

ASSOCIATION CONVENTION OPENING

JR. PAST PRESIDENT-

The hour of _____ o'clock having arrived, the _____ Annual Convention of the _____ Moose Association, will come to order. It is proper this session should be opened with prayer. Would you please give close heed while the Association Chaplain _____ of _____ Lodge No. _____, offers the invocation.

ASSOCIATION CHAPLAIN- (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 Chair of the Credentials Committee, _____ of _____ Lodge No. _____.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE CHAIR-

Junior Past President _____ 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 _____ representatives and Past Governors/Past Presidents present. This figure does not include _____ other registered members.

JR. PAST PRESIDENT-

There are representatives, alternates, Past Governors/Past Presidents and Lodge members in this convention who are in attendance for the first time. It is necessary for them to take The Moose 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), 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 this Annual Convention....and in the performance of my duties...as a member thereof.

I will obey all laws...of The Moose...as well as all lawful orders...of the Chairman of the Moose International Board of Directors...and the Moose International Board of Directors...and the _____ Moose Association.

I do future 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 Moose...which I represent.

And finally, I do promise...that because of the privilege...of being permitted...to join members at this Convention, ...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 The Moose.

“To all of which...I promise...so help me God.” (give one rap to seat members)

JR. PAST PRESIDENT-

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 of The Moose ...and the Association By-Laws, ...and I will do everything in my power ...to advance the purpose of The Moose ...and this Association.

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

JR. PAST PRESIDENT-

I now declare the ___ annual convention of the _____ Moose Association, legally opened and ready for the transaction of business. President _____, I give you the gavel.

PRESIDENT-

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

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