



July—August 2025



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## SANTA CRUZ MOOSE NEWS

Santa Cruz, CA. #545 Loyal Order of Moose

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Premier Lodge Award

## **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	Dick Dennis

### **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 Members,

I hope this message finds you and your families well. I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you who continue to give your time, talents, and energy to keep our Lodge strong and welcoming.

However, to keep our Lodge thriving and to continue our mission of helping our community and each other, we need more helping hands. There is a place for everyone to get involved – whether it is lending a hand at events, joining committees, volunteering in the kitchen, or simply showing up to support your fellow members.

Our Lodge is only as strong as the people who make it a priority. If you have not yet had the chance to get more involved, I encourage you to step up and be part of the good work we are doing together.

If you would like to volunteer or have ideas for new activities, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of our officers. Let's keep our Lodge the vibrant, caring family it is meant to be.

Thank you for being a Moose, for all you do, and for all you will do.

Thank you,  
Valerie Norkoli, President



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## SC 545 Legion MESSAGE

Santa Cruz 545 member Vince Martinez was elevated to the ranks of Pilgrim this past May in the House of God at Mooseheart. To earn this degree of honor, it requires a lot of hard work and dedication to the Loyal Order of the Moose and what it stands for. Pilgrim is the highest degree of the Legion (Gold Coat). Vince is only the third person from #545 to make Pilgrim in our lodges 114-year existence. Congratulations Pilgrim, Vince!

Mother's Day breakfast was free to thirty-one mothers, which was about the same as last year. You cannot get a better breakfast than at the Moose Lodge regardless of who cooks. The next breakfast by the Legion is July 13<sup>th</sup>, we hope to see you there.

The Legion committee will meet after breakfast clean up. All members are invited to attend and see what the 545 Legion is all about. Any male Moose member can join the Legion.

The next Legion Conferral will be July 20<sup>th</sup>, lodge to be determined.

Dick Dennis, Legion Chairman

## ENROLLMENT



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

**June 26th Orientation/Enrollment:**

**I to r: Lori Bonfante; Sponsor, Gary Bonfante; Andy Grasso; Sponsor, Al Telles; Tim Grasso; Sue Ann Murray; Sponsor, Gayle Amaral-Cox; Jill Berry; Sponsor, Leslie Engelking; Sponsor, Cassie Maas; Marla Lane; Sponsor, Theresea Johnson; CJ Moulton.**

**\*\*Note: the Ladies on the right requested a "Silly" photo.**

**Next Orientation/Enrollment date is August 28, 2025.**



## STILL IN SEARCH OF: SOCIAL QUARTERS MANAGER

Ray Gibson wants to retire 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.

We need

YOU!



## 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](mailto:scmoose545@yahoo.com)

*Extended!*

## **SANTA CRUZ MOOSE #545 LIFE MEMBER SPECIAL - CONTINUED ANOTHER YEAR - MAY 1, 2025 – APRIL 30, 2026**

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 International.**

If you need assistance or have questions, please speak to or email the Administrator, Laurie.

Email: [scmoose545@yahoo.com](mailto:scmoose545@yahoo.com)

See flyer in Social Quarters for full details.



## 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.





## MARCONI CLUB ANNUAL BBQ



**Moose members and their guests are invited!**

**Saturday, July 19, 2025**

**Doors open at 12:00 noon / Meal served at 1:00pm**

**Ribs and Chicken—\$30**

**Ribs Only—\$25 / Chicken Only—\$25**

**Includes beans, salad, French bread & watermelon**

**RSVP must be received by Wednesday, July 16th**

**Call or text Gary at 831)212-0542 OR**

**email: [marconiclubsantacruz@gmail.com](mailto:marconiclubsantacruz@gmail.com)**

**Please bring your own plates and silverware**

## PRIME RIB DINNER

**JULY 11, 2025**

**Chef: Jim and Crew**

***Tickets are on  
sale in the  
Social Quarters.***



## DAMIANS LADDER



SANTA CRUZ  
MOOSE LODGE  
#545

# FIXIN' TO HAVE FUN

## SUMMER FUNDRAISING EVENT

**SUNDAY JULY 20, 2025**

**4 PM - 8 PM**

**5-COURSE DINNER,  
GAMES, AUCTIONS,  
PRIZES**

### LOCATION

**Moose Lodge 545  
2470 El Rancho Drive,  
Santa Cruz.**

**\$45 per  
person**

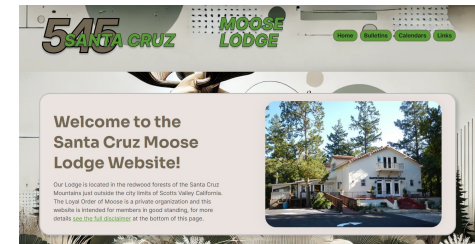
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BUY TICKETS**



