

West Virginia Moose Association

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Reflections



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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.

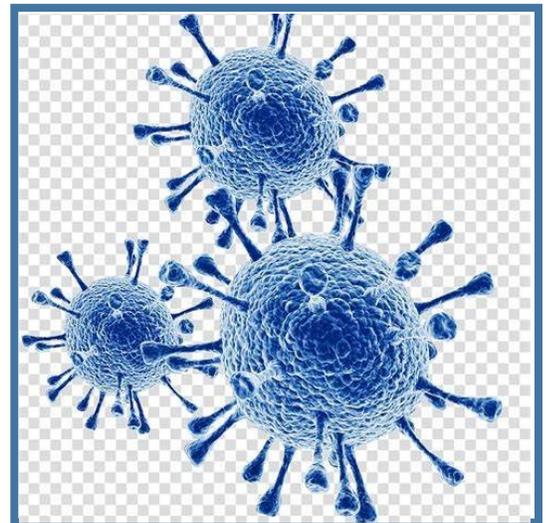
The deadline for the next issue of *Reflections* is:

Nov. 10, 2020

On The Cover:

On the cover this quarter is a picture trying to depict a hasty broadcast of our 2020 virtual convention. Something that we have never done before and only a few weeks to plan and execute. Dickey and Bill did a great job navigating the many problems and setbacks in the production, but under the circumstances they did very well. This one is in the history books.

Jim Means



COVID-19

The 2020 Pandemic will shape our Fraternity for the next decade to come.

FROM EDITORS DESK

Jim Means

At this time where social activities have been all but eliminated, we become all to aware of how much these social interactions affect our mental well being.

Most of our Lodges will make it through this, but for those that do not, Isolationism will have a profound affect on their members and the communities they served.

At a time like this, a fraternal organization is more important than ever, to be there and support their community members, especially those with lost love ones .

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**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
JUST
BECAME
MORE
VALUABLE!**



**FROM THE DESK OF
TERRITORY MANAGER**

Bill Przelenski



WE HAVE HAD A LONG THREE TO FOUR MONTHS BECAUSE OF THE COVID 19. AS OF THIS ARTICLE, WE ARE STILL HAVING PROBLEMS. THIS IS A TIME WHEN OUR LODGES SHOULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES HELPING THOSE IN NEED. OUR SENIORS THAT COULD NOT OR DECIDED NOT TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES NEEDED OUR HELP. DID WE STEP FORWARD TO HELP THOSE IN NEED? THIS IS WHAT OUR FRATERNITY IS BASE ON. HELPING THOSE IN NEED. I KNOW SOME LODGES STEP FORWARD AND WORK WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES OTHERS DID NOT. THOSE THAT DID NOT, I WONDER WHY. HAVE WE LOST OUR WAY AS A FRATERNITY? DO WE INFORM OUR MEMBERSHIP ESPECIALLY OUR NEW MEMBERS THAT THE MOOSE IS A FAMILY FRATERNITY? HELPING OTHERS AS WELL AS OUR FAMILIES. THIS WAS A TIME WHEN THE WEST VIRGINIA MOOSE ASSOCIATION LODGES COULD AND SHOULD HAVE LET OUR COMMUNITIES KNOW WE ARE HERE AND WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

WE HOWEVER HAD SOME LODGES THAT WERE ACTIVE WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND WHAT A JOB THEY DID. ONE LODGE HAD MEMBERS MAKING FACE MASKS FOR ANYONE WHO NEEDED ONE. THE GOVERNOR AND HIS WIFE SAT ON THE PARKING LOT AND HANDED OUT OVER 290 FACE MASKS. ANOTHER LODGE WAS DELIVERING FOOD FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO COULD NOT GET OUT OF THEIR HOMES OR HAD NO ONE TO BRING THEM FOOD. THEY DID THIS AT LEAST ON THREE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS. PLUS, THIS SAME LODGE DECIDED TO HAVE A RETENTION DAY. THEY SET UP THE PARKING LOT AS A DRIVE THROUGH AND MEMBERS OF THE LODGE DROVE THROUGH THE DRIVE THROUGH AND PAID THEIR DUES. THEY COLLECTED 25 MEN AND WOMEN'S DUES ON THIS DAY. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN THIS IS WHAT THE MOOSE IS ABOUT.

