



Moose Times

Loyal Order of Moose, Brandon Moose Family Center 1880

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Tommy Moose!

On Tuesday, June 10th, the Brandon Moose Legion donated twelve Tommy Moose toys to the Hillsborough County Fire Rescue unit on Kingsway Avenue. Captain Walter Ramos was there to accept them from Moose Legion Chairman, Paul Gardner. Captain Ramos said that the children he encounters really appreciate receiving toys like this, as they provide comfort during a frightening event. He said that people often drop off used stuffed animals for distribution, but he only had one or two of those left, and was thrilled to replace them with brand new Tommy Mooses! If you have any nearly new stuffed animals you can donate, please see Paul Gardner. He'll make sure they get to a Fire Station.

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George Chavez



Another honor has been bestowed upon our Lodge with the announcement from Moose International that **Chuck and Lois Myers** have been selected to be part of the Mooseheart/Moosehaven Admissions Team! As Mooseheart/Moosehaven representatives, Chuck and Lois attended the Admission Team session at the recent International Convention in Las Vegas and are able to provide our Lodge and any other interested persons with the latest information and regulations concerning admissions to our Child City and Senior Retirement Center. The Myers have spent considerable time at both locations and welcome any questions our member may have as to placing a child in Mooseheart or a senior at Moosehaven.

Mark your calendar NOW for the State Dart tournament being held at BRANDON LODGE, August 1-3!





Governor's Report by Jim Persing

July is almost here and the lodge is starting off with a Fourth get together featuring BBQ chicken cooked by Ricky Griffen and baked beans for just \$3.00. We are requesting members to bring a dish to share. There will be music, and bar ringo, with fireworks at dusk and **happy hour all day**. Lodge members are asked to park in the church parking lot so that we can use our lot to see the displays which are being furnished by the church. It would be nice to see a large turnout for this event. Keep your calendar handy for other upcoming events in July so that you can enjoy the hospitality of the lodge.

In this edition of the newsletter you will find a questionnaire asking for your input and suggestions for making our lodge a place that you want to come to and support. Please take the time to answer and

return this questionnaire to us so that we may better support the activities that you are looking for.

Remember, this is a fraternal organization which means a family. As in any family, chores have to be done by the members. To that end I am asking for our members to step up and volunteer to assist on some of the functions that we put on so that we may continue to bring you the events that will keep our lodge a place you want to be part of. Participation is still key to keeping the functions you want active in the lodge so let's keep this lodge active.

Remember, if there is something you wish to get involved with please contact the chairman for that activity or, if you aren't sure who to contact, call me!

Welcome new members:

- | | | |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Bobby Howse | Bernard McGuire | Mike Gilmore |
| Lamar Justice | Robert David Fleming | Chris Rodgers |
| Jeffrey Woodland | Barnard Sherwood | Richard Knepp |
| William Glisson | Terry Long | Todd Gerloski |
| | Robert Sanicola | Paul Williams |

A Daddy's Heart

A daddy's heart will never forget the day his baby was born. It fills with love, and hope and joy, and strength to weather the storms.

I remember that day so well because you were so small.

But you changed my life forever, Little Girl, I've never stood so tall.

First words, first steps, first hugs, first kisses, Oh how fondly I recall,

Watching you chase a butterfly, and seeing you slip and fall.

School was always so easy for you, but I made you work so hard.

You thanked me later with a kiss, and a perfect report card.

The teenage years were finally here, and man, we had our times. But we made it through with God's good grace, and at times we really shined.

Ready for college, off you go! But Heaven had other plans. You were taken from me way to soon, but why, I don't understand. But your Daddy's heart will always have you here so close to me.

To remember those times, and to giggle and laugh at our memories so filled with glee.

You're with our Lord looking down at me, and hoping I will see That one day soon, I will hug you again, my little Lindsay 'arie.

— Paul Gardner

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Fourth of July Celebration!

Come celebrate the day at the Lodge!

Happy Hour All Day!

1-3 PM Bar Ringo

3-5 PM Picnic Lunch

The Lodge will supply chicken and baked beans. Please bring a dish to pass.

\$3.00 per person—NO TAKEOUTS!

5-8 Karaoke

Dusk—Fireworks

Park in the Church Parking Lot—Our Lot will be the viewing area.



Administrator’s Report by Chuck Myers

Are we there yet?

