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Moose International Votes for OneMoose





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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.

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

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On The Cover:

The Cover of our Holiday Issue features non other than our very own Santa, Howard Crisp. Howard, a Past Legion Ambassador and Pilgrim of the Charleston Lodge, is the real Santa. He appears at benefits, parties, shopping malls, and even cruise ships year round. Even in his street clothes in June, children seem to know he is Santa, and start telling him what they want for Christmas. So, Merry Christmas Howard! You have made mine merry for many years.

Jim Means



***Save A Safe, Merry
COVID Christmas, And
A Very Sappy New
Year***



FROM EDITORS DESK

'Tis the season, and I hope that this holiday season finds you well. We have lost so many friends and loved ones this year that it's hard to comprehend. We've had to result to virtual meetings and conferences, and have not been able to socialize with our many friends from all over the country. Many of our lodges are still closed, and some may never re-open. Membership has been dwindling daily and there is no end in sight, but we must remember our children and seniors, and try to turn this around for their sake.

One Moose is just around the corner, so this is our opportunity to make our fraternity bigger and better. "Let's go Moose"!

Jim Means

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**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
JUST
BECAME
MORE
VALUABLE!**



A Message from Director General Scott Hart



SCOTT D. HART
Director General

Life right now isn't quite what we imagined, but it is the reality we all share. Stay healthy, be helpful and give hope this fall season!

As a child during fall, I loved to play in the leaves from the large maple tree in our side yard. I didn't do it alone, I had my imaginary friend Jake to take turns raking, jumping and just lying in the leaves and looking up at the crisp fall sky. Jake knew of all my plans for the day, listened attentively to all my secrets and one October day, my brother Stuart was born and soon after, I told my Mom that Jake had to move and my trusted playmate faded away.

As members of the greatest Fraternity ever established, we live in a reality that has sent 2020 tumbling in a pile of thorny brush instead of a pile of freshly fallen leaves. More than once, I have awoken in the morning to thoughts of "is this real?" Unlike Jake of the early 1970s, our present circumstances are very real and quite challenging. Our lodge homes have temporarily closed and opened and closed and opened again. Capacity is limited, barstools have been removed and plexiglass is the latest trend in interior design. Lodge, chapter and Moose Legion leadership is doing everything possible to showcase the amazing colors of the Moose, including being a part of the critical response when natural disasters affect our communities.

Who could have envisioned a year without a Mooseheart Homecoming or with no children trick-or-treating throughout the Moosehaven campus? What we have, however, are some incredibly thankful children for their home and education at our Child City and some very blessed residents staying well and active at our City of Contentment. We have our active military and Valued Veterans to give thanks for every day and we have the reality of One Moose just a few months away – May 1, 2021.

Life right now isn't quite what we imagined, but it is the reality we all share. If you need to share a thought or two, feel free to tell Jake or drop me a line – I guarantee one of us won't interrupt and the other really cares about you and our Moose family, stay healthy, be helpful and give hope this fallseason1. God Bless!

Scott D Heart
Director General

**FROM THE DESK OF
TERRITORY MANAGER**

Bill Przelenski



The holidays are just around the corner and we are still in the middle of a virus that seems to have no cure. We need to take all precautions necessary to keep ourselves healthy and our fellow moose members healthy. I urge everyone to continue to follow the guidelines of your local health department. Wear your Face masks, wash your hands and within our lodges clean the areas that need cleaning when our members leave. It is up to us to make sure our lodges are safe for our members to visit. This will take all of us working together to beat this dreadful disease.

There is a saying if it is to be it is up to me. Think about this. We can no longer sit back and expect someone else to do what we can do ourselves. Now more than ever during this tragic time to work together and help each other to ensure we are all safe and we do not become a part of the statistic this disease has brought to this country. Let's follow the guidelines and let's stay safe and help keep our fellow Moose Members safe along with our families and friends.

Change is now upon us. Moose International is in the process of updating the LCL to the new LCL Web. Lodges are being changed over to the LCL Web every couple of weeks. Not sure when we will be notified of our change over as they are only transforming a certain number of Moose Lodges at a time. This is done as it helps them to make sure the transformation has very few problems that can be corrected immediately. Quick Books will not be most likely not to be transformed after the first of the year.

Now we need to continue working membership. We need to continue to sign up new or reenroll members. Plus, we need to have active Membership Retention committees. Even in this time, we must continue to move our lodges forward. If we just stop we will be heading for extinction. We need to start talking with younger people to have them join our lodges. We need to look hard at those 30 years of age and over. These individuals are looking for a place where it is safe to bring their families. To have a nice meal and beverage and enjoy the evening with their families without any problems. How do we do this? Sell the Moose. We are not talking about what the Moose stands for. We seem to just discuss the Social Quarters when we talk with a prospective member. We need to discuss with them Mooseheart and Moosehaven. The charitable work we do within the community. If asked about a bar we need to let them know we are not a bar. We have a Social Quarters where members can enjoy an evening with their family and Moose members without the problems in a neighborhood bar. We need to let them know when they become Moose Members we are all one family. One family working together to Mooseheart and Moosehaven. If we sell the Moose for what we do we will be signing up not just members but members who join for the right reason. Family, Friends, Mooseheart, and Moosehaven along with helping people within our communities.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Let's be careful over the holidays.