NOW WITH A PARTIAL OPENING OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA ARE WE MAKING CONTACT WITH OUR MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY OUR OLDER MEMBERS? YES, WE ARE OPEN AND HAVE WE LET OUR MEMBERS KNOW WE ARE OPEN? HAVE WE ADVISED THEM OF THE MANDATE BY THE GOVERNOR OF WEST VIRGINIA WHEN ENTERING A LODGE? LODGES HAVE YOU SET YOUR LODGE UP FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING? WE MUST, UNTIL THIS IS OVER, TAKE CARE OF OUR MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ENTER OUR LODGES.

LET'S DO OUR PART. CALL OUR OLDER MEMBERS AND CHECK ON THEM. LET'S GET ACTIVE WITH-
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND CHECK ON INDIVIDUALS THAT CANNOT MAKE IT OUT OF THEIR HOMES
AND HELP THEM TO THE STORE, PHARMACIES, DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS IF NECESSARY. THIS IS
WHAT WE THE MOOSE IS ALL ABOUT. IT IS TIME WE PULL TOGETHER AS ONE AND WORK TOGETHER
FOR ONE COMMON CAUSE. OUR CHILDREN AT MOOSEHEART, OUR SENIORS AT MOOSEHAVEN AND
ALL OUR MEMBERS OF THE LODGE AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

IN CLOSING LET'S HAVE AN OUTSTANDING YEAR. AS EVERYONE KNOWS WE WILL BE ONE MOOSE
BEGINNING MAY 1, 2021. MEN AND WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER FOR ONE COMMON CAUSE.

LET'S BECOME WEST VIRGINIA MOOSE STRONG.

**Territory Manager
Bill Przelenski**



and the Winner is...

\$25,000 Kathleen Maloney PA

\$5,000 Edward Matson IN

\$3,000 Lynn Andrews FL

\$1,000 Pat Faragon NY

\$500 Cathi Houlihan NY

\$10,000 Sandy Sherrill GA

\$4,000 William Burgess MA

\$2,000 Stanley Spencer FL

\$500 Tim Weigand OH

\$500 Corey Lamprecht AR

STATE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Jim Turner



Hello Brothers and Co-workers.

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- No changes at this time to the men’s or women’s higher degrees.

Jim Turner WVMA president



ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT

Marc Miller

Greetings brothers and sisters,

As Independence Day has come and gone, we would like to recognize and remember our members who have served our country and protected our freedoms. Thank you, veterans, for your service.

Many things have changed since the COVID-19 pandemic hit the United States, but the Moose team culture has remained deeply rooted. One of the benefits of living through a pandemic together is the opportunity to strengthen our bond as we work through each new obstacle together. Our members are known for their strong work ethic, willingness to help, and keen ability to adapt-and the coronavirus outbreak has put each of these qualities to the test.

We have handled past recessions, and recovered from them. While we prepare for our future. Stay safe until we meet again.

Fraternally,

Marc Miller

WVMA Vice President

A Message from Director General Scott Hart



SCOTT D. HART
Director General

If you have been around me during a day in the office over the course of the last 15 years, then you have probably heard me say, “It is going to be big day at Mooseheart today!” No doubt that every day at Mooseheart, Moosehaven and in our Lodges has the potential to be a “big day”; but Friday, June 26, 2020 at approximately 7:15 pm changed the way I define what is and what isn’t a “big day.” The Judiciary Committee report was read on the floor of the Convention which included the results of a momentous delegate vote.

I don’t feel I’m going too far out on a limb by saying the General Law amendment vote that rewrote the way for a unified fraternity was the most important in our 132-year history. I am proud to be part of an organization that recognized the need to change and brought gender equality to our Lodge membership. Doing this on the first vote with 77% of the delegates approving the amendments is absolutely incredible! Congratulations and cheers to a brighter future because of this giant step forward.

Given the weight and complexity of the move to a One Moose Lodge membership model, it is going to take a little time to prepare for a smooth transition. The date of May 1, 2021 will usher in the slate of organizational changes and when we get to Cincinnati, Ohio for the 133rd Annual International Moose Convention (June 30 – July 4, 2021), we can celebrate the dawning of a new era in our Moose fraternity.

Congratulations to all who have been elected or appointed to serve our fraternity on a Board, Council, or Committee, or as a Deputy Grand Regent, Deputy Supreme Governor or Moose Legion Ambassador. None of this would have been possible without your leadership and willingness to consider the needs of others greater than your own. I appreciate your commitment to our Moose fraternity – together we are unstoppable – together we are One Moose! God Bless!

