



# Front Royal Moose Lodge 829

## Newsletter - August 2009

### Governor's Message

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Dear Members,

We recently attended the State Convention in Richmond. One item of business that was stressed was the retention of members. It is great to sign up new members, but we need to keep the ones we have already enrolled. If you know someone who has not paid their dues, invite them to continue their membership; or someone whose dues have expired, invite them to come back to the lodge and re-enroll, so they can be a member of the greatest fraternity we know.

I want to take this opportunity to report on the recognitions our lodge received while in Richmond. There was a tie for Lodge of the Year in our category, (800 + members). We, along with Manchester Lodge, received Lodge of the Year. We also ranked 4th in contributions and 7th in new enrollments. And Chapter 1194 placed 4th in the State in the Chapter of the Year category. Congratulations, Ladies, Good Job!

Our Administrator, Ben Auterback, received recognition and a medallion honoring him for the Regional Manager Award in the Administrator category. We have always known he is #1; now he is getting some recognition. So, as you can see, we are not just about serving drinks and listening to music. Our Lodge does make a difference.

Our lodge Family Picnic will be held September 13th. If you have time to help with readying the grounds, or preparing food, or setting up/covering the tables, contact Karen, Debbie, Ben, Fran, or myself. There might be something you can give us a hand with.

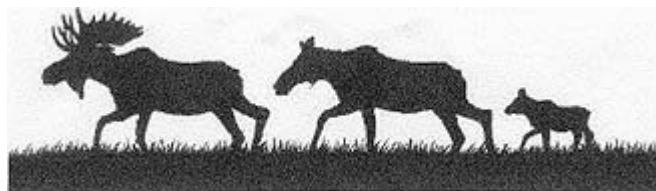
While on the subject of volunteering, remember this is your lodge. If you have a talent or expertise and would like to offer your time, we might be able to use you to repair or spruce up the building. See Ben if you would like to "make a difference" for your lodge.

I would like to thank the Boy Scouts for re-painting the yellow curbing around the buildings and picking up the trash in the parking lots as well as the lodge grounds. When you see these guys, tell them how much you appreciate what they do.

We continue to solicit help with working Bingo on Tuesday nights. If we could get enough who will commit to a particular Tuesday night, we may be able to have "teams" and eliminate the same workers getting "burned-out" by working every Tuesday.

Contact Mike Schultz, Ben, or me if you would like to volunteer.

Fraternally Yours,  
Ken Cooley, Governor



## Women of the Moose News

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I hope everyone is enjoying their time with friends and family this summer. For all those who do get a chance to get away, travel safely and we will be looking forward to your return home.

The Mid-Year Conference this past month did turn out to be a very good one for Chapter 1194. Our Chapter was the "Top 4" in the state, our recorder "Cynthia Putnam" was in the running for "Star Recorder of the Year", and "Dixie McClary" did receive her "Green Cap".

The lodge also did very well in getting "Top Lodge of the Year" against some very tough competition. Our on administrator "Ben Auterback" also received the "2009 Regional Manager's Award" for he hard work he did this past year. He had to go back through a lot of information after the International Convention in Chicago, to prove our Lodge did qualify for the "Premier Lodge Award". In fact our lodge was one of only six lodges in the state that received the top "Platinum Level". Good job Ben and thanks for all you do for our Lodge and Chapter.

We would like to "Thank" everyone that helps in supporting our Chapter, programs, and raffles. And special "Thank You" for those of you that do whatever is asks of you whether it is to chair a committee, bake a cake, or do a raffle. We could not do it without you help!

<u>Mark your Calendars</u>	August 10
Chapter Night meeting	August 17
Board of Officer's meeting	August 24
Business Meeting	

Our next District meeting is not until September.

We would like to see more of the co-workers at our meetings! Please come out and "Be a Piece of the Solution". We always try to have fun at our meetings yet keep them enjoyable and informative.

On a very special note, please keep our Regional Manager, Front Royal's own Matt Grove in your thoughts and prayers as he goes through some tough medical times. Do not forget to invite your friends and family to join us in our quest to continue to be the "Best Chapter" in the Fraternity. Again "Thank You" and Please remember that with our help and support "We" can do anything!

Fraternally yours,  
Fran Payne, Senior Regent



## Administrator's Message

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Yes, I know, last month's newsletter had a couple of errors. We have not had a cook on Sundays for the past 5 weeks for cost cutting measures. I hope no one actually thought we would stop serving food on our busy nights. When business starts picking up again on Sundays we will of course bring a cook back. The fryers can be turned on Sundays for easy meals so just ask your bartender and they would be happy to cook you something.

We have had some air conditioning issues, which hopefully have been resolved. The kid's room has been closed for a short period so that the floor and play tiles could dry out.

In case you didn't know, Front Royal has it's own Moose-Rider group. They meet the 1st Wednesday of each month in the Social Quarters at 7pm. Come on out and see what's going on! They have a bulletin board in the hallway where the membership posters are posted. For information about joining you can see Chip Cooper, Bert White or Chris Ballard.

If anyone would like a necrology booklet with the names of our departed members over the past Year please let me know as I brought back a few extra as I do ever year from the memorial service which is held at the state convention in Richmond. I still have some from past years as well. They do not belong in the office, they belong with our members so please don't hesitate to ask.

The governor has already thanked the Boy Scout Troop for painting the curbs and picking up trash already but did you know the lodge is the sole supporter of the Troop and also the Cub-Scout pack? They don't owe the lodge anything but they find the time to come out and help, which is no different from all the great volunteers we have at our lodge. It's because of you that this lodge has been named the top lodge in the state with members exceeding 800. I believe and always have that this lodge is the top in all categories. It continues to amaze me on your spirit.

Please don't forget the Gimme 5 campaign. We are falling short of the goal and it's not an impossible task. All were asking is that you set aside 10 cents each day. There's all kinds of information on the moose.intl website or just ask any officer. Both the lodge brothers and the WOTM co-workers are involved.

Last but not least I want to thank all the WOTM ladies for the hard work over the past year. All the lady members should be very proud of all their success. Well done ladies, well done!

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.*

**0 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.** 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.

**O Aluminum Cans.** Boy Scout Troop 829 recycles aluminum cans. The scouts save cans and crush them each week. If you have any aluminum cans, you can place them in the dumpster area at the rear of the lodge. The scouts pick them up several times a week.

**O Web Site.** The lodge website at <http://www.mooselodge829.org> contains one year of newsletters, the current calendar, the current officers of the LOOM and WOTM and pictures. Several informative links can be found on the site.

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## Front Royal Moose Lodge 829, Board of Officers 2009-2010

Governor	Ken Cooley
Junior Governor	Bert White
Prelate	Darren Hunt
Treasurer	Chip Cooper
Junior Past Governor	Jim McDonnell
First Year Trustee	Tommy Lawson
Second Year Trustee	Carl Hannigan
Third Year Trustee	John Stephen
Administrator	Ben Auterback

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## Women of the Moose-Front Royal Chapter 1194 Officers 2009-2010

Senior Regent	Fran Payne
Junior Regent	Karen Putnam
Chaplain	Tammy Talton
Junior Graduate Regent	Dixie McClary
Secretary/Treasurer	Virginia Cooley
Recorder	Cynthia Putnam