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# **MOOSE TALK**

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#### WE ARE OFFICIALLY THE TAMARAC MOOSE LODGE!

We are thrilled to share that the Lauderdale Lakes Moose Lodge is officially the Tamarac Moose Lodge! This significant milestone comes as a result of the tireless dedication of two exceptional individuals, Eddie McGurn and Mayor Michelle Gomez, whose unwavering efforts have made this transition possible.

With the support of the Tamarac community and its dedicated leaders, the Tamarac Moose Lodge looks forward to fostering a strong sense of belonging and contributing to the betterment of the community at large.

As we embrace this exciting change, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Eddie McGurn and Mayor Michelle Gomez for their instrumental roles in making the Tamarac Moose Lodge a reality. Together, we embark on a new journey filled with pride and purpose, committed to upholding the Moose values and making a difference in the lives of those we serve.



"THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF IS TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS." – MAHATMA GANDHI

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#### **MEET THE CHIEF MEESE**

# PRESIDENT WAYNE FOGLE

Since assuming his role as President, Wayne has been a beacon of service and commitment at the lodge.

In 2020 Wayne became a Moose after stumbling upon the lodge while seeking a meeting space for the local Boy Scout Troop. He was captivated by the lodge's spirit and joined on the spot.

Starting as the Treasurer and a 3-year trustee, he has progressively embraced his current role as President.
Beyond the formalities of his position, Wayne's favorite aspect is meeting new people.

For Wayne, the heart of being a Moose lies in the collective commitment to service. He is particularly proud of Moose members who offer their time and resources to Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

Among the lodge's many events, Karaoke with Emma is Wayne's favorite. It exemplifies the lodge's commitment to fostering an environment of camaraderie and joy, reflecting his ethos of community building.

Wayne encourages members to get involved in service to their lodge, "Crack eggs, sell 50/50 tickets, serve food, clean up, or fix broken fences," there is an option for anyone's aptitude.

#### VICE PRESIDENT SHAWN ESPOSITO

Dedicated leader Shawn
Esposito currently holds
several vital roles within the
Moose Lodge organization.
Shawn serves as the Vice
President of the Tamarac
Moose Lodge, Chairwoman of
the Moose International
Membership Committee, and
the incoming Vice President of
the Florida District.

Since joining the Moose Lodge in 2008, Shawn and her husband, Jimmy, have been actively involved in various committees and events.
Shawn started her journey in leadership as the Health

Awareness Chairman, continuing on to multiple roles, including Activities Chair and Chaplain.

Shawn's primary passion lies in mentorship. Shawn strongly believes in passing on the knowledge she has received to empower the next generation of Moose members and leaders.

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One of Shawn's most beloved events is the annual campout, an idea she initiated in May 2012. The campout in the lodge's backyard offers members a chance to bond, participate in fundraising activities, and enjoy a weekend of fun, games, and camaraderie. This event, which started as a one-day affair, has now grown into an entire weekend celebration that brings together different divisions and units of the lodge.

Shawn's favorite drink is as diverse as her skill set; either way, she and Jimmy always have the most fun!

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#### TREASURER CINDEE FERNON

Cindee Fernon holds two esteemed roles at the heart of the Tamarac Moose Lodge: Lodge Treasurer and Activities Chair.

Her unexpected journey with the Moose began in October 2020 when she chanced upon the lodge while searching for a venue for a going-away party. Little did she know that this encounter would make her an integral part of the Moose family.

As Lodge Treasurer, Cindee takes on the critical responsibility of overseeing the lodge's financial matters ensuring smooth operations.

As Activities Chair, Cindee is vital in orchestrating and coordinating all lodge events and games, including those for the Mooseketeers.

For Cindee, being a Moose means more than simply enjoying games and drinks;

it's about making a tangible impact on the lives of others.

One of the most rewarding aspects of Cindee's current role is her love for helping and mentoring others. She believes that small acts of kindness collectively shape the thriving and compassionate community the Moose Lodge represents.

Cindee is as modest as she is kind; her beverage of choice is usually room-temperature water.

#### CHAPLIN JIM EZZELL

Holding the titles of Chaplain, Communications Chairman, IT Director, and Booking Manager, Jim Ezzell exemplifies the spirit of service.

One of Jim's favorite aspects of his current role is the ceremonial prayers accompanying each meeting and event. The meaningful way the Moose Lodge honors God resonates with him, and his personal background as an the band he has with his ordained Minister adds a unique dimension to this connection.

Originally associated with the West Boca Lodge, Jim joined the Tamarac Moose Lodge after meeting Eddie McGurn, driven by their regular post-Karaoke pizza tradition. This decision has led to a fulfilling journey of service and fellowship at the lodge.

Jim is currently the brains behind Stone Lace Music, which supports Stone Lace, daughter Hailey, and Karaoke with Emma every Wednesday night.

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Jim is proud to have innovated the Moose Entry System used at the lodge, streamlining access for members.

The best way to support Jim in his roles is to keep him abreast of planned events and activities.

Last but not least, Jim's beverage of choice is a Captain Morgan Black and Coke (hint, hint, Eddie!). 

# **Weekly Events**

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#### **Monday**

Texas Hold 'Em 7:30pm

# **Tuesday**

Bar Bingo 7pm

# Wednesday

Higher Degree Night Scouts 7pm Karaoke with Emma 8-11pm

# **Thursday**

Burger Madness 6-8pm Texas Hold 'Em 7pm Moose Rack 7pm

#### **Friday**

Paint Stick Bingo 7pm

#### **Saturday**

Various Karaoke / DJ 8-12am

# **Sunday**

Breakfast 8-11am BBQ 1-4pm Queen of Hearts 2pm Poker Pool 3pm Cards 6-9pm

# **Meeting Times**

**General Meeting**: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 7pm (Open to all current members)

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**Officer's Meeting**: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month @ 7pm

**WOTM Meeting**: 3rd Monday of the month @ 7pm

**Moose Legion Meeting**: 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7pm

Mooseketeers - Sunday Sept. 10th & 24th; Oct. 8th & 29th, @ 11am (dates subject to change. Check WhatsApp to confirm)

# **Monthly Events**

Steak Night - 1st Saturday @ 6:30pm

WOTM Dinner - 2nd Saturday @ 6:30pm

**BIG BACKYARD BBQ w/ Live Music** -Last Sunday of the Month 1-4pm

#### **MOOSE TALK IS FOR YOU!**

If you have any story suggestions or upcoming events to feature email us at:

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# **Special Events**

9/11 Memorial on 9/11 @ 6pm



Tim Burton Halloween Party hosted by Karaoke with Emma Sat., Oct. 28th, 8-Midnight

Kid's Halloween Party Sun., Oct. 29 starts at 11am



#### HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN EVENT?

Contact Cindee with event ideas big or small to see them come to life at the Tamarac Moose Lodge!

Email Activity Ideas to ActivityCommittee@TamaracMoose.com

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