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Loyal Order of Moose 583~~Women of the Moose 653

Our website: <http://lodge583.moosepages.org/>

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Membership	Charles Burke
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Activities	VACANT
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Building & Grounds	VACANT
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Women of the Moose Chapter 653

Officers

Senior Regent	VACANT
Junior Regent	VACANT
Jr. Graduate Regent	Nora Cavanagh
Secretary/Treasurer	Mary Hager
Recorder	Lisa Toombs

Chairmen

Higher Degree	Patty Pryor
Membership Retention	Laurene Kinsey
Activities/Sports	VACANT
Mooseheart/Moosehaven	VACANT
Community Service	Gloria Bannister

Appointed Officers

Guide	Judy Rogers
Asst. Guide	Anita Crowe

Governor's Message

Brother's and Coworkers,
May is here and it's the beginning of a new Moose year. I would like to thank the members for the opportunity to again serve as your Governor for the 2019-2020 year. I would also like to thank the members of last year's board for all of their help in making the lodge successful. We have a full board of officers this year, and I look forward to working with those board members who are serving again and our new board members. Mark your calendars for the annual Mother's Day Breakfast at the lodge on Sunday, May 11. This is our chance to thank our wives and mothers for all they do. Also watch for flyers at the lodge for activities planned for Memorial Day weekend.

Each month we continue to stress the importance of retaining our current members and recruiting new members. Friday and Saturday night dinners are a perfect way to introduce prospective members to our lodge. Check the newsletter for the dinner specials and our entertainment on Saturday nights.

In closing, let us not forget our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven. Remember that any Moose member in good standing can perform the 9:00 ceremony. Any time when members gather at the lodge for activities and fellowship that's an excellent time to collect for the endowment fund. We have seen several members of both the lodge and the chapter perform the ceremony. So, keep that in mind in your future visits to the lodge.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the lodge!

Fraternally,
Eddie Mills
Governor

Administrator & Membership Message

Dear Members,

Wonderful Spring is finally here!! I remember when I was a youngster my siblings and myself were anxious to go outside bare foot. But Mom had her rule about that. It could be 80 degrees out but if it was still in the month of April she would say, "First of May Throw your Shoes Away". Those were the days!

With May here we at the Moose are starting a new Moose Year. We had a pretty good year last

year but like years before, we struggled with Membership. We actually did a fair job in signing new members, but we had a real problem keeping them. We just haven't figured out how to keep them coming back. The Officers, both men and women, our Bartenders, and kitchen staff try very hard in making your experience at the lodge a pleasant one. The lodge offers really good food and drink prices, good entertainment every Saturday night, special events, such as seasonal parties that are normally free to our members. We've asked for suggestions and have gotten some in which we have used. Some worked some didn't. But we promise to keep trying. We have to! We have an obligation to support our Children at Mooseheart and our Seniors at Moosehaven. Without this purpose we would not have a reason to exist.

I understand that one big reason that some of our members have decided not to renew because of the smoking issue. I've been told by a lot of members that they just couldn't take the smoke at the lodge. Even though we have excellent smoke eaters, it's just not good enough for those who are sensitive to cigarette smoke. I also understand the feelings of our members who do smoke. The issue is a very slippery fence to walk on. The Officers must consider, what's best for attracting new members and retaining the ones we have. This issue very well may be settled this coming June. At the International Convention, the subject of making all Moose Lodges to go none smoking will be brought to the floor for a vote. If the vote is favorable our lodge along with all lodges will not have a choice. I certainly will announce the outcome of this vote as soon as I return. Meanwhile, let us all do our very best to continue making the Woodbridge Moose Lodge the very best there is.

Sponsor that new Member Today! And keep them coming back!

Until Next Month
Kenny Head
Administrator



May Entertainment

May 4th The Koolerators
May 11th Hot Rod Rockers
May 18th Brook Yoder Band
May 25th TBA

Moose Legion Committee

This month there are three days set aside for us to remember our veterans; V-E Day (the end of World War II in Europe) on the 8th, Armed Forces Day on the 18th, and Memorial Day on the 27th.

Many, if not most, think the Memorial Day Holiday is set aside to honor all veterans; *it is not*. **It is a special holiday to Honor and Hold In Remembrance Those Who Gave Up Their Lives For Their Country!** Veterans Day Holiday is the holiday for Veterans and above Armed Forces Day is for all Active Military Service Members and Veterans. So, while many of us will have an extra day off from work to enjoy in whatever activity you may wish, *please take a moment to give thanks to those who gave it all in their death so you may be able to!*

This is the first month of the 2019-2020 Moose Year. We will need Moose Legionaries to fill our Committee's Offices of Vice Chairman and Asst. Secretary if our Committee. Brian Orlando has agreed to continue as Chairman for another year. I have agreed to continue as Asst. Secretary only thru June in order to find and/or train a new one. *These are the two office that must be filled in order for us to continue to have a committee. In my 44 years of being a member of our Lodge, I don't remember a time we didn't have a Moose Legion Committee. So, it is now up to our Committee Members to volunteer to serve in one of the positions or decide to no longer have a committee.*

Our next regular meeting will be on Saturday, May 4th. The social hour, with free drinks, will start at 4:30pm and the meeting will follow at 5:30pm. The WOTM will be supplying the Lodge's Evening Dinner this Saturday, so stay over to support their Function and listen to live music.

