



Sailfish Moose Legion 197 Spring Newsletter www.Sailfish197.com

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Simba, "What's a Motto?" Timon, "I Don't Know... What's a Motto with you?"

The real question here is, "What is a Moose Legionnaire?"

A Moose Legionnaire is a Moose Member first. Way back in 1913 members along with their spouses wanted to do more to support Mooseheart, and the Legion of the Moose was formed. That is right, men and women working together. Later the Women of the Moose separated and the Moose Legion was renamed.

These Moose Legionnaires feel an increased level of pride in membership. Opportunities to be leaders and to provide additional support for the Order's philanthropic causes in relation to Mooseheart & Moosehaven are recognized through involvement in this degree.

Each lodge is encouraged to organize Moose Legion Committees. These groups hold various functions for the social enjoyment of the local members. By so doing not only do the members enjoy their membership even more, but additional support is generated for the lodge itself.

Additionally, an area of lodge's band together and unify efforts to form Moose Legion jurisdictions (sort of like a district). These jurisdictions then hold additional functions for members, set up by the boards of directors elected by the members. They raise significant funds for the support of Moosehaven and Mooseheart as well as general support of the state and provincial associations and indeed the fraternity itself.

The Moose Legion is known as being the "Degree of Service" because of the many programs it supports. It is also possibly even better known as the "Fun Degree." Our members do like to enjoy themselves! Our mission is: "To have fun while providing greater service to the Moose fraternity."

Our motto is: "To do some good thing for someone each day."

Whether a good deed to assist a neighbor or fellow member, or just inviting friends to join the fraternity, doing a good thing each day just kind of comes naturally for Moose Legionnaires. Because if they do nothing other than support Mooseheart with kind words and support, or donate money to help build a new building at Moosehaven, it is in their heart to help others. But a Moose Legionnaire does not always stop there, many become leaders and organize others to build plans and execute them on many levels. Plans to build membership, to raise much needed funds to support our local lodge homes, and of course events to support our kids at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven. And you better believe the word "Fun" will be involved.

If you are or would like to become one, please join us at a Celebration and hear the Ritual of the Moose Legion for yourself. Renew your commitment to help others, and stand proud to be a Moose Legionnaire.

By W. Scott Duncan with excerpts from www.mooseintl.org

Jensen Beach Lodge Hosted the Winter Celebration



December 3, 2017... The Jensen Beach Moose Lodge was a perfect setting for the Sailfish Moose Legion #197 Winter Celebration. With all the activity buzzing around, the Lodge felt more like a fantastic breakfast, the six candidates for conferral (shown left) were paraded around and had some fun while the meeting was put together. Our New Sailfish Ritual Staff did a great job presenting the story of the Moose, and we are now able to welcome six new Moose Legionnaires.

2017-2018 Sailfish Moose Legion

Board of Directors

President	Joe Eriksen
Vice President	Chuck Kinnaman
Chaplain	Manny Correira
Fraternal Director	Mike Del Santo
Financial Director	Ed Heltzer
Junior Past President	Richard Meals
Secretary	Lee Singleton

Committee Chairman

Ticket Sales	Ed Webb
Ritual	Robert Klaus
Candidate Registration	Leif Johnson
Moose Legion Store	Bill Brumfield
Candidate Parade	Mike Del Santos
Booklet	Phyllis Gainer

Upcoming Celebrations

**Melbourne Lodge 1406
June 16&17, 2018**

**Fort Pierce
September 15&16, 2018**

Sailfish Moose Legion 197 Fundraising as of 12/31

**Endowment Fund
\$2090.09**

**Annual Project
(Centennial Project)
\$2000**

**Youth Awareness
Scholarships
\$475**

**Presidents Project
(Camp Ross Bunk House)
\$820**

**Mooseheart Student Trips
To Moosehaven
\$350**

President's Message

Brothers, It's that time again, time to celebrate. Celebrate every new day, every new adventure, and every new opportunity to do some good thing for someone. Also time to celebrate new Moose Legionnaires, new movers and shakers, a growth of Moose Legion 197. The folks who get things done, to make life better for our children at Mooseheart and seniors at Moosehaven. We are doing it as represented by our status as number 8 in the Fraternity and our resurgence of a ritual team. These brothers are working hard to show what a Celebration really means. They have my utmost gratitude and respect. Together with other Moose Legionnaires they are keeping the story, the spirit, and the fraternalism of what we are all about alive. Hope to see you there at Jupiter/ Tequesta 2237. Lets Celebrate! **Fraternally, Joe Eriksen, Sailfish Moose Legion 197, President**

