

Moose



MOOSE tales

Plainfield Lodge 2491

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Annual Christmas Dinner Party

**Saturday, Dec. 18
6 p.m.**

Menu:

Prime rib, salad, twice baked potato, roll and dessert

Entertainment:

High Strung at 7 p.m.

\$15 per person

Advance tickets will go on sale
December 1 at the Lodge.

Annual Turkey Drop

The men and women of the Plainfield Moose Lodge are undertaking a new project this year. We are taking over the **11th Annual Turkey Drop**



which was started by Julie and Jerry Ford of Plainfield. This project was such a success (573 turkeys donated in 2009), the Ford family needed help, and that is where the Plainfield Moose stepped up. With the Ford's help, the Lodge will now become the drop off location.

We will be collecting frozen turkeys the Saturday before Thanksgiving (November 20), from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., for the needy area families. In exchange for your donation of a frozen turkey, we will be serving a brunch complete with chili, hot dogs, muffins, pastries, and other items. We are focusing on frozen turkeys, but will also accept any food or non-perishable items. These donations will benefit the Plainfield Food Pantry and Morning Star Missions. Cash donations are also accepted; please make checks payable to the *Plainfield Moose Lodge* and note "Turkey Drop", these donations will be used to buy turkeys. Check out our website www.plainfieldturkeydrop.com. Please contact Bob Provo at (815) 530-7751 or Barb Thompson at (815) 351-2827 with any questions.

JOIN US DECEMBER 23!



Thursday, December 23 we will be providing **FREE** Juke Box and fun from 3 p.m. to closing to begin the holiday weekend.

Letter from our Governor

Holidays, time for Celebrations and giving Thanks, especially to all of our volunteers who made our summer events such a great success.

Giving thanks to all of our new members and members who encouraged them to join. To all of our armed forces at home and around the world for your dedication and courage to keeping our freedom. We are truly grateful. Thank You! To those we have lost, our prayers for your families this Holiday Season, God Bless.

Time for brothers and sisters to join in helping the less fortunate with the 11th Annual Turkey Drop on Nov. 20. For those who can, please bring a turkey or leave a donation. All cash donations will be used to purchase needed turkeys. This is a very large event, needing as many volunteers as possible; to make this the huge success it has been over the last 10 years. Moose Members may drop off their donations on November 19, Friday evening.

The 12th Annual Toy Drive is Nov. 28, from 1 - 4 p.m. Please bring an unwrapped toy, gift cards or cash (to purchase toys) for children of all ages. We work with the school district to see that the needy are cared for this Christmas. Join us for good fellowship, food and fun. We can make it a Merry Christmas for all.

Christmas, at the Moose Family Center, everyone enjoys the smiling faces of our Lodge children at the Annual Christmas Party. Please sign your family up as early as possible.

I look forward to seeing old and new faces on Dec. 18 for our Annual Christmas Prime Rib Dinner. Entertainment to follow. Hope you'll stay for the fun.

*May everyone have a Joyful Holiday Season
and a Blessed New Year!
Floyd Schultz, Governor*

RAISE THE FLAG!

Are you an American who is proud of your country and "Old Glory"?

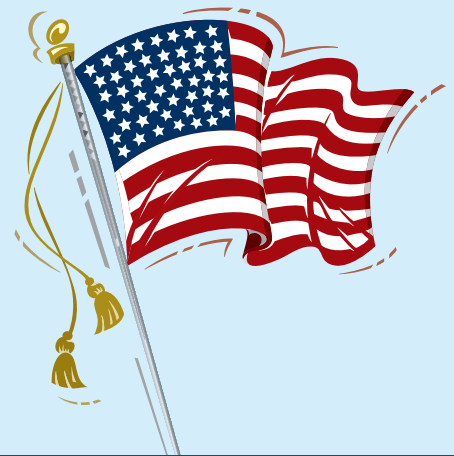
We are at the Plainfield Moose!

It is our desire to place a flag pole in front of the Lodge, to the northeast. We hope to see a 30-35 foot pole in honor of our country and those members who have died.

Because the cost of a pole this size will be approximately \$1,000, we are actively seeking a donation of a pole.

If you know of a former business that may have one, or if there is another type pole (light post) you know of, please contact Paul Fay at: fay14@netzero.net.