Scott D Hart
Director General



**Edward Orndorff
Deputy Supreme Governor
CAPS Chairman**

Hello,

Congratulations to the new Officers for 2020-2021. Now its time to step up and start doing your job by checking your lodge that all safety measures are in order.

This is also a great time for you to check your operation as a business and protect your Lodge Board of Officers from those little things that get you in trouble.

Yep - we can have some dangerous stuff in the course of our regular operations. You need to have a written inventory of all hazardous chemicals in the lodge (like ammonia, bleach, or cleaners) which need to be stored in metal cabinets and in proper locations for your building codes.

Do Rest Rooms have basic stuff you need? Are the floors dry and clean? Do you have soap, towels or air driers, sink, mirrors, commodes, and safety equipment? Make sure the lights work. We all use restrooms, make sure yours are clean and safe to help us all work against the coronavirus.

When you look at it through, it is not difficult, and it is a great opportunity to instill culture in our lodge.

All this is truly important simply because losses due to accidents can be massive and lots of people like to sue if they think you are at fault. PROTECT YOURSELF

We want people to be happy and safe by going through the effort to gather information for the report, you are also conducting your Due Diligence as an officer of the Lodge.

**SAFETY FIRST
BE CAREFUL
BE AWARE
BE SAFE**

**Ed Orndorff
CAPS Chairman**

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



DANNY WILLIAMS, SR.

Moose Charities Report

Hoping this report finds you all safe and healthy during this Pandemic. Stay safe!! Wear your masks!

“Thank You” to everyone who has donated to Moose Charities in the past 5 months during this Covid-19. It’s very much appreciated for all your generous donations.

Just to give you a rundown as of April 30, 2020, we were over our goal toward the WV Home Project.

So far we have donated \$12,900.13 toward our MAC (Mooseheart Activities Center) goal, just \$17,099.87 shy to complete this Goal and I’m sure we can accomplish it this year.

Donations to the Endowment Fund totaled \$47,387.11 from all Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions and Members.

The Cradle Fund in October 2019 was \$2,607.00 and the Rocker Fund in February 2020 was \$1,719.00.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You for all donations to Moose Charities no matter where you gave !!!!!!!

We had 11 Moose Families who were “League of Guardians” during this past year and each Family donated at least \$1,000.00 during this Moose Year and they are as follows.....Howard Barrick, Luann and Michael Brown, Carolyn and James (Bear) Duffer, Cheryl and Dickey Foster, Faye and Bill Greenfield, Carrie and Ric Harris, Betty and Ray Kesling, Charles Ledsome, JoAnn and Bill Przelenski, Lisa and Chris Roberson, and Beryl and Danny Williams, Sr.

Many “Thanks” for this valuable group of devoted members!

Stay safe and keep the faith out there.....

WV LOOM Moose Charities Chairman

Danny Williams, Sr. PIP

BARBARA SHEPARD
WOTM Fraternal Fundraising
Moose Charities Charmin



MOOSE CHARITIES UPDATE

2020. It's the kind of year that one wants to erase. How many of you want to have Thanksgiving dinner next week and then put up the Christmas decorations? Things have changed, but our mission remains the same: To take care of our children and seniors.

Being reminded more regularly why we do what we do, especially when our world started undergoing such drastic changes earlier this year, helps bring us all back to a comforting place.

We are inspired by Mooseheart and Moosehaven. We do what we can to benefit those who need us most. Our young Mooseheart children depend on us – all year long -- to keep them safe and provide a loving home where they can learn and grow. "A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many." This is at the core of the Moose organization and what makes us unique in our lodges, communities and charitable "cities" that we support.

In these times, we need to pull together. 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 keeping busy with crafts, cooking, outdoor activities, a good book, and more. They stay active and engaged, even under these strange circumstances. But, the most important thing to remember is that OUR KIDS ARE SAFE and SOUND! They are protected, loved and being safely cared for. This is a HUGE reason to celebrate your commitment of caring for our youth!

To date, Moosehaven reports that they have not had any active cases of Coronavirus among its residents or staff! Your support, good thoughts and prayers continue to be a blessing for our Moosehaven seniors and staff. THANK YOU!

Through some very unusual and trying times, our Mooseheart kids made it through the end of the school year and are now getting ready for the new one. You, our dedicated Moose members, continue to support our mission, and 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.

