



Sign made and assembled by: Mick Brown, Eugene Bustichi, Lonnie Moseley, Al Frischmann, and Dick Dennis.

Santa Cruz Moose Lodge #545
Board of Officers & Committee
Chairs for 2024-2025

*** OFFICERS ***

President	Valerie Norkoli
Administrator	Laurie Grundy
Vice President	Ken Deaver
Treasurer	Dominic Carine
Chaplain	Brian Murtha
1 Yr Trustee	Vince Martinez
2 Yr Trustee	Vacant
3 Yr Trustee	Tiffany Oldham
Jr. Past President	Eugene Bustichi
Sgt-At-Arms	Perry James

Social Quarters Hours

Opening Times:

- * Monday-Friday at 4pm
- * Saturday at 1pm
- * Selected Breakfast Sundays 9-11:30am

Closing times will vary.

For more up to date information,
 please check the calendar.

*** COMMITTEES ***

Activities Chair	Committee
Application Review	Vince Martinez
Communications & Volunteers	Valerie Norkoli
Community Service	Committee
Facilities/Contracts	Ray Gibson
Financial Review Chair	Committee
Fellowship	Committee
Government Relations	Brian Murtha
Heart of the Community	Laurie Grundy
Kitchen Manager	Dominic Carine
Legion Chairman	Dick Dennis
Lodge Maintenance	545 Legion
Loss Prevention Chair	Committee
Membership Chair	Committee
Moose Charities Chair	Laurie Grundy
Orientation/Ritual	Ray Gibson
Social Media	Committee
Social Quarters Mgr.	Ray Gibson
Webmaster	Mark Filipowicz
Sports Events --	Call Lodge at
Horseshoes, Darts, etc.	831)438-1817

"The first time I visited Mooseheart ...
 well, if you've ever been there,
 you will never drop your dues, period!"
 —Moose Member



SANTA CRUZ MOOSE NEWS

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 Scotts Valley, CA 95067-6292
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March — April 2025



Premier Lodge Award



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fraternal Members,

As we transition from the chill of winter to the warmth of spring, I want to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for each one of you.

Spring is a season of renewal, and it presents the perfect opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments and look forward to new beginnings.

Thank you for being an essential part of our Moose family. Your involvement and enthusiasm are what keeps our lodge thriving. I look forward to celebrating this beautiful season with all of you!

Wishing you a joyful transition into spring!

Warm Regards,
Valerie Norkoli, President



March 28, 2025 Moose International Official Visit

Robert Funkey serves as the 2024-25 Chairman of the Moose International Board of Directors. It is our honor to have he and his wife Cathy visit our Lodge during their Northern California visit on March 28th. Dinner will be served at 5pm with speeches and presentations to follow.

Please RSVP in the "Dinner Sign-up" book in the Social Quarters.



SC 545 Legion MESSAGE

Upcoming events for 545 Lodge and Legion:

- *Breakfast by the Legion March 9th from 9-11:30 am. Followed by the Legion meeting. All Legion members welcome.
- *March 21st to March 23rd CNMA Mid-Year conference at Costa Mesa.
- *March 28th Ribs and Beans dinner 5-7pm. The Moose Chairman of the Board, Bob Funkey and his wife Past Grand Regent, Cathy, will be visiting the Lodge. See your February-March Moose magazine for an article on them.
- *April 3rd General Meeting and the Election of Officers for 2025-26.
- *April 13th Breakfast by the Legion 9-11:30 followed by the Legion meeting. All Legion members welcome.
- *April 15th TAX DAY
- *April 27th Installation of the 2025-26 Board of Officers. All members are welcome to attend. Potluck to follow.

Thanks for the efforts of Administrator Laurie for obtaining a grant from Moose Int'l to cover the deck and the labor of Eugene, Lonnie, Vince and Dick to get the job done. Thanks to Karen for the food to keep us going.