[www.damiansladder.org](http://www.damiansladder.org)  
[atyourservice@damiansladder.org](mailto:atyourservice@damiansladder.org)

501(c)3 nonprofit 93-2372405

## Santa Cruz #545 Website



<https://scmoose545.org>



## Queen of Hearts

*The "Queen of Hearts" game is on!*

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"

## Administrator's Message

Hello Fellow Moose:

Thank you for keeping your dues current and for sponsoring new members. CONGRATULATIONS! Santa Cruz #545 once again earned the "Premier Award" for the 2024-2025 year because of our growth in membership, donations to the Mooseheart/Moosehaven Endowment Fund, our community service work (Heart of the Community), and may other required goals that were met during the year. Let's make a goal to earn this prestigious award in 2025-26!

Speaking of "Community Service" projects, during the Annual Convention in September, lodges donate hand-made blankets to the Reno Police and Fire Departments. I will be giving a demonstration on how to make a 'Tie-Blanket' out of fleece material. No sewing skills required. If you can use a pair of scissors and tie a knot, you too can make a blanket for the Police and Fire to give children and adults that may be in a stressful situation. Demonstration dates are set for August 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> during SQ hours. I will have pre-cut pieces available for purchase those nights. You can also go on your own and get videos on the internet. Search: "How to Make a Fleece Tie Blanket". Let's donate a BIG bundle of hand-made blankets this September! The blankets will need to be at the Lodge by September 8<sup>th</sup>, so I can take them to the Reno convention.

See you at the Lodge! Laurie Grundy, Administrator



## NEW CHANGE

Starting August 1, 2025

Moose International General Laws

Guest Policy Change

Any qualified guest, including spouse, and family member over the age of 21 will be considered prospective members, limited to TWO visits before applying for membership.

**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!**

Joy Gift is having health issues.

Margie Lund was in the hospital. Home now and doing better.



## SATURDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> SUMMER PICNIC Bring the family!



Social Quarters opens at 8am

Burgers, Fries, Sides and Watermelon  
Served at Noon



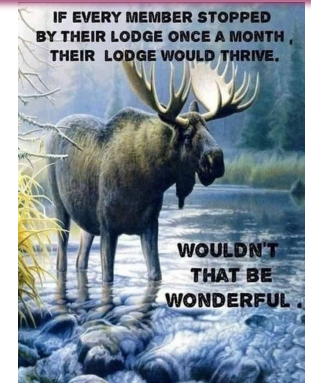
### GAMES:

Mooseraces, Cornhole, Billards,  
Shuffleboard, Horseshoes,  
Kids Games



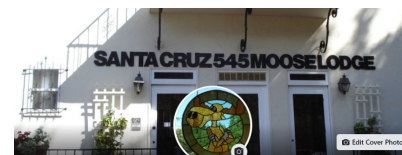
## HOURS OF OPERATION AND EVENT UPDATES

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





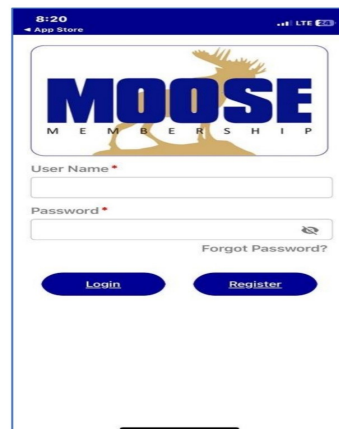
## CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

Josh Coley	July	2	Robert Wilson	July	14
Amanda Frank	July	3	John Hayford	July	15
Karin Seyffert	July	3	Aaron Budzinski	July	15
Jan Macias	July	4	David Alcorn	July	16
Vince Martinez	July	5	Kurt Eller	July	16
Jeanne Whiting	July	5	Michael Ruggiero	July	17
Marty Hagopian	July	5	Valerie Kaufman	July	18
Susan Taylor	July	5	Scott McAvoy	July	18
Rick Hofstetter	July	6	Earl Rosebraugh	July	20
Albert Amodeo	July	7	Charles Goddard	July	21
Monet Gonzales	July	7	Jeff Ritchie	July	22
Sherrie Norlock	July	8	Edward Kuerzel	July	23
Cindy Vandiver	July	10	Justin Acton	July	23
Thomas Cannell	July	11	Michael Taylor	July	24
Patrick Higgins	July	11	Fred Hibberd	July	26
Dave Paul	July	11	Dennis Smith	July	26
Michael Wood	July	13	Ronald Downing	July	28
Jeffrey Goshorn	July	13	Jensen Hastings	July	29
James Cavanagh	July	13	Brian Davis	July	29
Barry Cioffi	July	14	Jeremy Gamero	July	29
Richard Potter	July	14	Michael Marenghi	July	30