“Are we there yet? Are we there yet?” So Goes the annoying commercial currently playing on TV. If you haven’t seen that one, you probably have heard it from your own children as they raise their voices from the back seat. The feeling of parents, anxious to get to their destinations and slightly irritated at the continuous questions about the arrival time from their offspring. That describes in a nutshell the sensations I have each time someone asks, “When are we going to have a grand opening for the new building?” Believe me, brothers and coworkers, NO ONE wants that to happen more than I do, unless it is my wife! We have spent countless hours working on this building; planning, re-designing, coordinating, begging, pleading, arriving at the Lodge at the crack of dawn as well as in the middle of the night, worrying over the many details, and just bursting with excitement about opening our beautiful new facility for all the members to enjoy.

Although we knew construction would be fraught with delays, we did not expect some of the problems we have had, none of which were really anyone’s fault. They were just circumstances with which we have had to deal. The current slow down of construction has meant the layoffs of many county inspectors. That alone would have made for

delays, but add to that the fact that the present inspectors seem to be making sure they have work to do, thus requiring them to make more than one visit to a building, and you have the setting for some truly quirky requests by said inspectors. No one could have foreseen that. We also counted on volunteers to do some of the work. While the number of volunteers has been extremely low (say 6 or 7), we have been happy...no, make that THRILLED...to have the ones we have. Even so, they do have lives of their own, and no one can expect them to work on things seven days a week. That again, has meant more delays than anyone anticipated.

Still, with all this, progress is being made. I do become frustrated when someone storms into the Lodge and loudly asks, “Why isn’t anyone working on that building?” Generally speaking, someone is working on the building six or seven days a week. The fact that non one is in there when you happen to be at the Lodge does NOT mean that someone wasn’t there at 7 or 8 AM that day, and had left before your arrival. It may mean that you just didn’t see the man behind the Lodge installing the new CO2 tank, or the plumber in the rest rooms installing the hot water tanks, or the volunteers in the offices putting in the phone lines and other data installations.

The bottom line is, we will be open as soon as everything is ready. As soon as the multitude of inspectors have signed off, the contractor has finished our punch lists, the equipment is hooked up, the supplies have been moved, the floor cleaned, the windows washed—well, you get the idea. We will be open, and it will be soon. Not soon enough for those of you who are watching from the outside, and surely, not soon enough for those of us who have let 90% of our lives be taken over by this building. It will be open soon, and it will be good. What I ask of you now, is patience. Please have more than enough patience so that you can share

Moving? Already moved?
Changed your phone number?
Please let us know!

LOOM Members call:
(813)689-6043

WOTM Members call:
(813)685-1918



**ATTENTION MISSING LOOM
& WOTM MEMBERS**

**WE WANT YOU
BACK!**

WE NEED YOU BACK!

These are exciting times at our lodge with the new, long awaited social quarters **NOW COMPLETE** we can all look forward to a more pleasing atmosphere in which to socialize. The new social quarters has a state of the art air quality system that will enable both smoking and non-smoking members to enjoy all the activities in the social quarters.

The new social quarters features two pool tables, two dart boards, shuffle board, a dance floor, stage, round top seating, a beautiful wrap around bar and a center high bar for all to enjoy. We also have a smoke free play room with windows for the children.

Your newly elected Board of Directors wants to know what you think about **your lodge** and what we can do to make the lodge more attractive to **you and your family**. To that end we would like you to tell us what you think by filling out this questionnaire to give us direction on how we can **better serve you**.

How often do you visit the lodge?

Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Special events _____

Is there a particular reason or reasons that you do not visit the lodge more often?

When did you last attend a general meeting of the LOOM or the WOTM? _____

Why do you not attend the general meetings?

Darts _____ Dart tournaments _____ Horse shoes _____ Horse shoe tournaments _____
Archery _____ Turkey shoots _____ Casino nights _____ Casino outings _____
Affordable meals _____ Breakfast _____ Family picnics _____ Snack bar _____
Live entertainment _____ What kind of music? _____
Comedy shows _____ Variety shows _____ Dances _____ Karaoke _____
Cards _____ What kind? _____ Horse races _____
Games of Chance _____ What type? _____
Bug Races _____ Happy hour _____ Wii games _____ Musical jam sessions _____
Others: _____

Would you like to see more children's activities? _____ If yes what kind of activities? _____

Are you aware that we have a "Moose on Bikes" chapter? _____

Is there anything specific that we can do to "**BRING YOU BACK**"?



