

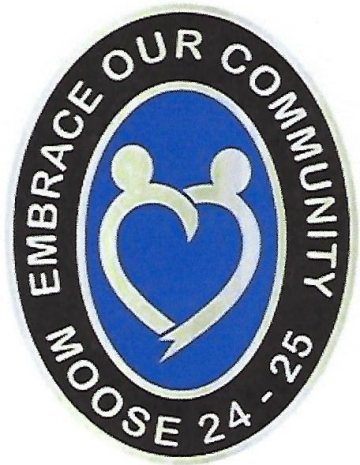
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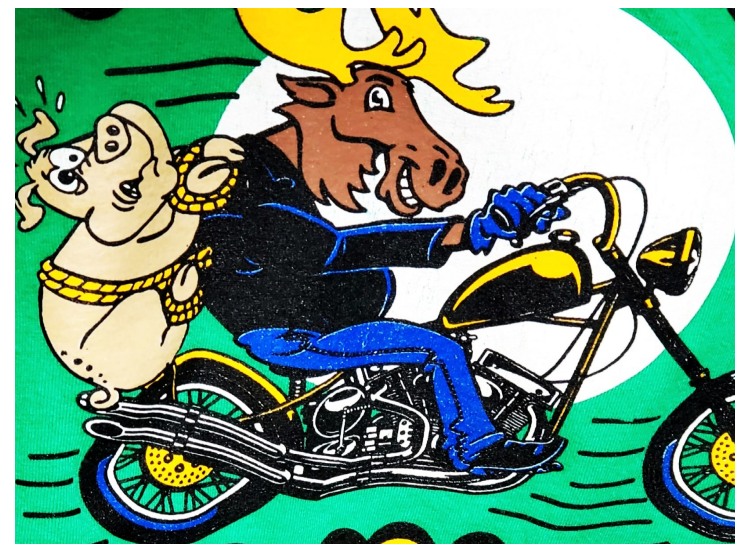


NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR

Join members from across the Fraternity at Moosehaven on November 9, 2024 for the 14th Annual Moosehaven Chili Cook-Off. Who has the best receipt? Let's Find out! Good Luck to all participants.



Join the Meridian Moose Riders for fellowship and fun during the Annual Hog Cooking starting Friday November 1st with Poker Hands and card games during the cooking through Saturday the 2nd Serving Hog or Chicken Plates with baked beans, potato salad/cole slaw, and dessert as well as possible Motorcycle games (pending interest).



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Scheduled Activities for November

- 1st & 2nd – Moose Rider Hog Cooking
- 5th– Moose Legion Meal & Meeting
- 8th- Moose Legion Cooking: Hamb Stk or Liv & Oni Marcus Linton (Couch in the Woods) 8-10PM in SQ
- 9th—PDK Chili Cook-off (Members Encouraged to attend or participate if interested)
- 10th– Higher Degree Banquet 4:00PM
- 11th– WOTM Business Meeting 6:30PM
- 12th– Moose Meeting 6:30PM (Vote on Administrator)
- 14th–Pool Tournament 7:00PM \$5 Buy-In
- 15th– Bar Bingo 7:00PM
- 17th– Moose Rider Meeting 2:00PM in Hall
- 19th– New Member Orientation
- 22nd– Family Gathering band in SQ 8:00PM –12:00AM
- 23rd —Karaoke 8:00PM—12:00AM
- 25th—WOTM Open Meeting 6:30PM
- 26th– Moose Meeting 6:30PM
- 28th—Lodge Closed
- 29th—Bar Bingo 7:00PM Pending Interest

We have temporarily removed 3-Card Poker due to member attendance.

We are attempting to work with the PDK, The Green Door Tavern, and Duck's Hideaway to ensure each party can obtain a reasonable crowd for their respective events, which is why the schedule is often staggered for certain days with Fridays tending to be the most likely days for musical entertainment or other related activities.

We would like to hear from members as to adding new activities to our calendar, including card games like Dummy Rummy or a dice game called Farkle.

Heart of The Community

Thank you to the Women of the Moose & the Moose Riders for their efforts toward the Women of the Moose Poker Run held October 12, 2024 with proceeds toward Moose Charities.

