



# Golden Triangle Moose Tracks

## Lodge Social Quarters Opening Soon!

The journey has been relentless and demanding, but thanks to the incredible dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of our donors, the building is finally coming together!

We've all worked hard to reach this point, and without further ado, we're thrilled to announce: **All goes according to plan, the Lodge Social Quarters will officially open for business on Friday, January 16th at 12:00 noon.** (If anything changes, we'll send an update right away.)

Services will be limited at first, but you can count on **cold beer, mixed drinks, and great company with fellow Moose members** enjoying our brand-new facility. The games will be ready for play, and the jukebox will be available for those who want to enjoy some music.



We can't wait to see you there and celebrate this exciting milestone together!

## BANG! Is Back!

**This Saturday, BANG! is back in full force!**



Join us every Saturday from 3:30 until 6:30 for an action-packed, fast-paced showdown. Test your skills, outwit your opponents, and **WIN real cash prizes!**

Grab your seat, bring your best game face, and get ready for an unforgettable day of fun, strategy, and excitement. Don't miss out—the stakes are high, and the rewards are waiting!

## Your Voice Matters, Be Heard!

There has been a great turnout at the last few Membership Meetings, and it's truly rewarding for the officers to see members attend and participate. We may not always agree on every single issue, but those differences create balance in our lodge when the vote is taken and the majority of MEMBERS decide the direction we move in. When only two or three members are present, it is not a fair representation of our membership and leaves the officers in a quandary.



**Have you attended a Membership Meeting? If not, why not?**

Please plan to attend and support the officers, volunteers, and staff of the lodge—and help make our Lodge Home a place we all want to enjoy.

✓ **Mark your calendar for the next meeting, January 19th, 7:00 PM!**

✓ **Bring your ideas, your voice, and your support.** Together, we can shape the future of our lodge!

• *"Don't let yesterday take up too much of today." Will Rogers.*

## Picnic Time!

**Saturday, January 24, starting at noon**, the Golden Triangle Valued Veterans will host a picnic-style lunch to help raise funds for the rebuilding campaign. Join the Vets for a hearty meal featuring hot dogs, hamburgers, Sonny's BBQ beans, and potato salad, **all for just \$7.** Come early—serving until the food is gone! 🍔 🌭

## Construction Update.

The restrooms, plumbing, electrical work, and constructing the bar have been the slowest parts of the process, but the light is finally shining at the end of the tunnel. Once the Social Quarters is complete, the kitchen will become our next focus. There is still a lot of cleanup needed throughout the building, along with smaller tasks such as touch-up painting and other finishing details.

The biggest challenge has been funding. We are maintaining, but we need to be conscientious about spending in order to keep up with regular bills.

That said, volunteers are always needed! Please contact Administrator Tim or President Denise to find out where you can help.

And of course, donations are crucial to moving forward. Anything helps! Spread the word about our "1,000 Donations of \$100" fundraiser and share our GoFundMe page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/gtmoose>

You can also donate directly at: <https://goldentrianglemoose.org>

**Many thanks to everyone who has donated and volunteered! The lodge simply would not be opening this soon without your help and generosity.**

## Financial Update


As discussed and voted on at the Special Meeting on December 23rd, a dispensation request was submitted to Moose International to allow us to obtain a mortgage against the building to offset the costs of rebuilding our lodge home. After submitting the required documentation, the dispensation was approved, and United Southern Bank is moving forward with the application. The next step is an appraisal, which is expected to be completed in about two weeks. The wheels are slowly turning, and Golden Triangle is rising from the embers!

Moose International provided a \$10,000 grant which was used to cover the cost of flooring. The Florida Moose Association provided a \$15,000 grant to cover ongoing expenses. The Moose is not in the financial business, their mission and focus are the children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven. So a huge thank you to both Moose International and Florida Moose Association for their consideration and help in this time of need.

Currently, we are at approximately \$80,000 in expenses, with about \$30,000 already paid. An audit is in progress, and the results, along with actual figures, will be presented at a General Lodge Meeting in the near future. These numbers are estimates but give a sense of the scale of costs encountered so far.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 <b>Lodge Meetings</b> Officers 6:00 PM General 7:00 PM	6	7	8	9	10 <b>BANG! 3:30 – 5:30</b>
11	12	13	14	15	16 <b>Social Quarters Soft Opening</b>	17 <b>BANG! 3:30 – 5:30</b>
18	19 <b>Lodge Meetings</b> Officers 6:00 PM General 7:00 PM	20	21	22	23	24 <b>BANG! 3:30 – 5:30</b>  <b>Valued Veteran's Fundraising Picnic</b> 12:00 until the food is gone!
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 <b>BANG! 3:30 – 5:30</b>
<b>Mondays - Meeting Nights</b>			<b>1st Monday:</b> 6:00 PM: Officers 6:00 PM: Valued Veterans 7:00 PM: General Membership		<b>3rd Monday:</b> 6:00 PM: Officers 6:00 PM: Valued Veterans 7:00 PM: General Membership	
<div>Special Thanks</div> <div>Many folks have donated and volunteered. To all who have contributed, whether time or money, each is equally important. And to everyone who has stepped up, thank you, thank you, thank you! Without your generosity and hard work, we would never have reached the point where we can talk about reopening in just a couple of weeks. Golden Triangle Moose truly appreciates every one of you.</div>						
<div>"If I put others first, I will never find myself being last." — Craig D. Lounsborough</div>						