Dick Dennis , 545 Legion Chairman

ENROLLMENT



****WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS NEW MEMBERS ****

February 27th Orientation/Enrollment:

I to r: Sponsor, Mario DeLaGarza; Nick Trujillo; Chuck Wise; George Pepper; Sponsor, Sommer Zehrung; New Member & Sponsor, Tess Fitzgerald (Tess sponsored 5 new members since joining in December); Elizabeth Hammock-Higgins; Theresa Johnson; Sponsor, Tommy Williams; Andy Mora; Sponsor, Aaron Pippin; Rob Congrove.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

Mindy Duncan	March 1	David Culver	March 15
Steve Pappas	March 3	Gina Garibotti	March 15
Rob English	March 3	Dene Bustichi	March 16
Andrew Mora	March 3	Gerald Haas	March 17
Norma Jean Short	March 4	Donald Beene	March 18
Jim Walsh	March 5	Tess Butler	March 18
Christopher Wren	March 5	Paul Neuman	March 18
Daniel Diamond	March 6	Ron Shoemaker	March 18
David Wagner	March 7	Terry Leonard	March 19
Lori Sweeney	March 8	Nicole Agnew	March 19
Ron Daugherty	March 9	Joshua Geist	March 21
Howard Lowe	March 10	Cory Gaines	March 22
Laurene Beto	March 10	Ian Stone	March 22
Robert Schwenderlauf	March 11	Fritz Moritz	March 24
Lonnie Moseley	March 13	Benjie Barber	March 24
Kristen Jones Paul	March 13	Joe Rubalcaba	March 25
John Poff	March 13	Taylor Pisano	March 26
Sean Prudhon	March 13	Bill Farley	March 27
Felicia Webb	March 13	Tim Overton	March 27
Warren Penniman	March 14	Karen Church	March 27
Manuel Jimenez	March 14	Evan Eaton	March 28
Bonnie Eaton	March 14	Krista Brassfield	March 30
James Harris	March 15		



CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

Todd Mays	April 3	Kimberly Clark	April 14
Paul Basanese	April 3	Edward Wills	April 17
Hank Crook	April 6	Ronald Busenhart	April 18
Teri Huckobey	April 7	William Morris	April 21
Florence Tuazon	April 7	Sally Jo Huber	April 21
Lewis Erickson	April 8	Robert O'Neal	April 22
Rupert Hart	April 8	Evelyn Drew	April 22
Jeanne Taylor	April 10	Dominic Carine	April 22
Heather Burson	April 12	Tim Maloney	April 22
Daniel Aubert	April 12	Claudia Alvarado	April 25
Danna Moreno	April 13	John O'Conner	April 28
Joe Miller	April 13	Debbie Johnson	April 30
Todd Nelson	April 13	Lance Dumond	April 30
Grant Wilson	April 14		

ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

One free Friday Night Dinner , if your Birthday is listed in this current bulletin. Please check in with ticket seller/server for your ticket .

Please show your active current membership card!

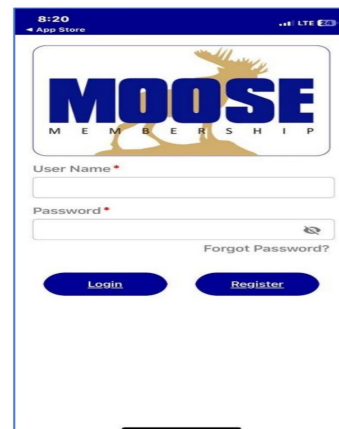
HAPPY BIRTHDAY From Your Lodge!!

(Please note dinner event exceptions, [i.e. Prime Rib, specialty events and fundraising events], RSVP & sign-up requirements)

GET THE MOOSE MOBILE APP

Members can download the app for free using their iPhones or any android phone. The app includes your electronic Moose membership card, your Moose membership record, the lodge locator, the General Laws of the Fraternity, as well as instant access to pay dues or sign a new member.

You will always have your card available.



545 SICKNESS and DISTRESS

**TO THOSE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO ARE
SUFFERING ILL HEALTH OR HAVE SUFFERED A LOSS —**

Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to You!

