

While a new fraternal year begins for our fraternal units the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) year approaches the end of its third quarter! Three more months to go until we meet in Sparks Nevada for our Annual Convention, September 10th through September 13th. As usual there is the need to take care of business with the budget, financial reports, committee reports, and Moose International mandated workshops/presentations. On the other hand, there will also be time for us to enjoy fellowship at the 5 Club Party, Karaoke, Council of Higher Degrees breakfast, Women of the Moose Higher Degrees and Golden Gavel breakfast, Moose Legion Luncheon, Pilgrim Luncheon, Lodge Officers Luncheon, and the Awards Breakfast on Sunday morning. There is also the opportunity to recognize those who have obtained recognition as new degree recipients such as the Fellowship Degree of Honor and Breakfast on Saturday morning and the Golden Gavel conferral on Sunday morning right after the Awards Breakfast – remember all are welcome to attend. Congratulations to those who will be receiving these honors. Your efforts are applauded and appreciated! We have begun posting information on the upcoming Annual Convention on the CNMA Website > [Conventions](#) page. Stay tuned as we post the registration and other items in the coming weeks.

Speaking of the CNMA Website - Just a friendly reminder that we need your updates for posting to the CNMA website such as pictures from events; community service efforts at the Lodge, Chapter, District, or Moose Legion celebrations; flyers of upcoming events; updated articles for the Committee pages; and other information to increase awareness across our states of California and Nevada. It is your website and we solicit your feedback.

I just completed the May 15th billing and appreciate all the lodges that paid using their checking account. This method saves your Association money for the fees which are significantly lower than when a credit or debit card is used. This is also true when you make a purchase at the Merchandise Sales table during our Mid-Year Conference and/or Annual Convention and register online or on-site - All fees are absorbed by the Association and not the user!

As another quick reminder the Association billings occur on the same due dates as the Heart of the Community report's deadlines. May 15th, August 15th, November 15th, and February 15th. Another thing to remember is that those lodges who earn the prestigious 5 Star Award receive their credits on **August 1st** so that they can be applied to the **August 15th** dues billing. If your lodge receives the credit then they will either not owe anything for that billing, may have a credit balance, or may only owe a small amount after the billing is applied.

Thanks for all you do to make my tasks easier as your Association Secretary. I am truly honored by your faith and confidence in me. It is a privilege to be in this position that I love so much! Let's keep moving forward toward making this Association the best it can be!