

# The Moose Trumpet

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## KARAOKE Friday & Special Saturday Nights

July 1, Thursday—**Moose Legion Fundraiser** with Taco & Salad Buffet  
July 2, Friday—Regular Moose Menu Items  
July 3, Saturday—Roast Beef Dinner Special  
July 9, Friday—Regular Moose Menu Items  
July 10, Saturday—Prime Rib Special  
July 16, Friday—Fish Dinner Special  
July 17, Saturday—Corky's Pork Chop Dinner  
July 23, Friday—Regular Moose Menu Items  
July 24, Saturday—Hamburger Steak Special  
July 30, Friday—Regular Moose Menu Items  
July 31, Saturday—Steak Fry Special  
August 1, Sunday—Pancake Feed Fundraiser 10 AM to 1 PM  
August 5, Thursday—**Moose Legion Fundraiser** Spaghetti Feed  
August 6, Friday—Regular Moose Menu Items  
August 7, Saturday—BBQ Pork Ribs Special  
August 13, Friday—Regular Moose Menu Items  
August 14, Saturday—Moose Family Picnic at Camp Patterson on Lake Washington—  
**Lodge Closed**  
August 20, Friday—Walleye Dinner Special (and the Walleye is very good!)  
August 21, Saturday—Corky's Pork Chop Dinner  
August 27, Friday—Grilled Bacon Wrapped Turkey Breast Special  
August 28, Saturday—Swiss Steak Special

**Burgers and Baskets Every Wednesday 5 PM—8 PM**

**Meals Served—5 to 9 PM Friday & Saturday Nights**

*Chef Jim Anton invites suggestions on what you think would be a hit.*

## Charles Hakes Pilgrim Degree of Merit Award Night

*Saturday, August 28th, RSVPs Needed*

Our "Charlie" is one of 171 who walked in the House of God at Mooseheart, Illinois, in May to receive the Pilgrim Degree of Merit. Of a million Moose Lodge members only 4,000 now have the coveted Gold Jacket. In recognition of that fact, the Moose Family Center will host a ceremony on August 28th to honor Charlie. Hakes and his wife Dorothy hope to have a couple of hundred friends and Pilgrims present. RSVPs are required to ensure that all have a full plate as folks roast Charlie.

Hakes joined the Lodge in 1972, and then earned his Legion Degree, Fellowship Degree, and now the top honor, the Pilgrim Degree. He was Lodge Governor in 1986-87 and he served as Minnesota Moose Association President in 2001-02. He is one of 9 or 10 from our Lodge 1414 so honored over the years. He has also served as a Ritual Staff volunteer for many years. Charlie has also signed up at least 25 members over the years and is still running strong.

Be there for Charlie on August 28th.

### 2nd Annual Camp Patterson Moose Family Blast

## Huge Moose Sighting Predicted August 14-15 at Lake Washington's Camp Patterson

It's been a year since Moose were spotted on the shores of nearby Lake Washington. All press reports indicated at the time that a large concentration of Moose were found on the 18 acres of Camp Patterson. Tracks on the 400 feet of sand beach were analyzed as were droppings—experts agreed that it was a herd of Moose and the animals apparently had a heck of a time visiting this rustic setting just 13 minutes from the steamy pavements of Mankato and North Mankato.

They'll be back on from Saturday Noon until Sunday noon August 14-15. Kayaks, canoes, paddleboats, all will be made available to the big beasts. Games are planned for all ages and outdoor volleyball pitch and hard surfaced basketball courts are there for the hardy. Horseshoe, and bean bag throws will limber up the arms and a playing field is available for anyone interested in a little softball. Eleven cabins are available and costs are being absorbed as much as possible by the Lodge and donors. **RSVPs are a must** as food and cabin assignments have to be made by **August 7th**.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Interests:  Paddleboat Race;  Canoe/Kayak Race;  Softball;  Basketball;  Horseshoes;  Bean bag throw;  Volleyball;  Speed boat ride;  Will stay overnight in one of the cabins (bring pillow & sleeping bag/sheets). **Meals:**  Sat. Noon;  Sat. Night;  Sunday Breakfast Drop this application off at the Lodge.

**Governor Phil Sommers**

Greetings to All:

I hope you all are keeping your heads above water! What a spring—from a drought to flooded basements. As some of you know, I've been a little busy the last couple of weeks, taking care of this basement flooding problem for folks. Hopefully, the weather will settle down for special events we have coming up.

Mark your calendars for the big North Mankato Fun Days Parade on Saturday, July 10th starting at 11 am. The Moose Can-Can Girls will be in the Full Dress costume with Lori Sexe Sommers driving a vintage John Deere tractor. We will need help again with people to distribute out candy to the children watching the parade. Let us know if you want to help in this great event. If you missed us last July make sure you do not this year!

The great "X-Mas in July" camping outing is scheduled for July 23 & 24 in a campground by Austin, MN – check with Roger and Dorothy Hannum for details.

