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The deadline for the next issue of *Reflections* is:

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On The Cover:

On the cover of this issue is one of the most dedicated members of our fraternity and a friend to all. Cheryl Woodall Foster has been an exemplary representative of our association, and I am sure she will carry that with her in her new appointment. I can't think of anyone more deserving.

Jim Means



Valued Veterans

Moose Veterans Serving Then, And Now!

We Thank You!

TIME IS LIKE A RIVER. -- You cannot touch the same water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy Every Moment.

FROM EDITORS DESK

Jim Means

The last couple of months have been hard on most of us. COVID still has us locked down, lodges have been either closed or operating at 25% for almost a year. The weather is so bad now that the 25% can't get out. A bright spot, on the other hand, is that our Mid-Year in March will be in person, (with Masks of course) and we may be able to see all of our old friends. I for one am looking forward to this.

Most of our convention this year will center around OneMoose and how to implement it. On top of all this, we will begin the migration to the new LCL system. Hope everyone is ready for this.

“Going to be interesting”, See you there.

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**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
JUST
BECAME
MORE
VALUABLE!**



A Message from Director General Scott Hart



SCOTT D. HART
Director General

A Note from the Director General

I have to admit that as the last few months of 2020 wound down, I found myself living just a little bit more for 2021 than for the day at hand. Imagine that you are eight years old and your parents just told you were going to take a once in a lifetime trip to visit a Florida mouse in three months, or that as a Moose member you won an all-expense-paid trip to Tuscola, Illinois and a weekend shadowing IMA Secretary Gary Doud as he makes Lodge visitations. With either one, you would probably find yourself having trouble sleeping at night as the date drew closer – for totally different reasons though!

Expectations for the New Year are high that the spread of COVID diminishes to a trickle and social gatherings are celebrated and not scrutinized, and that our children and grandchildren are learning in a classroom, not in isolation

on a screen. We expect job growth, retirement security, a day when every Lodge in our fraternity is open for indoor business, Florida Day at Moosehaven and Homecoming at Mooseheart.

Oh, and there is just one small event taking place on May 1, 2021 – One Moose! On this date, every Moose member, male and female, will enjoy equal opportunity, an equal voice and an equal vote within the Lodge. So elevate your expectations, hang on to some of that New Year's confetti and anticipate being part of Moose history in the making.

I appreciate your commitment to our Moose fraternity – together we are One Moose – with the best yet to come!

God Bless!
Scott D Heart
Director General

**FROM THE DESK OF
TERRITORY MANAGER**

Bill Przelenski



Spring is just around the corner and COVID 19 does not seem like it wants to go away. We must continue to follow the guidance of our local health departments and do our best to stay healthy.

We have had a few lodges that had to shut down because they were not following the guidance of the health departments. If we are still in the midst of this pandemic we must follow the guidance we are given. Continue to wear your face masks and let's stay safe until this is over.

We need to continue to check on our members. Especially our older members to make sure they are safe. We need to see if they need help on buying groceries, getting to doctors' appointments or wherever they need to go. We as Moose members should be taking care of our older members during this time especially if they are staying in their homes. How are we helping individuals that are within our communities that may need help? This could be a good community service project for any Lodge. I know of one Lodge that has performed this task. We say no one knows that there is a Moose Lodge in their community, and this would be a great way to let them know we are here and we are here to help.

We will get through this pandemic and hopefully be better as we learn from this terrible disease.

We need to make sure we follow the guidelines that are set by our State Health Organization and our local Health Departments. Let's all work together and help each other and let's be safe and we will all come through this time safe and healthy.

**Bill Przelenski
Territory Manager**



STATE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Marc Miller

Greetings

It is a new year, time for nominations and elections, so get your name turned in for an office at your Moose home or District. We need you to get involved to keep Moose Heart and Moose Haven more than a dream.

A big thank you to all the Lodges and WV State officers that sold their February Daily three-affle tickets. Out of 1000 tickets, 30 were un-sold. I was beaming with admiration as Rich Erlewine and the New Martinsville sold over 100 tickets. As the tickets came back un-sold, I forwarded them to Rich and he found a way to sell them all with no complaints. Thank you Rich you are an asset to our fraternity.

Many thanks to all for following the government guidelines and safety protocols to protect our members. It has been a challenge for all but maybe with the new COVID-19 vaccines, we can soon get back to normal.

We will be having our Mid-Year Convention in Huntington, but we are limited to the Number of members that can attend. Masks are required and temperature checks before entering the meeting room. Stay safe and continue safe distancing as we transition into 2021.

Fraternally,

Marc Miller

WVMA President



Richard Findlay
Deputy Supreme Governor

Official Communication: General Laws (effective 5/1/21)

To facilitate ONE MOOSE, a number of amendments to the General Laws were proposed at the 2020 Virtual International Convention. By approval in excess of two thirds majority, the delegates of the Loyal Order of Moose approved a series of changes to the General Laws which will enable the Fraternity to create a single (ONE MOOSE) membership category that provides equal rights for all members within the lodge. These approved amendments are effective May 1, 2021.

A clean, updated copy of the General Laws, which will be effective May 1, 2021, has been placed on the [mooseintl.org](https://www.mooseintl.org) website for your review. The following link will direct you to the document: <https://www.mooseintl.org/.../02/General-Laws-May-2021.pdf>. Again, please note that this document is not effective until May 1, 2021. In that regard, the current General Laws effective August 1, 2019 will continue to reside on the [mooseintl.org](https://www.mooseintl.org) website until May 1, 2021. Please be careful to use the appropriate version.

Official Communication for January 29, 2021

QuickBooks Online (QBO) Resources Moose Training has been building a library of video tutorials and reference materials to help familiarize and educate administrators, recorders or Moose Legion secretaries on the differences between the old version and the new QBO version. Among these you will find in depth videos; short, task-specific videos; job aids; and more reference materials all designed to make the transition a smooth and successful one. Access these helpful tools from the home page of Moose International's website by scrolling down to the Latest News at Moose section where you will find the QuickBooks logo, below it click the Read More button to access the links to the videos and reference materials.

