

# The Guide

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MOOSE LODGE 452  
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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.*



The Woodward Moose Lodge Moose Legion Committee donated four bicycles to Woodward ECC for their students.

“ Check out our Facebook page at Woodward Moose Lodge #452 to keep current on lodge activities that might not make our newsletter.

## SPECIAL MEETING

*to be held Jan. 6, 2025*

Members,

On January 6, 2025, we request your presence at a special meeting to discuss and vote on the following items:

Beer cooler refrigeration system has quit working due to the age of system (20 years). We must completely replace the refrigeration system which includes the outside unit and inside unit. We will be voting on securing a loan for approximately \$11,000 which will be secured with Certificate of Deposit that we currently own through Bank VII. Please attend this meeting.

Special meeting begins at 7:30 PM in the lodge meeting room at the Lodge home.

Board of Officers

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

**TINA HOWARD** *Senior Regent*

First off I want to thank all the volunteers for all the help during the holidays. We couldn't do it without you!

This month the Chapter will open nominations for the 25-26 Chapter year.

Our first nomination meeting will be held on January 27 after the chapter meeting. Our second nominating meeting will be on Feb 3 at 7:00 p.m.

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# Woodward Moose Lodge



**LOST  
SPRINGER  
Band**

# 2025 NEW YEAR'S EVE *Celebration*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024

LIVE MUSIC 8:30PM-12:30AM | FREE CHAMPAGNE @ MIDNIGHT

\$5 BREAKFAST SERVED 12:30AM-1:30AM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | SHUTTLE AVAILABLE

3702 1st St, Woodward, Oklahoma

# This is what being part of the Moose fraternity is all about

**DOYT SIMMONS** *Lodge President*

Hope everyone had a good Christmas and will have a good New Years.

Our Lodge is trying to offer some more activities in the coming months: more meal options, free game nights, or maybe something that you our members would like to see and "PARTICIPATE" in making happen. Let us know what you want.

Volunteers make our lodge more successful. Don't be shy.

Our kids at Mooseheart, our seniors at Moosehaven, and our own community depend upon us to prosper so they can too.

Inviting your friends and family to come as guests and new members will help us achieve that goal.

Check out our Facebook page at Woodward Moose Lodge #452 to keep current on lodge activities that might not make our newsletter.

In the age of social media we can use this tool to better inform our members of things we older people might forget from time to time!

We had great participation in the angel tree, Veterans wish list, bicycles for Woodward ECC, coat donations, meals for NW Domestic Crisis, and other local community service projects

Thank you to all who helped. Your generosity is what the Moose fraternity is about.

# MAKING OUR LODGE AND CHAPTER EVEN BETTER

*It all begins with you*

**KIMBERLY KELLY** *Editor*

Moose International's Membership Chairman Dan Companion recently posted on Facebook a message called "Effective Leadership - It's Not Just Meetings".

It is a great read and directed at the leaders of our fraternity at the local level.

While his message was directed to those in leadership positions, I want to take a moment to bring it from a member perspective.

Here at Woodward Moose Lodge, we have a great group of individuals who have taken on leadership roles this year.

They deal with the day-to-day operations of the lodge, the good and the bad.

One of the biggest things in Dan's message is the fact that we hear "I can't get volunteers, no one wants to be an officer, I can't get along with my board, no one listens to me."

So let's look at those things for a minute.

## 1. I CAN'T GET VOLUNTEERS

We have some great volunteers within our organization.

They work tirelessly to ensure that our games run seamlessly, that food is delivered out of the kitchen effectively, and that our Lodge home looks good.

That's where you come in!

We need your help. While you are at the lodge ask the person in charge like the bartender, a lodge officer, office staff if there is anything you can do to help out while you are there.

It could be as simple as preparing silverware or cutting s-printed menus for the next meal.

It could be wiping down the tables in the dining room, or straightening up the meeting room.

It only takes a few minutes to make a big impact.

## 2. NO ONE WANTS TO BE AN OFFICER

You're going to hear a lot about nominating committees and elections in the next few months. Yes, it is that time of year again and we will soon see a change in our Lodge and Chapter Board of Officers.

Have you ever considered being part of the leadership team of our Lodge or Chapter?

It is very rewarding when you know you have done your best to keep the Lodge or Chapter continuing to make a positive impact on our community, that we continue to put children at risk through school and provide scholarships for their future, and that we continue to care for our elderly.

## 3. I CAN'T GET ALONG WITH MY BOARD.

Whew, that can be a tough one. But what you have to realize is that everyone has a difference of opinion and sometimes those opinions clash. We know that and sometimes meetings can be intense because of it.

But you have to stay focused on the bigger picture, that being doing the best we can for our Lodge or Chapter so we can meet our obligations.

That's where the magic happens, when after everyone has voiced their concerns a plan is developed and positive change happens.

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## Mary Harrington

*Women of the Moose Chapter 2121  
Chapter Member of the year!*

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Offices you can run for are Senior Regent, Treasurer and Secretary.