Never would we have guessed that 2020 would literally put us together virtually. Our methods of fundraising have changed, but remember, the needs for our children and seniors have not changed. We're asking you to continue to Make It Happen in 2020 for Mooseheart and Moosehaven, helping to secure the future. Be safe and be well until we meet again, and can give each other a "real" hug!!!! We are Moose Strong!

**Sincerely,
Barb Sheppard, PDGR/WV WOTM Moose Charities**

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.

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



2020 Heart of the Community

I hope everyone is well and coping with the COVID- 19 this year. It does not seem to want to let go of us. Each week as we battle against the virus to keep it in check it bounces back or shows up somewhere else.

As a community-based organization, our local Moose Lodges and Chapters need to now more than ever reach out to our residents, neighbors, and friends. Take a canvas of your local area, see what the needs are. Is it something as a fraternity we can help? Maybe delivering meals to our elderly and youth who are not attending school daily. A lot has changed in the last eight months and some of these changes are here to stay. Therefore, we must adapt to change in how we can better serve our community.

With social distancing and wearing masks, the way we interact has become somewhat complicated. Drive-thru events have become very popular. This type of event serves a least two purposes, it gets residents and members out of the house with less possibility of being exposed to the virus and it allows the Lodges and Chapters to continue community service.

Lodges and Chapters keep up the good work, serving your community.

Remember there is always someone or group that is in need. This may not just be monetary, a ride to get groceries, deliver groceries, pick up the mail, drop off lunch, or pick up dues. The list goes on and on, be creative. Do what you do best.

Thanks for all you do.

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



SARA HELD

2019—2020

West Virginia

Deputy Grand Regent

HELLO, MY BELOVED MOOSE SISTERS AND BROTHERS. I HOPE THAT THIS MESSAGE FINDS ALL OF OUR WV MOOSE FAMILY HEALTHY AND SAFE FROM COVID-19. WHAT A MOST UNUSUAL AND TRYING YEAR MY TERM OF SERVING AS WV DEPUTY GRAND REGENT HAS BEEN FOR ALL OF US. HAVING OUR INTERNATIONAL, MID-YEAR AND ANNUAL CONVENTIONS, CONFERENCES AND CONFERRALS CANCELLED IN THEIR USUAL FORMATS WAS VERY DISAPPOINTING. LODGES WERE CLOSED FOR MONTHS, WE ALL MISSED BEING WITH OUR MOOSE FAMILY. HOWEVER, OUR MEMBERS STEPPED UP, AS USUAL, TO ADAPT TO THE SITUATION AND AS THEY SAY; "WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU A LEMON, MAKE LEMONADE!"

WE HAD 20 OUT OF 26 CHAPTERS POSTING ON OUR WV WOTM SPORTS & ACTIVITIES PAGE AND SHARING YOUR CHAPTER AND LODGE ACTIVITIES. THANK YOU AND PLEASE CONTINUE TO POST.

THREE WV CO-WORKERS RECEIVED THEIR ACADEMY OF FRIENDSHIP DEGREES AT CONFERRAL IN JULY. KATHY JENKINS, KEYSER CHAPTER 191; TAMMY LILLY, PARKERSBURG CHAPTER 543; AND PAM VALENTINE, ST. ALBANS CHAPTER 857.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW FRIENDS. THANK YOU TO PARKERSBURG CHAPTER 543 FOR HOSTING THIS CONFERRAL. YOU DID A FANTASTIC JOB AND THE FOOD WAS GREAT! OUR PARKERSBURG CHAPTER ALSO VOLUNTEERED TO HOST OUR GREEN CAP CONFERRAL TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12 AT THEIR MOOSE LODGE. CANDIDATES ARE KATHY JENKINS, KEYSER CHAPTER 191, PAULA GOULD, PRINCETON CHAPTER 555, MYRTLE DEEMS, PARKERSBURG CHAPTER 543, AND KAREN SPROUSE, ST. ALBANS CHAPTER 857. CONGRATULATIONS CO-WORKERS.

IN SPITE OF COVID-19 AND MANDATORY CLOSURES OF OUR MOOSE HOMES, OUR WOTM HAD AN INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP! OUR TOP THREE SPONSORS ARE, 3RD-BETTY HIGHLANDER, BECKLEY CHAPTER 822-15 SPONSORED; 2ND MARIE WILSON, FRANKLIN CHAPTER 812-16 SPONSORED; 1ST- LYNN ALLEY, BECKLEY CHAPTER 822-25 SPONSORED. GREAT JOB CO-WORKERS!

