

MOOSE



ROUNDUP

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

LODGE #1535—1030 WARREN AVENUE, DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515

New Member Program

Sign up five new members, starting November 1, 2007, and continuing thru April 30, 2008, and the Lodge will pay your next year's dues.

For each additional five new members, receive two free Friday night dinners.

From the Governor

Wow, December is here already and that means holiday parties are planned. Join us at the Lodge for one of our many planned events: the Kids Christmas Party, Keenager Christmas Party, or Rod & Gun Club Christmas Party.

Don't forget that Lodge meetings are scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to know what's going on in the Lodge or to voice an opinion, this is the time and place to do so. Your opinions are valuable at Lodge meetings!

I would like to congratulate Jay Stocki, Jr., for sponsoring 120+ new members to our Lodge during October and November. His efforts have increased our membership by over 30%. Our quota for new members this year is 70 and currently our Lodge has increased its membership by 170+, an over a 37% increase! Thanks to *all* 17 members who have sponsored a new member this year. Our Membership Chairman will invite you to our Lodge's Membership Sponsors Dinner scheduled for May 10, 2008.

During our enrollments we took an oath. Part of that oath was to "Display our membership card when entering a Moose Lodge." So, each and every time you enter our Lodge, **Please be proud to show your membership card.**

Fraternally Yours,
Roy Brown, Governor

Technology Update

Our Lodge's website is updated regularly. Please visit the homepage at www.DGMoose.org.

Brothers, please e-mail your event stories and pictures for uploading to the Lodge's website and for publication in the *RoundUP*. Click on the blue highlighted webmaster symbol at the bottom of each page to send your message.

To update the Moose International database, and our Lodge mailing list, send an e-mail with your name, current address, phone number, and e-mail address to the webmaster or to Roy Brown at MrMoose@RABIII.com

New Gravy Champ Crowned



Downers Grove gourmards converged on the Lodge, Sunday, October 18, for a spicy gravy cook off between reigning champ Tom Moran and upstart challenger Russ DeCicco. A consensus of the judges awarded the "Mr. Bis-cuits and Gravy" title to Mr. DeCicco.

Don't forget—Lodge breakfasts are scheduled for the third Sunday every month.

Notes from the Administrator

Mike Pelling

We welcome Jay Stocki to the Downers Grove Moose Lodge Board of Officers. Jay was appointed to the position of three-year trustee on November 2 and approved by the membership at the November 13 Lodge meeting.

Our hours of operation will change for the Christmas holidays so that our staff can spend time with their loved ones. On Christmas Eve we will be open from noon to 4:30 p.m. and closed on Christmas Day. On New Year's Day we will be open at noon so our members can watch all the big games on all our new large-screen televisions.

Congratulations to Edward and Margaret Fitzgerald, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 30. Ed is a 47-year Moose member of our Lodge, having joined in December 1960.

We are still in the process of bringing the main floor kitchen up to code. All the old appliances have been removed and the kitchen is now undergoing a thorough cleaning with painting to follow soon. There are quite a few new faces at the Lodge. Stop in soon and meet some of them!

To all the Women of the Moose members and my Lodge brothers, have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Visit us on the web at www.DGMoose.org



Women of the Moose

Maria Klewinski, Senior Regent

Secret Pal Club

Our Secret Pal Christmas Dinner will be held on Monday, Dec. 3, at Bailey's Restaurant, 330 East Ogden Avenue, Westmont.

If you know of any WOTM who might be interested in joining the Secret Pal Club, they are welcome to join us for dinner. Members and prospective members should bring a \$10 grab bag gift, if they want to take one home. If you have missed either your Secret Pal's Birthday or Anniversary, please bring those gifts to the dinner with your Christmas present. Remember, three gifts are mandatory for the year. Extra gifts are made at your own discretion.

Please call me by Dec. 1 to verify that you will be coming. I will give you complete details at that time. **REMEMBER TO TELL YOUR MOOSE FRIENDS, "With our Club," there are NO DUES, JUST SHOPPING AND OPENING GIFTS!!!! COME AND JOIN US.**

Bernice Yeater, Secret Pal Chairman, 630/969-4790.

MooseHeart Kids

About 35-40 students from MooseHeart will visit our Lodge on Friday, Dec. 7, 2007, for a pizza dinner. Come out and visit with the kid's. Pizza will be sold by the slice. They will be at the Lodge from 5-7:15 p.m.

Children's Xmas Party

A Christmas Party for children 10 and under will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15, from 2-4 p.m., upstairs at the Lodge. Kids are free; adults are \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. Please call Joanie at 630/852-1011, or e-mail Chapter973@mooseunits.org, or fill out the form below and drop it off at the Social Quarters in an envelope marked **WOTM** by Dec. 12.

Last name	Child's First name	Gender	Age	Hobby or Sports

Women of the Moose's Xmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007, from 2-5 p.m., upstairs at the Lodge. The cost is \$7. RSVP must be made by Dec. 12, 2007. Please place your name on a sheet of paper, put it in an envelope marked **WOTM**, along with your check, and drop it off at the Lodge office or e-mail Chapter973@mooseunits.org. The Women will also have a \$5 grab bag if you wish to participate.

