



Sailfish Moose Legion 197

Summer Newsletter

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Sailfish 197 Ritual Chairman Seeks Next Champion Ritualist

During our recent Moose Legion Executive Board Meeting at Buckhead Ridge, Richard Beaudoin fell upon his knees, and asked for some interested Moose Members who would like to learn from Champion Ritualists how to present the Moose Legion Conferral. After hearing his plea, this story became very relevant.

Not only in our Moose Legion, other jurisdictions, need members to join their Ritual Staffs. Within our Ritual Staff we have been hindered by members who have moved or are becoming too ill to participate.

I have met many whom have chosen to dedicate the time and energy to present the ceremony from memory. The passion they have for telling the story and the Loyal Order of Moose is amazing. A Moose Member who has this program down, shows his heartfelt fraternalism with every performance.

Asking around, I spoke with a few good Moose Legion Ritual experts, Here is what they have to say. Florida's own Dan O'Neal, a member of the Moose Legion Council, and Secretary for Indian River Moose Legion 178. When asked...

What do you feel is the most important reason to perform the rituals?

In simple terms,..to tell the story of what we do and hope to accomplish. In a little more definition.. Members never experiencing an enrollment or conferral likely won't receive the information needed to

understand our "Moose Mission". More importantly, they may never have any knowledge of Mooseheart/Moosehaven, and particularly the often overlooked safety-net Moosehaven provides for long-term members.

On the lodge level, the ritual illustrates the privileges of membership, our private membership policy, and introduces new members to our 9 o'clock ceremony and Endowment Fund collections.

On the Moose Legion level, the ritual digs deeper into our fraternal endeavors and asks members to give more of their substance

while further explaining the history of Mooseheart/Moosehaven. Inspiration is key here, and the Moose Legion ritual succeeds by motivating its members, while also encouraging their aspiration to reach higher degrees in our fraternity through leadership by example. The line that says "*Moose Legionnaires are leaders. They are the fuel that feeds the fire, the engine that drives the car, but most of all, they are the loyal fraternalists who roll up their sleeves and make things happen*" says it all and defines Moose Legionnaires most eloquently.

to get more insight my next question was... **Why do you support members who perform, participate, and compete in the Ritual competitions?**

The time and dedication Ritualists spend practicing the delivery of our message is invaluable to our future. In my opinion,



2011 Sailfish 197 Ritual Staff

MEMBER RETENTION WEEK
 One Week Focus — Year-Long Commitment

November 6 - 12, 2016

Member Retention Week is coming in November. As a Moose Legionnaire are you involved in the planning and execution of this yearly focus on retention. Events can include : Phone Call Party.. New member Orientations.. Painting Party.. Clean Up Party.. Volunteer Recognition Party.. and so many other things.

Moose Legionnaires get things done.

they are our first and last line on the front of true fraternalism.

So I went to our FBMA Ritual Chairman, Jim Malsbury, to see what he had to say... He said "**The most important function of the rituals is to better inform new members of the aims and purposes of our Fraternity**". His response to Why? Why did you start performing the Rituals? Simply said, "**Because I am a Ham. I love performing in front of people and once you get involved with any ritual, it becomes addictive. It also gave me a feeling of productivity.**" So as you can see, the ritual offers so many benefits.

If you every really wanted to get involved, what better way than to tell the story of the Moose Fraternity.

If this has sparked your interest and you would like to learn more, contact your Lodge Moose Legion Assistant Secretary, ask him to assist you in elevating your membership in the Moose Legion. Lets roll up our sleeves and get things done.

Story by Scott Duncan

2016-2017 Sailfish Moose Legion

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Upcoming Celebrations

Fall Celebration
September 24 & 25, 2016
Buckhead Ridge Lodge #2417

Winter Celebration
December 3 & 4, 2016
Palm Bay Lodge #2311

Spring Celebration
March 25 & 25, 2017



Palm Bay
Moose Legion
Golf Outing

December 3
@ "The Majors"
Sign up today!

lodge2311@mooseunits.org

Words From Our Sailfish Moose Legion 197 Secretary

I am looking forward to the Fall Celebration at Buckhead Ridge. Becky and Mike have told me, this will be a great two days, yes two days. Make an effort to come, enjoy the fun, and spend some time with your Moose Legion Brethren. The festivities begin early Saturday ending the day with an outdoor Pig Roast and Bonfire Party. They include a rendition of the Golden Ball Ceremony. Sure sounds like fun to me.

