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2007 Moose of the Year

Congratulations to **Tom Root** on being selected as "MOOSE OF THE YEAR" for the Michigan City Moose Family Center #980. Tom was enrolled December, 1985; joined the Moose Legion March, 1987. He currently is the



Prelate. When you see Tom, congratulate him. 

Sweetheart Steak Fry

The Women of the Moose Annual Sweetheart Steak Fry held by the Academy of Friendship Committee is fast approaching. It will be held on Saturday, February 16th, between the hours of 5-8 p.m. The cost for dinner is \$10.00, which includes your Salad Bar and dessert. Please join us for a night of fun and fellowship with your special Sweetheart. Tickets will be available at the bar in the Social Quarters or from a member of the Academy of Friendship. 

I Believe

It's time again for the biggest celebration of the year. There is no better party than when the NFC takes on the AFC. Moose Family Center 980 celebrates this tradition with food, fun and drinks for the biggest bash of the year. As a member, you can enjoy this festive atmosphere. As a non-member you can't. This is just another one of the many reasons it's great to be a Moose Family Center 980 member.

The Moose Family Center 980 provides a pleasant atmosphere for friends and family to gather and share hospitality. We have many activities to bring us together. Our newest activity is shuffleboard. Thanks to those who pitched in to bring this activity to us. And don't forget that the golf season is right around the corner. Remember, there is always something to do at Moose Family Center 980.

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. Women that sponsor 2 members will receive a gold toned charm. 000280397 Men sponsoring 2 new members are eligible for a drawing to receive a \$200 Visa gift card.

If that weren't enough incentive, members that have 2 sponsor credits between January 1, 2008 and April 30, 2008 will receive a deck of professional playing cards imprinted with the "We're Betting


Election of Officers for 2008-2009

The Nominating Committee for the election of candidates for 2008-2009 elected offices will hold their first meeting Tuesday, February 26th immediately following our Lodge Meeting. The second meeting will be held on March 11th. A third meeting will be March 25th, and Election on April 8th.


Candidates will be selected for Governor, Jr. Governor, Prelate, Treasurer and 3-year Trustee.

The Nominating Committee will be our present elected Officers plus 5 Past Governors in order of Juniority, and 5 members appointed by the Governor.

Any aspirant for these offices may submit his name to the Nominating Committee. The Slate of Officers will be announced at the March 25 Lodge Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

If you want to help your Lodge—now is the time to get involved and run for an office. 

Shuffleboard Mania!


Stop by and see what is new in the Social Quarters. Thanks to **Don Pagos** and his cousin, **Dorothy Jarka**, we now have a shuffleboard game. It is a lot of fun and doesn't cost very much to play. If you like to have fun, come to the Social Quarters and try your skill at shuffleboard. 

Lodge to Try to Stem "RED INK" Problem!

The House Committee has, after much discussion and review of the numbers, made the tough decision to increase bar prices. All Beer and Alcoholic Beverage prices will increase 25¢. This pricing will be effective March 3, 2008. It has been quite some time since we have had a price increase, and the House Committee hopes that all of our members will be very understanding.

Thank You,
House Committee 

4th Annual JKAS Club Challenge Chili Cook Off


Our very own Moose 980 Team has won the first and second Annual JKAS Club Challenge Chili Cook-Offs. We're hoping for another win on Saturday, February 16, noon-3 p.m. at the M.C. Fish & Game Club. Stop by, sample some great chili, **and support our Team**. Tickets will be sold for a \$5.00 donation. 

Save the Date

Golf League Meeting
Thursday, March 13 • 7 p.m.
Details in next month's *Informer*. 

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY February 3, 2008



Upstairs Social Quarters to open 2 hours before kickoff, for our big SUPER BOWL PARTY. Non-ticket holding members cost \$8.00. 