Our next MLC Dinner will be on Saturday, May 25th, from 5 to 8pm. *This Saturday's Meal will be Brother Mosser's Special Pork Chop Dinner, Sides & Dessert. Come on in and enjoy good, stick-to-your-ribs meal. Then stay around and absorb the Lodge's usual Saturday Music Entertainment. We always welcome any dinner entry suggestions. Just keep in mind that we try to keep our prices low as a benefit to our members but will be willing to charge a little more for something special!*

All Moose Legion Members, and our Special Ladies, are welcome to the social hour and meeting. Remember that three of our mandates are to *help strengthen our Lodge and Moose Fraternity, to try to do some good*

thing for someone each day, and to have fun doing so!

Respectfully yours,

Charles Burke, Assistant Secretary

Senior Regent's Message

Dear Co-Workers

Can you believe that it is the start of a brand-new year for our Chapter? Our new board and chairman begin on May 1, 2019 and end on April 30, 2020. Our new board comprises of:

Junior Graduate Regent: Nora Cananagh

Secretary/Treasurer: Mary Hager

Recorder: Lisa Toombs

Thankfully we have some returning chairman from last year:

Community Service: Gloria Bannister

Higher Degree Chairman: Patty Pryor

Membership Retention: Rene Kinsey

Guide: Judy Rogers

Assist. Guide: Anita Crowe

We still have Senior and Junior Regent Vacant if you would like to serve your Chapter in a leadership role.

If that role is too scary, how about signing up to organize one of our dinners that we are responsible for on the 1st Saturday of the month, we know the chairman will not mind help with these fundraisers and welcome any help that they can get.

This past year 2018-2019 your Board and Chairman worked very hard to keep our Chapter going and held some amazing activities for our children as well as adult members. This year we are currently down 2 Board members and we are going to need your help in achieving our goals for this year. The Board would like to thank all the past Chairman and Guide and Assistant Guide for continuously showing up to help cook, make fundraising baskets, and participate in our fundraisers. We also want to thank the LOOM and the rest of our WOTM for continuing to support our efforts in meeting our requirements to continue as a Chapter.

This next year will be a challenge and we are seriously in need of support if we want to continue to exist. We ask that you all come to meetings and bring with you some positivity, energy, and new ideas so we can continue to grow.

May is Membership Retention month and we will be serving our delicious green beans, chicken, and potatoes while we celebrate the Kentucky Derby on May 4th. Please wear your best hat and be in the running for a prize for best hat.

Sincerely,
WOTM Board



Sickness & Distress Report

Please keep our members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Tom Brown is still having health issues.

Please say a special prayer for the friends and family of John Payne who recently passed to the arms of our Lord.

If you know of a Lodge member or Chapter coworker that is ill, suffered a loss of a loved one or could use a pick me up card, please notify Prelate, Dave Lowden or Jr Graduate Regent, Nora Cavanaugh or the Lodge Office @ 703-339-6688.

