



Bellingham, WA
Lodge 493 • Chapter 277

The MOOSE CALL

May 2012

Bellingham Moose Board Members Installed!

The men and women of Bellingham Lodge #493 and Chapter #277 have elected the 2012-2013 Boards of Officers, Installation was held Saturday April 28th with a number of members and co-workers in attendance.

The pot-luck following the Installation was wonderful, Billy Shears rocked the night away.



Congratulations to our new Boards!

The 2012-2013 Boards of Officers have been installed. Pictured from left to right for the LOOM: Outer Guard Bob Duranceau, Prelate Roy Pennington, Acting Sergeant at Arms Gary Endersby, Treasurer Mike Poe, Governor Mike Moreau, 2 year Trustee Chris Leibrant, Junior Governor Dave Mecartea, Past Governor Shane Potter, 1 year Trustee Monty Leibrant, 3 year Trustee Brian Chervenock and Inner Guard Ken Larson.

From left to right for the WOTM: Youth Involvement Chair Rindy Potter, Academy of Friendship Chair Wilma Endersby, College of Regents Chair Dorothy Partlow, Publicity Chair Patty Mecartea, Senior Regent Sande Leibrant, Past Regent Debbie Sutterman, Chaplain Dee Pennington, Moose Charities Chair Muriel Leibrant, Secretary/Treasurer Ann Gorvad, Recorder Laurie Pennington and Installing Regent Shirley Rupke .

Loyal Order Of Moose Lodge #493 Officers

Governor: Michael Moreau
 Junior Governor: Dave Mecartea
 Past Governor: Shane Potter
 Prelate: Roy Pennington
 Treasurer: Mike Poe
 1 Year Trustee: Monty Leibrant
 2 Year Trustee: Chris Leibrant
 3 Year Trustee: Brian Chervenock
 Administrator: Michael Green
 Sergeant at Arms:
 Inner Guard: Ken Larson
 Outer Guard: Bob Duranceau

Women Of The Moose Chapter 277 Officers

Senior Regent: Sande Leibrant
 Junior Regent:
 Graduate Regent: Debbie Sutterman
 Chaplain: Dee Pennington
 Secretary/Treasurer: Ann Gorvad
 Recorder: Laurie Pennington

WSNIMA District 2 Officers

President: Roy Pennington
 Vice President: Jim Fisher
 Secretary/Treasurer: Steve Scott
 Prelate: Jim Spittler

Puget Sound Moose Legion #91 Officers

President: Jim Fisher
 Jr. Past President: Jim Spittler
 Vice President: Brian Chervenock
 Financial Director: Rick Konz
 Fraternal Director: Ole Berentson
 Chaplain: Nathan Slaton
 Secretary: Steve Scott
 Sergeant at Arms: Shane Potter

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Friendship Meeting is May 15th

We will be having Pot Luck for this meeting, with a gift exchange. Vickie George is our Hostess.

Our project this month is our Sunshine Child. Her name is Elvinell Fofanah, her favorite color is purple, she likes Hannah Montana and the cartoon character Scooby Doo. We look forward to sending her correspondence.

This will be our last meeting until Fall.

Chairman - Wilma Endersby

Community Service

Mike Green, Chairman, 393-6846

Food Bank Donations

Keep up the GREAT work!
*Please help us help those in need.
 Please bring your donations in to the Lodge.*

Puzzles and Magazines for Seniors

Please bring used magazines, puzzles, and hard and soft cover books to the lodge. They are greatly appreciated by the seniors in our community.

Do you know of an organization, group or someone in need of a helping hand? We're always looking for ways to help in our community.

Metal Recycling

Please continue to bring in your tabs & cans, we're also taking in brass and copper! Your metal recycling helps your lodge, your community and the environment.

Volunteer in the Community?

If you do volunteer work in the community please let us know. We would love to recognize you as a community volunteer. Contact Mike Green.

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From the Senior Regent

As the new Senior Regent for the coming year, I look forward to working with everyone. I'm hopeful we can all put our heads together and think of some new, different and fun things to do. One of our main goals should be to encourage those of our members we don't see very much to come in and rekindle friendships while enjoying a relaxing evening. If anyone has any suggestions for me, don't be afraid to track me down or even leave a message for me at the bar or in the suggestion box.

Let's try to make this year a great one!

