RACINE MOOSE FAMILY CENTER

Lodge #437 / Chapter #631 Bulletin

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2025

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday: 8am - noon Saturday & Sunday: By appointment

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1 Horseshoe & Bags Tournaments

January 6 Taco Night

January 7 Lodge Membership Meeting

> **January 10** Trivia Night

January 12 Moose Riders Breakfast/Meeting

January 14 WOTM Membership Meeting

January 15 Moose Legion Wing Night

January 20 District #2 Meeting - Racine

January 21 New Member Orientation Lodge Membership Meeting

January 24
Tacos & Jukebox Bingo
(open to the public)

January 25Designer Bag Bingo

January 27 Burger Night

January 28
Moose Legion Meeting
WOTM Membership Meeting

January 31 Karaoke Night

February 1 Chapter Members Paint Party

February 3 Taco Night

February 4 Lodge Membership Meeting

February 9
Moose Riders Breakfast/Meeting

February 11 WOTM Membership Meeting

February 12 Moose Legion Wing Night

> February 15 Jukebox Bingo

February 16 Moose Riders Chili Cookoff

February 18
New Member Orientation
Lodge Membership Meeting

February 22Moose Legion Bags Tournament

February 24 Burger Night

February 25 Moose Legion Meeting WOTM Membership Meeting

February 28 Trivia Night

NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow Racine Moose Members,

Happy New Year. I hope everyone enjoyed their Holiday.

I was able to take my daughters on the bus trip to Mooseheart Dec. 7th for the Wisconsin Moose Association Senior Portrait Lunch and Tree Lighting. It was an amazing experience for all three of us, especially getting to interact with some of the seniors and young children on campus. To anyone who has never been to Mooseheart, I would recommend going. It was nice to see in person why we do what we do as Moose members.

Nominations and election of our Lodge Board of Officers for 2024-2025 are coming up soon. We will be posting information about the various positions and nomination ballots in February.

As we finish out the last 4 months of this Moose year, I would like us to focus on retention. Retention of members is the key to the growth and success of our lodge. Wisconsin Moose Association has been the top Association in the Moose Fraternity for the last 2 years and we need our membership to help bring home a 3-peat. Take time to renew once you receive your notice and don't wait for the email or postcard. Racine's retention rate is approximately 70% and our goal is to be at or above 85%. Let's work together to bring that percentage up.

Come join us at a lodge membership meeting. They are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

Rob Knudson - President, Moose Lodge 437



ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

Many of you have made New Year's resolutions and some of those resolutions may include volunteering more. Volunteering nurtures a sense of connection and belonging. In a world where people often feel isolated or disconnected, serving others offers an opportunity to forge meaningful relationships.

Many studies have shown that volunteering can lead to improved mental health, reducing symptoms of stress, anxiety, and depression. The act of helping others not only boosts one's mood but can also enhance self-esteem and confidence. Volunteers often discover new skills, interests, and passions in the process, helping them grow personally and professionally.

There are many ways you can volunteer here in the lodge: help in the kitchen, sell 50/50 tickets, volunteer at a lodge function, etc. Please consider donating some of your time and talents to the lodge in 2025.

Hope to see you around the lodge,

Brenda Wishau, Lodge 437 Administrator

RACINE LODGE #437 OFFICERS Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesday 6 PM

President	Rob Knudson
Vice President	Bob Kutzner
Past President	John Springsteen Sr.
Chaplain	Kate Singstock
Treasurer	Mark Dinan
Trustee	Jamie Steensen
Trustee	Mark Martin
Trustee	Adam Hernandez
Administrator	Brenda Wishau
Sergeant at Arms	Eric Zoromskis

RACINE CHAPTER #631 OFFICERS Meetings 2nd and 4th Tuesday 7 PM

Senior Regent	Nicole Springsteen
•	Dawn Bauer
Secretary	Ashley Kutzner
Treasurer	Jamie Steensen

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Newsletter Publication Deadline

All articles for the newsletter must be approved by the Board of Officers prior to being published. Approved articles must be sent as an email to:

mooselodge437@gmail.com with full and clear information. Items for the March/April newsletter are due by February 15. Thank you.

