

# Moose Nuggets

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**THE YEAR OF THE TIGER**

## The Spirit Of Giving

The Lodge and several of our members have donated food and money to put together our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. We donated 20 food boxes to Willow Crest Elementary School for Thanksgiving and for Christmas. These baskets included a full Thanksgiving Turkey dinner and a full Christmas Ham dinner along with some extras since the kids are out of school for an extra week to help with their food expenses.

We also donated food boxes to more than 20 of our members who were in need of a basket.

We thank all the members who donated food, money or their time to make these family's holidays a bit brighter!



## Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!

- 1/1/22 New Years Day—Lodge Closed
- 1/2/22 Moose Legion Meeting
- 1/12/22 Craft & Sewing Classes Start—See Pg. 16
- 1/13/22 Cornhole League Starts-Every Thursday
- 1/21/22 Fish Fry Fundraiser for Erika Kelly's
- 1/22/22 Moose Legion Quarterly at Anchorage 1534
- 1/29/22 Chinese New Year Dinner
- All of February—Rocker Fundraiser
- 2/5/22 Prime Rib & Shrimp Dinner
- 2/13/22 Moose Legion Meeting



# MOOSE STRONGER TOGETHER

"Stronger Together" embraces and celebrates the power of unity.

This year's Annual Membership Campaign is "Stronger Together," which runs from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022. What has been over 100 years in the making is about to become a reality in — The Moose. A Fraternity that is unified, equal and Stronger Together. On May 1, we enter a new chapter in the Moose Fraternity and we become a single voice in supporting our missions of helping children in need, senior members and the communities in which we live. Our lodges now have the opportunity to have the best people serve as officers and committee people, regardless of gender, opening the way for new ideas and a brighter future.

The future of our Fraternity is bright, because of members like you, that understand the need for us to serve our communities, our Mooseheart children and Moosehaven seniors as one Moose, Stronger Together.

## Welcome to our New Members

**New Lodge Members are \$55.00**

**The Board of Officers with membership**

**approval has waived the \$20.00**

**Application fee thru April 2022**

**New Chapter Members \$15.00**

**New Moose Legionnaires \$15.00**

You must be a One Moose member to be able to join the Chapter (Woman) or Moose Legion (Man)



The following incentives/rewards are given to Moose members for sponsoring new members.

- Sponsors will receive \$5.00 in Moose Bucks for all new members that you bring in.
- For every 5 members you sign up, receive \$25.00 from AHMA.
- For every 5 members you sign up, receive an \$18.00 meal voucher.
- Sponsors are entered to win a \$50.00 monthly drawing for every new member they sign up.
- Sponsor 25 members or more in the Moose year May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 and be eligible to win a lifetime membership or \$1200.00 cash.

### 3 Easy Way to Pay Your Dues

- Mail your check, credit card number or money order with the payment coupon, to the following address: Dues Processing Center  
Moose International, PO Box 88065, Chicago, IL 60680-1065.
- Go online to [www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org) click pay dues and enter your member number.
- Call 563-3502 or stop by the Lodge office and we can assist you.



HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR



## Chinese New Year Dinner

Appetizer: BBQ Pork, Eggroll & Pot Sticker

Soup: Hot & Sour Soup or Egg Drop Soup

Entrees: Pork Lo Mein & Mongolian Beef

Desert: Fortune Cookie

January 29th 2022

6pm-8pm

\$15.00



January 8th  
**Zen Trembles**

January 15th  
**Velvet La La**

January 22nd  
**Crimson Road**

January 29th  
**Nothin' But Trouble**

February 5th  
**Those Guys**

February 12th  
**Danger Money**

February 19th  
**Woodrow**

February 26th  
**Zen Trembles**



### **And the winners of the \$10,000 Drawing are:**

1st Ticket: Richard Gularte Sold by Heather McIntosh

25th Ticket: BJ & Connie Haas Sold by Jennifer Haas

50th Ticket: Jerome Colding Sold by Jerome Colding

75th Ticket: Helen Little Sold by Michael Dyar

100th Ticket: Terry & Rich by Heather McIntosh

125th Ticket: Steve Kurtz by Jamie Miller

150th Ticket: BJ Haas & Ernie Ochoa by Heather McIntosh

175th Ticket: Charles Brobst by Heather McIntosh

200th Ticket: Bob Sabin by Kim Deitz

225th Ticket: Nellie Keller by Megan Louis

250th Ticket: Jack Devlin by Megan Louis

275th Ticket: Janelle Bosela by John Borodkin

299th Ticket: Glenn Irby by Heather McIntosh

300th Ticket: Desiree Duncan by Heather McIntosh

## Remembering our Brothers & Sisters we lost in 2021

Adrian Colding III  
Benjamin Justiniano  
Bill Cassel  
Bradley Knight  
Charles "Skip" Luke  
Colleen Scott  
Darrel Lawson  
Don Lovell  
Earl Davis  
Edson Daughetry  
Frank Narusch

