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# Salem Moose News

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January-February 2011

## Remember That All Year is a Time for Sharing!

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year for many and a very sad time for others. During this post Christmas season let us not forget those who may be having a hard time making ends meet. Let us all remember the true spirit of Christmas and why we celebrate it in the first place! It is because we were given the greatest gift of all and use not only the season but the entire year to celebrate that gift.

We have many ongoing projects for our community, our members, and our fraternity but some of the most important happen during this time of the year. There are food drives, clothing drives, angel trees,

and many, many other projects to help people who need a little helping hand.

Let us all be generous in our giving to those who may be having a rough time of it in this economy and for other reasons as well.

Remember that one of the greatest tenets of the Moose is caring for others. Let us remember our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven, as well as those closer to home in our communities when it comes time to give a little extra during this season of giving to each other.

While we enjoy the blessings bestowed upon us let us remember the greatest blessing of all and share the gifts we have been given by sharing with others.

So next time you come to the Lodge bring a gift of food for our food drive, or bring a gift of clothing for our clothing drive, or snag an angel from our angel tree. Please help us make this truly a happy holiday season and year for those who cannot do so for themselves for whatever reason.

## Eleven Ways to KILL A LODGE!

1. Don't go to meetings; let someone else explain to you what they think they heard.
  2. Find fault with your elected and appointed officers.
  3. Never accept a chairmanship – it is easier to criticize than to do things.
  4. If asked your opinion on an important issue, tell them you have nothing to say.
  5. Do nothing more than necessary, but when others roll up their sleeves to help, talk about how the Lodge is run by a clique.
  6. If you don't like the rules, ignore them and tell all your brothers to do the same.
  7. Refuse to be a part of the Lodge because you can't get your way.
  8. Always keep your eyes open for something wrong but do nothing to help fix it.
  9. Never give anyone credit.
  10. Agree with everything said in a meeting, and then disagree with it on the outside.
  11. Take all the Lodge has to give you but give nothing in return.
- Remember, your lodge is what you make it!

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## Board Of Officers

### LOOM

Butch Bryant Governor  
 Harry Rhodes Jr. Governor  
 Eddy Caywood Prelate  
 Frank Hodges 1 yr Trustee  
 Bruce Degerdon 2 yr Trustee  
 Roy Dunn 3 yr Trustee  
 Richard Layman Treasurer  
 Reid Johnson Administrator  
 Kelly Huffman Jr. Past Governor  
 Chris Thomas Sgt@Arms  
 Phil Lane Asst Sgt@Arms  
 Ronnie Carrol Inner Guard

### WOTM

Morey Meyer Birch Sr. Regent  
 Dianne Barbour Jr Regent  
 Shirley Conley Chaplain  
 Vacant Jr. Grad Regent  
 Susan Ridenhour Recorder  
 Paula Hodges Secretary

## Sick & Distressed

If you know of anyone please contact our Chaplain Shirley Conley or Prelate Eddy Caywood so that we can keep in touch. We are not mind readers so please contact the lodge if you know of anyone to add to this list.

## January February Birthdays

**January** 3) Steve Stewart; 7) Robert Cafaro; 8) Vinnie Birch, Dennis Keith; 9) Ronald Pechanek; 10) Robert Deyerle; 14) Larry Saul; 16) Roy Lynch, Pete Myers; 17) James Helm; 18) Mike Tench; 19) Robert Hudson; 23) David Paschal; 24) Clint Keifer; 25) John Orr; 27) Mikel Elliott; 28) Tim Brown; 29) Wayne Simmons; 31) Stefan Bratcher, Wayne Carlson

**February** 1) Joseph Anderson; 2) Brian Akers; 3) Joseph Divers; 4) Donald Rakes, Jeff Vaught; 7) James Kell; 8) Christopher DeWeese; 9) George Terry; 10) James Cooper Sr.; 12) Jay Frye; 13) Reid Johnson; 14) Ken Ruff; 15) Billy Hiner, Nuell Wallace Jr.; 18) Jessie Overfelt; 19) Donnie Howard, Jerry Payne; 20) Larry Hale; 22) Eddy Caywood, James Snidow; 23) Roy Fralin, E J Miles Sr.; 27) Bruce Degerdon

## Welcome new Members

### Member/Sponsor

Richard Alvis/Wayne Hancock  
 Patrick Barnett/Richard Lefebvre  
 Clark Dent/Douglas Smart  
 Robert Hee/Richard Layman  
 Billy Hiner/Butch Bryant  
 Roy Lynch/Jessie Overfelt  
 Allen Smith/Richard Layman  
 Samuel Via Jr./Kelly Huffman  
 Richard Witt/ Chris Thomas  
 Frank Crews/ Richard Layman  
 Robert Cafaro/Thomas Kirby

We welcome our new members and congratulate the members who sponsored them for fulfilling their oath of obligation. We urge each member to sign their friends and family into our order so that they may help us in expanding our fraternity and growing our lodge. **We ask you to attend meetings so that you may keep up with current happenings in the lodge and participate in the governance thereof.** Last of all get involved. Volunteer when volunteers are needed, join us at our

special events, help us in our fund-raisers, come to our dinners. And most of all have fun!!