WE HAD 4 CHAPTERS MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TOP CHAPTERS: 4TH-PRINCETON CHAPTER 555; 3RD- PARKERSBURG CHAPTER 543; 2ND- KEYSER CHAPTER 191; AND THE TOP CHAPTER EARNING 1ST PLACE IS NEW MARTINSBURG CHAPTER 2165. OUTSTANDING WV CO-WORKERS! OUR CO-WORKER OF THE YEAR IS DANIELLE VIERS, KEYSER CHAPTER 191. YOU GO, GIRL!

LAST, BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST, IS A CO-WORKER THAT NO ONE CAN DENY HAS DEVOTED AN IMMENSE NUMBER OF HOURS TO OUR BELOVED FRATERNITY. THIS YEAR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD GOES TO PEGGY SHINN, NITRO CHAPTER 757. WE ARE ALL GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ENDLESS HOURS OF SERVICE TO MOOSE INTERNATIONAL, WV MOOSE ASSOCIATION, AND WV WOTM.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE ABOVE AND TO ALL OF OUR WV DEDICATED CO-WORKERS. YOU ALL REPRESENT MY PERSONAL THEME FOR MY TERM AS WV DGR; "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE." I AM SO VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE HONOR OF SERVING AS WV'S DGR. THANK FOR THE AMAZING SUPPORT FROM MY MOOSE FAMILY. CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO MELISSA STANISLAWCZYK, KEYSER CHAPTER 191, WV DGR 2020-2021. AS WE ALL LOOK FOR TO GETTING BACK TO NORMAL, KEEP IN MIND THAT OUR TWIN CITIES AND COMMUNITIES STILL NEED OUR ASSISTANCE WHEN POSSIBLE. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU, MY DEAR MOOSE FAMILY.

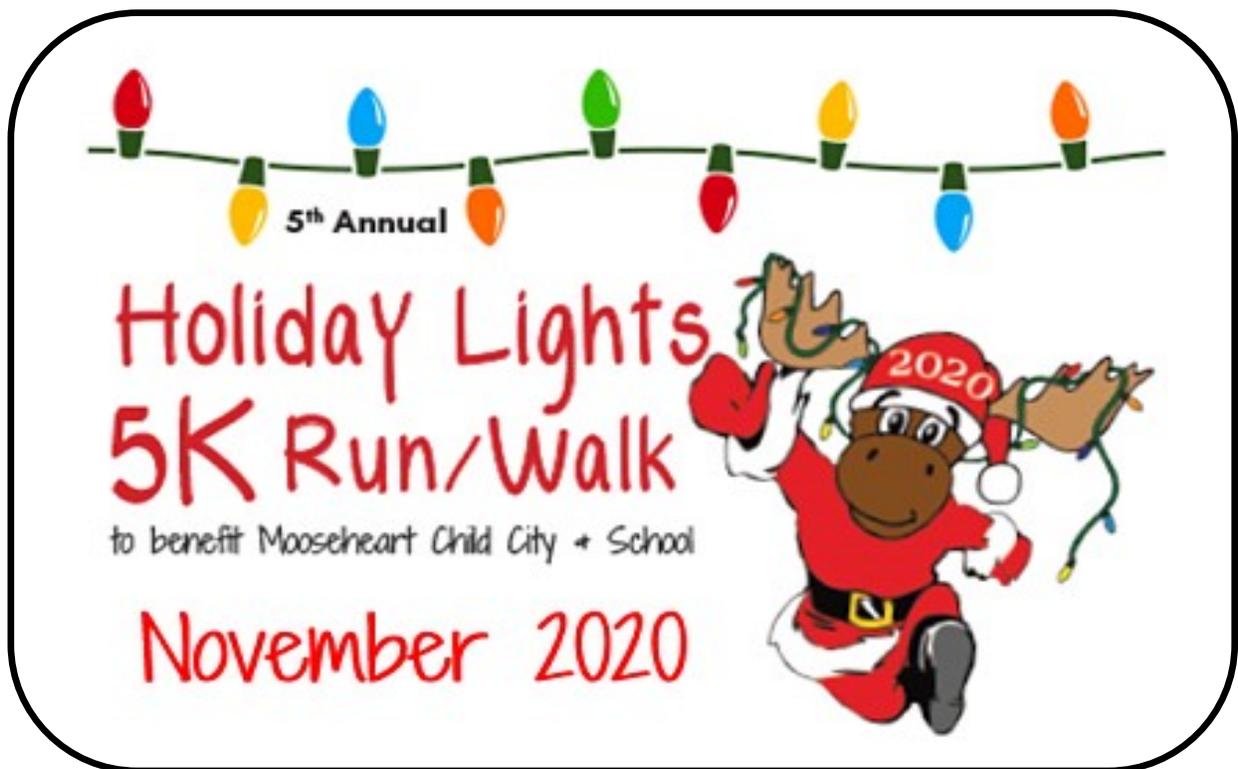
FRATERNALLY YOURS, SARAH HELD, DGR

SARA HELD

WV WOTM DGR 19-20

AND

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES 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.