Gene Davis Sr.  
Jack Hill Jr.  
Jean Reed  
Joy Fox  
Joyce Colajezzi  
Leroy Cabana  
Mary Jill Oneill  
Norman Brown Jr  
Pat Klouda  
Roy Hose  
Richard Buzby

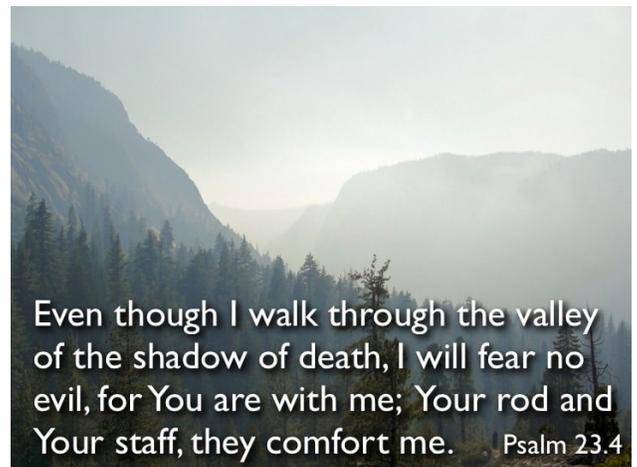
Robert Creek  
Robert Nesvick Jr.  
Roger Hemphill  
Sherry Lovell  
Tim Hoke  
Tim McCarthy  
William Stuart  
William Wayble  
Ynoeko St. John



## Members to keep in our Thoughts & Prayers

Connie Haas  
Dennis Smythe  
Erika Kelly  
Frank Jones  
Frank Philip  
Heather Philip  
Jesse Mario

Robbie Robinson  
Toni Solomon



## During the Fiscal Period of 8/1/2021 to 10/31/2021 the lodge donated to the following:

- Moose Heart/Moosehaven
- Willow Crest Elementary School
- Wounded Warriors
- JBER—Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson
- Make a Wish Alaska
- D.A.R.E Alaska
- Bartlett High School
- Salvation Army of Alaska
- Special Olympics
- Clare House
- Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers
- Anchorage Mushing District
- American Heart Association
- March of Dimes
- Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission
- Habitat for Humanity
- Alaska Scottish Rite Care Foundation
- Alaska Park Foundation
- American Cancer Society
- American Lung Association
- Alaska Aids Assistance Association
- Anchorage Responsible Beverage Retailers Association
- Rent & Food Assistance to Cancer Patient
- Children's Lunchbox
- American Red Cross



**Heart** of the  
**Community**



On Veteran's day we were honored to be able to honor several of our Moose Veterans not only with a great free dinner, but to a presentation by our local Quilts of Valor chapter. Rosemary Slisz and her crew presented 8 Veterans their own hand made Quilt of Valor.

If you were unable to make the presentation and are interested in watching it, you can go to our Facebook page and look under videos.



Here is a little information about Quilts of Valor:

Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream, literally a dream. Founder Catherine Roberts' son Nat was deployed in Iraq. According to Catherine:

The dream was as vivid as real life. I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair. I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down into an emotional gutter. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and well-being. The quilt had made this dramatic change. The message of my dream was: **Quilts = Healing.**

The model appeared simple: have a volunteer team who would donate their time and materials to make a quilt. One person would piece the top and the other would quilt it. I saw the name for this special quilt. It was a Quilt of Valor, a QOV.

#### **A Quilt of Valor is...**

From the beginning, Catherine Roberts had definite ideas about standards of excellence for Quilts of Valor:

I knew a Quilt of Valor had to be a quality-made quilt, not a "charity quilt." A Quilt of Valor had to be quilted, not tied, which meant hand or machine quilting. It would be "awarded," not just passed out like magazines or videos, and would say unequivocally, **"Thank you for your service, sacrifice and valor in serving our nation."**





**NAME:** Your Name Here 

**Support the Rocker Program thru the entire month of February! Every dollar donated goes to the Mooseheart/Moosehaven Endowment fund!**

**MOOSEHEART/MOOSEHAVEN ENDOWMENT FUND**



## Super Bowl Party!

Sunday February 13th

Breakfast Buffet from 10am—12pm  
Party starts at Kickoff

Everyone receives a ticket to be eligible for a door prize.

