



FRANCONIA MOOSE FAMILY CENTER NEWS

MOOSE
The Time is Now

NEWSLETTER OF FRANCONIA MOOSE LODGE 1076

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Franconia Moose



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The Children of Franconia Moose Family Center were once again treated to a fantastic pancake breakfast and a gift exchange with Santa Claus. There were almost 70 children who were able to join in on the fun filled event which included breakfast, ornament decorating and cookie sculpting. The crowd was very surprised about Santa's early arrival and all crowded around while presents were handed out by Santa and all of his wonderful elves.



**Governor's
Message
William Bean**



**Administrator's Corner
William Bean**

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hopefully everyone got to spend some time with their friends and family over this holiday season. It has been very busy at the Lodge these past months and I would like to thank all of you who came out for the Christmas Party and the New Year's Eve dinner and dance. A great time was had by all who attended these events.

I would like to dedicate some space for a huge thank you to Ben Owens and all of the people who helped him prepare the monthly breakfasts. He and his crew have been doing it for seven years and all but one of those years he did every 2nd Sunday. This past year we started a second breakfast crew led by Dean Brady and Sid Alexander to do every other Sunday to lighten the load for everyone. Ben and his crew have decided to retire their aprons and their last breakfast was December. Seven years is a longtime to volunteer to do a big event every month. We are lucky to count all of these people as members of our Lodge and every one of them has my sincere gratitude for a job well done. I hope they enjoy sleeping in a little longer now, but hope they will continue to be a big part of our Lodge. The entire crew consisted of Ben Owens, Bob Cleveland Sr., Matt Adams, Tommy Fritter, Pat Cleveland, and Patti Veach. Please thank them for all of their hard work over the years when you see them. If there are others that also helped in the prep work and if I left anyone's name out, please forgive me.

I want to thank all of those that went on the Lodge Moose Cruise. A great time was had by all who went and we missed the rest of you. I will set up another one in the future and I hope to see more of you there. This cruise was from December 4th – 11th and went to Cozumel, Grand Cayman, and Ocho Rios. It is nice to get outside of the Lodge and enjoy some fellowship with other Lodge members.

We are starting a new year and I have four more months in office. Due to Paul's absence while caring for his parents, we went without an Administrator for almost six months. It is nice to have that position filled now. Look for more changes as we try and implement some ideas that have been on the back burner for a while, on making the Lodge the place to be for the Holiday Season. There has simply not been enough free time to get some things accomplished that we would really like to do. Now that we have a full board, I hope we can pull some of these things off the shelf and get them implemented by the end of my term.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your support over the past twenty months. It is an honor to serve as your Governor and I hope that I am living up to your expectations.

God Bless you all,

William Bean
Governor Lodge 1076

At the first meeting in December, the board met and forwarded Paul Cappello's name to the general membership for approval as the new Lodge Administrator. During that meeting, after everyone was given their chance to speak, a vote was held and Paul was overwhelmingly confirmed. He began his duties the following day after resigning from the position of Treasurer. At the same meeting, I asked for membership approval to appoint Brett Sweeney as the Treasurer for the remainder of the term. I received overwhelming support for that as well. At the following board meeting, both Brett and Paul were officially sworn into their new positions. Since Paul has become Administrator, he has been concentrating on getting some of the items done that are mandatory and we had fallen behind on. In this position, Paul will set all prices in the social quarters, manage all Lodge personnel, and control all purchasing decisions for items needed for social quarter's operation.

I believe Paul will do a great job in this new role and I am positive he has the Lodge's best interest at heart. If I did not feel that way, I never would have supported him for this position. As he is currently getting his office computer set up the way he wants it, I have written his article for this newsletter. Look for him to start writing his own when the next newsletter comes out. He should be fully settled in by that time. Please congratulate him on his new position. I am confident he will make us all proud.

William J. Bean
Governor Lodge 1076

New Member

John Ale
Andrew Boswell
Sean C. Brooks
Charles P. Buettner
Robert Caulfield
Donald Coffel
James Cyrus
Alfonso Diaz
Charles G. Dillow, Sr
Marshall H. Fairchild
David Gorman
Joe Graf
Tim Jones
Charles King
Jurgen Kropf
Lewis M. Lipscomb
Ken McKinley
Johnny L. Patton
William Seay
Steven Toto
Mitchell Webber
James Whitenack

