

## Official Communication for June 21, 2017

### Checklist for International Convention

- ✓ **Pre-registered?** Don't forget to bring your badge. Pre-registered Canadian members, your materials will be waiting for you at registration.
- ✓ **Are you sending an Alternate as a delegate?** Don't forget to bring your letter to registration.
- ✓ **If you are planning on participating in the March of Checks?** Don't forget to bring your checks and drop off at the Moose Charities booth.
- ✓ **Has Your Lodge or Chapter Been Collecting Donations for Tampa's Children in Need?** Don't forget to bring them to the Heart of the Community Booth. (See attachment for suggested items.)
- ✓ **Have a 25 Club pin/charm that needs to be upgraded?** Bring your pin/charm with you and visit the Moose Member Center and they will be happy to upgrade.
- ✓ **Women of the Moose – Matriculants?** Don't forget to bring your call card.
- ✓ **New Fellow candidate?** Your dinner ticket is imbedded within your registration badge. You will receive your Fellowship ribbon at the dinner.
- ✓ **Shop-a-holic?** Bring an extra suitcase and shop at the Catalog Sales Store for those great Moose deals! OR, buy a Moose bag and fill it!
- ✓ **Pack plenty of sunscreen!! It's going to be hot!!**



**“Making a Difference. . . It’s What We Do!”**

**Heart of the Community Initiatives**

**2017 International Moose Convention, Tampa Florida**

**The Moose has reached out to several community-based organizations to coordinate activities that will positively impact the lives of families with children in the Tampa area.**

**The Tampa Police Department’s Homeless Initiative** – *Rise Tampa* starts its work where the city budget stops. Funding for families is needed for emergency shelter before transitioning to Metropolitan Ministries. This homeless initiative is outside of Tampa Police’s budget and the officers often pay out of their own pockets just to give families a room to sleep in while transitioning to a homeless shelter program.

**Metropolitan Ministries** – Provides homeless children and their families with food, clothing, shelter, job training and counseling to get back on their feet. Approximately 100 homeless families, including 400 children, live at Metropolitan Ministries.

**The Salvation Army** – Provides a number of services throughout the Tampa area including emergency shelter for the homeless; youth character-building programs; Angel Tree (clothing and toys at Christmas); family services; and summer camp for children.

**Safe Surfin’ Foundation** – Safe Surfin’ representatives and local Moose members will conduct a community-wide EZ Child ID Event at the Florida Aquarium near the Tampa Convention site!

**Blood Drive** – Moose International is working with One Blood of Tampa to help supply needed blood components to individuals throughout the Bay area.

## How You Can Help!

**Financial Donations** – You or your lodge/chapter may make donations by check in advance of the Convention, or by check or cash onsite, to one or more of the first three organizations listed above.

**Food/Supplies Donations** – Organize a lodge or chapter program to collect needed items for the less fortunate in the Tampa Florida area. See reverse side for specific items needed in this community.

**Volunteers** – No sign-up required. Because of the limited time frame for events at this year’s Convention, volunteers are only needed on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> to help load donations onto distribution vehicles and to appear in the background for media presentations with collaborative organizations.

**Tommy Moose** – Lodges and Chapters may order Tommy Moose dolls from Catalog Sales in advance of the Convention for distribution to Tampa Police and Fire, local burn victims, and community service organizations.

**Blood Donations** – You may walk-in to give blood during the event in Rooms 20/21 at the Tampa Convention Center on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:30pm to 5:30pm.

**See the reverse side of this form for additional instructions!**

## Financial Donations

### In advance:

You or your lodge/chapter may make donations by check in advance of the Convention, or by check or cash onsite, to one of the three organizations listed. Mail checks (payable as described below) to:

Moose International  
c/o Heart of the Community – Tampa  
155 S. International Drive  
Mooseheart, IL 60539-1183

### On-site:

At the Tampa Convention Center, please deliver all financial contributions to the Heart of the Community Booth near International Moose Convention registration before noon on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

- \* **Tampa Police:** Make payable to *Rise Tampa* with *Tampa Police, Homeless Initiative* in the memo line.
- \* **Metropolitan Ministries:** Make payable to *Metropolitan Ministries* with *Homeless Families* in the memo line.
- \* **Salvation Army:** Make payable to *Salvation Army* with *Homeless Families* in the memo line.

## Food/Supplies Donations

Organize a lodge or chapter program to collect needed items for the less fortunate in the Tampa Florida area.  
See below for specific items needed in this community:

**Food:** Critical items include **canned meats** (chicken and tuna); **canned beans**; **cereals** (boxed – both hot and cold varieties welcome, i.e. instant oatmeal/Cream of Wheat). **NOTE:** Though appreciated, *canned vegetables and fruits are more regularly donated and there is more of a need for the items mentioned above.*

**Supplies:** **Diapers** – all sizes; **Towels, blankets and sheets.**

## Volunteers

No sign-up required. Because of the limited time frame for events at this year's Convention, volunteers are only needed on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> to help load donations onto distribution vehicles and to appear in the background for media presentations with collaborative organizations.

**Volunteers should arrive outside in front of the Tampa Convention Center by 3:30 p.m. on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.**  
Donation loading will take place through 4:00pm when the media presentation to the organizations will occur.

## Tommy Moose

Lodges and Chapters may order Tommy Moose dolls from Catalog Sales in advance of the Convention for distribution to First-Responders and community organizations on-site. **Contact Catalog Sales with your order (cases preferred) at 630-966-2250 no later than June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** You must indicate that this order is for donation at the International Convention and should be included in the shipment to the Tampa Convention Center.

## Blood Drive

You may walk-in to give blood during the event in **Rooms 20/21 at the Tampa Convention Center on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:30pm to 5:30pm.** Please have a photo ID available.