

Blue Ridge Moose Legion #82



UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Celebration & Picnic -2012
APRIL 14, 2012 - CLIFTON FORGE MOOSE LODGE
#1683

Celebration & Ritual Drawdown - 2011
July 14, 2012 -
Lynchburg Moose Lodge #715

August 18, 2012
Special Olympics/Blue Ridge ML#82
Golf Tournament -Ivy Hill Golf Course

ALL- STATE CELEBRATION -2012
OCTOBER 12 -14, 2012
The Holiday Inn® Virginia Beach Norfolk hotel
OV: Shawn Baile -
Director of Membership

WINTER CELEBRATION -2013
JANUARY 12, 2013 - BEDFORD MOOSE LODGE
#1897

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**BLUE RIDGE MOOSE LEGION CONFERRAL
RITUAL STAFF**

Captain – Don Harris
 President – Sonny Higginbotham
 Orator– Robbie Robertson
 Faith – Tom Keefer
 Hope – Vacant
 Charity – Ted Hensley
 Loyalty– Jim Wiles

your money and needs to be submitted immediately. Remember that the ultimate end for the Endowment Fund is our kids on the Mooseheart campus and our seniors on the Moosehaven campus.

Happy Thanksgiving

On behalf of my wife Bonnie and myself, we want to wish you all a “Happy Thanksgiving”. We have so much to be thankful for including the freedoms that we enjoy and sometimes take for granted, but we are all truly blessed to be able to enjoy them as we do. We also can be thankful for the difference we have made as members of this great fraternity and the Moose Legion in the lives of our kids on the Mooseheart campus and our seniors on the Moosehaven campus. Many would not have the opportunity to be as thankful as they are without each and every one of you making a difference in their lives.

I am thankful for all you do each and every day in promoting the “Mission and Vision” of the Moose Legion.

**Fraternally Yours,
Paul Curtis**

International Moose Legion President

Board of Directors for 2011 – 2012 Year

If you want to make a difference in Blue Ridge Moose Legion#82, now is your chance. I will have the Request for Considerations forms at the January Conferral. Recent By-Law change now allows (2) Moose Legionnaires from the same lodge to serve on the Board.

Your Moose Legion Needs You!!!!!!!!!!!!

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As I said before, the opportunities are endless, we just need to work as a team and take advantage of them. If we all pulled together, we would be back up to that 60,000 active membership count in no time and then we could work up from there.

Lodge Moose Legion Committees

Last month I addressed the results of the Lodge Moose Legion Committee survey based on input from the jurisdictional Moose Legion Secretaries. The results were extremely disappointing in that approximately 50% of our Lodge Moose Legion Committees fell into the poor or non-existent range.

We cannot retain our Moose Legionnaires at the Lodge level if we have nothing to offer them. I would hope that after last month's message, the "Board of Directors" took the initiative to go out and find those Lodge Moose Legion Committees that needed help to either get started or improve on their effectiveness. It is imperative that we have self-sustaining, active Lodge Moose Legion Committees in each and every Lodge. These committees will be successful when they have an agenda to offer something back to those Moose Legionnaires to thank them for advancing to the second degree. They will be successful when that becomes the norm and not the exception. I am pleading with all Moose Legion Presidents and Directors to review the "Lodge Moose Legion Committee's Guide to Success" which has been updated and is now available on the Moose Legion Portal of the International Web Page. Please help us and help yourselves by getting out in the trenches and developing Lodge Moose Legion Committees in those Lodges that need our help. I guarantee you that this is a win-win situation that you won't regret.

"Endowment Fund" money for this Moose fiscal year. We are six months into the year and there is no excuse for not sending in your check. This is not

Blue Ridge Moose Legion No. 82
WINTER CONFERRAL SCHEDULE
SALEM MOOSE FAMILY CENTER #2573
1790 Thompson Memorial Blvd.
Roanoke, VA
January 7, 2012

SAT. JANUARY 7, 2012

- 11:00 AM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
12:00 P.M. LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
- 1:30 PM REGISTRATION
*****\$1.00 Registration Fee ****
- 2:30 P.M. ORIENTATION
(CANDIDATIES MUST BE REGISTERED BY THIS TIME)
- 3:00 P.M. CONFERRAL
PRESENTATION OF LODGE MLY AWARDS
PRESENTATION OF THE DAVID MULLINS AWARD
- 4:30 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR – \$5.00 FOR (2) CUPS
Must attend enrollment to participate.

"IT'S GREAT TO BE A BLUE RIDGE MOOSE LEGIONNAIRE"

Directions to the Lodge:

From I-81 to Exit 141 (north) – Take a right at stoplight; (south) take a left at stoplight, onto Rt. 419 until you reach the stoplight at Lakeside Plaza. Take a right onto East Main St. Come over a small bridge. The lodge is the last entrance before you get to the light at Kessler mill Rd. Lodge located on the corner of East Main St. and Kessler Mill Rd.

Men and Women of the Higher Degrees are encouraged to wear your regalia.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Moose Legionnaires,

I want to personally thank each of you that have sponsored a new or former member into Blue Ridge Moose Legion # 82 this year. The more members we have makes our work easier as the workload is divided with everyone.

In addition, I want to thank everyone both Men & Women that have supported and attended our celebrations so far this year. We have had a great time with fun and fellowship at these celebrations. I invite you to attend our next celebration at the Salem Family Center on January 7, 2012. I am sure you will have a great time, and bring a friend to be enrolled into our Blue Ridge Moose Legion # 82 that day. As you know if you sponsor two Members, your dues are paid for the following year. I hope to see you January 7, 2012.

Doug Slayton
President

Do you have what it takes to be a Moose Legion Conferral Staff Member?

