

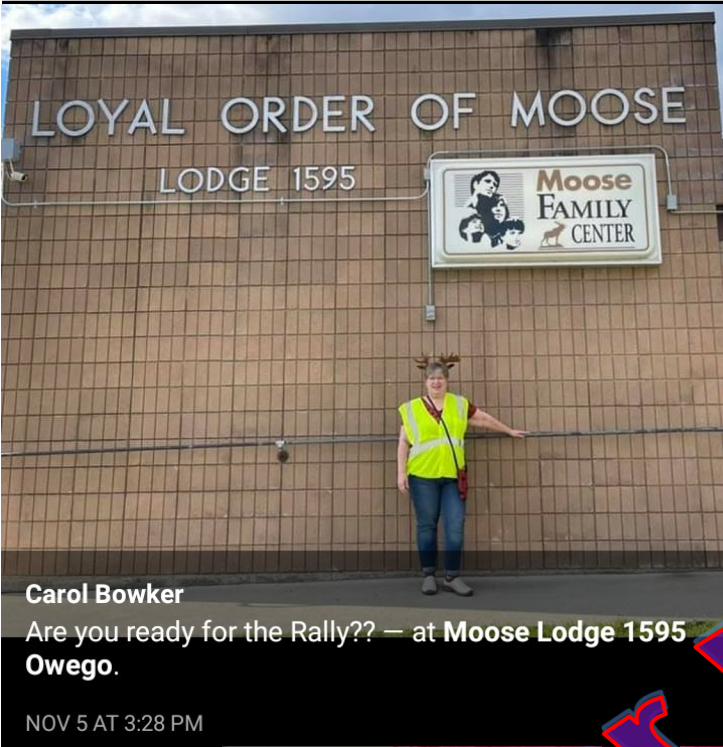
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President's Message

Brothers and Sisters

As we move into this holiday season, let us count our blessings and reflect upon our commitment to The Moose. Remember we are not just a bar, just a place to get

cheap beer. We have a commitment to the children at Mooseheart and the seniors at Moosehaven to give them our solemn support. Let's all dig a little deeper and honor our commitments with the pride we all should have for our great organization.

We seem to be entering another phase of this Covid thing so I urge everyone to be careful and stay safe.

Coming into 2022 there are a lot of exciting things happening with our association. Committee chairs are being asked to step up and be more of a participant than merely a title. If all goes well at the Spring Conference in April, there will be workshops and tables set up for committees to share their information and seek more information from the membership. We hope to make the conference upbeat and member friendly. Perhaps we can even hold a "town hall" meeting for members to make comments and ask questions.

Our big fundraising activity this year is our New York State Moose Association Member Cookbook. There are nearly 300 recipes, and the book will be going to press this week and I want to thank Paula Testrake from Westfield #118 for putting together an amazing product. The books will be for sale at \$15 each. Unfortunately, we could not have them available for Christmas giving, but members will be able to purchase a gift certificate that you can give to a loved one. Contact me by email (rdclawson@msn.com) and we'll get it done.

I'll leave you with a few thoughts that came from our association board meeting in November.



- ✓ We need better communication.
- ✓ Better education about the Moose Mission including the higher degrees and lodge and member obligation.

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- ✓ Better training is needed from the top on down.
- ✓ We need to make conferences and conventions more enjoyable (spelled F.U.N.) to all members
- ✓ Our committees need to be involved and made to feel they are in important component of the association because they are!
- ✓ Get the word out early to the membership of upcoming conferences, conventions, and general events.

Wishing you all the happiest of the holiday season. Stay safe and healthy and I'll see you in April at the Spring Conference.

Fraternally,

Rick Clawson, President

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all members!

As the end of this very unique, difficult year approaches and we celebrate and rejoice in the holiday spirit somewhat more normally, please take a moment to celebrate with your "Moose Family" and keep in mind your commitment to our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven. As you gather with friends and family, please pass along the message of the moose, and encourage those qualified to join. A strong membership is the key to keeping our institutions strong and viable for all.

Membership across our great organization has been trending in the right direction since we became One Moose on May 1, 2021. As a state, we are well on our way to meeting our goals, and with continued hard work, we should well exceed our goals and establish a positive trajectory for restoring membership to levels more consistent with the past and putting the New York back into the top end state membership levels.

To that end, I encourage all lodges to take a hard look at your current membership levels and do what it takes to meet your quotas and end the year in the plus. Make the effort to contact members whose dues have lapsed or recently expired; a simple phone call can make all the difference. Take a moment to assess your current lodge home, is it a place people want to come to? Remember we are a family fraternity, not a bar with cheap drinks. Take the time to do member enrollment ceremonies and orientation programs, they do matter. Lastly, take advantage of the current marketing opportunities offered by international, community engagement and promoting the moose within our communities is a path all of us must pursue. We need to make our organization known within our communities, people will be interested if they know who and what the moose is about.