Sammy Robustelli had knee surgery

If any member or have family members that are suffering ill health or loss, please notify the Lodge by emailing:

Chaplain, Brian Murtha

bmurt@cruzio.com

Administrator's Message

The end of the Moose year, April 30th, is almost here. Thank you to all the members who have kept your dues current and for sponsoring your family and friends. Our current membership to date is 475 members with six applications being processed. We have reached our "Plus 1" goal again this year and are on track with the other requirements to achieving the prestigious Premier Lodge Award for 2024-25.

Check the calendar for upcoming events. During the General Membership meeting on March 6th, the Nomination Committee will announce the nominations for the 2025-26 Board of Officers. The election for the new Board of Officers will be April 3rd between 5pm and 6:30pm. You must be an active member of #545 and present your membership card to receive a ballot. The results of the election will be announced by the Election Committee during the 7:30pm General Membership Meeting.

New Member Orientation/Enrollment is scheduled for April 24th. New Members and sponsors attending will receive coupons for future food purchases. A video and speeches are made with information about our Lodge and the Moose fraternity.

The Installation of the 2025-26 Board of Officers is scheduled for April 27th at 1:00pm with a potluck to follow. Please come to thank the outgoing Board and welcome the incoming Board.

Laurie Grundy, Administrator

BULLETINS AND CALENDARS BY "CONSTANT CONTACT"

We are now using "Constant Contact" to send bulletins by email to the email address on your Moose Membership record. Some Members, who prefer, can continue receiving their bulletins and calendars by mail. If you have any questions, or would like to change the method you receive your bulletin, please email the Lodge with your request. Your email will never be shared. Check your "Spam" folder if your membership email is correct and you are not receiving the email.

The Bulletins and Calendars are available on the new website: <https://scmoose545.org>. And posted on Facebook.

Lodge Email: scmoose545@yahoo.com

MARCH FUNDRAISING BASKET



The basket for March is a "Tequila Basket". Contains ingredients to have a margarita party, including a gift card. Tickets sold during March are \$1.00 per single ticket OR \$5.00 for six tickets. Drawing held on March 31st. Need not be present to win.

All proceeds will go to the "Building Fund". Donations to the Building Fund help maintain the Lodge and keep the doors open.

NO Application Fee

Now extended through April 30, 2025
to join the Moose online

Beginning May 1, 2024, the \$20 application fee has been waived for new (enroll or re-enroll) applicants paying **2 years of dues** and using the **online application process only**. This will not only promote and encourage use of the available technology but incentivize member production, giving the lodges an extended opportunity to showcase the benefits of Moose/lodge membership to include our fraternal endeavors as well as the local lodge amenities. The Moose Intl. Board of Directors has now extended this program through April 30, 2025.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Moose organization is encouraged to view the video message on our www.beamoose.org website where they will also have an opportunity to access the online application.

If you are a current member looking to sponsor a prospective member into the Moose Fraternity, please use our online application at www.beamoose.org.



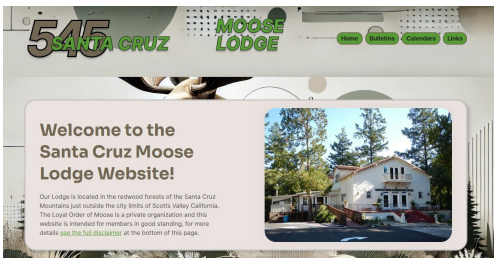
IN SEARCH OF: VOLUNTEERS FOR LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE

It is spring time and the weeds are sprouting! If you like to work outside on landscaping maintenance, please volunteer to keep our lodge looking beautiful. If you have only a few minutes or several hours to pull weeds, clean up the landscaping, use a mower or weedeater, we could use the help.
Thank you.

2025-26 BOARD OF OFFICERS INSTALLATION

Sunday, April 27th at 1pm
Potluck to follow

Celebration to thank the outgoing
2024-25 Board and
welcome in the new Board of Officers
for Santa Cruz #545.