Women of the Moose Soup and Bread Night

The Women of the Moose will be cooking homemade chicken noodle soup, hearty beef soup, homemade bread, and desserts for the Friday Night dinner on January 18, 2007. Cost is \$3 a bowl.

Come out and join us for dinner. All proceeds will go to the PADS Program here in town.

Food, Friends, and Music Evening for All

WOTM #973 will sponsor a 50s/60s Dance, Saturday, Feb. 9. Place is the upstairs at the Lodge; time, 7 p.m.-midnight. Cost is \$5 per person in advance. Tickets will be available Dec. 1 from our Chapter members. Food will be hot dogs or hamburgers, 50¢, and ice cream sundaes, 60¢.

Come out for an evening of fun, music, and friends.

WOTM Calendar of Events

December 2007

- Dec. 5—Community Service Chapter Night, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 7—Pizza with the MooseHeart Kids, 5-7:15 p.m.
- Dec. 12—Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 15—Children's Xmas Party, 2-4 p.m.
- Dec. 16—WOTM Xmas Party, 2-5 p.m.
- Dec. 19—Business Meeting (basement), 6-7 p.m.

January 2008

- Jan. 2—Chapter Meeting, 7-9:30 p.m.
- Jan. 16—Board & Business Meeting, 6-9 p.m.
- Jan. 18—WOTM Soup & Bread Night, 5:30-8 p.m.

February 2008

- Feb. 6—Chapter Meeting, 7-9:30 p.m.
- Feb. 9—Music & Friends, 7 p.m.-midnight

Community Service Projects

Remember to turn in your Campbell Soup labels and pop tops in an envelope at the Lodge office or with the bartender in the Social Quarters. This counts as one of our community services projects.

Halloween at the Lodge



Moose Legion News

Chairman: Don Kubilius

Vice-Chairman: J.C. Lippert

Treasurer: Barney Dahl

Secretary: John Cuff

MECCA Ass't Sec.: Mike Pelling

Great news!!! The Moose Legion is now an earned Degree. To qualify for the Moose Legion you must be a Moose member for one year and have sponsored one new member, or if you have been a member for six months and sponsored three new members. So if you know someone who is qualified to join the Moose Legion, ask him if he would like to be a part of the Higher Degree. Even more great news!!! Since the Moose Legion is an earned Degree, we are now able to join the Council of Higher Degrees.

Having accomplished our most recent endeavor, the Backhoe Project, we have now turned to help restore the Power House at MooseHeart. I am happy to say almost all Moose Legion units of MECCA 9 have sent in their share to help repair the Power House. Thanks again, Legionnaires.

Up Coming Events

The Moose Legion Award Banquet and Celebration will be held on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008, at the Elgin Moose Lodge's new location. Please come out and congratulate our 25 year and 50 year members and also the Moose Legionnaires of the Year. Tickets are \$12 each.

Legion Meeting Dates—

Mark your calendar and plan on joining us!

2008—January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6.

Rod & Gun Club

Evan Fitzgerald, President

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, my personal favorite holiday with lots of food and no presents!

Winter is here, and that means hunting season is mid-term, holiday parties, shopping, and our Annual Christmas Raffle. If you don't have your tickets yet, come down to a meeting. As of this writing, it will not be too late.

Our Christmas Party, combined with the Women of the Moose, will be on Dec. 19 and is open to all current members and their spouse/significant other. We will be drawing the lucky winners of our raffle at the party; you can't win without buying a ticket!

For all you pheasant hunters, January will bring our Frank Eminger Memorial Long Tail Feather Contest at the second meeting of the month. January also brings the first pistol shoot of the year. And in February, we will be planning the Annual Ice Fishing Family Day. Hopefully, this year we will have ice in February. Date and location will be announced for both.

The membership of our Rod & Gun Club would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. P.C. aside, may God bless you and yours this Christmas season and in the New Year.

Rod & Gun extends a warm welcome to recent Lodge enrollees and cordially invites all Lodge members who enjoy hunting, fishing, and the outdoor and shooting sports to join the Rod & Gun Club. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month downstairs. The first year is free of dues to new enrollees. Come down and join us.

LODGE HALL RENTALS

The hall is available to Lodge and Chapter members in good-standing to rent for most any occasion.

For information, contact the Lodge office at **630/968-4550**.

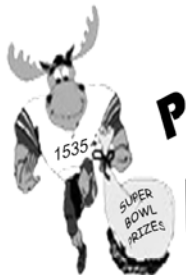
SUPER BOWL 2008 PACKAGE

Sunday, February 3, 2008

Kick-off - 5:18pm

Festivities start at 3:30pm

Call the Social Quarters during regular business hours or see Herman or LOOM Officer for details.



PACKAGE INCLUDES

Free DRAFT Beer

FREE Food * Drink Specials

Half Time Games * Lot's More!!



This event is for Members in good standing and their qualified guests.

All Moose members are reminded that they must show their current membership cards on all occasions at any Moose Lodge, including the social quarters.



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Football Raffle
Drawing - Feb. 3, 2008

After Super Bowl

On display in the Trophy Case near entrance of the Social Quarters.
See Mike Pelling, Herman or LOOM Officer for details.

\$10.00

Winner need
not be
present.

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PLEASE GIVE BLOOD

Hours of Operation:
11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday–Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday
7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday

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