Thank you to the Women of the Moose for their efforts toward the yearly Halloween Carnival held October 31st as well as the Moose Riders for the awesome hayride on the same night.

The Moose Riders will conduct their Annual Hog Cooking on November 1st & 2nd and intend to place a bucket out to raise funds for Aaron Skinner, who recently learned of his Prostate Cancer diagnosis and had surgery complications. The Moose Riders have already pledged \$200 in support of Aaron Skinner and would like to encourage everyone to donate to the fund; every little bit will help.

Way to Go Meridian! We had an awesome Cradle Fundraiser Month in Meridian with proceeds exceeding \$400.

From the Administrator

The time is upon us to hold the necessary vote to formally install me as the duly Elected Administrator; the vote will be conducted at the first meeting of the month.

I have been informed that some individuals did not receive their October Newsletters. This was not intentional as the Post Office claimed to be having delays as a result of the weather. While all other active lodges in the State have gone electronic to cut costs, the Meridian Lodge has not made that change at this time.

In an effort to streamline the Newsletters so that members can receive them before the start of the next month, I will be instituting a deadline of the 15th of each month for all articles, activities, and anything else to be placed in the newsletter starting in January. Anything not received by the 15th of each month will be placed in the next issue of the newsletter for the following month.

Hope to see you at the Lodge. Happy Thanksgiving!!

Faternally, Michael Minchew, Acting Administrator

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Stay tuned for president's message in next edition.

FROM THE SENIOR REGENT

Welcome November, cooler temperatures, and the start of the holiday season. Be sure to follow Facebook and the calendar for upcoming holiday events at the Lodge. We have been busy the last few weeks. I would like to thank all volunteers, women and men, who donated their time and efforts to make each event a success.

Please try to attend some of our Chapter meetings. New ideas and voices are needed and welcomed to keep our Chapter energized!

Our monthly meeting will be November 11th at 6:30PM with Higher Degree Chairman Carolyn Jones. On November 25th, we will have an Open Meeting honoring our new College of Regents Keri Allen, Tammy May, and Sharon Merchant, and also to recognize the ladies who have already received this degree. A meal and fellowship will follow the meeting.

Mark your calendars for the Higher Degree Banquet on November 10th at 4:00PM in the Meridian Lodge hall. This banquet is held to honor our new degree holders that have advanced this past year and to install new officers. All Higher Degree members are encouraged to attend.

Thank you to Janet Lowman, Carolyn Jones, and Dora Moore for organizing the fund raiser for Breast Cancer. The proceeds from this event will be presented to the Anderson Cancer Benevolence Fund. Follow Facebook for the date and time of this presentation. We would like as many ladies as possible to be there!

May the blessings of Thanksgiving season fill your heart and your home. Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!!

Fraternally Yours, Lisa Downing 2024-25 Senior Regent

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Lisa Downing	Chaplain
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MOOSE LEGION NEWS

GREETINGS TO ALL MOOSE LEGIONNAIRES

Thank you to all who attended our monthly meal and meeting. We had a great turnout for both men and ladies in October. Our next meal and meeting is at 6:30 on November 5th. Our holiday social will be held on December 3rd @ 6:30. Please bring hors d'oeuvres and come socialize with beverages provided. This would be a great time to invite someone who is not a legionnaire to see what we are all about.

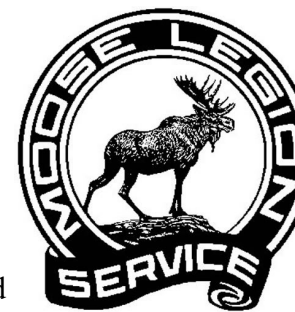
We will be doing Hamburger Steaks and Liver & Onions on November 8th starting @ 3:30PM \$12 per plate. At the last meeting, we agreed to give \$100 to the Cradle Fundraiser to support Mooseheart.

Remember, all lodges are required to bring \$100 worth of draw down gifts to every Moose Legion Celebration and it was decided at the October Celebration that all Directors are required to bring two \$20 gifts to every Celebration.