STATE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Marc Miller

Greetings

With the reopening of our state, the safety of our members remains our number one priority. With your ideas and input, we can turn our challenges into opportunities.

By now, your Twelve-week drawing tickets are in. Thank you to Danny Williams for your hard work and dedication to raising funds for the WV State Moose Association. Good luck to all those that purchased and thank you to all who sold. In addition, you will have the opportunity to purchase the WV Daily 3 Lottery tickets that run through February.

During October, I was fortunate enough to spend time with our Supreme governor Bruce Berger and his wife Donna while visiting District one. Weirton, Cameron, Moundsville, Wellsburg, and New Martinsville Lodges I cannot thank you enough for the warm welcome, delicious food, and generous donations, and the kindness you showed our distinguished guest. I was so proud all our officers were able to be present.

I hope you participated in Membership retention week and cannot wait to hear what everyone did. Also, the Association Member workshop the Buckhannon Moose Lodge. Remember to stay safe until we meet again. Happy Holidays to you and yours.

Fraternally,

Marc Miller

WVMA President



Richard Findlay Deputy Supreme Governor

First I would like to say thanks for being appointed Deputy Supreme Governor to serve the State of West Virginia under our Supreme Governor Bruce Berger. I consider it a great honor. Thanks to all the lodges in District

One for welcoming Supreme Governor Bruce Berger to the State of West Virginia, Also thanks to the great support from the State Board of officers who were on hand for the three days to travel with Bruce and his wife Donna as well as myself and my wife Signa. It was a great show of support from our association and I can say the Supreme Governor was impressed. Now it is time for us to move forward and begin making plans to work together as One Moose

**Richard Findlay
Deputy Supreme Governor**

James Dunn State Prelate

Brothers,

I hope everyone in our great fraternity is doing well in these troubled times. I ask everyone to take a moment and think about the people who have been impacted whether they are members or not who have been impacted by this virus be it by the virus itself or financially. Many people have lost income due to school closings and no one to watch their children, layoffs and losses of people they love. Think outside the box.

Many of our lodges have been closed due to the virus with no money coming in but still with bills going out. Events had to be cancelled and many still cannot have karaoke, dances, DJs, and other things that provide income. Think outside the box. Remember that the raffle account can be used to help members in need. Use it to make donations to food pantries or better yet have a box and collect donations of food for those pantries. Help out a Moose member who needs it. You may be the difference between having a happy holiday or not.

Please remember to wear your mask and social distance to protect yourself and other members and guests who come to our lodges.

Thank you all for your help as District president and I hope for your continued support as State Prelate.

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

With all the problems in this world, I hope this message finds all our Brothers and Sisters out there healthy and safe!

You know the WV Moose Association has an obligation to Moose Charities for \$60,000.00 each year for our WV Home Project. Sorry to say since the first of this Moose year we have only donated as of September 30th, 2020 - \$4,017.62 amount, which leaves us a balance of \$55,982.38. If each lodge would just have one or more extra raffles or a 50/50 and forward the proceeds to Moose Charities toward the WV Home Project, no matter how small or large, all donations would help. So won't you give it a try? Let's reduce this amount in the very near future. I'll let you know how we are doing in the next "Reflections".

My "Thanks" to everyone who bought and sold chances in our Moose Charities Fundraiser - WV 12 Week Club.

Once again "Thank You" for all donations to Moose Charities, keep up the good work and stay safe and healthy.

Fraternally, Danny Williams Sr. PIP, Chairman

WV LOOM Moose Charities Chairman

Danny Williams, Sr. PIP

BARBARA SHEPARD
WOTM Fraternal Fundraising
Moose Charities Charmin



MOOSE CHARITIES UPDATE

This has been the kind of year that everyone wants to forget. I am seeing Christmas decorations beginning to pop up everywhere. I used to think that people were rushing the seasons, but after this year, I am in complete agreement. Let's get 2020 over with. How about you?

Taking care of our children and seniors is still the major focus of Moose Charities. We do what we do in our lodges and chapters because of the oath we took when we became members of this great organization. We are inspired by Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

In these times, we need to pull together for each other. We care for each other. Check on our lodge brothers and Moose sisters. While we are asked to practice "social distancing," let's remember how life was before this change and hang on to that *positivity*! We are all so blessed to be a part of the Moose family, wouldn't you agree?

Our Mooseheart kids are continuing to keep busy and stay active and engaged, even under these strange circumstances. **OUR MOOSEHEART KIDS ARE SAFE and SOUND!** They are protected, loved, and being safely cared for.

Our Moosehaven campus is taking very good care of our seniors and staff. Our seniors are most vulnerable to this dreaded virus and so keep your support, good thoughts, and prayers continuing in the upcoming months.

Continued support for the Mooseheart and Moosehaven campus is needed more than ever. Please continue to give what you can when you can, all to benefit and support our Moose family. Moose Charities would like to thank you for your dedication.