Sande Leibrant - Senior Regent

From The Governor

We start a new year this month at the Lodge. Your new Board of Officers take hold on May 1st. Thanks to our departing LOOM board members John Lira, Curt Thompson and Dan Preston, we appreciate all you have done for us as officers of this Lodge. A big welcome to the "newbie's" Chris Leibrant and Brian Chervenock, this is their first term on the Board and I'm excited and thankful that they stepped up to become Trustees of this Fraternity. And everyone thank Roy Pennington for rejoining the Board as our new Prelate, and Mike Poe as Treasurer. This is a big boost for our Lodge to get them back on the Board. We have a great group of men and believe we can have high expectations for the upcoming year.

The new Joint House Committee starts this month. LOOM and WOTM Board of Officers will now jointly govern the social quarters of your lodge. We are only the second lodge in our region to have a Joint House Committee and I look forward to being able to brag to our fellow lodges how well it works.

Hoping for some hot sunny spring days!

See you all at the Lodge,
Fraternally,
Mike Moreau - Governor

From the District 2 President:

As the District President, I am required to visit the Lodges in my District at least once per quarter and this can be for a Lodge meeting, social event or just to pop in and see how things are going. This has given me the opportunity to meet some wonderful and dedicated Moose members.

On the 17th of April I visited Snoqualmie Valley as they hosted the Supreme Governor Wesley Crowder from Virginia. He has visited over 180 Lodges throughout the nation since July of 2011 and although with his background could choose whatever he wants to do, he has dedicated his life to promoting and supporting the Loyal Order of Moose. His dedication to Mooseheart and Moosehaven is inspiring to say the least. The event was attended by many State Association officers along with the Mayor of North Bend and a Sheriff from King county and local fire district from North Bend who received some Tommy Moose's which will be given out to children in distress.

The following weekend we had our Legion #91 celebration in Mt. Vernon where new officers were elected for the Legion board for the upcoming year. On Sunday we held our District Meeting and heard from our Lodges the activities and events that the Lodges have hosted for their members.

Amazing to hear the good work Lodges are doing in their Communities for charities, their Seniors and children of Mooseheart. With a new board of officers slated to take over May 1st, I encourage members to support them, volunteer some time to the lodge and help spread the word that the Bellingham Moose wants to be a bigger part of the community and we want new members, new ideas, all which helps support our fraternity.

See you at the Lodge,
Roy Pennington

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From The Editors

The April showers have given way to... May showers—or is that flowers? Our 2012-2013 Elections, Golden Ball and Installation of Officers have all gone by, with good food, good times and good music. Sande and I missed the first two, being on vacation in Memphis (didn't see Elvis, though), but reports we got when we came home were very positive!

Remember, if you have a Lodge, Legion, Women of the Moose, District, State or community-related article that you wish to share with the membership, please submit it, with graphics or digital photographs if you have them, to loom493@gmail.com, monty.leibrant@gmail.com or drop the article copy into the newsletter box just to the right of the quarter draw clipboards. Cutoff date for article submission is the 20th of each month, sooner is better so that we can work out any editing and still make it to press four days prior to the start of the new month for mailing.

As always, opting into email distribution of the newsletter is encouraged, and can be done via email to the Lodge general email account (loom493@gmail.com) or by signing up at the bar. You get a full color version of the newsletter the moment it goes to press, weekly reminder emails, event updates and new things as they happen!

Monty Leibrant, Editor-In-Chief
Patty Mecartea, Graphics and Design

Why am I a Moose? An Editorial

Looking back to my younger years, my first real recollection of the Moose was that of my parents running off to town a couple of times a week to let their hair down and get together with the many friends they found by joining Lodge 493 and Chapter 277. My father, a shipwright at Uniflyte, and my mother, working the upholstery shop there, put in some real work during their 40-50 hour weeks; my sister and I never begrudged them their down time.

Years later, with children of our own, Sande and I returned home from serving our country in the US Navy, found jobs and worked on getting our own family through the years. You can't say we were well off, in fact we lived at what most would call the poverty line for most of our children's pre-teen years, yet we chose to join the Lodge for all the right reasons; we were helping to support Mooseheart and Moosehaven (albeit strictly through my dues) and stepping in to lend a hand from time to time for some project for the Lodge or the



We strive to have fun family activities, great inexpensive food, and a friendly, family safe facility. This all happens because of our volunteers. Can you spare a few hours a month to help on a project or committee? See the **Governor or Senior Regent, you'll be glad you did!**

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community. Giving time doesn't break the bank.

Once the kids got to their teenage years, the rising costs of keeping up the household moved payment of the yearly dues into the luxury category, and there wasn't any money for that. After nearly 10 years of membership, I let my dues lapse.

As our children approached adulthood, I found myself in a better job, with good pay and benefits. Suddenly, there was money left over at the end of the month, and we found ourselves able to get things we "wanted" rather than only having enough for the "needs" as we'd been doing for years. The kids were want for nothing, they had all they needed and a lot of things they didn't; we felt guilty of "under providing" for them until then, it was time to make up for it.


