

ASSOCIATION CONVENTION OPENING

(JR. PAST PRESIDENT): The hour of _____ o'clock having arrived, the _____(number)_____ Annual Convention of the _____(name)_____ Moose Association, Loyal Order of Moose, will now come to order. It is proper this session should be opened with prayer. Would you please give close heed while the Association Prelate, _____(name)_____ of _____(name)_____ Lodge No. _____, offers the invocation?

(ASSOCIATION PRELATE): (Invocation)

(JR. PAST PRESIDENT): We will now have the presentation of colors. (Colors are presented and posted) Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. (Canadian Associations – Please join me in singing *O, Canada*).

“I pledge allegiance – to the flag – of the United States of America – and to the republic – for which it stands – one nation – under God – indivisible – with liberty and justice for all.”

(JR. PAST PRESIDENT): That we may ascertain whether or not a quorum is present, I shall call upon the Chairman of the Credentials Committee, Brother _____(name)_____ of _____(name)_____ Lodge No. _____.

(CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN): Good (morning or afternoon) Brothers. Junior Past President _____(name)_____ and members of this convention, I am pleased to report that there is a quorum present. It gives me great pleasure to announce that we have _____(number)_____ representatives and Past Governors present. This figure does not include _____(number)_____ other registered members.

(JR. PAST PRESIDENT): There are representatives, alternates, Past Governors and Lodge members in this convention who are in attendance for the first time. It is necessary for them to take the Supreme Lodge and Association Oath and Obligation. I see no reason why others who have previously attended our Association conventions should not take it again. I will now ask you to rise (*give two raps of gavel*), place your left hand over your heart, raise your right hand, and repeat after me, using your name where I use mine:

“I _____, in the presence of God . . . do solemnly promise. . .that I will be faithful . . . in my attendance to the sessions . . . of the Association’s annual convention . . . and in the performance of my duties . . . as a member thereof.

I will obey all laws . . . of the Supreme Lodge . . . and this Association . . . as well as all lawful orders . . . of the Supreme Governor . . . the Supreme Council . . . and the _____(name)_____ Moose Association.

I do further promise . . . that during my stay in this community . . . I will conduct myself in such a manner . . . as to bring no discredit . . . upon this Association . . . or the Supreme Lodge of the Order . . . which I represent.

And finally, I do promise . . . that because of the privilege . . . of being permitted . . . to join my Brothers in this session, . . . I will strive to be . . . a more loyal Moose than ever before- . . . more active in my lodge . . . and more consecrated . . . to the cause of humanity . . . as served by this Order.

To all of which . . . I do solemnly promise . . . and may God keep me steadfast . . . in this . . . my Supreme Lodge and Association . . . Oath and Obligation.” (*give one rap of gavel to seat members*)

(JR. PAST PRESIDENT): Brother President, it is time to administer the Obligation to you as the presiding officer of this convention. Are you ready to assume it?

(PRESIDENT): I am.

(JR. PAST PRESIDENT): You will rise, place your left hand over your heart, raise your right hand, and repeat after me using your name where I use mine: “I, _____, do solemnly promise . . . that I will preside over this convention . . . in the manner provided by the General Laws . . . and the Association By-laws, . . . and I will do everything in my power . . . to advance the purpose of the Order . . . and this Association.

To all of which I promise . . . so help me God.”

(JR. PAST PRESIDENT): I now declare the __ (number) __ annual convention of the _____ (name) _____ Moose Association, Loyal Order of Moose, legally opened and ready for transaction of business. Brother President, I give you the gavel.

(PRESIDENT): (Extend welcome to guests, Association officers, delegates and proceed on to regular order of business)