



## SANTA CRUZ MOOSE NEWS

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Premier Lodge Award



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 2025-2026**

### **\* OFFICERS \***

President	Valerie Norkoli
Administrator	Laurie Grundy
Vice President	Gina Lenson
Treasurer	Dominic Carine
Chaplain	Brian Murtha
1 Yr Trustee	Vince Martinez
2 Yr Trustee	Tiffany Oldham
3 Yr Trustee	Ray Gibson
Jr. Past President	Eugene Bustichi
Sgt-At-Arms	TBA

### **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
Landscape Maint	Greg & Mary Marlow
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 Quarters Mgr.	Ray Gibson
Webmaster	Mark Filipowicz

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

—Moose Member

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Moose Lodge Members:

The success of our lodge depends on the collective effort and spirit of our community, and we need your help to keep our Friday night dinners thriving! Over the next couple of months and beyond, we're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to prepare delicious meals that bring us all together. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your culinary talents, connect with fellow members, and contribute to the warm and welcoming atmosphere of our Lodge. Whether you're a seasoned chef or just someone who loves to cook, we invite you to join in this rewarding experience. Let's make our Friday nights unforgettable and strengthen the bonds that make our Moose family so special. Together, we can ensure our lodge continues to thrive!

Thank you,  
Valerie Norkoli, President



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## SC 545 Legion MESSAGE

Welcome back Perry James, after suffering a life threatening bout of RSV Perry is home from the hospital. Perry's wife Cindy also had RSV but didn't have as severe a case as to require hospitalization.

By now the new Board of Officers has been sworn in and ready to lead the Lodge into a new year of growth for 545. Thanks to the outgoing officers for a job well done.

I'd like to thank the Lodge Legion committee for naming me Legionnaire of the Year. Everyone on the committee qualifies for the honor.

Mothers Day breakfast May 11<sup>th</sup> is free to Lodge mothers who present a current Moose ID card.

A note of Thanks to the Legion cooks who put on a great rib dinner in honor of Robert Funkey, Moose International Chairman of the Board and his wife Cathy.

Lodge Legion meets after breakfast ( 12:30 approx ) and all Legion members are welcome to attend.

Dick Dennis, Legion Chairman

## ENROLLMENT



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

**April 24th Orientation/Enrollment:**

**I to r: Don Blanchard; Carolyn Cristofani; Sponsor, Arlen Holland with daughter Aubrey; Kurt Eller; Chris Wren; Sponsor, Ron Shoemaker; Lori Shaw; Patrick Higgins; Sponsor, Elizabeth Higgins; Ned Rice; (Heather Sebring—not pictured). Next Enrollment June 26, 2025.**



## **IN SEARCH OF: SOCIAL QUARTERS MANAGER**

**Ray Gibson is retiring as the Lodge's Social Quarters Manager. If you are interested, or know someone who would be, please talk to Ray or a Board member.**



## **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.

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**YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP  
JUST  
BECAME  
MORE  
VALUABLE!**



### **About the Moose Rewards Program:**

It's simple...earn points for helping the Moose grow and prosper, then redeem your points for valuable awards, gifts and experiences.

You earn points for sponsoring members, attending meetings or training, holding office or just renewing your dues. Every active member of the Moose has an opportunity to participate and your points are awarded automatically. No paperwork or submissions needed. Refer to the Rewards Program information on the Moose International website.

### **Here's what points can be used for:**

- Annual dues for Moose Lodges
- Annual Women of the Moose dues
- Annual Moose Legion dues
- Contributions to Mooseheart & Moosehaven through Moose Charities
- Moose gift store merchandise, and more!

### **All program access is online:**

Simply visit the [My Membership Record](#) section of the Moose website and log into your Rewards Record.

## **WAYS TO HELP YOUR LODGE SURVIVE:**

- Sponsor a new member.
- Keep your dues current.
- Come to enjoy the food prepared by volunteer chefs.
- Volunteer to prepare or help on a burger or dinner night.
- Participate in fundraising events and drawings.
- Bring your family and friends.



# LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Thank you Greg and Mary Marlow for volunteering to be the chairpersons for the Landscape Maintenance Committee. Your enthusiastic ideas and energy started on day one. Thank you for stepping up to keep the Lodge looking in tip-top shape.

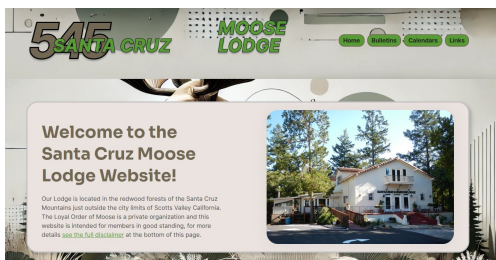
Anyone wanting to help with the long list of things needing attention, don't know what you could do, or have questions, don't be afraid to ask either Greg or Mary.



## ***PRIME RIB DINNER*** ***JULY 11, 2025*** ***Chef: Jim and Crew***



***Tickets will go on  
sale June 1st in the  
Social Quarters.***



## ***Santa Cruz #545 Website***

<https://scmoose545.org>



## **2025-2026 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN**

Membership campaigns are created and implemented by the Membership Department at Moose International. Annual Membership Campaigns run from May 1 to April 30 and have a unique theme each year.

This year, the Moose Fraternity is making a commitment to being ever present in our communities. We can make our contributions and volunteering a reality and make a difference right here at home. To move forward, we can make a positive impact on society, by giving back.



## Administrator's Message

Our Moose fiscal year, April 30<sup>th</sup>, ended on an EXCELLENT note. 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 491 members. We have reached our "Plus 1" goal again this year, for the third year in a row, in fact we are at "Plus 37"! Here are some fun facts about your Santa Cruz Moose Lodge during the 2024-2025 year.

- \* 491 Active Members
- \* 98 New Member Applications received and processed
- \* Members holding Degrees of Honor:
  - ~ 2 Members with Pilgrim Degree
  - ~ 17 Members with Fellowship Degree
  - ~ 2 Members with Academy of Friendship Degree
- \* 39 Legion Members
- \* 16 Valued Veteran Members
- \* 16 25 Club Members
- \* 341 Male members
- \* 150 Female members
- \* 34 Total Life Members
- \* 10 New Life Members in FY 2024-25
- \* 69 Member's dues had expired and not renewed
- \* 5 Members passed away

Let's see what the next year brings.

*Laurie Grundy, Administrator*

## MAY FOOD DRIVE

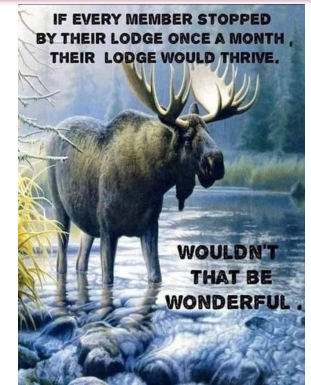
Valley Churches United primary focus is providing supplemental food to clients year round. SC #545 will be collecting non-perishable food items to restock their food pantry during the month of May. Please bring in your donations.

**Let's fill up their shelves!**

*Neighbors Helping Neighbors*

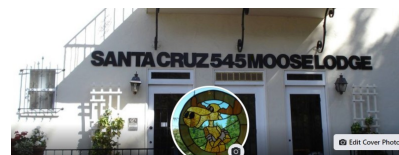
### HOURS OF OPERATION AND EVENT UPDATES

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



## 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

**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!**

Harvey Bustichi passed away in November  
Gene Ghio had eye surgery  
Lou Avelar broke her shoulder.  
Jack Roberts recovering from a scooter accident  
Perry James recovering from RSV  
Jim Norkoli's Uncle passed away  
Barbara Green passed away  
Val Norkoli's Aunt passed away

