

Greetings from the Governor:

It is hard to believe that my first year as Governor has nearly come to a close. I would like to thank everyone who has helped in any way big or small to keep our Lodge running. There are many hard workers volunteering their time and talents every day. A big 'Thank You' needs to go out to Lonnie & Sue Moseley and all of the Crab Feed Helpers. If you didn't make it to this year's Crab Feed, you missed great food and entertainment. Thank you to Will Strickland for taking time out of his busy schedule to play for us. The evening was enjoyed by all. Our membership is growing. At the February orientation, seven new members were added to our Lodge. Let's keep the membership growing! Be sure to check the calendar for upcoming events and menus. The Friday Night dinner schedule has quite a variety and I am sure one of our dinners will tickle your palate! Come to the Lodge and enjoy good food, good company and good times. Watch for details on the website that is currently "Under Construction" thanks to the hard work of Mark Filipowicz. Come down and support your Lodge. Get that friend to join. Help our Lodge grow larger and stronger.

See you at the Lodge!
Chris Grundy, Governor
 P.S. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RITUAL TEAM!
 YOU DID AN AWESOME JOB IN IRVINE!



Brothers and Ladies,

It is that time of the year when the Officers for the new year are nominated and elected. The report of the Nomination Committee and the elections of Officers will take place at the General Membership Meeting on the first Thursday of April. I hope to see all of you there.



Now is also a good time to check the expiration date on your Moose ID card. All renewals now go through the Lock Box in Chicago. SO, it is important to notify the Lodge if you move, so we can update our records. MI takes their information from our records and if it isn't current, you won't receive your renewal notice in a timely manner. I would like to take this opportunity to invite all members of Santa Cruz 545 to attend the District Socials, which are held the first Saturday of the month. Please check the calendar for the particulars. You never can tell—you might meet some old friends or maybe make some new ones! **Perry James, Administrator**



++ Loyal Order of Moose Websites ++

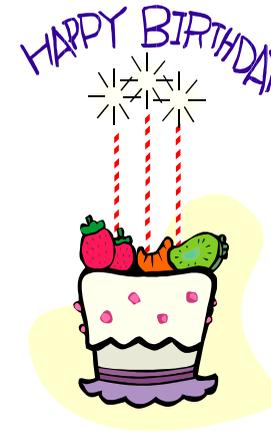
For our 'on-line' members—Please visit the
LOOM International Website at www.MOOSEINTL.org and for the
California-Nevada Moose Association go to www.ca-nvmoose.org
 It is informative, interesting and fun!!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATING
 THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN**

MARCH

- Greg Fowler 3rd
- Gary Nickel 5th
- Jim Walsh 5th
- Norman Gillette 6th
- Kaye Siebert 7th
- Scott Thompson 9th
- Howard Lowe 10th
- Matt Niswonger 11th
- Vaughan Parsons 12th
- Bob Gault 13th
- Lonnie Moseley 13th
- Dee Larson 14th
- James Harris 15th
- Dene Bustichi 16th
- Jack Cross 18th
- Joseph Zagami 18th
- Robert Carling 19th
- Ward Miller 24th
- James Thuringer 29th
- John A. Moore 31st

AND



APRIL

- Tom Miklosko 1st
- Jeremy Dennis 2nd
- Todd Mays 3rd
- Robert Southard 6th
- Dennis Maitoza 7th
- Lewis Erickson 8th
- Donald Stone 13th
- David Smith 16th
- Edward Wills 17th
- Greg Miller 20th
- Dave Geistdorfer 21st
- William Morris 21st
- Dominic Carine 22nd
- Scott Cramer 25th
- Mohsen Rafietari 25th
- Ted Lester 26th
- Patrick McKee 26th
- John Bradley 27th
- Jason Race 28th
- Bernard Bertonis 29th
- Jack Clove 29th
- Michael Carson 30th
- Kenneth Hensley 30th

Birthday celebrants please read the ad box in the March Calendar page!

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The Moose Legion



The Supreme Council authorized the creation of the Moose Legion of the Moose Fraternity, known as the Degree of Service, in 1913. The Constitution of Moose International and the Supreme Lodge, General Laws of the Supreme Lodge, and the by-laws of Moose International shall apply to any matters which are not specifically addressed within this Code of Rules.

The principle purpose of the International Moose Legion Office, and the International Moose Legion Council, is to act as the headquarters and governing body for the system of fraternal units in the Loyal Order of Moose known as named and numbered Moose Legions.

