

**NEWSLETTER
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2022-2023 Officers

President – Bob Whitbread
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1 year Trustee – Albert Marshall
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“A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many.” Moose motto

The Moose is about celebrating life together, serving those in need within our local community, supporting our children at Mooseheart and standing by our senior members at Moosehaven.

May 1, 2022

Our Moose Family,

I want to thank everyone for coming on election day and supporting the election process for our Moose Lodge. We have three new officers, effective May 1, 2022, with the Installation of Officers on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 1:30 P.M. I would like to welcome our first female member to hold a board position and hopefully this will be what we are becoming, One MOOSE.

THIRD YEAR TRUSTEE	Andrea Koss
VICE PRESIDENT	Ken Honeycutt
PRESIDENT	Bob Whitbread

I want to thank our past officers for their support and time that they have so graciously given to make ours “the friendliest lodge in the north.” We will miss Harry Pagan as President, Dale Sebes as Vice President, Jim Hubbard as Treasurer, and Dave Lloyd as Chaplin. We will have a special election to fill the vacancies of Treasurer, Second Year Trustee, and Chaplin. More information will be coming in the next couple of weeks.

I also want to thank our kitchen staff, Polly Sebes, Nancy O’Keefe, Patti Rissmann, and Harry and Debbie Pagan. We have had others step in to help and are always need of more help. Feel free to volunteer – you don’t have to be female!!

I have been your Third Year Trustee for a year and almost a year as Ed Umstead’s assistant. I want to thank Ed for everything he has taught me, and I am looking forward to working with him in a new capacity. He is an asset to our Moose and deserves to be recognized.

We are hosting the District Meeting at our Lodge on Sunday, May 1st at 2 pm. As a reminder, any member is welcome to attend and there will be food provided at no cost to you.

On Saturday, May 7th we will be having a Mexican Fiesta Dinner from 4-7 pm. Sunday, May 8th is Mother’s Day and there will be a raffle drawing at 3

pm for the basket. This year we have included \$100 worth of scratch off tickets plus other assorted items. Raffle tickets are available at the bar for \$5.

The general membership meeting is May 21st at 10:30 am. This is an opportunity for you to stay informed and provide input.

We will need help cleaning our grounds and our adopted road section on 491. If you can come out Wednesday, May 25th at 9 am, we could use you to help in any way you can, and food will be provided following the completion of the cleanup. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board under coming events. Please consider contributing a few hours to help beautify our grounds and adopted road section.

The 10th annual classic car and truck cruise-in begins June 2nd where you can vote on your favorite car/truck and enjoy the evening with food and beverages at the pavilion.

We are pulling out the cornhole boards from the shed and have provided new bags to toss. This would be a great activity on a pleasant day to go out and toss with fellow members or your family. There has also been interest in having horseshoes available for tossing which we will put out as well. When the horseshoe league starts in late May, Polly will be in the kitchen providing food for your pleasure.

Some people have already made suggestions for improvements and activities, and I welcome hearing new ideas. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or other officers.

I am excited to begin my term as your president and look forward to keeping our lodge "the friendliest in the north".

Bob Whitbread
President



Valued Veterans

Veterans

Moose Members Serving Then ... and **NOW!**

Supporting veterans is something that has always been important to the Moose. So, it is no surprise that our “Valued Veterans” program has drawn so much interest from members, lodges and chapters.

The focus of this program is on the recognition and support of Moose veterans with an emphasis on their ongoing service to their fraternal units and communities through the Moose. The program’s tag phrase captures this well: “Moose Members Serving Then . . . and NOW!” This approach simultaneously honors our veterans while also highlighting the Fraternity’s commitment to community service.

The International Heart of the Community Committee approached the planning of this program with passion, enthusiasm, and personal insights, as several members are veterans themselves. The goal was to deliver more recognition and support to our own members who are veterans and to provide Lodges and Chapters with the necessary tools to make the best possible impact on all who have served.



When this ambitious program was previewed at the 2016 Moose Convention in St. Louis, many voiced strong opinions about elements they wanted to see included in the program. Obviously, the main focus of the Moose is our fraternal programs, including Mooseheart, Moosehaven and Heart of the Community activities; and though we don't have the expertise or resources to be a *full-fledged* veteran's services organization, we know we can still provide recognition and support to our veteran members who have made a positive impact on society through their service and through our Fraternity.

Admittedly, this program may not be all things to all veterans, but we will strive to serve our veterans to the very best of our ability. Our members' strong sentiments only confirm that they are passionate about this cause, and do want to see the program succeed – and therefore, we are confident that it will.

Suggestions and/or questions can be emailed to [Will Harrison](#). Review the rest of this section of the website to discover more aspects about the program including how you can “opt in” if you're a veteran, or how you can participate even if you are not.



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