Those that supported Monday Night Football have tickets in to have a chance at the bigger prizes!

**It's the biggest party of the year you don't want to miss out!**



Anchorage Chapter #139  
**Annual \$5,000 Drawing**  
Saturday March 19, 2021  
2pm—4pm  
Appetizer's Served w/ Ticket  
300 Tickets Sold @ \$50.00 Each  
Every 25th Ticket WINS!

### Prime Rib & Shrimp Dinner



February 5, 2022  
6pm to 8pm

14oz Prime Rib \$25.00  
Add Shrimp Scampi \$8.00  
Add Coconut Shrimp \$8.00  
Shrimp Scampi Dinner \$16.00  
Coconut Shrimp Dinner \$16.00

Meals are served with salad, baked potato, mixed veggie & strawberry shortcake

### Moose Legion Quarterly

**Saturday January 22nd in Anchorage**

**2:00pm Directors**

**2:30pm District**

**3pm Enrollment**

**4pm General Membership Meeting**

**5pm Fun & Frolic**

**6pm Dinner**

**8pm Music by Crimson Road**

**We will have a silent auction, please bring a item if you can.**

**Auction will close at 8pm.**



**Do Some Good Thing...  
For Someone Each Day**



Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great Holiday!

I am happy to report that membership is up and events are growing. Congratulations to all the winners on the annual raffle. Thank you to everyone who helped sell tickets, this year the tickets sold out quick!

I would like to thank Jamie Miller and all the members who contributed to the Angel Tree. The Salvation Army was very pleased with all the toys we had collected! Many kids had a great Christmas because of all of you!

Not sure where everyone came from, but WOW Monday Night Football was a great success this year, thank you! The money raised between the kitchen and 50/50's will for sure put on a great super bowl party! Thank you to the MNF kitchen crew, Diane Brownlee and her 50/50 crew for all your hard work!

We have some exciting new events going on at the Lodge in January. Cornhole will be starting on January 13th, they are looking for teams of two. If you are interested or would like to find out more information, make sure to attend their meeting on Thursday January 6th at 6:30pm.

Carol and the Girl Scout moms will be hosting craft/sewing nights starting on Wednesday January 12th in the ballroom. Look for more information in the newsletter.

We have some new kitchen crews cooking in January and February, please come out and support them.

We will be holding a fundraiser for our beloved Erika Kelly January 21, 2022 who is fighting pancreatic cancer. We will be holding a cake auction and live auction. If you have items you would like to donate please see the office.

Irene and Terry will be putting on the Chinese New Year dinner January 29th, check out the full menu in the newsletter. Then the following weekend is Prime Rib and Shrimp. Unfortunately due to the crazy high cost of lobster, we had to cancel the lobster feed this year.

In February, the President will be opening nominations for the 2022-2023 Moose year. Only active Lodge members, who are also either active members of one of the men's higher degrees or a Women of the Moose unit, may be considered for any elected office. Eligibility requirements for Lodge offices are as follows:

President-Been an active member of the Lodge for at least 6 months preceding the date of election and completed at least one elected office of the Lodge in which they seek office. Vice President-Been an active member of the Lodge for at least 6 months immediately preceding the date of election. Chaplain-Been an active member of the Lodge for at least 6 months immediately preceding the date of election. Treasurer-Must be an active member of the Lodge. Trustee-Must be an active member of the Lodge. Signs will be posted around lodge when nominations are open.

Thank you to Chapter 139 and moose members who donated to the food baskets during the holidays, we fed many families, and all were very appreciative of our help. Thank you to the volunteers who helped pack boxes and deliver to Willow Crest Elementary.

Please remember we do not discuss politics in the social quarters. Everyone is entitled to their opinions, but please keep them to yourselves!

Let's Get Rocking! February 1st is the start of the rocker fundraiser for Mooseheart/Moosehaven Endowment Fund. All money raised at the Lodge goes directly to Moose Charities for our two endeavors.

Fraternally,

Heather McIntosh  
Administrator

We're accomplishing greatness together...

*"A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many"*

Thank you for being a Moose Member!

## A Word from our President:

Welcome members to 2022!

Is it just me or did 2021 last about 5 months?

Here's to a healthy, productive & fun new year to all of you!

