



Ontario Moose Association

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Cambridge, Ontario N1R 8L5

July 31, 2023

To all OMA Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions, and members.

SUBJECT: 93rd OMA CONVENTION – September 21st-24th, 2023

Our 93rd Annual OMA Convention is just around the corner. We will host our 2023 Convention in London, Ontario on the weekend of September 21-24, 2023. The host lodge will be London Lodge 1205. We are looking forward to some great fun and fellowship!

IMPORTANT STUFF REGARDING THIS CONVENTION:

1. **Registrations are open until September 10th, 2023.** After that date there will be late fees applied to the registration and meals.
 - a. A copy of the registration form is included in this notice and can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.ontariomoose.ca/communications/>
 - b. Registrations can also be completed online at the following link: <https://forms.gle/YL6bhXooS6fvmXNC7>
2. The Conference Hotel is the **Four Points by Sheraton London**, 1150 Wellington Road South, London, ON, N6E 1M2. Rooms can be booked by calling the hotel directly at **519-681-0600** and using the hotel booking code **MSE - Ontario Moose Association**
 - a. There are standard rooms with King bed or 2 Queen Beds available at \$115 plus tax per night,
 - b. There are also Tower rooms available with a King Bed or 2 Queen Beds available at \$145 per night plus tax.
 - c. There are limited numbers of each room type.
 - d. **DEADLINE FOR ROOM BOOKINGS IS AUGUST 21, 2023**
3. **A 2-HOTT TRAINING SESSION is scheduled for** Thursday September 21st starting at 9AM at the hotel. Please register using the convention registration form. Lunch will be available at a reasonable price for those participating.
4. **HEART OF THE COMMUNITY EVENT** – Our Heart of the Community designated charity is the **London Food Bank**. They will accept both food donations and cheques as you may wish. We will have a collection area on site by the main meeting room. Please make your cheques out directly to the London Food Bank if you can. Other donations that are made out to the OMA will be consolidated and presented. This is a very worthwhile cause, and we look forward to everyone supporting them. Presentation will take place at the Hotel on Saturday at 1:30 PM.
5. **Lodges will need to provide a list of voting delegates.** The convention is a business meeting of the association. All Lodges will receive a Convention Delegate Submission form from the Association Secretary in early August. The completed form will need to be submitted to the Secretary no less than 2 weeks before the convention. (In our case, by September 8th, 2023).
 - a. The Lodge Administrator & Lodge President are the primary delegates for each Lodge.



- b. Lodges are entitled to one additional delegate for each fifty (50) members on their rolls, or a majority fraction thereof, to a maximum number of twenty (20) votes.
 - c. Delegates shall consist of Past Presidents/Past Governors and Past Regents (who earned their title prior to May 01, 2021).
 - d. All Past Presidents of the Association, and all members of the Board of Officers of the Association shall be considered delegates and are not counted against the Lodge entitlement.
 - e. Any Duly Authorized Representative from Moose International appointed to serve the Association shall also be entitled to the rights and privileges of a delegate.
6. **DONATIONS FOR DOOR PRIZES & MOOSE CHARITIES** – We would appreciate it if all Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions would provide donations of items to use as door prizes at our sessions and as prizes for supporting Moose Charities. Please bring those items to the REGISTRATION DESK when arriving and we will provide a THANK YOU during our proceedings.
 7. **MARCH OF CHEQUES and MOOSE CHARITIES DONATIONS** - All Lodges & Chapters are encouraged to support our three major initiatives: the **Moosehaven AAA Project** (Sports Facility), **OPP Child Find** and **Canada Home Endowment**. All donations gratefully accepted. Please make cheques payable to OMA earmarked for the appropriate initiative. (Moosehaven AAA Project and Canada Home Endowment can be made out directly to Moose Charities if you wish)
 8. **ELIMINATION DRAW TICKETS** – Ticket Sellers: Please sell your tickets and bring them to the conference to be collected. Your support is greatly appreciated!
 9. **THURSDAY NIGHT ENROLLMENT** – Starting at 8PM, we will be conducting a Lodge Enrollment Ceremony at London Lodge 1205. Looking forward to lots of participation!
 10. **FIVE & TWENTY-FIVE CLUB EVENT** – For those that qualify, there will be a reception starting at 4:45 on Friday afternoon in the Bristol C Ballroom. Only qualified Five & Twenty-Five Club members will be able to attend.
 11. **SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET THEME** – As in other years we select a theme for our Convention Awards Banquet. Our theme of the night for this year is **"Margaritaville"**. Please honor the theme by showing up in your best Island Vibes and party the way Jimmy Buffet would approve!
 12. **WOTM GOLDEN GAVEL CONFERRAL** – On the Sunday of the Convention at 10AM, the WOTM will conduct their Golden Gavel Conferral Ceremony. All registered members (men and women) are invited to attend.
 13. **COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS** – There will be no specific requirements for wearing masks or other COVID-19 protocols at the hotel or at London Lodge 1205. **While that is the case, we expect everyone to be courteous and respectful to those that choose to still wear masks or wish to stay socially distant.** Sanitizing stations will be strategically located around the hotel and in the meeting rooms.
If you are not feeling well – please do NOT attend the conference.
 14. **INFORMATION FOR CONVENTION BOOKLET**- Advertising space in the conference booklet is available for \$50 full page, \$25 half page, \$15 quarter page. Information on Moose Legion, WOTM or Lodge activities will be inserted free of charge.



- a. Please send information in Word or PDF format to the OMA Secretary no later than THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023
- b. If you are sending photos, please make sure they are a high-resolution photo.

15. **LONDON LODGE HOST EVENTS** – Rob McGee & his team are really pulling out all the stops to make this the best Convention ever. Please take an opportunity to enjoy their lodge and all it has to offer. Shuttles will be available from 11AM until Midnight Thursday thru Saturday.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21st

LODGE OPENS AT 11AM
LUNCH 11AM to 1PM - Soup and Assorted Sandwiches
DINNER 5PM to 7PM – Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
LODGE ENROLLMENT at 8PM
MUSIC – DJ from 9PM to 1AM

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd

LODGE OPENS AT 11AM
LUNCH 11AM to 1PM - Soup and Assorted Sandwiches
DINNER 5PM to 7PM – Roast Beef Dinner
MUSIC – DJ from 8PM to 1AM

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd

LODGE OPENS AT 11AM
LUNCH 11AM to 1PM - Soup and Assorted Sandwiches

PLEASE SUPPORT LONDON LODGE as they support your OMA CONVENTION!

Thank you for your efforts in support of the Moose Fraternity. If you have any questions or require further information, please let me know. I can be reached by phone at 519-240-2244 or by email donb@ontariomoose.ca .

Fraternally yours,

D.A. (Don Berrill) CD
OMA Secretary.