



Lodge Log

Newsletter of the Winchester Moose Family Center No.1283, Winchester, VA

September-October 2010

GOVERNOR'S GAVEL

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Brothers and Ladies,

CONGRATULATIONS TO GENE SINE, OUR NEW VIRGINIA MOOSE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT!! Gene was installed on Saturday at the VMA conference as the leader of the organization for this year. Lets all take the time to congratulate him on this great achievement and offer our help in making his term a huge success. I am still looking for several members to head up some very important committees. If you have an interest in serving your lodge and the community please see me for more details.

Now a question for you. What kinds of family activities would you like to see at your lodge? Be creative in coming up with ideas. We would like to have things that engage all age groups and interests. Send me an email, call me or catch me at the lodge and give me your thoughts. Oh, and by the way, if you know of someone who would like to chair the Family Activities committee, please let me know that too.

Senior Regent Patricia Burch said it very well in our lodge log, "our main focus should be donating and raising funds to operate Mooseheart and Moosehaven". But that is just the beginning. Don't forget that there is so much we can be doing right here in our community. Many Moose initiatives need to be taken up by lodge members and taken to the community. Will you step up and serve? Email me or better yet catch me at the lodge and ask how you can help. Your talent will find a purpose and path for you to contribute. If you have not visited the Winchester Moose Family Center in a while I urge you to do so soon.

Your friend, neighbor or coworker may have let their Moose membership slip by without renewing. Do them and the lodge a favor by asking them to rethink letting that membership lapse. Remind them of the good work we do for the children of Mooseheart, the seniors of Moosehaven and our community. They and you are an important part of our mission.

Also remember that we are looking for lodge members who would like an opportunity to serve on the Board as a two year trustee. Please think about contributing to the lodge and your community by submitting your application for review. Once we have some interested members, we will be holding a special election to fill the spot. What does a trustee do? Ask an officer or the administrator for the information.

Make the best of everyday. Call the lodge at 540 667 8284 or email me at gov1283@gomoose.net.

Fraternally, Gary Lofton, Governor

Dear Co-Workers,

I hope that everyone came out for the Family Picnic on August 22nd at Clear Brook Park and enjoyed themselves. I would also like to thank all of our volunteers for all of their help. Without you, it wouldn't be possible. I can't believe where this summer has gone? Time is sure flying by. It will be nice getting things to cool down a little.

We have many activities coming up in the Lodge in the next few months. Please check your calendars for the Special Dances upstairs!

Also, if you know of any sickness or deaths, please call Linda Locke at 540-662-1534 who is the Chaplain of our Chapter for this year.

Please remember the Ladies meeting nights are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. I would love to see each and every one of you at a meeting. Please continue to encourage your Family and Friends to join the Moose. Sign two Ladies up a year and NEVER have to pay dues again. Doesn't that sound great!

We will also be having a blanket drive September through November. Please bring any new blankets that you would like to donate. Have a safe and happy Fall.

Fraternally, Patricia Burch, Senior Regent

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
OCTOBER 23, 2010 8:30 – 12:30
WINCHESTERS' OWN
LEGENDARY GROUP FROM THE 1960'S:
"MOD and the ROCKERS"

Older Moose members will recall this group from 1965 to 1969, breaking attendance records most everywhere they played. All of the members of the band still play as professional musicians, in different areas.

Their "Reunion" Dance held 10/24/09 was so much fun; many requests came in for a return engagement. In response, our Winchester Moose Lodge #1283 has gotten them back together once again.

Hear "Boo" Snider on bass; Gary McIntyre on drums; Phil Zuckerman on guitar; Steve "MOD" Dorman on the organ; and Ricky Oates on guitar.

Tickets are on sale NOW for \$25/couple or \$15/single; and are available at the Winchester Moose Lodge bar, Snow White Grill, & Winchester Auto-Radio. Tickets are sold out last year, so get yours TODAY!! Also, get to the Moose Lodge early on October 23rd, as there is **LIMITED SEATING** available (first come-first-served).

For more information, call: 540-665-8114 (Moose Lodge Bar)

GREETINGS FROM THE BAR

We have a nice friendly environment and relaxing atmosphere at the Bar and in the Social Quarters.

During the FOOTBALL SEASON, come join us for **Happy Hour**, every SUNDAY with draft beer and food specials and FUN "Games of Chance."

On Friday nights and on Saturday and Sunday when the kitchen is not open, we have a selection of delicious cold sandwiches and other snacks that can be purchased at the BAR.

Our Pool Tables and Dart Boards are available anytime we are open. We have a number of large screen televisions, electronic jukebox, and electronic games. We also have a Wii System setup in the Socials Quarters for your entertainment and use.

Come in and join the fellowship and meeting of new and old friends and have a good time with us!

Fraternally,

Lea Corbin, Bar Manager

CASH PARTY

Winchester Moose Family Center #1283

October 2, 2010

Top Prize is \$1,500

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Cash prizes for every 20th ticket drawn, plus each of the final 10 tickets. Open Bar from 6:00-9:30 PM; Buffet Dinner; Tip Jars, Raffles,

50-50 drawing; and a Silent Auction. FUN for ALL!!

Ticket cost is \$20. Each person attending must have a ticket to enter.

OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE YOU WITH GREAT FOOD, EXCELLENT SERVICE AT REASONABLE PRICES

We need your help in our effort to improve customer service. The kitchen manager has placed evaluation cards on each table. We hope you will fill out a card after every meal whether it was a good experience or bad. These cards ask you if your server presented you with a menu. Did they point out our specials, our new items, and did they ask how you would like your food prepared, and did they talk about our desserts? The cards also ask about the quality of the food including taste, was it overcooked, undercooked, or just right. We also want to know about the speed of your service, the appearance, friendliness and attitude of our staff. Also, please comment on the cleanliness of the dining area. We ask that you address all of the questions.

These cards are intended to provide, you the customer, with an opportunity to help us improve our food quality and service to you. The cards should be placed in the box at the cashier station in the social quarters. They will be read and analyzed by a board member. Feel free to mention our staff by name whether your comments are positive or negative. Feedback, positive and negative, will be passed on to the kitchen manager and to you.

CUSTOMER EVALUATION OF MEALS, JUNE 1 TO 30, 2010

The following statistics were compiled from the 53 meals evaluation cards retrieved from the box at the cashier station during June.

Quality of Service:	37-Excellent	13- Good	0 Fair	0- Poor
Quality of Food	23-Excellent	20-Good	8-Fair	1-Poor
Speed of Service	32-Excellent	10-Good	2-Fair	0-Poor
Appearance of Personnel	25-Excellent	21-Good	0-Fair	1-Poor
Cleanliness of Dining Room	25-Excellent	17-Good	20-Fair	1- Poor
Friendliness of Personnel	42-Excellent	9-Good	2-Fair	2-Poor
Would you recommend us?	35-Yes	2- No		

What can we do to better serve you?

PERSONNEL: There were a lot of favorable comments on entire wait staff, particularly Shirley and Karen. One member said that Amber is one of your best waitresses.

MENUS: Many comments received on the repetitiveness of our soups (having same soup all week). "Can't the staff offer a new soup every couple of days?" "Let Shirley make all soups. 'Put some flavor in the pork and beans; don't just open the cans.'" In general, vegetables are overcooked and mushy. "Have desserts available with Wednesday night specials." "Have more diverse lunch specials to include baked chicken and seafood specials." "Have clam chowder on Fridays."

MISCELLANEOUS: "Get rid of smoke smell as you enter the social quarters." "A door is needed on dishwasher room." "Have band start at 8 pm rather than 8:30." "Bar staff should wear name tags." "Bring back senior discounts." "Need new carpet in social quarters."

NEVER PAY DUES AGAIN!!!

If there has ever been a time to sponsor a member in the
Loyal Order of Moose or the
Women of the Moose...

The Time is Now!

Each year if you sponsor two new or former members, your DUES for the next year will be paid for you by Moose International! So, jump onboard and sponsor members in this great Fraternity and never pay Dues Again!

LOOM ENROLLMENT FEE WAIVED!

Brothers: Effective August 1, 2010 and continuing for a limited time, your Lodge Board of Officers has waived the \$20.00 enrollment fee for all new or former members. Now is the time to ask your friends, relatives and co-workers to join with you in the finest fraternity anywhere. When you sign two new or former members and they are enrolled before April 30, 2011, Moose International will pay your next year's dues. What an opportunity for you to bring in new or former members and save them \$20.00 and earn a free year's dues for yourself. We need your help to strengthen our Lodge.

Fraternally, Gene Sine, Membership Chairman

GIANT YARD SALE TABLES FOR RENT

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010. WE WILL HAVE A YARD SALE IN THE FRONT PARKING LOT BEGINNING AT 8:00 AM AND CONTINUING UNTIL 2:00 PM

TABLES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RENT AT THE RATE OF \$15.00 FOR ONE
TWO FOR \$25.00 AND 3 FOR \$30.00

TO RESERVE TABLES, PLEASE CALL THE LODGE

at 540-665-8114 or 540-667-8284

REFRESHMENTS AND SANDWICHES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

SUPREME GOVERNOR VISIT

Brothers and Co-Workers: The Winchester Moose Family Center will host a visit of the Supreme Governor, George W. McCullough III on Sunday, October 10, 2010 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This is an honor for our Lodge to have been selected for his visit to the State of Virginia. We will have the opportunity to visit with him and to learn more about Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and the Moose Fraternity. We invite you and your guests to attend and help us welcome him to Winchester and our Lodge. This is open to all Moose members, guests, and prospective members. Light refreshments will be served.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NASCAR DANCE
Saturday
September 25th
8:00-MIDNIGHT

**MOD & THE
ROCKERS**
Saturday
October 23rd
8:30-12:30

STEAK NIGHT
1st & 3rd
WEDNESDAY
5:30-8:00 PM

CASH PARTY
SATURDAY
Oct 2nd, Doors
Open at 6:00 PM

**WOTM
HALLOWEEN
COSTUME PARTY &
DANCE**
8:00-MIDNIGHT
Saturday
October 30th
BAND:
"INSTIGATORS"
Children's
Halloween Party
Oct 30th, 11-1 PM

**MEET AND GREET THE SUPREME GOVERNOR
GEORGE W. McCULLOUGH III
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2010
2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
OPEN TO ALL MOOSE MEMBERS AND GUESTS**