



New York State Moose Association



Fellow Moose Members,

I know everyone is busy with their Nomination Committees and preparing for next month's Elections. The Changing of the Guard is important for the continued success of our organizations and the Fraternity as a whole. Make sure the new officers take the next step in fraternalism (Moose Legion or Chapter) and are trained prior to or shortly after taking office. This will ensure your operations continue to run smoothly.

Now is the time to pump up the efforts in Membership Retention as well as gaining new members into our Family. We face the "fall-off" of members on March 1st and again on April 1st. To minimize these hits to our membership numbers, we need to, not only contact the recently expired members, but to contact the members who will expire at the end of this month to renew! If you renew early, you avoid becoming a Non-Member. I would like to put out a fun challenge – Let's be +1 prior to the Mid-Year Conference! Let's show that the New York MOOSE always moves forward. Are you with me?

April 10th to 13th is our NYSMA Mid-Year Conference at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Binghamton. The registration links for the Conference and the Hotel are on the NYSMA99.com website. It's going to be a Fun Time. Don't forget your "LOUD" Hawaiian shirt for the banquet – there will be Prizes!!

Last moose year, NY had 14 Lodges achieve the Premier Lodge Award. Let's try to double that. Check your stats and make all the steps you can to get your Lodge to achieving that award. Most of you are already half way there. We started February with a -209 in membership and finished with a + 575 on the active member rolls. That is over 700 renewed & new members! THANK YOU! We should all be MOOSE PROUD with these continuing achievements.

Thank you for All that you do and ~~HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY~~ to One and All!

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