Remember to fulfill your obligation of membership by bringing others into our order. Not only does this help us grow and lessen the burden on us all, by signing new members you get to enjoy many of the rewards. Sign two new members and you will get your dues paid for the next year! What is better than belonging virtually for free to the Loyal Order of Moose?

## Senior Moments

Another New Year. Wow, where did the old one go? I don't know about you but this year went by so quickly, I hardly remember half of it. The year 2010 was a good one for our Salem Chapter WOTM. I feel we accomplished quite a bit and had some fun doing it. December was a busy month for us with our Toys for Tots dance on the 4<sup>th</sup> (even the snow didn't stop us from having a good time) was a success even though the weather was horrible. We made up for our lack by doing it all again Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> on Karaoke night. Christmas dinner was a delightful experience thanks to the talent and hard work of Tammy and Kelly Huffman. They truly outdid themselves this year.

On the 18<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the wedding of Gunther and Lisa Gass. It was a joyful event made even better by Gunther's mom's genuine German cuisine.

Our Kid's Christmas party on the 18<sup>th</sup> was a time to remember. It started at 1:00 with an "official" installment of our youngest "future" Moose members. Those children were so cute, with their serious little faces and their hands on their hearts – it brought tears to my eyes. I wasn't going to admit that, but Don Ridenhour caught me in the acts of wiping away the tears. That man never misses a thing. After the swearing in, there were photographs, then a terrific party. They kids made Christmas Decorations, played games, sang Christmas songs, and were surprised by an official visit from Santa himself. Every child got a special gift picked

especially for them. I thought little Austin was going to have a cow when he saw his John Deere Tractor! That is exactly what he wanted. Isn't Santa wonderful? They had a special little buffet and all left with full tummies and happy faces. Many thanks to Lori Brown and her assorted elves for all of their hard work. Great job as usual.

The Angel Tree Project was a great success this year. 5 children in need were chosen from each of the 4 Salem Elementary Schools for a total of 20 kids. I know their Christmas had to be a happy one from the looks, size, and volume of the gifts brought in (all by the dead-line I might add). It was a joy to share the blessing of giving to those who are in need. Thanks to all of you who took the time to share with these precious children. All of the gifts were delivered to the schools on time, despite the weather. We are a tenacious lot if nothing else. And of course my favorite part of the year was our Dirty Santa party held on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There is always lots of fun and laughs and we had a good turn out. It was a pleasure to have some of the Roanoke Lodge "brothers and sisters" attend our festivities this year. I did end up with the gift I really, really wanted – a cordless drill. Yes folks, I love tools, and this one was a dandy. It was another memorable event made even more so by Roy Dunn's "special" gift.

I hope the New Years brings all of you many blessings, good health, peace, and love. Have a very Happy New Year.

Morey Birch, Senior Regent

SOCIAL QUARTERS

HOURS OF OPERATION

SUNDAY.....12-10

MONDAY.....12-10

TUESDAY.....12-11

WEDNESDAY.....12-11

THURSDAY.....12-11

FRIDAY.....12-1 AM

SATURDAY.....12-12

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT TAMMY TRENT 540-387-2809

SOCIAL QUARTERS FRIDAY NIGHT MENU

No menu available at this time call lodge for menu

The Governor's Corner

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every member of our lodge!

Hard to believe this wonderful, joy filled Christmas season is here again. I hope all of you came out to our Christmas Dance on December 4 and the New Year Bash on the 31st. It was a great time so come out and spend time with your fellow brothers, co-workers, and their families.

We'd like to see more members attending meetings and activities. The more that attend the more we can accomplish. Remember this is YOUR Lodge. Come join us! Share your ideas! Help us to make Salem Lodge the best around. It's up to you. Talk to your officers. Tell them what you would like to see happening. Then come work with us and help to make it happen.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED! While we appreciate those who lend a helping hand some have been doing more than their share to keep our lodge up and going. Let's all join in and have fun

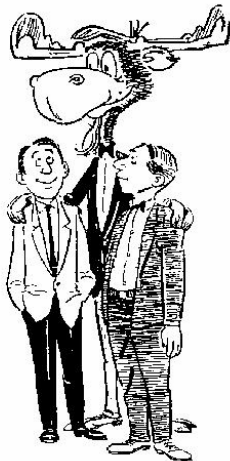
together. We need everyone to help keep our lodge neat and clean. If everyone does their part the burden is less for everyone.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who sent cards, provided dishes, came to the viewing, or funeral, of my mother in law and offered sympathy, in any way. Irene and I and our family truly appreciate the kindness we received. Thank you.

