

Mississippi Moose Association

Annual Convention

September 24-27, 2026

Best Western Seaway Inn, Hwy 49 S – Gulfport, MS

1-228-864-0050

Official Visitor: Andrew Vonville, Mooseheart Board of Directors

Community Service Project: Supplies for Gulf Coast VA Healthcare Systems

Attire:

Moose International Representatives, Appointees and Association Officers – Business Formal (Coat and Tie)

Membership – Business Casual (Moose Campaign/Logo Shirt Preferred)

Thursday, September 24, 2026

4:00 pm Registration opens in the Convention Pre-function Area

4:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting – **Chandeleur Island 1, 2 & 3**

MMA President, Vice President, Secretary, Asst. Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Jr.

Past President, Association Liaison

5:30 pm Nominating Committee Meeting – **Chandeleur Island 1, 2 & 3**

6:30 pm Welcome Party/OV Meet and Greet – Hospitality Room (while supplies last) - **Chandeleur**

Island 4

10:30 pm Hospitality Room Closes

Friday, September 25, 2026

8:30 am Registration for opens – Convention Pre-function Area

9:00 am MMA Board Meeting – **Chandeleur Island 1, 2 & 3**

MMA Elected and Appointed Officers, Moose International Appointees and Committee Chairmen

10:00 am **Opening Session – Chandeleur Island 1, 2 & 3**

Call to Order – MMA Past President Gary Jones

Safety Briefing – MMA Past President Gary Jones

Opening Invocation – MMA Chaplain Gary Minchew

Presentation of Colors, National Anthem & Pledge of Allegiance – MMA Vice President

Shirley Cook

Credential Report – Chairperson M. C. Taylor

Convention Obligation – MMA Past President Gary Jones

Oath & Obligation to President – MMA Past President Gary Jones

Opening of Convention – MMA President Glenn Rasberry

Recognition of First Time Attendees – President Glenn Rasberry

Military/Veterans Recognition – MMA President Glenn Rasberry

Opening Remarks/Welcoming Guest, Officers, and Delegates – MMA President Glenn

Rasberry

Video presentation:

o Scott Hart – Chief Executive Officer

Roll Call of MMA Officers and Chairmen – MMA Secretary Ted E. Burton

Roll Call of Lodges – MMA District President Jeff Morrow

Report of Rules & Order Committee – Chairperson George Leonard (Preprinted in program book)

Report of the Nominating Committee – Committee Chairperson

Introduction of Official Visitor - MMA President Glenn Rasberry

Opening Remarks from Official Visitor Andrew Vonville, Mooseheart Board of Directors

Report of MMA President – MMA President Glenn Rasberry

Travels, Lodges, International Convention

Video presentation:

o Barbara McPherson – Grand Chancellor

Welcoming remarks and report from Chapter Advocate Lisa Downing

Initial Report of MMA Secretary Ted E. Burton

- General Law 51.1 Attendance & Representation
- Review of Convention Attendees' rules and protocols
- Minutes of Previous Board & Officers meetings (Mailed out to Lodges)
- Scholarship Report
- Lifetime Achievement Award Process

SOMETHING FUN!!!!!!

Treasurer's Report – MMA Treasurer Rob Erman

Association's 2026-2027 Budget Report – MMA Secretary Ted E. Burton

Report of Financial Review Committee – Chairperson Randy Minton

Report of By-Laws Committee – Chairperson Tony Lowman

Report of Heart of the Community Committee – Denise McNamara

Announcements – MMA Secretary Ted E. Burton

Endowment Fund

Recess

11:30 am Lunch

1:00 pm Pilgrims Meeting – **Chandeleur Island 1, 2 & 3**

1:30 pm **SESSION 2 - Chandeleur Island 1, 2 & 3**

Call to Order - MMA President Glenn Rasberry

Safety Briefing – MMA President Glenn Rasberry

Recognition of First Time Attendees – MMA President Glenn Rasberry

Military/Veterans Recognition – MMA President Glenn Rasberry

Roll Call of MMA Officers and Chairmen – MMA Secretary Ted E. Burton

Roll Call of Lodges – MMA District President Jeff Morrow

Moose International Grant Program – Association Liaison Jean Larson

Video presentation:

o Gary Urwiler – Executive Director of Mooseheart

o Helen Taylor – Executive Director of Moosehaven

Mooseheart & Moosehaven Update – Chairperson Sandra Richards

Remarks from Official Visitor Andrew Vonville, Mooseheart Board of Directors

Report of Convention/Conference Committee – Chairperson M. C. Taylor

Report of Resolutions Committee – Chairperson Wayne Ladd

Risk Management Report – Chairperson Gary Minchew

SOMETHING FUN!!!!!!