The Board of Directors wants your input on how we can best govern the lodge to enhance your participation and enjoyment. We are reaching out to all of you for your input and direction.

You can remain anonymous by simply mailing this survey back to the lodge or better yet, drop it in the suggestion box in the social quarters.

How about becoming more involved in the lodge by volunteering to assist in the many activities we offer each month. We can use the help and talents of every Moose member to make our lodge the very best it can be. Remember.....

**WE WANT YOU BACK &
WE NEED YOU BACK!**

July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 1	Bingo 6:30 PM	WOTM Chapter Night 7:30 PM	Chicken Salad 5:30 - 7PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	Lunch, Happy Hour, Music, Fireworks, and MORE!	
6 Pancake Breakfast 9-11 AM \$3.00	7 House Comm. 7 PM Board Mtg 7:30 PM Degree Dinner- Joto's Japanese Steak	Bingo 6:30 PM	9 WOTM Board Mtg 7:00 PM	10 Spaghetti 5:30 - 7PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	11 Fish Fry 5-8 PM Karaoke 7-10 PM WOTM Exec. Session Winterhaven	12 Wedding
13 District Meeting North Hollsbororugh	14 LOOM General Meeting 7:00 PM Moose Legion 8 PM	Bingo 6:30 PM	16 WOTM Business Meeting 7:30 PM	17 Dinner 5:30 - 7PM WOTM Orientation 7:30 PM Dart Tournament 7:30 PM	18 Chicken & Rice 5-7 PM Are you smarter than a 5th grader? 8 PM - ???	19 Higher Degree Council Lunch Steak Dinner 6-8 PM
20	21 House Comm. 7 PM Joint Board 7:30 PM Board Mtg 8 PM	Bingo 6:30 PM	23 Texas Hold 'em 7:00 PM	24 Dinner 5:30 - 7PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	25 Meat Loaf 5-7 PM \$6.50 Karaoke 7-10 PM	26
27	28 LOOM Orientation 6 PM General Meeting & Enrollment 7PM	Bingo 6:30 PM	30 Special Dinner	Special Dinner Spaghetti Dinner <small>Homemade sauce and meatballs with sausage. Homemade bread. If you like spaghetti, you'll LOVE this specially prepared meal!</small> 5:30 - 7 PM Dart Tournament 7:30		



Coming Events!

August

- 1st-3rd—The State Dart Tournament
- 23rd—Pink and Black Days

September

- 12th—Tony and Trish

October

- 24th-26th—Convention

November

- 1st—Halloween Party
- 7th—Tony and Trish
- 22nd—Patsy Cline

December

- 6th—WOTM Sp. Needs Adults afternoon
- 13th—Christmas Party
- 24th—Christmas Eve Buffet
- 31st—New Year's Eve—Tracy and Friends

January

- 1st—Hair of the Dog party—Pot Luck, Music

February

- 14th—Valentine Dance

Pink & Black Days



Starring Elvis Presley
aka Billy Lindsey

August 23rd

Buffet finger foods at 7pm

Show starts at 8pm

\$10 per person

Be There or Be Square

50s & 60s Music and Dancing

WOTM State Project

Did you every think you could buy a state? For a \$2 donation, you can! Once all 50 states have been chosen, there will be a drawing. Half of the proceeds will be donated to the Gimme 5 fund, and the other half will be awarded as prizes. See Dorean Devlin to get in on the fun!

How can I help?

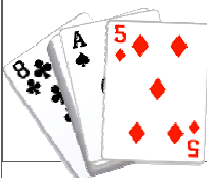
Do you ever ask yourself that question? Ethel Vazquez, who recently transferred from Plant City Chapter, crochets lap blankets for nursing homes or anyone who needs them. She tries to obtain yarn from yard sales and flea markets, in order to get the best possible price. If you frequent yard sales and flea markets, why not keep an eye out for inexpensive yarn, and donate it to Ethel for her blankets? She will appreciate your help!

Friendly Competition

Our Recent Winners

Darts (301/Partners):

- 5/22 Earl Dunaway and Lynda Dunn
- 6/12 Phil Dunn and Dorean Devlin



Texas Hold 'Em

5/28 Lynda Dunn

Wedding Bells!

Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Nancy Jameson** and **George Hauner**, who will be married at the Eagles on September 27th.





