

# MOOSE NEWS

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## From the Lodge President

Hi Everyone! I hope you are all having a fantastic summer. If I have learned anything in the last year and a half it's not to take anything for granted and to live life to the fullest".

Things can change so quickly.

In Lodge news: Our Treasurer position has become vacant, and we will be having a special election for treasurer on the board of officers on August 28. If you are interested in serving and would like to run for the position, please see Dan, our administrator, to get signed up. There will be flyers posted at the lodge with more details.

The district picnic will be at the Venice Moose on Aug 9th. I hope you can attend and support this district event.

A quick reminder that starting August 1st, and in keeping with the new by-laws from Moose International, **spouses now have to have their own membership after two visits to the lodge.** August is a good month to join since new members can sign up for only \$45. This new-member-special runs out at the end of August so take advantage of it while you can.

I would also like to take a minute to thank our membership for following our pet rules. Pets are allowed in grassy areas only and not at the bar. Qualified service animals are different and should always have their service apparel. Thank you for your cooperation.

As always, we need volunteers, guys get with the Moose Legion, and ladies get with the Women of the

## Senior Regent's Report

Hello everyone.

School season has started and we are very thankful for the donations by the membership for the school supply drive in the social quarters lodge entry.

The WOTM has a Corn-Hole basket in the social quarters and the tickets are with Marguerite. The fundraisers we conduct support Mooseheart and Moosehaven and their special projects, so thanks to all who support us in our endeavors.

The 1st annual SPAM cookout was hosted by Moose Legionnaire and Chaplain Marty Fischer, and Sue Stang, our admin assistant. The successful event was an amazing opportunity to contribute the funds to the lodge for the new ice machine, so thanks again to all who participated, and we are looking forward to hosting another cook-off next year!

Our meetings are once a month on the second Wednesday at 6 PM. Please pick up an application if you're interested. We would love to have you as a part of our chapter!

I had the privilege to visit Moosehaven in Jacksonville. The experience of the residents encouraged me that what we do to support Moosehaven and Mooseheart is incredible.

A special thanks to all the women for all the special efforts put into making our chapter successful!

*When women support each other, incredible things happen!*

Fraternally  
Sharen Reardon  
Sr Regent



Sharen Reardon

## NO PETS ALLOWED

Except Service Animals

No Dogs or Pets

Service Animals OK

**IN THE MOOSE LODGE OR THE TIKI BAR**

SERVICE ANIMALS ARE TRAINED TO DO WORK OR PERFORM TASKS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

COMFORT AND/OR EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS ARE NOT RECOGNIZED AS SERVICE ANIMALS UNDER ADA REGULATIONS.

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Moose CEO Scott Hart has announced a new Fraternal Recognition Program that is “open to every member – whether you just joined or have had your College of Regents Degree or Pilgrim Degree for 10 years, we all are starting at square one.”

There are four levels within the program – **Preferred, Power, Prestige and Platinum**. This explainer page gives an overview of the **Preferred** and **Power** levels; the final two are not included as it will take a few years for members to meet all of the criteria. Every member must achieve the first level in order to advance.

**Why do we need another recognition program?** When the Moose Fraternity unified on May 1, 2021, female members began serving on lodge, district and association boards and committees. Unfortunately, this service did not count toward either of the two longstanding Higher Degree programs of the Women of the Moose (Academy, Star, College) or of the men’s (Moose Legion, Fellowship, Pilgrim). In addition, nearly 500,000 male members of The Moose were not part of the current Higher Degree program. We designed this new recognition program so every member can participate.

### **Preferred Program** Criteria:

- 1) Sponsor 1 new member into the Lodge
- 2) Attend Lodge Orientation presentation
- 3) Complete and log 10 volunteer hours at the lodge or that involves Moose-initiated Heart of the Community projects/events
- 4) Donate at least once to Moose Charities either via an online contribution or by check in support of Mooseheart or Moosehaven
- 5) Create and maintain an active My Membership Record.

#### **Program Honors:**

- 10,000 Moose Reward Points
- Custom Moose International Preferred Lapel Pin
- Moose-branded Preferred Laptop Sticker
- Certificate of Preferred Membership
- Moose-branded Preferred Challenge Coin
- Recognition on the Moose International Website
- Recognition on a “Wall of Honor” at Primary Lodge



### **Power Status** Criteria:

(Must hold Preferred Status and attain 5 of the 8 criteria)

- 1) Sponsor 5 Lodge members within a single membership campaign year – May 1st thru April 30th in either of the past 2 years
- 2) Served a complete/successful term as a Lodge Officer (May 1 – April 30)
- 3) Two consecutive years as a donor to Moose Charities, including the current year
- 4) Current in Lodge Leadership Training
- 5) Served a complete/successful term as Lodge Committee Chair (May 1 – April 30)
- 6) Attended an International Moose Convention (2025 and going forward)
- 7) Have participated in an International Sports Tournament within the past 3 years
- 8) Complete and log a minimum of 50 cumulative volunteer hours at the lodge or that involves Moose-initiated Heart of the Community projects/events

#### **Program Honors:**

- 50,000 Moose Reward Points
- Custom Moose International Power Lapel Pin
- Moose-branded Power Premium T-shirt
- Moose-branded Power Laptop Sticker
- Certificate of Power Membership
- Moose-branded Power Challenge Coin
- Recognition on the Moose International Website
- Recognition on a “Wall of Honor” at Primary Lodge
- Special Edition Moose Power Membership Card.