Cheryl Foster, CA



I am humbled beyond belief that someone felt I was good enough to fill Peggy's shoes. I could never do the job as well as she has. She is my mentor and friend and has been trying to train me for this position for some time now.

That being said, I promise to try my very best to stay on top of things and phone, text, or email updates as I receive them to all Past Deputy Grand Regents/Mentors and Chapters. Right now I have a lot of the same questions as you do. As "One moose" gets closer and closer, the more questions pop up. If you have questions, Please, PLEASE, do NOT go to Face Book for answers, because you'll get several totally different answers and be more confused. Go to Mooseintl.org for updates, also your Recorders get these and read them on the Chapter floor, ask her for copies. Ask your Officers, if they don't know, ask the Past Deputy in your Chapter or your Mentor, Trainer, the current Deputy Grand Regent or myself. Trust me, if none of us know the answers, I will find it for you.

I am very excited about our Mid Year Conference. I cannot wait to see everyone. Our Deputy Grand Regent, Melissa Stanislawczyk, has met with the Hotel and made arrangements for a safe and informative weekend. Although, it will be a little different as in the past, due to Covid-19. Masks will be mandatory in our meetings, hand sanitizers and gloves will be provided, social distancing observed and temperatures taken at the door before you enter.

Auction tables will be set up as usual as well as a table for Betty's Baskets. Please have your Chapters collect items for the silent auction and please donate a basket for Betty's table. Remember all money collected goes to Moose Charities for our West Virginia house.

Something different this year is an "Officers Training" class on Thursday morning at 9:00 in our meeting room on the second floor. Michele Dudley will be the trainer for this. I cannot stress how important this training is. I urge all of you to attend this class, where you will learn about all the changes taking place after May 1st. You will receive credit for this year and next year. Plus hopefully, it will also answer a lot of your questions.

Sunday morning is the Academy of Friendship Conferral and I want to congratulate all of the candidates who will be receiving this degree. This is a very special occasion and a beautiful ceremony.

By now all Lodges and Chapters should have received notice of the Heart of the Community project the Association is doing for Mid-Year. It's a Genius idea to make monetary donations to the WV Moose Association and they in turn will present one check to the Men's Rescue Center in St. Albans on Sat. March the 27th at 11:30 in the Lobby of the Hotel. This way they can get the most important items they might need. Please support this worthwhile endeavor.

Hope everyone is watching their membership numbers and working on those retention lists. The end of the year will be here before you know it.

Looking forward to our transition on May 1.

MOOSE REWARDS PROGRAM

It's simple, you can earn points for sponsoring members, attending meetings, holding office, or just renewing your dues. Every member has an opportunity to participate and your points are awarded automatically without any paperwork or submissions.

8k

8,000 POINTS!

Hold an elected office in your Lodge or Chapter for at least 10 months in office and still in the position on April 30th

6k

6,000 POINTS!

Sponsor your **FIRST** ever new or re-enrolled member into the LOOM or WOTM.

1k

1,000 POINTS!

- Sponsor your **FIRST** ever new or re-enrolled member into the Moose Legion.
- Renew your Lodge or Chapter Dues (year 1-2).
- Pay dues multiple years in advance.
- Become a Life Member.
- Qualify for the 25 Club.
- Members you sponsor renew their dues.
- Attend a International Moose Convention.
- Attend an instructor-led training session.
- Hold an elected office in the Moose Legion.
- Attain a higher degree of the Order.

600 POINTS!

- Hold an elected office on your Association Executive Board.
- Members you sponsor renew their dues (year 2+).
- Become a Life Member of the Moose Legion.
- Renew your Moose Legion dues (year 1-2).
- Sponsor a new or re-enrolled member into the LOOM or WOTM.
- Complete an online training program.

600

150 POINTS!

Renew your Moose Legion dues.

150

250

250 POINTS!

- Sponsor a new or re-enrolled member into the Moose Legion.
- Renew your Lodge or Chapter dues.
- Join the Moose Legion.
- Attain the next division(s) within the 25 Club.
- Members you sponsor renew their Moose Legion dues.
- Attend the Moose Texas Hold 'Em tournament or future select programs.

**Danny Williams, Sr. PIP
WV Moose Legion Area Manager
Intl. Moose Legion Secretary**



DANNY WILLIAMS, SR.

WV Moose Charities Report

Hello WV Moose Brothers and Sisters of our Great Association, “Thank You” for all your generous donations to Moose Charities.

The problem is we are still behind in our obligations – We pledged \$30,000.00 toward the MAC (Mooseheart Activities Center) Project and we need \$10,442.77 to complete this project.

Our very own WV Home project, which is a yearly obligation of \$60,000.00, we are in need of \$40,107.45 to complete this by May 1st, 2021. (These figures were as of December 31, 2020). So won’t you get that check book out and write us a check and present it at our Mid-Year Conference in March 2021 the WV Association would greatly appreciate it !

“Thank You”, “Thank You”, “Thank You” to everyone who sold and bought the chances for our recent “12 Week Club” even during this Covid-19 era this was the best and most profitable fundraiser that I have handled in 14 years as Moose Charities Chairman. We will be giving chances out for our 2021-2022, “12 Week Club” in August at our WV Annual Convention. Once again “THANK YOU” for all you do !

**Fraternally,
Danny Williams Sr.
LOOM Moose Charities Chairman**



Jr. Past President

Hello brothers and co-workers. I hope everyone is doing well this winter. This cold weather is not my favorite.

Well, this moose year is coming to a close. our numbers are down are we working retention are we signing new members? now is not the time to sit back, we need to be proactive, not reactive. Tell people the story of Moose. work with your lodge to make people want to join. We need to be the best place to go in town.

In the coming months, we will be One Moose, there will be changes we will all have to get used to. If we go forward with an open mind and a positive attitude we will make this work. If we do not we will fail. We all need to remember why we are Moose when we develop our attitude about change.

remember our kids at Moose heart and our seniors at Moose haven depend on us and our decisions for the future.