Our first order of business for 2022 will be the opening of nominations for lodge officers for the 2022-2023 Moose year. Qualifications for elected Lodge officers are same same as previous years with one notable exception, Women of the Moose are now eligible for elected Lodge Offices. This is welcome and special news! Detailed eligibility requirements can be examined in our administrator's article on page 7 in this copy of the Moose Nugget. End of the year festivities certainly went off with a bang. Children & adult Christmas parties, Jamie's new & exciting Angel Tree project, and the New Years Party. With the help of many volunteers, Thanksgiving & Christmas food boxes were distributed throughout our community

As we forge into 2022, remember continued support for our great activities such as Monday Night Football, almost nightly dinners & general fellowship, all in support of our great institutions, Mooseheart & Moosehaven! Additionally, consult your nugget for all scheduled special activities & meals. New activity additions are a weekly craft & sewing night by Carol & the Girl Scout Moms and the inaugural corn hole league. A couple events coming up that you want to keep a eye out for is the Chinese New Year Dinner and our Prime Rib & Shrimp dinner which will be a served meal. This will be a great night to come out and enjoy the fellowship and enjoy a great meal.

Membership. Don't Worry! I'll hound you all later on this issue, This is a good membership story. As of this writing the tally board of members who have sponsored a new member (The tally board is in the social quarters over the bar) is up to 113 members! This means that not only is membership up, it is being supported by more signing members than anyone can remember. To me, this is a key component to a vigorous, healthy member population & just overall great news. Kudos to all signing up new members & lets keep that tally growing!

Again I bid you a safe & prosperous

New Year

Fraternally,

Brian Holmes

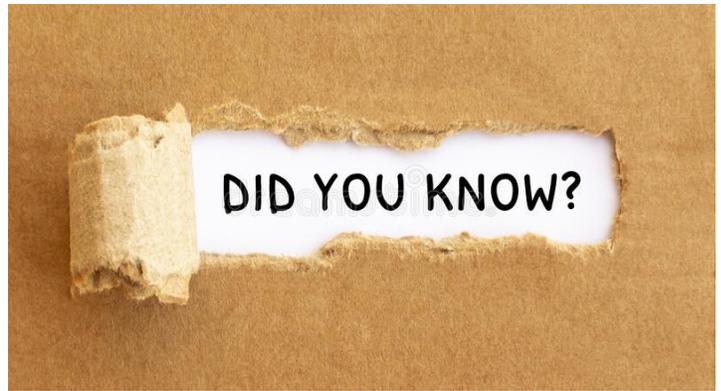
President



LA's Brother Tater Tot And His Sister Luna!



Congratulations to Colleen McNulty on receiving her Red Stole!



- Did you know you can set up auto pay for your membership dues? Its easy! Go to [www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org) and scroll down to My Membership Record, log in or register, once in go to Manage Account. Scroll down to manage auto pay, add credit info. It's that easy and you do not have to worry about sending in your payment. Your card will be auto paid in plenty of time for you to receive your new card. Never worry again about forgetting to pay them, let auto pay take care of it for you!
- Did you know you can sign up a new member no matter where you are if you have your cell phone or computer? All you need to do is go to [www.beamoose.org](http://www.beamoose.org) and have them fill out the application on line. The Lodge will be notified.
- Did you know that if you donate blood at the local blood bank you receive a meal voucher for the lodge for \$18.00. Just mention you're a Moose member!
- Did you know if you are a Moose Legionnaire and attend the once a month meeting you receive \$3.00 off your Sunday breakfast?
- Did you know if you shop on Amazon Smile, and list Mooseheart or Moosehaven as your charity of choice, they will receive a percentage on each of your purchases!

# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Snack Sunday</b> <b>3pm-5pm</b>			<b>Craft &amp; Sewing Classes Start</b> <b>January 12</b> <b>6pm-9pm</b>	<b>Cornhole League</b> <b>Every Thursday Night</b> <b>6pm-8pm</b>		1 <b>Lodge Closed</b> 
2 <b>Moose Legion Meeting</b> <b>10:30am</b> Kitchen Closed	3 <b>Last MNF Food</b> <b>5:30pm-7pm</b> Browns @ Steelers	4 One Moose Officer Meeting <b>6:00pm</b>	5 Dinner by Glennis & Crew <b>Jerk Chicken</b> <b>\$9.00</b> <b>6pm-8pm</b>	6 Dinner by Children's Lunchbox <b>Meatloaf or Smothered Pork Chops</b> <b>\$12.00</b> <b>6pm-8pm</b>	7 Dinner by Jamie & Crew <b>Chicken Fried Steak</b> <b>\$12.00</b> <b>6pm-8pm</b>	8 <b>Steak Night</b> by Jason & Crew <b>Price Varies</b> <b>6pm-8m</b>
9 Breakfast by Bob & Crew <b>Special Omelets</b> <b>10am-1pm</b> <b>Spaghetti Fundraiser</b> <b>3pm-6pm</b>	10	11 One Moose General Membership Meeting <b>6:30pm</b>	12 Dinner by Children's Lunchbox <b>Lasagna or Shepard's Pie w/ Salad</b> <b>\$12.00</b> <b>6pm-8pm</b>	13 Dinner by Angie & Crew <b>Mac &amp; Cheese w/ Kielbasa &amp; Green Beans</b> <b>\$9.00</b> <b>6pm-8pm</b>	14 Dinner by Girl Scout <b>Moms Chicken Adobo, Rice, Shrimp Pancit &amp; Lumpia</b> <b>\$12.00</b> <b>6pm-8pm</b>	15 <b>Steak Night</b> by Rich & Crew <b>Price Varies</b> <b>6pm-8pm</b>
16 Breakfast by Jason & Crew <b>Full Menu</b> <b>Price Varies</b> <b>10am-1pm</b>	17	18 Chapter Business Meeting <b>6:30pm</b> One Moose Officer Meeting <b>6:00pm</b>	19 Dinner by Bob & Crew <b>Tacos, Taco Salads &amp; Quesadillas</b> <b>Prices Vary</b> <b>6pm-8pm</b>	20 Dinner by Jason & Crew <b>1/2 Burgers &amp; Tater Tots</b> <b>Price Varies</b> <b>6pm-8pm</b>	21 <b>Halibut Fish Fry Fundraiser for Erika Kelly</b> <b>\$15.00</b> <b>6pm-8pm</b>	22 <b>Steak Night</b> by Gerald & Crew <b>Price Varies</b> <b>6pm-8pm</b>
23 Breakfast by Lizz & Crew <b>Breakfast Burritos</b> <b>\$9.00</b> <b>10am-1pm</b>	24	25 One Moose General Membership Meeting <b>6:30pm</b>	26 Dinner by Children's Lunchbox <b>Chicken Sandwich or Burgers</b> <b>\$9.00</b> <b>6pm-6pm</b>	27 Dinner by Brian & Mark <b>Spaghetti &amp; Garlic Bread</b> <b>\$9.00</b> <b>6pm-8pm</b>	28 Dinner by Jessie & Taylor <b>Smoked Ham &amp; Scalloped Potatoes w/ Roll</b> <b>\$12.00</b> <b>6pm-8pm</b>	29 <b>Chinese New Year Dinner</b> <b>\$15.00</b> <b>See Page 3 For Details</b>
30 Breakfast by Kathy & Crew <b>Full Menu</b> <b>Price Varies</b> <b>10am-1pm</b>	31					

# February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 One Moose Officer Meeting 6:00pm	2 Dinner by Angie & Crew Swedish Meatballs \$9.00 6pm-8pm	3 Dinner by Mike & Irene Flatbreadza Cheese, Pepperoni or Hawaiian \$10.00 6pm-8pm	4 Dinner by Taylor & Jessie Super Stuffed Baked Potatoes Choice of Meat and All The Toppings \$12.00 6pm-8pm	5 <b>Prime Rib &amp; Shrimp Dinner</b> <b>Prices on page 6</b> <b>6pm-8pm</b>
6 Breakfast by Jason & Crew Full Menu Price Varies 10am-1pm <b>Moose Legion Meeting</b> <b>10:30am</b>	7	8 One Moose General Membership Meeting 6:30pm	9 Dinner by Glennis & Crew Meatloaf, Mashed Potato & Veggie \$9.00 6pm-8pm	10 Dinner by Zack & Crew Chicken Wings & Curly Fries \$11.00 6pm-8pm	11 Dinner by Girl Scout Moms Lasagna w/ Garlic Bread \$12.00 6pm-8pm	12 Steak Night by Rich & Crew Price Varies 6pm-8pm
13 <b>Superbowl Sunday!</b> Buffet Breakfast 10am-12pm Party starts at Kickoff ML Mtg 9:30a	14	15 Chapter Business Meeting 6:30pm One Moose Officer Meeting 6:00pm	16 Dinner by Bob & Crew Tacos, Taco Salads & Quesadillas Prices Vary 6pm-8pm	17 Dinner by Brian & Mark BBQ Chicken \$9.00 6pm-8pm	18 Dinner by Mike & Irene Beef Stroganoff \$12.00 6pm-8pm	19 Steak Night by Children's Lunchbox Price Varies 6pm-8pm
20 Breakfast by Heather & Terry Special: Eggs Benedict \$9.00 10am-1pm	21	22 One Moose General Membership Meeting 6:30pm	23 Dinner by Children's Lunchbox Caramelized Apple Smothered Pork Loin or Pot Roast \$12.00	24 Dinner by Jamie & Crew Philly Cheesesteaks \$9.00 6pm-8pm	25 Dinner by Kim & Ken Pork Steaks \$12.00 6pm-8pm	26 Steak Night by Gerald & Crew Price Varies 6pm-8pm
27 Breakfast by Bob & Crew Special: Omelets \$9.00 Full Menu Price Varies 10am-1pm	28					

