



# Loyal Order of Moose

NEW KENSINGTON LODGE NO. 53

499 REIMER STREET  
LOWER BURRELL, PA 15068

## Lodge Officers

2008-2009

## WOTM Officers

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| Governor      | Mike Marietti  |
| Jr. Governor  | Joseph Solomon |
| Prelate       | David Dutch    |
| Treasurer     | Thomas Devore  |
| Past Governor | Charles Blose  |
| Administrator | Dana Prosky    |
| 3 Yr. Trustee | Darryl Wills   |
| 2 Yr. Trustee | Larry Rusnock  |
| 1 Yr. Trustee | Jack Crawford  |

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| Senior Regent  | Sharon Crawford   |
| Jr. Regent     | Arrietta Durci    |
| Chaplain       | Trudy Vance       |
| Recorder       | Joann Kopko-Blose |
| Sec./Treasurer | Bridget Nolan     |

## From the Governor's Corner

Another year is upon us and as the new Governor I realize there will be a lot of challenges ahead of me. We have made great strides in the past few years, but I realize there is still much to learn and welcome the support of past officers and brothers who have volunteered their time to make our Lodge successful. I would like to thank all of the wonderful people who give of their time getting things done and keeping the Moose running. It is a big responsibility and I couldn't do it without all of your help and the time you give. It is much more than I ever expected. With the support of all the officers I am sure we can carry on the goals to make Moose 53 a great place to be. Please stop by the lodge to meet our new officers. I will be very open-minded and invite you to share your ideas and suggestions to improve our Lodge with me or any of the officers. I am also looking forward to working with the newly installed Chapter 711 officers on upcoming events. They have supported us in all of our functions and we couldn't have done it without them. I invite you to visit the Lodge and take part in all our fraternal functions. With everyone's help we can meet our goals and move our Lodge forward in the coming year.

Governor, Michael Marietti

## From the Desk of the Senior Regent

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my outgoing officers and Chairpersons for this past year. Everyone worked so hard and in harmony to make this a successful year. 2008 has been a very exciting and challenging year for me. I originally took the office of Jr. Regent for 2008-2009, and moved into the Sr. Regent position in August. This change of positions posed some challenges, but with the help of my officers and chairpersons in place, it helped pave a smooth transition. Chapter 711 did a lot in 2008 and I would like to thank everyone that participated in our events and fundraisers making it a fun and productive year. Thank you officers of 2008, JoAnn Blose-Recorder, Judy Fryer-Secretary, Helen Schantz-Chaplain and Barb Gutknecht-Jr. Graduate. I would now like to welcome my new officers and chairpersons. This is a fine group of women, hard working and imaginative, we will be working together on many projects this year.

keep us moving forward. Let's make this a fun and prosperous year. Please don't hesitate in contacting me, I'm available to all and can be reached at 724-224-4273. May God Bless the WOTM and all we do.

Senior Regent, Sharon Crawford

### From the Past Governor

It was a challenging two years as Governor but we accomplished quite a few things. We got doors painted, a new room with a pool table and high tables in the social room along with the installation of a security system. A buzzer and camera were installed for the handicapped at the ballroom entrance and new exit lights were installed at all entrances. I am sure there are other things I may have forgotten. I would like to thank everyone who helped with all of these projects and the many brothers and coworkers that supported me during my time as Governor. I would also like to thank everyone who helped with all of the Moose functions including the picnic, Bingos, spaghetti dinners, hamburger nights and holiday events. Thank you to Amy Mitchell who kept me in line and reminded me of the many things I needed to do. My best wishes to the newly installed officer and I urge everyone to support their efforts and come out to the Lodge and be a part of the upcoming year's events.

Past Governor, Charles Blose

### Upcoming Events

**\$2600.00 Cash Giveaway:** In conjunction with our anniversary, a special ticket will be sold with the seller of the winning August 9th ticket receiving \$100. Each day during the week of August 3rd a prize of \$300.00 will be awarded ending with a \$800.00 prize on August 9th. Prizes will be awarded based on the 7:00pm PA lottery. Tickets are available at the Lodge for a \$5 donation, only 1000 tickets sold. Please support this fundraiser to benefit your lodge building fund. For tickets please see any officer, bartender or Amy Mitchell.