We have people ready to install it, as well as light it. A large flag has already been donated!



Happy Veteran's Day

If you are a veteran of our armed forces or currently active in the service, we all would like to say thanks for your commitment to serve and protect our country. The rest of us all know that freedom isn't free and you men and women have paid the price for us.

From our Senior Regent...

Hello Co-workers! Fall is here and before we know it, it'll be winter!

August and September again were busy months for the WOTM. Thank you, Dorothy Blankenship for a great job collecting the school supplies for the children! St. Mary's and their parents were very appreciative for the donations! Also, thank you to Joyce Kinzler on her collection for "Support the Troops"! Our men and women overseas can always use the donations! And another thank you goes out to Julie Augiello and her family on her fabulous Lasagna dinner and Bears Basket raffle!

The busy season is upon us and October started out with the Homecoming Parade! Thank you to CJ for helping us make a sign for the WOTM car! It was great to have the crowd clap and cheer for us when we went by in the car. It looks like we're getting our name out there and they are starting to respond! Thank you to the volunteers that walked the parade and handed out the "Tommy Moose" bookmarks.

October 10th was the WOTM Bunco and we had a nice turnout! Thank you to Sue McSorley and Kristen Partyka for a great job on chairing the event! Fun was had by all!

From October 15 - November 15, Barb Thompson will be collecting for the "Winter Wear Collection". She will be taking donations of gently used/new winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens of all sizes and also, cash donations. The donations will be distributed to the needy in our community.

November 3, is the "Red Stole Ceremony" just prior to the committee night meeting and November 17 will be the WOTM orientation. November 20 is the "Plainfield Moose, Turkey Drop". We are looking for volunteers for that day! November 26, the day after Thanksgiving, the WOTM will have a Spaghetti Dinner. The cost will be \$5. We will also trim the tree and put up Christmas decorations on that day.

Lastly, from November 13 - December 1, we will be taking orders for pierogi's. We will be selling 2 kinds, potato with bacon and sauerkraut with mushrooms. The cost will be \$6 a dozen. Get your orders in as soon as possible! We will be making them on Saturday, December 4. We are also looking for volunteers!

I am very fortunate to have great people to work with and I want to thank all of the Plainfield Women of the Moose for all your hard work and dedication to our fraternity.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Diane Okrzesik, Senior Regent



Missy's Floral Coming back in January!

(following the W.O.T.M. Committee Meeting)

Price to be determined.

**Includes everything to make an arrangement
that you keep.**

25 Club

Nice Job Men!

The following Plainfield Moose LOOM members belong to Moose International's 25Club. They have sponsored 25 members or more since joining the Moose. The following is a list of names and the total they have sponsored prior to October 1, 2010, as reported from Moose International.

Steve Jackinowski	30
Tom Kelly	54
Jim Lawrence	51
Jim Massey	77
Frank O'Connell	54
Steve Rathbun	35
Jeff See	25
Rich Segebarth	27
Jerry Weiss	80
Gary Woods	76

If any lodge members names have been omitted or corrections are needed, please contact Bob Provo.



Spaghetti Dinner and Christmas Tree Trimming Party

Friday, November 26



Come for the spaghetti dinner!
Stay for decorating!
(Can't do both? Attend either one! The dinner is \$5 per person.)



12th Annual Toy Drive

Sunday, November 28
1 - 4 p.m.

**Bring gifts and share
in free food, fun and fellowship!**

Plainfield members work at Illinois Day

On Saturday, September 11, we had a great group of men and ladies of our lodge helping serve soda during Illinois Day, held at Mooseheart campus.

Illinois Day Beverage Chairman, Dave Weiss says thank you to the generosity of lodge member, R.C. Don Fredricks company, A.Barr Beverage for supplying the soda products and to Don for setting everything up.

Dave also would like to thank the following volunteers for the time they gave to work the soda station:

Gary Woods
Diane Okrezsik
Dawn Bjork
Kim Burns
Reese and Linda Evans
Gary and Mary McCarthy
Chris Bell
Floyd Schultz

Nice job Plainfield Moose!

Thank
you

New Village Website to Visit!

Recently our lodge has been asked to join into a new web site that will inform all visitors of village organizations, school groups, local news, weather and a whole lot more. Go to **www.plainfieldpatch.com** to see all that they have to offer. *To visit our spot, click on the Directory button, click on Community Resources and scroll down to our lodge.* They took some nice photo's.