West Virginia Moose Association Membership Workshop

**Saturday, November 14, 2020
Buckhannon Moose Lodge
Registration Fee \$15.00**

**Registration Starts At 8:00 am
Class Starts at 9:00 am
Lunch at 12:00**

***Open to Men and Women of
The Loyal Order of Moose***

WV Moose Association Youth Awareness

Youth Awareness Scholarship Program

There is no better way to help the youth of the fraternity than to offer them the opportunity to further their education and that is exactly what the Moose Youth Awareness Scholarship program is about.

For more than 25 years we have organized high school students into highly effective speakers with the goal of educating preschool and elementary school age children on various topics. Through Moose Kids Talk presentations the program has reached 750,00 kids through out North America. Students also have a chance to win college scholarships that is awarded annually through this program.

First place winner in West Virginia wins \$2,000 scholarship. and the opportunity to complete in the International Congress. The International Scholarships are;

1 place \$12,000 2 place \$8,000 3 place \$ 5,00 4 place \$ 3,000 5 place \$2,000

In the past 7 years we have had 4 west Virginia students to win International Scholarships. 2019 - 2020 our West Virginia student Anastin Hornsby from Summersville Lodge won 1st place \$12, 000 scholarship.

With everything going on today in the world we need to reach out to these younger kids and educate them about the dangers in the world today. I want to Thank each and everyone that has helped me with this program.



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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.

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.

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.

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DANNY WILLIAMS, SR.

News from Moose Legion Area Manager.....

As of this writing International Moose Legion Conference is still on schedule for Halloween weekend (October 30th – November 1st, 2020) in Pittsburgh, PA. We have a fun filled weekend planned. All the information can be found on the Intl. Moose web site. I am hoping that all Moose Legions in the WV jurisdiction will be represented at this conference. If anything changes I will notify each and every Moose Legion.

Our main project this year is Carpet Replacement and remodeling the House of God at Moose heart for the approximate amount of \$60,000.00. All Moose Legions are encouraged to pay their assessments early, to receive the discounts.

The Presidents Project is to purchase a vehicle at Moosehaven to transport our seniors to off campus doctor visits for a sum of approximately \$30,000.00. We encourage any Moose Legion member or Moose Legion to donate what they feel is appropriate. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Once again we will be accepting donations for the travel of our Mooseheart Boy and Girls (separately) to visit Moosehaven next year. Any and all donations will be appreciated.

Thank You for all you do and keep up the great work in our Lodges, Chapters Moose Legions and Our "One Moose" Fraternity in the trying times we are in. Stay safe !

Fraternally,

**Danny Williams, Sr. PIP
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Stan Ellison

MOOSE LEGION AMBASSADORS

**Robert Ellifritz - Ambassador North
Stan Ellison - Ambassador South**



ROBERT ELLIFRITZ

Often times when visiting and meeting Lodge members or attending a Moose Legion Celebration in another Lodge or jurisdiction, I am frequently asked by members, "Why should I join the Moose Legion?" or "What benefit is there in Moose Legion membership?" My response is normally "Why would you not want to join?" Just think of the many benefits that await you if you elevate to the Degree of Service.

Moose Legionnaires are members of a higher degree with the purpose of assisting our Lodges by supporting fraternal programs and having fun in the process. Moose Legion membership gives you an opportunity to participate in the many activities and events of the Lodge and to also provide you with the ability to do even more for your Lodge.

Not only is your Lodge membership critical to the success of our fraternity, but you also enjoy the family bonds unique to the Moose. Our members typically look out for one another while our Lodges provide a safe environment for your family and friends which the Moose Legion is noted for. It is also Moose Legionnaires that are in the forefront when it comes to supporting the many aspects of Moose Charities. Typically, these committees lead the way during our monthly committee meetings and often are first to support the Cradle or Rocker fund appeals. Our current President's project is to provide a projector for the Mooseheart campus while also providing commercial washers and dryers for our residents of Moosehaven. Again, another case of Moose Legionnaires are leading by example.