Fundraising has become a challenge for a lot of lodges and chapters. Some organizations are going to "virtual" auctions. This may just be an option for you. Please try to continue to make It Happen in 2020 for Mooseheart and Moosehaven, helping to secure the future.

Don't forget to refer to the Moose Charities website for other fundraising ideas. There is always something new happening there.

With the holidays just around the corner, please enjoy the time with family and friends as safe as possible. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a safe the prosperous New Year in 2021. Hopefully, it will be a year where we can give actual smiles and Moose hugs to everyone.

Sincerely,
Barb Sheppard, PDGR/WV WOTM Moose Charities

Sports/Activities

Hello brothers and sisters I would like to start off by saying thank you to the Parkersburg Moose Lodge for hosting our yearly golf ball drop. I would like to ask any and all lodges who are interested in hosting Darts, Cornhole, Bowling, Horse-shoe, and or Pool tournaments for the state please contact me feel free to anytime if you are interested in hosting one of these tournaments my cell phone number is [\(304\)-673-2755](tel:304-673-2755). We will be holding the karaoke contest for the winners of 2020 in Huntington during the moose convention it will be held on March 26th, 2021 as long as we're able to due to COVID-19.

Thank You
Kenny Simmons
West Virginia Moose Association
Sports/Activities Director

Bonita Belcher

WV WOTM Membership Coordinator

Happy holidays to all of our moose sisters. I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year.

We are getting ready to end our 2020-2021 chapter year in a short few months. I ask each chapter to please work on their membership numbers, We started this chapter year with 25 chapters and 7484 members. Currently, we have 23 chapters and 7199 members. This loss has to stop or who knows what chapter will be next to be closed. If you are an officer or member you need to work on this decline in membership. Talk to your co-workers, get them back involved. We need our members to be a viable part of this great organization.

We all know on May 1, 2021, that we will be "One Moose". That does not mean that you can't strive to fulfill your chapter membership obligations now. On May 1, 2021, we will still maintain our chapters and we will transition into the new restructuring that moose international has created for the whole organization. We will be "One Moose", but we need to work together to maintain our identity in this organization as women of the moose. So ladies I beg you work on your membership, do your reports, fill your offices, do whatever you can to make the West Virginia Women of the Moose stand out in this organization.

Without our members, we cannot do the work we need to help our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven. Please continue the work you have done in the past and make our chapters shine. Ladies, you are all amazing and I miss seeing you, I can only send you a hug from afar, But I want you to know if you need anything ... please call or E-mail me I am that close.

Bonita Belcher
WV WOTM Membership Coordinator
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Mick Brooks
H.O.C. Chairman
District 3 ATM



2021 Heart of the Community

Brothers:

I hope all is well with you and your families, but sadly we know that has not been the case for 2020. There is probably not a single individual that has not been affected by the Covid-19 virus. With business shutting down, some never to reopen our members have lost income and insurance. We as a Moose Fraternity need to come together to do what we can to support our members, our Lodges, and our community. Several Lodges have been forced to shut down for extended periods because of the surge of Covid-19 cases not just in West Virginia but across the nation. We must implement and follow the guidelines set forth by the State of West Virginia and county health departments. Even now it appears that the CDC is unsure how this virus spreads. Is it air born; does it remain active on surfaces longer than once predicted? All we can do is protect ourselves and others the best we can. Talking around the state, there several Lodges making a rebound in the midst of all this confusion. Members, Lodges, and Chapters working together in the community can and have made an impact to improve our conditions surrounding us. I have noticed that Lodges and Chapters are signing members, some doing very well. Keep up the good work. Remember to check on our shut-ins, if you have not seen or heard from one of your members in while, this would be a good time to check on them.

Everyone be safe and hope to see you soon.

Raeform M Brooks Sr
H.O.C. Chairman
ATM District 3

Sarah Held
Jr. PDGR WV WOTM
Sports & Activities Chairman

No drama, no complaining, no gloom, and doom. Instead, let's celebrate our successes during this very different and difficult year. True, our Mid-Year, Annual, and International Conventions were canceled, but we didn't let that stop us! After experiencing difficulties with our Women's pre-recorded portion of our virtual convention on August 22nd, Cheryl Woodall Foster and I went live! It was actually quite fun and hey-we kept it real!!! LOL We shared all of our State Chairmen's speeches. We announced our Top 4 Chapters: 4th Place Princeton, 3rd Parkersburg, 2nd Keyser, and 1st New Martinsville. Congratulations to each of you for your hard work and dedication to the WOTM.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to a very deserving Peggy Shinn. Peggy's name and resume were forwarded to International where she hopefully will be named the International top co-worker of the year.

We were able to have our Academy of Friendship Convocation on July 18, where we had 3 WV matriculants. They were Kathy Jenkins, Keyser; Tammy Lilly, Parkersburg; and Pam Valentine, St. Albans. Congratulations Co-Workers for obtaining the first step of Higher Degrees.