**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](mailto:bmurt@cruzio.com)



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Debbie Zanotto	May	2	Catherine Dadamo	May	20
Sommer Zehrung	May	2	Laurie Grundy	May	20
Beth Ziolkowski	May	4	Eugene Machado	May	21
Kenn Beto	May	5	Beverly Peterson	May	22
Annie Wiewel	May	6	Tracy Marsh	May	23
Marty Threlkeld	May	7	Nancy Haas	May	24
Manuel Alvarez	May	8	Eugene Bustichi	May	24
Ralph Storment	May	8	Kelly Weaver	May	25
Michael Dickson	May	8	David Satterfield	May	26
Greg Rajala	May	10	Don Pylant	May	27
Tony Noce	May	11	David Butler	May	27
Stephen Martenuk	May	11	Heather Sebring	May	27
Gordon Gazeley	May	13	Chuck Wise	May	28
Hillary Dickson	May	13	Sammy Robustelli	May	29
Eugene Ghio	May	14	Steve Rouse	May	29
Ed Lake	May	15	Daniel James	May	29
Saundra Ruso	May	15	Pete Bachtel	May	31
Philip Garrison	May	16	Ron Locey	May	31
Steve Silva	May	19	Carolyn Cristofani	May	31
Bob Scharfenstein	May	19	Gina Lenson	May	31
Andy Nielsen	May	20	Danielle Thompson	May	31



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

Don Dodson	June	1	Dennis Wheeler	June	12
Tony Brassfield	June	2	Frank Hernandez	June	12
Rex Lawson	June	3	Tyrone Clark	June	13
C. Arthur Grams	June	3	Gillian Challenger	June	15
Corky Roberson	June	3	Louisa Henry	June	15
Stuart Davis	June	3	Joe Marini III	June	16
Monica Amodeo	June	4	Charlie McQuire	June	17
Nathan Grossman	June	4	Kim Welch	June	20
Greg Hill	June	5	Mardell Lawson	June	21
Gary Curto	June	6	John Mariner	June	22
Monty McKissock	June	6	Dee Mann	June	24
Aaron Bruski	June	6	Ben Gregg	June	25
Chip Stumpf	June	7	Martin Cabrera	June	25
Mark Schoonover	June	7	Shelley Tasker	June	27
Steve Sanfilippo	June	8	Valerie Norkoli	June	27
Alyssa McConnell	June	10	Marc Stephen	June	29
Patrick Garcia	June	11			