Everyone, please stay safe and I hope everything will get back to normal soon, I do not think it ever will be the way it was, but if we stay positive we can move ahead and be stronger.

May God bless you all and God bless Moose heart and Moose Haven.

**Jim Turner
WVMA Jr. Past President**

State Treasure

I hope everyone is doing well as we start this new year. The Mid Year Conference is coming up March 25-28. I look forward to seeing a representative from every lodge and chapter there. This Mid Year may be a little different from past ones, but I still think it will be very informative as we move forward to becoming One Moose.

**Robert Ellifritz
WV State Treasure**



Bonita Belcher
WV WOTM Membership Coordinator

HELLO CO-WORKERS

AS WE GET READY TO CLOSE OUR 2020-2021 CHAPTER YEAR AND TRANSITION INTO THE NEW "ONE MOOSE" ARE YOUR CHAPTERS READY? THE PROPOSED CHANGES WILL DEFINITELY AFFECT OUR CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP. MOOSE INTERNATIONAL HAS INFORMED US THAT A WOMAN OF THE MOOSE MEMBER MUST HAVE HER CHAPTER DUES PAID BEYOND APRIL 30, 2021. WHAT THIS MEANS IS SHE MUST BE IN THE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP STATUS ON MAY 1, 2021 IN ORDER TO SMOOTHLY TRANSITION INTO A ONE MOOSE LODGE MEMBERSHIP. IF HER MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOT CURRENT ON MAY 1, 2021, SHE WILL HAVE TO PAY HER ONE MOOSE LODGE AND CHAPTER DUES ONLINE AFTER MAY 1, 2021 AND SHE WILL LOSE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR 3 YEARS FREE CHAPTER DUES. ALSO, AFTER MAY 1, 2021 TO JOIN THE CHAPTER, SHE MUST BE A MEMBER OF A MOOSE LODGE. IN ESSENCE SHE HAS TO JOIN A LODGE TO BECOME A CHAPTER CO-WORKER, LADIES THIS IS REALLY GOING TO IMPACT OUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS. LADIES THIS IS THE FUTURE. WE MUST CONCENTRATE OF THE PRESENT. AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021 OUR TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP WAS 6695. WHEN WE STARTED THIS CHAPTER YEAR WE HAD 7484 ACTIVE MEMBERS. THIS SHOWS A DECREASE IN MEMBERSHIP OF 789. HOWEVER; WHEN YOU FACTOR IN THE NEW MEMBERS THAT WE HAVE ENROLLED THIS YEAR OF 617 WE ARE REALLY DOWN 1406 CHAPTER MEMBERS FROM THE 2019-2020 CHAPTER YEAR.. WE KEEP ENROLLING NEW MEMBERS TO COMPENSATE FOR THE CHAPTER MEMBERS THAT NO LONGER CHOOSE TO BE APART OF OUR WONDERFUL CHAPTERS. FOR OUR CHAPTERS TO SUCCEED WE MUST GET THESE LADIES TO RENEW THEIR DUES. IF OUR CHAPTERS ARE GOING TO SHOW AN INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP WE MUST WORK ON MEMBERSHIP RETENTION. THIS IS THE CURRENT ISSUE, WE CANNOT WORRY ABOUT "ONE MOOSE" NOW. WE MUST BE

MORE DILIGENT WITH THE TASK AT HAND! GETTING OUR MEMBERS TO GET THEIR PASSION BACK FOR THE MOOSE ORGANIZATION! GET THEM TO PAY THEIR DUES! MAKE OUR CHAPTERS GREAT AGAIN! LADIES "ONE MOOSE" STARTS MAY 1, 2021!!! WE STILL HAVE TIME TO GET THE JOB DONE THAT WE AS CO-WORKERS AND OFFICERS STARTED ON MAY 1, 2020. THAT IS TO INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP AND WORK TOWARDS HELPING MOOSEHEART AND MOOSEHAVEN. LADIES WE CANNOT FAIL OUR CHILDREN OR OUR SENIORS. I ASK YOU TO WORK ON THE TASK AT HAND! MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP!

THANK YOU,

BONITA BELCHER, PDGR

WV WOTM MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Sports/Activities

Brothers,

Let's take a moment of silence for those that are affected by the coronavirus and those who are recovering. This also includes those who have lost their jobs, homes, family because of the virus. Check on your neighbors especially the elderly. Offer to pick needs from the store or just be there to talk. Please be sure you are practicing social distancing and wearing your mask. Brothers always keep the children at Moose Heart and the seniors at Moose Haven in our prayers. This is why we do what we do. Get creative in ways to keep our lodges open and bring your ideas to the convention. Hope to see you in Huntington in March.

**Thank You
James Dunn
West Virginia Moose Association
Sports/Activities Director**



WV WOTM SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

Spring 2021

Spring brings renewal and new life in nature all around us. Hopefully, it will soon bring an end to this terrible virus so we can return to safely be together in our endeavors to support our beloved fraternity.

As I am sure that you are already aware, many International Sports Tournaments have already been canceled. So far these include the Texas Hold'em, International Bowling, and International Dart tournaments. Please visit <https://www.mooseintl.org/sports/> for all Moose sports and tournaments information.

With the assistance and brainpower of our beloved sister Peggy Shinn, each Chapter was issued an email with instructions on an *individual* scavenger hunt challenge. The challenge ended on February 28, 2021. The winner will be announced at our mid-year conference if held. Due to COVID restrictions, our number of attendees at this Conference will be limited. However, our challenge winners will be announced and prizes will be mailed if winners are not in attendance.

The next challenge was to create an Easter Bonnet for yourself *and* your Rosie if you have one, or any other doll/animal you may have. The final challenge was to create a Chapter/Lodge Activity board. If you are not in attendance please send your Hats and Board with your Chapter Representative.

I can't wait to safely see all of you again my dear Moose sisters and brothers.