Additionally, elevating to the Moose Legion gives you an advantage for advancement that others lack. Moose Legion membership is the first step for advancement to the higher degrees of our Order, specifically the Fellowship and Pilgrim degrees.

There are, of course, more tangible benefits to becoming a Moose Legionnaire but foremost is the fulfillment of our sacred pledge "To do some good thing for someone each day." If you are currently a Moose Legionnaire, thank you for your membership and remaining current. We ask you to offer your fellow Lodge members an opportunity to join our cause and invite them to become a Proud Moose Legionnaire. Eligible new members can be found. You probably already know some. Just ask; "Are you a Moose Legionnaire?"

If you love the Moose Legion as much as I do, please continue to renew, recruit and retain our members. Moose Legionnaires are Moose on a Mission and we do indeed support all aspects of the Moose fraternity. It is an honor to continue to serve beside all of you.

**Stan Ellison
International Moose Legion Ambassador (South)**

Hello brothers and sisters

Its been a heck of a year so far. Many things have had to be canceled or improvised to cooperate with the pandemic. We all missed seeing our Moose family. I hope all have faired well so far. But now its time to get to work and get our Moose Legion fundraising projects in gear. This years projects will be as follows:

:The Mooseheart House of God renovation project cost of \$60,000. They are asking each Moose Legion to pay \$1.50 per Moose Legionnaire. :We are also ongoing with our Youth Awareness Scholarship. They are asking .60 per Moose Legionnaire. :also don't forget our Endowment fund collection and please make sure there paid in a timely manner. :There is also a Moose Legion 2020-21 Presidents project. This is on a strictly voluntary basis but a .50 per capita would achieve MLAE points. Finally a great fund to donate to is the Mooseheart Student Trips fund. at .25 per capita is also would achieve MLAE points.

These are all worthy programs to donate to and i hope all jurisdictions can help. This is the perfect time to get your in house Moose Legions involved to help raise money for these projects. Hopefully things will get back to normal soon, so we will all be able to get together again.

**Best wishes to all
North Moose Legion Ambassador
Robert Ellifritz**

WV Moose Association Virtual Convention August 21- 22 Parkersburg Lodge 1118

Rick Harris Awarded Honorary Past President



***Rick Harris Awarded Honorary Past President
(Nominated Posthumously by Bob Roach)***

WV Moose Association Premier Lodge Awards



NEW MARTINSVILLE 931 (5TH STRAIGHT YEAR)

FRANKLIN 769

ST ALBANS 868

PARKERSBURG 1118

KEYSER 662 (FIRST TIME)

RAINELLE 1647 (FIRST TIME)



WV Moose Association Leadership of Excellence Awards



RICH ERLEWINE ADMINISTRATOR NEW MARTINSVILLE 931

ROBERT YEAGER GOVERNOR NEW MARTISVILLE 931

EUGENE HUFFMAN ADMINISTRATOR ST ALBANS 868

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KENNTH SIMMONS ADMINISTRATOR RAINELLE 1647



WV Moose Association WVMA Awards



Some awards were accepted virtually

TOP MOOSE LEGION GATEWAY 196
MOOSE LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR DAVID WEBSTER
DISTRICT OF THE YEAR DISTRICT 5
LODGE OF THE YEAR NEW MARTINSVILLE 931
CHAPTER OF THE YEAR NEW MARTINSVILL 2165
HEART OF THE COMMUNITY WINNERS : LODGE CHARLES TOWN 948
WOTM NEW MARTINSVILLE 2165
CO WORK OF THE YEAR DANIELLE VIERS
MOOSE OF THE YEAR RODNEY WADE

WV Moose Association 2020 Golf Ball Drop



Winners:

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| 1st Place = Sara Veach, | Romney Lodge |
| 2nd Place = Bill Przelenski | Wheeling Lodge |
| 3rd Place = Richard Erlewine | New Martinsville Lodge |
| 4th Place = Dickey Foster | Madison Lodge |
| 5th Place = Lodge 1118 | Parkersburg Moose Lodge |

WV WOTM Lifetime Achievement



Winner for 2020 Peggy Shinn, Nitro WV

WV Moose Assoc. Lifetime Achievement

A Lifetime Achievement Award is a prestigious honor given to those who have committed themselves entirely to the Moose Fraternity.

