



Sailfish Moose Legion 197 Fall Newsletter www.Sailfish197.com

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Sailfish Secretary Honored With Pilgrim Degree Of Merit

Mooseheart, Illinois... The Pilgrim Degree of Merit is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a member of the Loyal Order of Moose. This degree, originally created on August 1, 1918, is conferred only in the House of God at Mooseheart, Illinois and comes as a reward to members of the Fellowship Degree for extraordinary service to the Order.

For Lee Singleton, July 1, 2019 will be a day to remember, forever. Invited to be conferred with the highest Degree in the Loyal Order of Moose, The Pilgrim Degree of Merit. He did not earn this degree by sitting in the corner watching things happen. His leadership and mentoring has effected many peers as the years have gone by. His tutoring for new officers, committee chairmen, volunteers, and employees has kept the Palm Bay Lodge successful and helped many others. His leadership within the Moose Legion has and continues to be outstanding.

His dedication to the children at Mooseheart and the seniors at Moosehaven is without a doubt. And as the Moose Mission is to support our local communities, he has lead the way to make things happen within the community we serve.

In honor of Lee's accomplishments, the Palm Bay Lodge will hold a Celebration for Lee on August 31, 2019, starting at 1 pm.



Lee Singleton on the steps leading up to the House of God at Mooseheart.



Scott Duncan receiving First Place Award for Best Story from Moose International Communications Committee Chairman Art Barton

Sailfish Moose Legion Communications Earns Awards

Las Vegas, Nevada... The Moose Journalism Awards seeks to promote excellence in communications to our Active members. This years awards were very exciting as Sailfish 197 was recognized multiple times with awards. First Place Award for Best News Story, brought the most pride to Scott as he took home a total of six awards during the Awards Presentation. Written about his walk through Mooseheart's Camp Ross in 2018, the story is still posted on the Sailfish 197 website. The Sailfish 197 Newsletter also received Honorable Mention for General Excellence –Association and Moose Legion/Higher Degree Publications, and our website www.sailfish197.com took home the Third Place Award for Moose Legion/Higher Degree Websites. Scott said, "I am proud to represent my Lodge and Moose Legion, and I am humbled by the recognition".

Port Saint Lucie Lodge #513 Hosts Sailfish #197 Summer Celebration

Whether you were there to celebrate with our new Moose Legionnaires or just visiting with old friends, Port St. Lucie was the place to be for the Father's Day Weekend. With twelve new candidates conferred with the Degree of Service, our Moose Legion is growing. The host lodge and Chapter worked together to put on a beautiful weekend, fill with fun and fellowship. Thank you Judi Lunsford for the nice pictures and the ones of those guys to the right... We hope to see all of them in Okeechobee for our Fall Celebration... submitted by W. Scott Duncan



Sailfish Chaplain Richard Meals leads the parade of candidates during the Summer Celebration hosted by Port St. Lucie Lodge #513, June 15 & 16, 2019. What a fantastic weekend!

2018-2019 Sailfish Moose Legion

Board of Directors

President	Ed Heltzer
Vice President	W. Scott Duncan
Chaplain	Richard Meals
Fraternal Director	Mike Del Santo
Financial Director	Bill Brumfield
Junior Past President	Joe Eriksen
Secretary	Lee Singleton

Committee Chairman

Ticket Sales	Ralph Wyons
Ritual	Bill Brumfield
Candidate Registration	Leif Johnson
Moose Legion Store	Melva Howell & Doris Meals
Candidate Parade	Mike Del Santos
Booklet	Phyllis Gainer
Communication	W. Scott Duncan

Upcoming Celebrations

Okeechobee
September 21-22
&
Buckhead Ridge
December 7-8

Sailfish Moose Legion 197

Fundraising as of 4/18

Endowment Fund

\$2677.68

Annual Project

(Centennial Project)

\$1480.88

Youth Awareness

Scholarships

\$430.80

Presidents Project

(Mooseheart PJO-Projector System)

(Moosehaven-Washers & Dryers)

\$360

Mooseheart Student Trips To Moosehaven

\$180

Check Out Our Website

www.sailfish197.com

“One Moose” Town Hall Meeting

The Grand Council of the Women of the Moose and Supreme Council of the Loyal Order of Moose have worked hand-in-hand for the past two years to establish a strategic plan for women and men to have an equal voice, standing, and opportunity in every Moose Lodge throughout our Fraternity. The idea of “One Moose” membership has been around for decades and until now has only been about talking and not doing. The time has come for our Fraternity to take action and establish a path forward whereby a husband and wife, brother and sister, and female and male friends have the same opportunity to serve on the Board of Officers and have a lawful vote and voice into the business, programs and activities of the Lodge.