Senior Regent's Report By Claudia Fouts

As this goes to print some of us are preparing to go to Las Vegas for the International Convention. Congratulations to Kay Persing who will be receiving her Star Recorder Degree and to Lois Myers who will receive the College of Regents Degree. These honors required a lot of hard work and dedication to the chapter. Thank you both for all that you have done and accomplished.

June's District meeting was held at Brandon, on June 8th. Breakfast was prepared and served by the men and dinner was prepared and served by Phyllis, Sonja, Angel and Betty. We received the awards for attendance, co-workers and children. We had 36 members, 18 co-workers and one child. We only outnumbered Riverview by eight on both counts. We will again host the District meet-

ing on October 12th. Let's show everyone that we are proud of our lodge and blow them out of the water.

July dinners have been planned and are as follows:

- 7/3 chicken salad/cold plate
- 7/17 ham, noodles and cabbage

WOTM Orientation will be held on July 17th at 7:30. This is a change from our usual First Thursday schedule because of the holiday. Welcome to all new members and transfers! We look forward to getting to know Kimberly Kimbol, Joyce Strachan, Shirley Ray, Dora Everingham, Nadine Hart and Rebecca Augustine.

Good luck to our newly formed pool team that will be participating in the tournament in Orlando in July. Last month's answer is **PIECES OF BREAD**. Try this one: **EXACTLY HOW LONG IS ONE YEAR?**

Have a happy and safe 4th of July!

Your WOTM Officers

Senior Regent:
Claudia Fouts

Jr. Graduate Regent:
Catherine Persing

Junior Regent:
Sonja Ellsworth

Chaplain:
Lynda Dunn

Secretary/Treasurer
Phyllis Lucas

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Guide:
Angel Way

Assistant Guide:
Marion Gardner

Sentinel:
Julie Sadler

Argus:
Sandra Lane

Editor's Note:

Every month, it is my primary goal to have the newsletter in your hands before the end of the month. This month a broken printer caused delays, and for that I am truly sorry. Please know that timely delivery remains my top priority.

Cheryl Gardner

Newsletter Boosters help to defray the costs of printing and mailing the Moose Times. For five dollars per year, you may add your name to this list. Send your check, payable to LOOM to P. O. Box 108, Valrico, FL 33595.

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Kenny Wilson	05/12
Mary Anne Crosby	06/12
Jerry Perry	01/21
Dorwin Berrier	10/38



Moose Legion Report By Paul Gardner

During our last meeting on Monday, June 9, I could not help but notice a difference in the level of enthusiasm in everyone present. It seems that the mood and the participation level is on the rise. It's great to see that more people are starting to recognize that the Moose Legion is the FUN part of the LOOM, and that it is open for all who are eligible. Want to join? Talk to me or any Moose Legionnaire.

I'm very pleased to announce that we are now going to start a raffle for a full round of golf for two, complete with cart, at the Bramble Ridge Golf Course

in Lakeland! This outing was very graciously donated by our Governor, Jim Persing. Look for tickets to be available soon, in the social quarters. The drawing will be held in September. Good Luck! Also, look for New Member sign up incentives in the very near future.

Hey, **Lee Ziegler**, we missed you at the meeting. You were the winner of the drawing, but as you know, you must be present to WIN!

Special thanks to my co-worker, **Chris Bohannon** and his wife, **Syndy** and daughter, **Alexis** for donating a big bag of plush toys for the Fire Department.

In closing, I want to personally thank all of our devoted Moose Legion members for their unwavering and tireless service to our Lodge. Here's to you guys!

Thank you so much.....

Tobin Myers, for the donation of a Jaegermeister machine for the new Social Quarters.

Bob, Judy and JoAnn, for cooking lunch for the Leadership Training.

Don Thomas, Jeff Harter and Bob Renner for building our beautiful new bar.

Eamon Doyle, Jenny Griffin and Jeff Harter for the outstanding paint job.

John Garvey for the mmm, mmm good chicken soup.

David Thrasher and Don Holderness who installed all the data, TV and phone lines.

"Don Ho" for donating materials.

John Sewell, our resident "Mr. Fix'It" for the many, many tasks he takes on.

Dave Wetherbe, who keeps our hall floor clean. Soon, he will even make it a different color!

Linda Halper for the truck load of gorgeous flowers she dropped off at the Lodge!