Our Green Cap Conferral was held on September 12, where we had 3 WV Matriculants in attendance. They were Kathy Jenkins, Keyser; Paula A. Gould, Princeton; and Myrtle Deems, Parkersburg. Congratulations Co-Workers and best wishes on completing your requirements for the College of Regents Degree. We owe a huge amount of thanks to our Parkersburg Chapter and Lodge for hosting all three of these events.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, I have not been presenting you with any challenges. I have, however, encouraged all chapters to continue to share your activities on our S&A Facebook page. I offer sincere thanks to all of you that have continued to post and I again ask you to share your Lodge and Chapter pages to our Facebook page too. Be sure to check out the upcoming International Sports Tournaments at mooseintl.org and in the Moose Magazine. All state tournaments and activities may be found on our state WV Moose Association website.

Hopefully, a vaccine will soon be approved and be effective so that we may all get back to enjoying each other's company and working to support our beloved Twin Cities, Fraternity, Moose homes, and helping out our communities.

It has been an extreme privilege serving as your DGR and S&A Chairman. I look forward to seeing all of you again when it is deemed safe. Love and virtual hugs my dear sisters and brothers. I also look forward to being united as "One Moose" on May 1, 2021.

Fraternally Yours
Sarah Held
PDGR Sports & Activities Chairman.

**P Edward Orndorff
CAPS**

Hello to all,

WOW, what a year 2020 has been! It will be remembered for many things at our Moose Lodges as well as in the world. We are living in a time of Covid Pandemic, the loss of lives, illness, and quarantines, social distancing, and mask-wearing.

For both safety and peace of mind of those on-site, each Lodge home should have adequate quantities of hand sanitizer, cleaning/disinfecting, supplies, and personal protective equipment for your staff & members. With so much demand for those products right now it may be difficult to acquire what you need early on.

Some people think that disinfecting is the same thing as cleaning or sanitizing. But they are actually different. Let's discuss the differences between Cleaning, Disinfecting, and Sanitizing.

Cleaning removes dirt, dust, crumbs, and germs from surfaces or objects. When we clean you will likely use soap (detergent) and water to physically clean off the surfaces and objects. This may not necessarily kill the germs, But since you removed some of them there are fewer germs that could spread the infection to you.

Disinfecting uses chemicals (disinfectants) to kill germs on surfaces and objects. Some common disinfectants are bleach and alcohol solutions. You usually need to leave the disinfectants on the surfaces and objects for a certain period of time to kill the germs. Disinfecting does not necessarily clean dirty surfaces or remove germs.

Sanitizing could be done by either cleaning, disinfecting, or both. Sanitizing means that you are lowering the number of germs to a safe level. What is considered a safe example depends on public health standards or requirements at the workplace. For example, there are sanitizing procedures for facilities that prepare food. What you do to sanitize will vary depending on your needs. You might be mopping a floor using a mop, a chemical, and water. You might use a dishwasher to sanitize the dishes, or you could be using an antibacterial wipe on a tv remote.

If you both clean and disinfect a surface or object you can further lower the risk of spreading infection. There are products that clean and disinfect at the same time. To prevent the spread of infection you should regularly clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that are touched often. For example, this would include bar tops, doorknobs, faucet, toilet handles, light switches, remotes, etc.

As we head into the Holiday Season let us make a special effort to ensure that our Lodges are a safe Home Away From Home for our Members and Guests. Let us share good times with our brothers and sisters and qualified guests as we celebrate the holidays, but we must make sure that we stay focused on keeping everyone safe by parting responsibly. Remember, we are our Brothers and Sisters keeper.

However, we cannot stress strongly enough that we cannot afford to let our guard down. It is up to all of us---I know you will do your part.

Safety First--Be Careful--Be Aware--Be Safe

**Happy Holidays to All
Ed Orndorff**



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.



COVID-19 Remains A Threat That The Moose Must Take Seriously

Reinders abound that the COVID-19 pandemic remains every bit as much of a danger and that Moose must take government recommendations seriously. Both Mooseheart and Moosehaven have taken steps to keep staff and residents on both campuses safe and have therefore canceled nearly all activities through the end of 2020. Mooseheart's Holiday Lights show is still scheduled to take place Nov. 27-Dec. 31, though there will be no nights where Santa sits for photographs in a packed Mooseheart Fieldhouse. As Director General Scott Hart said, "The interruption to our normal routines in 2020 has been deep and disappointing for our members, our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven." Most Moose lodges have reopened while some have opened and then had to shut again. Social distancing guidelines remain for all. The Oklahoma Moose Association struggled with COVID-19 following its association's August midyear conference, when more than a dozen people contracted the coronavirus. All 2020 Moose International sports events have been canceled. The Moose — Scott Hart, Director General Legion celebration that was to have taken place in Pittsburgh at the end of October has also been canceled. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has listed guidelines that all Moose are advised to practice. They include frequent hand washing, avoiding close contact with people not in your household, wearing a mask and disinfecting surfaces that are frequently touched. "As a Moose family, we are at our best when we put the needs of others before our own. In the midst of this pandemic, let's remember to keep one another safe by wearing our face masks, practicing social distancing and staying home if we don't feel well," Hart said. A full list of CDC guidelines – which Mooseheart, Moosehaven and Moose International are all following – can be found online at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>. "We want there to be a next Moose Legion celebration, a next Association annual convention, a next Mooseheart Homecoming and a next Tree Lighting event at either Mooseheart or Moosehaven for you and everyone involved in our Moose Fraternity. Together, let's kick COVID to the curb!" Hart said.

