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60+ Years of Service to Our Community

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

2019-2020 Premier Lodge

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

Officers

Governor	H Jack Crone
Jr. Governor	John Yaksima Jr.
Jr. Past Governor	Ed Mills
Prelate	Dave Loudon
Treasurer	Joshua Collins
Administrator	Kenneth Head
3 Year Trustee	Brian Mosser
2 Year Trustee	Tim Majewski
1 Year Trustee	Don Lomis
Sgt. At Arms	Mehdi Behpou
Inner Guard	VACANT

Social Quarters Manager	Mona Hardy
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Chairmen

Membership	Ray Richards
Moose Legion	Ed Mills (TEMPORARY)
Ritual	Kenneth Head
Activities	VACANT
Audit	Charles Burke
Building & Grounds	VACANT
Heart of the Community	Kenneth Head
Moose Charities	Al Lindley
Government Relations	Bob Agnew
Lodge Publication	Ruthi Doan-Pietras
Public Relations	Ruthi Doan-Pietras
Historical	VACANT
Fellowship	Danny Mixon
Webmaster	Ruthi Doan-Pietras
Entertainment	Kenny Head

Women of the Moose Chapter 653

Officers

Senior Regent	Lisa Toombs
Junior Regent	VACANT
Jr. Graduate Regent	VACANT
Secretary/Treasurer	Rosemary Lomis
Recorder	Alena Carroll

Chairmen

Higher Degree	Patty Pryor
Membership Retention	Shirley Head
Activities/Sports	Cynthia Morison
Mooseheart/Moosehaven	Amy Grose
Community Service	Gloria Bannister

Appointed Officers

Guide	VACANT
Asst. Guide	VACANT

Governor's Message

Hello Woodbridge Moose Lodge #583 Members

I would like to update you on our remodeling project, The architect will be finishing the blue prints in December so we can start the permit process with Fairfax county

The Fellowship Committee and the Moose Legion will not be serving dinners this month because of the Christmas season.

Our Lodge Christmas party is scheduled for 19 December however subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Any members in good standing can perform the 9 o'clock ceremony.

In closing I would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Stay safe and continue to practice safe distancing and wear your masks.

Sincerely,
Harry (Jack) Crone
Your Governor



Administrator Message

Dear Members,
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

Did everyone get enough Turkey on Thanksgiving!? I know that I over indulged! But we get to do it again on Christmas!

Just as we were getting almost back to normal, kinda, we get hit again with restrictions due to the pandemic. But as of this time we do not plan to close. We will have to adhere to the new rules about how many people that we can have in the lodge the same time. Also last call for any alcohol will be made prior to 10:00 pm. This means we will not sell any alcohol after 10:00 pm and there cannot be any consumption after 10pm. So please help

us to follow this rule by making sure that you finish your drink before 10pm.

At this time the bartender will clear all drinks from the tables. Please remember she is just doing her job.

At this time we do not know if we'll have to cancel the Christmas party or not. We'll notify everyone when the decision is made.

I want to thank everyone for their cooperation during this very difficult time. I think we're all getting accustomed to wearing our masks when we are up and about the lodge. We're still doing our part with the sanitizing high contact areas. Also we keep an ample supply of sanitizing wipes and gloves for our members to use. If you do come to the lodge and have forgotten your mask, we have a limited amount those available also.

Once again the lodge is giving our members an opportunity to help those less fortunate than we. As you come into the lodge you'll see a Toys for Tots box where you can donate a new unwrapped toy. Thanks to our members we have been able to provide a lot of toys for children in need in the past years. I am confident that we can continue this most worthy and kind act! I know this has to be a big relief for those families that cannot afford to provide a Merry Christmas for their Children. But that's what we Moose Members do!!

I will continue sending text messages with important information pretty much on a daily basis. If you have not joined our texting group, you can do so by, texting, "moose583" to 65398. You can always choose to opt out of receiving the texts if you feel you are not benefiting from them.

I cannot finish this article without mentioning Membership. We have completed seven months of this Moose Year and we are not quite on track to reaching our quota, please do your part in helping the lodge reach their goal by sponsoring a new or former member. Also please keep an eye on the expiration date on your card and send in your dues before they expire. The easiest way to pay your dues is paying on line with a credit card. You can find the Website on your membership card. Of course you can also come to the lodge and pay. The bartender will write you a receipt.

You may want to consider giving a Moose Membership to someone as a Christmas Gift!

I surely hope that this Christmas and Holiday Season brings happiness and joy top all. Let's all keep hope that the New Year will bring a brighter future for all!!

