

Report of the “Moose of the Year” Program

Brothers All

Celebrating the contributions of our members is one of the most important things we do as leaders of our Fraternity. The time, energy, and substance each member is capable of giving may differ, but all are greatly appreciated and need to be recognized. An annual appreciation dinner is a perfect way to do this and should be considered by every lodge. The Moose of the Year program was started in 1986. This program was created to further recognize an individual that the membership feels stood out among the herd the past year. The only qualification to be nominated is that the member must be in good standing (dues are current). Your lodge officers can consider additional criteria, but every lodge has a member that qualifies for the Moose of the Year. Maybe you have a member that volunteers to wash the dishes regularly, or cleans the parking lot or restrooms, or took the lead on a building project, or simply accepted a greater role and lead by example. These are all times where a member should be recognized and considered for Moose of the Year. Until a few years ago a nomination letter and form needed to be completed and sent back to Moose International, today the process is much easier. Your Administrator just need to log onto the Lodge Admin Page and enter the name and MID of your nominee before the July 1st deadline. Not only does this program give your lodge the opportunity to recognize your contributing members, it is also an important criterion for your lodge to qualify for the Annual Moose International Premier Lodge Award. There is no reason for a lodge to not recognize their hard-working members and complete this simple task each year. This year 112 of our 118 lodges took notice and nominated a member for Moose of the Year. 95% participation is amazing, and I thank these lodges for staying engaged with their membership and completing the Moose of the Year process. Unfortunately, this also means 6 lodges did not participate and 6 outstanding members did not receive the recognition they deserve. The Pennsylvania Moose Association strives for 100% participation in every program each year and with your support this is an easy one to achieve. Brothers don't wait until next June to start considering a nominee, begin this process May 1st each year by keeping a look out and taking note of your volunteers so you never miss the opportunity to recognize one of these overachievers. Be prepared to recognize your volunteers and your Moose of the Year at next year's annual appreciation dinner. Your members deserve it!

Respectfully Submitted

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