We'll be meeting at the beautiful Rosen Shingle Creek property in Orlando, Florida – site of our 2022 International Moose Convention. Friday, November 1, 2019 will be set aside for your arrival, with an opening reception scheduled for later that evening. Saturday, November 2nd will be a full day of open dialogue, presentations and panel sessions focusing on just one topic – One Moose Membership! During breakfast, lunch and dinner you will have the chance to dine with members of Moose International staff, Grand Council members and Supreme Council members. You'll hear from Grand Chancellor Barb McPherson, Director General Scott Hart, our incoming Grand Regent, incoming Supreme Governor Rodney Hammond, General Governor Mike Leuer and Director of Membership Mike Rios on the future of our Moose fraternity. Questions will be answered surrounding topics like: higher degrees, dues, impact on our General Laws, Chapters, the Moose Legion, Board of Directors and Office of the Director General and so much more.

Your attendance at this event will provide you with the latest information on unifying our Fraternity into a stronger and more influential voice in more than a thousand communities across the United States, Canada and Great Britain. In the following months, you'll have the knowledge and facts to share with members in your Chapter, Lodge, Moose Legion, District and Association. It is an exciting time to be a Moose member and we hope you join us as we Create Our Future! Accommodations and Registration are limited and will close once rooms are sold out, so don't wait – sign up now!

<https://www.mooseintl.org/one-moose-town-hall-meeting/>

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.

Wisdom from Bob Neff, Director Ritual, Moose Legion & Higher Degrees

Well the first quarter of the fiscal year has passed. We now hit and will pass the half way point of summer during August. What have we accomplished thus far? What have we got planned for the near future and longer term for the rest of this year or even into next year? How are we preparing to Create our Future?

Questions are pretty easy. It is the answers that take work. No journey just happens without planning. We have to look at the goal and determine a path to get there. Even a simple vacation takes some amount of planning to be successful. The same is true of having a successful year in our fraternal unit.

Growing our membership base is a goal we all have. How to do that is something we have to work on. It certainly should include an ongoing plan and effort to retain the base we already have to begin with. Bringing new members in is always good – but they only add to the total when we retain what we already have.

It is kind of like saving for retirement. Putting a little back and saving it (retaining it) over time adds up in the due course of life. Membership is not so different. By reaching out to make members happy and making them feel a sense of prideful belonging, we do encourage their continuation of being and remaining members. Sometimes a simple handshake or phone call, a card or letter that acknowledges them is all it takes to let them know that they matter and that you – that indeed we, as a whole – care about them.

That does take some effort. It does take some time. But it is worth it if we want to build a future that continues to care for students at our Child City of Mooseheart. It matters when we desire to continue the care of our senior members and yes even assure that protection for ourselves – should we need it one day – for the care of our residents at Moosehaven.

Being involved in our local fraternal unit, whether casually or deeply helps towards these and the local community efforts as well. We need leaders and we need involved members who participate in events to move our fraternal program forward and make positive strides of good. All members are important. All members matter. Thank you to each of you for being a member of the Moose at any and all levels! May God Bless you, everyone.

Cordially & fraternally,
Bob Neff, PIP
Director R, ML & HD

Sailfish Moose Legionnaires Enjoying The Comforts Of Moosehaven



Ed & Eddy Layton sitting with Melva and Sailfish Secretary Lee Singleton during a visit in July.

Ed and Eddy Layton arrived a few years ago. Eddy has had medical issues and is being taken care of by the world class staff, nurses, and doctors at Moosehaven. Ed has been helping in transportation and is a very good, if not great, Ritualist, as a member of the Award Winning Moosehaven Lodge Ritual Team. He spends his free time visiting Lodges, fishing, and visiting with Eddy.

With just over a year at Moosehaven, Gary and Barb Anderson have taken up residence in their apartment in the brand new Centennial building. Both stay very active with the activities being offered and Gary even finds time to assist with the transportation needs around Moosehaven. Together with their two cats they have a full life at Moosehaven and love to talk about all the fun things they get to do.