Until Next Month,
Kenny Head
Administrator

Moose Legion Committee

Ed Mills and Governor Jack Crone are currently acting as Moose Legion Chairman and Asst. Secretary on a temporary basis so that the committee remains active. Any current Moose Legion members who would be willing to help fill these positions should contact Governor Jack Crone at the lodge (703-339-6688). He will be more than happy to discuss the duties of both positions. The Moose Legion dinner is the 4th Saturday, December 26. The menu has not been finalized.

Fraternally,
Ed Mills
Acting Moose Legion Chairman

Fellowship Committee

No report this month

Senior Regent's Message

Dear Coworkers and Lodge Brothers:
It's crazy how this year has seemed to fly by. I can hardly believe that it is already December. The month of December is known around world as a family time of celebration honoring cultures, religions and traditions that been around for hundreds of years. Did you know that Christmas trees date back to ancient Egyptians and Romans? They would mark the winter solstice with evergreens as a reminder that spring would return. Christmas wreaths originated as a symbol of Christ. The holly represents the crown of thorns Jesus wore at his crucifixion and the red berries symbolize the blood he shed. I am sure that you probably already know that the idea of Santa Claus came from St. Nicholas. St Nicholas was a fourth-century Christian bishop who gave away his abundant inheritance to help the needy. According to legend, we hang stockings by the chimney thanks to a poor man who **didn't have enough money for his three daughters' dowries.** Generous St. Nick dropped a bag of gold down their chimney one night where the girls had hung their stockings to dry. That is where the gold ended up and how the tradition began. I know that times are tough for some this year, but please remember the needy and donate if you are able. December is Community Service Activity Month.

The WOTM dinner is scheduled for December 5th and will be hosted by our committee chair, Gloria **Bannister. Gloria's committee will be serving** Pepper Steak over Rice w/ a spring roll and dessert for \$10.00. I think it sounds delicious and I am sure we will all be sick of turkey by then.

We still have a few positions that need to be filled in our chapter. We have an open position on the board for Jr. Regent and the appointed officer positions of Guide and Assistant Guide. If you are looking to be more involved with the chapter but concerned about the commitment, these are the perfect positions for you. Please ask a member of the board if you are interested or just curious about the duties of these positions. We will hold nomination committee meetings at 6:00 PM the third Wednesday of each month until the Jr. Regent position is filled. The nomination forms are on the **Women's bulletin board. Please leave the** completed form in our blue folder behind the bar. I encourage you to become more involved with our chapter.

As always, our chapter meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday every month at 7:00 PM. Please consider coming out and taking an active part in these meetings. We discuss upcoming events and ideas on fundraising for Moose Charities, which is what our fraternity is all about. Masks and social distancing protocols are followed. Please join our chapter Facebook group. This is a great avenue for our members to keep up to date on monthly dinners, fundraising events and news updates. If you would like to join, please send us a request. The Facebook group is **Woodbridge Chapter 653.** As always, we will still send out emails and texts for any upcoming events. Please make sure that we have your current contact information. You can send your new information to a member of the board.

Family gatherings and celebrations with friends and family is a joyous tradition for many during the holiday season and can have a powerful effect on your mental well-being, but some may decide to skip the traditions this year. However you choose to celebrate the holidays this year, I hope that everyone stays safe and healthy.
Fraternally

Lisa Toombs
Sr. Regent

Valued Veteran's

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Veterans Day and felt the pride of having served.

The Lodge sponsored a free dinner for our Veterans on Friday November 6th. We had a very good meal although it was sparsely attended. Dang Covid 19 got everything screwed up.

Brother Happy Al Lindley received an Award for being the Lodges VALUED VETERAN of the year.

For the Committee,
Ray Richards

MEMBERSHIP

Glory be and Ya-Hoo We have finally started on the Lodge renovation. What a boom that will be for our Membership program. You will soon be able to bring your friends and associates to a beautifully renovated LODGE. We are going to start with a new roof. Then start on the inside.

Membership is picking up a little. Brian Mosser won the October Membership drawing and at this time is the top Membership signer in the Lodge.

Keep em coming and please STAY STRONG & STAY SAFE.

For the Committee,

Ray Richards



FROM THE EDITOR

Deadline for the bulletin is the 15th of the previous month this also includes menus for Saturday nights, entertainment and events.

Email your articles to:

loom583wotm653news@yahoo.com **AND**
speeder1974@yahoo.com.

Please make sure you use BOTH email addresses.