OBJECTIVES

- Bring together qualified members of the Loyal Order of Moose who desire to make further contributions to the humanitarian objectives of our Order, plus forming a strong foundation for advancement to the higher degrees.
- Foster and promote all the humanitarian efforts and programs of the Order, particularly its charitable and philanthropic work for the dependent children and needy seniors of our fraternity.
- Emulate and advance the principles of Faith, Hope and Charity as based upon the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.
- Teach and advance morality, virtue, gentleness, kindness and unselfishness; and oppose rudeness, harshness or any deportment that is not in harmony with the conduct of right thinking, clean living persons.

545 SICKNESS and DISTRESS



Pat Moseley, Lonnie's mom, passed away January 13th.
Bill Kauffman's brother-in-law has passed away.
Jason Noce's uncle has passed away.
Brian Murtha recovering from a foot injury.



**TO THOSE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES
WHO ARE SUFFERING ILL HEALTH,
OR HAVE SUFFERED A LOSS—
Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to All.**

Welcome to our Newly Enrolled Members!!



February 17, 2006, participants pictured *l to r*— Art Atencio, Michael Lundin, James Gum, Alan Grundy, Governor Chris Grundy, Gregg Marsh, Gregg Buri, Bud Galipeaux, and Kenny Kaschak who is proudly showing his membership



Santa Cruz Lodge 545 Officers, Chairs & Volunteers welcome all our new members to their new Moose Family Center. Please come down and enjoy your new home! Also, thanks to our Lodge sponsors for fulfilling their obligation to strengthen our order.



It is my pleasure to announce that the Santa Cruz Moose Lodge #545 Ritual team captured 1st place honors in the California-Nevada Moose Association Conference at Irvine, on February 25, 2006. The team consists of (below), Brian Murtha as Past Governor, Mike Stephens as Prelate, Ray Gibson as Orator, Lonnie Moseley as Sgt-At-Arms, Perry James as Junior Governor, and I, JD Sotelo as Governor. Incidentally, all these brothers truly served as Governors of Santa Cruz Lodge 545 and also hold the degree of "Fellow" in the Loyal Order. Please help us in our upcoming fund raising that will enable us to compete in the International Convention at Chicago. JD Sotelo, Ritual Chairman





Santa Cruz Moose 545 takes 3rd Place as "Best Tasting Overall" at the 24th annual Santa Cruz Clam Chowder Cook Off and Festival at the Boardwalk.



Member Lou Mata and his team consisting of Ed Wills, Vince Martinez, Sue Moseley, and Dan Mata bring home the Bronze at the Boardwalk. Per Santa Cruz Sentinel article "Thousands soaked up the soup...Fifty teams competed, and it was 'a very successful event,' Boardwalk publicist Brigid Fuller said." Chef Lou is an excellent cook and represents our Lodge in a very 'Souper' way. Thanks and way to go team!



Shown above, on the left, are Cindy James (Administrator Perry James' wife) and Ellen Murtha, on the right, (Past Governor Brian Murtha's wife) being honored by Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisor Mardi Wormhoudt, in the center, for their achievements for Santa Cruz County.

SANTA CRUZ 545 MOOSE LODGE WEBSITE

Online members—coming to you very soon is the new Santa Moose Lodge website. It will be "live" before the next edition of Santa Cruz Moose News. Upon completion we will send out the link to those members who are known to us as having an email account.

If you have recently signed up for email service, changed your email address or want to add an additional address for yourself, please contact me at jdsotelo@aol.com. You will become part of 545 history! One of the added benefits is that the most current bulletin will be accessible to you at the website. More information regarding the site will be given on the initial email announcement.

Heartfelt thanks and appreciation to new member Mark Filipowicz who has created this site with all volunteer time. He's done a great job of researching and gathering information. Thank You Mark! J.D. Sotelo, Bulletin Editor



Mark Filipowicz
Santa Cruz 545
Webmaster

Are We, Truly, The 'Friendliest Place in Town'?

The answer to this question determines the future of our Lodge, Fraternalism, and our organization, the Loyal Order of Moose. I respond with a strong "We are!" But we must look deeper. In searching for this answer, we must also search inside ourselves. In doing so, we also remember the obligation we were given and the oath that we accepted when we were enrolled in our Order.