KITCHEN NEWS—Daily Specials—May

Mondays: BLT or Fried Bologna Sandwich

Tuesdays: Mexican Menu

Wednesdays: Seafood Day

Thursdays: Jumbo Wings

2nd, 16th & 30th Parmesan Chicken

9th & 23rd Italian Sub

Fridays: Surprise Menu

HALF PRICE WINGS EVERY TUESDAY!

~~~~MAY FRIDAY DINNER SPECIALS~~~~

**3<sup>rd</sup> Steak Diane**

**10<sup>th</sup> Country Fried Steak**

**17<sup>th</sup> Pot Roast**

**24<sup>th</sup> Scallops**

**31<sup>st</sup> Baked Chicken Breast**

Come join us for a great meal. Friday night fabulous steaks and our regular dinner menu available, also our Fresh Salad Bar on Friday nights.

-----Saturday Night Menu's-----

**5/4 WOTM Chicken bake.**

**5/11 Seafood Saturday**

**5/18 Fellowship prepares dinner????**

**5/25 Memorial Weekend Cookout**

**Sunday Brunch:**

**May 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 1:00**

**SATURDAY daytime special BURGERS  
TAILGATE SUNDAYS**

## Message for YOUR Editor

Sorry that this month's newsletter and calendar are so late. Sometimes life gets in the way. With our granddaughter getting married a few days ago, I just got behind. Again, sorry for the delay.

Fraternally,  
Ruthi Doan-Pietras

## Sports

**VMA 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Horseshoe Tournament  
June 7-9 @ Lynchburg South 1727 Lodge.  
Entries MUST be postmarked by May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Entry form available at**

<http://virginiamoose.com/Sports/Entry/2019-VMAHorseshoeTourney.pdf>.

**June 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 VMA Massey Cancer Golf  
Tournament. Link to entry form and  
information:**

<http://virginiamoose.com/Sports/Entry/2019-VMA-MasseyCancerGolf.pdf> **Deadline for entries is  
May 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Slam Dart tournament  
@ Lynchburg South 1727 August 2-4. Entry  
form and information:**

<http://virginiamoose.com/Sports/Entry/2019SummerSlamDartTournament.pdf> **Deadline for entries  
July 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual VMA State Dart Tournament @  
Luray Moose. September 20-22. Entry form  
and information:**

<http://virginiamoose.com/Sports/Entry/2019-VMAStateDarts.pdf> **Deadline for entries is  
September 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Hope to see more 583/653 members  
participate in these events!**

Fraternally,

**Ruthi Doan-Pietras  
VA WOTM Activities/Sports Chairman**



## WOODBIDGE 583/653 MOOSE FAMILY CENTER MAY 2019 EVENTS

| SUNDAY                                                                             | MONDAY                                              | TUESDAY                                              | WEDNESDAY                                                                                        | THURSDAY                                                | FRIDAY                                                                                    | SATURDAY                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                    |                                                     |                                                      | <b>1</b><br><b>WOTM</b><br><b>Activity Night</b><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b>                             | <b>2</b><br><b>JUMBO WINGS</b><br><br>Parmesan Chicken  | <b>3</b><br>Lunch: Surprise<br><br>Family Dinner<br>6:00-8:30<br>Steak Diane              | <b>4</b><br>WOTM prepared<br>Dinner<br>MLC Mtg.<br><br>Koolerators                                        |
| <b>5</b><br>Tailgate Sunday<br><br>NASCAR<br>@ Dover                               | <b>6</b><br>BLT<br>or<br>Fried Bologna<br>Sandwich  | <b>7</b><br>Mexican Menu<br><br>Half Price<br>Wings  | <b>8</b><br><b>LOOM</b><br>House Comm. Mtg.<br>Board 6:30<br>General<br>Membership Mtg.<br>8:00  | <b>9</b><br><b>JUMBO WINGS</b><br><br>Italian Sub       | <b>10</b><br>Lunch: Surprise<br><br>Family Dinner<br>6:00-8:30<br>Country Fried Steak     | <b>11</b><br>Seafood<br>Saturday<br>5:00-8:00<br><br>Hot Rod Rockers                                      |
| <b>12</b><br>Tailgate Sunday<br><br>NASCAR<br>@ Kansas                             | <b>13</b><br>BLT<br>or<br>Fried Bologna<br>Sandwich | <b>14</b><br>Mexican Menu<br><br>Half Price<br>Wings | <b>15</b><br><b>WOTM</b><br><b>General</b><br><b>Meeting</b><br><b>7:00</b>                      | <b>16</b><br><b>JUMBO WINGS</b><br><br>Parmesan Chicken | <b>17</b><br>Lunch: Surprise<br><br>Family Dinner<br>6:00-8:30<br>Pot Roast               | <b>18</b><br>Dinner by<br>Fellowship Comm.<br>NASCAR All Star<br>Race @ Charlotte<br><br>Brook Yoder Band |
| <b>19</b><br>Tailgate Sunday                                                       | <b>20</b><br>BLT<br>or<br>Fried Bologna<br>Sandwich | <b>21</b><br>Mexican Menu<br><br>Half Price<br>Wings | <b>22</b><br><b>LOOM</b><br>House Comm. Mtg.<br>Board 6:30<br>General<br>Membership Mtg.<br>8:00 | <b>23</b><br><b>JUMBO WINGS</b><br><br>Italian Sub      | <b>24</b><br>Lunch: Surprise<br><br>Family Dinner<br>6:00-8:30<br>Scallops                | <b>25</b><br>Memorial Weekend<br>Cookout<br>See Flyers in the<br>Lodge<br><br>TBD                         |
| <b>26</b><br>Brunch 10:00-1:00<br><br>Tailgate Sunday<br><br>NASCAR<br>@ Charlotte | <b>27</b><br>BLT<br>or<br>Fried Bologna<br>Sandwich | <b>28</b><br>Mexican Menu<br><br>Half Price<br>Wings | <b>29</b><br><br>Seafood Day<br>starting at Noon!!                                               | <b>30</b><br><b>JUMBO WINGS</b><br><br>Parmesan Chicken | <b>31</b><br>Lunch: Surprise<br><br>Family Dinner<br>6:00-8:30<br>Baked Chicken<br>Breast |                                                                                                           |

**EVERY WEDNESDAY IS SEAFOOD DAY AT WOODBRIDGE MOOSE FAMILY CENTER**