## A Word From Our Moose Legion Chairman:

Happy New Year! Where did 2021 go? Its hard to believe its already 2022! We are a little over a month away from our Super Bowl party, and I can't wait! Remember the Moose Legion is the one that sponsors this party. I ask each and every male Moose member to take a look at your membership card and see if your card shows a Moose Legion symbol in the top left corner. If it doesn't, I have to ask why not? Next, I invite you to join us for our Moose Legion meeting at 9:30am February 13th right before we will start setting up for the party. You can see what we are all about and and hopefully become a Moose Legionnaire.

Backing up a bit, I got too excited about Super Bowl! We will be hosting our Moose Legion Quarterly here in Anchorage January 22nd and would love to have everyone attend! I am hoping that we can bring back the energy that we had in prior years, we will also have a silent auction, so please bring items to auction off.

Lastly, I want to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Fraternally,

Michael Dyar  
Moose Legion Chairman



**Do Some Good Thing...  
For Someone Each Day**

**Mount McKinley Moose Legion 51 Donated  
\$10,000.00 to Anchorage Lodge 1534 to be used  
for donations to the community during the  
Holiday Season. Below is where those funds  
were distributed .**

Toys For Tots  
Salvation Army  
American Red Cross  
Make A Wish Foundation  
Wounded Warrior Project  
Kids Corp  
Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission  
Alaska Veterans Home  
Blood Bank Of Alaska

March of Dimes  
Special Olympics  
Beans Café  
Alaska Aids Assistance  
STAR (Standing Against Rape)  
The Alaska Zoo  
Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Christmas Food Baskets



## A Word from the Chapter:

Greetings to all members, hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season. We have a new Year in front of us and have accomplished much in the first half of the 2021/2022 Chapter Year.

As we head into the second half of our Chapter year, let us all work toward increasing our membership into the Women of the Moose Chapter 139. When we sign up a new female member into the Moose Lodge 1534, please take the time to explain the benefits and importance of becoming a member of our Chapter and its role within our Lodge and community to our new women members. Invite the new Lodge member to become a member of the Chapter and be an excited Sponsor of Chapter 139. A gain in membership is a key step in the Chapter earning its Award of Achievement and will help Individual Chapter members in achieving their different degrees.

The Chapter plays a key role in assisting Mooseheart and Moosehaven in monthly commitments to special projects set in place by International for our Chairman and Officers to work toward in completing our goals as a Chapter, and for individuals working toward the Academy of Friendship degree or honors. We Provide community Service in the form of individual time and of contributions from the Chapter to our neighbors in need in our communities. We also plan several activities that can be enjoyed in the Lodge Home and grounds by all members. A strong, happy successful Chapter is a vitally important asset to our Lodge and Fraternity.

January is the key month to start the nomination process for next year's Officers for the Chapter. Please think about who might be a good candidate to fulfill the office of Senior Regent, Secretary or Treasurer for the 2022/2023 Chapter year. Nominating Committee meetings will be announced at the Chapter meeting in January. If you are interested in becoming an officer please don't hesitate to contact any Chapter officer or chairman with any questions you may have. This is a very good opportunity to give your time and leadership qualities to create a strong and successful Chapter for the upcoming year.

The Chapter's annual \$5,000 drawing will go on sale in early January, the tickets are \$50.00 and only 300 tickets will be sold! The drawing will be held March 19, 2022

Co-workers, we need you now more than ever to step forward and help build a successful Chapter that will set a good foundation for our new and current members to see Chapter 139 continue to move forward in time and be the vital active committed Chapter within our Lodge and Fraternity.