**Fraternally yours with love & virtual hugs,
Sarah Held, PDGR, WV S&A CHAIRMAN**

Mick Brooks
H.O.C. Chairman
District 3 ATM



Heart of the Community Report

Greetings Brothers and Sisters of the West Virginia Moose Association from Chairpersons Micky and Alta Brooks. We hope everyone doing well, either recovering or managing your situation during this Covid 19 pandemic. The end of last year and the beginning of this year has taken a toll on most of us and our families, including our Moose families. We must continue to push forward in support of everyone that has been affected or touched in some way by this virus. Our Lodges and Chapters are also going through challenging times because of the COVID-19 virus. It is our duty as Loyal Moose members to continue to sign and retain members. Reach out to members who have not been around for a while, maybe recovering or just trying to avoid the possibility of encountering the virus. Lots of our members would like to hear from us, just a phone call or mailing a card could go a long way in letting a member know we care. Staying in touch with our members by any means also works retention. As we progress through this pandemic, little by little more and more members are trickling back to our Lodges. Please welcome them back, wear your mask, and social distance. Whether you decide to take the COVID-19 vaccine or not is totally up to you. Do whatever you think is right for you to protect yourself, your family, your community, and your Moose from harm. I do believe these troubling times will make us stronger and in turn make our Moose stronger.

Brothers and Sisters of the WV Moose Association. Our Heart of the Community Project for the Mid-Year Convention (HOC) will be monetary donations from Lodges, Chapters, and individual contributions to support Recovery U.

Recovery U is a curriculum based, long-term recovery home for transitioning men with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and other co-occurring issues. Recovery U will house 67 males and is a six to twelve-month program or until the individual can safely transition back into their community. A positive healthy lifestyle, encouragement of spiritual growth, and an ongoing commitment to genuine care is the motto at Recovery U. Recovery U is located in Saint Albans, WV. Representatives from Recovery U will be at Mid-Year on Saturday, March 27, 2021.

Checks should be made out to WVMA, earmarked Recovery U. Checks should be postmarked no later than March 17, 2021 because of the slow down of the US Postal Service, (still getting x-mas cards mailed in December). The total donation will be written on one check by the WVMA and presented to Recovery U.

Checks should be mailed to:

**Dickey Foster
1327 Park Ave
Nitro, WV 25141**

**Thanks for all you do
HOC Chairman
Micky & Alta Brooks**

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Thank for all you do
HOC Chairman
Micky & Alta Brooks



KENNY SIMMONS
WVMA Sports Director

The State Pool Tournament for this year will be held at the Beckley Moose Lodge. Due to the Pandemic we feel that they have the space to accommodate us in this event. The date and time will be posted at a later time.

The Karaoke contest competition that was canceled due to the COVID-19 has been rescheduled for August 13, 2021 at the Huntington Convention. If you are not able to participate, please notify your lodge in ample time so they can fill your position.

If any Lodge would like to host a Sports Event at their Lodge, (Cornhole, Darts, Horseshoes, Golf, etc..) please call me at 304-673-2755.

Kenny Simmons
WVMA Sports Director



**Melissa C Stanislawczyk
PDGR WV WOTM**

Greetings,

Mid-Year Conference is upon us and I know it will be one for the books as it will be a Conference like we have never had before and hope to never have to have again. Numbers will be down and I sincerely understand if you choose not to attend. We along with the Loyal Order are taking every precaution to ensure a safe environment for our meetings. Masks must be worn, lets see how many different masks we can come up with, pretty, ugly, funny there may even be prizes awarded. Your temperature will be taken at the door before you enter and rubber gloves hand sanitizer, and masks will also be available.

Our Official Visitor will be our very own Peggy Stanley Roach, President of the Academy of Friendship Board and our new CAC Cheryl Woodall Foster will also be with us for the weekend. Congratulations ladies, we are very PROUD of you. I would like to thank Peggy Shinn for her many years of dedicated service to the Women of the Moose of West Virginia. Peggy has assured us that she will be available to help us any way she can, thanks again Peggy we will miss you at Mid-Year. We have several co-workers that will not be attending our Mid-Year Conference, please know that you will be missed also and we are hoping we can all be together in August at the Annual Conference.

Chapters should have elections over or soon to be and are planning your installation for April. Congratulations to all incoming Officers and Chairmen. Let's hope we can get back to normal soon and have a better Chapter Year, as we move forward into our joint adventure of becoming One Moose with our Lodge Brothers.

Prayers that everyone stays safe and healthy until we can all be together again.

God Bless Mooseheart, God Bless Mooseheaven

Love, Hugs and Prayers

**Melissa "Stan" Stanislawczyk
Deputy Grand Regent**



**P Edward Orndorff
CAPS CHAIRMAN**

Hello everyone,

Well, It's that time of the year when a lot of things should be starting and we are hopeful they do.

We keep hoping each day that the virus pandemic will be over so life can get back to our day –to-day operation.

Each Lodge through the winter and into spring or more cannot forget about ice, snow, and rain. With care outside as well as inside, floors should be kept clean and dry.

Special attention should be given to Lodges inside and out especially during inclement weather. If floors are cleaned while members and guests are still on the premises, close off the section to guide them away from the area. Place (CAUTION) signs which all Lodges should have to alert members to potential areas of danger. Remember (Slip, Trip, and Fall).

One thing to consider is the airflow in your Lodge or Social Quarters. Consider using portable high-efficiency particulate air(HEPA) fan/filtration systems to enhance air cleaning (especially in higher-risk areas).

Ensure exhaust fans in restroom facilities are functional and operating at full capacity when the building is occupied. Consider using ultraviolet germicidal irradiation (UVGI) as a supplemental technique to combat the potential airborne virus in the upper-room air of common occupied spaces, in accordance with industry guidelines.

These are all very good points and critical to our efforts to provide a safe environment for our members and guests. Only by a concentrated effort can we ensure the safety of our members and guests and if we do a Great Job of this we will assure our continued Fraternal Success.

2020 will be remembered for many things going on in the world, not the least of which is the COVID pandemic and loss of lives, illness and quarantines, social distancing, including masks, and upsets to people's and families' economic futures. But also for the divide within our democracy and the continued threats that always seem to loom on the horizon from governments around the world.

