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MICHIGAN CITY FAMILY CENTER #980



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## Effective Immediately

Moose International has successfully changed the bank that processes membership dues payments. The new lockbox address for membership dues payments is as follows:

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Mail sent to the old bank address will be special couriered to the new lockbox for 60 days. Please stop using the old dues processing center address and begin using the new address above.

The November mailing of the membership renewal notices will have the appropriate new address. A notice regarding the address change and a reminder for members that have set up a reoccurring payment or bill pay to change the address with their provider is included in the renewal letter.

## Complimentary Blood Screening

There will be a blood pressure screening available to Moose members and their guests on Saturday, December 8th during lunch. Anyone interested in having their blood pressure checked may do so during that time. If there is a good turnout, a monthly screening date will be set up.

## I Believe

The holidays are a time to spend with family. Moose Family Center 980 provides a pleasant atmosphere for friends and family to gather and share hospitality. The Holidays are an especially fun time for our children, and the Moose Family Center shares with all the children of our community. Santa always visits the Children's Christmas Party. Moose members all over our great country insure that the little children of Mooseheart enjoy Christmas as well. It is through our members and our membership that we are able to be a charitable organization. We need your support. Sponsor a new member, give your brother, sister, cousin or friend a Moose Family Center 980 membership as a gift they will always remember.

Remember, our goal is to sign up 225 new members. Moose International will give a bronze lapel pin to each member that sponsors one new member. 2205818 Women that sponsor 2 members will receive a gold toned charm. Men sponsoring 2 new members are eligible for a drawing to receive a \$200 VISA gift card. The more you sponsor, the more opportunities to win a prize from Moose International.

Thank you to Brother Moose Members who have sponsored new members so far. A drawing for a gift package to **Blue Chip Casino** was held in October. Sponsoring members were given an entry into the drawing for each member sponsored. Brother **Tom Root** won the dinner for two at the **Blue Chip Buffet**. Eat healthy, Brother Root.

Brothers **Tom Root**, **Jim Pizarek**, **Bruce Stransky** and **Carl O'Neill** sponsored at least 3 new members and have been awarded a \$25.00 gas card for their support of Moose Family Center 980. More gas cards are waiting for you, what are you waiting for? Sign up a new member TODAY.

A special thank you goes to Brother **Derold Borton**. He donated a \$50.00 gift card to the 4 Winds Casino in New Buffalo. A drawing will be held on the first regular Lodge meeting in February. What a wonderful Valentine gift that will make! To be eligible, all you have to do is sponsor a new or former member. The more members you sponsor, the more chances you have to win.

Remember, for our Family to thrive, we need to grow. The more we grow, the more we are able to provide the great community service we have been known for. I BELIEVE.

Tony & Skip



## Children's Christmas Party

Scheduled for Saturday,  
December 15th • Noon to 3 p.m.

Those families that have registered can come to pick up their children's gifts on Saturday, December 15th. The hours of the party will be Noon to 3 p.m. There will be a special lunch menu, and some surprises, for all "KIDS". Once again, "SORRY, no grandchildren".

## 10th District News

To find out what is going on in the Lodges of the 10th District (Chesterton, LaPorte, Knox, Elkhart, Mishawaka and Michigan City), please check out our District website:

[www.loomin10.org](http://www.loomin10.org)

## Family Party - December 22nd

Saturday, December 22nd has been set aside for Lodge #980 and Chapter #935 members and their families to come to the Social Quarters to celebrate the Christmas season. A light snack will be served between 1-5 p.m. There will be three drawings of \$50 each at 2, 3 & 4 p.m. All you have to do is register and be present at the time of the drawing; we will draw until some member wins. The Board of Officers hope that many of our members will stop by and share in the Holiday Cheer. The hours of operation on the 23rd will be 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The Lodge Social Quarters will be closed Monday the 24th and Tuesday the 25th. We will open again on Wednesday, the 26th at noon for our regular hours.