Moose Youth Awareness Scholarship Program



Unfortunately, the 2019 - 2020 Youth Awareness Scholarship Program had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 Virus. But, 2020 - 2021 will be bigger and better, with help from the Lodges and Chapters in getting information about our program out to the community should increase our student participation in the program. Moose Youth Awareness Scholarship program is a Community Service program. that is designed for High School students 9 through 12 grade, to share positive messages to pre-school and elementary school-age children (4-9 yrs of age).

This is a great opportunity for students to help their community and to earn money for college. This is all sponsored by the Moose Legion. Thank You Loyal Order of Moose, Moose Legion, and Women of the Moose for your participation and concern for our children, because these children are our future and future Moose Members to carry on what we have done for our children and seniors. By working together we can make 2020 - 2021 year great.

Virginia Lambert Chairman

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



DANNY WILLIAMS, SR.

Moose Legion Report

Since our last article the International Moose Legion Conference that was to be held in Pittsburgh, PA. was cancelled due to Covid – 19. The next approved moose Legion Conference will be held in 2022 in Jacksonville/Moosehaven, Florida area is now in its planning stages. The Pittsburgh Pennsylvania M/L Conference will be rescheduled for the year of 2024 with the approval of the Supreme Council (as it's known today).

We are over 6 months into our year which will end on April 30, 2021. Let's make sure all our obligations are being paid in full in advance and lets all try to obtain the "Key Club" by every Director of each Moose Legion advancing a Lodge members into the Moose Legion in the current year. Let's all "Live by Example" in our in our fraternity that we love so much. A special "Thank You" to all Moose Legions in our jurisdiction for selling or buying that chances that were given to you for our Moose Charities fundraiser - WV "12 Week Club" which drawings started on November 1st, 2020. Thank you for all you all do and stay safe out there !

Fraternally, Danny Williams, Sr. PIP, WV Area Manager

Fraternally,

Danny Williams, Sr. PIP

MOOSE LEGION AMBASSADORS



ROBERT ELLIFRITZ

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

With all the shutdowns and restrictions there, not a lot to say. I did get to attend the Supreme Governors' visit to West Virginia and go to a few different lodges. The Supreme Governor and his wife were down to earth great people. I wish him/them a wonderful year and hope they stay safe in their travels.

If any in house or area Moose Legions are sponsoring or holding events or fundraisers at this time, please be extra cautious due to the uprise of COVID cases. Keep doing what you can and stay safe.

**North Moose Legion Ambassador
Robert Ellifritz**

State Treasure

I would thank everyone in the state for choosing me to be the new state treasurer. It will be hard to fill such a great man like Rick Harris's shoes. Thank you all.

I would also like to stress the COVID 19 Pandemic. A lot of people don't think it's real but let me tell you it definitely is here. We are having a first-hand experience at our lodge with several men and women officers, bartenders, and patrons testing positive. Which caused a 2-week shutdown mandated by the Health Department. So we must all do our part, wash your hands, sanitize, wear masks, and watch out for all our fellow brothers and sisters of the Moose. I know as a Moose family we can beat this. Stay safe and hope to see everyone soon.

**Robert Ellifritz
WV State Treasure**

Stan Ellison
WV Moose Legion Ambassador
South W,V,



As Lodges and Moose Legions will soon be coming into nomination mode for the coming year and this being a most important function, I must advise you of one major change this coming year that must be considered when the Nomination Committee meets. Any member desiring to fill an officer position within your lodge must be a member of the Moose Legion. This along with the present requirement of signing at least one lodge member or being a member of the lodge for six (6) months to be eligible is another requirement to become a Moose Legionnaire. Below is answers to some of the questions you or others may ask:

What is the Moose Legion?

Dedicated members of the Loyal Order of Moose continually look for ways to provide even greater service to our children at Mooseheart and our senior members at Moosehaven. The Moose Legion provides a venue for these enthusiastic members to direct and lead special programs that accomplish this fraternal mission

Why should I consider joining the Moose Legion? Membership in the Degree of Service offers you additional opportunities to serve childhood and old age, and opens the door to you and your family for theme parties, sporting events, community service projects and other unique activities available only to members of the Moose Legion. Moose Legion Celebrations are held at various Lodges within the jurisdiction of your Moose Legion, and serve as a means to share ideas and enjoy good times with fellow Moose Legionnaires. Leadership skills may be developed through the Moose Legion Committee of your Lodge or within the Moose Legion jurisdiction.

How do I join the Moose Legion? If you have met the requirements of being a lodge member for six (6) months and/or have signed up one (1) lodge member then you simply complete and sign an application for membership available from any Moose Legionnaire. Then submit the application, along with the required fee and dues as shown on the application, to the Moose Legion Secretary in your jurisdiction. You will be notified as to the date, time and location of the next Moose Legion conferral ceremony.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call or email me. I look forward to the many who come forward and I WELCOME YOU as you take the next step towards the Fellowship and Pilgrim Degree of our order!!!!