WOTM Charitable Donations

May 1 - November 30, 2024

Moose Charities: \$5,964

Community Giving: \$13,816



SENIOR REGENT NEWS

2025 is here. A quarter of a century has gone right on by in a blink of an eye! Y2K had us all wondering what the future would be. As each year passes, we have ups and downs along with some challenges. Those challenges help us to become stronger! Whether learning new things or stepping out of our comfort zone, we are able to grow.

Growth is important in so many ways. The Moose Fraternity has allowed me so many opportunities. Some of those are not easy and some present with added stress. However, the foundation that is made pushes me to be a better person in this organization and our community.

My grandmother, my angel now, was a founding member of a local food pantry. I remember driving with her to shop for food, stock the shelves and prepare bags for the less fortunate. Many people just need a helping hand to make their day better. It might be a bag of groceries or an added layer of clothing to keep them warm. It may be a gift for a child in need to put a smile on a young one's face. Little things we do matter! Our hearts are filled with kindness. If we each took the time to do or say something kind each day to one person, the positivity would exude!

Jamie and I met with Carolyn and Rebekah a few weeks ago to start brainstorming. They are both members of the Racine Lodge and Chapter. Some of you may know them but for those that do not, they are the Principal and Assistant Principal at Lumin Schools Renaissance Lutheran – Villa. A charter school where the majority of students are minority. 99% of the students pay no tuition. Vouchers are granted through the state to provide a private education for free. It is the only 5-star school in Racine County for the 3rd year in a row and is in the Top 10 in the State of Wisconsin for public and private schooling. Carolyn has a great network of teachers and support staff that work with her, some of them are members of this Lodge also.

They have been fundraising to send the entire 8th grade class to Washington D.C. in the spring. The Women of the Moose and the Moose Riders gave cash donations to sponsor a few students. The Lodge is donating the hall with proceeds from the upcoming open to public events to benefit the students as well. Along with our members participation - we will make a significant impact!

There will be a "special" Jukebox Bingo with tacos for purchase on January 24th, a 9 Pin Tap Tournament at Castle Lanes on February 16th and a Pancake Breakfast on March 8th. All of these events will support Lumin School 8th grade DC trip.

Opportunities like this matter. Moose members are the heart of the community. We give back in so many ways. Please consider participating to raise money for this cause.

Nicole Springsteen, Senior Regent

WOTM Valentine's Day Raffle Baskets

Purchase raffle tickets from your friendly bartender for a chance to win amazing Valentine's baskets.

Basket #1: "Nice & Cozy at Home" Basket #2: "Romantic Night Out"

Drawing on February 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Chapter Members Paint Party February 1 at 2:00 p.m.

Are you a Female Lodge Member interested in joining the Women of the Moose Racine Chapter?

Join in the fun and the WOTM will pay your Chapter dues

for 1 year! We will paint a wine glass for only \$15. Must be a Chapter member to participate.

Pre-register at the Lodge.



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January 2025

Dana Solberg

Moose Parking spot

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		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Social Quarters Hours (Unless otherwise indicated) Sun & Tues: Noon - Close Monday: 4:00 pm - Close Wed, Thurs & Fri: 3:00 pm - Close Saturday: 2:00 pm - Close			1	2	3	4
			Horseshoe Tournament Registration 10:00 AM Play begins 11:00 AM Indoor Bags Tournament Reg. 1:00 PM Play 2:00 PM	Dartball League 7:00 PM	301 Darts 6:00 PM	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Taco Night 5:00-7:00 PM	Card Club Noon Lodge Membership Meeting 6:00 PM	Indoor Bags 7:00 PM	Dartball League 7:00 PM	Trivia 7:00 PM	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Moose Riders Breakfast 8:30-11:00 AM Moose Riders Meeting	Kid's Club Meeting 6:30 PM	Card Club Noon Pool League 6:30 PM WOTM Meeting 7:00 PM	Wing Night 6:00-8:00 PM Indoor Bags 7:00 PM	Dartball League 7:00 PM	301 Darts 6:00 PM	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	District #2 Meeting Racine 6:00 PM	Card Club Noon New Member Orientation 5:00 Lodge Membership Meeting 6:00 PM	Indoor Bags 7:00 PM	Dartball League 7:00 PM	Tacos 5:00-7:00 PM Jukebox Bingo 7:00 PM in the Hall Open to the public	Designer Bag Bingo Doors open 11:00 AM Bingo starts at 12:00 PM (Pre-registration required)
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Burger Night 5:00-7:00 PM	Card Club Noon Moose Legion 5:45 PM Pool League 6:30 PM WOTM Meeting 7:00 PM	Indoor Bags 7:00 PM	Dartball League 7:00 PM	301 Darts 6:00 PM Karaoke Night 7:00 PM	

