

# MOOSE NEWS

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**Bill Harris**

## From the Lodge President

Happy October, everyone! Here we are halfway through hurricane season and all is clear – Let's hope it stays that way.

As President of our lodge, I am the fraternal leader, and I represent every member of our order at this lodge. It doesn't matter your race, creed, color, sexual orientation, religion, or political affiliation. We all took the same oath (*\*page 3*) when we joined the Moose, and it is our diversity that makes us strong. It has been brought to my attention that some members have been made to feel less than welcome. This is unacceptable. Everyone here comes to support our children, our seniors, and our charities – they all deserve our respect, our support, and our gratitude. This is not just some bar called the Moose. I am asking all members to re-dedicate yourselves to our mission and make all members, new and old, feel welcome.

Moving on to lodge information. I have heard some interesting rumors in the last few days. First off, let me assure everyone, "WE ARE NOT CLOSING THE LODGE", and "WE ARE NOT BORROWING MONEY FROM ANY LODGE OR BANK OR ANYWHERE ELSE TO SURVIVE". Yes, it's been a slow summer for the lodge, and our funds are definitely down this year. However, we will survive.

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## Senior Regent's Report

Hello and happy blessed fall to everyone. It's a spooktacular season with Halloween just around the corner!



**Sharen Reardon**


With that being said, at October's final Show-Me-Your-Moose-Rack card game (Wed. 10/29), we're having a Halloween dress-up contest with a prize awarded to the best. Thank you to everyone who helps with the show-me-your-moose-rack game!

We are really looking forward to our treasure hunt on October 18. The best-dressed pirate will receive a free raffle ticket, plus a prize for best dressed. Come join the fun, and at the same time donate to support our Moosehaven residents. A huge thank you to all those who have donated to the event. All proceeds will go to the Moosehaven gift shop residents.



Christmas in October is here, which also supports the Moosehaven residents sponsored by all of the WOTM nationwide. We will have a Christmas tree in the lodge foyer with a gift for you to take, and we appreciate your support of this annual event!

*The only time you fail is when you fall down and stay down., so stick with the ghouls who just wanna have fun! -Steven king*

Fraternally, Sharen Reardon, Senior Regent,  
Lodge 2121 Vice President, HOC chair & chair of FMA clothing



# MONDAY



**A fun game also know as Pirate Dice played every Monday from 6 - 8 PM.**  
**Of course, you must be a Moose member to play.**

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## Lodge Administrator's Report

We will be posting sign-up sheets for an in-house dart league starting in October. There is a Treasure Hunt on Saturday October 18 from 10 AM until 4 PM, so come on out and have some fun. Donations are being accepted, no clothing or furniture please.

Sunday, Oct 26, the Swap Meet that used to be at Muscle Car City will be starting here. It will be held the last Sunday of every month through June 2026. Starts at 7 AM and ends at noon. If you are interested in having a booth, they are \$20. Also, we have breakfast served in the SQ on Sunday mornings from 8 until 11 AM.

A Corn Hole tournament is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 30. More details will be posted once confirmed.

Some of you may notice we are making changes to our menu as well as pricing. Unfortunately with the rising costs we are facing, we have no choice. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

This is the time we start to see the snowbirds trickle back. Let's give them a warm welcome as they return.

Fraternally, Danny Ulrich, Administrator

## Moose Lodge Officers

President: William Harris III  
Vice President: Sharen Reardon  
Chaplain: Martin Fischer  
Treasurer: Mayson Johnson  
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

Florida Moose  
Association



District 16 meets at noon  
Saturday, October 11 @  
Gulf Cove #2554.

PORT CHARLOTTE MOOSE LODGE  
**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
BOO!  
SAT. NOV. 1  
7 - 9 PM  
BRING THE KIDS OUT AS THEY  
TRICK OR TREAT FROM JEEP TO JEEP.  
OUTDOORS ON THE LAWN BY THE TIKI.  
Participating Sponsors: Locally HATED, FLORIDA, SICK TWISTED

Florida Moose Association  
District 16



Saturday, October 11 at Gulf Cove  
Lodge #2554 following the monthly  
District meeting: 12 noon. Winner  
goes to finals at Moosehaven in  
November.

Moose General Meetings	WOTM meets	Moose Legion meets
Thursday, October 9, 2025	Wednesday, October 8, 2025	Wednesday, October 8, 2025
Thursday, October 23, 2025	Wednesday, November 12, 2025	Wednesday, November 12, 2025
7:00 PM	6:00 PM	6:00 PM





# NOTICE

PORT CHARLOTTE LODGE #2121

**AFTER 2 VISITS, VISITORS  
- INCLUDING A SPOUSE -  
TO THE MOOSE LODGE  
MUST MAKE APPLICATION  
FOR MEMBERSHIP.**

## MOOSE MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE

As a Moose member, I pledge:

- To support the mission of the Moose by standing behind our two core causes – Mooseheart, our home for children in need, and Moosehaven, our community for senior members.
- To honor our tradition as a nonprofit, fraternal organization that gives back to our community through charitable work, volunteerism, and fellowship.
- To uphold the values of friendship, respect, and integrity, ensuring that our lodge is more than just a place to gather – it is a place of purpose.
- To engage in the social spirit of the Moose– enjoying fellowship, entertainment, and activities that strengthen the bonds among members.
- To welcome new members with the same warmth and encouragement that I received, helping them understand that being a Moose is more than membership – it is a commitment to each other, to our community, and to our shared mission.