On Sunday, August 1st we're having a pancake breakfast as a fund raiser to offset costs for the Pilgrim Degree ceremony being held on August 28th in honor of Charlie Hakes. Let's have a big turnout for the breakfast. Having another Pilgrim Degree member in this Lodge is a rare event and a great honor which Charlie truly deserves.

August 14th and 15th is the Annual Moose Family Picnic out at Camp Patterson. Please make sure you fill out the form on page 1 of the *Trumpet*. We need to know how many are coming out and sleeping overnight so we can figure out food requirements, beverage needs, etc. Volunteers are needed to help with children games, kitchen work and Sunday clean up. One important message I want to relay on—please when you are at Camp Patterson if you are smoking do not throw your cigarettes on the ground. We will try to have containers set up to place cigarette butts in. If you can bring a few empty coffee cans we would appreciate it. This camp is for youth purposes; let's leave it clean like it was when we came.

We will try and have another golf outing in August or September. Keep checking at the Lodge for updates.

The newly formed Joint Management Board has started exercising its many responsibilities. We are heading into a new adventure, folks., and I have great faith in this new board of three WOTM and four LOOM members. Please give them your full support. Whatever they do it's for the best of the Lodge, which is all we can ask of anyone.

Hope to see you all at the events described above as well as at the Lodge. Head Chef Jim Anton has been doing a great job organizing the menu and running the kitchen. Come in and enjoy some great food.

Don't forget about the August 28th Pilgrim Degree event for Charlie Hakes. RSVP at the Lodge and get ready for a great meal that night. It might be roast; roast Charlie that is.

**Moose Legion—The Degree of Service—Jim Anton**

We had successful fundraisers in May and June. Thanks to Dorothy Sandvig and Margaret Kelly for the cakes and to Legionnaires who volunteered. Our next fundraisers will be July, 1, July 21, August 5, and August 17th. Our Legion meetings are always on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM after our fundraisers. On Saturday, July 10, the North Star Legion will have a celebration at our Mankato Moose Family Center. There will be a lunch at 11 AM to 1 PM. Build your own sandwich and salad for \$5. Moose Legion meeting at 1 PM and an enrollment of Legionnaires at 3 PM. We hope to have a number of new enrollees from our Lodge. Please help and attend the activities. Ladies invited. There will be an auction at about 4:30 PM. We will have a prime rib dinner at 5 PM. I hope to see all Legionnaires participate this day. Our Legion is the Lodge's "Service and Fun Degree". [Of the four degrees available to members of our Moose Fraternity, the "Moose Legion" is No.2 and the first step to qualifying for the *Fellowship Degree of Honor* and *Pilgrim Degree of Merit*. Any Moose member in good standing is eligible for membership.]



**New Member Costs**

New Member Costs: \$30 annual dues; \$20 Initiation Fee. Each new member gets a \$10 Moose Bucks rebate.

**College Age**

Legal age college students: \$20 initiation fee and \$15 dues the 1st year. Each gets the \$10 Moose Bucks rebate.

**Women of the Moose**

Women of the Moose Chapter 606 new member costs: \$20 annual dues; \$10 initiation fee.

**LOOM Membership Campaign**

Keep watching on the Lodge's membership board for the new men's membership campaign to be announced at the 116th Moose International Convention at Charlotte, North Carolina. It will be another great campaign for 2004-05 membership year.

**Moose Legion Membership**

The Moose Legion will also have a new campaign announced at the International Convention. Watch the Legion Board for further details.

**Cuddle with Tommy Moose**

At its May 26th meeting the General Membership of Lodge #1414 endorsed the purchase and donation of 10 dozen Tommy Moose cuddlies (\$750). These unique soft Moose dolls, with woven red sweaters, are designed to be presented to our local law enforcement agencies, first responders, firefighters, etc. They are then given by them to calm young children in crisis situations. Thanks to accumulated gambling donation related receipts, the Lodge is in a position to help those in need.

**Brat or Dog Hungry?**

Join the Women of the Moose who will be at the downtown HyVee parking lot on Saturday July 24th selling brats, hot dogs, and pop. Why cook lunch. Let WOTM do it for you.

**Members and Guests Welcome**  
 You are encouraged to frequent the Lodge and bring guests and new member prospects.

**Lori's Line—Lori Sexe Sommers, Chapter 606 Senior Regent**

Here we are already into July and I would like to wish my mother, Dale Sexe a Happy Birthday on July 14. Congratulations go out to Sally Fjelstad who was selected co-worker of the month for May and Carrie Manning for June. Sally just joined us in January and has been active in Chapter and Lodge activities. Carrie is one of our bartenders and also our in-house artist. She is very creative and makes many of our posters and signs for various functions. Thanks for all your help and keep up the good work.