## Toys for Tots

New Toys Needed



Again this year, Moose Family Center #980 will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for ages 8-14 years old to be donated to

the Salvation Army. There are many children in Michigan City who would not receive a gift at Christmas if it weren't for the efforts of the Salvation Army. Please think what it would be like if your children or grandchildren weren't going to receive a toy at Christmas. Be generous and drop off a toy to help make this holiday the best one ever for a child who needs a happy experience.

## 980 FAMILY New Year's Eve

For the fourth year in a row, Moose Family Center #980 will be celebrating New Year's Eve family style. Dinner will be available between 6-8 p.m. The menu includes Prime Rib, Walleye (broiled or deep fried), Grilled Pork Chops, and full salad bar. There will also be a Children's Menu available. We will celebrate the New Year at 10 p.m.

Kevin Mansfield will entertain. Noisemakers and hats will be available for everyone to help make the evening more festive. Bring the family and have a celebration that everyone can enjoy.

**OFFICERS**

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 Jr. Governor ..... Bion Dennis, Jr.  
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Sgt. at Arms ..... Andy Crane  
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**Lucky Numbers**

September was a lucky month for two of our Brothers. **Brother James A. Cox**, 4528969, and **Brother Dennis Nespo**, 281607, found their lucky ID numbers and therefore collected their Moose Steak Dinner for Two at the Moose Family Center.

The Lucky Number for the month of December, 2007, is I.D. #1786184. Check your dues card NOW and see if you have won a Moose Steak Dinner for Two at the Moose Family Center. Your reward must be picked up by December 31, 2007.

Another SPECIAL I.D. NUMBER is hidden in one of the articles of this issue. If you find it, and it is your number, you will win a Moose Steak Dinner for Two at the Lodge. The same conditions apply as for the regular I.D. number.

**Attention 980 Moose legionnaires and 980 Members:**

The 980 Moose Legion Club is having a Pre-Christmas dinner at the Lodge on December 8th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This dinner is free to all 980 Moose Legionnaires, and \$5.00 for 980 Members (\$10.00 per couple). Menu: Ham & beef, potatoes, a veggie, salad bar and sheet cake for dessert.


Come one, come all! Please fill out the form below and deposit in the box under the Free Book at the Lodge. We need this for a count of those attending. See you there on December 8th!

Fraternally,  
 George A. Stavropoulos,  
 Asst. Secretary

- I (We) will not attend
- I (We) will attend
- I (We) will bring a guest(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number attending


My (Our) Name is

\_\_\_\_\_ 

**Thank You! Thank You!**

The Star Recorder Committee would like to thank all that joined us at our Card Party and Salad Bar on Oct. 29th.

We had delicious food and door prizes for everyone.

Thanks Again,  
 Margaret Mahaffey,  
 Chairman 



**Anniversary Night**

Anniversary Night is now celebrated quarterly. The next Anniversary Night is scheduled for **February 2008**. December, January and February anniversaries will be celebrated that evening.


Mr. & Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

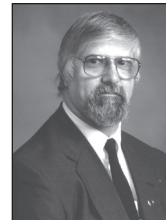
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Anniversary Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Day)

Years of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

We will attend Anniversary Night  
 February 2008 Yes No

Anniversary Night is a special evening celebrated quarterly with champagne and music. Your presence is requested. Even if you are unable to attend, your name/date will be published in the newsletter. 



**Governor's Corner**

Carl O'Neill  
 Governor

Hello Everyone,

We are now entering the Holiday Season. I hope everyone will have a joyful and happy holiday season with family and friends.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the children's Christmas Bingo. It was a very good turn out. Everyone had fun and a good time of fellowship. Most important I want to thank the players that attended. Thank you very much players.


Don't forget the following dates:  
 December 15th the Children's Christmas party, So don't forget to sign up the little ones come down and have some fun.  
 December 22nd is the Lodge Christmas party from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Come on down and help us celebrate Christmas. There will be door prizes and refreshments. Lastly come down and celebrate New Years Eve with all of your friends. Fellow Moose member Kevin Mansfield will be our entertainment for the evening. We always have a good time with Kevin. The entertainment will be from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm with New Years being celebrated at 10:00 pm again this year so the children can be with you.

Don't forget to purchase your Scholarship calendar. They make a really great holiday gift.