As long as I have been a member of Sailfish 197, we have had one of the very best Ritual Teams. These dedicated fraternalists have brought many awards back to Sailfish. If you have never seen a Conferral Ceremony, you should. The ceremony is an avenue for you to learn much more about our great Fraternity and what we do for Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and our local communi-

ties. For many Moose members, this is the first time to hear the whole story.

If you have friends around your Moose Lodge and wish to motivate them to elevate their Moose Membership. Ask them to join you on Sunday September 25, see the ritual performed and become new Moose Legionaries.

As stated before our Ritual Staff is top notch. However, two top performers have moved away, and a couple are very ill and may not be able to continue to perform. They sure would like to pass on what they know to the next generation of Ritualists. These men love what the Moose does, they love telling the Moose story. Come to Buckhead Ridge and learn how you can become a Moose Ritual Performer.

Fraternally, **Lee Singleton**
Sailfish Moose Legion Secretary

Words From Your Sailfish 197 Moose Legion President

Here we are heading into the Fall Celebration at Buckhead Ridge Lodge #2417. We are hoping for a huge turnout September 24 & 25, 2017. We have been told, this Celebration will be one of the best ever had. Some come on over to Buckhead and have some fun with other Moose Members.

Don't forget, we are Moose Legionnaires, we work for the kids at Mooseheart, and the Seniors at Moosehaven. We have fun while providing for, promoting, and fundraising for these great causes. We need you, to continue the work of the Moose Legion and sustain our Moose family into the future.

Fraternally Yours, **Richard Meals, Sailfish #197, Moose Legion President**

New Fellowship Criteria

At the International Moose Convention in St Louis, it was announced, new guidelines for recommending Moose Legionnaires to be considered for advancement to the Fellowship Degree of Honor. The new forms with "fill in the blank" lineage will be e-mailed to lodges about the Oct. 1 in an official communication. All "active status" Fellows in each Lodge are to be sent an invitation, as members of the Fellowship Committee, to review eligible Moose Legionnaires' record of service, to determine if they should be elevated to the Fellowship Degree of Honor. Along with sponsoring members of the Lodges and Chapters, those being considered must have sponsored at least one new Moose Legionnaire. Additionally, there will be 15 additional questions, of which 8 must be answered "yes" and an explanation for each answer. These questions center around Lodge activities and volunteering to be a Lodge Officer, volunteering around the Lodge, active in the Association (district meetings included), and being active in the Moose Legion jurisdiction, to name a few. Again, the details on each "yes" answer must be provided to demonstrate the worthiness of the person being recommended. The form would allow for the Recommendation Committee to highlight additional details including "anything else" demonstrating the member's worthiness of advancement to the Fellowship Degree of Honor in a written resume.

Activity outside the Moose is not part of the consideration process. Details provided are to describe the member's service and accomplishments in the name of the Moose and/or for the benefit of the Moose, within the various units of the Order.

Message From International Moose Legion President

I recently read an article concerning something that is called the "Butterfly Effect," which suggests that a butterfly flapping its wings in Arizona can create a breeze that ultimately becomes a hurricane in China. The theory is that a single act, no matter how small, can influence events around the world.

It illustrates that an event that seems insignificant at first may not have a lasting effect. But, a small item might make a significant contribution, much like the ripples from a pebble being dropped into a lake. These are some of the things I have observed in my travels so far this year.

The actions of our Moose Legionnaires are now and will going forward, have a lasting impact upon our fraternity well into the future. Each of us has a special talent we can use to help one another and our Lodges to grow and prosper. Each time we have an opportunity to help our communities we are making a significant difference in the lives of others.

With the pace of change these days, many live on the cutting edge and have

difficulty keeping up with the demands of helping our Lodges and Moose Legions to continually prosper. Some may find it difficult to devote the time necessary to participate and make our Moose Legions a cohesive unit. That is why we call upon our Moose Legionnaires to lead the way.

That is why we ask our Moose Legionnaires to be the influencers within their respective Lodges. As Moose Legionnaires, we're part of the group that has "been there and done that," countless times and we are always looking for ways to help our fellow Lodge members.

Each of us has unique challenges and obstacles to overcome. But, what we have in common while serving our great fraternity is an opportunity to share our learned experiences with those who are still on the first steps of their journey in the Moose and Moose Legion.

That single act we perform within our Lodge and Moose Legion may have an influence on many. Have you been flapping your wings?

