



Moose Nuggets

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Happy New Year to Our Wonderful Moose Community!

As we welcome 2025, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you.

Your support, your energy and your unique contributions make this community so special.

We are excited to continue growing and thriving alongside you in the years ahead.



***Between January 2024 to current, the Anchorage Moose Lodge 1534 has donated to the following organizations:**

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| Alaska Peace Officers Association | Catholic Social Services | Great Northern Discounts |
| Salvation Army | KNOM Radio | Clare House |
| Turnagain Quilts of Valor | My House Alaska | American Lung Association |
| All American Publishing | Shoot For The Cure | American Red Cross |
| American Heart Association | Special Olympics of Alaska | Shriners Hospital |
| Make A Wish Alaska | F.O.A.S.T. | Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission |
| Service High School NJROTC | Leukemia & Lymphoma Society | |
| STAR | Wounded Warrior Project | Pocket Pros |
| Armed Services YMCA of Alaska | Pump Up The Kids Alaska | Habitat for Humanity |
| ASPCA | Alzheimer Research of Alaska | Multiple Sclerosis Society |

The following incentives/rewards are given to Moose members for sponsoring new members.

- Sponsors will receive \$5.00 in Moose Bucks for all new members that you sign up.
- For the first 5 members you sign up, receive \$25.00 from AHMA.
- For every 5 members you sign up, receive a \$18.00 meal voucher.
- Sponsors are entered to win a \$50.00



3 Easy Ways to Pay Your Dues

- Mail your check, credit card number or money order with the payment coupon, to the following address:
Dues Processing Center Moose International, PO Box 88065, Chicago, IL 60680-1065.
- Go online to www.mooseintl.org
Click pay dues and enter your member number.
- Call 563-3502 or stop by the Lodge office and we can assist you.

Sign a guest in once, awesome!

Sign the same guest in twice, heck yeah!

Sign the same guest in a third time
- It's time to talk membership.

I see you!

Hey Moose Heyyyyyy!

The texting will be back - We promise! We'll be switching to a toll free either 800 or 877#. Our contact list should port over making this a semi-smooth transition.

Thank you!

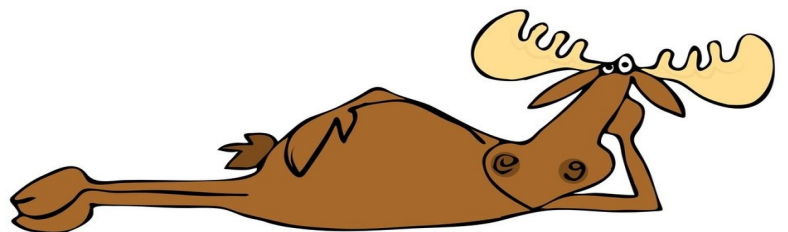
We are so happy to see NEW members joining!

Sign up your friends and family for \$75.00 today! Lodge Membership \$55 plus one time enrollment fee of \$20

New Chapter Members \$15.00

New Moose Legionnaires \$15.00

You must be a Lodge member to be able to join the Chapter (Female) or Moose Legion (Male)



Greetings Moose Lodge 1534 Members and Affiliates,



By the time you are reading this article, another holiday season will have come and gone, which for many means it's time to hunker down and catch up on household things that went to the wayside during the fun and frivolity of the holidays. New Year's resolutions will be on most people's minds and while saving money, getting more exercise, drying out for January, or reconnecting with old friends are always popular goals, my New Year's resolution for the Lodge is to continue fostering the feeling of community through inviting new members to join, encouraging current members to participate in things they haven't previously and recruit talented staff to help keep operations going.

Our fraternal brother and friendly steward, Mike LaFlamme will be reducing his hours behind the Social Quarters bar to tackle new adventures in 2025. A huge thank you to Mike for always stepping up and lending a hand or covering a shift when need be. With that, we will be recruiting for additional Social Quarter's staff to include both a bartender and a cocktail waitress, so if you know of someone who may be interested, please have them reach out to Administrator Dean for more information.

