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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hope everyone had wonderful and safe July celebrating our Nations 250 th Independence. We are all very blessed to live in this great country. As promised, we brought back lots of information and knowledge from the International Conference in Oklahoma City, OK. We had informative sessions, met up with old and new brothers and sisters and even had some fun.

I was truly impressed that since May 1, 2025, over 92,000 members have sponsored a new member, over 53,500 have donated through Moose Charities and members have recorded over 600,000 hours volunteering in our lodges and over 83,000 hours for the "Heart of the Community" The fraternity has achieved five consecutive years of membership growth, with 185,545 new members in the last year, bringing the totals to 959,055 as April 30, 2026. However, we do all need to work on retention. In the coming weeks and throughout the year we will be sharing ideas, information from classes and other interesting events with you all.

I am extremely proud of all our chairpersons along with their committees for their continued hard work and dedication to helping us continue to be MOOSE PROUD!

Our August calendar is full of events, good meals, fun activities, music, bingo, and many volunteer projects. Come on out fellowship, enjoy and feel proud to be a Moose.

Keep in mind that we are here not just for MooseHeart, MooseHaven and our community but for each other as well. Let's be mindful in the way we interact with one another.

Fraternally yours,
Larry Durrance
President

A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR:



Happy August to all.

Hard to believe it is August already and the kids are headed back to school, so be careful in the school zones and watch for the kids getting off the bus.

I want to say a special thanks to Jo and Bob Laffery. Jo has decided to retire from kitchen duties, purchasing, scheduling, etc. She and Bob have done this job for 5 years and they both did a great job, running to Walmart, Sam's, COSTCO and others picking up what we needed. So, when you see them say thanks for their service.

I ask that you bear with us as we transition to whomever picks up the duties. For now, it falls on me, but I am asking for help with this, so if you are willing to help let me know.

We had a great Moose Legion Celebration here and I want to say thanks to all that helped and participated. We had 5 new moose legion members conferred. Our servers did a fantastic job over that weekend.

Remember to be kind to your brothers and sisters in the Moose, after all we are family. We may not always see eye to eye on everything but always keep your eye on the big picture and help us prosper and grow.

Keep watching our Facebook Page Lodge 1075, Chapter 1103 for updates and events. You can also check out our website at www.tallahasseemoose.org.

As always, thanks to all who take time to volunteer at our lodge, no matter what you do, you are very much appreciated. You are what makes our lodge the best it is. See you around the lodge.

Fraternally, Jerry



Chaplain:

It is sad to say we have several members that are sick or distressed. I ask that you take a moment and pray for our members to heal; physically, mentally and financially.

Our Heavenly Father, we ask that you place your healing hand on our precious members and restore them.

July 21, 2026, we had the celebration of life for Myra. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed in our lodge and other lodges, I'm sure. Rest in Peace!

Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up.
Proverbs 12:25

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FROM HEART OF THE COMMUNITY:

Your Heart of Community Committee has forward over fifteen (15) proposals to the Board to consider since May of this year. All of these proposals have been given Board approval and three proposals will be considered by the membership during the July 21 meeting.

Bringing you up to date since the last newsletter, our membership donated a dozen suits/sport coats, dress shirts, ties and shoes to the Tallahassee Veteran's Village to provide business attire so these veterans can dress professional for a job interview. Your donation filled a large need. All of this clothing was gone in less than an hour. Additionally, our Lodge Legion had a food drive during the district Legion celebration for Veteran's Village. "Moose Proud" for two successful events for our veterans.

This month Leon County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has a Tommy Moose in each ambulance. Any child that is involved in EMS turn out receives a Tommy Moose for comfort. As we deliver support checks to our volunteer Fire Departments, they also receive a case of Tommy Moose to provide comfort to children during a call.

Within our committee here are a few proposals our lodge has supported this last month:

1. Gretchen Everhart School for supplies
2. Big Bend Boys and Girls club for summer camps
3. Special Olympics for summer events
4. Tallahassee Urban League, for food pantry and youth crime intervention
5. Suwannee Scouting Council, supporting local scouts to the National Jamboree during the end of July
6. Inclusion Café/Heart and Skills Connection, support training for intellectual and development disabilities within Leon County
7. Be the Solution, supporting affordable spay/neuter surgeries
8. Fund raising event for K9 for Warriors on Saturday March 13, 2027

Mark your calendar for March 13 for a fun evening. We are in the planning phase of this K9 for Warriors event. This charity provides service dogs to military veterans suffering from PTSD. They are rescuing shelter dogs and training them as service dogs with a veteran. All dogs and services are provided at no cost to veterans.