Stan Ellison
International Moose Legion Ambassador (South WV)

**Richard Findlay
District 1 President**

District One welcomed Supreme Governor Bruce Berger and his wife Donna to the state on Thursday, October 15th with a baked steak dinner at the Weirton Moose Lodge 688 with more than 50 people in attendance. After dinner, a presentation was made to the Salvation Army of non-perishable food gift cards and a check totaling more than \$500.00 in the honor of Bruce.

On Friday he visited the Cameron Moose Lodge in the afternoon and the Moundsville Lodge in the evening, Saturday we visited the Wellsburg Lodge where the hall was being donated for a fundraiser to raise money for a cancer patient, It was a great show of support by the lodge members as well as the community. Saturday evening was spent visiting the New Martinsville lodge where he was welcomed by a large group of members as well as the most complete board of officers past and present from the state. A donation was made to the West Virginia House in Brother Berger's name by the New Martinsville Lodge.

Hope all have a great holiday season and we can all have a better 2021.

**Richard Findlay
District 1 President**

**Chris Nisewarner
District 3 President**

Harvest Lighthouse Ministry and Pastor Debbie Bowman would like to extend a word of appreciation to the Moose Lodge. This is our 30th anniversary of our community Thanksgiving.

The Moose Lodge opened its doors to us several years ago. I believe as a Pastor, that caring for the needy, less fortunate, or the normal, (Whatever that is), is a mandate of every Christian. Thank you for your compassion and caring. It is beautiful to see family, children, and the community comes together for one another.

Thank you to the Moose Lodge 120, Martinsburg, for your blessings by allowing us to host Thanksgiving Dinner at your facility.

**Thank you,
Pastor Debbie Bowman**

**Chris Nisewarner
District 3 President**

**Eugene Huffman
District 4 President**

As fall departs, and winter approaches, I hope that all of you are doing well. I would like to thank all the lodges and chapters who sold their Twelve Week Tickets and to remind you that we still have plenty of gun raffle tickets available for the West Virginia Moose Association Gun Raffle

This past year has been one to forget, with both in-person State conventions and the International Convention canceled, lodges closed by order of the Governor due to COVID19, and many of our members still not returning to our lodges, be patient, this too shall pass. Remember we are stronger together than standing as one.

By now, many of you have migrated to the online Quickbooks and LCL. This is going to be a learning process for everyone involved, so be patient. Change is difficult but necessary as we move towards our future as ONE MOOSE.

On behalf of Gloria and myself, I wish all of District IV and the entire Moose Association a Happy Holidays and sent out a wish that 2021 arrives quickly and brings in a healthier and more prosperous New Year. -

**Eugene Huffman,
President, District IV**

**Keven Reedy
District 5 President**

would like to take a minute to thank all of those that felt like I was the right choice for District 5 President. I would also like to thank all the lodges that worked so hard on selling the 12-week tickets for the WV Moose Association. Now that most of our lodges are trying to adapt to the new way of operations of the lodges I also want you to know I'm just a phone call away if I can help in any way. We also cannot forget about membership and retention, our numbers continue to drop as we go thru these trying times, So we all need to do our part on signing new members and retaining the ones we have, also please continue to being safe and keeping your lodges safe I'll see you all soon.

**Keven Reedy
District 5 President**

2021 International Moose Convention



2020 General Law Amendments

2020 General Law Amendments Overview and Red-Lined Changes There is one overarching General Law Amendment proposed for the delegates of 132nd Meeting of the Supreme Lodge. • With full support of the Loyal Order of Moose Supreme Council and the Women of the Moose Grand Council, the Fraternity seeks to create a new and unified Moose membership. In this new “One Moose” Lodge, women and men have equal membership rights, privileges, opportunities and a vote in Lodge business and activities. If the upcoming General Law Amendments pass by 2/3 majority vote, all active Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose members will become members in the new Moose Lodge, governed by a new set of General Laws on May 1, 2021. Listed below are highlighted areas from each section of the General Laws that will be impacted by the amendment, if passed. These areas have raised the most questions or hold the most interest to the general membership, as well as lodge and chapter leadership. Also attached are the full sections, with red-line revisions indicating all areas that will change if the vote is returned positive. Section I – The Constitution of Moose International, Inc. and the Supreme Lodge – Purposes of the Order

1. The “Supreme Lodge” and any references to “the Order” will now be referred to as “The Moose.”
2. Individual title changes and the addition of Past Senior Regents changes the composition of what was previously titled “The Supreme Lodge.”
 - a. “The Moose” shall be and is composed of Past Chairmen of the Board of Directors, members of the Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors, officers of The Moose, committeemen of The Moose, Past Lodge Presidents, Past Senior Regents (having received the honor prior to May 1, 2021) and representatives of the member lodges. Each member, as herein listed and defined, shall be entitled to one (1) vote, and except as otherwise defined herein, the majority shall rule.
3. The men’s higher degrees shall be the “Moose Legion Degree of Service”, “Fellowship Degree of Honor” and “Pilgrim Degree of Merit”.