Thank you,
Ruthi Doan-Pietras

WOTM Dinner

December 5th, the WOTM will be preparing a delicious meal of Pepper Steak over rice w/ a spring roll and dessert.



KITCHEN NEWS

Daily Specials—December

Mondays: BLT or Fried Bologna Sandwich
Tuesdays: Mexican Menu
Wednesdays: Seafood Day
Thursdays: 3rd Parmesan Chicken
10th Chicken n Dumplings
17th Parmesan Chicken
24th Loaded Potato Soup
Closing at 6:00 p.m.
Fridays: LUNCH Surprise Menu

HALF PRICE WINGS EVERY TUESDAY

DECEMBER FRIDAY DINNER SPECIALS

4th Crab Cakes
11th Country Ribs
18th Bacon wrapped Chicken
25th MERRY CHRISTMAS Closed

Come join us for a great meal. Friday night fabulous steaks and our regular dinner menu available.

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

12/5 Pepper Steak by the WOTM
12/12 Seafood Saturday
12/19 Annual Christmas Party
12/26 ????? by Moose Legion

Sunday 27th BRUNCH 10-1



SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers.

Brian Mosser had surgery in November and last word I had, he was resting at home with his leg/foot propped up.

Don Lomis fell and broke his ankle in several places and had surgery to repair it. He is resting at home also. Maybe Rosey and Sandy need to put them in a room together & let them take care of each other

Shirley Head has been in the hospital several times in the last few months. Extra prayers for her please.

Susan-Jane Pietras-Smith (Ruthi's daughter) is at VCU in the Critical Care Hospital ICU. She is still on the ventilator with some days off for a few hours here and there. We hope she has faced her last surgery. She will probably remain hospitalized for at least another month or two.

If you know of someone that is sick or in distress please contact Lisa or Alena with the WOTM and/or the Lodge. Members of the LOOM contact the office.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR DECEMBER

PLEASE mark these dates ~ ~

Sunday December 6th and December 20th

Sunday Fundays with Dirty Ed & The

Collaborators. Bring your instruments!



Message from your Editor

As we end this year of so many unbelievable things happening in our world, remember that someone could use a friendly smile, an encouraging word or a simple great job. That very easy approach can make someone's day much better.

We all agree that 2020 has thrown a LOT at all of us. Not just one race, religion or political party. Coronavirus/COVID-19 has taken the world by surprise and no one believed it was that bad until numbers were spinning all over news casts and radio shows. Hospitals were not allowing visitors except one immediate family member for very limited hours. Nursing homes were allowing NO visitors as well as people dying with no one by their side to comfort them.

Me personally ~~~ I cannot wait for 2020 to GO AWAY!! She doesn't have to leave mad or hurt JUST GO AWAY and please allow us to have some type of normalcy once again.

My wish for all of you is that you have a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.



WOODBIDGE 583/653 MOOSE FAMILY CENTER DECEMBER 2020 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Half Price Wings Mexican Menu	2 WOTM Meeting 7:00 <i>Seafood Day</i>	3 Parmesan Chicken	4 Family Dinner 6:00-8:30 Crab Cakes	5 MLC Meeting & Social WOTM prepared Dinner Pepper Steak
6 SPORTS DAY Sunday Funday!! Music Jam w/ Ed and the Collaborators	7 BLT or Fried Bologna Sandwich	8 Half Price Wings Mexican Menu	9 <i>Seafood Day</i> LOOM House Comm. Mtg. Board 6:30 General Membership Mtg.8:00	10 Chicken N Dumplings	11 Family Dinner 6:00-8:30 Country Ribs	12 Seafood Saturday
13 SPORTS DAY	14 BLT or Fried Bologna Sandwich	15 Half Price Wings Mexican Menu	16 WOTM Meeting 7:00 <i>Seafood Day</i>	17 Parmesan Chicken	18 Family Dinner 6:00-8:30 Bacon Wrapped Chicken	19 Annual Christmas Party 5:00 (please check with the lodge for any updates)
20 SPORTS DAY Sunday Funday!! Music Jam w/ Ed and the Collaborators	21 BLT or Fried Bologna Sandwich	22 Half Price Wings Mexican Menu	23 <i>Seafood Day</i> LOOM House Comm. Mtg. Board 6:30 General Membership Mtg.8:00	24 LODGE CLOSING AT 6:00 P.M. Loaded Potato Soup	25 LODGE CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS	26
27 SPORTS DAY	28 BLT or Fried Bologna Sandwich	29 Half Price Wings Mexican Menu	30 <i>Seafood Day</i>	31 Check with the Lodge for New Year's Plans		