Keep watch in your lodges for some exciting programs we will be bring forward at the start of the new year to help promote and encourage membership. On that note, I am looking for anyone interested in participating in the membership committee to reach out and contact me with their thoughts and ideas. Ideally, I would like the membership committee to have at least two members from each region of the state participating so that we can assist lodges on a more local level if requested. Those interested may contact me by email at cgardner@didonato.cc. The membership committee has generally gone unfilled since the onset of the pandemic, so I decided to step up and take on this roll because I believe I can make a difference. It would be great to have a few like minded men and women join the committee and help keep the moose strong and viable.

Fraternally,



Christopher Gardner



Hello Members All:

Well here we are in the midst of the most blessed season of the year and as we gather with our family and friends to celebrate the holidays let us remember our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven and those less fortunate than ourselves.



This has been another challenging year for so many of our members and lodges yet by keeping our faith positive we have been able to enjoy one another's company and friendship as we have been able to attend meetings and participate in activities and fundraisers using caution when we are in group gatherings.

I want to extend a Thanks to all of you who attended our very first Chapter Rally Day in Owego this past month as your participation and excitement is what made it so much fun and a huge success, leaving us all wanting more and eager to set plans in motion for next year's event.

Don't forget how important it is to keep your dues paid current and work those retention lists as it won't be long before we have another year put into the books and we don't want to wait until the last minute pulling teeth collecting delinquent dues!

From our family to yours wishing each and every one of you and your family members a Blessed and Healthy Holiday Season filled with Peace, Love, and Happiness and may the New Year bring you every joy.

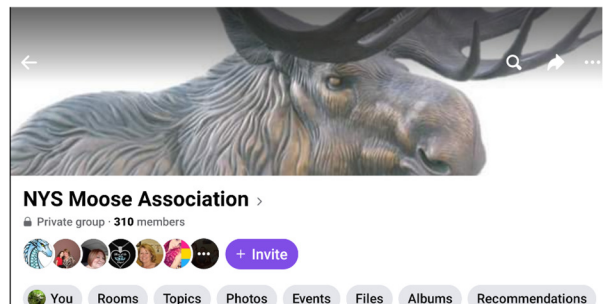
In Friendship & Fraternalism,

Jack & Christine

Jack & Christine Brooks



Be sure to check out our NEW Association FB Page



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/629879131531350>

Moose Charities Update

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

As your New York Moose Association Moose Charities Chairmen, I would like to say a big Thank You for all the Women that came and participated in the NYS Chapter Rally Days. I am sure most would agree with me when I say fun times were had and memories were made. Oh how nice it was to get together as Sisters. I cannot believe fall has left us and turned so quickly into winter.



This season bring us all time to reflect on the past year and all the bumps and changes along the way. Reflection can bring us clarity on the important things in life. Maybe a lost employment opportunity gave us a deeper family bond. Stay home has definitely given us our own personal challenges good and bad but we do believe it has taught us how important our Moose Work is to our Children at Mooseheart, our Seniors at Moosehaven, and our own Communities.

This month we would like to speak on behalf of the Donor Circle Program. This program was started in 2012 and it replaced the Gimme Five program. This program lets all members new and old have confidence that their charitable donations are being used to the fullest. One hundred percent of your donations to the Donors Circle goes into the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is vital to the operations of our twin cities, Mooseheart and Moosehaven to ensure the longevity of our Fraternity. Your donation to this Moose Charity also helps your Lodge reach it's all giving goals.

Mooseheart make it simple to donate to all Moose Charitable Programs, you can donate by mailing a check, using a debit/credit card, or by reoccurring transfers from you checking, savings, or even your paycheck. If the Donors Circle is a program that you feel passionate about please know that this program help provide a Safe and Worry free life for our Children at Mooseheart and our Seniors at Moosehaven. This is one way to show that we are Stronger Together and we are here to build up our Fraternally one donation at a time.

Fraternally Yours,

Jim & Mindya

Jim Parks

and

Mindya Hungerford

New York State Moose Association Moose Charities Chairmen

Moose  Charities

community Service

We've finally made it to the end of 2021! I hope that you all had a better year than what 2020 gave us, and that your 2022 will be even better! Please continue to use caution when you're out in public or gathering in large crowds. It seems that COVID is still very prevalent in many areas so I hope that you are all safeguarding against it!