We hope that everyone can join us for the Super Bowl party this year as it will be the last one to take place in the Lodge as we know it before the Social Quarter's remodel kicks off in the spring! After much deliberation and working through permitting red tape, we are nearing the time to start working on some long needed Social Quarter improvements. More information will be sent out as details are nailed down, but in the meantime, keep joining us for Monday Night Football to get your Super Bowl door prize tickets and enjoy the yummy snacks the kitchen crew puts out each week. I'm still holding out hope that I'll see my beloved boys in green and gold in the final game, but know that regardless, it will be a rompin' good time no matter who gets the Lombardi trophy!

In closing, I want to say thank to all of our amazing staff and volunteers who helped make the holidays a joyous, fun filled time and to all the members who came out to join in the festivities. I look forward to what 2025 has to bring us! Happy New Year!

Jessie Mayes, 1534 President



Valued Veteran of The Year: Dawn Hansen



**Valued Veteran
Jason Mata**



**Valued Veteran
Charles Mathis**



**Valued Veteran
George Talbert**

On November 15th, 2024, we came together to honor our Valued Veterans with a Quilts of Valor presentation.

The following individuals received Quilts: Dawn Hansen, Jason Mata, Charles Mathis, and George Talbert.

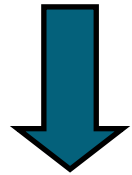
We also proudly named Dawn Hansen our **Valued Veteran of the Year** for her exceptional service and dedication.

Additionally, we recognized and celebrated the newly identified Valued Veterans: Marites M. Clundrina, Robert Hickey, Pete Kompkoff, William Maxey, Aldo Ray McClean, David Miracle, Frederick Paulsen, James Posey, and Bernadette Simmons. Those who were present received a certificate and pin in recognition of their service. For those unable to attend, we will be mailing these items to them.

This ceremony was a heartfelt tribute to their courage and sacrifice, ensuring that their contributions will never be forgotten.



Do you have a Junior in school this year?



The Moose could help pay your child's college education

How? Enter your High School JUNIOR (Graduating Class of 2026) for a chance to win up to a \$5,000 scholarship with the Moose - The Heart of the Community Scholarship Program.

*There is no better way to help the youth of the Fraternity than to offer them the opportunity to further their education, and that is exactly what the Moose "Heart of the Community" Scholarship is all about. The following requirements must be met in order to be eligible for the **Moose - The Heart of the Community Scholarship Program**.*

The applicant must:

- Be a student of the high school graduating **Class of 2026** (to be verified by a high school official).
- **Have a father, mother, step-parent, grandparent or legal guardian who is a current member of the Moose** in good standing (Applicant is NOT required to reside in the same household).
- Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale or equivalent **verified by a copy of student's transcript**.

(Completing the above criteria qualifies for a chance for a **\$1,000** scholarship.)

If the applicant completes one or more of the optional criteria below. He/she will qualify for a chance for a \$5,000 scholarship:

- **In-School / Extra-Curricular activities** (i.e. school sports teams, band, chess club, theater, etc.)
 - To satisfy this requirement a school official must verify this by completing their section of the application.
- **Out-of-School activities** (i.e. employment, scouting programs, music lessons, non-school related sports)
 - To satisfy this requirement **Moose International must receive a letter or email from the student's supervising adult (boss, troop leader, etc.) no later than June 30, 2025.** The letter should include: 1) The name, title, email, and phone number of the supervising adult; 2) Details of the student's participation; 3) The type of activities they engaged in; and, 4) The dates/date range of their participation. (Submit by email, fax or mail.)
- **Application, transcripts, and any additional letters/enclosures** must be sent in as one submission. Do not send each item separately.
- **Volunteer on behalf of a fraternal unit of the Moose.** (To be verified by Lodge Administrator, Chapter Treasurer or Moose Legion Secretary on the application or by email, fax or U.S. mail.)

The application can be found in the **Members Area** of www.mooseintl.org. Click on the **Programs & Events** link located on the far left of the page, then scroll down and click on the **Moose - The Heart of the Community Scholarship Program** link.