Santa Cruz #545 Website

<https://scmoose545.org>



SANTA CRUZ MOOSE #545 **LIFE MEMBER SPECIAL** **MAY 1, 2024 – APRIL 30, 2025**

A current Member who purchases a "Life Membership" will get one-half of the funds returned. The Member needs to remit the full purchase price to Moose International, according to MI requirements. One-half of the membership price is later remitted back to Santa Cruz #545. SC#545 will then remit the amount returned from MI back to the Member. Bottom line, the Member is purchasing a Life Membership for half-price! **Only applies to Life Memberships with Santa Cruz #545. Full Life price must be remitted to Moose Int'l.**

If you need assistance or have questions, please speak to
or email the Administrator, Laurie.
Email: scmoose545@yahoo.com

See flyer in Social Quarters for full details.



Queen of Hearts

The "Queen of Hearts" game is back!

Tickets sold on Thursday and
Friday nights.

Drawing on Friday nights.
Need not be present to win.

You could be the next winner by finding
the "Queen of Hearts"

Be “Somebody” in Your Lodge

How often have we seen something that needs doing in our Lodge and said, “*Somebody needs to do that*”? How often have we seen something that needs to be done and just thought to ourselves, “*It would be nice if someone did that*”. Whether it be something as small as picking up a piece of trash or something as big as painting the Lodge, *somebody has to do it*. There are no magical Moose Elves who come along to do their magic, *somebody has to do it*. You could be that “*Somebody*”. After all, it is your Lodge too.

General Lodge Meetings are held every month on the first Thursday where Lodge issues and projects are discussed. If you have a thought or idea or need permission, bring it to the meeting and volunteer.

Lodge Clean-Up days are the fourth Saturday of the month. Volunteers are needed to help with general cleaning, maintenance, yard maintenance, landscape maintenance, etc. By the way, you don’t have to wait for the designated Saturday, any day that fits into your schedule will do.

We all must work together for our Lodge to be welcoming so others will want to join our fraternity. When we signed up to become a Moose member, we took an oath in which we swore to strengthen our fraternity, and to care for our children at Mooseheart, our seniors at Moosehaven, and especially our local community. But, being a Moose involves so much more. It involves working together to insure we have the nicest Lodge and the most friendly and safe environment to gather with family and friends.

Our Lodge is run and maintained entirely by volunteers. If everyone does a little, it keeps a few from having to do a lot. One Moose motto, **“A burden heavy to one is bourn lightly by many”** has so much meaning!

So next time you see something that needs doing, step up, be that **“SOMEBODY”**.

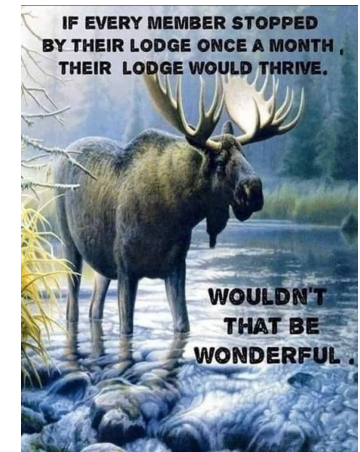
DID YOU KNOW?

Nine O'clock Ceremony and Endowment Fund

The Nine O'clock Ceremony gives members the opportunity to reflect upon the value of Mooseheart and serves as a reminder of the principles of The Moose. The Nine O'clock Ceremony shall be performed, and an Endowment Fund collection conducted, whenever members of The Moose are assembled for meetings and during other social functions. The funds collected for the Endowment Fund are submitted directly to Moose Charities to support the children at Mooseheart and the seniors at Moosehaven.

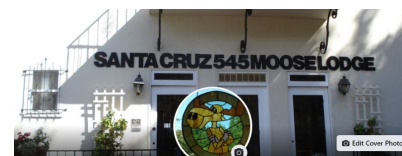
HOURS OF OPERATION AND EVENT UPDATES

Since it is sometimes difficult to plan ahead two months in advance, please keep checking for changes on lodge flyers, facebook and the website.
All events are subject to change.



Are you on Facebook?

Be sure to check out the ‘Santa Cruz Moose Lodge’ page. Also, accept an invitation or request to be added to the ‘Members only of Santa Cruz Moose Lodge #545’ page for posts only for members of #545.



