



# Front Royal Moose Lodge 829

## Newsletter - April 2009

### Governor's Message

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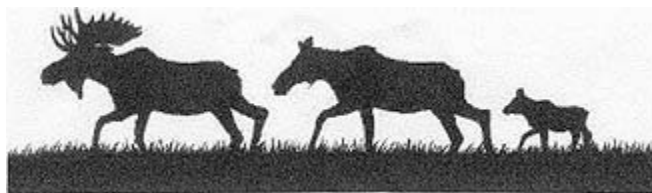
Dear Members,

Our Moose year is rapidly coming to a close. And yes, we did make our membership quota thanks to all of you that signed a new or former member. I knew all along with the spirit and dedication in our lodge we can do anything we set our minds to. I want to thank our membership chairman Robert Settle for all his hard work this year. He kept telling me that we would make it but at times I had my doubts especially at the end of December.

This will be my last letter of the year and there are so many people to thank, I'm afraid I'll miss someone if I start naming names but they know who they are. First our dedicated social quarters staff led by Karen and Debby and all of the kitchen staff, most of whom are seldom seen except Tucker who has been known to frequent some of the lunch wagons on route eleven during the day. It goes without saying we have the best bartenders in the state always cheerful, well let's leave it at the best in the state. Words cannot describe our waitresses; they are the best you can find anywhere, private clubs or public establishments. And who can say enough about Carolyn at the front door, always cheerful and doing an excellent job week after week. Our cleaning crew who we never see as they are usually there when most of us are catching zzzz's, keep the place in beautiful condition at all times. I can't forget the old codgers club, without their daily support, we may have to close the doors. Heaven forbid I forget the WOTM ladies, I cannot thank you enough for all your help this year as usual. We couldn't have done it without you. Our bingo volunteers deserve a rousing round of applause for all of their dedication especially our bingo chairman Mike Schultz. Without their help we could not give so generously to our community. And last but not least, I want to thank the board of officers for their support all year. They are there every Monday night working to make the lodge a better place for you our members. Forty-eight nights away from their families and their free time. Their generosity in donating to the hundreds of local requests for donations we get throughout the year is second to none. Ben has done an excellent job keeping us all in line and us know when we have no more to give.

Finally, on April 6th we will have a lodge election for new officers for the coming year. We have two excellent candidates running for the office of Governor in Ken Colley and Bert White. Both of these gentlemen are qualified to lead the lodge. Please show your support and vote. It only takes five minutes of your time. Then when you sit around and complain about how the place is run you can at least say "well I didn't vote for than sorry so and so, I voted for the other sorry so and so". The poll is open from noon to seven pm, so very few have an excuse for not being there. Thanks to all of you the members for a great year.

Fraternally Yours,  
Jim McDonnell, Governor



## Women of the Moose News

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WOW!!!! Where did the year go? It seems like yesterday, that I wondered what to write in my first newsletter and now I'm writing my last message to you, the wonderful people who make our lodge and chapter the best in the nation. How many times have we heard the expression (courtesy of Cynthia Putnam) there is no **I** in the **Women of the MoosE** it begins with a **W** and ends with a **E** –**WE**, and that's been the kind of year we've had - Thanks to each lodge brother and co-worker! Through the year I've tried to always say **WE**, but in this newsletter, I'm going to use the word, **I**.

I want to thank our social quarters' staff, for all you do to keep our members happy and wanting to come back! My special thanks to Debbie Baker and Karen Schultz, for all the help you both have extended to our chapter for special events! To all our members for your support of our fund raising projects and community service projects - you have been awesome!!!

What can I say to our officers of Lodge 829 - your thoughtfulness, respect and love have made our chapter the envy of each and every chapter in Virginia and beyond. Our **Past Grand Chancellor, Jan Fregulia** and **Grand Regent, Marion Friend**, says it is *Beyond Belief*, the harmony and cooperation they've seen on their visits to State and Mid-Year between our lodge and chapter. **Thanks guys for making us look good - not good, GREAT!!!**

To our Sponsors - Because you did **Believe** in our fraternity, you sponsored your family, friends and neighbors and we had the honor of being number one at the 2008 State Conference and you have gone *Beyond Belief* during my term (and we still have April to go and remember through April 30 - it is only \$25.00 for a years dues with no application fee) If we are not number one at state, please accept your chapter's thanks for signing the most members in our history, and thank you, thank you, thank you to each and everyone who paid their dues this year - I will always be grateful for your continued support of Faith, Hope and Love, the three great principles of the W.O.T.M.