Sponsor

Richard Detwiler
Gary Nunley
Daniel Garbers
William Bean
Mark Souder
Brian Mullins
Lloyd Staggs III
Neal Gasser
Transfer In
Brett Sweeney
Steven Petrak
Timothy Smith
Brian McGarrigle
Robert Minks
Phillip Screen
William Bean
Transfer In
Transfer In
Transfer In
Lloyd Staggs III
Eckman Short
Burt Barchesky



Senior Regent
JOANNA MULLINS



Sickness and Distress
Gerry Mason,
Chairman

As 2011 approaches, I would like to say what a wonderful holiday season we had at the Lodge. From our fabulous Thanksgiving dinner to our Children's Breakfast with Santa finale, it was a great ride! We would like to say Thanks to all of our wonderful co-workers who worked so hard and spent so much of their time for the benefit of all our Lodge and Chapter members. Our Chapter is successful because of all your hard work. Thank you!

Thank you to all our members that donated canned food and supplies for our holiday baskets. With your contributions, we were able to provide 6 baskets at Thanksgiving and 7 baskets at Christmas to families in need. That's the spirit of our organization and you donated willingly and hopefully those families had a brighter holiday with our help.

I would like to say welcome to all of our new Chapter members and extend an invitation to all of our members to join us for our Chapter meetings. The meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. We have a drawing before each meeting and if your name is called you can win from \$10.00 - \$50.00, but you must be present to win. Come to a meeting and see if you can be the lucky winner.

Wishing all of you a healthy, happy New Year!

Upcoming Meetings:

January 5th — Educational Advancement Committee Activity Night; 7:30 PM

January 19th — Chapter Business Meeting; 7:30 PM

February 2nd — Family Involvement Committee Activity Night; 7:30 PM

February 16th — Chapter Business Meeting; 7:30 PM

Fraternally yours,
JoAnna Mullins
Senior Regent



Dot Oelze - home recuperating from leg surgery
Jim Owen - home recuperating from surgery
Shirley Hughes - rehab center recuperating from respiratory distress/pneumonia
Shari Staggs' Mom, Nancy Demory - in hospital, congestive heart failure and lung cancer.
Laura Coppa - not doing well
Pete Wilmuth - passed away
Jeff Valentine – father passed away
James Owen – recovering from surgery / cancer treatment
Chris Miller – recovering from cancer treatment
Chuck Huffman – recovering from fractured hand

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

New Chapter Members and their Sponsors

<u>Chapter Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Calleen Torch	Debra Pigg
Kelly Hughes	Dana Petrak
Elaine Cyrus	Joan Best
Susan Cyrus	Joan Best
Karen Binette	Sarah O'Donnell
Carolyn Yeary	Margaret Dove



Notes from the Kitchen

Myra Hansborough

EVERYDAY

DOT'S FAMOUS PIZZA SERVED ALL EVERY DAY.

\$5.00 for a small

\$7.00 for a large

You can have a variety of toppings and can come in and order one or two to go.

WEDNESDAYS:

International Day

So far we have had a variety of foods on Wednesdays and I have seen tacos return to the menu. So bring the whole family for a Wednesday no cooking at the house meal!

WIFI at the Franconia Moose Family Center

You can now come to the Social Quarters and still be connected. We have WIFI at the Lodge for no cost to you. Come on up for a lunch or snack while you are surfing the net. Computers are not supplied.

NO SMOKING AT BREAKFAST

We need to remind everyone that for breakfast on the 2nd Sunday of every month ALL of the tables are NON-SMOKING. Smoking is only permitted while sitting at the bar right of the beer taps. This restriction is in place until 12pm on those days when breakfast is over.

Thank You's

The kitchen staff would like to thank you all for helping at the Lodge. Every little bit helps and it is nice when members take a few minutes out of the day to help clean and support our Lodge.

Recycling Program

We have started recycling aluminum cans in the Lodge, but the only receptacles are behind the bar at this point. Please do not throw the aluminum cans in the trash cans in the hall or social quarters. Just bring them to the bar and we will put them in the designated cans. We will crush them and take them to the recycling center.

KITCHEN HOURS

Monday - 11:30am – 8:30 pm

Tuesday – Saturday 11:30am – 8:30 pm

Sunday – 11:30am – 8:00pm

Social Quarters Hours

MONDAY, 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

11:00 AM – 11:00 PM

THURSDAY 11:00 AM – 12 MIDNIGHT

FRIDAY 11:00 AM – 2:00 AM

SATURDAY 11:00 AM – 1 AM

SUNDAY 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Happy Hour

Monday, Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday

4:00pm – 7:00 pm

FRIDAYS at the Moose

Steak cooked the way you want it, salad with choice of dressing and baked potato with the works. A number of other options are available as well.

