



Plainfield Moose Tales

January/February 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Join us on January 23rd for the AFC/
NFC conference championship games.

We will be serving stuffed meatballs, sau-
sage, turkey, and FUN !!!

The Queen of Hearts – Comes to Plainfield Moose.
There will be a new game rolling out the first of the year. The Queen of
Hearts game is played and enjoyed at many other Moose Lodges. Soon you
will see the Queen of Hearts board displayed, come in and find out what it's
all about.



Annabell's

**Pork chops, pork chop
sandwiches and hearty
homemade soups are
coming back to the Moose
on Saturdays!**



**Enjoy lunch at the
Lodge from 12 to
3:00, prepared by**

**Jim Lawrence, owner of
Annabell's BBQ.**

Begins January 8th!

It's our 13th Anniversary !

**Join your fellow Moose members in celebrating
another milestone: our 13th year of founding!**

**On Saturday, January 15th, we will be hosting a
rib eye steak dinner from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Cost
will be \$20 per person for the dinner.**

**Stick around for the live entertainment that will
follow and kick up your heels on the dance floor!**



From the Corn-growin ' Governor Floyd...

Happy New Year to each of you! I trust you had a great Christmas and Santa was good to you!

As I reflect back on our Lodge activities in the Fall, I want to say "thank you" to all of our members for all you do! Please keep it up! Fellowship and harmony are wonderful attributes in our Lodge!

With so many excellent events, I cannot say thank you enough to the people that made these successful. Beginning with the car show, Oktoberfest, chili cook-off, Thursday chicken wings nights, football games, "Black Wednesday" Sliders night, and more, you all made it happen!

Did you know we collected 714 turkeys at our "Turkey Drop"? Many needy families enjoyed delicious meals over the holidays because of our concerted effort! This collection, along with our annual toy drive, which netted over \$2000 in toys and gift cards, make me very proud of all of you.

Special thanks to the Thompsons and the Brazzales for decorating for Christmas!

Once again the kid's Christmas party was a great happening, with approximately 80 children participating. A great time was had by all! The Lodge Christmas Dinner Party too was another success (pretty tasty too!). Thank you!!

Finally we come to our membership... one year ago we were 460 strong. Today we have 425 brothers, and signed approximately 25 new members. We all need to reach out to our brothers who have drifted away from us, and extend a hand of welcome back. Let us remind people of the great times, the fun, and our dedication not only for Mooseheart but to Plainfield as well!

Again, thanks to everyone! Keep it up!
Fraternally,
Floyd "Farmer" Schultz



SENIOR REGENT NOTES

Happy Holidays to all! October and November were two of our busiest months! Thank you to all who helped and participated! Thank you to Sue McSorley and Kristen Partyka for chairing the Bunco party! Fun was had by all, great food and wonderful baskets were raffled. Also, thank you to all those who submitted a basket to be raffled. Thank you to Barb Thompson for a great job during Oct. and Nov. on collecting coats, hats, scarves and gloves for those in need. Thank you to the board and Amy Weiss, chairperson, for our Red Tassle and Red Stole ceremony on Nov. 3rd. The new inductees were Karre Schultz and Donna Flanagan.

Thank you to everyone who came out and made the Turkey Drop a great success! We had a lot of volunteers and even if you didn't get to do much, the lodge surely appreciated everyone's help!! Congratulations to Liz Collins. She signed up two new members on that day and her dues will be free next year.

The spaghetti dinner held on 11/26 was very nice! Thank you to the board for all their help! Everyone that came said it was a great idea! Tree trimming was done by Barb Thompson, Carol & Mike Corbett, Mary & Gary McCarthy. Liz Collins, Paul Fay and Don & Peanut Fredricks.

The toy drive was another success! Thank you to Karre Schultz for cooking the ham. Our co-workers were busy making pierogis on Dec. 4th. Wednesday, January 5th, will be orientation for new co-workers. January 15, 2011 will be the lodge's 13th anniversary Party. We will have a wonderful Greek dinner created by Perry and Nancy Brenczewski will be chairing the event. A money/basket raffle for Joliet Community Hospice that will be given away on that day. We look forward to seeing you!

We will be looking for new co-workers come May, 2011. If anyone has any interest, please see one of the board members.

On behalf of the Plainfield WOTM, we would like to wish everyone a Happy Healthy New Year!

Diane Okrzesik, Senior Regent

Lodge Super Bowl Party



Come out and join us for fun, food, and football on Feb 6th.! For only \$10.00, a wristband given to you, will entitle you to a

huge buffet of food, including roasted pig and 2 domestic beer drink tickets during the game. The party will start one hour before game time. As always, a plate to pass is welcomed!



Valentin's Day Dinner Party



Save the date of Saturday, February 12th for a special dinner for you and your honey.

We are planning a Greek-style dinner that evening!

Harvest Moon will perform at 8:00.

THANK YOU!

Coming in March:

COUNTRY DANCE INSTRUCTION

Got anything better to do on a Sunday afternoon in March? Let's dance! We will provide pulled pork sandwiches, good music and lots of fun. Then at Lodge functions, when we have a Country Band or a DJ, we'll all dance a lot more!!! Good fun and good for you. Watch for details.

"Swing yer partner,
do-si-do..."



11th Annual Moose Lodge/ Ford Family Turkey Drop

Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a huge success. With your generous donations of turkeys and commitment of time we were able to provide 714 turkeys to be distributed to the Plainfield Food Pantry, Romeoville Food Pantry and Morning Star Missions. When we work together we accomplish great things.