The women's higher degrees shall be "Academy of Friendship", "Star Recorder" and "College of Regents". 4. Individual title changes for what was previously referred to as the "Supreme Council;" now the Board of Directors. Women would be allowed to serve on the Board, however, no terminology change will be necessary to make this happen. a. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than nine (9) or more than thirteen (13) members, including the following five (5) officers, who shall serve on the Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors during the terms of their respective offices: The Chief Executive Officer, the Junior Past Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and a Director/Chaplain.

Section II – By-Laws of Moose International, Inc. and General Laws of The Moose

1. The majority of changes to Section 2 involve the updating of terminology to adapt to the new "One Moose" Lodge transition.

2. All previous honors will transition seamlessly to the new integrated Moose.

a. Past Supreme Governor – Any member receiving the honor of Past Supreme Governor shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of any Past Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Moose.

b. Past Lodge Governor – Any member receiving the honor of Past Lodge Governor shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of any Past Lodge President of The Moose.

Section III – Laws for Member Lodges - Lodge Organization

1. The majority of changes to Section 3 involve the updating of terminology to adapt to the new "One Moose" Lodge transition.

2. Eliminated the membership qualification "Be a male person."

3. Applicant qualifications for the Women of the Moose are eliminated from this section, but still exist in the Women of the Moose General Laws (a separate document)

4. Individual title changes will occur for the lodge officers, including "President" for Governor; "Vice President" for Junior Governor; and "Chaplain" for Prelate.

5. Officers must be a member of one of the higher degrees or the Women of the Moose.

a. Eligibility of Officers - Only active lodge members, who are also either active members of one of the lodge's men's higher degrees or the lodge's Women of the Moose unit (or establish such active membership within sixty (60) day following installation) in the lodge, may be considered for any elected office.

6. The revised Laws for Moose Social Quarters and Homes (Section IV) eliminates the House Committee; those duties will now be performed by the lodge's Board of Officers.

7. The new Laws for Moose Social Quarters and Homes eliminates the House Committee; therefore, it is no longer listed as one of the duties/responsibilities of the lodge Board of Officers.

8. An Executive Session has been added to every Board of Officer's meeting to discuss confidential topics (i.e. personnel matters, legal matters, etc.), including issues previously handled by the House Committee, which is eliminated in the "One Moose" Lodge structure. Specific rules and documentation apply to these sessions.

9. Joint lodge and chapter meeting terminology is eliminated as this option is no longer needed.

10. The "Donations from a chapter to a lodge" paragraph (43.4) has been removed, but will still appear in the Women of the Moose General Laws.

11. The Women of the Moose "Chapter Organization" paragraph (46.21) has been removed, but will still appear in the Women of the Moose General Laws



During the 132nd Meeting of the Supreme Lodge, delegates voted favorably to pass a set of General Law Amendments that would essentially create a new and unified Moose membership where all members, male and female, would have equal opportunities, rights and privileges within the Lodge. Nearly, 77% of the delegates voted in favor of moving to a unified Moose membership, easily surpassing the 67% majority necessary for adoption.

The changes are scheduled to go into effect on May 1, 2021 and will impact the membership in the following ways:

For the Supreme Lodge:

- The “Supreme Lodge” and any references to “the Order” will now be referred to as “The Moose.”
- There will be individual title changes for what was previously referred to as the “Supreme Council;” now the Board of Directors. Women will be allowed to serve on the Board beginning May 1, 2021, however, no terminology change will be necessary to make this happen.
- The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than nine (9) or more than thirteen (13) members, including the following five (5) officers, who shall serve on the Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors during the terms of their respective offices: The Chief Executive Officer (Director General); the Junior Past Chairman of the Board of Directors (Jr. Past Supreme Governor); the Chairman of the Board of Directors (Supreme Governor); the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors (Supreme Jr. Governor); and a Director/Chaplain (Prelate).
- “The Moose” shall be composed of Past Chairmen of the Board of Directors; members of the Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors; officers of The Moose; committeemen of The Moose; Past Lodge Presidents; Past Senior Regents (having received the honor prior to May 1, 2021); and representatives of the member Lodges. Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote, and except as otherwise defined herein, the majority shall rule.

For Associations:

- The ability to incorporate chapters into an Association is no longer applicable as this function is no longer needed in the “One Moose” Lodge structure. All Moose Lodges (as well as the entirety of their membership) will automatically be members of their local Associations.

For the Lodge:

- Women will become members of the Lodge automatically on May 1, 2021. Women may become elected to the Board of Officers beginning May 1, 2022; however, qualified women may be eligible or appointed to open positions on the Board or to committees beginning May 1, 2021.
- Individual title changes will occur for the lodge officers, including “President” for Governor; “Vice President” for Junior Governor; “Chaplain” for Prelate and “Past Lodge President” for Past Lodge Governor. Any member, man or woman, may serve in the new positions as long as they are a member of either the Moose Legion or the newly structured Women of the Moose, or join within 60 days,
- All previous honors will transition seamlessly to the new integrated Moose. i.e. Any member receiving the honor of Past Lodge Governor shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of any Past Lodge President of The Moose.
- The revised Laws for Moose Social Quarters and Homes (Section IV) eliminates the House Committee; those duties will now be performed by the Lodge’s Board of Officers.
- An Executive Session has been added to every Board of Officer’s meeting, if necessary, to discuss confidential topics (i.e. personnel matters, legal matters, etc.), including issues previously handled by the House Committee.
- The minimum proposed dues amount for the Lodge will be \$38, although Lodges have the option to set higher dues amounts.

