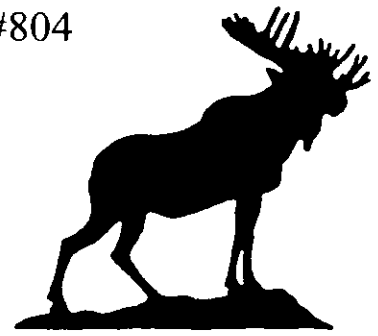


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ADMINISTRATOR & GOVERNOR

What about the Crimson Tide!! The Tide played an awesome game and won Alabama their 14th National Championship. Congratulations to the team, coach and staff, fans, University, and the State of Alabama this is a great honor.

In the lodge, we have several illnesses at the present time and had several deaths recently of members and members' family members and our thoughts and prayers go out to these families.

January was a busy month with the Supreme Governor's visit and then the Moose Legion Celebration. We need to thank all the people who participated to make these events a success, from cleaning, cooking, decorating, etc.; we can always count on our members at this lodge. Thank you so much for any and everything you did, we greatly appreciate the help.

There are several events coming up in the month of February. If you would like to visit Moosehaven in Florida, Alabama Days will be Feb 9th & 10th and if interested in making the trip check with an officer there is still time to book a reservation. Also, the Mid-Year Conference will be held March 15-18, 2012 at Joe Wheeler State Park Resort in Rogersville, AL. Reservations for this conference must be made no later than February 23, 2012, information is on the bulletin board or ask any officer of the Loom or Wotm and they can help you. Locally here at the lodge there will be a Valentine's Dance on February 18th, Chili Cook-off on Feb 26th, and a Yard Sale coming up on March 10th.

Several Membership Campaigns are going on at the present time, check the bulletin boards for all the information and prizes that you might be eligible to win. You can still receive free dues for a year by sponsoring 2 people for membership. Beginning January 1-April 30, 2012, Moose International has waived the \$20 application fee so the cost of becoming a member is only the \$60 dues for the next year. Our quota is way down for the year, Tuscaloosa is just a little over half way to completing our quota of 75 new members with only 3 more months left in this fiscal year. We need your help to accomplish this quota, please talk to a former member and encourage them to reenroll and bring new friends into the organization.

David Pugh has earned the Loom parking space for the month of February. He is one of our newer members but he is working like a veteran brother, please respect his privilege and thank him for his work and support of your lodge.

Remember your Valentine Sweetheart this month and bring him or her out to the dance and enjoy the night! Hope to see you at the lodge!

DONNIE BRYANT & J.C. HUNTER

CLUB STEWARD

We are off to a good start at your lodge and social quarters. We are also saddened by the passing of so many of our members and their family members. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each and everyone.

As many of you know we and all of our other fraternal organizations in Tuscaloosa have lost paper bingo. These organizations have depended on paper bingo for the last 30 or 40 years to survive and pay their bills. We have given a lot back to our community and paid tax on our bingo during those years. The Moose Lodge served approximately 40,000 meals to law enforcement, fire departments, National Guard personnel, volunteers, and citizens who lost everything in the tornado. We made our main income for this from paper bingo. The American Legion gave up their building to FEMA to use for an office with NO rent received, what other organizations have done more? As members of these fraternal organizations, we need your help to talk or contact representatives to help Tuscaloosa get a referendum here so our people have a chance to vote on making paper bingo legal for Charity Bingo.

In 1929, Bingo was introduced by Edwin Lowe. He saw it played in Atlanta and noticed how engaged the players were of a game called Bean 'O. They were using dry beans, rubber stamp and cardboard sheets. In 1930, he took the idea to New York and friends loved the game. The origin of the name bingo may have been when one of his friends was so excited he yelled "Bingo" instead of Bean go. Our city fathers have no idea how many children in Tuscaloosa would not have received toys for Christmas if it had not been for paper bingo and the fraternal organizations; or how many surgeries that we helped make possible; or how many families whose homes were destroyed by fire and we stepped up to the plate and helped them. And the city fathers have turned a deaf ear to us now.

February 26th, we will have our annual chili cook-off. Please prepare to participate, entrance fee will be \$25.00 and for your rules and information ask in your social quarters. We will also be having a yard sale March 10th, so bring your collectables-clothes-household goods, etc. to us.

I will close with the thought of the month: **An open Foe may prove a curse, but a pretend friend is worse.**

EVA MONTOMERY

E. T. COMMITTEE NEWS

WHAT A NIGHT! The band, Charles Markham and Bonafide, did an outstanding performance for the Country & Western night. We had so many positive comments and we promise they will be back!

The Valentine Dance will be February 18th on a regular big bucks night. The band for this night will be Chris Atkins and Cole Cole Heart with special guest Big Ben Atkins. We promised to have them back and to us, there is no one that can sing a love song like "Big Ben". Come out, bring your friends and enjoy this special night. See you there! Thanks for all your support!

ET COMMITTEE

NOTICES

- (1) WII Bowling Tournament @ 6:30 PM every Sunday, food will be available.
- (2) Moosehaven Alabama Days Feb 9 & 10 2012, try to make this trip.
- (3) Big Bucks will be moved to the "4th" weekend in March to the 24th instead of the 17th due to the Mid-Year Conference being held at Rogersville March 15-18.
- (4) Photographer will be making pictures at the Valentine Dance at no cost to you, if you like the pictures you will be able to buy them. Best time will be between 6:30 and 8:00 PM.
- (5) Reservations deadline for Mid-Year Conference in Rogersville is February 23, 2012, details are on bulletin board or contact any LOOM Officer and they can help you.
- (6) Beginning in March, the Wotm will cook on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month and the Loom will cook on the 2nd, 4th, & 5th Wednesday, more details next month.

Beginning January 1, for four months,

Moose International waives ALL revenue

from ALL Membership Applications!

\$0 Application Fee!

JANUARY 1 - APRIL 30, 2012

*That's right! Lodge, Chapter & Moose
Legion applicants pay...*

\$0 Application Fee!

No application fee required for ANY membership application transmitted to Moose International between 12:01 a.m.(CT) Sunday, January 1, 2012 and 10 p.m.(CT) Monday, April 30, 2012.

Completed applications must be remitted with full first-year dues. Remember—members that sponsor two applications between May 1, 2011 and April 30, 2012 will receive a free year's dues, provided these applicants are reported as "enrolled" by 10 p.m. (CT) Monday, April 30, 2012.

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CREATE SOME INTEREST