Santa Cruz Moose Lodge



Members only of Santa Cruz
Moose Lodge #545
Private group: 55 members





MARCH 2025

"MEMBERS AND QUALIFIED GUESTS ONLY"





Website: <https://scmoose545.org>

Email: scmoose545@yahoo.com

Facebook: "Santa Cruz Moose Lodge" and "Members Only of Santa Cruz Moose Lodge 545"

Members please note:

The calendars have been printed in advance. All events are subject to change!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 SQ 1:00-4pm DISTRICT SOCIAL - AT SANTA CRUZ #545 ----- Private Party
2 Breakfast  Ladies of 545 \$12.00/9-11:30 am ----- SVHS Basketball League	3 SQ 4:00-7pm	4 SQ 4:00-7pm	5 SQ 4:00-7pm 7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	6 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: "A" Team 7:00pm Officers Mtg 7:30pm General Mtg -All members welcome	7 SQ 4:00-9pm	8 SQ 1:00-4pm ----- Private Party
9 Legion Breakfast \$12.00 9-11:30 am ----- 12:30pm LEGION Meeting *Daylight Savings Begins*	10 SQ 4:00-7pm	11 SQ 4:00-7pm	12 SQ 4:00-7pm 7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	13 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Tiffany & Crew Clampers Meeting	14 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Corned Beef & Cabbage Chef: Val & Crew \$20.00	15 SQ 1:00-4pm ----- Private Rental
16 CLOSED	17 SQ 4:00-7pm 	18 SQ 4:00-8pm Dinner: 6-7pm \$20 Menu: Corned Beef & Cabbage (545 Members Invited) Marconi Club Mtg	19 SQ 4:00-7pm 7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	20 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Ron & Crew 6:30pm Planning Meeting 7:00pm Officers Mtg	21 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Steak <u>OR</u> Salmon Dinner Chef: Tim, Judy & Crew \$18.00	22 SQ 1:00-4pm 9am Lodge Clean-Up All volunteers welcome!
23 CLOSED	24 SQ 4:00-7pm	25 SQ 4:00-7pm	26 SQ 4:00-7pm	27 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Kelly & Crew	28 SQ 4:00-9pm Official MI Visitor: COB, Robert Funkey Dinner: 5pm Menu: Rib Dinner \$20.00 See Page 2	29 SQ 1:00-4pm
30 Breakfast Tiff, Tess & Crew \$12.00/9-11:30 am	31 SQ 4:00-7pm		7-9pm GS Chorus Practice			



APRIL 2025

"MEMBERS AND QUALIFIED GUESTS ONLY"







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	 Premier Lodge Award	1 SQ 4:00-7pm 	2 SQ 4:00-7pm 7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	3 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: "A" Team 5-6:30pm OFFICER ELECTIONS 7:00pm Officers Mtg 7:30 General Mtg	4 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Prime Rib Chef: Jim & Crew PREPAY \$25.00	5 SQ 1:00-4pm DISTRICT SOCIAL - At Sunnyvale Private Party
6 Breakfast Ladies of 545  \$12.00 9-11:30 am	7 SQ 4:00-7pm	8 SQ 4:00-7pm	9 SQ 4:00-7pm 7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	10 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Tiffany & Crew Clampers Meeting	11 SQ 4:00-9pm	12 SQ 1:00-4pm Private Party
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20 CLOSED 	21 SQ 4:00-7pm	22 SQ 4:00-7pm	23 SQ 4:00-7pm 7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	24 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Karen & Crew 7:15pm Orientation/ Enrollment	25 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: French Dip Sandwich \$ Chef: Jeff & Crew	26 SQ 1:00-4pm 9am LODGE CLEANUP (All volunteers welcome!) Private Rental
27 Breakfast Tiff, Tess & Crew \$12.00/9-11:30 am <hr/> INSTALLATION OF 2025-26 OFFICERS 1pm—Potluck to follow	28 SQ 4:00-7pm	29 SQ 4:00-7pm	30 SQ 4:00-7pm 7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	1 MAY SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: "A" Team 7:00pm Officers Mtg 7:30 General Mtg	2 MAY SQ 4:00-9pm	3 MAY SQ 1:00-4pm DISTRICT SOCIAL - At Hayward-Castro Valley <hr/> Damian's Ladder Board Meeting Noon to 4pm