Even our Lodges experienced disruptions on a scale nobody could have predicted. Most businesses, and even personal lives, plan for those "rainy days" that pop up every now and then, but few were prepared to weather the storm of a virus that we can all hope does not extend far into 2021. With all that's going on 2020 became a time for reflection for many of us. Since attending conventions and the great trips to and from them is a big part of all members, and the unprecedented "shutdown" of large gatherings resulted in a very high percentage of Lodges being canceled for 2020. It made most of us realize just how much these events mean to us. The lack of travel, enjoying the members that gather, and especially not seeing our extended family of Like-minded enthusiasts and the ability to meet new members has really brought home how much we enjoy the conventions.

The retention committees should make a check on their older members so when it comes time to renew their dues they won't forget that you called them in hard times.

SAFTEY FIRST , BE CAREFUL, BE AWARE, BE SAFE

**Ed Orndorff
CAPS Chairman**



May 1, 2020 - April 30, 2021

Working together toward the same goal, side by side as equals, on the same team. Stronger together as we work to build our Fraternity for generations to come.

Sponsor 1 Member One Moose pins are presented by your Lodge, Chapter or Moose Legion to individuals that sponsor their first member during the campaign.



Sponsor 5 Members Funds will be donated toward the purchase of new golf carts for use throughout the Moosehaven campus. Plans are to purchase one multi-person golf cart and two regular golf carts. Contributions are courtesy of your Association, the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion.



Sponsor 25 Members Members attaining Sponsors of Distinction status by sponsoring 25 members during the One Moose membership drive will receive free basic registration for our 2021 International Moose Convention in Cincinnati, OH. Additional information can be found on www.mooseintl.org.



The program has been extended until 2022! Earn Rewards simply for doing things that strengthen the Order: sponsor a member; serve in office; renew your dues or complete training. Each activity generates points automatically that you can use to pay dues, contribute to Mooseheart/Moosehaven, or redeem for Moose gift store purchases. Check your Moose Rewards points total today at www.mooseintl.org to see how many you have earned! Also, look for special promotions throughout the year for your chance to earn greater rewards.



**Danny Williams, Sr. PIP
WV Moose Legion Area Manager
Intl. Moose Legion Secretary**



DANNY WILLIAMS, SR.

Moose Legion Report

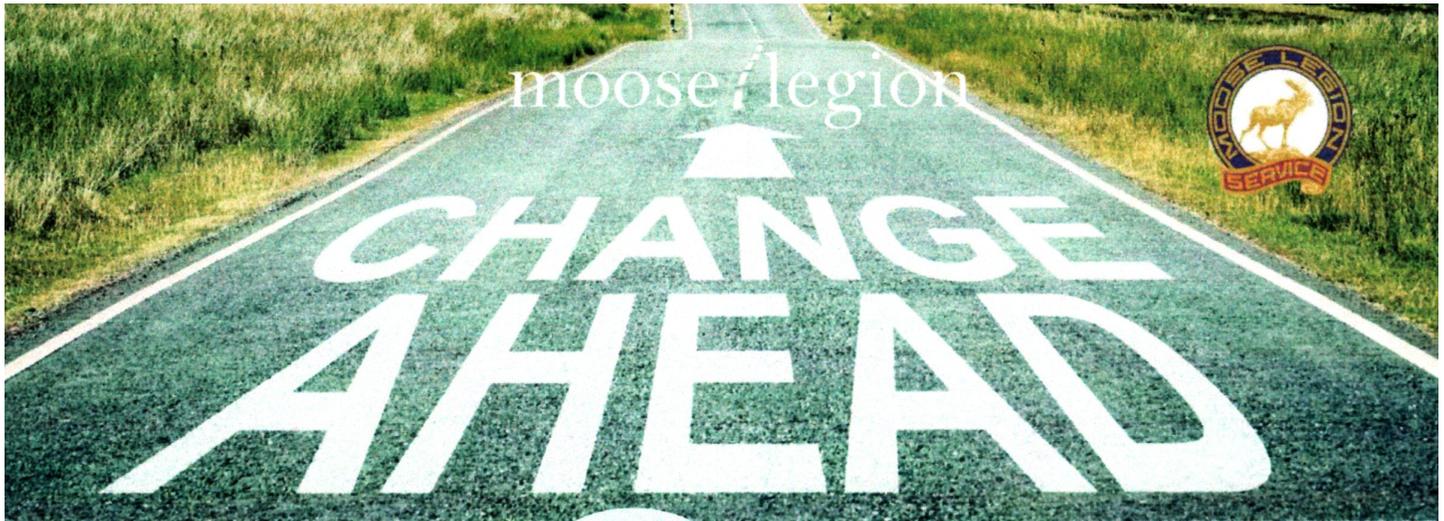
Hope this message finds you and your family safe and healthy. We are in our 10 month of our current Moose year 2020-2021. As I looked at the obligations we are all paid up except one Moose Legion. As slow as the mail is they might be all paid up by this time.

An Endowment Fund collection is to be taken up at all meetings and forwarded to Moose Charities. As of December 31st we had one, yes one Moose Legion in our Association that has turned in NOTHING towards the Endowment Fund and that is unacceptable. No matter how small or large your donation is your Moose Legion should make a check out monthly toward our Endowment Fund.

Effective January 1st, the qualifying criteria to be eligible for advancement to the Moose Legion was simplified. A male Lodge member with an active status is eligible to be invited to and be conferred into the Moose Legion, which is the "Degree of Service". No more waiting period for any man who is a current lodge member. He may submit his application as soon as he is enrolled in a Moose Lodge. Let's make 2021 a year of growth as we do some good thing for someone each day!

If you are attending our Mid Year Conference, March 25th, 2021 we will be having a Moose Legion Appreciation night. There is a meal included and we need to get a head count on how many will be there so that we can get an accurate count for this dinner. If you plan to be there please contact your Moose Legion Secretary by March 10th. See you at the Mid-Year.

Fraternally,
**Danny Williams, Sr. PIP
WV Moose Legion Area Manager
Intl. Moose Legion Secretary**



New Moose Legion Qualification Guidelines

“Effective Jan. 1, 2021, the qualifying criteria to be eligible for Moose Legion membership was simplified.”

