



**FERNLEY LODGE #2468**  
*"The Black Hat Lodge"*

September, 2008 was a huge month for this little lodge. Our Pilgrim member, Clifford Nay, was elected President of our CA/NV Moose Association at the convention in Palm Springs. Our Administrator, Mac McClurg, was elected President of Comstock District #25. Members Joe Rigazio and Bob Inderbieten were appointed to offices in the Association. W.O.T.M. Mary Ferrari received her Green Cap at this convention.

We also received the Gold Premier Lodge award at this convention. Previously we had qualified for the Lodge merit award, first in 2002 and then from 2004 thru 2007. We might add that we have received the five star award each year since 2001. We will have a new Legionnaire of the year, a Moose of the Year, and a member receiving the Fellowship degree this year.

The interior of our Social Quarters received a fresh coat of paint and two storage buildings were purchased for much needed storage space. A new sidewalk between the two buildings should be completed in August.

Highlight of the year occurred on October 18<sup>th</sup> when we hosted the celebration for the reception of Cliff Nay as our new Association President. Having been noted for the black hats most of the Fernley officers wear, the new Association officers and other dignitaries were presented with black western hats at this banquet. Since that time we have declared ourselves to be "The Black Hat Lodge".

This year we hosted a Youth Awareness Congress in December. The program was presented by Fred Reichelt, Treasurer of the Association. Other programs include starting a Tommy Moose program with presentations made to the local volunteer fire department. The Nevada Highway patrol and Lyon Country Sheriff's department are next on the list of recipients.

Other item throughout the year: Sponsored a winter bowling team - Had a Halloween and Christmas party for the kids - Tribute to our service people on Veterans day - Traditional Thanksgiving dinner for our members - Mother's Day observance with a dinner - Father's day observance - An entry in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Fernley. We have several organizations that use our meeting room, at no charge, for their activities. Donations of over \$2,000.00 were made to various entities. Even though we reached our membership quota we are sorry to report about a 10% loss in members for the year.

In April we held our annual joint installation of officers with Association President, Cliff Nay, installing the new L.O.O.M. officers. Administrator Mac McClurg was elected president of High Sierra Moose Legion #209.

Each year the District holds a campout meeting in June. This year Mason Valley was the host lodge and chose Lake Lahontan as the meeting place. We had a great time, lots of fun and though it rained most all day Saturday, it did not dampen our spirits.

We look forward, with great anticipation, to the convention this year - almost in our back yard at the Atlantis in Reno. Unfortunately we do not have the space to serve meals during the convention but come out and see us anyway. From Reno, on Interstate 80, take exit 46 and we're right around the corner on the left side. Hope to see you in September.