Fraternally,  
Officers and Chairman  
Chapter 139



**Reminder: Chapter  
meetings are the 3rd  
Tuesday at 6:30pm**

**WHY I HATE CANCER by Mike Douthit**

For those of you who do not know me, this spring I will be celebrating my sixth anniversary of being cancer free. When I was then Governor of our Moose Lodge in 2015 I authored an article for the Moose Nugget concerning the importance of our members getting their annual health exams, colonoscopies, mammograms etc. Something which I had failed to do for myself. Briefly, my article provided us all with the many excuses anyone could use to either ignore or put off the time for a health checkup. I was busy; I could not take time off from work; the procedure is uncomfortable; I have children at home; I wanted to go fishing or camping this summer. The excuses could go on and on. I did not take the time and cancer nearly claimed my life.

Since my battle with this disease, too many of my dear friends in our Lodge, as well as my close family members, have also had to fight their battles. It not only saddened me deeply, but it also made me incredibly angry, which is why I wrote this article.

This is my story.

In early 2015 I was diagnosed with stage 3 colorectal cancer and underwent six weeks of radiation treatment to reduce the size of my tumor. Then several months of 24 hours a day chemotherapy with a portable pump attached to a port imbedded in my chest. The surgery that followed the chemotherapy resulted in the removal of my anus and close to two feet of my colon. It also removed many nearby lymph nodes along with muscle tissue equivalent to the size of a grapefruit. These alterations left me with things I was previously unacquainted with, such as a stoma and a colostomy bag. After surgery I underwent another round of follow-up chemotherapy. That follow-up treatment left me with permanent neuropathy on the bottoms of both feet and at the ends of my fingertips. My hands are now extremely sensitive to the cold, which is why I live in Alaska.

I am joking; I live here for the long summer days and the immense beauty of it all. But enough about me.

Why do I hate cancer? I hate cancer for its sheer randomness. It does not give a damn if you are young or old, rich or poor, whether you abstained from alcohol, drugs or tobacco products or indulged in any or all of them. Cancer can let you believe you have won the battle against it, only to sneak up upon you again months, years, or decades later. It is an enemy that leaves anyone who has experienced the fight, with a lingering cloud of doubt; is it REALLY gone?

I hate cancer for its unfairness. Two individuals may be diagnosed with identical cancers and receive the exact same treatments, and yet one might have an excellent outcome while the other does not and is lost. Yes, I am aware of the role that genetics and other factors may play in treatments and outcomes, but cancer is a duplicitous, heartless, maniacal sonofabitch.

I hate cancer for all of the lives of family members and dear friends it has claimed, many of them far too young and dear to leave this world so soon.

I hate cancer for all of the misery and grief it has encumbered upon the surviving family members and friends.

I hate cancer for all of the nausea, hair loss, loss of appetite, loss of breasts, loss of limbs, eyes, tongues, organs and memory issues and the resulting addiction to pain medications.

I hate cancer for the debilitating medical bills that its treatment creates, treatments which can bankrupt families and leave them in debt for decades if not for the rest of their lives. **Continued on page 15**

And yet, though this is exceedingly difficult for me to admit, cancer also changed me in some more positive ways. My appreciation of just living each and every day has been multiplied by an order of magnitude because of cancer. I take so much less for granted now than I did before my diagnosis; raindrops falling against my skin; the sweet scent of decaying autumn leaves; the magpie that lands upon a nearby branch and glances at me before again taking flight. Moments and sensations such as these are now an endless new experience for me now, and I deeply appreciate each and every one.

My interactions with my wife, family and friends also changed for the better. I too often took them all for granted more than I could ever previously admit to myself. I am honestly surrounded by some of most wonderful people I could ever hope to meet, fall in love with or to be lucky enough to have as family members. Cancer also greatly enhanced my inner strength, confidence and optimism, all of which I had previously possessed, but cancer brought them all to the forefront and with a much greater focus.

For those of you who have just begun your cancer journey, I truly wish you all the luck in the world, because sometimes, just being lucky will be enough for you to prevail. Try your best to find the inner strength that dwells deep inside us all and use it to fight your cancer each and every day. Visualize your cancer cells as being permanently destroyed with each treatment you receive. I am not selling snake oil here, just another tool. If a placebo cures the patient in lieu of the medication what does it matter? Try to remain optimistic, and yes I know this can be exceedingly difficult, but pessimism will not help you either. The half full glass IS better than the half empty one.

Listen to your doctors but remember they are there to serve you. If you ever have any doubt concerning the care which you are receiving, consider looking elsewhere and always remember that a second opinion is your right as a patient. Do not be afraid of asking for aid when you are in need. That is what your family and friendships are for. We WANT to help. We LOVE you!

Everyone's cancer story is their own. Just remember that prognoses can be wrong, new treatments may appear and hope and prayers will never hurt your outcome. No matter the diagnosis, I wish you the absolute best in your journey.