— Bob Neff,
Director of Higher Degrees

Over the years of our existence, the criteria to be satisfied for advancing to the Moose Legion has changed multiple times. When I became a Moose Legionnaire in 1980, a member simply needed to be a lodge member for six months.

There was a period where all one needed was to be a lodge member and, once enrolled, a member could join the Moose Legion that day. We had the “Pride in Four” program some “old-timers” might recall. In that era, a member had to be a lodge officer, a chairman, a sponsor of so many members or a member for at least three years.

Most recently, the qualifying criteria has been to be a lodge member for at least six months or to sponsor at least one member into the Order. We often have heard people say, “he paid a full year, so he has committed to more than six months.” Others have said, “He is interested in stepping up and doing more for the Fraternity, so why can’t he advance now?”

We have often said that “the one constant in life is change.” As we prepare to become One Moose on May 1 – when both men and women will be members and will be eligible to serve in lodge leadership positions, more change is underway. It is our plan and fervent hope that it will make us stronger in the future.

To that point of positive change, to become stronger and better, the Moose Legion Council has listened to our members. There have been many requests to make the membership requirements simpler and end the confusion of who is or is not eligible to advance. Therefore, effective Jan. 1, 2021, the qualifying criteria to be eligible for Moose Legion membership was simplified. This gives us a head start on implementing a variety of changes for the May 1 transition to One Moose.

Effective immediately, a male Lodge member, who is in active status (meaning lodge dues are current) is eligible to be invited to and be conferred into the Moose Legion, which is the Degree of Service. There is no more waiting period for any man who is a current lodge member. Men interested in further service to the Order, have a green light to proceed. He may submit his application as soon as, or anytime after, enrolling in a Moose lodge.

This change will provide an opportunity for a boost in Moose Legion membership during the final months in this fiscal year. Our members have asked for positive change and we believe in this response to that request. Let’s make 2021 a year of growth as we do some good thing for someone each day! ■

MOOSE LEGION AMBASSADORS



ROBERT ELLIFRITZ

**Robert Ellifritz
WV Moose Legion Ambassador
North W,V,**

It's that time of the year to do your Moose Legion elections. We need people to step up and fill these spots. Also, remember all of your Moose Legion Officers will need up-to-date Moose Legion training. Most of these are available virtually now, so there should be no excuses to not complete the class.

Also this year during the Mid Year Conference, on Thursday, March 25, there will be a Moose Legion Dinner and Memorial. If you plan to attend, please let myself, Stan Ellison or Danny Williams know so we can plan accordingly for food. Hope to see some of you at Mid Year.

**North Moose Legion Ambassador
Robert Ellifritz**

“A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many.” This is not just some jingle we throw around to encourage more volunteer participation in our lodge, chapter or Moose Legion. It is also a reminder that leadership works best when working together, fulfilling the jobs assigned each one with the common goal of increasing membership and financial well being of their Fraternal unit.

Within our Moose Legion Jurisdictions this is vitally important since the chairmanships of the standing committees of the jurisdiction is vested in the Board of Directors itself. Considerable time and effort are spent during the Moose Legion Educational Conference to train each director in his committee chairmanship and the duties of that committee.

There are exercises to help students understand this information as well as discussion time provided for questions and answers. Each member of the class also receives a packet of materials including the current Code of Rules which contains the description of the office they are embarking upon.

However, there is still some lack of clarity within some jurisdictions regarding how these assignments should be carried out and how each fit with the other. Particularly of note are the two directors who are responsible for membership:

1. Vice President is Membership Building committee chairman
2. Junior Past President is Membership Retention chairman

Each of you are responsible to the membership of your jurisdiction to form a committee, not just you alone. The goal is to develop some local membership campaigns and publicize those.

Certainly, you can assist any other committee to complete individual accomplishments. But, please keep the goals of your committee uppermost in your mind. If you have any questions please check with your Ambassador or Area Manager. They are there to help you in any way they can.

**Fraternally,
Charles Barber IMLC**

Stan Ellison
WV Moose Legion Ambassador
South W,V,



RETENTION

"RETENTION-RETENTION-RETENTION" We within the Moose Legion cannot afford to lose a single Moose Legionnaire! What will it take to remove them from the ARREARS list? Let's think about this and follow up by acting on our knowledge of our Order.

- 1. Talk to them first about our Fraternity.**
- 2. Talk to them about Mooseheart and Moosehaven and the good that their dues do for our youth and our seniors.**
- 3. Talk to them about Camp Ross and the good their Moose Legion dues are used to maintain and support this camp.**
- 4. Talk to them about the good they can do for their Lodge.**
- 5. Talk to them about the good they will be doing for others thru the helping of our seniors, our youth, our Vets and our community as a whole.**
- 6. Talk to them about the good fellowship they will have with their fellow Moose Legion brothers as they pursue the quest of helping others.**
- 7. Talk to them about maintaining the top Fraternal Organization in America.**
- 8. Talk to them about the good they do for the Community Services that make our State stand tall in the giving and the helping of others and our Communities and how the Moose Legion supports these endeavors as well as our main project of raising monies to support the Youth Awareness and Endowment Funds as well.**

Just think what good you are doing for others by belonging to the Moose Legion and giving of your time and money for the greater cause!

We have lost some members within the lodges along with losing a lodge and others having issues which results in a loss of members to the Moose Legion. When I sign a new member the first thing I hear is, "What is this for and nobody ever told me about this." Brothers the only thing we need to do is only ASK and explain what the Moose Legion is all about. We only have three months before the end of our reporting year. I would like to see all lodges have an actively working Moose Legion Chairman and show membership into the next step of the fraternity along with the Moose Legion and what we stand for actively being explained and members new and others that have left being signed.

Moose International has changed the requirements for membership within the Moose Legion. Once you are accepted into the Loyal Order of Moose you can then sign up for membership in the Moose Legion. There is no longer a six month or the signing of one (1) member to be eligible.