Bob Provo & Barb Thompson, Co-Chairman

Winter Wear Collection

The people in need in our area are a little warmer because of your donations. This is our fourth year of collecting coats, mittens, hats, gloves and scarves. Two hundred ninety items were distributed among the Plainfield Food Pantry, Morning Star Mission and the Guardian Angel Community Services.

Barb Thompson, Community Services Chairman

Wii Wing Thursdays

Beginning in January, we will have chicken wings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings, from 5:30 to 8:00pm. Wii bowling will begin at 6:30 on Wing Nights.



PLAINFIELD MOOSE LEGION

Happy New Year to all Moose Legion Brothers,

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year! Just a reminder about our Moose Legion Meetings; they are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month following the Lodge Membership Meeting. At the meetings we have an progressive attendance drawing. The pot is up to \$60.00 right now. It increases \$20.00 each Meeting.

On Jan.2nd 2011 the Moose Legion is having the 2nd annual **Soup Cook-off**. It's open to all Plainfield Moose Members. So get those recipes out and sign up! We will be raffling of a Bears Jersey that day.

Mark your calendars for Sat. Jan.22,2011 the Plainfield Moose Legion is holding a appreciation Dinner **To ALL Plainfield Moose Legion Members and Guest** . The cost for the Dinner is **FREE**. That's right, **FREE** , for just being a Moose Legion Member. Governor Floyd is chairing this event and he has Brother Jim Lawrence doing a Pork Chop Dinner. Cocktails will be at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00.

On Feb 9th the Mecca Moose Legion 9 will be having a Conferral at our Lodge following their Walleye Wednesday Dinner. The ritual team that does the Conferral also does the cooking. They are looking for volunteers to clean up the kitchen so they get on with the Conferral.

Congratulations goes out to our newest Moose Legion Member, Brother Mike Cross! He will be enrolled on that night. If any member that is eligible to be a Moose Legion Member is interested in this degree of service, this will a good time to sign up. You won't have to wait long to get conferred.

We had a great turnout for the Moose Legion Annual Chili Cook Off. The Moose Legion would like to thank the 12 people that entered and all the members that came out that day and supported the Lodge. The winner this year was Deb Hisel. 2nd place went to Al Walnek, and 3rd was Donna Shanks. Congratulations to our winners.

Don't forget about the **Moose Legion Breakfast** on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month until Mother's Day Serving a full menu from 9am till Noon.

Fraternally Yours,
Gary Woods, Moose Legion Chairman

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

We are well aware of the financial challenges facing members paying dues.

If you, or another member, is facing difficulty in paying the Lodge membership dues, please know that assistance is available. Please contact Lodge Administrator, Bob Provo (815) 530-7751. All calls are held in strict confidence.

When you're back on your feet, you can reimburse us.

SCOUTING AT THE MOOSE

Submitted by Rob Richardson, Charter Representative

December 2010 was the 6th anniversary of Pack 91. The Pack was chartered in 2004 with 8 boys joining. Today the Pack has 64 boys, 11 of which will be eligible for crossing over to Boy Scout Troops in February.



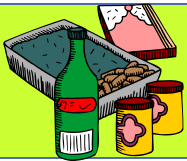
In November the Pack went to Ringling Brothers Circus and made a field trip to Vulcan Gravel pit. They also participated in Plainfield Clean Up Week, organized by Conservation Plainfield.

January 8, 2011 the Pack will be holding their Pinewood Derby at Eagle Point Elementary School. This will be their first race using their brand new 4-lane aluminum track that was purchased with the assistance of Moose Lodge 2491. **THANK YOU!!!!!!** If you visit the Lodge, please stop by the table in the back room. There is a “Thank You” card that the members of Pack 91 made for The Lodge’s help with the Pancake Breakfast, and all their other support.

The Plainfield Family Moose Center, Lodge 2491 has now chartered a **Boy Scout** Troop, Troop 91. The Scoutmaster is Tim Okrey, and the Committee Chairman is Tim Olson.

The Troop will be meeting every Wednesday evening at the Crosswinds Church (the old Plainfield Police Dept.). A letter was sent out to boys who have dropped out of other Units in town asking them to consider joining Troop 91.

If you know of any boy 11 – 18 years of age who might like to join the Troop please contact me. The Troop is planning to attend the Rainbow Council Klondike in Morris the end of January. If you have any camping gear you have not used in a while, you might consider donating it to our new Troop. We could use Tents, stoves, pots and pans, or any other camping “Stuff”. Contact Rob Richardson at 630-774-0079 to make donations.



IT'S A “PRE-SUPER BOWL PARTY”
COME TO THE LODGE TO PREP FOR THE REAL DEAL!
FOOD, RAFFLES, 50/50's, AND LOTS OF CAMARADERIE!

Administrator Bob says...

May the year 2011 be very prosperous and healthy for each of you and your family.

The lodge is currently looking for a new Editor for our Moose Tales news letter, beginning with our March/April news letter. If you know of anyone with the talent and they are able to give a few hours of their time every two months, please contact me or any board of officers.

The best thing you can do to support the kids and seniors of Mooseheart and our lodge is to sponsor new members. Remember the current campaign of “THE TIME IS NOW” is to reward you with Mooseheart paying your next years dues when you sign up 2 new members by next April 30th. They'll continue paying your dues each year thereafter, when you sign up 2 additional members or more, during the Moose year period of May 1st thru April 30th. Please try your hardest to sponsor a new member. - *Bob Proulx*

Loyal Order of the Moose - #2491 Women of the Moose - #2197

Officers of the Lodge:

Bob Provo, *Administrator*
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Paul Fay,
Editor-Pro-Temp

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