We are instituting a new program for our children called "The Children of the Moose". It includes an enrollment and a special membership card for our children. Check with me to find out more details.

Let's make this a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FOR THE SALEM MOOSE FAMILY CENTER!

Your Governor, Butch Bryant



From the Administrator

"A burden heavy to one is bourne lightly by many"

Greetings Brothers and Co-workers, as the old year ends and the new year begins, it is time to make resolutions for our lodge. Let's resolve to be the best lodge in the area. Let's resolve to grow our membership and strengthen our finances. Let's resolve to pull together to meet or exceed our common goals for the new year.

As always, we have common goal to grow our membership. If we can achieve this goal it will go a long way toward helping us achieve our others. Financial strength can usually be traced back to adding members. Adding members

results in greater participation and enables us to be more flexible in scheduling activities that can be enjoyed by more members. We must strengthen our finances as the time for purchasing our building approaches. We have put countless hours into a place of which we can be proud. We can better use our money to pay for ownership instead of rent by making the lodge truly our own.

It is up to all of us to pull together and make our Lodge the best it can be.

Reid Johnson, Administrator

# JANUARY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Moose Legion Breakfast 9-12	Pool Tourney	6 PM Jt Officers 7:30 LOOM	7:00 WOTM		Karaoke	Moose Legion Brookneal
9 District Mtg Vinton	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Pool Tourney	7:30 LOOM		Midyear conference Richmond begins	Karaoke	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Mid year conference ends	Pool Tourney	6 PM Jt Officers 7:30 LOOM	7:00 WOTM		Karaoke	Chili Cookoff 3-6 PM "American Brewed" 8:30
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Pool tourney	6:30 MLC 7:30 LOOM			Karaoke	
30	31					
	Pool Tourney					

## Schedule of Events

- 2nd) Moose Legion Breakfast 9-12 \$6 members \$5 Moose Legion Members
- 8th) Moose Legion Celebration Brookneal 3 PM
- 9th) District Meeting Vinton 1 PM
- 22nd) Chili Cook Off 3-6 PM
- 22nd) Dance w/American Brewed 8:30 PM \$6 members \$7 Qualified Guests
- 25th) Lodge Moose Legion Night Spaghetti dinner \$3.50 (Discount on drinks and meal for Moose Legion Members attending committee meeting)
- Karaoke every Friday
- LOOM meetings every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM
- Pool tournament every Monday at 7 PM

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- 6th) Moose Legion Breakfast 9-12 \$6 Members \$5 Moose Legion Members
  - 12th) Valentines Dance w/ Ruckus 8:30 PM
  - 20th) Social Quarters Breakfast \$6
  - 22nd) Lodge Moose Legion Night Spaghetti dinner \$3.50 (Discount on drinks and meal for Moose Legion Members attending committee meeting)
  - Karaoke every Friday
  - LOOM meetings every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM  
Pool tournament every Monday at 7 PM
- Upcoming March 19th St Patty's Dance w/Walkin Sideways

# February 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6 PM Jt Officers 7:30 LOOM	2 7:00 WOTM	3	4 Karaoke	5
6 Moose Legion Breakfast 9-12	7 Pool Tourney	8 7:30 LOOM	9	10	11 Karaoke	12 Valentines Dance "Ruckus"
13	14 Pool Tourney	15 6 PM Jt Officers 7:30 LOOM	16 7:00 WOTM	17	18 Karaoke	19
20 Social Quarters Breakfast 9-12	21 Pool Tourney	22 6:30 MLC 7:30 LOOM	23	24	25 Karaoke	26
27	28 Pool Tourney					



Moose Legion

Breakfast

1st Sunday

of every month

\$6

MLC Mtg. every 4th  
Tuesday 6:30 PM

## ATTENTION ALL MOOSE LEGION MEMBERS

We hold a Moose Legion sponsored breakfast the 1st Sunday of every month to raise money for our Lodge Moose Legion. The breakfast consists of sausage gravy and biscuit, eggs to order, bacon, a sausage patty, hash browns, and coffee. All for the low price of \$6.00 per plate. A special \$1 discount is available for all members of the Moose Legion. I guarantee it is more than filling. This money goes to support our Moose Legion projects. Our latest project is a "Pennies for Paving Fund". Ask about it and how you can help us!

Our next Moose Legion Celebration will be held on Saturday JAN 9 at Brookneal. For any member who would like to join the second degree of

the order the requirements are this: You must be a Moose member for at least one year and sign one member to apply or you must be a Moose member for six months and sign three members.

