

New York State Moose Association



Fellow Moose Members,

As we say goodbye to the little "ghouls & goblins" from Halloween, it's time to settle in and prepare for the winter that is coming. November is a month of planning, family gatherings and of giving thanks to our Veterans.

However, just because Winter is coming, it doesn't mean the MOOSE can't have FUN! It is time to plan your Lodge's activities to keep the excitement going. Family Gatherings, Dinners, Dances, Veteran Appreciation events, Game Nights are only a few of the ideas that come to mind. How about a Thanksgiving OPEN HOUSE for your community? It could be a step towards becoming a "pillar" of the Community – as part of our Fraternity's Annual Mission – Embrace Our Community.

Of course, it's time to do a little "housekeeping" in these letters:

- 1) Don't forget to prepare your Heart of the Community Report. It is due by the 10th of this month.
- 2) I am looking for District Chairpersons for Youth Awareness and Sports. This will build the necessary staff for the State Chairpersons to get these worthwhile activities running their best. If interested, inquire at the next District Meeting.

Once again, another big THANK YOU goes out to all the Lodges who enrolled new members as well as improved their retention again this past month. We started October at -315 members and because of all your hard work, we currently have +361 members by the end of the month. (That's a difference of 676 members) *Fantastic!*

Thank you for All that you do and HAPPY THANKSGIVING to All!

Paul LaMartina NYSMA President



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