We are welcomed to place lodge news and events on there, as long as we follow the General By-Laws of the Moose and approved by the lodge Board of Officers. For further information of using this site for lodge events or announcements, please contact Administrator Bob Provo.

Legion News

To all moose legion members,

Our moose legion meeting is held on the 4th Tuesday of each month following the lodge membership meeting. We have come up with a little incentive to get you to attend the moose legion meetings.

We have started a progressive attendance drawing. Each meeting the pot increases **\$20 in moose dollars**. You must be present to win.

Another incentive is that if you sign up two members into the Moose Legion in a moose year, your next years legion dues will paid by the Moose Legion.

Mecca 9 moose legion has come up with something a little extra. **"The Time is Now"** to sign up new members. This runs from July 1, 2010 - April 30, 2011

Top Moose Legion sponsor wins \$200 and top Moose Legion committee wins \$200!

Don't forget to mark your calender on Sunday Nov. 14 is our Legion Annual Chili Cook-Off. All members are welcome to sign-up. Judging will take place at half-time of the Bears vs. Vikings game. Also on Jan. 2 we will have our 2nd Annual Soup Cook-Off. Judging will take place at half-time of the Bears vs. Packers game.

Watch the calender or attend the meetings to find out what's new for our Moose Legionaires. For information on the Moose Legion Mecca 9, log on to **legion9@mooseunits.org**.

Gary Woods,
Moose legion chairman

P.S. Looking for officers for our moose legion. If anyone is interested, please contact me.



NOW IS THE TIME!

Moose International newest sponsorship campaign is that you can get your next year's membership "FREE".

All you have to do is sign up 2 new members and have them enrolled by April 30, 2011 and your following years dues are **FREE**. An each Moose year (May - April) after that, you'll continue to get **FREE** membership when you sponsor 2 candidates that complete their enrollment by each April 30.

That is a savings of \$60 for our men and \$30 for our women.

Lodge Legion members need to read your Legion President, Gary Woods, article in this Moose Tales, to see how to get your Legion dues **FREE** for the year.

Let's all use this opportunity to strengthen our enrollment and save money!

Bob Provo, Administrator



Moose Races

**Due to the holidays
the moose races
will be held on
November 5 & 29
and December 10.**



Winter Wear Collection



The Women of the Moose are collecting gently used/new winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens through November 15. A collection box is located in the Lodge. These items will be given to the needy in our community. If you are aware of anyone in need, or have any questions, please contact Barb Thompson at (815) 351-2827.

*Barb Thompson,
Community Service Chairman*

*Don't forget to change
your clocks...Nov. 7!*



PLEASE REPORT ILLNESS AND/OR DEATH TO THE LODGE OFFICE

The Lodge office would greatly appreciate being notified of all members illnesses and especially when death occurs. Members, please help us when you know of someone who is sick or has died. Call (815) 254-1403 to notify the Lodge. Thank you.

Save the Date!

January 15, 2011

Lodge Anniversary Dinner

Dues Assistance Available

Knowing well that we have members going through financial stress and, renewing their membership dues is not affordable or an option to them right now, we are offering assistance to keep them in our Moose family. Anyone facing this unfortunate situation, or member knowing of someone whom we could help, please contact the Lodge Administrator, Bob Provo, at (815) 530-7751. All communications will be kept in strictest confidence. It is expected that, any assistance will be reimbursed when the person is able.

It's what fraternity is all about!



Annual Chili Cook-Off

Sunday Nov. 14

All members are welcome to sign-up. Judging will take place at half-time of the Bears vs. Vikings game.

ALUMINUM RECYCLING

We will continue to collect aluminum cans through the winter months. The trailer will stay behind the lodge until we have to remove it for snow plowing reasons. If the trailer is not available, please drop your bagged cans by the back door of the lodge. We would like to thank Earl Rury for his time and dedication for taking care of the trailer and preparing all the aluminum to take to the recycler. The money earned from the cans helps a lot to fund the children's activities of the lodge.



Remember also to collect the pull tabs of the cans and bring them into the lodge for us to forward on to The Ronald McDonald House.



Have a Safe and Happy New Year!