Applications may be emailed to darnold@mooseintl.org,

faxed to (630) 966-2225 or mailed to:

Moose - The Heart of the Community Scholarship Program
Attn: Dallas Arnold

155 S. International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539-1172

Faxed applications must be received by **June 30, 2025**. Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before **June 30, 2025**. Application must be completed in its entirety to be valid.

Winners are randomly drawn and will be notified by November 17, 2025.
Scholarship checks will be mailed directly to the college of their choice.

Questions on the Moose - The Heart of the Community Scholarship Program can be directed to Dallas Arnold at darnold@mooseintl.org or by calling (630)-966-2257.



Sunday February 9th, 2025



Super Bowl Party!

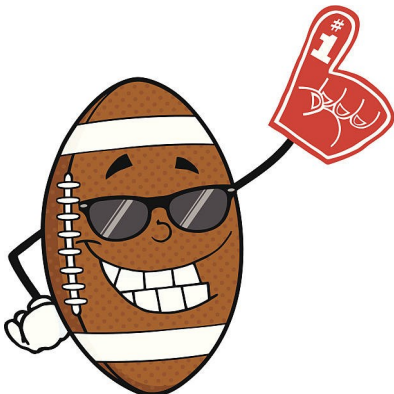
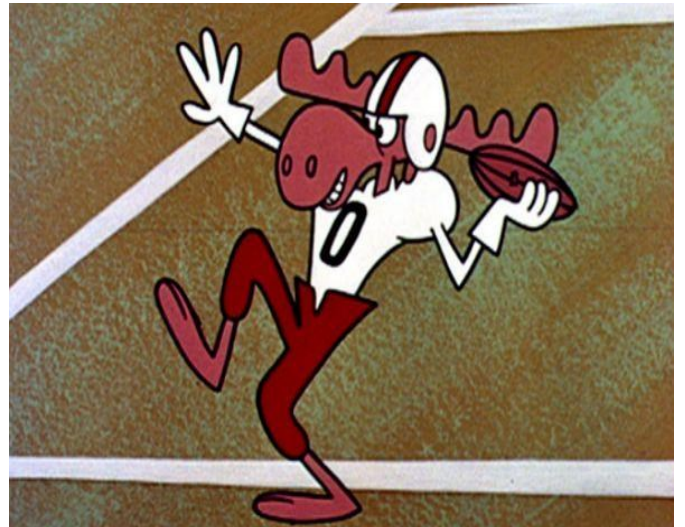
Sunday February 9th, 2025

Breakfast Buffet 10am to 12pm

Party Starts at Kickoff!

All members receive a ticket to be eligible to win a door prize.

It's the biggest and best Super Bowl party in Alaska. You don't want to miss out on this one!



****Don't forget to join us for Monday Night Football! The kitchen is open from 5:30pm - 7:30pm and there is always a 50/50 raffle. PLUS! If you purchase food, you'll receive a ticket for the super bowl prize drawings. Only one ticket per person per week.**

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Luck of the Moose Every Sunday at 4:30pm Snack			1 Happy New Years! Lodge Closed	2 1/2 Burgers & Fries by Josh & Kristal	3 Pot Roast Dinner \$16.00	4 Pancake & Waffle Breakfast by Mike & Irene
5 Jamie Miller Celebration of Life Snack Sunday	6	7	8 Philly Cheese steaks by Jason & Crew Cribbage	9 Irene in the kitchen	10 Pork Chops by Gerald \$16.00	11 Carta Steak Night by Rich & Crew
12 Sunday Breakfast by Carol & Crew Snack	13	14 Lodge Meeting 6:30pm	15 Cribbage 1/2# Burgers \$13.00	16 Spaghetti ala'Holmes	17 Chicken Fried Steak by Jason & Crew	18 WOTM Mad Hatter Tea Party P&W Breakfast by Mike & Irene Steak Night
19 Sunday Breakfast by Carol & Crew Snack	20	21 ASCE Officer Meeting	22 Jason in the kitchen Cribbage	23 Boneless Wings with some options \$15.00	24 Pulled Pork Dinner with all the Fixins \$16.00	25 Chinese New Year
26 Sunday Breakfast by Jason & Crew Snack	27	28 Lodge Meeting Orientation	29 Cribbage Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich w/Tomato Bisque	30 Swedish Meatballs \$15.00	31 Fried Chicken Dinner \$16.00	