Report on Higher Degrees Council – Higher Degrees President Richard Little
Moose Training Updates – Chairperson Shirley Cook

- Moose Education – Updates on training programs
- Scheduled training sessions

Announcements – MMA Secretary Ted E. Burton
Endowment Fund
Recess

3:45 pm Golden Gavel Conferral Practice – **Chandeleur 1, 2 & 3**

4:00 pm **Heart of the Community Event – Donation of supplies to the VA Hospital –**
Convention Pre-function area

5:00 pm Past Presidents Meeting – **Chandeleur Island 1, 2, & 3**

7:00 pm Karaoke Party – **Chandeleur Island 1, 2, & 3**
(Special Recognition for 5/25 Club members)

Saturday, September 26, 2026

7:30 am Registration resumes – **Convention Pre-function Area**

8:00 am Golden Gavel Conferral - **Chandeleur Island 1, 2 & 3**

9:30 am **SESSION 3 - Chandeleur Island 1, 2 & 3**

Call to Order by MMA President Glenn Rasberry
Safety Briefing – MMA President Glenn Rasberry
Introduction and Parade of Golden Gavel recipients – Rhonda Scarbrough
Recognition of First Time Attendees – President Glenn Rasberry
Military/Veterans Recognition – MMA President Glenn Rasberry
Roll Call of MMA Officers and Chairmen – MMA Secretary Ted E. Burton
Roll Call of Lodges – MMA District President Rob Erman
Report from Moose Legion Area Manager Ted E. Burton

- Higher Degrees

Report from International Moose Legion Ambassador Gary Jones

- Lodge visits
- Upcoming celebrations

Moose Charities Report – Chairpersons Sandra Richards & Tony Lowman

- March of Checks

Introduction & Remarks from Official Visitor Andrew Vonville, Mooseheart Board of Directors

Video presentation:

- o **Frank Vorhees – Membership Director**

Report on Membership & Retention – Chairperson Nelda Edwards

SOMETHING FUN!!!!!!

Report of Association Liaison Jean Larson

Report on Moose Activities Committee – Chairperson Brenda Housley

Report on Sports – Chairperson Greg Johnson

Report of Youth Awareness Committee – Barbara Hosli
Announcements – MMA Secretary Ted E. Burton
Endowment Fund
Recess

11:30 am Lunch

1:30 pm **Closing Session – Chandeleur Island 1, 2 & 3**

Call to Order – MMA President Glenn Rasberry
Safety Briefing – MMA Glenn Rasberry
Introduction and March of New Fellows and New Pilgrim – Pilgrim Larry Richards
Recognition of First Time Attendees – President Glenn Rasberry
Military/Veterans Recognition – MMA President Glenn Rasberry
Roll Call of MMA Officers and Chairmen – MMA Secretary Ted E. Burton
Roll Call of Lodges – MMA District President Rob Erman
Final Credentials Report – Chairperson M. C. Taylor
Election of Officers – MMA Secretary Ted E. Burton & Election Committee
Remarks from Official Visitor Andrew Vonville, Mooseheart Board of Directors
Report of Election Committee – Committee Chairperson
Installation of Officers & Chairpersons – MMA Past President Gary Jones
Announcements – MMA Secretary Ted E. Burton
Remarks from the Incoming MMA President
Nine O'clock Ceremony – MMA Incoming Vice President
Closing Prayer – MMA Incoming Chaplain
Motion to Adjourn Sine Die
Endowment Fund

3:30 pm Council of Higher Degree Meeting – **Chandeleur Island 1, 2 & 3**

4:30 pm Awards Presentation – **Chandeleur Island 1, 2 & 3**

Ted E. Burton – Master of Ceremonies
Address from Official Visitor
Lifetime Achievement Award
Other Awards
March of Checks
Final Remarks from Official Visitor Andrew Vonville, Mooseheart Board of Directors
Final Remarks of MMA Jr. Past President Glenn Rasberry
Final Remarks from Association Liaison Jean Larson
Final Remarks from MMA Secretary Ted E. Burton
Good of the Order – MMA Incoming President
Endowment Fund
Benediction – MMA Incoming Chaplain

(Memorial Service will be presented as a PowerPoint at the beginning of each session and during recess)

Annual Convention Rules & Policies:

- DRESS CODE: NO HATS DURING MEETINGS.
- NO SMOKING OR DRINKING IN ANY MEETINGS.
- HOSPITALITY ROOM WILL BE CLOSED DURING ALL MEETINGS.
- MUST BE REGISTERED AND WEARING CREDENTIALS TO ENTER HOSPILITY ROOM.
- HOURS OF OPERATION OF HOSPILITALY ROOM SUBJECT TO CHANGE; CLOSES AT 10:30 PM.
- PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL TO OTHERS.
- SOCIAL QUARTERS BEHAVIOR EXPECTED AT ALL TIMES.
- **ALL SESSIONS WILL START WITH SAFETY BRIEFINGS.**