

# ONTARIO MOOSE FOCUS



"Focusing on the Ontario Moose Association and the Loyal Order Of Moose Fraternity"

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## Important Dates

### **Heart of the Community**

Report due Nov 15

### **Cradle Fund Money Due**

November 15

### **OMA In-person Meeting**

Location TBA  
Jan 9-11

### **District 4 Bowling Tournament**

St. Catharines  
January 31

### **2026 Chairman of the Board Visits**

March 18-22

### **2026 Spring Conference**

Oshawa  
March 26-29



**"No-one stands so tall or so straight as when one stoops to help a child."**

# MOOSE MOVING FORWARD, GIVING BACK

May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026



Our Fraternity has made a commitment to being ever present in our communities. By continuing our positive momentum, we make our meaningful contributions a reality. To move forward, we must make a positive impact on our society, by giving back.



## **President's Message**

To all the Members of the Ontario Moose Association:

I was honoured to be elected and installed as your President at the 95th Annual Conference in Brantford this September. I would like to thank the Ontario members for your confidence in me and all that I have learned working with you over the past 15+ years. I look forward to working with, meeting and/or talking with many of you throughout our Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions and OMA Board during the coming year.

I would especially like to thank all of my brothers and sisters at Orillia Lodge 1217 and Chapter 659 for all your support during the past 5+ years, we truly are a family!

If you have any questions or need information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me! I will continue to provide membership data monthly and ad hoc if you request.

Thank you all for what you do for the Moose and your Communities. I look forward to seeing everyone in Oshawa in March, if not before!

Maxine Wood  
OMA President

## **Rules and Order**



Hello everyone, I hope you all enjoyed our Conference in Brantford. I know I did. One of the workshops was on the ONCA changes that are taking place in Ontario. Don spoke about having to re-write our Bylaws to be compliant going forward. Once we have a template back from legal and we have the approval of the Compliance Office at Moose International we will get this out to all your Lodges for implementation. We will work with you to have these in place and ready to go. Stay tuned for more details as we get them. Remember to do one good thing for someone each day.

Fraternaly yours,  
Gord Gark  
OMA Rules of Order and Bylaws Chairman



**Registration and hotel information for the International Convention in Oklahoma City will be coming out shortly. Stay tuned!**

**June 30-July 3, 2026**

## **Moose Legion Area Manager Ken Osbaldeston**



Our Ontario Moose Legions are "Moving Forward Giving Back" all are proceeding to have their project commitments paid by October 31 to receive 10% discounts. The main project is the Moosehaven Facilities Enhancement Project. Sun Parlor #95 and Golden Horseshoe #132 signed members into their Moose Legions at the convention, and both are very close to attaining their quota. With the postal situation, I hope our Moose Legions that are close to the U.S. border could mail from the U.S or use other methods to get cheques to Moose International.

In the FAITH division of the Endowment Fund Competition, we have two Ontario Moose Legions, Canadian Rainbow #133 in 4th and Golden Horseshoe #132 in 7th both are currently in the Pilgrim level on the (MLAE) Moose Legion Award of Excellence.

Golden Horseshoe #132 will be asking for ads for the Can Am booklet, and support with our annual Fundraiser. Moose Legion Directors will have tickets. The Golden Horseshoe Honoree is Pilgrim Don Taskinen. The Progress #62 Honoree is Pilgrim David Laborgne. The Can Am 2026 will be held in East Aurora N.Y. on March 6-8, 2026.

Thank you, Ontario Moose Legions!

International Moose Legion Ambassadors for Ontario

(North) Fellow Stan Snow & Nickel City #29 1-705-566-5959

(South) Legionnaire Denes Shaw from Windsor #1499 and Sun Parlor #95 226-260-2877.

Area Manager Ken "O"sbaldeston (289) 888-1900

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## **District 3 has a new TM!**

His name is Benjamin Schultheis, and he is the new Territory Manager for Territory 29, Region 4, which includes the lodges in District 3 of Ontario. He is a second-generation Moose member, who joined at the age of 21 in 2008. He is a member of Livonia, MI Lodge 1317.

His professional background is in managing BOH operations for restaurants and overseeing logistics operations, including operating Granite City Food and Brewery in the Detroit area. He currently resides in Livonia with his wife Kelly, 2-year-old son Isaak, and their 2 dogs, Brutus and Vada. They enjoy family vacations in Florida and Michigan. He is a fan of the Detroit Lions and Detroit Redwings ...but his heart truly belongs to the Ohio State Buckeyes.

Welcome to Ontario, Benjamin! Hope to see you in March!



# Fall Convention 2025





Congratulations to our newest Honorary Past Presidents of the OMA, Don Berrill and Stan Snow. Well-deserved honours for both!

Thank you to Jacqui May for her service as OMA President for the past year.



# New Fraternal Recognition Program!

Members who attended the 2025 International Moose Convention in Milwaukee this past May heard Moose International CEO Scott Hart announce a new Fraternal Recognition Program that is "open to every member – whether you just joined or have had your College of Regents Degree or Pilgrim Degree for 10 years, we all are starting at square one."

There are four levels within the program – Preferred, Power, Prestige and Platinum. Every member must achieve the first level in order to advance to others.

For Level 1, the Moose *Preferred* Status, a member must attain all five of the following, beginning May 1, 2025 –

- Sponsor one new member into the Lodge;
- Attend a Lodge Orientation presentation;
- Complete and log 10 volunteer hours at the lodge or that involves Moose-initiated Heart of the Community projects/events;
- Donate at least once to Moose Charities, either via an online contribution or by check in support of Mooseheart or Moosehaven, and;
- Create and maintain an active My Membership Record

Many members have already achieved one or more of the criteria to earn Preferred Status!



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