Our Moose Legion Committee recently raised the funds to pay for the new tables in the Social Quarters. Wanna help? Join us today!

We will be holding a draw down in March to raise money for an awning for the entrance of the lodge. Our Committee meets every 4th Tuesday at 6:30 PM. We are starting a Lodge Moose Legion Night with dinner and drink specials so be sure to come to ur MLC meeting for more details. Don Ridenhour, Lodge ML Chairman

**The time is now to  
sign new mem-  
bers! Sign two  
new members and  
get them enrolled  
to get your dues  
paid for the next  
year!**

**The Time is  
Now!**

## LODGE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

We have an in house membership campaign that will run for the entire Moose Year.

Beginning on May 1st, the member who signs the most new or re-enrolled members for each quarter will receive \$25. Richard Layman won \$25 for the quarter just ended for signing three. The member who signs the most new or re-enrolled members for the year will receive \$100.

2nd place for the year will get their next year's dues paid.

3rd place will receive a free dinner for two in our Social quarters.

So what are you waiting for? Sign some members today and get them enrolled, because the time is now to increase our numbers and show our friends what a great fraternity we have and how we serve our communities. And along the way you just might put a little cash in your pocket!

Kelly Huffman, Membership Chairman

## International Membership Campaign

**Sponsors of One Member-** As in previous years, a sponsor will receive a campaign lapel pin once his first application has been reported and accepted. **Sponsors of Two Members-** When a member sponsors his first two applications during "The Time is Now" campaign, he will receive a free year's dues once those applicants have been added to the membership rolls. The applicants must be reported as enrolled by April 30, 2011. **Sponsors of Five Members-** When members qualify for this year's Moose International "5 Club" by sponsoring five applications between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011, they will receive their personalized "5 Club" wallet card as before. In addition, qualifying sponsors will receive a 2010-2011 "5 Club" window decal to proudly display.

**"25 Club"-** There are no changes to report regarding the Moose ?25 Club? for the coming year, but there is one change to the Director General's Circle of Distinction recognition program. As of May 1, 2010, first time qualifiers will receive the newly designed Circle of Distinction necktie. The awards for the 50 level, 75 level and 100 level will remain the same. Members who previously qualified for the Circle of Distinction necktie will receive one of the new ties in addition to the award normally presented for the level they attain.

For more information come by the lodge or go to [www.moosintl.org](http://www.moosintl.org)

**DISTRICT 11**

**MEETING**

**SUNDAY**

**January 9**

**Vinton**

**Lodge 1121**

**1 PM**



# Gimme Five !!!!!

## I want to help but how do I donate?

First, Moose Charities wants to thank you for your kindness and generosity. Donating to this project will help to ensure that they are able to continually care for our children. There are several ways you can donate to the program. Please review the following suggestions and if there are any questions please contact Moose Charities at 630-966-2200.

### Ways to Give...

- At the international convention you can visit the Moose Charities booth and donate using cash, check, or charge.
  - You can mail Moose Charities cash or a check at any time. Please send donations to:  
Moose Charities, 155 S International Dr., Mooseheart, IL 60539.
- Call Moose Charities at 630-966-2200 and donate by providing credit card information over the phone.
- Visit the Moose Charities website at [www.moosecharities.org](http://www.moosecharities.org) and make a secure online donation.
- Fill a form to sign up for direct debit. You can obtain a form at the lodge and you can mail the form to Moose Charities at  
Moose Charities, 155 S International Dr., Mooseheart, IL 60539.

Gimme Five donations are tax deductible and made directly to Moose Charities for the sole purpose of funding of Mooseheart and Moosehaven. No part of these funds goes for the operation of Moose International and all funds will be held in an endowment until the five year period is up thus earning additional interest. The money endowed will help us to insure that

## Community Service

We are currently raising funds to donate more Tommy Moose to area police, fire departments, and rescue squads so be sure to throw a little in the jug for this great community service project that helps children in times of distress.

We are collecting canned goods for the Salem Food bank. Our goal is 2573 pounds of food. We have collected over 350 pounds so far. Please bring in a can or two so we can help our neighbors with a meal or two. Remember, sometimes people just need a hand up to get them on their feet!

Chris Thomas, Community Service Chairman

## Did You know.....

.....that your membership in the Loyal Order of Moose entitles you to benefits through discounts from the following?

- |                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Lasik eye surgery      | • 5% off on Sears gift    |
| • Prescriptions          | • cards                   |
| • GMAC preferred pricing | • Sherwin Williams paints |
| • on auto insurance      | • North American Van      |
| • Car rentals from Hertz | • Lines                   |
| • and Enterprise         | • Hickory Farms           |
| • Hotels                 | • Long Distance calling   |
| • Travel                 | • Cruises                 |

To find out more about these and other great benefits of being a Moose member visit [www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org)

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