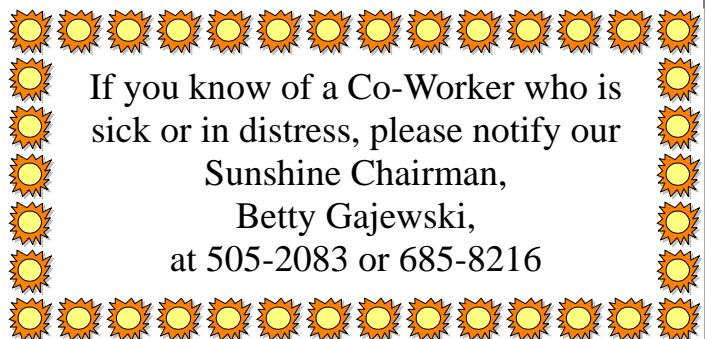
Our Bar Stewards, who do an outstanding job of waiting on us.

Everyone who continues to support our Building Fund. We need you now more than ever!

Member Spotlight

Congratulations to **Tobin Myers**, who recently graduated from the Tampa Police Academy. An eleven year member of Brandon Lodge, Tobin graduated Summa Cum Laude from the FAMU College of Pharmacy and intends to continue working for CVS in Hyde Park while joining the ranks of Tampa's Reserve Police and working part time as needed. His high marks at the Police Academy have garnered great praise from his instructors. We wish Tobin the very best. Stay Safe!

To nominate someone for a future Member Spotlight, send your submission to: moosetimes1880@yahoo.com.



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July Birthdays

DAWN WETHERBE	1	NANCY SMITH	27	John Baginski	16
IRMGARD JOHNSON	2	MARISA ADAMS	28	Mack Fewox	16
AGNES SMITH	4	NANCY SULLIVAN	29	Troy Hutchinson	17
EDNA FLOWERS	6	BEVERLY GARDNER	30	Rick Kline	17
EILEEN GONZALEZ	6	SHELLEY GRIMES	30	Raymond Fischer	20
JUDITH BAKER	8	JOAN ROWAN	30	Eugene Gawlik	20
JEANNE BLAKEMAN	10	Bill Ham	3	Don Thomas	21
RUTHMARIE GEESEY	10	Bill Pisciotto	3	Jim Nixon	23
SHERRI CLOER	11	Ronald Toland	5	John Brier	24
AMY SAMMONS	11	Gordon Baccus	8	Alton Day	24
BELANIE BAUGH	12	Larry Brunson	8	Gernard Tathbun	24
BETH BIBBO	12	Gene Smith	8	Jeffrey Magin	25
FAY MINTON	12	Nick Fiorello	9	Mitch Bell	26
SHIRLEY FISHER	13	Joe McGrew	9	Ricky Hammond	26
"TUK" SOMBOONNOK	14	Jack LaFromboise	10	Harry Hartman	26
PHYLLIS LUCAS	15	Willis Wells	10	George Hauner	27
JOY VITO	18	Jerry Rayborn, Sr.	11	Tom McHugh	27
VIOLET WHITE	18	Bob Yost	11	Chris Rodgers	27
ANN DePALMA	19	Stephen Barker	12	Ted Simon	27
PARTHENIA MACK	19	Don Rainard	12	John Wagoner	28
GOLDEN COOPER	21	Galen Sadler	12	William Downs	29
NORMA BEADLE	22	Brandon Waraksa	12	John Gregory	29
REBECCA HERNDON	22	John Brock	13	Lloyd O'hara	29
JULIE KIRKFIELD	22	Troy Hatfield	13	Wes Ingraham	30
ADELE VAN ETEN	22	Bryan Lofley	14	John Gorham	31
VERNELL MAYBERRY	25	Junior Ariza	16		

SPORTS NEWS

by Pat Kelly

First & foremost, we wish to remind our members of the **FBMA State Dart Tournament hosted by Brandon 1880 on August 1st, 2nd & 3rd**. We hope to have Brandon 1880 well represented by singles as well as team event players. Applications are available on the FBMA website as well as on the bulletin board in the Social Quarters. Let's see how many of our in-house champions can handle the competition!

This event will need many helping hands to care for the 200+ players expected to participate. What can you do to help?

Dart tournaments are held on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays. We would like to begin holding pool tournaments (either 8-ball or 9-ball...let us know what you think!) on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays. Why not make it an evening, come for dinner and then play darts or pool. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Social Quarters. Any suggestions are greatly appreciated on any and all sports activities.



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