Remember Wednesday and Friday nights we have dinners at the Lodge, come down and see what special has been prepared for your dining pleasure that night. We also have BINGO on these nights as well as Monday morning. Come down and have fun with your friends its always good to see you having a good time.

In closing all I have to say is go out and sponsor candidates. Don't do this for me but do it for Mooseheart and Moosehaven as we all pledged to do.

From my wife Ann, myself and the Board of Officers of Moose Family Center 980, We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally Yours,  
 Carl O'Neill, Governor 



**Departed Brother**

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of our departed Brother who has been called to the Supreme Lodge above:

**PAUL EGGERT**

Let us for a moment think of him as we knew him when he associated with us. May he rest in peace.

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**Every Thursday**  
Pikey Draft \$1.50

**WORD SEARCH**

*Who always steals the soap in the bathroom?*

Find the hidden words.

- Christmas vacation
- family indulge
- togetherness greedy
- surprises lighted
- sharing decorations
- forgiveness blizzard
- holly reindeer
- festivities Rudolph
- presents wrapping
- celebration frankincense

*The robber-ducky*

J R E I N D E E R I A W K S R U J S  
P I T E F D Z Z C Q W A N W H U F H  
B V O S F R E I O H Q R A Y U C A A  
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**DECEMBER 2007**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				980 LEGION CLUB MEETING 7:00 P.M. \$1.50 PIKEY DRAFT	LEGION BINGO 7:30 P.M. MEMBERS ONLY KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH & DINNER	<b>1</b> KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH <b>11 AM-3 PM</b> COOK'S CHOICE
<b>2</b> ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE LODGE OPEN NOON-6 P.M.	<b>3</b> BINGO 8:30 A.M. W.O.T.M. CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY - 7:00 P.M. BOY SCOUT MEETING 6:30 P.M.	<b>4</b> HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 P.M. \$1.00 LONG NECKS	<b>5</b> WED. SPECIAL BBQ RIBS BURRITOS DOUBLE CHEESEBURGER & FRIES \$5.25 BINGO	<b>6</b> \$1.50 PIKEY DRAFT	<b>7</b> LEGION BINGO 7:30 P.M. MEMBERS ONLY KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH & DINNER	<b>8</b> KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH <b>11 AM-3 PM</b> TACOS MOOSE LEGION CLUB DINNER 5:30-7:30 P.M. SEE ARTICLE
<b>9</b> ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE LODGE OPEN NOON-6 P.M.	<b>10</b> BINGO 8:30 A.M. W.O.T.M. CHAPTER MEETING - 7:00 P.M. W.O.T.M. BOARD MEETING FOLLOWS BOY SCOUT MEETING 6:30 P.M.	<b>11</b> L.O.O.M. MEETING 7:30 P.M. RITUAL PRACTICE AFTER MEETING \$1.00 LONG NECKS	<b>12</b> WED. SPECIAL BBQ RIBS COUNTRY FRIED STEAK DOUBLE CHEESEBURGER & FRIES \$5.25 BINGO	<b>13</b> \$1.50 PIKEY DRAFT	<b>14</b> LEGION BINGO 7:30 P.M. MEMBERS ONLY KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH & DINNER OPEN FAMILY BOWLING	<b>15</b> KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH <b>11 AM-3 PM</b> CHILI DOGS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
<b>16</b> ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE LODGE OPEN NOON-6 P.M.	<b>17</b> BINGO 8:30 A.M. W.O.T.M. BUSINESS MEETING - 7:00 P.M. BOY SCOUT MEETING 6:30 P.M.	<b>18</b> HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 P.M. \$1.00 LONG NECKS	<b>19</b> WED. SPECIAL BBQ RIBS BEEF TIPS & NOODLES DOUBLE CHEESEBURGER & FRIES \$5.25 BINGO	<b>20</b> \$1.50 PIKEY DRAFT	<b>21</b> LEGION BINGO 7:30 P.M. MEMBERS ONLY KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH & DINNER	<b>22</b> KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH <b>11 AM-3 PM</b> GRILLED CHEESE LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY 1-5 P.M. SEE ARTICLE
<b>23</b> ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE LODGE OPEN NOON-6 P.M.	<b>24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i> LODGE CLOSED	<b>25</b>  <i>Christmas Day</i> LODGE CLOSED	<b>26</b> WED. SPECIAL BBQ RIBS STUFFED CABBAGE DOUBLE CHEESEBURGER & FRIES \$5.25 BINGO	<b>27</b> \$1.50 PIKEY DRAFT	<b>28</b> LEGION BINGO 7:30 P.M. MEMBERS ONLY KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH & DINNER OPEN FAMILY BOWLING	<b>29</b> KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH <b>11 AM-3 PM</b> BLT
<b>30</b> ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE LODGE OPEN NOON-6 P.M.	<b>31</b> FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY MUSIC BY KEVIN MANSFIELD	<b>JANUARY 1</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY LODGE CLOSED 	<b>2</b> WED. SPECIAL BBQ RIBS PRIME RIB SANDWICH DOUBLE CHEESEBURGER & FRIES \$5.25 BINGO	<b>3</b> 980 LEGION CLUB MEETING 7:00 P.M. \$1.50 PIKEY DRAFT	<b>4</b> LEGION BINGO 7:30 P.M. MEMBERS ONLY KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH & DINNER	<b>5</b> KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH <b>11 AM-3 PM</b> COOK'S CHOICE
<b>SOCIAL QUARTER HOURS:</b> MON-FRI 12 NOON-12 MIDNIGHT SAT 10 AM-1 AM SUNDAY (WHEN OPEN) NOON-6 PM		<b>★ "BINGO" ★</b> MONDAY • WEDNESDAY 9:30 AM 6:30 PM FRIDAY MEMBERS ONLY 7:30 PM			<b>KITCHEN OPEN FOR LUNCH &amp; DINNER</b> WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY	