Moose Legion Secretary Message

Here it is February already, March is right around the corner and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Jupiter, Florida on St. Patrick's Day weekend for a great celebration. We have 14 new applicants, already on the roles, waiting for the celebration, I hope I see all of them. Each of you that have sponsored one of these new applicants, please make the effort to get them out to the celebration, let them see the fun we have, and learn about the Moose Legion.

I was privileged to be able to see our new ritual team get together at Vero Beach Lodge 1822. Watching them for the first time, working on the floor, with the stations set up. The work that goes into memorizing each and every one of their parts, just so that they can present it to you, the new applicant, and friends. I suggest that you bring them with you to the celebration. It's a great thing to see our Ritual Team, take their time to be able to tell you the story of the Moose. In my opinion, it is what makes it worth seeing and hearing the enrollment ceremony. Please try to make it to Jupiter and see our Ritualist do their best for you and the new applicants.

Something for you to be proud of, Sailfish Moose Legion 197 is in the top 10 Moose Legion's in the country. The man that held this position before me used to say Florida is second to none. I remember his words, and I want to make Sailfish second to none. I know with your help and your dedication we will make this Moose Legion and this great fraternity even better.

Fraternally, Lee Singleton, International Moose Legion Ambassador

Editors Note

As part of my commitment to Communications within Sailfish 197, the FBMA and Moose International, I thought you should know, you can send in your Moose Stories to me, The FBMA Courier, and Moose Magazine. Always send pictures and text separate and include who you are and where you are from. For this newsletter or www.sailfish197.com send them to moosepg2311@live.com, for the FBMA Courier, email to courierjdf@aol.com. And to submit your story to Moose International, go to www.mooseintl.org/ communication go to forms and follow instructions on the form. Let our peers now how we are supporting the Moose Mission.

A Message From The New Moose International Membership Director, Mike Rios

Attracting new members, that's what we need. Millennial, Baby Boomers, Retirees, PEOPLE – it doesn't matter how old or young you are – it's about service to others and commitment to something bigger than us! It's great to be a Moose member!

The Supreme Council has approved the extension of our "First Responder" initiative until April 30. The success of this program has been remarkable and we appreciate those who have signed and joined. Now, we need to make sure that these new members continue serving their community by renewing their dues. What is your lodge doing to make sure that everyone renews their dues? This is only one of a few questions in this article.

What did you do for the Moose last year that made you proud? How have you helped to spread the word about what we do and the benefits of membership? If you have to think about it just remember, it's never too late. Many of our members don't know about Mooseheart or Moosehaven, but they can quote the Social Quarters specials without thinking about it. They may know the raffle jackpot or the list of bands for the summer but can't tell you about our Fraternal programs. Only *you* can change that!

When I first joined, I didn't know about District meetings or the state Association or Mooseheart or Moosehaven. I was a "social" member until someone made me familiar and it touched my heart. I didn't seek a position on the board -- I was asked to serve. (Thanks, Brother Ron!) I didn't "volunteer" to sponsor community service or fundraising activities, I was asked. Now, I'm asking you; will you help?

Last year at a Pilgrim Celebration, a Brother explained that his journey in the Moose started when a member approached him in the Social Quarters and asked him to help. In his words "the rest is history."

