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GOVERNOR

Brothers and Co-Workers,

I am using my article this month to make you aware of a **special meeting of ALL Moose Lodge Members, both men and women, to be held on February 22nd at 8:00 p.m.** This meeting is being called for the specific purpose of discussing and voting on the renovations of our pool. We have accepted bids on the work that needs to be done and they range from \$22,000 to \$30,000. An expense this great requires both your approval and that of Moose International. We will also be discussing the manner in which we will pay for such a project. The annual estimated cost of maintaining our pool is \$6,900 annually. This is based on a 2 year study of our expenditures. After a long discussion with the Officers and many members on this subject, there are a lot of different views and/or solutions to this problem. Some members, as well as several Officers, think that we would be better off to close our pool and fill it in with dirt rather than go through this expense. My personal opinion is that it would be a grave mistake to get rid of such a great asset to our Lodge. This pool, for a lot of years, has been enjoyed by countless members, their children and grandchildren. I have also been told by members and officers that we do not receive any revenue off of this pool. It is my contention that if we were to get rid of every member service that produces no revenue, then we would also have to close our kitchen for all meals, get rid of the "Blue Bucket" and a portion of our property. Now, as ridiculous as that sounds, it is equally as ludicrous to take an asset worth hundreds of thousands of dollars and fill it up with dirt rather than spending money to fix it. I have also had several members say to me that they could care less, since they don't use the pool anyway. May I remind them that this is a Family Center as well as a Moose Lodge. What better way to attract families than to renew our pool and turn it back into the fun place that it has always been. What better way to take a group of youngsters and introduce them to the Loyal Order of the Moose. After all, this will be the generation to carry the torch. These will be the future Moose Legionnaires; these will be the future Governors and Officers. These children are the future of our Lodge. Let's not take away their pool. This article will also be mailed to each and every member, both men and women. Please come out and help us with this decision. Let your voices be heard.

God bless you all.

Shake a hand, make a friend.

Steve Brown, Governor

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SENIOR REGENT'S RAMBLINGS

Hi There! Whew, the holidays are over! I hope this letter finds everyone well and looking forward to a new year. We had a great 2010 and I know this year is going to be even better! Ladies, it's that time again.....**time to elect new officers! There will be 3 nominating committee meetings in February**, check your calendar for dates, so put your name in the hat and run for an office! Get a group of your friends and y'all get together and join in and try out some of your new ideas! Come on ladies, we need some "new blood" us old ladies are getting tired. There are five positions available, Senior Regent, Junior Regent, Chaplain, Secretary and Recorder. It's a very rewarding experience, and a great opportunity to meet women from other Chapters at conventions and District meetings! I have very much enjoyed getting to know the residents from Moosehaven and even some students at Mooseheart! It is a very rewarding experience and even more fun when you have your friends as officers. Think about it and put your name in the hat, you won't regret it. If you have any question about what is involved, please feel free to contact me for the scoop.

We have a Valentines Dinner/Dance coming up on **February 12th** in the Hall. Downtown Steve Brown will be playing for us, so come on in and dance! Details on our scrumptious menu will be sent out soon....mmmmm Ladies, moms, there will be a meeting on **February 22nd in the Hall at 8:00** that the men and women are invited to for a discussion on the repairs badly needed for the pool. Please come in and show your support for a newly improved pool for your family enjoyment, warm weather will be upon us soon! Please, come in and show that you care...the outcome could depend on you!

Our W.O.T.M. meetings are on the **1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month @ 7:00**. Come on and join us and help us with some ideas for fundraisers and community projects you can even win prizes or cash! We are still doing **Bingo at Southlake Nursing Home on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month @ 7:00**, a truly rewarding experience, come and join us anytime, it's only for an hour.

I can always use some help on Friday nites with dinner from just 6:30 til 8:00. Waiting tables is a no brainer, but I can't always be there, so a "stand-in" here and there is always appreciated. Thank you to Amanda and Haley and Lucy for being the little hostess with the mostest! It's nice to see family involvement in our Moose Family Center. Thanks bunches to Cindy for being such a great \$\$ lady on Friday nites your help is very much appreciated. This organization is built and maintained on volunteers. Please help keep up the tradition, it's what we are all about, God Bless Moosehaven and

Mooseheart, and you.... my Moose family.