Lifetime Achievement Award for Loyal Order of Moose.

*Winner for 2020 WV Moose Association
Donald Ainsworth, Charles Town WV*

2021 International Moose Convention



2020 International Moose Convention Refunds

Registrants for the in-person convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin will be able to apply for refunds beginning on Wednesday, April 29th. On that day, a message with a link to the convention refund portal will be sent to all registrants who have an active email address on file with Moose International. For those individuals without an email on file, a letter will be sent containing refund information. You will need your name, Moose member ID number, and the lodge or chapter number for which you registered to enter the refund site. Once entered, all of the events for which you preregistered, including your basic convention registration, will be listed along with the amount you paid. At this point you will have the option to do one of three things: 1. Donate your entire registration and event fee total to Moose Charities 2. Request all registration and event fees be refunded to the purchaser of record 3. Split the amount between a donation to Moose Charities and a refund back to the purchaser of record All donations to Moose Charities through this portal will be included on your member giving record and are tax deductible. Note, that a special provision is in place for 2020 that allows for up to \$300 in charitable giving for individuals to claim on their U.S. tax forms, even if they do not itemize expenses.

Refunds will be returned in the same manner in which payments were received. If you paid by credit card, the amount you requested back will be credited to the card you used. If you paid by check, the refund amount that you requested will be sent by check to the address on file. If you used Moose Rewards Points for your convention registration fees, those points have already been credited back into your account. If you paid additional fees for attending convention events, you will follow the same steps outlined above.



Our biannual Moose Legion Conference is set for Pittsburgh, PA the end of October 2020 with an array of programs to enjoy. The event will be held from October 29th – November 1st, 2020 at the DoubleTree Green Tree location in Pittsburgh, PA.

Some sightseeing opportunities (such as the Flight 93 Memorial) will highlight the weekend along with some short informational sessions, a Saturday awards banquet and Sunday morning conferral of new members.

Lodge & Moose Legion Ritual competitions will be held during this year's Moose Legion Ritual Competition and Conference.

**The Lodge Ritual Competition will take place on Thursday, October 29, 2020
The Moose Legion Ritual Competition will take place Friday – Saturday October 30th – 31st, 2020**



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.
- No changes at this time to the men’s or women’s higher degrees.

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.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

**Jim Dunn
District 3 President**

Brothers,

These last 2 years have been a really enjoyable learning experience for me. Thanks to all who mentored me during my term. I hope everyone is well in our great state.

We have to keep moving forward during the pandemic that has closed down our lodges for 3 months. We must be signing new members and working retention. Find new things to draw our members in since we are not allowed to have our usual dances, karaoke, and other fun activities. Please keep checking on our elderly members who are homebound and do not want to be out. Hopefully, by the next convention, we will be able to have a convention where we are able to see all of our friends from all over the state.

I hope all of our lodges are doing well since opening. Thanks again to our Governors, Administrators, Board Members, and Secretaries who keep our lodges operating and moving forward.

**Jim Dunn
District 3 President**



**Barry Wood
District 4 President**

As we start a new year we start with a new commitment to help make our Lodge and our Fraternity stronger. Do you have a membership campaign lined up and lodge activities to spur interest for the coming months?

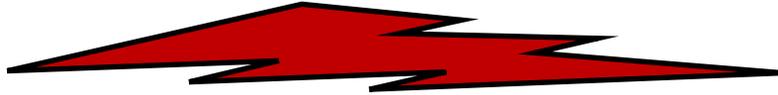
By now you should have your karaoke competition completed and sending in your winners to Pt. Pleasant Moose Lodge on Feb. 22nd. Winners from there go on to the State Competition to be held at our mid-year conference. Good Luck!

Don't forget upcoming events from the West Virginia Moose Association, Ticket sales from these events are important to help keep the cost down for our conventions with your help we can achieve it.

Our next District Meeting will be held at Logan Moose Lodge 3/15/20, officers meeting at 12:30 and members meeting at 1:00.

See You At The Moose!

Activities During The Covid-19 Lock Down



With social distancing West Virginia women of the moose held their academy of friendship in Parkersburg



***Charles Town Women of the Moose #1028
Installation of 2020/2021 Officers & Chairman
Board of officers:***

WV Moose Association 2020 -2021 Officers



Richard Findley
Incoming Deputy Supreme Governor



WORKING HARD IN THE MOOSEHEART COMMUNITY GARDEN!



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.