Live music and dancing the night away. Bring your blue suede shoes and come on down.

Franconia Moose Family Center Breakfast

This breakfast is held on the second Sunday of each month from 9 AM to 12 NOON. You get to have all you can eat breakfast which includes eggs any way you want them, potato's, bacon, sausage and ham, biscuits with 2 types of gravy, fruit, pancakes, waffles and French toast. All of this for only \$9.00

Kitchen REMINDER

If you do not have a reason to be in the kitchen please refrain from entering the kitchen area. If you are helping to clear dishes, etc. Please let a bartender or other know you are going into the kitchen

Thank You Connie -- By Myra

Sometimes we forget to thank people as we go through a busy day at Franconia Moose Lodge and they are always there. There is very special person I would like to say THANK YOU to, and that is Connie Greenwood. Some of Connie's great attributes are her thoughtfulness towards others, a great organizer and the "planner" for the "Just One More Girls" birthday celebrations. All you have to do is ask for Connie's help and she is there. Now she is doing the Queen of Hearts and filling the void left by the passing of our co-worker Laura Wilson. She may be short in stature, but big in heart and gives anyone – including her Brother-in-Law, Ed White, a run for their money when they challenge her height. ☺

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday Night Bake Sales

Friday night bake sales are coming back. Stay tuned for more information!!!



WOTM Monday Night Dinner

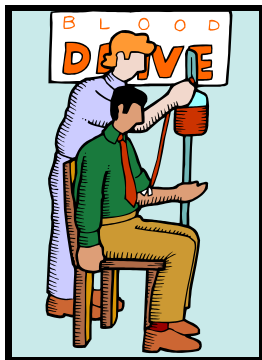
January 24th
5-8 pm

Monday night dinner will be Stuffed Shells with a homemade meat sauce, spaghetti, garlic bread and premade salad with Italian Dressing. Come early, they never last. The shells will be made by Jessica Honecker and the spaghetti will be made by Michele Cleveland.



Blood Drive January 9th

We will once again be hosting a blood drive at the Franconia Moose Family Center. This will be Sunday, January 9th during breakfast hours (9-12). If you would like to sign up or get more information please contact Susan Brennan @ 703/859-6656.

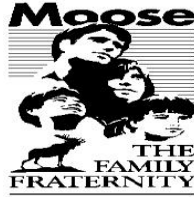


Thank you to the Hayfield Swim Team

We would like to thank the Hayfield Swim Team for once again stepping up to the challenge of picking up trash on Telegraph Road for the Adopt A Highway Program. Thanks to the team and the parents for helping with this task. You are all appreciated very much.

Free Flu Vaccines

We have arranged for the Alexandria Department of Health representatives to be at the lodge on Sunday, February 13th from 9am – 12:30pm. They will be providing free flu vaccinations to anyone age 9 and up. Mist is available for those under the age of 47 who would prefer not to get the shot. They were here on January 7th, but it was very late notice for a lot of people so they have agreed to come back. This is available to anyone, not just Moose members. So if you know people who could use a free flu vaccine then invite them to come to breakfast and get vaccinated.



FAMILY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Mark Your Calendars

January

1/3/11 – Fellowship Meeting @ 6PM & Boy Scout Mtg @ 7pm
 1/5/11 – WOTM Educational Advancement Activity Night @ 7:30pm
 1/8/11 – Mixed Doubles Pool Tourney @ 7:30pm
 1/9/11 – **4th District Mtg @ Centreville – 11:30am**
 1/9/11 – Franconia Moose Blood Drive 9-1pm
 1/9/11 – Franconia Moose Family Breakfast 9am-12pm
 1/11/11 - WOTM Officer Mtg, LOOM Mtg, @ 6:00 and General Mtg @ 8:00
 1/15-1/16/11 – VMA State Convention
 1/17/11 – Boy Scouts @ 7:00pm
 1/19/11 – WOTM Chapter Mtg @ 7:30pm
 1/15/11 – Moose Legion Mtg @ 6pm
 1/22/11 – Scotch Doubles Pool Tourney @ 7:00pm
 1/24/11 – Boy Scouts Mtg @ 7:00pm
 1/24/11 – WOTM Dinner 5-8 pm
 1/25/11 - LOOM Mtg @6:30 and General Mtg @ 8pm
 1/29/11 – Pool Tourney @ 7:30pm
 1/31/11 – Boy Scouts Mtg @ 7:30pm