Walt Zurowski,
International Moose Legion President

Sailfish Moose Legion Past Presidents

Michael Gainer	2015-2016
Michael Gainer	2014-2015
August Prestano Sr.	2013-2014
Lee Singleton	2012-2013
Robert Green	2011-2012
Leif Johnson	2010-2011
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Charles Daniels Jr.	2008-2009
Richard Beaudoin	2007-2008
Paul McClinchey	2006-2007
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Richard Hammond	2004-2005
Eric Granholm	2003-2004
Eric Granholm	2002-2003
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James Douberley	2000-2001
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Norman Riley	1998-1999
Herbert Patton	1997-1998
Marion Snow	1996-1997
Ronald Sills Sr.	1995-1996
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Melvin Rynearson	1993-1994

Local Hotels Call For Rates

Budget Inn

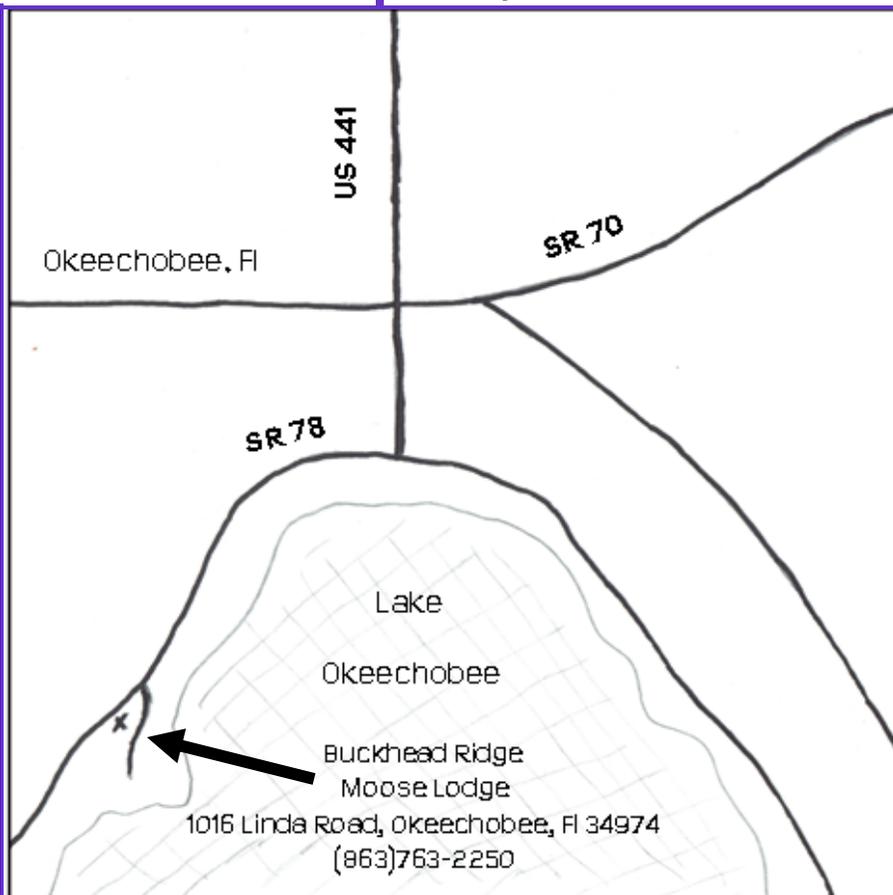
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Okeechobee, Florida 34974
(863)763-3185

Travelodge Suites

1527 US 441 South East
Okeechobee, Florida 34974
(863)824-3431

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3101 US 441 South
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Sailfish Moose Legion #197 Fall Celebration



Buckhead Ridge Moose Lodge # 2417
 September 23-25, 2017

Friday Night Event

**All You Can Eat Catfish Dinner
 Only \$9.50**

Also Available: Shrimp \$9.00 Or Steak \$14.00
 Serving 5:00 to 7:15

Saturday Events

Value Lunch Menu 12:00 to 2:00
Sailfish Moose Legion #197
Executive Board Meeting 1:00
Meat Bingo 1:00 to 3:00

Dinner to Include

Pig In The Ground
Beer Can Chicken
The Golden Ball Ceremony

Bon Fire & Music By Rodney

Sunday Events

Breakfast Buffett \$7.00
Serving 8:00 To 11:00
Registration Open 9:00 to 12:00
Candidates Report 9:00
Sailfish Moose Legion #197
Conferral Ceremony 12:00
Serving Lunch After Celebration
Catfish or Shrimp Baskets
\$5.00



PIG ROAST

Buckhead Ridge Moose Lodge #2417, 1016 Linda Road, Okeechobee, Florida 34974

R.S.V.P. By September 17, 2016 Call (863)763-2250