Remember, the Moose Legion is considered a Degree of Service through which we have fun while providing a greater service to the Moose Fraternity. Our vision is to persuade all qualified members to join the Moose Legion and do some good thing for someone each day. If you are not a member of the Moose Legion and would like to become one, the annual dues are \$20.00, simply contact a current Moose Legionnaire for sponsorship into the Moose Legion.

Fraternally Yours,

Ted Burton
Moose Legion Committee Chairman
Moose Legion Area Manager
Moose Legion International Councilman



MOOSE RIDERS GROUP

Hello Fellow Riders,

Stay tuned for President's message in next edition.



Thank you all for everything that you do for the Moose Riders and our Fraternity. Please be sure to check your bikes out and keep the shiny side up
Fraternally, Mike Minchew
2024-2025 Moose Rider President

Officers:

Mike Minchew	President
Ricky Joles	Vice President
Patrick Kirby	Chaplain
Michael Minchew	Secretary
Brittany Eckman	Treasurer
Vacant	Sergeant at Arms
James Seward	Road Captain
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2025
INTERNATIONAL
MOOSE CONVENTION

SPECIAL EVENT NEWS RELEASE



MERIDIAN MOOSE LODGE #1628 is honored to announce that ROBERT K. FUNKEY, Chairman of the Board for the Moose Fraternity, will be visiting our lodge, during his travels through the State of Mississippi. This Meet and Greet is scheduled for 6:00PM to 7:30PM on Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Brother Funkey was elected as the Moose Fraternity's Chief Presiding Officer on July 27, 2024, during the Fraternity's 136th International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Prior to this role, he served as Vice Chairman since June 2023, and has been a member of the Fraternity's corporate Board of Directors since 2019. Bob's dedication to the Moose Fraternity is evident through his previous roles on the Moosehaven Board of Directors, Loss Preven-

tion Committee, and Moose International Government Relations Committee.

Bob Funkey joined the fraternity in April 1995 as a member of St. Clair Shores, MI Lodge 1837. He also holds memberships in several other lodges across different states. Throughout his years of service, Bob has held various leadership positions within the fraternity, including Treasurer, Jr. Governor, Governor, and Jr. Past Governor at St. Clair Shores Lodge. He has also chaired multiple committees and served as a Lodge Ritualist and Administrator at Grayling Lodge #1162.

In addition to his lodge memberships, Bob Funkey has been a member of the Michigan Moose Legion 105 since April 1998. He has held positions such as President, Secretary, Jr. Past President, and Prelate within the Moose Legion, and is also a member of Moose Legions in East Michigan, Tar Heel, NC, and Alaska Interior.

Bob has been an active and dedicated member of the Michigan Moose Association, serving in various leadership roles at both the Association and District levels. He has chaired committees on Moose Charities, Government Relations, Special Projects, Fraternal Fundraising, and Loss Prevention. In District 4, he has held positions such as Prelate, Vice President, President, Jr. Past President, Audit Chair, and Secretary.

Additionally, Bob has served as Deputy Supreme Governor for the 2009-2010 Moose Year and has been involved in training roles as a Technical Trainer, 2-HOTT Trainer, and Lodge Leadership Trainer. He currently holds the position of Training Coordinator for Michigan.

Bob is a proud member of the 75 Division of the Moose 25 Club and has been recognized for his dedication with the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 2004 and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 2011. He was also nominated for Moose International Shining Star Moose Legionnaire of the Year for the 2009 2010 Moose Year. He is also a fourteen-time League of Guardian recipient.

We are thrilled to have Brother Funkey join us for this special occasion and look forward to celebrating his dedication and leadership within the Moose Fraternity.

Outside of his involvement with the Moose, Bob is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He attended the University of Michigan and retired after 32 years in bank branch management. Bob and his wife Cathy reside in Roscommon, Michigan, where they enjoy spending time with their four children, sixteen grandchildren, and a new great granddaughter.

As members of our lodge, it is important to share our pride in the Moose by inviting others to join. Encourage friends, relatives, and business associates to become part of this special class in honor of the Chairman. By submitting their application by the specified date, they can experience the fun, fellowship, and security that the Moose Fraternity provides for years to come.

All Moose members and their families are welcome to attend this special enrollment event. Let us continue to grow our Moose family and strengthen our community together.