February

2/2/11 – WOTM Family Involvement Activity Night @ 7:30pm
 2/5/11 – Pool Tourney @ 7:30pm
 2/7/11 – Fellowship Mtg @ 6pm
 2/7/11 – Boy Scouts Mtg @ 7:00pm
 2/8/11 - WOTM Officer Mtg, LOOM Mtg, @ 6:00 and General Mtg @ 8:00
 2/12/11 – Mixed Doubles Pool Tourney @ 7:30pm
 2/13/11 – Franconia Moose Family Breakfast 9-12pm
 2/14/11 – Boy Scouts @ 7:00pm
 2/16/11 - WOTM Chapter Mtg @ 7:30pm
 2/19/11 – Moose Legion Mtg @ 6pm
 2/19/11 - Pool Tourney @ 7:00pm
 2/21/11 – Boy Scouts Mtg @ 7:00pm
 2/22/11 LOOM Mtg @6:30 and General Mtg @ 8pm
 2/26/11 – Scotch Doubles Pool Tourney @ 7:30 pm
 2/28/11 – Boy Scouts @ 7:30pm

GIMME 5 Contributors Franconia Lodge #1076

Alexander Sidney	\$40.00
Bean William	\$182.50
Brady H Dean	\$36.50
Cappello Paul	\$36.50
Caron Martin	\$182.50
Cleveland Robert	\$182.50
Honecker Brian	\$73.00
Michewicz Chester	\$37.00
Mills James	\$182.50
Nunley Gary	\$36.50
Ogden Dave	\$73.00
Owens Ben	\$36.50
Phillips Ralph	\$182.50
Reed Victor	\$40.00
Short Eckman	\$36.50
Staggs Lloyd	\$146.00
Sweeney Brett	\$40.00
Turman Larry	\$36.50

Total **\$1,580.50**

GIMME 5 Contributors Franconia Chapter #1042

Butler Sandra	\$184.50
Ellis Cheryl	\$69.00
Hall Martha	\$36.50
Honecker Jessica	\$36.50
Lohr Marcia	\$36.50
Martell Cynthia	\$36.50
O'Donnell Sarah	\$182.50
Phillips Anna	\$182.50
Staggs Shari	\$182.50
Vasquez Delia	\$10.00

Total **\$957.00**

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES



MOOSE LEGION COMMITTEE

Chairman

The Moose Legion meetings have moved from the third Friday of the month to the third Saturday of the month at 6pm. We are looking for people to take over the Moose Legion Secretary and Chairman positions. The current officers will be glad to teach you what needs to be done, but they have been doing it for many years and need a break. If you are interested, please contact me. We have traditionally had a very active Moose Legion, but this year we are struggling a little bit. The Moose Legion is the first step in the higher degrees and is a great place to get more involved in the Lodge and the fraternity.



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

*Brian Honecker
Chairman*

Thank you to all that participated in the I-pad raffle and contributed to the success of the Fellowship Committee fundraiser. Congratulations to Cheryl Ellis on winning the I-pad raffle. The Fellowship Committee will be meeting in early January to discuss the upcoming events for the year and as soon as they have been determined, they will be posted in the newsletter.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

*William Bean
Chairman*



We have just finished the holiday season and our lodge has been very busy with respect to Community Service. We provided many baskets to needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We also purchased gifts for a local senior living facility for a few of their residents to receive on Christmas Day. We continue to participate in the Adopt-a highway program and host boy scouts, cub scouts, and girl scouts. We have some events upcoming that we hope you will participate in. On January 9th from 8am – 1pm we will be hosting a blood drive in our hall. If you would like to donate, please call Susan Brennan at 703-859-6656 to make an appointment. We also have arranged for free flu vaccines on February 13th from 9:am – 12:30 pm in the hall. This is available to anyone age 9 and older, not just Moose members. Nasal mist is available for people between the ages of 9 and 47.

We receive many requests for donations from various charities and we try to support all of them that are local, but we do reject all that are not local. We have simply decided to spend our money in the area where we reside. I would encourage every member to look for ways to contribute to your community and bring ideas to the lodge if you see a need that it is not being filled. Even though our resources are limited by the economic forces we face, we will always find ways to be a good neighbor and support the community that supports us.