For the Chapter:

- The Women of the Moose will be structured similarly as the Moose Legion; as an affiliated unit of the new Moose lodge.
 - The WOTM will maintain all honors, charitable focus, lower dues and influence.
 - Chapters will retain their current assets, without turning monies over to the Lodge.
 - The minimum proposed dues amount for the chapter is \$15, although Chapter dues are waived for the first three years of the transition to the One Moose lodge structure.
 - Stand Alone Chapters will need to be chartered as a new Moose Lodge although the current WOTM Chapter will still exist.
 - Similar to the Moose Legion, women have the option of joining the Lodge without having to join the Chapter.
- Additional information regarding the changes to occur May 1, 2021 will be distributed in the coming months to aid in the transition.

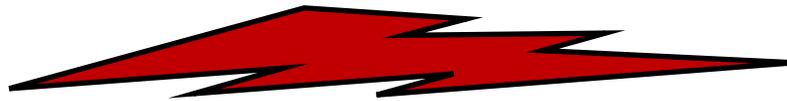
WV Moose Association 2020 -2021 Officers



Richard Findley
Incoming Deputy Supreme Governor



Activities Around the State During The Covid-19 Lock Down



Moose raises funds for dog park



Pictured from left with the \$1,700 check to the Krodel Dog Park are Addie Roberts, Berklee Bonecutter, Ray Armentrout and Meagan Bonecutter. Food and supplies for the Mason County Animal Shelter and Mason County Kitty Korral were also collected.

for the two prize games at the monthly bingo. These prize games are in addition to the usual cash games, according to Morgan.

Morgan said the November charity bingo will benefit the Point Pleasant River Museum and Lakin Cook Learning Center. The new river museum is in the design phase, but city officials hope it will be open in fall of 2021.

POINT PLEASANT — The Point Pleasant Moose Lodge held its monthly charity bingo on Monday night to support the future Krodel Dog Park.

Dave Morgan, Moose member, said \$1,700 was raised for the dog park. In addition to the dog park, the Moose Lodge collected food and supplies for the Mason County Animal Shelter and Mason County Kitty Korral, the later of which is a trap, spay/neuter, release organization aiming to stop overpopulation of cats throughout the county.

Morgan said many local vendors, including businesses and individuals, donated prizes

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Hospice of the Panhandle



Our wonderful friends from the Loyal Order of the Moose in Charles Town presented us with a \$5,000 check recently. Many thanks to treasurer Albert Ainsworth, officer Jim Mangold and junior governor Donnie Dawson. We are truly grateful for the organization's generosity!

WOTM Drive:



Members of the Charles Town Chapter #1028 (WV) collected toiletries and donated them to a local nursing home for veterans.

SUPREME GOVERNOR

Bruce J. Burger

Visits West Virginia

(Cameron, Moundsville, Wellsburg and New Martinsville)







**Women of the Moose #1028
Back to School Supply Drive**



Moose Fraternity to sponsor Ross Chastain for three races



Kaulig Racing is thrilled to announce that the Moose Fraternity will be the primary partner on the No. 10 Chevrolet with Ross Chastain for three races beginning at the Daytona International Speedway (DIS) road-course race.

The Loyal Order of Moose, founded in 1888 in Mooseheart, IL, is an international fraternal and service organization dedicated to bringing communities closer together. With over one million members, the Moose Fraternity volunteers in local neighborhoods and contributes between \$75 and \$100 million annually to charitable organizations globally.

"Within the Moose Fraternity we have a solid base of members who are devoted fans of NASCAR racing," according to Moose International CEO Scott Hart. "Our partnership with Kaulig Racing and Ross Chastain will bring not only racing excitement to our one million members, but provides a unique focus on our missions of helping children, seniors and communities." Added Hart, "Kaulig Racing and the Moose Fraternity present a perfect match. There is a strong sense of family within both organizations and a belief that each member holds equal importance on the team."

Along with serving local communities, the Moose Fraternity gives its members the opportunity to gather socially and celebrate life together in each local Moose Lodge.

"We are excited to have the Moose Fraternity on board our No. 10 Chevrolet," said Kaulig Racing team president, Chris Rice. "Finding a partner whose values align with ours is very rare. We attribute our appetite for success with being a team with many motivated individuals who function as one, much like the Moose Fraternity. We know that community is important, especially during this hard time, so we are looking forward to coming together and building on this partnership with the Moose Fraternity."

The No. 10 Moose Fraternity Chevrolet will make its NASCAR Xfinity Series (NXS) debut at the DIS road course, and will continue at the double-header event at Dover International Speedway.