By the time this is published, Thanksgiving will be over and we will all be gearing up for Christmas and the New Year. Thanksgiving might be considered the beginning of the "Holiday Season" and I know many Lodges use this as an opportunity for community service by preparing and serving (or delivering) Thanksgiving meals to those in need within their communities. If you can't do the preparing of the meals, why not give out turkeys and/or boxes or baskets of food for families to prepare themselves? This works for Christmas, too, and is a wonderful idea and I can tell you that the joy you give to those on the receiving end is immeasurable!

December is an especially good month to visit a nursing home (if they will allow you) and do some Christmas caroling or play some bingo with the residents. Stuff some Christmas stockings and take them to the patients at your closest VA Hospital. Don't forget your local "Coats for Kids"; the cold weather months are here and there are many children who do not have the appropriate winter gear to protect them and keep them warm. See if your area has a Foster Child Services location; children sent to foster care are very often in need of many items, including personal hygiene and school supplies. Be creative and have fun!

Kudos goes out to the Women of the Moose who had a very successful Community Service Project at Chapter Rally Day! Not only did we collect a lot of food donations to support the Tioga County Rural Ministries but also had over \$600 to give them. This organization does a lot to help get people back on their feet and it was interesting to hear some of the success stories from Sister Mary. Way to go WOTM! Thank you for your generous donations!

Don't forget to send me pictures and stories of on the community service projects you are doing. I am hoping that the holidays will give you ample opportunities do so. Be proud of what you do, and let us all know! But even if you don't want to share it, please continue to get out and do things for the support and betterment of your communities. God knows we all need a little extra love and support these days!

Plans are already in the works for our NYSMA Community Service Project for the Spring Conference! If all works out, it will be a little more hands on than previous projects. There will be more information on that as it develops.

The opportunities for Community Service at any level are unlimited, and none of us should have a problem finding an outlet for our time, money and generosity when it comes to helping others. But don't forget that while you are out performing all those good deeds, that you should keep track of your hours volunteered, donations made and miles driven. Give this information to your Lodge President or Administrator to put on the Heart of the Community Report or to your Chapter Senior Regent or Recorder to add to the 114 Report, so that it can be submitted to Moose International.

Thank you all for all that you do each and every day towards the kindness to others! Please keep up the good work!

May you all have a safe and very happy Holiday Season!

Fraternally,

Phyllis Kelkenberg
HOC Chairman



MERRY CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR!