I guess I will be hauling around the male Can-Can dancers again this year at the North Mankato Fun Days on July 10th. I won't drive the tractor too fast for fear of the wind lifting the skirts of the "girls" and showing off their legs. We don't want parade watchers fainting from the sight!

Don't forget about the "X-Mas in July" camp out this on July 23rd and 24th in Austin. Phil and I had the opportunity to visit the campground in June to check things out. It is a beautiful place and they have many activities for children, swimming, shuffleboard, hay rides, paddleboards, and train rides. If you have not signed up check with Roger Hannum for availability of sites. The Moose Family Picnic is set for the weekend of August 14-15 at Camp Patterson. We are looking for someone to help out with games for the kids so if you can help please check with Lee Overmoen. There are many other areas that we need volunteers to sign up for so please check the list at the Lodge and sign up.

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer so far (when it's not raining) and getting some vacations in.

**Administrator's Thoughts—  
Lee Overmoen, Administrator  
& Business Manager**

In case you didn't know, there have been some changes for the summer with regard to our hours of operation. For the months of June, July and August we will be open at 3 PM on Sundays to better accommodate dart league tournament play and will be closed on Mondays. Regular hours will return in September.

Just a reminder of the upcoming Moose Family Picnic on August 14-15th at Camp Patterson. Volunteer help is needed in several areas so please let me know if you can help. Due to the picnic, the social quarters will be closed all day on Saturday, August 14th.

Congratulations to Charlie Hakes on attaining his Pilgrim Degree. Come celebrate with him at a ceremony August 28th.

Remember the summer months are pretty lean so please patronize your Lodge and its services.

**Moose Apparel for Sale**

Caps, polo shirts, sweatshirts, etc. are all now on sale. Stop in for various sizes, styles and colors. Wearing Moose is cool!

**Aluminum Can Collection**

The Women of the Moose will be collecting aluminum cans again. Start saving your cans during the months of July and August. Last year's collection raised over \$200. Let's try for \$300 this year! 4th of July celebrations, ball games, picnics, reunions, are all good opportunities for can collecting. Can be me dropped off at the Moose Lodge on Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays after 3 PM and given to Geri Kragh. A trailer will also be in the Moose parking lot (Belle Mar Mall) on the following Saturdays: August 7th, 8:30 AM—11 AM; September 11th, 8:30 AM to 11 AM. Mark your calendar and thanks in advance.

**Parents of High School Juniors**

Time is running very short for students to sign up for Mooseheart Scholarships.

The Loyal Order of Moose makes it possible for student of the graduating class of 2005 to enter into a drawing for a \$1,000 R. Robert Dale Scholarship to continue their education. Entries must be sent by July 15, to be eligible for the drawings.

Pick up your application from our Lodge Administrator. Mom, Dad or legal Guardian must be a Moose member and the student must have a grade point average of at least 2.5.

Drawings will be held at the Moose Association State Convention in September and winners will be notified by November 26, 2004.

The Minnesota Moose Assoc. will also draw two names for two \$500 scholarships.

**Schroeder Thanks Lodge**

Erma expresses her deepest gratitude to all of those within the Moose who provided her support following the death of her husband Freddy.

**4 Attend Leadership Training**

Off to Fairbault they went fully expecting to find out all the things that they were doing wrong. With Dave Cowan driving, they risked life and limb to understand a little more about running a Moose Family Center.

Joint Management Board Vice President Marie Nichols, JMB Treasurer Cowan, JMB Board member Barb Hasher and LOOM representative Louie Allen all attended on June 12.

Of the Lodges present, Mankato was the only one which had adopted a budget for 2004-05. Mankato's detailed \$148,000 income and spending plan may not be achieved but at least it is in place and can be used to benchmark against. Mankato's "Basic Performance Standards & Expectations for Employees" dos and don'ts sheet was a hot item with copies scooped up by other Lodges.

It appears that Mankato is not so backward after all. We can contribute!

**Pilgrims Honored at Mooseheart**

Congratulations to Minnesota's new Pilgrims. On Saturday, May 29, at 12 noon sharp, three Minnesota Brothers received the highest degree in the Loyal Order of Moose, in the House of God at Mooseheart, Illinois.

The Pilgrim Degree of Merit was bestowed on Charles Hakes (Lodge #1414), Mike Booker from West Duluth (Lodge #1478), and Gerald Smith from Maplewood (Lodge #963).

Great job, brothers!

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Board meets at 7 PM on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month. General Membership meetings follow at 8:15 PM. where Board decisions are reviewed, approved, modified or rejected.

**Women Of The Moose**  
**Chapter #606**  
*WOTM Board Of Officers*

<b>Senior Regent</b>	<b>Lori Sexe Sommers</b>
<b>Junior Graduate Regent</b>	<b>Ivy Hasher Seaman</b>
<b>Junior Regent</b>	<b>Gail Norris</b>
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<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Sue Nusser</b>
<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	<b>Georgia McCabe</b>

Chapter membership meets at 7 PM on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. The Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM.

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