



Loyal Order of Moose

NEW KENSINGTON LODGE NO. 53

499 REIMER STREET
LOWER BURRELL, PA 15068

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Lodge Officers

2008-2009

WOTM Officers

Governor	Charles Blose
Jr. Governor	Michael Marietti
Prelate	David Dutch
Treasurer	Thomas Devore
Past Governor	Robert Gutknecht
Administrator	Dana Prosky
3 Yr. Trustee	Larry Rusnock
2 Yr. Trustee	Mark Silich
1 Yr. Trustee	Jesse Prosky

Senior Regent	
Jr. Regent	Sharon Crawford
Chaplain	Helen Schantz
Jr. Grad. Regent	Barbara Gutknecht
Recorder	Joann Kopko-Blose
Sec./Treasurer	Judith Fryer

From the Governor's Corner

It has been a challenging first year as Governor, learning the responsibilities and things that had to be done. We accomplished quite a lot. We made several repairs to the building front, painting the doors and restrooms and our newest addition, the expansion of the grillroom to accomodate a pool table and game area. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the work with special thanks to Larry Rusnock and Mike Marietti for their work and time completing this project. Plans to add a children's room to get us closer to being a Family Center are being discussed. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers for their time and effort at helping to make the Lodge events successful. Whether at the spaghetti dinners, luncheon bingos, hamburger nights or picnic, cooking, serving, setting up or cleaning up, all these are necessary and help to make our Lodge a great place to belong. I hope I have done a good job as Governor to make our Lodge a nice place to come and spend time with other members. As another year begins I hope we can accomplish more. If you have an idea please feel free to suggest it to me or one of the other officers so we can try to make them happen. Our meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of the month at 8:00pm. Please come in to see what we are doing as events are posted in the grillroom. I urge everyone to stop in to say Hello, get to know other members and get involved to keep our Lodge moving forward. I hope to see you soon.

Governor, Charles Blose

From the Desk of the Senior Regent

Congratulations to all of our newly installed officers! The joint efforts between the men and women led to a successful and exciting year. We had a week-long celebration in August with our annual picnic as a finale. The spaghetti dinners and luncheon bingos continue to be a hit with co-worker Judy Fryer calling bingo. Together we held dances and karaoke events and the Children's Christmas party. With the help of our new Jr. Regent, Sharon Crawford, the men and women participated in a blood drive to help replenish the supply needed by Brother Jack Crawford. The women alone were also busy. Co-workers Jean Lindemuth, Janet Zaleski and Diane Knapp held a flea market during the summer. Thanks to all who helped with their time and donations. Jean Lindemuth and committee held the children's Halloween and Easter parties. Edna Devore held her annual Christmas Ball Memorial Fundraiser. We held a very successful hoagie sale with many satisfied customers. A big thanks goes out to Rich Chelko for preparing the meat and Bob Gutknecht for getting the supplies together for us. Trudy Vance held a towel bingo for her committee. Our Christmas Party and Anniversary dinners were small but everyone had a good time. Aurie Stein planned the menu and had help from Helen Shantz and Virginia Mrvan. We especially want to thank Governor Chuck Blose and Past Governor Bob Gutknecht. Without their help many of our activities would not have been as successful. Please try to join us for our meetings this year. They are on the second and fourth Thursday of the month starting at 8:00pm. We are still in need of a Senior Regent if anyone would like to volunteer. I close by wishing our new officers a successful year.

Barbara Gutknecht
Jr. Graduate Regent/
Ways & Means Committee

\$2600.00 Gas & Cash Giveaway

In conjunction with our anniversary, a special ticket will be sold. They are valid for the week beginning Aug. 4th. The Aug. 4th through the Aug. 9th prize will be a \$150.00 Gas Card & \$150.00 Cash. The Aug. 10th prize will be a \$400.00 Gas Card & \$400.00 Cash with the seller of the winning ticket receiving \$100.00 cash. All prizes will be awarded based on the 7:00pm PA daily lottery. Tickets are available at the lodge for a \$5 donation, only 1000 tickets sold. Please support this fundraiser by purchasing and selling tickets to benefit your Lodge Building Fund. For tickets please see an officer or bartender.

Annual Family Picnic

This year's picnic will be August 10th 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 all those that donate those tasty treats...thank you! Entertainment will be on hand for the children and young-at-heart. 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.

New Game Room Open!!!

As noted in the Governor's Corner, the grillroom has been enlarged to include a game area.

A new pool table has been added to the soft dart, golf and touch screen games. Come out and have some fun! FREE Jukebox on Saturday nights.

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 or spaghetti dinner. Call the office at 724-335-4131 for details.

Luncheon Bingo

Bingo is scheduled the first and third Saturday of the month. The \$4.00 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 for Edna's chicken wings or fish and fries from 4-9pm.
Chicken wings + fries-\$4.50, Fish + fries-\$4.50. Last order taken 8:30pm.

Drawings

We have three drawings featured:

1. Daily drawing is 25cents 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.
3. Thursday-Weekly at 10PM. \$1.00 to sign. All money will be awarded if name drawn is signed **AND** present: Half if signed and not present. Must be signed by 9PM Thursday.

District #13 Meetings

District meetings are held the first Sunday of each month at various lodges. The current schedule is: June 1 -(Elections)Tarentum #71, July-No meeting scheduled, August 3-Indiana #174. 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.

Endowment Fund..What's That?

When donations are collected Tuesday nights after the 9pm ceremony, at meetings, or a donation is received for Mooseheart, these monies are forwarded to Mooseheart to support the renovations of

the resident hall sponsored by Pennsylvania Lodges, Baby Village and the Endowment Fund that is used for the everyday and unexpected expenses incurred in caring for the children at Mooseheart. Contributing to the Endowment Fund ensures the continued commitment on which Mooseheart was founded, the care of children in need.

Book Sale For Baby Village

In the gameroom 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.

Something New

A new hit in the Grillroom has been **Friday Night Karaoke, 9pm-1am** coupled with **\$1 Burger Nite, 8pm-11pm**. We are trying to plan this as a monthly event. Check for scheduled dates at the lodge and come join in the fun.

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!

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 comes 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.