

MOOSE NEWS

A Publication of Port Charlotte Moose Lodge 2121



From the Lodge President

Hi Moose Family, Happy July!!! I hope everyone is healthy and enjoying the summer. Seems a little lonely without the snowbirds around, but we can fix that: start the month by attending our 4th of July celebration, it would be good to see everyone there.

We have lots of things going on at the lodge this month. The Ace of Spades on Sunday is up over ten thousand dollars, and our Queen on Tuesdays is up over four thousand dollars, and don't forget Bingo. We have lots of great entertainment out at the Tiki Bar every evening and on Sunday afternoon. Stop by for drink and support the Lodge.

I know it's only July, but September is rapidly approaching and September means FOOTBALL!!! We will be opening football season on Thursday night, Sept 4th, with the Cowboys vs Philadelphia game, and by special request, I will be hosting the event. I hope to see all our football fans there.

We are changing our operating hours. We will be closed on Mondays starting July 7th, and starting back again on Aug 18. This will save us quite a bit in operational expenses and give us a chance to do some repairs and cleaning. We will be needing some volunteers on Mondays to help out, so if you're free on Mondays, volunteer a little time.

I have to announce that beginning August 1, spouses are required to have their own membership. This is a directive from Moose International that our lodge voted against, but we have to comply with. July is a good month to sign up your spouse, since we are only charging \$45 for a new membership instead of the normal \$60. I understand this will be upsetting to some, but it's something we have to do. Also, attention pet owners: Pets are not allowed in the social quarters or inside the Tiki Bar – it's a liability issue. This does not apply to service animals, but we do ask that service animals wear their apparel and that owners be sure to sign the waiver of liability for the lodge. Please make sure you clean up after your pets – that's just being a good Moose member.

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone again

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Senior Regent's Report

Happy blessed 4th of July to all members and coworkers! The WOTM have thoughtfully put together this months raffle to support Moose Charities. Marguerite has graciously hosted the raffle for us, and if you can please get your tickets to support our fundraiser!



Sharen Reardon

Have you tested the recipes that you're using in our SPAM cook-off this month? It's going to be a lot of fun and I expect some tasty new ideas for this versatile canned meat. Who knows, maybe the winning recipe will become a standard on our menu. Be a cook or a be taster/judge, but be here for the contest on July 19. We appreciate you and we look forward to hosting more fun events in the future!

As we celebrate July, and the 250th anniversary of [continued on page 3](#)



Are You Ready for the Bestest Cookoff Ever?

Saturday, July 19 from 2 - 5 in the Port Charlotte Moose Social Quarters

\$20 entry fee and only \$10 to taste & judge all entries

CASH prizes 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, plus door prizes*, 50/50* & basket raffle*

BAKE, BBQ, BRAISE, BROIL, FRY, GRIDDLE, POACH, SAUTE, SIMMER, SOUS VIDE, STEAM, STEW, STIR-FRY

Tickets available in the Port Charlotte Moose Lodge Social Quarters.
3462 Loveland Blvd,
Port Charlotte, FL 33980



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*Must be present to win



Fraternal Order of Moose Updates General Laws for 2025

The Fraternal Order of Moose recently approved significant changes to their General Laws during the 2025 International Moose Convention held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. These amendments, which were voted on electronically by registered delegates, represent the most comprehensive updates to the organization's governing structure in recent years.

Key Changes Approved. The amendments were organized into four voting categories, each addressing different aspects of lodge operations and governance:

Membership and Guest Policies

The most notable change affects how lodges handle qualified guests. The spouse of a member is no longer considered an indefinite qualified guest, with new language specifying that all qualified family members over age 21 shall be considered prospective members and limited to two visits before making application for membership.

Leadership Requirements

Several amendments strengthen leadership qualifications. Lodge Administrators must now be active members for at least six months immediately preceding their appointment or election, while Lodge Treasurers face the same six-month active membership requirement before election.

Financial Oversight

The organization increased financial thresholds requiring dispensation approval. The dispensation requirement threshold has been raised to \$10,000 for both the sale or purchase of personal property or equipment, and lodges must now obtain approved dispensation for all community service and charitable fundraising events.

Operational Clarifications

Many changes provide clearer guidance on lodge operations. Special meetings must now be held separately from general membership meetings, and the organization has established new requirements for adequate meeting space for lodge-affiliated Moose Units or committees.

Additional Updates

The amendments also address modern communication methods, adding social media platforms like Facebook and texting to prohibited campaigning tactics during lodge elections. New provisions were added regarding the use of security cameras in lodge facilities, and clarifications were made about compensation for elected officers who provide additional services.

Implementation

These changes take effect immediately and represent the Fraternal Order of Moose's commitment to modernizing their governance structure while maintaining the traditional values that have guided the organization for over a century. Lodge administrators have been provided with complete documentation of all amendments to ensure proper implementation at the local level.

For complete details on all amendments, members can access the full red-lined versions through the Convention section of the Moose International website at www.mooseintl.org.

TLDR

Removes the spouse of member as an indefinite qualified guest. New language specifies that all qualified family members, over the age of 21, including spouse, shall be considered a prospective member and limited to two visits before making application for membership.

Lodge Administrators must now be active members for at least six months immediately preceding their appointment or election, while Lodge Treasurers face the same six-month active membership requirement before election.