**Annual Family Picnic:** This year's picnic will be August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Lower Burrell VFW opening at 1pm and ending with our 50/50 drawing at 7:00pm. A wide variety of delicious foods will be available and to the many that donate those tasty treats...thank you! Entertainment will be on hand with the WOTM sponsoring the children's games and basket raffle. If you are able to donate a basket, please put your name/number and type of basket on paper and drop it in the WOTM box located in the Grillroom. As usual, selling one book of 50/50 raffle tickets is your families' (includes children under 18) price of admission to this fun-filled day.

**Pizza Night:** Beginning Saturday June 20th and continuing monthly on each 3rd Saturday from 5-10pm, the WOTM will sell 9 inch Cheese (\$4.50) and Pepperoni (\$5.00) pizzas, eat in only.

**Chapter 711:** Mandatory Moose Officers Training in the Social Hall July 17th at 9am.

## Ongoing Events

**Burger Night:** Our Buck-A-Burger nights have become a monthly event. Held the second Friday of the month from 5pm-10pm. Come out and enjoy a night off from cooking while supporting this fundraising event!

**Luncheon Bingo:** Bingo is scheduled the first and third Saturday of the month. The \$5.00 admission includes lunch. Additional cards, specials and magic number are available. Thank you to all the volunteers for making this an ongoing successful project. Any help with serving or working during the bingo is always welcome and appreciated.

**Wednesday Kitchen:** Come out and for Edna's chicken wings or fish and fries from 4-9pm. Chicken wings or Fish + fries-\$4.50. Last order taken 8:30pm.

**Spaghetti Dinner:** Our famous spaghetti dinner is held the last Sunday of the month from 1pm to 6pm. Eat-in \$5.00, Take-out \$5.25. Volunteers to help set-up, serve, work in the kitchen or clean-up are always welcomed. Even if you only have an hour to give the load is lightened when shared. If we all give a little no One has to give a lot and you might just have some fun in the process!

**Free Juke Box Night:** Every Saturday Night beginning at 7pm.

**Lodge Meetings:** Held the second and fourth Monday of each month at 8:00pm. Officers meeting at 7pm.

**Chapter Meetings:** Officers meet the second Thursday at 7pm followed by Committee night at 8pm. Business meeting is held the fourth Thursday of each month at 8:00pm. A WOTM box located opposite the bar near the Social Hall door will now be available to place any applications, suggestions, or questions and communication

**Drawings:** We have now have two drawings featured:

1. Daily drawing is \$1.00 per day. All money is awarded if name drawn is signed. Need not be present.
2. Tuesday Nite 9PM Special. No charge for chance but MUST be present. Award starts at \$100 and increases \$10 each week until won.

**Book Sale For Baby Village:** In the ballroom is a selection of next-to-new books at rock bottom prices for the benefit of Mooseheart's Baby Village. Please take time to find what interests you and support this worthy cause. You may also donate your good used books for the enjoyment of your brothers and coworkers.

## Hall Rental

The social hall will now be available for rent for parties of up to 100 people to **members in good standing only**. The hall will not be available on days of luncheon bingo until after 5pm or anytime the day of the spaghetti dinner. Call the office at 724-335-4131 for details.

## District #13 Meetings

District meetings are held the first Sunday of each month at various lodges. The current schedule is: June 7 - Clymer #670, July 5 - Nanty Glo #207, August 2 - To be announced. Officers are encouraged to attend and all members are welcome. Please join us for this informative meeting, meet other lodge members and get some new ideas for our lodge.

## Memorial

It is with sadness we report the passing of our brothers and co-workers over the past year.

Brothers: Henry Bitar  
Alfred Curtis  
Amel Dobredanka  
Gerald Ford  
Eugene Haraczak  
Joseph Herschel  
Richard Litak  
Jesse Prosky  
Theodore Reed  
William Wagner

Co-Workers: Josephine Kuzma  
Jean Nicastro

## In Closing

As you can see there is a lot going on and coming up at your Lodge in the next few months. New events are posted as plans are finalized.

With the warmer weather come children riding bikes and playing outdoors so please drive carefully when pulling into our parking lot, as we want to be known as "Good Neighbors" and keep everyone safe.

Come on out, support your lodge and officers, have some fun and enjoy the summer.