One of the many things we were able to do was for me to rejoin and for Sande to join the Chapter. We had money for the cradle, time to lend a hand with projects and dinners, and we're happy to be able to give it. We've been able to make some donations

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MAY 2012

Lodge Moose Munchie Menu
Available Every Night
(When dinner not scheduled)

Happy Hour 4:00 to 6:00
Lodge Hours 4 to 11, Mon ~ Sat
Lodge Phone 734-3360

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>New this month: Names appearing at the bottom of a day are celebrating a birthday & Moose Golf League is every Wednesday.</p>	<p>Burger Night</p> <p>Spin to Win Meat!</p> <p>Tim Pritchett</p>	<p>Munchie Menu</p> <p>Charneil Hart</p> <p>Joint House Mtg. 6:30</p> <p>Munchie Menu</p> <p>Deborah Dahlquist</p>	<p>Wednesday Special: Philly Cheesesteak! Whatcom Cruisers Moose Golf League Raspberry Ridge Leah Bennett & Cheryl Gregor</p> <p>Chuckanut Bay Rugby & Bee Keepers Mtgs. Moose Golf League North Bellingham</p> <p>Munchie Menu</p>	<p>3 Taco Night Joint Board 6:30</p> <p>Men's Lodge Meeting (for all members) 7:30</p> <p>Tom Craft & Frank Wojciechowski</p> <p>10 Taco Night Men's Board 6:30 Women's Chapter 7:00 (all women invited) Women's Board 8:30</p>	<p>Munchie Menu</p> <p>Card Party @ Noon Legion Dinner 6PM \$8 Texas Hold'em 7PM</p> <p>Darcy Haughian & Frances Hoppman</p>	<p>David Hanna</p> <p>Munchie Menu</p> <p>Catherine Duren</p>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
 <p>Happy Mothers Day!</p>	<p>Burger Night</p> <p>Legion Meeting 6:30</p> <p>Joseph Hillaire</p>	<p>Wednesday Special: Philly Cheesesteak! Women's Board 5:30 BINGO 7PM Moose Golf League Grandview Breah Rains</p>	<p>16 Wednesday Special: Philly Cheesesteak! Women's Board 5:30 BINGO 7PM Moose Golf League Grandview Breah Rains</p>	<p>17 Taco Night Men's Lodge Meeting (for all members) 7:00</p>	<p>Dart Tournament 7PM</p>	<p>Munchie Menu</p> <p>James Gill & Mike Kildall</p>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<p>Burger Night</p> <p>Spin to Win Meat!</p> <p>Ellen Bonebrake</p>	<p>Joint House Mtg. 6:30</p> <p>Friendship 7:00 Last Meeting Until Fall!</p> <p>Munchie Menu</p> <p>Barbara Chris</p>	<p>23 Wednesday Special: Stuffed Peppers! Moose Golf League Raspberry Ridge David Mateer</p>	<p>24 Taco Night Men's House & Board 6:30 Women's Chapter 7:00 (all women invited)</p>	<p>Card Party @ Noon WOTM Dinner \$8 Teriyaki Chicken Bowl</p>	<p>Craft Day - 11 to 2 {see article in the newsletter}</p> <p>Munchie Menu</p> <p>Kathy Freeman</p>
27	28	29	30	31	June 1	2
	<p>Burger Night</p> <p>Darlene Dickenson & Pat Imhoff</p>	<p>Munchie Menu</p> <p>Marilyn Victor & Donna Wilson</p>	<p>30 Moose Golf League North Bellingham</p> <p>Munchie Menu</p> <p>Kathleen Brown</p>	<p>31 Taco Night</p>	<p>June 1</p>	<p>Munchie Menu</p>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Family & Lodge Activities

STILL NEEDED:

TACO NIGHT VOLUNTEERS

on the 1st Thursday of the month

If you can help a couple of hours each month on this night please contact us. Training is provided for food preparation and serving.

Meals for May:

Burgers	Mondays
Tacos	Thursdays
Wednesday May 2nd & 16th	Special: Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich
Friday May 11th	Legion Dinner - \$8 Chicken Fried Steak
Friday May 25th	WOTM Dinner - \$8 Teriyaki Chicken Bowl
Wednesday May 30th	Special: Stuffed Peppers

We want to say "Thank You" and we really enjoy having you in here. If you haven't been in for a while, we miss you, if you're new, "Welcome!"

Check out all the upcoming events, it's going to be a fun month!