Today, you can ask Brother Glen to do something and he won't hesitate. Not because of what it can do for him but he truly believes in the Moose and what we're all about. Somebody touched his heart. When asked recently, a young Administrator explained that his fraternalism began with the Moose Legion conferral. Somebody asked him to become a Moose Legionnaire. What an awesome contribution he has made. Something touched his heart. Not long ago at a children's Christmas party for those in-need, a little girl exclaimed " I've never had a bike before" and started to cry tears of joy as she took possession of a bike donated by caring members of the lodge. It touched my heart. These acts define us. This is who we are!

In 2018, ask someone to help with a project. Today, call your Administrator/Senior Regent/Governor and ask what the lodge/chapter needs. Don't wait to be asked, lead by example and start something! We need you and your ideas. There is POWER in asking. Use your powers for good! As always remember – "it's not all about us"!

Sailfish Moose Legion Past Presidents

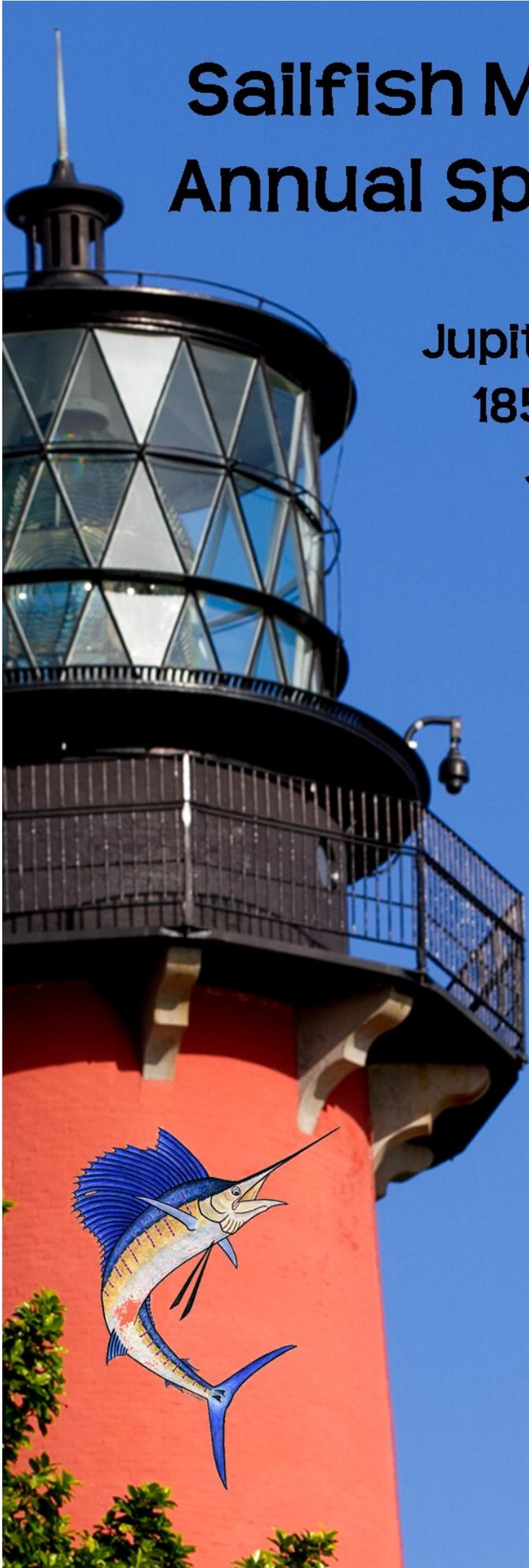
Richard Meals	2016-2017
Michael Gainer	2015-2016
Michael Gainer	2014-2015
August Prestano Sr.	2013-2014
David Smith	2013**
Lee Singleton	2012-2013
Robert "Bob" Green	2011-2012
Leif Johnson	2010-2011
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Charles Daniels Jr.	2008-2009
Richard Beaudoin	2007-2008
Ed Arens	2007**
Paul McClinchey	2006-2007
Paul McClinchey	2005-2006
Richard Hammond	2004-2005
Eric Granholm	2003-2004
Bob Barbieri	2003**
Eric Granholm	2002-2003
Charles Pettinger Sr.	2001-2002
James Douberley	2000-2001
David Harrington	1999-2000
Allen Dergis	1999**
Norman Riley	1998-1999
Herbert Patton	1997-1998
Paul Feldel	1997**
Marion Snow	1996-1997
Ronald Sills Sr.	1995-1996
Ronald Sills Sr.	1994-1995
Melvin Rynearson	1993-1994
Donald Driscoll	1993**
Howell Worsham	1992-1993
Joe Horn	1991-1992
Robert Schenk	1990-1991
Walter Shurack	1989-1990
William Higginbotham	1988-1989
John Downey	1987-1988
David Trout	1986-1987
Jack Davis	1985-1986
Jack Davis	1984-1985
Andrew Hrankonski	1983-1984
Robert "Bob" Bullock	1982-1983
** Conferral	