Tony & Skip 

OFFICERS

Governor..... Carl O'Neill
 Administrator James W. Pizarek
 Jr. Past Governor..... Chris Prohl
 Jr. Governor Bion Dennis, Jr.
 Prelate..... Tom Root
 Treasurer..... Randal Kayser
 1 Yr. Trustee Dale Peters
 2 Yr. Trustee Derald Borton
 3 Yr. Trustee Dan Wheelden, Jr.

APPOINTED OFFICERS — 2005-2006

Sgt. at Arms Andy Crane
 Asst. Sgt. at Arms Dan Wheelen, Sr.
 Inner Guard Pat Reynolds
 Outer Guard Mike Noveroske

2005-2006 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Membership Tony Gralik & Skip Smith
 Moose Family Activities Joseph Doyle
 Mooseheart - Moosehaven Admissions &
 Indiana Scholarship..... Andy Crane
 Endowment Fund Dale Peters
 Community Services... George Stavropoulos
 Ritual..... Thomas W. Root
 Public Relations..... Steve Galinowski
 Historian Kevan Ryan
 Sports Lynn Bowman
 Editor Steve Galinowski
 Audit George Stavropoulos, Sr.,
 Retention Bion Dennis, Jr.
 Entertainment..... Carl O'Neill
 Sick Steward Thomas W. Root
 Indiana Day Ron Zacharias
 Bingo..... Monday - Jack Ohms
 Wednesday - Carl O'Neill
 Gov't. Relations Jim Pizarek
 Necrology..... Jim Pizarek

W.O.T.M. OFFICERS

Senior Regent Karen Wipperman
 Junior Regent..... Durbin Lyons
 Chaplain Charlene Pinkerton
 Sec./Treasurer Carol Root
 Jr. Graduate Regent Betty Hudkins
 Recorder..... Barbara Kasprzyk

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Lucky Numbers

December was a lucky month for one of our Brothers. **Brother David Wozniak**, 2205818, found his ID number and collected his Moose Steak Dinner for Two at the Moose Family Center. **Brother Nick Venice**, 1786184, did not find his lucky ID numbers and therefore did not collect his Moose Steak Dinner for Two at the Moose Family Center.

The Lucky Number for the month of February, 2008, is I.D. #010868622. 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 February 29, 2008.

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.

**Let's all "Gimme Five!"
 and Help Ensure the Future of Mooseheart
 and Moosehaven**

Five years from now, in 2012, the men and women of the Moose may face a tough choice: whether to continue to operate our Mooseheart Child City and School in Illinois and Moosehaven retirement community in Florida, or shut one of these facilities down.

The hard financial facts tell the story:
 • **Every year**, the combined budgets to fun Mooseheart and Moosehaven are a whopping **\$32 million**.

• **Every year**, the fraternity's two most important and time-honored humanitarian endeavors open with a **\$32 million deficit**.

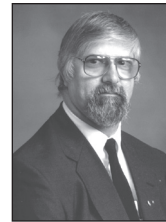
• **Every year**, these costs are increasing – so much that **in five years it will simply not be possible to continue to operate both of these facilities any longer**.

A tough choice indeed. If the entire membership of the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose makes the choice to participate in "Gimme Five," enough money will be raised over the next five years to allow the returns on the investment of these funds to sustain the operations indefinitely - without the need to request additional donations every year.

Every day for five years, simply set aside 5¢ in the morning and 5¢ in evening for the kids of Mooseheart and elders of Moosehaven.

If 1 million of our Moose men and women sets aside 10¢ a day, that's 70¢ a week, or \$36.50 a year. Over the five year program, each participant's total contribution will be \$182.50. Multiplied by 1 million, that's \$36.5 million per year. After 5 years, the total is \$182.5 million - before interest is added in.

Contact our Gimme Five Committee - **Tom Root, Dan Wheelden, Sr. and Derald Borton** - or any officer to find out how to help your fraternity save our commitments to Mooseheart and Moosehaven.



**Governor's
 Corner**

*Carl O'Neill
 Governor*

Hello Everyone,

Hope everyone had a good New Years. We are starting the new year off really well with good weather and some really good ideas for the lodge.