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PRELATE'S PEN

Nothing but **good** for people news and **important** for Lodge 42 news!
 First, the **good** for people news.....Sonny Lane (Linda's brother) is home and recuperating and according to Linda, doing much better. Howard Hudgins is (thanks to his wife Susan, and *maybe* his Doctors) almost back to his ornery self, and looking good. To my knowledge, the rest of us are doing OK. Please inform me at the phone number /e-mail below if you'd like for me to make mention of an issue I'm unaware of. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Now, the **important** for Lodge 42 news...while the Prelates Pen informs you of issues with our members that deserve your attention, thoughts and prayers, our Lodge 42 has an issue facing us that deserves your immediate attention, much thought, and perhaps prayers. On **February 22 at 8 pm** there will be an question /answer and discussion meeting for **all members** concerning the future of our swimming pool. We have a decision that will affect our Lodge and it's up to **all of us** to decide its fate. It is a unique asset for our Lodge and expensive undertaking to provide a solution to retain, or eliminate it from our overhead.

If you, your family members or your guests currently swim in the pool, may in the future, swim in the pool, you know someone who may become a new member because of the pool (which is the way the Lodge grows) or you just like to brag to your friends that *you* have a pool, **OR** maybe you feel it's just a waste of money and we should fill it with dirt, either way,

you need to attend the meeting, become informed and weigh your thoughts with our Lodge 42 needs. Hope to see you there!

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ADMINISTRATOR'S THOUGHTS

Hello to all. I hope the New Year finds you and yours well. There are tough times going on for some people so keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Please read the Governor's article about our pool situation. This is a serious undertaking since there is a large amount of money to consider. **Come to the meeting on Feb. 22nd** and express your views.



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I always stress the fact that we are constantly in need of volunteers. Honest folks, it doesn't hurt to take a few hours every other month or so. The main area lately is Sunday morning breakfast and Friday night dinners. Contact an Officer, male or female, and let them know you are willing to help. Keep checking your calendar for all that is going on at the Lodge. Come to the Valentine's Dance and have a great time.

Just like February, this article is short. I do want to thank all the volunteers who have helped around the lodge and in the kitchen for all our events. These activities could not have been pulled off without you.

Fraternally,
 Ed Hills, Administrator

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MOOSE LEGION ACTIVITIES

Please welcome aboard our newest member, Rich Wood who I'm sure will be a great addition to the Moose Legion. He attends most membership meetings and is active in our Lodge and it's good to have his participation.

In an effort to encourage members (along with potential members) to participate in Moose Legion Activities, there was a motion passed to incorporate refreshments (ie; Dogs-N-Beer, Wings-N-Sumpin', let us know what you want, etc.) during our meetings. We hope you'll join us on the second (2nd) Wednesday @ 6:30! **(Everyone's invited, guys, gals, non Moose Legion members, etc.)** In return, on occasion *and for the Lodge*, we'll ask you to help us with some work...but we'll *promise* that you'll have fun doin' it!

Congratulations to the folks that hosted the January Moose Legion Celebration held @ Lodge 455 on Southside Blvd. They also hosted their Lodges' 100th Anniversary along with Seminole 81s' 90th Anniversary. .And to give *all* a heads-up, we're *expected* by Seminole 81, to host another Celebration in March of next year. To continue this thought, from my visit to this (455) and other Lodges in our District, I've gained a different perspective of **My Lodge, Mandarin 42**. None of the others have the acreage and the freedom that our Lodge offers (they can't walk outdoors without maybe getting run over), they don't have a separate game room or dance floor (one big room), they don't have a private pond (some have a ditch), and whether you frequent it or not, few have anything even close to our "Blue Bucket Saloon". They all have their own unique personalities, but I'm glad this is **My Lodge**. Perhaps our greatest asset is our location to 1000's of neighborhood families (and potential new members) which are necessary for our growth and survival. Oh, and we have a swimming pool too. For now.... but we may lose it.

On Tuesday, February 22 at 8 pm, the entire membership will receive information and be able to share opinion's and contribute in a decision on whether to invest /maintain in our pool, or eliminate it. It is a decision that may well set the future of our Lodge and your input is imperative. *It is an expensive undertaking for a unique asset and it falls on all of our shoulders and there's no way around it. An informed decision must be made by all!* Hope to see you there!

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Chuck Houck, Chairman/ (904) 866-8729

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MOOSE RIDERS

The rush of the holidays are over and the New Year has started. The temperatures are down but the kick stands are up for the Moose Riders. A few things have passed by the time this is printed so our thanks go out to all that attended or helped with the New Years Eve breakfast, our Taco Dinner, the State meeting at Merritt Island and the Polar Bear Poker Run at #455.

We had a nice turnout for the Legion and Anniversary Celebration at Lodge #455. We were graciously welcomed by all. We were personally addressed and thanked by Bruce Berger, the Legion President from International. He had many praises and kind words for the Moose Riders which made us all PROUD. We are concentrating at this time on raising our \$500 pledge for the graduates at Mooseheart for their laptops and printers. This is a great and worthy effort by all Moose Riders across the states that they will keep with them for quite some time in their academic future. This is pretty impressive since the first donation by Moose Riders was only for 5 computers and printers. But now with such great participation by all lodges so every graduating student will receive this gift, thanks to Moose Riders everywhere. GREAT JOB and HATS off to you all.