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Luck of the Moose Sunday's at 4:30pm Snack						1 Carta Cribbage Tournament
2 Sunday Breakfast by Carol & Crew Snack	3	4	5 Wing Night by Shagi & Crew \$13.00	6 Smothered Beef and Onions \$15.00	7 Mexican Night by Eric & Cyndi \$16.00	8 Rum Tasting 2pm - 4pm Steak Night by Gerald
9 SUPER BOWL SUNDAY	10	11 Lodge Meeting 6:00pm	12 Chicken Tendies & Poutine by Josh & Kristal	13 Chapter Meeting  Meatloaf \$15.00	14 Fish Friday Fried Shrimp or Cod, or Combo Basket	15 Pancake & Waffle Breakfast by Mike & Irene Steak Night
16 Sunday Breakfast by Carol & Crew	17	18 ASCE	19 Jason & Crew Cribbage	20 Brian's Spaghetti \$14.00 Start of	21 Chicken Fried Steak \$16.00	22 Japanese Dinner by Jason & Crew
23 Jason & Crew in the kitchen	24	25 Orientation	26 Cribbage 1/2# Burgers \$13.00	27 French Dip \$14.00	28 Steve and Crew doing something for \$16.00	



Women of the Moose

Happy New Year!

As we tiptoe (or stumble) into the New Year, it's a time for reflection, renewal, and celebrating the fact that we survived another 365 days of chaos. A fresh start means new chances for growth and exciting opportunities. Whether you're setting ambitious goals, embracing challenges, or simply hoping to keep your house plants alive for another month, let's tackle 2025 with humor and hope.

Important Dates:

Mad Hatter Tea Party: Saturday, January 18th, 2025 (Hats encouraged, sanity optional.)

Valentine's Day Basket Drawing: February 9th, 2025 (Because who doesn't love surprises and chocolates?)

Membership Reminder:

Looking to supercharge your 2025? Join the Women of the Moose! Membership is only \$15 annually—less than a streaming subscription! Check your Lodge Membership card: if it doesn't say "Chapter 139" consider this your invite. Sign up online or at the lodge.

Meetings:

Women of the Moose Chapter Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30PM.

Lodge Orientation: 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:45 PM.

Here's to a year of laughter, love, and friendship. Happy New Year!

Fraternally Yours,

Keri Jones, Sr Regent





Nominations for the Board of Officers open in February.

If you are interested in running for a position in the lodge, you must be a member of the Moose Legion or Women of the Moose. The Positions Open are:

President— Must have held a prior office for 1 full term to qualify to run for this office.

Vice President—Must have been a member 6 months prior to the election date

Chaplain—Must have been a member 6 months prior to the election date

Treasurer—Must be a current member in good standing

3 Year Trustee—Must be a current member in good standing



Purchase your 2025 Fur Rondy pin here at the Lodge!



Cornhole League

Starts 1/8/25 goes to 3/13/25

Games on Wednesday and Thursdays



Party Bridge

Mondays and Thursdays 11am - 2pm at the Lodge. Free to play! Come out for a game and make some new friends.



January 4th 2025

White Buffalo Express

January 11th 2025

Jerry Wessling Band

January 18th 2025

Glacier Blues Band

January 25th 2025

Glacier Hoppers

February 1st 2025

Glacier Hoppers

February 8th 2025

Nothin' But Trouble

February 15th 2025

Glacier Hoppers



Karaoke Night!

Join us every Friday 8pm-11:30pm for Karaoke!

LET'S MEET IN MILWAUKEE

The Moose Fraternity's 137th International Convention will be held in Milwaukee, WI

May 22nd—26th 2025





Thanks to the kindness of our community, we were able to assemble and donate 27 holiday food boxes to local families in need. Your generosity is helping spread joy and warmth this holiday season.