Your Bartenders:
Atalie, Rindy, Cheryl & Angie

Craft Day this month will be Saturday the 26th. We have two projects for anyone who wants to get involved. St. Joseph's Hospital sends newborns home in felt stockings at Christmas time, and they would like help cutting them out. Also, Hospice House provides donated knitted or crocheted shawls to patients and family members. Guidelines for the shawls will be available.

Hope to see you there!

Sande Leibrant

**Monday Night Meat Spins
are on May 7th and 21st.**

**Win ham, steak, chops, who knows!
3 drawings every time, \$1 a chance.**

Did you or do you know a member who volunteered or will be volunteering their time to our lodge during the month of April? Please give this information to Sandi Sutterman at the Lodge, email sandra.sutterman@wwu.edu, or phone 733-3403 (please leave a message) with the name of the person and event that time was volunteered at Lodge Dinners, including tacos and hamburgers, Easter (including eggs, baskets & games), the Golden Ball celebration, Spring clean up or any other volunteered time past or future.

Sandi Sutterman

Moose Golf League News

Attention all men and women duffers,
hackers and floggers!

Spring has sprung, the grass is riz,
I wonder where the golfers is?

**Well they're right here. Join our Lodge's
Wednesday Twilight League. Tee times begin at
5:30. First game is May 2nd at Raspberry Ridge.
League fee is \$25, which includes a \$2 donation to
your Lodge and the rest go towards the year-end
banquet and prizes. League fee must be paid by, May
16th.**

We play 9 holes at 3 courses; Raspberry Ridge,
North Bellingham and Grandview. You do not need
to have an established handicap to play. Check out
the season schedule in this month's newsletter.

Come play with us and have a great time this
summer knocking the stuffing out of that little white
ball around the course.

Mike McKernan, Golf Committee Chairman

Questions? 733-3156

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over the years (anyone remember the \$150 German Chocolate cake we fought with Russ Westhaver to buy at auction one night?), and we feel good. We've met a lot of folks, made friends with many, and find ourselves at the Lodge quite a bit just to share time with them and unwind from the day. We both have family and acquaintances outside of the Lodge, but it seems our friends are inside those doors.

Over the years, we've all seen a decline in the number of members that come in, even if just to heft a pint and say hello. Dinners have been attended less and less, functions have all declined to the point of being cancelled (remember the Golden Ball that didn't happen last year? Not enough people signed up for dinner to make it worthwhile to buy the groceries).

We're one of a minority of Family Centers, which our past boards worked hard to obtain, yet we've been seeing only a few children each month. Our guests bring theirs.

With the decline in participation, an ugly situation has arisen; the bills for the mortgage, electricity, gas, cable, and taxes add up to more money than we take in. We've been pinching every penny that comes in the door, and all we get for our efforts is further behind each month.

I didn't get a lot of sleep last night - I kept trying to think of what I could do to keep the doors of our 101 year old Fraternity open for another year, and it dawned on me...

The active members are not the problem.

We have over 360 members paying their yearly dues to give them the privilege of calling themselves Moose. Over 360 people feel it within themselves to give our children at Mooseheart a good home, give them an education that they wouldn't have been able to, learn trades, get scholarships and go on to college; these children usually come back and help us to make the world a better place. Over 360 people feel it within themselves to support Moosehaven, our amazing retirement facility that is available to each and every one of us. Over 360 people are able to take advantage of discounts on a vast array of products and services; with the typical spending of an American household, the savings far outweigh the dues we pay. Over 360 people are card carrying members of an amazing community service engine; we support a number of causes here in our home town.

Where are 330 of you? Have all your friends passed or moved away, leaving you with no desire to visit your Lodge, yet you keep renewing your card? New friends are here waiting.

Our bartender and the Officers of the Lodge and Chapter get to see a whopping 30 of the same people once or twice a week, some more often. Those 30 people are the only thing making a dent in keeping the doors open, and they can't do it themselves.

We need YOU!

Come in, we're open from 4PM until there aren't enough left to warrant keeping the doors open. Buy a soda, a pint, a cocktail. Come in for burger night, come in for taco night, come in for a dinner or function.

If everyone came to the Lodge once a week, and bought nothing more than a can of pop, we'd have nine hundred dollars more each month to pay the bills. If everyone dropped a dollar a week into a jar, we'd have fifteen hundred more each month! \$1⁰⁰!!!