## 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.**



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

Jeffro Elldrege	Aug	1	Jeff Duncan	Aug	20
Chuck Cheatham	Aug	3	Jon-Erik Roy	Aug	20
Kimberly Granzen	Aug	4	James Gabrio	Aug	22
Matt Williams	Aug	5	Jan Crompton	Aug	22
Bob Guider	Aug	6	Kathy Carney	Aug	22
Dorn Claussen	Aug	7	Bryan Rushton	Aug	22
Steven Chuck	Aug	11	Tyson Coolman	Aug	22
David Johnson	Aug	11	Lou Avelar	Aug	23
Gary Olivieri	Aug	15	Brian Murtha	Aug	24
Rick Pearce	Aug	15	Sharon Bertoli	Aug	25
Bill Heiss	Aug	16	Jose Ramirez	Aug	25
Tess Fitzgerald	Aug	16	Tom Skidmore	Aug	26
Daniel Goodwin	Aug	16	Michelle Haddix	Aug	26
Greg Marlow	Aug	18	Lori Bonfante	Aug	26
William Birdsong	Aug	18	Jon Twaddle	Aug	27
Nancy Desaeleer	Aug	20	Iris Mayo	Aug	29
B B Wong	Aug	20	Linda MacDonald	Aug	31

### ***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)*





# JULY 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>2</b> SQ 4:00-7pm  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>3</b> SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: <b>"A" Team</b> <b>7:00pm Officers Mtg</b> <b>7:30pm General Mtg</b> -All members welcome	<b>4</b> SQ 12:00-4pm <b>Burgers &amp; HotDogs served at 1-2pm.</b> Bring a side dish OR dessert to share.	<b>5</b> SQ 1:00-4pm  ----- <b>Private Party</b>
<b>6</b>  <b>Breakfast</b> <b>Ladies of 545</b> <b>\$12.00</b> <b>9-11:30 am</b> 	<b>7</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>8</b> SQ 4:00-7pm   <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> <b>5:00pm</b> 1for \$3/2for \$5	<b>9</b> SQ 4:00-7pm  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>10</b> SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: <b>Kelly &amp; Crew</b>  <b>Clampers Meeting</b>	<b>11</b> SQ 4:00-9pm <b>Dinner: 6-7pm</b> <b>Menu: Prime Rib</b> <b>Chef: Jim &amp; Crew</b> <b>Prepay \$25</b>	<b>12</b> SQ 1:00-4pm   <b>District Social @ Hayward-Castro Valley</b>
<b>13</b> <b>Legion Breakfast</b> <b>\$12.00</b> <b>9-11:30 am</b> <b>12:30pm</b> <b>LEGION Meeting</b> 	<b>14</b> SQ 4:00-7pm   <b>Wings on Monday</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	<b>15</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>16</b> SQ 4:00-7pm  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>17</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>18</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>19</b> SQ 1:00-4pm  <b>Marconi Club BBQ</b> 545 Members are invited—RSVP <b>(See page 5)</b>
<b>20</b>  <b>Damian's Ladder Fundraiser Dinner</b> <b>(See page 5)</b>	<b>21</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>22</b> SQ 4:00-8pm	<b>23</b> SQ 4:00-7pm  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>24</b> SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: <b>Tiffany, Tess &amp; Crew</b>	<b>25</b> SQ 4:00-9pm <b>Dinner: 6-7pm</b> <b>Menu: BBQ Chicken</b> <b>Chef: Ron, Patty &amp; Crew</b> <b>\$18</b>	<b>26</b> SQ 1:00-4pm <b>9am Lodge Clean-Up</b> ----- <b>Private Event</b>
<b>27</b> <b>Breakfast</b> <b>Tiff, Tess &amp; Crew</b> <b>\$12.00</b> <b>9-11:30 am</b>	<b>28</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>29</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>30</b> SQ 4:00-7pm  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>31</b> SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: <b>"A" Team</b>	<b>August 1</b> SQ 1:00-4pm	<b>August 2</b> SQ 1:00-4pm





# AUGUST 2025

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<b>24</b> <b>CLOSED</b>  <b>31</b> <b>Breakfast</b> <b>Tiff, Tess &amp; Crew</b> <b>\$12.00/9-11:30 am</b>	<b>25</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>26</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>27</b> SQ 4:00-7pm  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>28</b> SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: <b>Karen &amp; Crew</b>  <b>7:15pm Orientation/</b> <b>Enrollment</b>	<b>29</b> SQ 4:00-9pm	<b>30</b> SQ 1:00-4pm  ----- Private Party