If you are interested in holding office please let one of the current board know before January 27.

Our Chapter meetings are the second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 p.m. We would love for you to join us.

Monday Night Meals are doing fantastic. If interested in preparing or sponsoring a meal please let Pam or Carol know.

Until next month be happy and healthy!

## PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK AND DISTRESSED

*Mark Sweet  
Gary Harris  
Ben Franklin*

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We've already seen this in action over the last few years and we have overcome some pretty big obstacles.

#### 4. NO ONE LISTENS TO ME.

There is a great way to communicate your message: take it to the Board of Officers where they discuss the comment and decide if they should act on it or not.

The best way to communicate is to come to a Lodge or Chapter meeting and ask your question on the floor. You never know, there could be other people who feel the same way as you.

Good things happen when we communicate.

Dan stated, "it begins with honest collaboration with those you volunteer with."

It all doesn't happen just in the meeting though.

Case in point... just imagine a member came to a meeting with an idea for a fundraiser.

Everyone agreed it was a great idea but when the meeting was over, so too seemed the idea.

Nothing happened until that member came back to a meeting and asked where things were at with it.

At that point the member ended up taking control of the fundraiser and went on to raise a lot of money.

That's the kind of ambitious volunteering we need to see on a daily basis.

Could you imagine if 10 people had ideas of how to improve the lodge, raise money, or find new ways to generate excitement to improve our membership, and then brought those ideas to the Lodge or Chapter Board of Officers for approval?

The dialog alone within the meeting would be an effective change in overall membership participation.

And that's what we need. We need members to step up, share their ideas, and help implement them.

It only takes a minute to share your idea, and another to say "I will help."

It is time to come together to make our great Lodge and Chapter an even better place where our members can come, enjoy themselves, help our community, and support each other.

# 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](http://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](http://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.

# JANUARY IS MOOSE LEGION HONOR MONTH

*Support your Sooner Moose Legion and have a Happy New Year. Be safe and welcome to 2025!*

## **Bruce L Snider**

*Moose International Director*

*Past International Moose Legion President*

We draw straws each month to see who gets the honor of writing this article for the monthly newsletter. I am sure you have figured out that I must have won (or lost) this month.

I want to start by saying again congratulations to the newest member of the International Moose Legion Council, Pilgrim JC Patton from Woodward Lodge #452.

Our next lodge meeting will be January 4, 2025. All active and paid Moose Legionnaires from Woodward committee will receive free beverages in the social quarters from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. providing you attend the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

January is Moose Legion Honor month.

This month is dedicated to the many hours our Moose Legionnaires devote to service for lodge and our communities.

Most events, whether it be cooking, cleaning, or volunteering for community service, are manned by Moose Legionnaires! They are the backbone of not only our lodge but the backbone of the Moose Fraternity.

Moose Legionnaires, show your pride by wearing your Moose Legion vest, regalia or polo shirts this month at all lodge functions.

For the month of January, everyday you come to the lodge and show that you are a Moose Legionnaire, we will put your name on a ticket and place in the hopper.

At the February meeting, February 1,

2025, we will draw the winning ticket for the grand prize. Winner takes all!!!

Our next Sooner Moose Legion celebration is in Hutchinson Lodge 982, January 10-12, 2025.

Please plan on attending and meeting the International Moose Legion President Ron Serio. Ron is our special guest. Let us show Ron some Sooner Moose Legion hospitality. Woodward needs to bring home the attendance banner!

We also have tickets in the Social Quarters for the quarterly Moose Legion drawing.

This quarter, we will be giving away a new laptop computer. See any Moose Legionnaire for tickets.

The proceeds from these drawing help to send our championship ritual team to competition each year.

## *Valued Veterans*



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1 NEW YEARS DAY CLOSED	2 CARDS PITCH	3	4 MOOSE LEGION MEETING  Moose Legionnaires drink FREE 6:30-7:30 PM
5	6 LODGE BOARD OF OFFICERS MEETING 7 PM SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM ON BEER COOLER REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR LODGE MEMBERSHIP MEETING 8 PM	7 POOL	8 DARTS 7:30 PM	9 CARDS PITCH	10 SOONER MOOSE LEGION HUTCHINSON MOOSE LODGE	11 SOONER MOOSE LEGION HUTCHINSON MOOSE LODGE
12 SOONER MOOSE LEGION HUTCHINSON MOOSE LODGE	13 WOTM MEETING 7 PM	14 POOL	15 DARTS 7:30 PM	16 CARDS PITCH	17	18
19 DISTRICT MEETING ALVA	20 LODGE BOARD OF OFFICERS MEETING 7 PM	21 POOL	22 DARTS 7:30 PM	23 CARDS PITCH	24	25
26	27 WOTM CHAPTER MEETING 7:30 PM  WOTM NOMINATING MEETING TO FOLLOW	28 POOL	29 DARTS 7:30 PM	30	31	1