In February we have the WOTM Sweetheart Steak Fry on Saturday, February 16th, along with the Valentines Day Dance, on the same night we will also be celebrating Anniversary Night. We have **J.J. Brooks** for our entertainment that evening.

Our next district meeting will be February 17th in Knox at 2 p.m. Plan on attending to see what is happening in our district. There is much fun and fellowship with those from our district.

In March we have our state convention. Please try to make plans to attend. Our WOTM are the hostess chapter for this convention. Please continue to support them.

Don't forget in February the nominating committee will be picking officers for next year. If you would like your name considered for an office please put it in writing and give it to an officer so it can be presented to the committee.

Please don't forget the Scholarship Calenders are still available for purchase.

We have a new activity at the Moose. It is a Shuffleboard game on the far east wall. I want to thank **Randy Kayser** and **Don Montgomery** for all the work that did to get this ready for play. GOOD JOB, Brothers.

Don't forget about Monday morning, Wednesday and Friday night BINGO. We continue to have Wednesday and Friday night dinners. Come on down for dinner and a relaxing game of BINGO.

In closing all I have to say is go out and sponsor members. Don't do it for me do it for the children at Mooseheart and the seniors at Moosehaven as we pledged to do.

Fraternally Yours,
 Carl O'Neill, Governor



**Anniversary
 Night**

Anniversary Night is now celebrated quarterly. The next Anniversary Night is scheduled for **February 23, 2008**. December, January and February anniversaries will be celebrated that evening.

Mr. & Mrs. _____

(Please Print)

Anniversary Date _____
 (Month/Day)

Years of Marriage _____

We will attend Anniversary Night
 February 16, 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.

Departed Brothers

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families of our departed Brothers who have been called to the Supreme Lodge above:

**WILLIAM WINN
 EARL M^cANALLY**

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

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WORD SEARCH

What's gray and zooms through the jungle at 10 miles per hour?
Find the hidden words.

- groundhog February
- valentines Lincoln
- presidents Washington
- celebrations birthdays
- amethyst leap
- Ash year
- Wednesday black
- Lenten history
- shortest weather
- month coldest




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An elephant on a motor bike!