We will soon be wearing a Memorial patch for our fallen Moose Riders. This will honor Teddy Cavoores and Tiny Metcalf. We will have these patches on our vests as a constant reminder of two GREAT members that made a difference in many lives that they touched. I'd like to thank Allen Russell our Road caption for all his work in getting these done. Also we'd like to offer our condolences to the family and friends of Fran Leone. We had the privilege to meet her on the ride we did for Teddy. I can still see these 2 smiling faces when we took their pictures at the Rooster, complete with Fran removing her wig. They have given us many happy memories.

We hope to have at least a 2 month schedule developed for upcoming fun rides and events. But at present they are still in the making. But keep your eyes on our



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bulletin board or your emails. And if you have any ideas they would be much appreciated.

So for now stay warm and **RIDE SAFE!!!**

Quote: Aging and still riding a motorcycle is like the talking dog. It does not matter how well the dog talks but rather that the dog talks at all.

Linda Rodgers, Chairwoman ~ Mandarin #42 Moose Riders
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Welcome Our Newest Co-Workers and Brothers

Submitted by WOTM Chapter 1218 and LOOM 42

We are glad you made the decision to join the WOTM

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Caroline Wynne	Laddie Dwyer
Alice (Wendy) Dillon	Terri Brown
Grace Spell	Transfer - In

The Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 42 also welcomes our newest brothers to this family fraternity.

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Bryan Miller	Bob Kemp
Earl Scott	Bob Kemp
Chris Wishnok	Brian Prangley
Barry Mckee	Bill Shiebler
Randy Markgraf	Paul Schraff



**Valentine's Day
Dinner & Dance**

~Saturday~
 ~ February 12th ~
 ~ 6:30pm till 11:30pm ~

~ Menu ~
Surf & Turf

Entertainment by:
"Moose Cupid"
"Downtown" Steve Brown



My Coke Reward points for Mooseheart

This will be an ongoing W.O.T.M. event and Mooseheart can always use any help they can get. If you have some, Please drop them off at the Lodge and Marilyn Lee will input them for us. The codes can be found on the end flaps of the 12packs and under the caps of the 16oz bottles



Mandarin Lodge #42

Super Bowl Party

~ Sunday ~ February 6th ~ 4:00pm ~



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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS SPOTLIGHT



Contributed by Robert Foskey, Entertainment Chairman

Well hello everyone, If January is any kind of an entertainment barometer, then the rest of 2011 is gonna be smokin'. If you didn't make it to the New Years Eve celebration then you missed one awesome night, as a great time was had by all. As usual this very special night could not have happened without ALL the volunteers. Thanks to all who made this night happen. Now for the entertainment lineup.....

February entertainment:

02/04 Bocats are in the Hall 7:30-11:30
 02/11 John & Wanda 8-12 SQ

02/05 Robert Foskey is back with a vengeance 8-12 SQ
 02/12 Valentines Dance w/ our very own "Moose Cupid"
 aka Steve Brown 8-12

02/18 "Just Friends" Harry & Sally 7:30-11:30 Hall
 02/25 Legion Steak Night w/ Karaoke Joe 8-12 SQ

02/19 Rockin' Rich 8-12 SQ
 02/26 Mark & Tracy 8-12 SQ. Smokin' & it gets better!

March entertainment:

03/04 Bocats 7:30-11:30 Hall
 03/11 In Focus 7:3-11:30 Hall
 03/18 NEW BAND Gypsy Mojo 7:30-11:30 Hall
 03/25 Legion Steak Night w/ Karaoke 8-12 SQ

03/05 Robert Foskey 8-12 SQ
 03/12 Downtown Steve Brown 8-12 SQ,
 03/19 Diamond "Big Jim" Giblin returns 8-12 SQ
 03/26 Rockin' Rich 8-12 SQ.

you read it right, there are 3, yep 3 bands playing this month. That means there are 3 opportunities to "Shake your Groove Thing"..

All of the above entertainment is put in place for your continued enjoyment, if you come out with your support, it will continue to grow. There is a lot going on up here at the Lodge, a little something for everyone to enjoy. So, come on out and see what we have going on. You can count on there being something going on every Friday and Saturday night. Remember to take care of the Bartenders, because they are here to make sure you can "get your drink on"! Take care and remember to "Buckle up" so that we may see your smiling face return, so until next month

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