



Ontario Moose Association

10 Isherwood Avenue, Unit 25
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July 20, 2024

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

SUBJECT: 94th OMA CONVENTION – September 26th to 29th, 2024

Our 94th Annual OMA Convention is just around the corner. We will host our 2024 Convention in London, Ontario on the weekend of September 26-29, 2024. The host lodge will be **East London Lodge 1300**. We are looking forward to some great fun and fellowship!

IMPORTANT STUFF REGARDING THIS CONVENTION:

1. **Registrations are open until September 16th, 2024.** 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/zMDXZ2894WTzvN8p9>
2. The Convention 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 **OOM - 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 Double Beds available at \$145 per night plus tax.
 - c. There are limited numbers of each room type.
 - d. **DEADLINE FOR ROOM BOOKINGS IS AUGUST 26, 2024**
3. **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.
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 12th, 2024).
 - 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. **MARCH OF CHEQUES and MOOSE CHARITIES DONATIONS** - All Lodges & Chapters are encouraged to support our three major initiatives: the **Moosehaven AAA Project, OPP Child Find** and **Canada Home Endowment**. All donations gratefully accepted. Please make cheques payable to OMA earmarked for the appropriate initiative.
 - a. (Moosehaven AAA Project and Canada Home Endowment can be made out directly to Moose Charities if you wish)
 6. **ELIMINATION DRAW TICKETS** – Ticket Sellers: Please sell your tickets and bring them to the convention to be collected. Your support is greatly appreciated!
 7. **THURSDAY NIGHT MEET & GREET** – Starting at 6PM, we will be conducting a “Meet and Greet” event as we did at the Midyear in Barrie. There is no charge to attend, this event will take place in the Kensington Room at the hotel. Looking forward to lots of participation and mingling!
 8. **FIVE & TWENTY-FIVE CLUB EVENT** – For those that qualify, there will be a reception starting at 4:45 on Friday afternoon in the Bristol A Ballroom. Only qualified Five & Twenty-Five Club members for the year 2023-2024 will be able to attend with their guest.
 9. **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 **“A Night at the Moosecars”**. (Think of the “Oscars”)
Please honor the theme by showing up in your best Oscar Ceremony Attire and we’ll all party as the winners we are!
 10. **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.
 11. **COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS** – There will be no specific requirements for wearing masks or other COVID-19 protocols at the hotel or at East London Lodge 1300. **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.
 12. **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 WEDNESDAY, September 11th, 2024



b. If you are sending photos, please make sure they are a high-resolution photo.

13. EAST LONDON LODGE 1300 HOST EVENTS – Tamara Bornath and her team are ready to welcome you to London! Please take an opportunity to enjoy their lodge and all it has to offer.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th

LODGE OPENS NOON

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27th

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LUNCH AVAILABLE - Soup and Assorted Sandwiches

DINNER 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM –

KARAOKE NIGHT at the lodge starts at 8:00 PM

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28th

LODGE OPENS NOON

LUNCH AVAILABLE - Soup and Assorted Sandwiches

PLEASE SUPPORT EAST LONDON LODGE 1300 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Don Berrill".

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