

# 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.*

## BUSY TIMES IN THE HEAT OF SUMMER

**DOYT SIMMONS** *President*

**W**ell, summer is here and I hope you're staying cool.

Don't forget to invite your friends and family out and show them what we, our Moose family, is all about.

If you sign them in to the Moose fraternity before the end of July the extra application fee will be waived, that's a good deal.

The Sooner Moose Legion celebration will

be held in Stillwater July 12-14. If you have never been, come join us. It is always a good time and a chance to learn what we do for our fraternity and community.

Our International Convention is in New Orleans July 23 thru 28, a busy week with meetings and mixing with members from other lodges to see what they are doing in their lodges to support their lodge, fraternity, and community. I hope to bring some new ideas back that will help our

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**The chapter wants to congratulate Trevor Hepner on his advancement to the Pilgrim Degree of Merit. Congratulations Trevor on this well deserved achievement!!**

## CELEBRATE SUCCESS

**TINA HOWARD** *Senior Regent*

Wow. It's hot out there!! But it's cool in the lodge!! Come on out and enjoy the air conditioning.

The chapter is still looking for our Guide, if you are interested in filling this position please let any chapter officer know.

Chapter meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday nights at 7:30. We would love to have you come check them out.

Lots going on this month ending with several of us going to Moose International Convention in New Orleans.

Have you made your reservations for OSKMA IN Hutchinson, KS on Aug 15-18? We will also have our District One meeting in Hutchinson at 4pm on Aug 15th in Hutchinson.

This tends to be a slow time of year at our lodge so please come out and show your support!

## TOMMY MOOSE BRINGING COMFORT AND CARE

**KIMBERLY KELLY** *Editor*

*My message today comes from my friend, and Moose International Membership Committee member, Dan Companion. He is also the current President of the Northeast Moose Association and got the ball rolling for the Comfort Cases project that is spreading*

*throughout the Moose fraternity and it's associations like wildfire.*

Before I share his message I first must tell you about Comfort Cases?

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lodge thrive and grow

If you have any idea, come out and visit with us about it.

This is your lodge and any suggestions for our success and growth are welcome.

If we can do it we will try. Thanks to all who have come out to support our fundraisers they were a success.

There will be a blood drive July 30, if you can give, there is always a need. Hope to see you at your lodge soon.

*We would like to send prayers for comfort and peace to the families of Jason Razien, Billy Holloway, Wanda Merchant, Martin Riedl, Sue Ridenhour and Robert Millison upon their passing.*

## NO APPLICATION FEE

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**.

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

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**Imagine being a child going into foster care for the first time and, instead of having to gather as many belongings as they can and throw them in a garbage bag in a matter of minutes as others have done in the past, they are handed a brand new backpack filled with pajamas, a blanket, towel, books, toiletries, and their very own Tommy Moose.**

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Comfort Cases are backpacks filled with comfort and personal care items for youth entering the foster care system.

Typically, children are given a trash bag to pack up their belongings when they are removed from their homes.

Moose members across the East Coast and beyond are working to end this practice while providing the essentials for a child's first few days in foster care, to help bring dignity and hope to youth in need.

In fact, the first thing they will find when they open the backpack is Tommy.

It gives them comfort right from the start and gives them something of their own as they enter a stranger's home for the first time.

I have personally been involved in promoting this program and I can tell you that its' impact goes far beyond the children that it reaches.

I found it pertinent to the overall bigger picture of the Moose fraternity, why we are members, and how our focused attention on projects like these can change the lives of others and our own view of things.

Watch for more details on this project as it sweeps throughout the Moose fraternity in the next year or two.

Here is Dan's message:

*"When you empower yourself with individuals that see hope, potential, opportunity, enthusiasm, and motivation you feel very differently about life and all that it beholds.*

*In a digital world it can be misleading to believe that everyone is against each other; however, if you sit at bar (no matter what your beverage of choice is) the power of togetherness is highlighted by banter and conversation of life.*

*It is our ability to have conversation that makes us laugh and realize that life doesn't have to be so serious. I hope I have given this energy of hope, laughter, and positivity.*

*It is so much more enjoyable to be around people who see the glass half full and that the next grand opportunity is just a positive thought away and needs to shared.*

*Do yourself a favor and listen to the music that moves you, read those words that touch your soul, and place yourself in a place that brings you pure joy!*

*It is right there for the taking, and let's meet again to cling a glass to good fortune, good living, and plenty of laughter."*

Isn't that a great idea?

With so much drama in the world, isn't it a nice thought that we come together and enjoy each other's company, do the things that make us happy, and have a good time doing it?

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3 <b>DARTS</b> 7:30 PM	4 <b>CARDS</b> <b>PITCH</b>	5 <b>BLIND DRAW</b> <b>DARTS</b> 7:30 PM	6 <b>MOOSE LEGION</b> 6:30 PM MEAL MEETING AFTERWARDS
7	8 <b>WOTM OFFICERS</b> 7:30 PM	9 <b>POOL</b>	10 <b>DARTS</b> 7:30 PM	11 <b>CARDS</b> <b>PITCH</b>	12 <b>MOOSE LEGION JULY 12-14</b> STILLWATER	13
14 <b>MOOSE LEGION</b> <b>JULY 12-14</b> STILLWATER	15	16 <b>POOL</b>	17 <b>DARTS</b> 7:30 PM	18 <b>CARDS</b> <b>PITCH</b>	19 <b>BLIND DRAW</b> <b>DARTS</b> 7:30 PM	20
21	22	23 <b>POOL</b>	24 <b>DARTS</b> 7:30 PM	25 <b>CARDS</b> <b>PITCH</b>	26	27
			<b>MOOSE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION JULY 23-28</b> NEW ORLEANS			
28	29	30 <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b>  <b>POOL</b>	31	1	2	3