SPORTS COMMITTEE

*Skip Staggs
Chairman*

The Moose sports programs are alive and kicking. We have pool tournaments every Saturday evening. Please check the calendar as the format changes throughout the month. We have a new Dart Committee Chairman, Brian McGarrigle, and he is putting teams together for the next league season starting in mid-January. Our dart teams have been very successful in the WADA leagues and we have several championship trophies to prove it. We have teams at all skill levels, so if you are interested in joining a team, please contact Brian and he will hook you up. We hope to start some Wi bowling tournaments for adults and kids soon. After the holiday season, we will be setting it up to work with our newly donated big screen TV in the hall. If anyone is interested in running a shuffleboard tournament please contact me and we will schedule one. I would like to take this time to wish everyone a Happy New Year and I hope all of you will come out and participate in Moose sports.

*Skip Staggs
Sports Committee Chairman*



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

LOOM Board of Officers

I would like to remind everyone about the membership incentives that are being offered at this time.

First, we have the "Time is Now" campaign. If you sign up two new members during the Moose year from 5/1/10 – 4/30/11 Moose International will pay your dues for the following year. You will simply get a new card in the mail that expires one year later. We all know two friends whose company we would enjoy at our Lodge. This is easy and automatic so just sign up two and there is no need to renew. There is also a local campaign for all members in DC, VA, WV, MD, and DE giving you a chance to win a Ford Focus. Sponsor three members between 11/1/10 and 5/31/11 and you will receive three entries into a raffle for a Ford Focus. The drawing will be held at Mooseheart on 6/3/11.



At the College of Regent's Activity Night we celebrated the following women: Gerry Mason, for receiving her Cap and Gown at convention. Pat Cleveland received her red tassel and Shari Staggs and Patti Veach received their red stole. Congratulations Ladies!!



What is Mooseheart?

MOOSEHEART CHILD CITY & SCHOOL is a community and school for children and teens in need, located on a 1,000-acre campus, 38 miles west of Chicago. Over its 97-year history, Mooseheart has been home to nearly 12,000 young people, ranging in age from infancy through high school.

Mooseheart provides complete home care, education and training for youth whose families are unable, for a wide variety of reasons, to care for them. Some have lost one or both parents; others are living in environments that are simply not conducive to healthy growth and development.

Founded in 1913 by the Moose fraternal organization, Mooseheart is supported completely through private donations -- the great majority of which continue to come from the 1.1 million men and women of the Moose fraternal organization, in more than 1,700 Lodges and 1,600 Chapters located throughout the U.S. , Canada , Great Britain and Bermuda. Moose International headquarters is located on the Mooseheart campus.

Children and teens live in one of approximately 30 residences, each designed like a spacious single-family residence. Each is home for six to twelve children. The heart of the program is our trained Family Teachers -- in-home caregivers who provide a consistent, systematic method of care, with emphasis on social-skills development; skills essential for success in later life.

It is Mooseheart's policy to admit qualified children who have a need. The Admissions Committee considers all applications of children in need.

What is Moosehaven?

Welcome to Moosehaven, the "City of Contentment," 70 beautiful acres on the shore of the broad St. Johns River in Orange Park, FL, 15 miles south of metropolitan Jacksonville.

Founded in 1922 by the Moose fraternal organization, Moosehaven has provided thousands of Moose members and their spouses with a secure, relaxed, and enjoyable retirement experience. Moosehaven residents enjoy their beautiful community without the burdens of home maintenance. Health care is comprehensive, and transportation is readily available -- as are plenty of social interaction and activities. In fact, residents often find themselves so involved at Moosehaven, an oft-heard comment is, "We wish we'd moved here sooner!"

Residents enjoy a wide variety of available facilities -- including an indoor swimming pool, bowling lanes, exercise equipment and game rooms. They also enjoy arts and crafts, ceramics, sewing, painting and computers. Fishing from the 450-foot concrete pier is an enjoyable pastime -- often creating exciting competition! Dances, special dinners, shopping, and sightseeing trips are regularly scheduled events. Each Sunday, both Protestant and Catholic services are held in a beautiful interdenominational chapel.

Cluster homes for residents -- individual quarters with common dining areas -- have been a popular Moosehaven living arrangement for both singles and couples since the 1960s. Now, plans are underway to build individual duplexes and apartments, offering additional amenities and a new style of Moosehaven living. Construction is planned to begin in 2008.

When health needs change, residents rely on the LifeCare Center, a 130,000-sq.-ft. facility designed to meet all levels of care. Completed in 2002, it incorporates a clinic, therapy department, pharmacy, and x-ray department.

For nearly 90 years, the Moose fraternity and Moosehaven have continued to demonstrate an abiding concern for the well-being of Moose members and their spouses in the twilight of their lives. And, with the addition of new and exciting living options coming soon, Moosehaven again evidences its commitment to provide a quality lifestyle with continued care.



A few pictures from the Moose Cruise