I would also like to add that lodges should be aware that all new lodge officers must be a Moose Legionnaire and enrolled by May 1, 2021 or you will not be allowed to hold an office. Please consider this when nominations for the upcoming year are made. At this time Moose International has not waived this requirement. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call and ask.

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE A MOOSE LEGIONNAIRE!!!!

**Thank you,
Stan Ellison
Moose Legion Ambassador
(Southern WV)**

Virginia Lamber
Chairman



Hello; I hope everyone is doing well in these troubling times. Wow, what a year 2020 has been, I'm sure it will be remembered for years to come. I'm asking everyone to take a few moments and think about the people who have been impacted by the Covid 19 virus.

The Youth Awareness Scholarship Program is a Community Service Program sponsored by the Moose Legion, it was started in 1986, and the Moose has been steadfast in continuing it yearly. It is a great opportunity for students to learn methods and to gain practice in becoming role models and aiding younger children to maintain healthy life styles, and also to earn scholarships for college.

To be eligible for Scholarships Students must;

- 1. Attend a one day Youth Awareness training session.**
- 2. Develop Kids Talk presentation on a topic of their choice, and give at least 3 presentations to children 4 - 9 years old.**
- 3. Submit presentation reports to the state Youth Awareness Coordinator by Feb 28, They are then judged by their peers and a winner is chosen.**
- 4. The 1st place winner will be the representative for West Virginia at the International Youth Awareness Congress. Again they are judged by their peers and 5 winners are chosen. (2019-2020 The West Virginia representative Anastin Hornsby from Summersville, WV won 1st place at the Moose International congress, she won \$12,000 scholarship)**

Last year the Youth Awareness Scholarship training Congresses had to be canceled due to the Covid 19 Virus. I'm working on the schedule for the training congresses for this year when the schedule is complete, it will be posted on the WV Moose Association web site and Moose International web site.

Hope to see everyone at the Mid-Year Convention in Huntington WV. Remember to wear your mask and Social Distance to protect yourself and others.

Virginia Lambert

Youth Awareness Chairman



West Virginia Moose Association, “ Mid-Year “.

WVMA Mid-Year Conference, (March 25, 2021 - March 28, 2021)

At the Double Tree, “by Hilton”, Huntington WV

1001 3rd ave. Huntington, WV 25701 PH 304-525-1001



At the time of this writing the Mid-Year Conference is in Person.

“ Mask Required “

District News

**Eugene Huffman
District 4 President**

As we come to the end of the 2020/2021 Moose year, I would like to remind everyone that elections need to be held and that the titles of Governor and Jr Governor have changed to President and Vice President as we move toward the beginning of ONE MOOSE. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please feel free to call me.

Hopefully we will all be able to gather together in Huntington for the Mid Year Convention in March, where we will learn more information about the upcoming changes.

All of the lodges have now gone to the Online QuickBooks and the LCL.WEB. Change is difficult but there are resources available if you need them. You may find online help at LCL Web & QuickBooks Online Tips | Moose International (mooseintl.org) or online support from QuickBooks by going to the Help button on the upper right hand corner of the page.

If your lodge is working towards earning the Supreme Lodge award, please double check to make sure that you have fulfilled all necessary requirements and if you are not sure, please contact our Territorial Manager, Bill will know what you need to do and will be able to help you.

Just a reminder to sell your Elimination Dinner tickets and to send in your Convention Registration as early as possible. Thank you, Eugene Huffman

Eugene Huffman

**Keven Reedy
District 5 President**

Hello Brothers and Sisters, I hope everyone is well, I would like to take a moment and thank all of the lodges in district 5 for selling the gun tickets for WVMA a job well done. Just a reminder we will be sending the gun tickets out for the District 5s fundraiser, they will be \$5 apiece and the drawing will be held at our June 13 meeting. Also a reminder of the Mid-Year conference March 24-28 in Huntington and remember to please keep yourselves and the lodges safe.

Keven Reedy



**Join us in Cincinnati from June 30th – July 4th, 2021
for the 2021 International Moose Convention.**

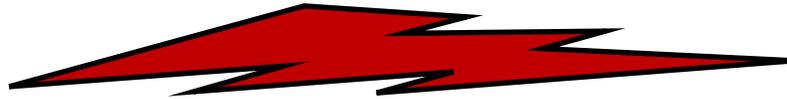
Nestled among the hills of the Ohio River Valley, the City of Cincinnati has the personality and charm of an Old World city, complemented by the stature of a world-class business center. Foodies and food trucks, brew masters and bourbon, football and fuzzleball, tradition and transformation – it's all happening in Cincinnati!

With a cityscape overlooking the mighty Ohio River, Cincinnati is a strikingly pretty metropolis where visitors are never wanting for something hearty to eat, classy museums to visit, and exciting sports events and festivals to go wild over. Dominated by the breathtaking Roebling Suspension Bridge, Cincinnati radiates north from the waterfront and encompasses stylish neighborhoods, urban green spaces, a prominent university, and all-things German.

Registration and housing information is available now at the Moose International Web Site

See you in Cincinnati!