Last but not least. **What would I have done without Jr. Regent, Fran Payne, Chaplain, Donna Hershberg, Jr. Graduate Regent, Virginia Cooley, Secretary Treasure, Cynthia Putnam and Recorder, Norma Capps.** The officers were always there and I was always able to count on their support. That goes double for our wonderful Collegians. Without their knowledge and wisdom I would not have been able to stay on track. A special note to our new Board of Officers, Congratulations and listen to these girls, they will keep you from going astray!!!! Thanks to two special co-workers, **Karen Putnam, Audit Chairman** and **Jessica Alexander, Decoration Chairman.** They have done so much behind the scenes.

### Mark your calendar

*April 5 - 2:00 pm Installation of Officers*

*April 11 - Safe Surfing Program* (open to adults and children)

*April 12 - Easter Sunday*

*April 13 - Health Awareness Chapter Night*

*April 25- Stephens City Installation* (our chapter doing the honors)

*April 27- Business Meeting*

**April 30- All new applications need to be turned in by 6:00 pm to Cynthia Putnam to receive the Moose stimulus discount fee of \$25.00.**

The answer to my question at the beginning of the newsletter.... It went fast! It went while each of you was working to make it the *"banner year"* that we asked you for. While I was making new friends, learning and having fun, each of you was working to give me the best year any Senior Regent could have - a year *"Beyond Belief"*!

Thank you and please remember to support your new officers for the upcoming year.

God Bless and Fraternally Yours,  
Dixie McClary  
Senior Regent

## Administrator's Message

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Please come out and vote for the 2009-2010 Lodge Officers on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 12-7pm. The results will be announced that night in the lodge meeting. The office of 3 year Trustee is vacant and will require a special election. If anyone is interested in running for the position please see me or any officer about the duties.

The House Committee is sending out letters to members whose children are not being supervised properly while in the social quarters. This should not come as a surprise as the issues with unsupervised children has been addressed many times. Please take the time to properly supervise your children.

On April 11<sup>th</sup> we will host 2 seminars in the lodge hall for those interested in learning more about the "Safe Surfin" campaign. The first seminar will be for anyone over the age of 18 years of age and will start at 10:30am and run until approximately 11:30am. The second will be for children aged 9 thru 18 and will start at 12:30pm and run until approximately 13:30pm. It is open to anyone and we encourage everyone to get the word out about this important Issue. This was an idea from Ken Cooley and he has brought it to fruition. The information is located on the VMA website and you will hear more about it in the next newsletter.

If you can help at our weekly bingo game we sure could use some fresh faces to give the regulars a break.

Fraternally yours,  
Ben Auterback, Administrator

## Bulletin Board

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*Parents please do not let your children play in the parking lot. It is very dangerous, especially after dark and please observe them when they are in the lodge.*

**O Support Mooseheart Schools.** Mooseheart elementary and middle schools need our help. The WOTM chapter is supporting Mooseheart schools by saving BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION coupons from hundreds of General Mills' products and Campbell Soups. Chapter members and wives of lodge members are asked to help with this project. You may turn the coupons in to any chapter officer or place them in the WOTM collection box in the social quarters to the attention of Krystal Wines.

**O Newsletters via E-mail and On the Web.** Many thanks to all members who have asked to be placed on the newsletter E-mail list or stated they would view it on the website. Your many comments on how appreciative you are of the attempts of the lodge to Go Green are appreciated. The list is growing and thank you again. Please notify us at [newsletter@mooselodge829.org](mailto:newsletter@mooselodge829.org) if you would like to subscribe or obtain the newsletter and calendar via the lodge website.

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## Front Royal Moose Lodge 829, Board of Officers 2008-2009

<b>Governor</b>	<b>Jim McDonnell</b>
<b>Junior Governor</b>	<b>Ken Cooley</b>
<b>Prelate</b>	<b>Robert Settle</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Dean Hershberg</b>
<b>Junior Past Governor</b>	<b>Bert White</b>
<b>First Year Trustee</b>	<b>Jim Bollman</b>
<b>Second Year Trustee</b>	<b>Tommy Lawson</b>
<b>Third Year Trustee</b>	<b>Carl Hannigan</b>
<b>Sergeant at Arms</b>	<b>Ray Fultz Jr.</b>
<b>Administrator</b>	<b>Ben Auterback</b>

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## Women of the Moose-Front Royal Chapter 1194 Officers 2008-2009

<b>Senior Regent</b>	<b>Dixie McClary</b>
<b>Junior Regent</b>	<b>Fran Payne</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Donna Hershberg</b>
<b>Junior Graduate Regent</b>	<b>Virginia Cooley</b>
<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	<b>Cynthia Putnam</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Norma Capps</b>