*I join the Moose because I believe in giving back, building friendships, and being part of something greater than myself.  
Together, we are Moose strong.*

## MUSCLE CAR CITY SWAP MEET

7 AM ~ NOON

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
BREAKFAST AVAILABLE 9-11 AM

FREE TO ENTER • \$20 FOR VENDORS

**PORT CHARLOTTE MOOSE  
LODGE #2121** 3462 LOVELAND BLVD,  
PORT CHARLOTTE, FL 33980

SW Florida Auto Swap Meet

## MOOSE MOVING FORWARD, GIVING BACK

May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026

Our Fraternity has made a commitment to being ever present in our communities. By continuing our positive momentum, we make our meaningful contributions a reality. To move forward, we must make a positive impact on our society, by giving back.



Moose Legion/Women of the Moose pin



### Sponsor 1 Member

#### MOVING FORWARD, GIVING BACK

Lap pins are presented by your lodge, Chapter or Moose Legion to individuals that sponsor their first member during the campaign.

### Sponsor 25 Members

Funds will be used toward the purchase of a backup generator for Moosehaven's computer server room. This is important for keeping their files running in case of power failure, protecting the residents' electronic records. Contributions are courtesy of your Association, the Women of the Moose, and the Moose Legion.

### Sponsor 5 Members

Members attaining Sponsors of Distinction status by sponsoring 25 members during the MOVING FORWARD, GIVING BACK membership drive will receive free basic registration for our 2026 International Moose Convention in Oklahoma City, OK. Additional information can be found on [www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org).



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We have made some adjustments in the kitchen, and yes, we are going to have to adjust some of our beverage pricing and the use of our lodge pricing. As I am sure everyone knows, everything is more expensive these days. As all of our vendors raise their prices, we have to adjust too. Just know that we are doing everything we can to keep our costs down so we can keep our prices down. There is not one thing we are doing that we want to cut, but we do have to make some changes. If you would like to know more about all this, I encourage everyone to attend a membership meeting—ask questions, get involved. I also need to address the new membership requirements set down by Moose International. Yes, after 2 visits, you are required to join; this also includes spouses. Keep in mind that a membership costs about 16¢ a day or < \$1.25 a week. And speaking of membership, I encourage everyone to attend an orientation meeting and learn more about what we do. All members are always welcome to attend.

Lastly, my Moose of the Month. This person has not been a member as long as most. He has stepped up and gotten involved. He was recently voted in as our new Treasurer, and since then, he has spent numerous hours going through everything to help us get our finances in a better condition. Our Moose of the Month is Mason Johnson. Congratulations Mason! Thank you for everything you are doing.

Be Proud and show your Moose card to every bartender and ticket seller. As always: Do something nice for someone else every day and Have Some Fun!

Fraternally, Bill Harris, President Moose Lodge 2121

**TREASURE HUNT**  
**SATURDAY, OCT 18**

**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE 1619**  
**MOOSEHAVEN FUNDRAISER**

**10:00 AM** **THE PERSON IN BEST PIRATE COSTUME WINS A PRIZE!** **4:00 PM**

## Moose Legion Report

Hello everyone! Welcome back, our northern members. Our PA system is completed in both the Social Quarters and the Tiki. Thanks to Jersey Vic for donating all his hard work and completing this for the lodge.

Our next big event is the Charlotte County Children's Network fund raiser on November 9 with music by the *Gas House Gorillas*. Come on out and show your support! We are now into football season. Get your squares from Doug and don't forget Ace of Spades on Sundays. It is getting big!

As always do something good to others each blessed day.

Fraternally yours, Juan Rodriquez, LAC

## Treasurer's Report

Thanks again for your votes of confidence. As your new Treasurer, I look forward to helping our lodge be the best it can be. This month, I want to inform the membership of some financial changes that are underway.

Soon you'll notice some major changes on the menu, as well as minor changes to beer and draft prices. These changes are not in any way to make the lodge more money, but to make sure the lodge is not losing on certain items. Due to the rising cost of food prices, we have had no choice but to change some menu items and raise some prices. Same for beer prices, as we have seen an increase from our distributors. These changes are not going to be significant. As a lodge, we are still keeping our prices to the absolute bare minimum; the changes you see are from our distributors, and the lodge is not adding any extra profit beyond normal. I hope you can understand and will continue to support the lodge.

Many of you have brought to me other concerns, I promise you that is my next order of business, but first are our finances and making sure the lodge is making it.

Fraternally, Mayson Johnson, Treasurer