"Pump Up The Kids" is a local program that brings holiday joy to children in foster care. This year, over 100 foster children in Anchorage were given the opportunity to create their own Christmas wish lists. This year, Anchorage Moose Lodge 1534 proudly participated, donating towards fulfilling their wish lists.



Left to Right: Sherri Trask, Dawn Hansen, Alan Parkinson, Anna Maria Parkinson

Valued Veteran Dawn Hansen participated in the "3rd Annual Rudolph Run 5k/Walk for Mooseheart."

She had a set a goal of \$1000 to raise, she crushed it and raised \$1127.00 for Mooseheart. Thank you Dawn and Sponsors!



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MOST GOOD®

The Anchorage Neighborhood GIFT is an event that provides toys for children, to support families who need assistance during the holiday season.

Through your amazing generosity, we were able to participate and provide gifts for the children.

Breakfast With Santa

We had a decent turn out for this years Breakfast With Santa.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who went above and beyond to make this happen.

From stocking stuffing to clean up, it couldn't have been done with out your help.

It's always a joy to have the Lodge filled with family and laughter.





And the winners of the \$10,000 Drawing are:

1st Ticket: Kimberly Griffith by Melissa James

25th Ticket: Jill Warburton by Debbie Hardwick

50th Ticket: Kim & Ken Deitz by Irene Douthit

75th Ticket: David Cockrell by Elisa Honsaker

100th Ticket: Roger Benson by Norm Dean

125th Ticket: Marcy Peterson by Renee Snodgrass

150th Ticket: David Cockrell by Debbie Hardwick

175th Ticket: Katie Stiefel by Debbie Hardwick

200th Ticket: Paul Lincoln by Debbie Hardwick

225th Ticket: David Cockrell by Debbie Hardwick

250th Ticket: Dean Fortain by Michael LaFlamme

275th Ticket: Donna Jackson by Renee Snodgrass

299th Ticket: Maria York by Norm Dean

300th Ticket: Patricia Callahan by Glennis Cutting

Congratulations To All The Winners!

Thank You For Supporting This Annual Fundraiser!



From the Administrator's Desk:

Happy New Year!

One of the many things we accomplished around the holidays was assisting families through our donation of dinner boxes so that these families could enjoy a complete holiday meal. We helped 32 families in this way for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We also provided gifts to other families through our Giving Tree. The response from our members in fulfilling these efforts was outstanding.

We are always looking for more ways in which to serve the community that we call home. We make regular monetary donations to a variety of community organizations and if you know of a need in the community that we can serve, please let us know.

Another way that you can help the lodge is to invite qualified individuals to become members. Sharing the privileges and benefits of Moose Membership is one of the most fulfilling ways to give back to the lodge.

Norm Dean

Administrator



The Beer & Barley Wine Festival will be at the Dena'ina Center from Jan 31 - Feb 1. They'll have award winning beers, ciders, meads, wines, seltzers and non-alcoholic beverages. Live music and local food vendors will be on site as well! Tickets are

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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From the Desk of the Moose Legion Chairman

Dear Moose Legion and Moose Lodge member,

Happy New Year! As we step into 2025, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible dedication and passion everyone brings to our Moose fraternity. Together, we've accomplished so much, and I'm confident that this year will be no different.

This is a time for renewal, a chance to set new goals and refocus on our mission to support Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and our communities around us. Let us continue to embody the Moose Legion's commitment to service, be leaders, and aim for higher degrees in our organization.

Upcoming Events:

The Super Bowl is February 9th, 2025. Please come early to get a great breakfast, delicious snacks, door prizes and a great time with friends and family.

Moose Legion meetings will be held January 5th and February 2nd at 10:30 am. Moose legion members are encouraged to attend the meetings and get information about our Moose Legion chapter. Our Moose Legion Quarterly meeting will be held February 22nd, 2025. More information will be provided as we get closer to the date.

Thank you all for your unwavering commitment. I encourage all Moose Legionnaires to actively participate in our activities, bring new ideas to the table, and foster a spirit of camaraderie and purpose. Every effort you make helps strengthen our fraternity and ensures we remain a pillar of support for those we serve. Let's have a wonderful 2025-2026 season.