First, let's agree on what we are talking about — to be friendly is to be open, warm and welcoming — to reach out and make someone feel at home, safe and wanted — to feed them with sustenance for body and soul. Hey! Isn't this what we want for ourselves? Don't we also desire this feeling for family, friends and those people we work, play, and endeavor with? There is a great and wise saying that covers this subject and that is the Golden Rule— "Do unto others as you would have done to you." Sounds simple and sure enough we all agree, but do we practice it? Ah, there's the rub. Once again, I say "We do!"

We live the Golden Rule. We do care for our family, friends, co-workers, and those we come across in our daily lives. Why, we even practice it with those we don't know! An example of how we accomplish this is by being a Member of the Loyal Order of Moose! Our member dues and donations to Moose Charities help fund home, sustenance, and care for our children at Mooseheart and our aged at Moosehaven. These are people that most of us have never met! We members walk our talk.

The best example of "practicing" our walk to those we meet is by making our Lodge a second home to our members, to our invited guests, and prospective members. We show them that our Lodge is a fun place where they can feel warm, safe, wanted and that we offer our members activities at the Lodge for their enjoyment. We also offer opportunities away from the Lodge to practice our beliefs in volunteering for a Community Service event of their liking.

We are the "Friendliest Place in Town" because we members believe, live and practice the Golden Rule. We, as members, have recreated a welcoming and warm home environment at our Lodge. This atmosphere comes from our hearts and translates into actions. And why? Because we are all golden on the inside!



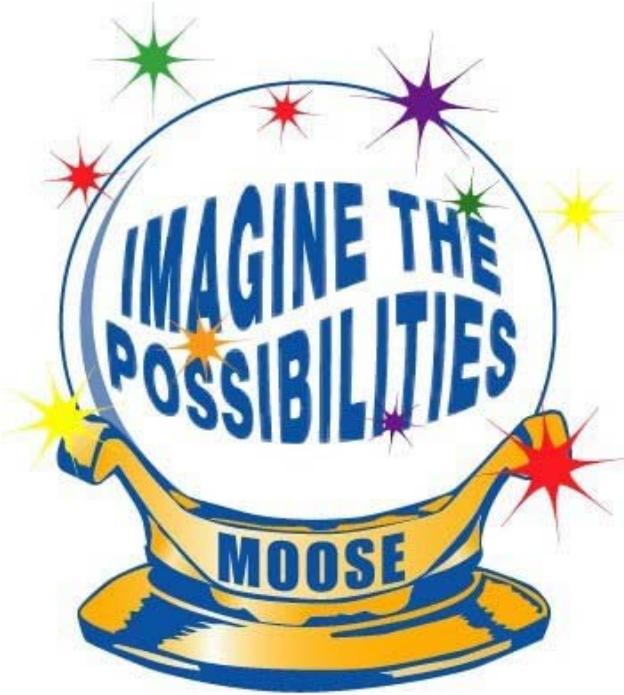
Fraternally, JD Sotelo,
Editor, Santa Cruz Moose News



Every Moose sponsoring at least one new Moose in '05-'06...
Every Moose operation operating as a Family Center...
Every Moose Center running our fraternal program...

Imagine the Possibilities!

Possibilities—it's a word full of *what could be*, of potential greatness, of achieving more than most people would tell you it's practical to expect. All that's needed for possibilities—and ultimately, realities—is the effort of human beings. And most of the time, it's astonishing to consider how many possibilities could become realities, with so little concerted effort on the part of every person working together. Which is why "Imagine the Possibilities" is the theme of the Moose fraternity's Membership Development program for 2005-06. Just think: If every member of the Loyal Order of Moose Men and Women of the Moose sponsored just one new member during the 2005-06 fiscal year...the Moose would be roughly 2.5 million men and women strong by next spring! If every one of the 1,800-plus Moose Operations throughout the United States and Canada resolved to function as a Moose Family Center— Establishing smoke-areas, conducting programs for the entire family,



stressing Community Service...The Moose fraternity's positive image and public awareness would shoot sky-high! And if every Moose operations resolved to follow our fraternal program of Making Mooseheart Child City & School known to ever family in need in their community; of making sure every senior struggling to make ends meet knew about the availability of Moosehaven; of operating a vigorous program of sports and family activities...then

ALL our operations would hear what we hear at Mooseheart on a regular basis- "We had no idea you did all this wonderful work!" If every member, every Lodge, every Chapter, every Moose Legion, did just his part, her part, their part...Well just **IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES!**

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