### 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.**





# MAY 2025

## "MEMBERS AND QUALIFIED GUESTS ONLY"

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**Members please note:**

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: "A" Team 7:00pm Officers Mtg 7:30pm General Mtg -All members welcome	<b>2</b> SQ 4:00-9pm <b>Dinner: 6-7pm</b> <b>Menu: Rigatoni w/ Meat Sauce/Bread</b> <b>Chef: Eugene &amp; Crew</b> <b>\$15</b>	<b>3</b> SQ 1:00-4pm <b>DISTRICT SOCIAL -</b> <b>AT Hayward/Castro Valley</b>
<b>4</b> Breakfast <b>Ladies of 545</b> <b>\$12.00/9-11:30 am</b> 	<b>5</b> SQ 4:00-7pm <b>Wings on Monday</b> <b>5:00pm \$1</b>	<b>6</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>7</b> SQ 4:00-7pm  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>8</b> SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: <b>Kelly &amp; Crew</b>  <b>Clampers Meeting</b>	<b>9</b> SQ 4:00-9pm	<b>10</b> SQ 1:00-4pm
<b>11</b> Legion Breakfast <b>\$12.00</b> <b>9-11:30 am</b> <b>Free Breakfast for "Moose Mothers"</b> <b>12:30pm</b> <b>LEGION Meeting</b>	<b>12</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>13</b> SQ 4:00-7pm <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> <b>5:00pm</b> <b>1for \$3/2for \$5</b>	<b>14</b> SQ 4:00-7pm  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>15</b> SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: <b>Ron &amp; Crew</b> <b>6:30pm Planning Mtg</b> <b>7:00pm Officers Mtg</b>	<b>16</b> SQ 4:00-9pm <b>Dinner: 6-7pm</b> <b>Menu: TBA</b> <b>Chef: Val &amp; Crew</b>	<b>17</b> SQ 1:00-4pm
<b>18</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>19</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>20</b> SQ 4:00-8pm  <b>Marconi Club Mtg</b>	<b>21</b> SQ 4:00-7pm  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>22</b> SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs:	<b>23</b> SQ 4:00-9pm <b>Dinner: 6-7pm</b> <b>Menu: Steak Dinner</b> <b>Chef: Tim, Judy &amp; Crew</b> <b>\$18</b>	<b>24</b> SQ 1:00-4pm <b>9am Lodge Clean-Up</b> <b>All volunteers welcome!</b>  ----- <b>Private Rental</b>
<b>25</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>26</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>27</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>28</b> SQ 4:00-7pm  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>29</b> SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs:	<b>30</b> SQ 4:00-9pm	<b>31</b> SQ 1:00-4pm



# JUNE 2025

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<b>8 Legion Breakfast</b> <b>\$12.00</b> <b>9-11:30 am</b>  <b>12:30pm</b> <b>LEGION Meeting</b>	<b>9 SQ 4:00-7pm</b>	<b>10 SQ 4:00-7pm</b>  <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> <b>5:00pm</b> 1for \$3/2for \$5	<b>11 SQ 4:00-7pm</b>  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>12 SQ 4:00-10pm</b> Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: <b>Tiffany &amp; Crew</b>  <b>Clampers Meeting</b>	<b>13 SQ 4:00-9pm</b>	<b>14 SQ 1:00-4pm</b>  ----- <b>Private Party</b>
<b>15 Breakfast</b> <b>Tiff, Tess &amp; Crew</b> <b>\$12.00/9-11:30 am</b> <b>Free Breakfast for</b> <b>"Moose Fathers"</b>	<b>16 SQ 4:00-7pm</b>  <b>Wings</b> <b>on Monday</b> <b>5:00pm \$1</b>	<b>17 SQ 4:00-7pm</b>  <b>Marconi Club Meeting</b>	<b>18 SQ 4:00-7pm</b>  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>19 SQ 4:00-10pm</b> Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: <b>Ron &amp; Crew</b>  <b>6:30 Calendar Planning</b> <b>7:00 Officers Mtg</b>	<b>20 SQ 4:00-9pm</b> <b>Dinner: 6-7pm</b> <b>Menu:</b> <b>Chef:</b>	<b>21 SQ 1:00-4pm</b>  ----- <b>Private Party</b>
<b>22</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>23 SQ 4:00-7pm</b>	<b>24 SQ 4:00-7pm</b>	<b>25 SQ 4:00-7pm</b>  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>26 SQ 4:00-10pm</b> Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: <b>Karen &amp; Crew</b> <b>7:15pm Orientation/</b> <b>Enrollment</b>	<b>27 SQ 4:00-9pm</b>	<b>28 SQ 1:00-4pm</b> <b>9am LODGE CLEANUP</b> (All volunteers welcome!)
<b>29</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>30 SQ 4:00-7pm</b>	<b>1 JULY</b> <b>SQ 4:00-7pm</b>	<b>2 JULY</b> <b>SQ 4:00-7pm</b>  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>3 JULY SQ 4:00-10pm</b> Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: <b>"A" Team</b> <b>7:00pm Officers Mtg</b> <b>7:30 General Mtg</b>	<b>4 JULY SQ 4:00-9pm</b> 	<b>5 JULY SQ 1:00-4pm</b>  ----- <b>Private Party</b>