



Ontario Moose Association

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

SUBJECT: 95th OMA CONVENTION – September 25th to 28th, 2025

Our 95th Annual OMA Convention is just around the corner. We will host our 2025 Convention in Brantford, Ontario on the weekend of September 25-28, 2025. The host lodge will be **Brantford Lodge 791**. We are looking forward to some great fun and fellowship!

IMPORTANT STUFF REGARDING THIS CONVENTION:

1. **Pre-Registrations are open until September 15th, 2025.** After that date there will be additional fees applied to the registration and meals.
 - a. A copy of the registration form is included in this notice
 - b. Registrations can also be completed online at the following link:
<https://forms.gle/kYv6Dujou8Xnss3z6>
 - c. A copy of the approved Convention Agenda is attached.
2. The Convention Hotel is the **Best Western Brantford Hotel & Conference Center**, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford, Ontario N3R 7J4. Phone: 519-753-8651.
 - a. The Hotel Booking Code: **Ontario Moose Association Block 7350**
 - b. There are standard rooms with a King bed or 2 Queen Beds available at \$149.00 + HST per night. Daily Breakfast is included with this rate.
 - c. There are limited numbers of each room type.
 - d. **DEADLINE FOR ROOM BOOKINGS IS AUGUST 24, 2025**
3. **HEART OF THE COMMUNITY EVENT** – Our Heart of the Community designated charity is the **Men's Street Ministry** of Brantford. They will accept both food donations and cash 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 Men's Street Ministry. 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.
4. **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 10th, 2025).
 - 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 those 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.
5. **DONATIONS FOR MOOSE CHARITIES** – We would appreciate it if all Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions would provide donations of items for Moose Charities to use as door prizes at our sessions and as raffle items for the tables. Please bring those items to the MOOSE CHARITIES TABLE when you arrive and we will provide a THANK YOU during our proceedings. PLEASE contact Chairman Will Gark at william.gark95@gmail.com or by phone 519-466-3325 ahead of the convention so he knows what you are donating in time to prepare!
6. **MARCH OF CHEQUES and MOOSE CHARITIES DONATIONS** - All Lodges & Chapters are encouraged to support our three major initiatives:
- a. **Mooseheart: Uniting our Hearts, Expanding Horizons (UOH).** This is the new 12-million-dollar upgrade project to allow for individuals with special needs to be supported at Mooseheart, in addition to our youth.
 - b. **Canada Home Endowment Fund:** This fund provides for support of capital items (like carpets, roofs, HVAC, etc) for Canada Home itself.
 - c. **Junior Moose / Childfind Program:** This fund supports our new youth initiatives in Ontario and the EZ ID type events to assist parents and guardians of youth and vulnerable adults.
- In addition to our three primary initiatives, our Canada Home Chair Lynn Berrill has requested that all lodges, chapters and Moose Legions consider donating \$100 (or more) this year to the **Canada Home Wishlist** for the following purposes:
- a. Purchasing new bicycles for the Canada Home boys to replace those that are now getting worn out.
 - b. Supporting our annual event to provide a night at the NBA for the boys and the houseparents' (a Chicago Bulls Game) in the mid-winter period.
 - c. Christmas Gift support
 - d. Additional restocking of the Canada Home Pantry.
- We will be making a cross Canada request for the other Canadian Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions to support our Canada Home!
7. **ELIMINATION DRAW TICKETS** – Ticket Sellers: Please sell your tickets and bring them to the convention to be collected. Your support is greatly appreciated!
8. **THURSDAY NIGHT MEET & GREET** – Starting at 7PM, we will be conducting a “Meet and Greet” event as we have done at our past conventions and conferences. There is no charge to attend, this event will take place in the Alexander Graham Bell Room at the hotel. Looking forward to lots of participation and mingling!
9. **FIVE & TWENTY-FIVE CLUB** – For those that qualify, the OMA will provide a free dinner ticket for the Friday night dinner at the Polish Club. Only qualified Five & Twenty-Five Club members for the year 2024-2025 (May 01, 2024, to April 30, 2025) will receive the complimentary dinner ticket.



10. **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 **"NEW YEAR's EVE"**. (Think party time to bring in the new Moose year!) Please honor the themes by dressing up!
11. **FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST & CONFERRAL** – As breakfast is included with your hotel room reservation, we decided to forgo having a separate buffet in the meeting room that we would need to charge extra for. Members attending should gather their food from the restaurant and take it to the Alexander Graham Bell Room (adjacent to the hotel restaurant) to meet for the fellowship and comradery. Any member who is NOT staying at the hotel should be prepared to pay for breakfast in the restaurant.
12. **WOTM GOLDEN GAVEL CONFERRAL** – The Golden Gavel Ceremony will take place Saturday morning at 8:30 AM in the Grand Ball Room. All members registered at the convention are invited to attend. Come on out and show your support for these hard-working women!
13. **COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS** – There will be no specific requirements for wearing masks or other COVID-19 protocols at the hotel or at the Polish Club. **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 convention.
14. **INFORMATION FOR CONVENTION BOOKLET**- Advertising space in the convention 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 MONDAY, August 18th, 2025
 - b. If you are sending photos, please make sure they are a high-resolution photo.
15. As host Lodge Brantford 791 does not have a building at this time, the only event scheduled outside of the hotel is the Friday night dinner. Saying that, the Polish Hall let us know that they are open on Friday and Saturday starting at 4PM and have food, refreshment and entertainment available.
 - a. The Brantford Polish Hall is located at 154 Pearl Street in Brantford. Phone 519-753-0414. We anticipate some type of shuttle to the Hall may be available on Friday night.

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.