Is there something about the atmosphere in the Lodge that keeps you away? Drop a dollar and a suggestion of what we can do to change it. Come buy two sodas; eighteen hundred dollars extra each month would result in having some money left over after bills, so we could save up to install the windows people seem to want, we could refinish to get away from the blank white walls by putting some wood accents in, we could remodel the social quarters to separate the bar from the lounge. We could find ourselves able to find a better property, build the Lodge of our collective dreams, and move there!

The way it goes today, none of it will happen without you, the Member. We will lose our Lodge, and all the equity we've built. We will be out on the street, looking for a place we can afford, that won't have room for any of the things we try to do to gain your interest now, that we won't be able to "fix up" because we're renting, that's even less inviting than what we have now.

A hundred and one years of The Bellingham Moose and everything we do for Mooseheart, Moosehaven, our hometowns and the county ends... Without You.

Why are you a Moose?

Monty Leibrant - Editor

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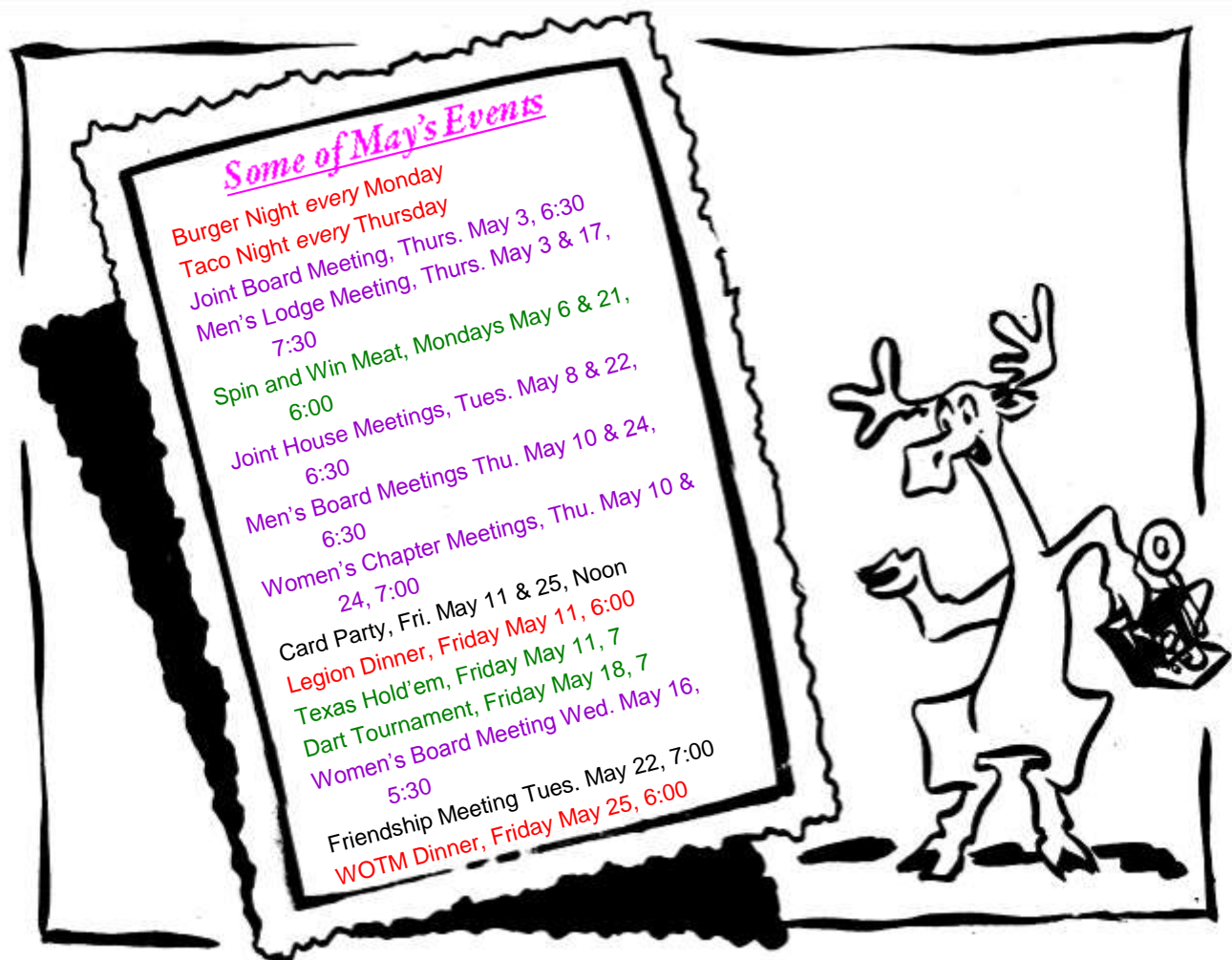
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