## COMPLETE DETAILS ARE HERE:

<https://www.mooseintl.org/>

<https://www.mooseintl.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/2025-Fraternal-Recognition.pdf>

(NOTE: No activities prior to May 1, 2025 are considered as part of this program, even multi-year achievements. Therefore, any criteria that lists a multi-year or full-year requirement cannot be achieved within this fiscal year)



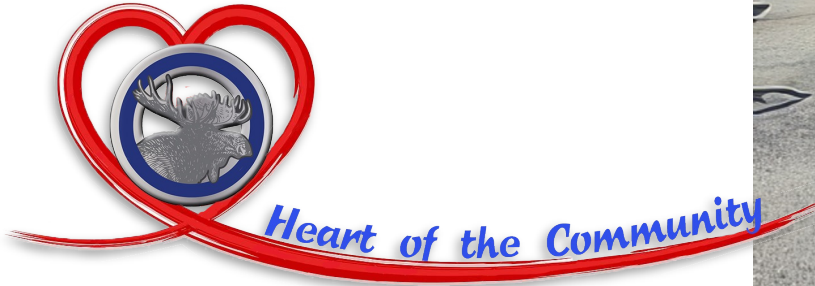
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Backpacks for Kids  
School supplies and backpacks given away at the  
*Bikers Reaching Out FamilyFest* in  
late July in a **Heart of the Community** event.



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Photos by Sharen Reardon



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## Lodge Administrator's Report

First of all I would like to thank all of our volunteers. July was a busy month with all of the events we had. In case you have not noticed, our dart boards are set up in the dining room. They look awesome. We should be starting an in-house league soon. Stay tuned for details.

Don't forget to renew your Moose membership. Check your card for expiration date, If it's soon, you can go on line to renew at <https://secure.mooseintl.org/quickpay> or stop in our office and we can help you. Just remember, you cannot be served if your dues/membership has expired.

FMA District 16 meeting is at noon at the Venice Moose Lodge #1308. So come on out. It starts at noon on August 9. On an ending note be safe and enjoy the rest of summer!

Fraternally,  
Danny Ulrich  
Administrator Moose Lodge 2121



## Moose Lodge Officers

President: William Harris III  
Vice President: Sharen Reardon  
Chaplain: Martin Fischer  
Treasurer: Vacant  
1-Year Trustee: Michael Zimmerman  
2-Year Trustee: Ralph Busalacchi  
3-Year Trustee: Pat Moran  
Jr. Past President: Mike Counselman  
Administrator: Dan Ulrich

## Chapter Officers

Sr. Regent: Sharen Reardon  
Treasurer: Joanne Dauer  
Secretary: Sharon Barnhart

District 16 meets  
at noon Saturday,  
August 9 @ Venice  
#1308

Florida Moose  
Association



## NEW MEMBERS: SAVE MONEY NOW, JOIN BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1!

Effective on August 1, changes to the Moose general Laws took effect. Notably this — The spouse of a member is no longer considered an indefinite qualified guest. All qualified family members over age 21 shall be considered prospective members and limited to two visits before making application for membership.

Lodge 2121 has a new-member enrollment fee of just \$45 through the month of August. This is only for men and women who have never been members of the Fraternity. Stop in the office and get more information.

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Moose. We need help, and donations for baskets, plus volunteers to help with the upcoming picnic. Our Moose of the Month does a lot of work at the lodge and is very active in our events, and just about anything we need. Our Moose of the Month is **Juan "JR" Rodriguez**. JR, thanks for all you do and you deserve to be recognized for it.

And lastly, I want to invite everyone to attend our membership meetings and make their suggestions and voices heard. It makes a difference.

Remember: Do something nice for someone every day and Have Some Fun!!!

Fraternally, Bill Harris, President Moose Lodge 2121

Moose General Meetings	WOTM meets	Moose Legion meets
Thursday, August 14, 2025	Wednesday, August 13, 2025	Wednesday, August 13, 2025
Thursday, August 28, 2025	Wednesday, September 10, 2025	Wednesday, September 10, 2025
7:00 PM	6:00 PM	6:00 PM