If you are ever in Orange Park, pay them a visit, they would love to show you around and let you see, by your own eyes, just what it is, we provide to our seniors living at Moosehaven. Story by **Scott Duncan**

Orange Park, Florida...

Any day is a good day, when you are carefree and living at Moosehaven. It is an amazing place for our members to retire to. A security blanket, we all hold as we maintain our membership in the Loyal Order of Moose.



Gary Anderson returning a Resident from an off campus Doctor Visit

Now Hiring... Moose Legion Recruit Acquisition Agent



Are you willing to promote the programs, accomplishments, and legacy of the Moose Legion? Is the Moose Legion more than just a supper club? Do you hold in your heart, the kids at Mooseheart and our Seniors at Moosehaven?

Then this job just may be for you. As a member of the Moose Legion, you took an oath, one not taken lightly, to create our future. By doing so, you accepted an obligation to bring eligible Moose members to be conferred with the Degree of Service. Not just signing an application, they must attend a conferral Ceremony to complete the process.

Who are we looking for? Members just like you, members that want to do a little more for the benefit of children and seniors, and support activities that serve our local communities. Working in the lodge, fundraising, spending a little time and effort to support and motivate others to support our Heart of the Community efforts.

If this person we are seeking is you... start today, sign up a new Moose Legionnaire and help us Create our Future!

Membership Growth & Retention Workshop

Sunday, November 3, 2019 10:00 to 3:00

Winter Haven, Florida Lodge #1023

FREE TO ATTEND

Pre-registration required (email rsaidon@mooseintl.org to register)

Lunch available for purchase \$8 Collected at the Lodge



MOOSE - CREATE OUR FUTURE

May 1, 2019 - April 30, 2020

The future of our Mooseheart children's education and well-being depends on what we do today. The responsibility to continue to provide what we promised to our senior members rests with us now. It's up to US to make sure that there IS a future! To do so, we need to Create Our Future now.

The best way to do so is to introduce our friends and family to the Moose. Sponsor a member today so that we can grow the Fraternity for the future. We may never enjoy the shade of the trees that we plant but our legacy will live on in the hearts of those that we support.

Sponsor 1 Member

Moose - Create Our Future pins are presented by your Lodge, Chapter or Moose Legion to individuals that sponsor their first member during the campaign.

Moose Legion Pin



Lodge & Chapter Pin



Sponsor 5 Members

Funds will be donated toward Mooseheart's 4-H and Equestrian programs for our Mooseheart children and for those participating in County Fairs. Plans are to purchase a new show horse, equestrian attire/tack and two used utility vehicles for the farm.



Contributions are courtesy of your Association, the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion.



Sponsor 25 Members

Receive free basic registration for our 2020 International Moose Convention in Milwaukee, WI.

2019 Sailfish Moose Legion Mooseheart Graduation Raffle



Tickets go on sale June 16, 2019

Drawing to be held during Sailfish Spring Celebration March, 2020

Tickets will be \$5 Each which will be considered a donation to be split between the 2019-20 International Moose Legion President's Project and the Ritual Team Expenses

Prize is, Airline tickets for two, hotel accommodations for two nights, to visit Mooseheart during Graduation Weekend June 2020. (\$2000 Max Value)

Each Lodge Will Receive 250 Tickets

See the Lodge Assistant Secretary to get tickets to sell

Any Active Member of the Loyal Order of Moose or Women of the Moose can win.

2000 Ticket Sales = Sellers Bonus...

Once we sell over 2000 tickets...

Seller of winning ticket will receive the same grand Prize, a trip for two to the Mooseheart Graduation in June 2020. That's right... if you sel the winning ticket, write your name the back, and you could win the grand prize also.

Imagine seeing the kids from Mooseheart, graduating from High School. Seeing Mooseheart first hand. Walking the same hallways the kids use every day. See the people we support day in and day out.

Not interested in going to Mooseheart? cant even imagine that.. however we could substitute the trip for a \$1000 cash prize.



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**Sailfish Moose Legion #197
Fall Celebration
Okeechobee Lodge #1753
September 21 & 22, 2019**

Saturday
Corn Hole 11am-2pm
Directors & Assistant Secretaries Meeting
3pm
Dinner 5:30pm
Serving Country Fried Chicken Steak

Sunday
Breakfast 8am-11am
Registration Opens 9am
Moose Legion Store Opens 9am
Candidates Report 9am
Candidates Parade 10am
Sailfish General Meeting and Conferral
12 Noon
Lunch Available after the meeting