Fraternally Yours,

Jason Allen Mata

Moose Legion Chairman/Moose Legion #51 Chaplain



Let's remember that kindness is contagious, and the words we speak have power. Do more lifting each other up with encouragement and understanding, and leave gossip behind. A little compassion goes a long way in creating a supportive, positive space for everyone.



The Daily Sign In

When signing in, please do not leave dollars attached to the clipboard. Make sure the bartender or server has taken the money from you and added a sign in to your total. There is no need to write commentary or notes next to anyone else's name. Sign yours, and keep it cruisin.

Overall Advice for January:

- **Stay Active and Social:** It's easy to get caught up in the winter blues, but staying active and connecting with people—whether it's through outdoor activities, social events, or even virtual hangouts—can keep your spirits high.
- **Embrace the Slow Pace:** January often feels like a reset month. It's the time to ease into the year, recharge, and start fresh at your own pace.

Our Defending Circle has been broken, may they rest in peace.



Teresa Miller

Fred Mosquito

Here's a "The More You Know" moment: **Octopuses have three hearts** — two pump blood to the gills, while the third pumps it to the rest of the body. And when an octopus swims, the heart that delivers blood to the body actually stops beating, which is why they prefer crawling over swimming; swimming can be exhausting for them!

Lodge Board of Officers

President—Jessie Mayes

Jr. Past President—Mike Douthit

Vice President—Carol Odinzoff

Chaplain—Danielle Gaylord-Lane

Administrator—Norm Dean

Treasurer—Debbie Hardwick

Trustee—Terry McIntosh

Trustee—Gerald Leier

Trustee—Mark Everson

Women of the Moose Officers

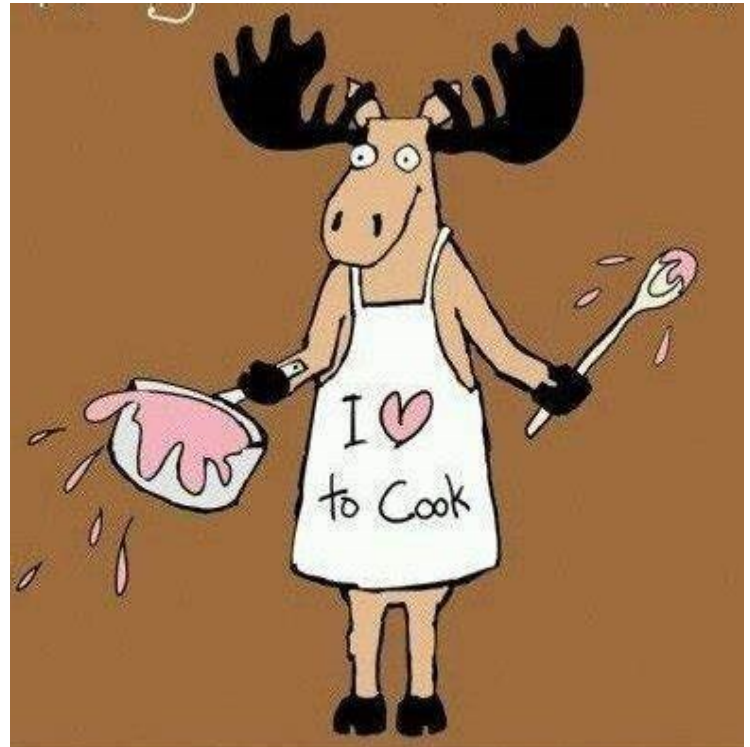
Sr. Regent—Keri Jones

Jr. Past Regent—Teresa Nelson

Treasurer—Connie Haas

Secretary—Debbie Hardwick

Kitchen Volunteers are always needed! Stop in and ask how you can help out. I know, it might seem intimidating - the crew here is fantastic and they'll help you along the way!



Something you'd like to see in the Nugget?

Pictures to share?

Moose Memories to share?

Ideas?

Send them to us!

admin@anchoragemooselodge.org