More details to come.

In a couple months, the Committee will initiate a blanket drive for Elder Care and jacket & socks drive for our homeless veterans. More details in September.

Heart of the Community Committee

Chair: Bob Lafferty

Members: Larry Durance, Jerry Monk, Lisa Metcalf and Jo Lafferty

A MESSAGE FROM THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:

Hello Lodge and Chapter Members,

What an incredible July! Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, attended events, and helped make the month such a success. From our BBQ Chicken Dinner and Moose Legion Celebration to NASCAR Sunday Funday, the Red, White & Moose Bash, Duck Hunt, School Supply Drive, and all of the fellowship in between, your enthusiasm and dedication truly showcased what it means to be part of the Women of the Moose. Every meal served, raffle ticket sold, and hour volunteered helped support our Chapter's mission of serving our community while strengthening our Moose family.

Let's keep that momentum going in August!

Join us on Friday, August 14, for our fun-filled Hawaiian Night! Put on your favorite Hawaiian shirt or tropical attire and enjoy an evening of delicious food, laughter, games, and fellowship. It's the perfect way to celebrate summer with your Moose family.

Then, be sure to join us on Friday, August 21, as the Ladies Pool Team serves another one of their delicious dinners. Come hungry, support our talented pool team, and enjoy a great meal while spending time with friends.

Thank you for continuing to support the Women of the Moose through your time, talents, and generosity. Together, we're building a stronger Chapter, supporting our community, and living the Moose mission every day, by leading together, serving with purpose, and making a difference.

Jackie Jones, Senior Regent

Join us for
HAWAIIAN Night!

FOOD • FUN • FELLOWSHIP

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH
6:30 PM

Dinner Includes:
Choice of
HAWAIIAN CHICKEN
or
BBQ CHICKEN
with **RICE, ROLL**
and a **CUPCAKE!**

PRIZES FOR
Tackiest Dressed
HAWAIIAN OUTFIT
Best Dressed
HAWAIIAN OUTFIT
AND OTHER FUN!

Wear your tropical best and join the fun!

GOOD FOOD • GREAT FRIENDS • ISLAND VIBES!

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

Ladies Pool Team
FRIED CHICKEN
Dinner

FRIDAY AUGUST 21ST
6:30PM

Dinner Includes:

FRIED CHICKEN	TWO SIDES
ROLL	DESSERT

Come hungry & support our team!
Great food, great friends,
great cause!

GOOD FOOD • GOOD FRIENDS • GREAT SUPPORT
We appreciate your support!

Meals made with love by our Ladies Pool Team!

LINE DANCING CLASSES

THE **4TH** SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

7PM

Get your groove on!

JOIN US!

8-BALL TOURNAMENT

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

\$5 TO ENTER

1ST PRIZE WINS \$10

2ND PRIZE WINS \$5

TOURNAMENT STARTS AT **6:30PM**

EVERY **FIRST WEDNESDAY** OF THE MONTH

PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE **WOTM POOL TEAM** FOR FMA STATE TOURNAMENT

Moose Riders:



**Moose
Riders
Shrimp Dinner**

Moose Members and Qualified Guests

**Cheese Grits
Cole Slaw
Hushpuppies
Dessert**

\$13

6:30 Friday, August 7

Moose Legion

Message from the Pool Teams:

9-BALL TOURNAMENT

Open to Moose Members from all Lodges

Tallahassee
Moose
Lodge
1075

7:00pm
Entry \$10

Double
Elimination

Saturday, Aug. 22



Men's Pool Teams with Guest Chef, Pat Browder Country Fried Steak Dinner



Tallahassee Moose Lodge

Friday
Aug. 28

6:30pm \$13

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Pat's Famous Corn Casserole
Biscuit and Dessert

Moose Members and Qualified Guests

Monthly Calendar:

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:00 BarBingo 6:30 Burgers and Dogs 7:30 Karaoke
2 11:00 – 1:00 Moose Legion Breakfast 3:30, 5:30 Bingo	3 Social Quarters Closed	4 5:30 Bar Bingo 5:30 Bar Menu 7:00 Business/member Meeting	5 6:30 Wings & Things 6:30 Pool Tournament 7:30 Karaoke	6 5:30 Moose Legion Meeting 6:00 LCR Game 7:00 Texas Hold-Em Poker	7 5:30, 7:00 Bingo 6:30 Fried Shrimp dinner by Moose Riders 7:30 Hot Rod Chevys	8 District Meeting - Quincy 5:00 BarBingo 6:30 Burgers and Dogs 7:30 Karaoke
9 11:00 – 1:30 Building Fund Breakfast NASCAR - Iowa 3:30, 5:30 Bingo	10 Social Quarters Closed	11 5:30 Bar Bingo 5:30 Bar Menu 5:30 Lodge Officers meeting 7:00 WOTM meeting	12 6:00 Moose Riders meeting 6:30 Pork Chops 7:30 Karaoke	13 7:00 Texas Hold-Em Poker	14 5:30, 7:00 Bingo 6:30 Luau dinner by WOTM 7:30 1105 Band	15 5:00 Bar Bingo 6:30 Burgers and Dogs 7:30 Karaoke NASCAR - Richmond
16 3:30, 5:30 Bingo	17 Social Quarters Closed	18 5:30 Bar Bingo 5:30 Bar Menu 7:00 Business/member Meeting	19 6:30 Hot Dog Bar 7:30 Karaoke	20 6:00 LCR Game 7:00 Texas Hold-Em Poker	21 5:30, 7:00 Bingo 6:30 Fried Chicken dinner by WOTM 7:30 Highway 59	22 5:00 Bar Bingo 6:00 New member orientation 6:30 Burgers and Dogs 7:00 Line Dancing 7:00 9-Ball Tournament 7:30 Karaoke
23 2:00 NASCAR Sunday Funday – New Hampshire 3:30, 5:30 Bingo	24 Social Quarters Closed	25 5:30 Bar Bingo 5:30 Bar Menu 5:30 Lodge Officers meeting 7:00 WOTM meeting	26 6:30 Loose Meat Sandwiches 7:30 Karaoke	27 7:00 Texas Hold-Em Poker	28 5:30, 7:00 Bingo 6:30 Country Fried Steak dinner by Men's Pool Teams 7:30 Silverado	29 5:00 Bar Bingo 6:30 Burgers and Dogs 7:30 Karaoke NASCAR – Daytona NM State vs FSU
30 3:30, 5:30 Bingo	31 Social Quarters Closed					

Social Quarters opens at 1:00 on Sundays, 3:00 on Tuesday through Saturday

Bingo:

The Potato, the Egg, and the Coffee Bean

A Women of the Moose Reflection, adapted from WOTM Session, 2026 International Convention

A Senior Regent stood before the Chapter holding three simple items: a potato, an egg, and a handful of coffee beans.

She asked, "What do these three things have in common?"

The women looked at one another but remained silent.

The Senior Regent smiled and placed each item into a separate pot of boiling water.

After twenty minutes, she removed them.

The potato, once firm, had become soft.

The egg, once fragile on the inside, had become hard.

The coffee beans, however, had done something remarkable. They had transformed the water itself into a rich, warm cup of coffee.

She turned to the Chapter and said:

"Each of these faced the exact same challenge. The boiling water represents the trials we all experience; busy schedules, disagreements, disappointments, setbacks, difficult decisions, and the many demands of serving others."

"The potato went into the water strong and firm, but the pressure made it soft and weak."

"The egg appeared delicate, but the pressure caused it to harden inside."

"But the coffee bean was different. It didn't allow the boiling water to change it. Instead, it changed the water around it."

"As Women of the Moose, we will all encounter challenges. We will face difficult conversations, changing expectations, long meetings, fundraising setbacks, and moments when we wonder if our efforts matter."

"The question is not whether challenges will come, we all know they will."

"The question is: How will we respond?"

"Will we become like the potato, allowing pressure to weaken our enthusiasm for serving?"

"Will we become like the egg, allowing disappointment to harden our hearts toward one another?"

"Or will we be like the coffee bean?"

"The coffee bean makes everything around it better. It brings warmth where there was only heat. It creates comfort where there was only pressure."

"That is who I hope we choose to be."

"When someone is struggling, may we encourage them."

"When a new member walks through our doors, may we welcome them."

"When we disagree, may we choose respect."

"When our community needs us, may we answer the call."

"When Mooseheart and Moosehaven need our support, may we serve with joyful hearts."

"Every meeting, every fundraiser, every meal we prepare, every hand we hold, every smile we share is an opportunity to change the atmosphere around us."

"So today, I leave you with one simple question."

When life turns up the heat... what will you be?

A potato?

An egg?

Or a coffee bean?

My hope is that we will always choose to be coffee beans, women who transform challenges into opportunities, strangers into friends, and good intentions into meaningful service.

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