TUESDAY & THURSDAY SPECIALS

Every Tuesday
All 12 oz. long neck beer \$1.00
Every Thursday
Pikey Draft \$1.50

FEBRUARY 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>				1 LEGION BINGO 7:00 P.M. MEMBERS ONLY KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH & DINNER	2 KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH 11 AM-3 PM COOK'S CHOICE
3 ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE LODGE OPENS AT NOON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY	4 BINGO 8:30 A.M. BOY SCOUT MEETING 6:30 P.M.	5 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 P.M. \$1.00 LONG NECKS	6 WED. SPECIAL BBQ RIBS AYCE POLLOCK DOUBLE CHEESEBURGER & FRIES \$5.25 BINGO	7 980 LEGION CLUB MEETING 7:00 P.M. \$1.50 PIKEY DRAFT	8 LEGION BINGO 7:00 P.M. MEMBERS ONLY KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH & DINNER	9 KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH 11 AM-3 PM TACOS STATE POOL TOURNAMENT GREEN CASTLE #1592
10 ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE LODGE OPEN NOON-6 P.M. STATE POOL TOURNAMENT GREEN CASTLE #1592	11 BINGO 8:30 A.M. W.O.T.M. CHAPTER MEETING - 7:00 P.M. BOY SCOUT MEETING 6:30 P.M.	12 L.O.O.M. MEETING 7:30 P.M. RITUAL PRACTICE AFTER MEETING \$1.00 LONG NECKS	13 WED. SPECIAL BBQ RIBS BEEF STROGANOFF DOUBLE CHEESEBURGER & FRIES \$5.25 BINGO	14 \$1.50 PIKEY DRAFT 	15 LEGION BINGO 7:00 P.M. MEMBERS ONLY KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH & DINNER	16 KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH 11 AM-3 PM BLT ANNIVERSARY NIGHT SWEETHEART STEAK FRY VALENTINES DAY DANCE MUSIC BY J.J. BROOKS
17 ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE LODGE OPEN NOON-6 P.M. 10TH DISTRICT MEETING KNOX #807 - 2 P.M.	18 BINGO 8:30 A.M. W.O.T.M. BOARD MEETING - 7:00 P.M. BOY SCOUT MEETING 6:30 P.M.	19 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 P.M. \$1.00 LONG NECKS	20 WED. SPECIAL BBQ RIBS GRILLED PORK CHOPS DOUBLE CHEESEBURGER & FRIES \$5.25 BINGO	21 \$1.50 PIKEY DRAFT	22 LEGION BINGO 7:00 P.M. MEMBERS ONLY KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH & DINNER	23 KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH 11 AM-3 PM CHILI DOG
24 ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE LODGE OPENS AT NOON POTTAWATOMIE LEGION #94 ELECTION OF OFFICERS MICHIGAN CITY #980	25 BINGO 8:30 A.M. W.O.T.M. BUSINESS MEETING - 7:00 P.M. BOY SCOUT MEETING 6:30 P.M.	26 L.O.O.M. MEETING 7:30 P.M. RITUAL PRACTICE AFTER MEETING \$1.00 LONG NECKS	27 WED. SPECIAL BBQ RIBS POT ROAST DOUBLE CHEESEBURGER & FRIES \$5.25 BINGO	28 \$1.50 PIKEY DRAFT	29 LEGION BINGO 7:00 P.M. MEMBERS ONLY KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH & DINNER	MARCH 1 KITCHEN OPEN LUNCH 11 AM-3 PM COOK'S CHOICE
SOCIAL QUARTER HOURS: MON-FRI 12 NOON-12 MIDNIGHT SAT 10 AM-1 AM SUNDAY (WHEN OPEN) NOON-6 PM		★ "BINGO" ★ MONDAY • WEDNESDAY 9:30 AM 6:30 PM FRIDAY MEMBERS ONLY 7:00 PM			KITCHEN OPEN FOR LUNCH & DINNER WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY	

Winter Vacations

Many of our Moose members will be on vacation or staying in the sunny south this year. There's nothing more relaxing after hours of driving, than to stop at a Moose Lodge on the way south and let them know you are from Michigan City Family Center No. 980. They will give you a great feeling of being welcome. Also stop at Moosehaven at Orange Park, Florida - 17 miles south of Jacksonville on U.S. 17 - they will love to see you!

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

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Women of the Moose Chapter No. 935

Dear Co-Workers,

The month of January is under our belts and hopefully February will not be so white. February is Moosehaven month and our Chairperson is **Debbie Handtke**. Please help out if you are called. In February we will be having a rubber stamping party at our Chapter Meeting. There



*Karen Wipperman
Senior Regent*

will be no cost to take part, all supplies will be provided as well as simple instructions. You will have a blast, please plan to attend.

February is also the month for our Sweetheart Steak Fry. **Anne O'Neill** and the Academy of Friendship will be our sponsors. As always we have a great time and it is always a success.

March is Pep month and Ruth New will have some exciting plans for us. Ruth has her ongoing fundraiser collecting nickels. Save up your change and help her out.

March is also our Spring Conference month. I know that fundraisers are on going and I'm really proud of how all of you have

stepped up and contributed your time and money to these projects. Please remember that as the hostess chapter we have a large number of obligations to meet in March. Please offer your time at conference. You will have a great time and meet some wonderful women as well.

The winter months are always difficult months for those coworkers who are shut ins. Please remember them with a card or call or even a ride to a meeting. Please contact **Joannie Hoffman**, our Sunshine chair, if you know someone in need of a pick me up.

I know this article is short but sometimes that is a positive thing. Always there will be a column closer: Points to ponder, How come we choose from just two people for President and 50 for Miss America? Why do people pay to go up in tall buildings, then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground? And finally, Why do you have to "put your two cents in," but its only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where does that extra penny go, taxes?

Fraternally,
Karen Wipperman, Senior Regent

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WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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