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**ELEVATE YOUR FRIENDS
TO BE
MOOSE LEGIONAIRES**

**PAY THE FIRST YEARS DUES
AND THE APPLICATION
FEE IS WAIVED**

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE WWW.SAILFISH197.COM



Sailfish Moose Legion 197 Annual Spring Celebration

Hosted By
Jupiter-Tequesta Lodge 2237
185 East Indiantown Road
Jupiter, Florida 33477
(561) 743-0202

Saturday, March 17, 2018

Saint Patrick's Day **Live Music**

Corn Beef Dinner
Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes,
Carrots, and more... \$14.99
Reserve Early (561) 351-4887

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Sailfish Moose Legion 197 **Annual Meeting and Conferral**

Breakfast 8-11 AM
Registration 8-12 PM
Conferral Candidates Report @ 9 AM
Moose Legion General Membership
Election of Directors 12 PM
Followed by Conferral Ceremony
Meeting and Directors Installation





2018 International Moose Legion Conference and Ritual Competition

Hosted By: Sooner Moose Legion #147
November 9-11, 2018

November 8 - Ritual Teams, Members and Guests Arrive

November 9 - Moose Legion Council Meeting

* Hospitality Rooms * Lots of Local Activities *

* OKC National Memorial Tour (Murrah Building) *

* Horse Racing * Casino Trips * River Walk tours *

* OKC Thunder Basketball Game * Botanical Gardens Tours *

* 56 Different Restaurants * Night Clubs * Piano Bars *

* Family Entertainment Venues * Performing Arts Theatre *

Moose Legion Informational Meetings and Workshops

Theme Night Ritual Awards Banquet

November 11 - Ritual Critique and Mini School

Veteran's Recognition and Honor Program

November 12 - Veteran's Day - Safe Travels Home

The OKC Convention & Visitors Bureau has assured us that they can help us plan a program that will be memorable. They will make sure the local restaurants and pubs are aware of the convention dates and assure they are well prepared for our group of Moose Legionnaires and our great ladies. Hotels and convention facilities are within blocks of Bricktown and its entertainment venues.

Services are being planned to ensure that transportation will be available to and from the airport, and to some events away from Bricktown, i.e. Horse Races (4 miles away), Casinos (several within 20 miles), etc.

"Bricktown" is an up and coming area of entertainment in the heart of OKC. There are some 56 restaurants and clubs within walking distance of the hotels. It rivals venues such as the River Walk in San Antonio, Texas. It is also the home of the NBA Franchise OKC Thunder, and the OKC Dodgers (L A Dodgers farm team) Stadium.

The Oklahoma City National Monument Tour (in memory of those that lost their lives in the Murrah Building Bombing) is an event you will not want to miss. We are working on securing special rates and tours for Moose Legionnaires.

The plans are being finalized and are coming together nicely. Much more information is due to follow about all the exciting plans. Mark the dates on your calendar and plan to join us for a great fun and fraternal Moose Legion Weekend.

Moose Legion, Degree of Service = Fun & Fellowship



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Texas Hold'Em Tournament**

April 7 & 8

Go To FloridaMoose.com to Register Online

Must be an active Member of the Loyal Order of Moose or Women of the Moose to participate. See official rules for details.