Stay strong my friends and please take time for yourself. Get your checkups.

Sincerely, Mike Douthit, Treasurer



Fish Fry Fundraiser for Erika Kelly  
January 21, 2022 from 6pm-8pm

\$15.00

Cake Auction & Live Auction

All proceeds go to help Erika's battle with cancer.



I would like to give a BIG Thank You to all that donated their delicious baked goods that make our bake sale a huge success!

The chicken pot pies, whiskey cake, homemade goodies and even the homemade doggie treats!! They were yummy!

Gratefully — Glennis Cutting, Chairman



**The Daymude Family would like to thank everyone for the fish, monetary donations, and all the support of the fish fry and bake sale! We really appreciate it!**



## **Craft & Sewing Classes by Carol & the Girl Scout Moms**

Wednesday's Starting January 12th 6pm-9pm  
**Members who plan to participate in the sewing and craft groups should RSVP with Carol by email at [carol99508@gmail.com](mailto:carol99508@gmail.com). Looking forward to seeing you at our new Wednesday night group.**

January 12th—\$10.00

Sewing machine tune ups and easy sewing for beginners

January 19th—\$15.00

Easy quilting for beginners (lap quilt/baby blankets)

January 26th—\$20.00

Jelly roll quilting

January 29th—\$20.00

Quilt and project completion OR Basic beading techniques

February 2nd—\$20.00

Bath and Shower bombs or Beading

February 9th—\$25.00

Alaskan Kuspuk design and preparation

February 16th—\$25.00

Alaskan Kuspuk design & construction

February 23rd—\$25.00

Alaskan Kuspuk completion



## **Salvation Army Angel Tree**

This year the Lodge participated in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Donation Program. On December 15th gentlemen from the Salvation Army came to pick up the gifts our members donated and boy did you donate! They said this is the biggest donation from a first-time supporter they have had! Kudos to everyone that took their time and money to make kids in need Christmas special. We will be making this an annual event.

***A Burden Heavy To One Is Borne Lightly By Many***



**INTERNATIONAL MOOSE CONVENTION**  
MOOSEHAVEN'S 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!

Registration is now open for the International Convention being held in Orlando this year from June 30th to July 4.

This year's convention will be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek resort.

Go to [www.moose2022orlando.org](http://www.moose2022orlando.org) to book your hotel rooms at the Moose Convention discounted rates. You can also check out the preliminary schedule!



The 25 Club event this year will feature the 2021 Academy of Country Music's New Male Artist Jimmie Allen!

Fun Fact: Jimmie Allen is a member of Lodge 646 out of Lewes Rehoboth, Delaware. After he won the ACM award he said "I'm gonna take it home so my Grandpop can see it, take it to my dad's gravesite. I'm taking it with me to the Moose Lodge"



**Moose Lodge Cornhole League**

Every Thursday from 6:30pm to 9:30pm  
Starting Thursday January 13th  
League Meeting on January 6th at 6:30pm  
12 week league—teams of 2  
\$50.00 per team  
Come join in the fun and camaraderie!



Nominations for the Board of Officers open in February. If you are interested in running for a position in the lodge, you must be a member of the Moose Legion or Women of the Moose.  
The Positions Open are:

**President** - You must have held a prior office for 1 full term to qualify to run for this office.

**Vice President**—You must have been a member 6 months prior to the election date

**Chaplin**—You must have been a member 6 months prior to the election date

**Treasurer**—Must be a current member in good standing

**3 Year Trustee**—Must be a current member in good standing

If Interested see the office to fill out nomination form.

# Brunch With Santa



# Gift Exchange & Ugly Sweater Contest



Thank you to everyone who came out for Brunch with Santa and the Gift Exchange/Ugly Sweater Contest! And those who helped put on both these wonderful events Kudos on a fantastic job once again! I hope everyone enjoyed it and look forward to doing it next year!

# Moose Puzzle

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Congratulations to Dave Cockrell on winning the 8 Foot Christmas Stocking!

Vera, Diane & The Chapter would like to thank everyone who bought tickets and supported the fundraiser!

## The Moose Board of Officers

President—Brian Holmes

Jr. Past President—Jamie Miller

Vice President—Mark Everson

Chaplin—Richard Hanna

Administrator—Heather McIntosh

Treasurer—Mike Douthit

Trustee—Terry McIntosh

Trustee—Jerome Colding

Trustee—Michael Dyar



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Not only had Morris' social clumsiness caused him discomfort at the Moose Lodge party that night, but his insatiable thirst for fruity drinks also created the most unfunny 'punchline' ever.

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