

# MOOSE CALL

**CHESTERTON MOOSE LODGE  
# 1623**

## HOT HAPPENINGS!!!

**MAR/APR  
2010**

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| 3-7---District Meeting @ Laporte #492                 | 4-11---District meeting @ Elkhart #599   |
| 3-12---Family movie night 6:30pm<br>Moose tips Dinner | 4-11---W.O.T.M Breakfast 8-12  |
| 3-17---Corned beef & cabbage dinner<br>4-7pm          | 4-11---Riders Club meeting @ 1:00 pm   |
| 3-27---Easter egg hunt 12-2pm<br>Easter bingo 2-5pm   | 4-18---Hillbilly Horseshoes 1-5  |
| 3-28---Riders Club Meeting @ 1:00pm                   | 4-22---Election of Officers 12-6 meeting to<br>follow                            |
|   | 4-24---Italian Buffet 4-7  |
|   | 4-25---Potawatomie Legion Celebration @<br>LaPorte Officer Installation & dinner |
|   | 4-25---Riders Club meeting @ 1:00pm  |
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## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER MENUS

**FRIDAY DINNERS  
CANCELLED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE!!**

### **LODGE CONTACTS**

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**10<sup>th</sup> District web pages:  
[www.loomin10.org](http://www.loomin10.org)**

## FROM DESK OF THE ADMINISTRATOR/SOCIAL QUARTERS MANAGER

Hi, everyone,

Well, it is still winter here in Northwest Indiana. We had a nice turn out for the corn hole tournament. Seems everyone had a good time, we ended up with 14 teams, which was great.

The Valentine' bingo was also a good time. We had a good turnout as well. We would like to do bingo and corn hole again. We still have 2 more months of cold outside so give me or the Governor some input as to what you as members would like to do for the remainder of the winter, with

your help we can put something together fairly quick. These activities really help your Lodge and Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

The super bowl party was a little slow but we still had a good time. A lot of food and give a ways. A special Thank you to all who helped with these activities. We could not do it without you. As always take care of your bartenders.

Fraternally yours,  
Troy Cooper, Administrator  
Social Quarters Manager

P.S.

IF YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IT IS DUE ON OR BEFORE THE **15<sup>TH</sup>** OF EVERY OTHER MONTH. IF NOT IN BY THEN THE NEWSLETTER WILL RUN WITHOUT IT. THANK YOU!!!

## GOVERNORS COLUMN

Hello Brothers & Sisters!

Jan. and Feb. were busy months down at the Lodge. Family movie night had a bad turnout because the Post Office delayed the delivery of the newsletter. We will try it again in March. How about some hillbilly horseshoes in April? We will have a sign up sheet in the Social Quarters for volunteers to help with the St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner. Hurry and sign up now so you won't have to wash dishes!!! HA HA!!!

March 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> is the Mid-Year Conference in Indy if anyone is interested in attending.



I am in the process of forming a nominating committee, if you would like to help out please ask any officer.

Valentine bingo was a well-attended fun time. Unfortunately Irene Manning was taken by ambulance. Our thoughts and prayers for her and her family and a speedy recovery. Thanks to all who helped make Valentine's bingo run so smoothly. A pat on the back goes out to Troy and Nick for calling the numbers. Also, to Pat, Angie, Debbie and Sheila for helping with bingo cards and raffles.

Fraternally,  
David Whisler, Governor

## W.O.T.M CHATTER

No submission for this edition of the newsletter!!

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

See your calendar for March and April activities!!!

## CHESTERTON MOOSE RIDERS

Fellow Riders,

Since we are finally within sight of spring it's time to get the Riders Club back into action. We will be conducting meetings on Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup>, Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Social Quarters of the Lodge. During these meetings we will discuss arrangements for our charity poker runs and other events, your input, ideas and participation is needed! If you are not yet a member of our riders club please contact the lodge office @ 219-926-6100 or simply attend one of our meetings. This is our second year in action and we plan on hosting several events this riding season. Get involved and be a part of the fun with us!