Fried Wing Thursdays!

5:30 - 8 p.m.

The kitchen will be serving Fried Chicken Wings the 3rd Thursday of each month. Different sauces available.



Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 11

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Santa and his elves will have presents for all!
Magician • Face Painting • Pizza

Children and grandchildren
(of Plainfield Moose Family Center members)
ages 10 and under are invited to attend.

Please return forms to the lodge by
Saturday, December 6, 2010.

Help wrap their free presents
on Thursday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Member's Name: _____

Child's Name _____

Circle: Boy Girl Age _____

Child's Name _____

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Loyal Order of the Moose – #2491

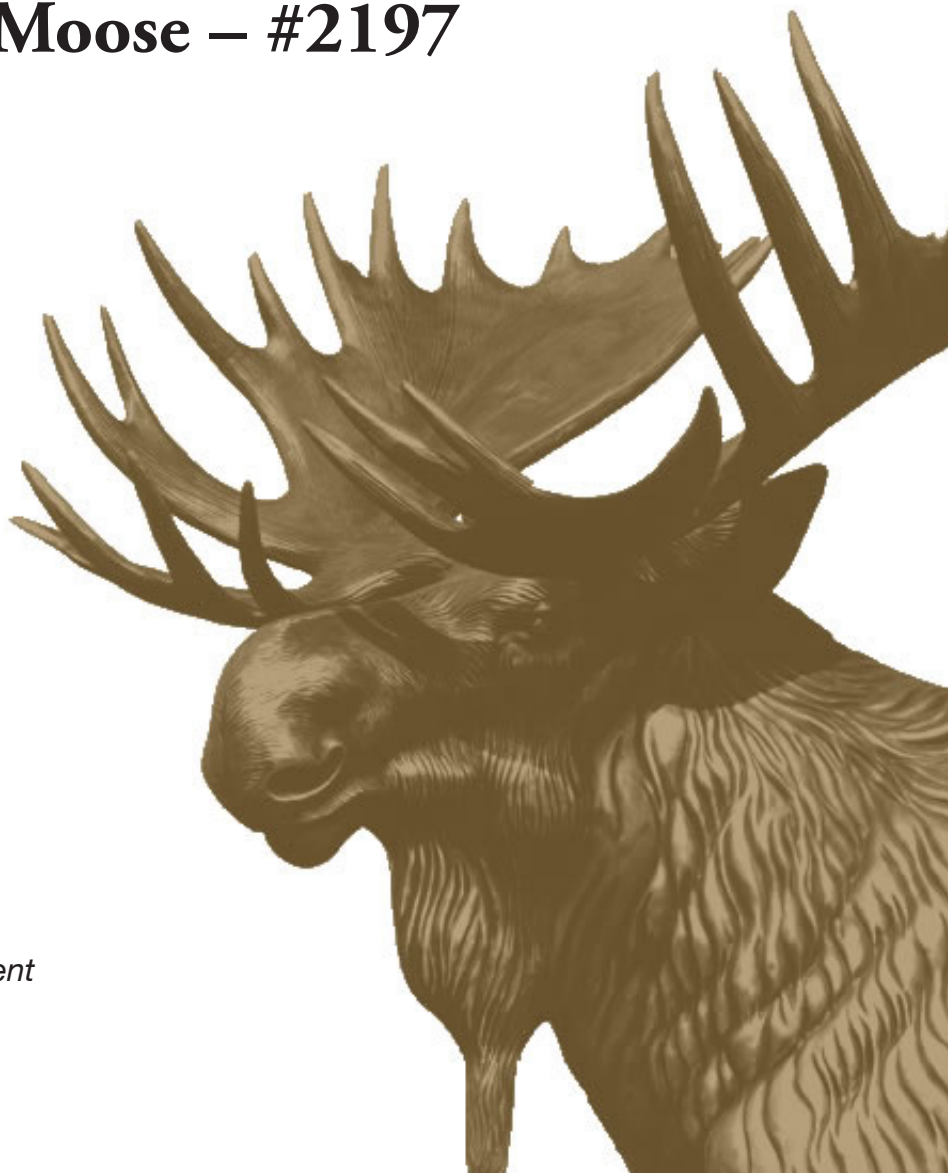
Women of the Moose – #2197

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Your officers wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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