Are you moving soon? Please don't forget the Moose Lodge when you change your address. Full name, address and zip code are needed so we may keep you posted on the time your dues are due; the mailing of "THE INFORMER" and the magazine from Moosehead.

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## Women of the Moose Chapter No. 935

Dear Co-Workers,

As the lyricist says: "Summer's gone. Leaves are falling down and round my window, crystal clear and certain that winter is coming on." By the time you read this Thanksgiving will be a memory, retail black Friday will be weighed against last year and the rush will be on for Christmas shopping. Please take a moment to reflect on those less fortunate and take some "me" time to regenerate.



*Karen Wipperman  
 Senior Regent*

A huge thank you to **Marge Mahaffey**, her committee and all of the Co-Workers that made the annual Card Party a success. The College committee is also planning a white elephant auction for their last meeting. Please donate those items (in good condition) that you no longer have use for. Remember that one man's trash is another's treasure. **Mr. Kurt Ackerman** and some of his Boy Scout troop presented a short program at our November Chapter meeting. Their color guard presented the flags and joined us in the pledge and National Anthem.

Thank you to the following Co-Workers that so

wonderfully agreed to take the remaining chairs for this year. **Joan McGinnis**, Educational Advancement, **Dorothy Kriesel**, Publicity, and **Elaine Russell**, Health Awareness.

The Christmas party will be held on December 3, 2007 at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$8.00. You may see any officer to pay for your dinner. The last day to sign up will be Wednesday, November 28, 2007. Hope to see you all there.

Community service chairman **Christina Hutchins** is signing people up for the Salvation Army Angel tree and Bell Ringers please give her a call if you can help. She will be hosting a Christmas cookie sale as her fundraiser on December 23, 2007.

Raffles are ongoing at the Wednesday Bingo and Thursday evening dinners are available as fund raisers to benefit the Spring Conference expenses. Please help out.

Please remember the following Co-Workers in your prayers: **Marge Mahaffey** and **Betty Hudkins**. Contact **Joan Hoffman** should you know of other Co-Workers needing a lift.

And for a column closer: Have a Blessed Christmas and safe New Year from myself and the officers to all of our loved Co-Workers.

Fraternally,  
 Karen Wipperman, Senior Regent

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