Activities Around the State During The Covid-19 Lock Down



2020 Moose Membership Workshop Buckhannon WV



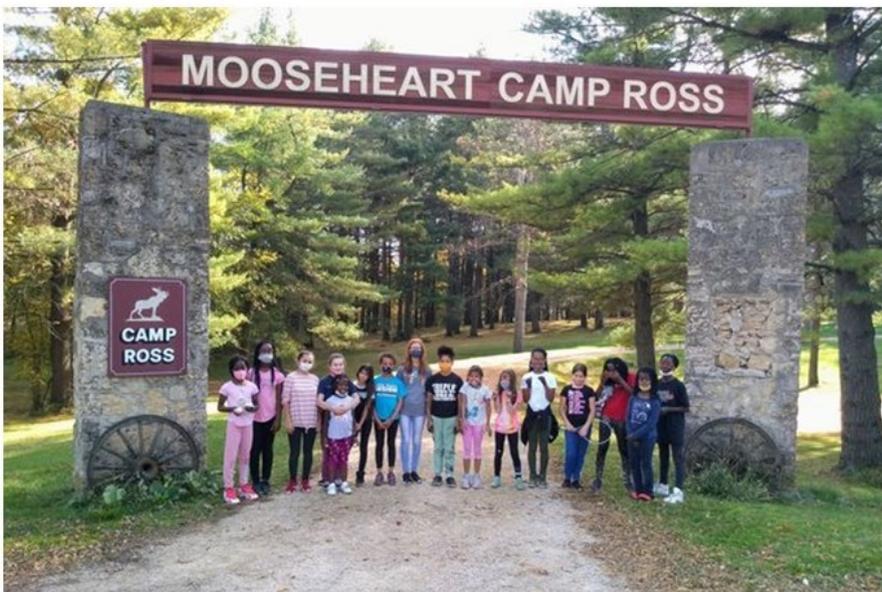
ONE MOOSE TRANSITION ACTION REQUIRED

Members of the Women of the Moose must have their chapter dues paid beyond **April 30, 2021** in order to smoothly transition over to a One Moose Lodge membership. If a Women of the Moose member's dues are not paid by **May 1**, she will have to pay her One Moose Lodge and Chapter dues online after **May 1, 2021** and will lose the opportunity for three years of free Chapter dues.



MOOSEHEART CAMP ROSS

Although the pandemic has certainly limited time off campus for our children, Camp Ross remains a safe destination for our Happy Campers!



Rainelle Moose Lodge

Greetings to all,

The new year is here and 2020 is behind us! Although the COVID-19 pandemic is still causing havoc throughout our country, It has not stopped our Moose Members from doing what we do best,

In December the Rainelle Moose Lodge #1647 helped raise over \$1400.00 donations and non-perishable food items to be given to the Rainelle Baptist Church for their Food Pantry.

I would like to thank all the members, officers ,and the community for all there hard work and support.

**Kenny Simmons
Administrator
Rainelle Moose Lodge**



In a time when many organizations throughout the country are facing uncertainty, the Charles Town Lodge #948 & Chapter #1028 (WV) aimed to help their community, giving away a combined \$67,000 to local first responders and organizations.



Valued Veterans

Moose Members Serving Then ... and **NOW!**

Five years ago, the Saint Albans Moose began to hold a monthly Valued Veteran's Breakfast which had proven popular with our local veterans, several of whom have become members of our Lodge. This community service project is open to all Veterans and their families, they do not need to be a member of our lodge to attend the breakfast. Our lodge officers wished to find another way to show our Veterans our appreciation and looked around for ways to help those who have served our country.

In late fall, 2019, we came up with the idea of paying one utility bill up to \$200.00 for one Valued Veteran a month. We spoke to several of the attendees to our Valued Veteran's Monthly Breakfast and on December 8th, 2019 the Veteran's of Value Utility Program choose one lucky Veteran whose Electric Bill was paid. Since then, other than while we were closed due to Covid-19 we have chosen by blind lottery a Veteran who then brings in one of their Utility Bills for payment. The Lodge will pay Electric, Gas, Water, and/or Sewer bill. It does not cover Cell Phone bills.

We ask each Veteran to write their name and a phone number that they may be reached at on a paper ticket that is placed into a basket. At the end of the Veteran's Breakfast, we draw one ticket from the basket and then contact the winning Veteran if they are no longer in attendance as they need not be present to win.

To finance the Veteran's of Value Utility Program, we began raising the funds necessary by holding a 3 day Open to the Public Dart Tournament which raised approximately three thousand dollars which became the foundation of our program. To help support these endeavors we have held Silent Auctions and raffled off donated items and have received generous donations from local businesses.

Our lodge has had great success with the Veteran's of Value Utility Program in reaching out to those Veterans in our community that might need a helping hand but who feel unable to ask for that help. As the State Chairman for the Valued Veteran's program I would like to encourage other lodges to implement similar programs in their own lodges. If you need help getting a similar program started, feel free to contact me at 304-756-2209.

Fraternally, Brian Harper

Countdown To “One Moose” Continues

“Implementation of One Moose begins May 1 and will create a new and unified Moose membership ... when women and men will have equal membership rights, privileges, opportunities and a vote in lodge business and activities.”



There’s an old adage that states, “Out with the old, in with the new.” This basically means to leave old things or ideas behind and start fresh with new things or ideas. People usually say this at the beginning of a new year or when something new enters their lives.

We began 2020 with the change in the General Laws that prohibited smoking and tobacco products in the lodge home. In 2021, we prepare for another Fraternal Moose Year, one in which we will become “One Moose.” Let’s look forward to the new things that lie ahead this year.

Some new things this year include some changes in wording and also some title changes that are in conjunction with the implementation of One Moose. The lodge Governor will be called President, Prelate will be called Chaplain and the General Governor will become the Chief Compliance Officer. All revisions can be found on the mooseintl.org website. Go to the Members Area, click the Loyal Order of Moose button and then the 2020 Proposed General Law Amendments button.

Implementation of One Moose begins May 1 and will create a new and unified Moose membership. Exciting things can happen when we become One Moose, when women and men will have equal membership rights, privileges, opportunities and a vote in lodge business and activities.

Women will be eligible to be appointed to a lodge committee chairperson position or to serve on a lodge committee. If the position of Treasurer or Trustee has not been filled after May 1, women are eligible to run at the special election. If no other qualified candidate comes forward for an empty Governor (President), Junior Governor (Vice-President) or Prelate (Chaplain) position, a woman can run, so long as a special dispensation was granted by the General Governor’s (Chief Compliance Officer’s) office.

Men and women will have the opportunity to work side-by-side to keep the lodge and its membership thriving. One Moose also adds to the pool of those who can participate in leadership roles. Women will have an equal voice and be able to vote on general membership items from which they previously had been excluded.

The General Governor’s (Chief Compliance Officer’s) office looks forward to One Moose leading this Fraternity in a new direction. Together, we can show that our members are “Moose Proud” and are looking toward the future as we welcome in One Moose together. ■

Questions concerning the General Laws? Please contact the General Governor’s office at 630-966-2207 or fax 630-966-2208.