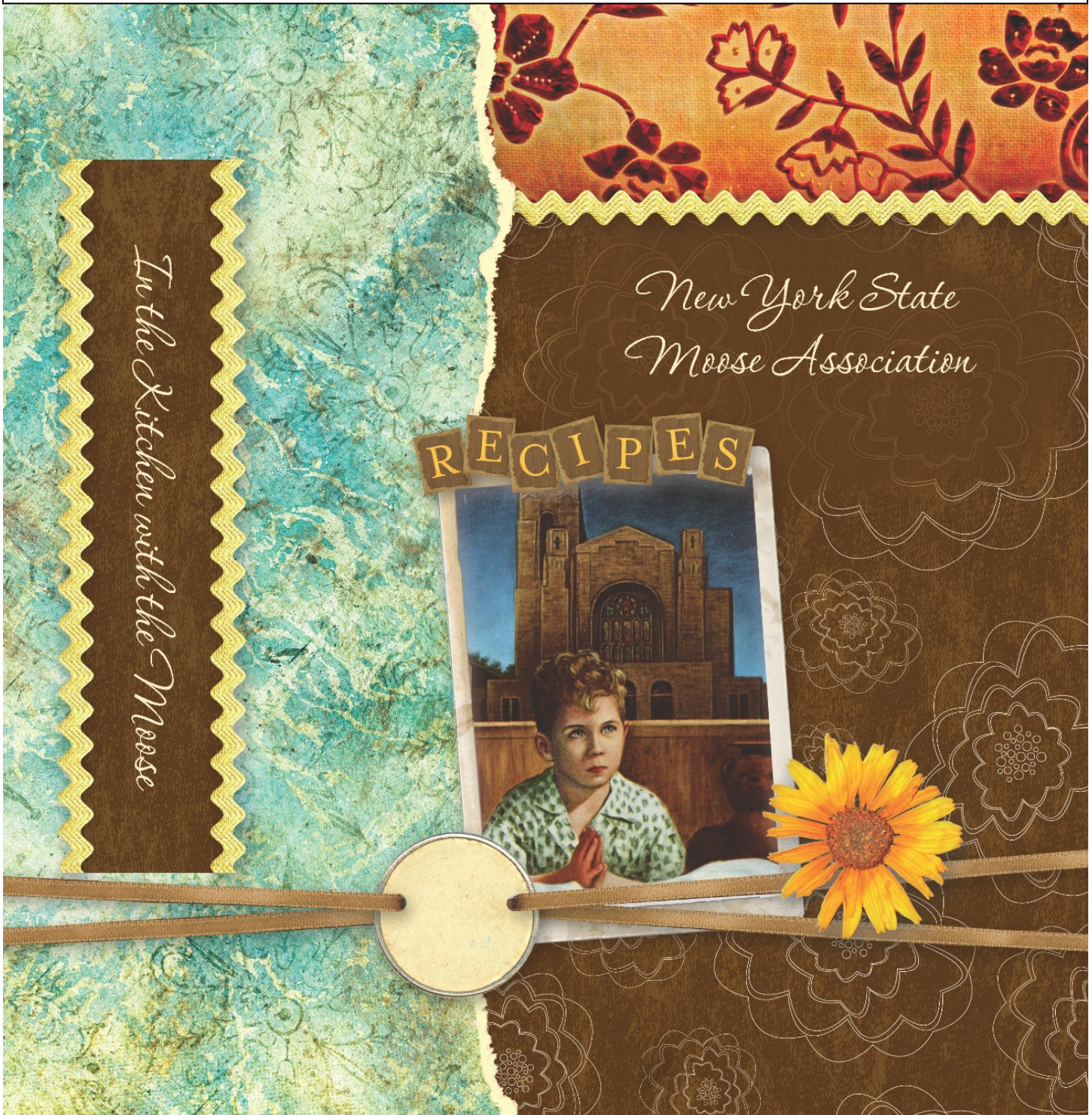


Barbeque Cook-Off Moosehaven, FL





NYSMA Cookbooks are going to press and will be available soon. There are nearly 300 member-submitted recipes and will be a great addition to a cook's library. If you'd like to give one as a Christmas present, gift certificates are available. The books will be \$15 each. Contact Rick Clawson for more information at rdclawson@msn.com and we can make this happen for Christmas.



New York State Moose Association Tournament Bid Form

Tournaments that require a bid fee: \$150.00 for each bid.

- _____ Mixed Bowling _____ Women’s Bowling _____ Men’s Bowling
- _____ 8-Ball Pool _____ Mixed-Doubles Golf _____ Captain & Crew Golf
- _____ Women’s Golf

Invitational Tournaments:

- _____ Darts _____ Horseshoes _____ Euchre _____ Trap & Skeet
- _____ Shuffleboard _____ Indoor Cornhole _____ Outdoor Cornhole
- _____ Sports Meeting

_____ Lodge hereby submits their bid for the _____
(Lodge name & number) (Name of Event)

Date: _____ NYSMA Dues Paid: _____ Yes _____ No

Date Lodge voted to approve bidding on the above mentioned tournament: _____

Lodge participated in previous tournament: _____ Yes _____ No

Previous experience hosting tournaments: _____

Name and location of tournament site?: _____

Bowling Alley, Golf course, Fields, Lodges, etc

Describe the facilities: _____

Hotel, Motels, campgrounds, etc. (names & prices): _____

Comments: _____

Successful bidders must provide hotel information and meal(s) for each event.

_____ Agrees to the terms and conditions of the bid guidelines and host lodge
(lodge name and number) responsibilities.

Bid fee: \$ _____ (to be submitted only after the bid is awarded)

Please use another sheet of paper for any additional comments

Administrators Signature

President's Signature

Please return all bid forms to:
Kim Holden, PO Box 26, Trout Creek, NY 13847
Email: kimmy.countrygirl@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (607) 240-3729 and I will be happy to help.



NYSMA Sports Schedule for 2021 - 2022

Event	Host Lodge	Tentative Date
Indoor Cornhole	Oswego	December 4
Mixed 8 Ball	Oswego	Feb 26 & 27
Women’s Bowling	Wellsville	March 26 & 27
Outdoor Cornhole	TBD	
Captain & Crew Golf	Oswego	August 13
Shuffleboard	Finger Lakes	October 6
Sports Meeting	Finger Lakes	November 5
Men’s Bowling	GV Henrietta	April 23 & 24 April 30 & May 1
Mixed Bowling	Binghamton	Nov 5 & 6 Nov 12 & 13

NYSMA Sports Schedule for 2023

Captain & Crew Golf	GV Henrietta	August 2023
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Bids still available for 2022 (\$150 bid fee required)

Two-person golf Women’s golf		July September
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Invitational events still available (no-bid fee required)

Euchre Mixed trap & skeet		March July
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Bid forms are available on the website or can be emailed upon request. Bids will be accepted up until December 31, 2021

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