Special Meetings cannot be incorporated into a General Membership Meeting, and must be held as a separate meeting.

- Requires an approved dispensation for all lodge community service and charitable fundraising events.
- Adds Social Media to the advertising options that must conform to set conditions.
- Further defines prohibited campaigning tactics to include electronic social media (texting, Facebook, etc.).

Questions? Come to a Lodge meeting and ask.

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Lodge Administrator's Report

I hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for our July 4th picnic. Music by *Little Mixed Up* from 2-5 PM and *Clive Live* from 6 - 10 PM. We're offering burgers, hot dogs, ¼ chicken, sausage & peppers plus a variety of sides. \$10 pp.

Then on July 19, the WOTM & Moose Legion are hosting a SPAM cookoff with cash prizes. It should be a lot of fun from 2-5 PM with the SPAM offerings, 50/50, and basket raffles. \$20 entry fee, \$10 to taste and judge the SPAM. This effort is to raise funds for a new ice machine at the tiki bar. Lastly, on Saturday, July 26, Bikers Reaching Out are having a family festival here at the Lodge with live music, drinks, and games for kids: Everyone is welcome, the event begins at 10 AM.

We're still looking for volunteers to help around the Lodge. A helping hand costs nothing but it can make priceless impact on our Moose Lodge. Stop in the office and let's see what fits your schedule. Thank you and have wonderful and safe July.

Fraternally, Danny Ulrich,
Lodge Administrator

Moose Lodge Officers

President: William Harris III
Vice President: Sharen Reardon
Chaplain: Martin Fischer
Treasurer: Mark Hotlen
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,
July 12 at North Port
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BIKERS REACHING OUT FAMILY FESTIVAL

AT MOOSE LODGE #2121

SATURDAY
JULY 26

FREE

Live Performances
Food & Drink
Kids Games

FREE

10:00
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BikersReachingOut.org 941-258-7780

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the founding of the US Army, we honor our veterans and their service and commitment to us. You don't get 250 years of freedom without 250 years of sacrifice. The U.S. Army's legacy is written in blood, courage, and strength. We celebrate that.

I hope most members are aware of the changes to the Moose Guest Policy on August 1. Spouses of members will no longer be allowed into the Lodge as a perpetual guest; after two visits, a member's spouse or child over age 21 must apply for membership. Lodge 2121 has reduced the cost of first year's annual dues until July 31, so join now.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, at 6 PM, on July 9.

Fraternally, Sharen Reardon,
Senior Regent

Moose General Meetings	WOTM meets	Moose Legion meets
Thursday, July 10, 2025	Wednesday, July 9, 2025	Wednesday, July 9, 2025
Thursday, July 24, 2025	Wednesday, August 13, 2025	Wednesday, August 13, 2025
7:00 PM	6:00 PM	6:00 PM

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Moose Legion Report

Hello everyone and Happy 4th of July! I hope all is well with our Moose Lodge members. If you were here for the big party on Independence Day, you witnessed Moose members having a good time. If you missed it, plan on attending a (free) biker's outreach family day here on July 26 or the SPAM cook-off on July 19.

Work continues on the Tiki bar kitchen and we hope to have everything completed and ready before football season begins. Welcome to our Moose Legion brothers who recently transferred to our Lodge.

As always, do something nice for to others every day and God bless.

Fraternally, Juan, JR, Rodriguez, Moose Legion LAC



Moose Convention Delegate Report

The 137th meeting of Moose International was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this year. The Order saw a 4th straight year of membership growth despite setbacks in the Moose Legion, Women of the Moose, and individual Lodges. Fundraising for the Moose continues to be very impressive. The event included educational workshops, a trip to Mooseheart, and informative and inspiring sessions. There were significant announcements and changes made during this time.



Dan Wheeler

As a delegate to the convention, Brother Daniel Wheel compiled a 9-page report on the activities that he engaged in while in Milwaukee. His report is informative and will give Port Charlotte Lodge members the best

information regarding official presentations and actions taken at the Convention. Thanks, Dan for your report. [Click here for the report.](https://portcharlottemoose.org/2025%20International%20Moose%20Convention%20Delegate%20Report.pdf)

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for your support and prayers during my cancer fight, it means a lot. My treatments are going well, and I am very optimistic about the outcome.

Our Moose of the Month is “**Jersey**” **Vic Syzonenko**. Vic volunteers his time and expertise in helping us with our sound equipment and getting it all set up. He has been working hard on the sound PA out at the Tiki Bar and has it sounding great – The social quarters is next. Thanks, Vic, for all you do, you are a good friend, and you deserve the recognition.

And lastly, I invite everyone to attend our membership meetings and make their suggestions and voices heard. It makes a difference. Remember: do something nice for someone else today and **HAVE SOME FUN!!!**

Fraternally,
Bill Harris,
President Moose Lodge 2121

INDEPENDENCE
FRIDAY **4TH**
JULY

PORT CHARLOTTE MOOSE
JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY AT THE PORT CHARLOTTE MOOSE LODGE FOR YOUR CHOICE OF HAMBURGER, HOT DOG (2), 1/4 BBQ CHICKEN, SAUSAGE/PEPPERS, POTATO SALAD AND SWEET CORN.
LIVE MUSIC (TBA) FROM 2 - 5 PM

\$10 PER PERSON
OPEN TO MOOSE MEMBERS & THEIR QUALIFIED GUESTS