ME: "Be right there." ~pause while I scootered outside. "I don't see you."

REPLY: "I'm yelling for you."

Remember... there were 4,500 people who attended the sessions and, while not many of them were outside there were quite a few who were as they waited on their specific buses to arrive.

REPLY: "I'm at a table. Are you outside?"

ME: Ah, I know where she is now. Or so I thought. So I called her. She was right behind me. Imagine the look on my face.

I was so glad to see my Moose sister, Carol Harris when I turned around. She has been a great mentor, listener, and support for me over the time we have been friends.



I met her by chance on the Women of the Moose Facebook page when I asked a question I had no answer for.

And what did she reply? "Did you read your book?"

I knew from that moment that we'd be talking... alot. And we have.

She was there when I got my College of Regents Degree and she's still standing beside me as I travel throughout my Moose Journey.

I know I did not get to meet everyone from Woodward Moose Lodge who attended the Convention, but to those who I did see... hello from Florida! I can't wait to see you once again in Milwaukee.

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OSKMA TO BE HELD IN HUTCHINSON

DOYT SIMMONS *President*

As I write this several members are getting ready to head to New Orleans for International Convention. Safe travels and don't forget your raincoat, sounds like rain all week.

We will be having OSKMA in Hutchinson in August and would love to see you there. They always do a good job of hosting.

We will be having several things going on in August so be sure to check newsletter on line or on our Facebook page.

I read a post that says what part of being a Moose is all about.

Volunteers are always needed. Not only officers, but all members. Don't wait to be asked, just show up whenever you can, maybe before an event for preparing and setup.

During an event there is always something that can be done, and after for cleanup to relieve someone that might be ready for a break..

If a group knows an event is coming up and you have time let someone know that your group will do the event beginning to ending and give some a break that are always there, I'm sure your help would be appreciated

Well I have to finish packing, I always wait til last minute, come use your lodge we would like to see you.

Congratulations JC Patton on his appointment to International Moose Legion Council, Bruce Snider for signing more than 50 members, and our Lodge for making Premiere Lodge.

FAMILY, from page 1

I am a very visual person, hence the reason I love design and putting The Guide together each month.

So imagine my excitement when I ran into Bruce Snyder after an exhausting attempt at finding an exit from Riverwalk when the elevators were not functioning properly.

Can you imagine two women going from one elevator to another full speed trying to find an elevator that worked? It was definitely comical. But thanks to a man participating in the Veterans Wheelchair Games we were able to get out of the building after about 30 minutes of effort.

It was a quick hello, took a photo, and off we went in different directions.

As you can tell, I like taking selfies with everyone I meet and that includes all of you! It's hard living so far away from you all and only communicating through an email once a month or a phone call every now and then.

No matter what, you are all part of my Moose family and now I have photos to



add to my Moose journey as a reminder of how special each and every one of you are.

The Convention was incredible and came with some surprises along the way.

Congratulations J.C. Patton on your appointment to the International Moose Legion Council!

I hope you were as excited as I was to hear Scott Hart announce our names during the session. I hope to serve the International Higher Degrees Board well for the next two years.

Congratulations to everyone at Woodward Moose Lodge 452 for earning the Premier Lodge Award, and thank you for being part of my Moose family.

NO Application Fee

May 1 — December 31, 2024
to join The Moose online

Beginning May 1, 2024, the **\$20** application fee will be 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. This program will be evaluated on an ongoing basis and is scheduled to end Dec. 31, 2024.


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.

GL 95.c.1 WAIVED
 The Chapter shall have a gain
 in membership of one (1) or
 more "active" members.
 May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025
ONLY!

ANNOUNCEMENT



TWO MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE CONCERNING THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

ANNOUNCEMENT 1: This slide was part of the Women of the Moose session about the Plus-One (1) in Membership requirement for honors this year. It has been waived for this year only.

ANNOUNCEMENT 2: Honors for the Women of the Moose (Academy of Friendship, Star, and College of Regents) will continue as they are.

WOTM, from page 1

Our meetings are the second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

Ladies we would love to have you come join us and see what your chapter does and what we support. We want you and we need you.

Until next month, come out to the lodge, enjoy a cool beverage and some and some fellowship with friends.

See you there.

We would like to send prayers for comfort and peace to the families of prayers and condolences to the families of Carol Parker and Woody Leonard on their passing.



BENEFIT For BARRETT

Barrett Ferguson is the 12 year old son of Ryan & Amanda (Eslick) Ferguson. For the last 7 years Barrett has undergone daily epileptic seizures & most recently attended the MAYO clinic for diagnostic testing & treatment.

We are supporting a "BENEFIT for BARRETT" to help with medical expenses & future medical care.

Please join us August 24th at 5:30 pm at the Moose Lodge in Woodward OK, for a "Donation"

FISH FRY & SILENT AUCTION

If you cannot attend but would like to mail a donation to Barrett, please make your personal check payable to; Barrett Ferguson & address the envelope to:

Stride Bank
 127 S Main St
 Mooreland OK 73852
 C/O Barrett Ferguson

To donate electronically:
 venmo: @amanda-ferguson-127
 paypal: @fighting4extinct
 cashapp: \$aferguson5

Thank you!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31 DARTS 7:30 PM	1 CARDS PITCH	2 BLIND DRAW DARTS 7:30 PM	3 MOOSE LEGION 6:30 PM MEAL MEETING TO FOLLOW
4	5 WOTM OFFICERS 7:00 PM	6 POOL	7 NOMINATION COMMITTEE OFFICERS MEETING 7:30 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO FOLLOW DARTS 7:30 PM	8 CARDS PITCH	9	10
11 MOOSE LEGION JULY 12-14 STILLWATER	12	13 POOL	14 DARTS 7:30 PM	15 CARDS PITCH	16 BLIND DRAW DARTS 7:30 PM	17 OSKMA: AUG 15-18 HUTCHINSON
18 OSKMA HUTCHINSON DISTRICT MEETING 9AM	19 PORK LOADED POTATOES ELECTION 7:00 PM WOTM OFFICERS 7:00 PM LODGE OFFICERS MEETING 7:30 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO FOLLOW	20 POOL	21 DARTS 7:30 PM MOOSE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION JULY 23-28 NEW ORLEANS	22 CARDS PITCH	23	24
25	26 WOTM CHAPTER 7:30 PM	27 BLOOD DRIVE POOL	28	29	30	31