Moose Parking spot Rich Eberhardy February 2025 Kathy Dugas Moose Parking spot

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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WHAT'S GOING ON



Horseshoe & Bags Tournament: Have some fun on **New Year's Day!** Horseshoe registration starts at 10:00 a.m. and play starts at 11:00 a.m. Lottery draw for teams and \$5 per person. Chili will be available for a donation. Indoor Bags Tournament registration starts at 1:00 p.m. Games start at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Random draw for teams.

Trivia Night: Test your trivia knowledge! Games will be played January 10 and February 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Jukebox Bingo: Join us at the Lodge to play Jukebox Bingo! Have fun listening to snippets of songs from different eras and categories while marking off your bingo card. Come and play at 7:00 p.m. on **January 24** in the Hall and support LUMIN Renaissance School 8th grade DC trip for a \$5 donation. Then play again on **February 15** at 7:30 p.m. (no charge to play).

Chapter Members Paint Party: Ladies...If you have been dreaming of joining the WOTM and are a Lodge member, join us Saturday, **February 1** at 2:00 p.m. for some fun. We are having another paint party and we will pay your dues for a year for new members only. We will paint a wine glass for only \$15! Pre-registration limited to 60 people. This is a Chapter only event.

Moose Legion 31 Bags Tournament: Join us on **February 22** to participate. There will be a blind draw, maximum of 48 people and \$10 to play. Sign-up starts at 10:00 a.m. and bags start at 11:00 a.m. Will also have raffles, 50/50s and food.

Playoff Football Games: Watch all the excitement at the Lodge with your fellow Moose members.

Rocker Fundraiser Month: Purchase a "rocker" from your friendly bartender during February to support Moosehaven.

Watch the website & Facebook for more info on upcoming events.

Website: racinemoose.com Facebook: Moose Lodge #437

Women of the Moose Chapter 631

Membership Incentive Extended!

- Applicant pays for 2 years using the online Moose application only
- \$20 application fee waived
- Incentive extended to April 30, 2025

Food Events from 5:00-7:00 PM

Taco Night: January 6 and February 3

Burger Night: January 27 and February 24



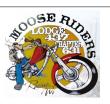
Wing Night: January 15 and February 12

Moose Riders Breakfast from 8:30-11:00 AM

January 12 and February 9

Moose Riders Chili Cookoff February 16

11:00 a.m. start/chili dropoff





MOOSE GUEST POLICY

Only the following persons may be admitted as a "qualified guest" into the social quarters or home of any lodge of the Order:

A: An active lodge or chapter member's spouse. (Note – There are no limits on the number of times a spouse may be admitted as a guest.)

B: An active lodge or chapter member's immediate family. (Note – There are no limits on the number of times a spouse or qualified family member under the age of 21 may be admitted as a guest, however, all other immediate family members would be limited to two visits as they now qualify as a prospective member of the person signing them into the social quarters.)

C: A prospective member is defined as any guest that is accompanied by a member who can sponsor them for membership in the Order, with the exception listed in (A) of this section. As permitted by the House Committee, a prospective member may be admitted subject to the following:

- (1) The prospective member is accompanied at all times by his or her sponsor.
- (2) The prospective member is properly signed in as a guest.
- (3) The prospective member shall not make purchases.
- (4) The prospective member shall leave when his or her sponsor leaves.
- (5) The prospective member shall be limited to two (2) visits.

All adult guests of members must be signed in as a guest and leave when the member leaves. Source: Moose International, www.mooseintl.org



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New Member Orientation

January 21 and February 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Open to new or current members to learn more about the Moose.