Blue Ridge Moose Legion Conferral Staff is looking for someone to join our staff in the part of Hope. Don Harris can no longer go with us due to the change of moving it to the same time as Moose International in the summer. He will remain on the staff as coach. You must be a team player and be able to attend all celebrations. We practice two to three times a month usually on Sunday mornings at Bedford Moose Lodge and you must be able to attend all practices.

Membership and Retention

“The Time Is Now” for all Moose Legionnaires everywhere to continue to pull together, Create Some Interest and work those new “Eligibility Lists” as well as former member lists with added enthusiasm and a determination to succeed. We can then climb back up in membership numbers. Our total active membership on the first of November was 57,319. This is a far cry from where we stood at the end of June when we had a 60,196 total active membership count.

I am asking all Moose Legion Secretaries to work with their Assistant Secretaries and ensure that they are working the “Eligibility List” in their respective Lodges for the month of November and beyond. With 170 Moose Legion jurisdictions, if every jurisdiction just signed 10 new members off their “Eligibility Lists”, that would be 1,700 new active Moose Legionnaires.

I am also asking all Moose Legion Ambassadors, Area Managers, and “Board of Directors” to make their “Key Club” status. This would not only result in personal recognition for yourself and your Moose Legion jurisdiction, but would greatly enhance the membership growth totals as well. As you can see, the opportunities are endless.

Also, don’t forget about Retention. With a functioning phone committee in each and every Lodge working the “Arrearage Lists” and contacting those former Moose Legionnaires who are behind in their dues as well as your “Fellowship” degree holders whose degrees are now in “Suspension” due to not paying their Moose Legion dues, we can bring many former Moose Legionnaires back into the fold and again add to our total active membership count.

**Holiday Inn VA Beach Norfolk to Host
Virginia Moose Legion All - State
Celebration and Conferral
October 12 - 14, 2012 (New Dates)**

Shawn Baile – Director of Membership will be the OV



The Holiday Inn® Virginia Beach Norfolk hotel offers an upscale experience and a central location. Hotel guests in Virginia Beach are 12 miles from the beaches of Virginia, five miles from Norfolk airport and 10 miles from downtown Norfolk, VA.

The six Moose Legions of Virginia are hosting an ALL-State Celebration.

This All-State Celebration and Conferral is the first one ever held and we hope to make this annual event. October 12-14 2012. Each Moose Legion will host a hospitality room. The Conferral will be conducted by members of each Conferral Staff depending on their standing at the Mid-Atlantic held in North Carolina. There will be a MLEC school ,a session on how to fill-out a Moose Legionnaire of the Year Form and a session on How-to Conduct a Lodge Moose Legion Orientation Program. We will have a program book, fundraisers, and a progressive 50/50. We are also planning some tours. If you attended the 2008 Convention hosted by Virginia, you will remember the Deal or No Deal that was played at the Banquet. We will play the game on Saturday night at our banquet and you will be surprise at who dresses for the occasion. Above all, there will be fun and fellowship with Moose Legionnaires from around the state. Registration information will be forth coming. We will have flyers at the Mid-year Convention Please mark your calendar, you will not want to miss this first ever event.

If you feel that, you have what it takes and is willing to make the commitment, then please let me know by email, blueridgemooselegion82@gmail.com or call me @ 434-607-05726.

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

MEMBERSHIP:

It would really be nice to have Blue Ridge #82 achieve the #1 position in membership and member writing in the state. If every current member could just write ONE MORE new member, it could easily be achieved. Please think of an idea(s) for increasing membership, and submit it in writing to The Asst. Secretary for your Lodge Committee. What do you think of the current membership program of cash rewards to writers? What do you think about raffling off an item at celebrations to pay for the cash rewards? When you find a seemingly good prospect for membership, do you evaluate him? Would you invite him into your home? Is he a current good Lodge worker who is involved with activities? Thank you for your efforts and contributions. Keep up the good work.

Jim Wiles
Vice President
ML #82

BLUE RIDGE MOOSE LEGION #82



2011 –2012
Membership
Campaign

\$25.00 Sponsor and enroll a new candidate and your name will go into a drawing for \$25.00 at each celebration.

After the April 2012 Conferral all the Sponsor's name will be submitted for a drawing for \$100.00



CSI – RETENTION

Moose Legion Brothers of BR#82

Our Moose Legion Fraternity can only survive through your continued support and dedication. It only takes a few guys to get together on a particular date and time and call our Moose Legion Brothers who are in the arrears. If we can help them out because of monies that they do not have at this time...then, let us do it. If our Brothers tell us that they do not see anything to the Moose Legion..... "THEN WE AS MOOSE LEGIONARIES ... HAVE FAILED"

We cannot afford to let this happen. We cannot afford to let down Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

We cannot not afford to let down our Lodges on improvements for our members.

Simply put, you and I need to "Create Some Interest" for our Moose Legionaries. If our Brothers tell us that they are not interested, and then we ask them.. **What do you think we can do together to make our Moose Legion stronger?**

Listen to what they are saying...then make a plan....get the Brothers to commit, and tell them how helpful they can be.

Fraternally
Jack Lancaster
Jr. Past President

FROM THE SECRETARY:

We still have lodges that are not collecting Endowment Fund. We all made a promise that we would take care of our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven.

We have asked every lodge to pay their share of the Van/Computer project on or before the October Celebration. We still have a few lodges that have not paid their share.

Applications are slow coming in. Each lodge has the eligibility list Let us work the list, as these are Moose Brothers who need to be told about the second degree and then invited to belong.

Thank you for what you do for your lodge and Blue Ridge Moose Legion.

Robbie Robertson – Secretary