



Ontario Moose Association

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

SUBJECT: OMA MID-YEAR CONFERENCE 2026 – March 25-29

Our 2026 OMA Conference is just around the corner. This Conference will take place this year in Oshawa, Ontario on the weekend of March 25-29, 2026. The host lodge is Oshawa Lodge 2132. We are looking forward to some great fun and fellowship!

IMPORTANT STUFF REGARDING THIS CONVENTION:

1. **Pre-Registrations are open until March 13, 2026.** 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
 - i. <https://forms.gle/CguWBxumKT7QySou6>
 - c. A copy of the approved Convention Agenda is attached.
2. The Convention Hotel is the **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES**, 67 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa, Ontario, L1G 4S3. Local phone 905-434-3666
 - a. The Hotel Booking Code: **"OIB"**. You can call for a reservation at 905-434-3666 or click on the link to go directly to book rooms [Ontario Moose Association](#)
 - i. If you need to adjust your arrival and departure dates you can do that under the "More Options" tab.
 - b. There are standard rooms with a King bed with a pull-out sofa or 2 Queen Beds available at \$150 + HST per night.
 - i. Hotel Breakfast is included.
 - ii. There are limited numbers of each room type.
 - iii. The \$8 per day parking charge is included in the price of your room
 - c. **DEADLINE FOR ROOM BOOKINGS IS FEBRUARY 25th, 2026**
3. All Meetings other than the MLSE & OMA Past Presidents Dinner will take place at the **OSHAWA CONVENTION CENTER (OCC)**, which is located across the parking lot from the Hotel.
4. **MEMBER TRAINING SESSIONS** – a Moose Legion Secretary Education (MLSE) session will take place at Oshawa Moose Lodge on Wednesday March 25 and Thursday March 26th. Training registration fee \$20.
5. **HEART OF THE COMMUNITY EVENT** – Our Heart of the Community designated charity is **The Simcoe Hall Settlement house**. 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 Simcoe Hall Settlement House foodbank. 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 OCC Ballroom on Saturday at 1:30 PM.

6. **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!
7. **MARCH OF CHEQUES and MOOSE CHARITIES DONATIONS** - All Lodges & Chapters are encouraged to support our major initiatives:
 - a. **Mooseheart: Horizon Project:** 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.
 - d. **Canada Home Wishlist** to assist us in supporting our boys at Canada Home with extra opportunities and an expanded pantry.
 - i. We will be making a cross Canada request for the other Canadian Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions to support our Canada Home!
 - e. **WOTM Donations** – Cheques payable to Moose Charities and earmarked as follows:
 - i. Grand Regent’s Project (presented Fri PM WOTM session)
 - ii. Mooseheart Music Dept (presented Sat AM A/F session)
8. **ELIMINATION DRAW TICKETS** – Ticket Sellers: Please sell your tickets and bring them to the convention to be collected. Please hand them in to Chair Joan Sibley. Your support is greatly appreciated!
9. **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 Richmond Hall at the Oshawa Convention Center. Looking forward to lots of participation and mingling!
10. **PAST PRESIDENTS DINNER, OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS!** – will take place on Friday night at Oshawa Lodge 2132. It is a ROAST BEEF Dinner.
 - a. OMA Past Presidents attending will receive one complimentary dinner ticket in their registration package.
 - i. Even though the ticket is complimentary – please make sure you enter on the registration form that you are attending.
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 **“TAILGATE PARTY!”**. You know what that means! LOTS OF FUN! Please honor the themes by dressing up!



12. **WOTM ACADEMY OF FRIENDSHIP CONFERRAL** – This ceremony will take place Saturday morning at 8:30 AM in the OCC Richmond Hall. Only AOF qualified members and matriculants are eligible to attend.

13. **INFORMATION FOR CONFERENCE 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 WEDNESDAY March 11th to be included.
 - b. If you are sending photos, please make sure they are a high-resolution photo.

14. **Host Lodge Oshawa 2132** will have the following activities taking place over the Conference:
 - a. Thursday Activities: Lodge is open at noon and looking forward to your visit!
 - b. Friday Activities: Shuttles running
 - i. Noon - Lunch available at the lodge (soup & sandwich \$15)
 - ii. 5-7PM - Dinner available at the lodge (Roast Beef Dinner \$25)
 - iii. Live Karaoke to follow dinner.
 - c. Saturday Activities: Shuttles running
 - i. Noon - Lunch available at the lodge (soup & sandwich \$15)
 - ii. 5-7PM- Dinner available at the lodge (Chicken Parmesan - \$25)
 - iii. Dance Party to follow dinner.
 - d. Sunday Activities:
 - i. Breakfast available from 9AM – 11AM

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,

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OMA Secretary.