Safe Travels, Rick Dalby – Moose Riders Club President & Jr. Past Governor

## MOOSE LEGION NEWS

Can you believe its March? Spring is right around the corner, I know because I'm camping at Goshen, IN. Lodge #836. It's only a foot of snow, but otherwise quite nice. For Super bowl, I was away for work and watched the game at Danville, PA. Lodge #1133 and had the honor of meeting the Supreme Prelate, Joseph Koons. What a nice fellow.

By now you wonder why I bring this up. No matter where I travel, I look for a Lodge and stop in, even for just one and they all are the same: Friendly, Polite and most of all.....FAMILY.

So whether you stop by our Lodge or one of the thousands throughout the country, these all are your Lodges and a very valuable part of your membership.

Now onto business: The Valentine's dinner was a success. Thanks to all who helped out! All the ladies received flowers. Our next Legion function will be in March. So check the Lodge for details!

Upcoming Legion events are: Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>-Legion Mtg. LaPorte #492

Mar. 19-21- State Mid-Year Conference @ Indy.

Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>-Legion Mtg. @ Elkhart #599

Apr. 25-Pottawatomie Moose Legion #94 Ceremonial Installation of Officers at Laporte #492

Well, keep looking ahead to Spring and to continued patronage at your Lodge (s). I will be stopping by Adrian Mi Lodge #1064 tomorrow after work. I'm sure they will say HI!

Fraternally,  
Eric Johnson  
Legion Chairman

## MUSINGS ON MEMBERSHIP - MARCH/APRIL 2010

Let's begin this month's missive to the masses with one of the great questions of rock, courtesy of Roger Waters and David Lee Gilmore: *"Hello, is there anybody in there? Just nod if you can hear me.. Is there anybody home?"*

Winters can be like that at the Moose. Between snow, ice, indoor and outdoor freezing temperatures, and lack of suitable offerings there are lots of reasons for members to absent themselves from the Lodge and to avoid sharing our Fraternity with prospective members.

### HEY – SNAP OUT OF IT!

Support your Fraternity, whether you're a member of the Lodge or the Chapter. How, you ask? Here are some options:

- **Participate** in activities
- **Volunteer** and support Lodge and Chapter fundraising
- **Organize** an activity that you would like to see offered
- **Sign up members** that you'd invite into your home and the use the Lodge in place of your house
- **Run for Lodge or Chapter office.** A critical election cycle, starting with nominations, will soon begin.

As we shake off the winter blahs we as a Family Center have to honestly acknowledge the significant challenges that face our Family Center and threaten its future. About 90% of our membership needs to keep doing what you're doing if you think Chesterton is better off without a Moose Family Center. If, on the other hand, you think Chesterton needs the community service efforts we offer as a Moose Family Center then GET INVOLVED and participate.

Remember the many benefits that we all share a Moose members including discounts on magazines, pharmaceuticals, lodging and more. A complete listing is available on the web site at <http://www.mooseintl.org/public/Benefits.asp>

Congratulations to Administrator Troy upon accomplishing membership in the 2009-10 "5-Club". Lodge 1623's year-to-date applications total is 19 and our quota is 99. Sponsor a new or returning member today.

Norm Ruge, PG  
Membership Chairman

Our Prayers go out to the families of:

We send our well wishes to:  
Irene Manning  
Val LaMar

**LODGE OFFICERS**  
Governor-----David Whisler  
Jr. Governor-----Brandon Loucks  
Prelate-----Bill Choisser  
Treasurer-----  
1 Yr. Trustee-----Mike Orlich  
2 Yr. Trustee-----Barry Monroe  
3 Y.r Trustee-----Mark Ormsby  
Administrator-----Troy Cooper  
Jr. Past Governor-----Rick Dalby  
Sgt.-At-Arms-----  
Asst. Sgt.-At-Arms-----  
SQ Manager-----Troy Cooper

**W.O.T.M OFFICER**  
Sr. Regent-----Debbie Lightfoot  
Jr. Grad. Regent-----Sheila Whisler  
Jr. Regent-----Barb Piper  
Recorder-----Judy Betts  
Sec/Treasurer-----Ronita Smith  
Chaplain-----Barb Poparad  
  
**MOOSE LEGION OFFICERS**  
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