



## SANTA CRUZ MOOSE NEWS

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## September —October 2025



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	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 of the Moose,

First, I want to thank all of you who step up time and time again to volunteer, cook, serve, and attend our events. Your efforts keep the heart of our lodge beating, and we are truly grateful for your dedication.

However, we need to be honest with ourselves, our lodge is struggling right now. Attendance has been down, volunteer numbers are low, and because of this, we have had to cancel dinners. On top of that, these cancellations hurt us financially. Without steady participation and support, our lodge cannot remain strong.

We can change this, but it will take all of us. Here is where we need your help most:

Cooking and volunteering – Even once every few months makes a huge impact.

Attending dinners and events – Your presence matters and supports the lodge financially.

District socials – it is important that our lodge shows up and takes part in the wider Moose community.

Our dinners and socials are not just about food and fellowship, they are how we raise funds, pay our bills, and ensure our lodge has a future. When members do not attend or volunteer, the lodge feels it both in spirit and in finances.

We do not want to lose the traditions and fellowship that make our Moose Lodge special. With everyone doing their part, even in small ways, we can strengthen our lodge, grow our finances, and keep our doors open for years to come.

Let us come together, step up, and keep our lodge strong and thriving.

Fraternally yours,  
Valerie Norkoli, President



## BULLETINS AND CALENDARS BY “CONSTANT CONTACT”

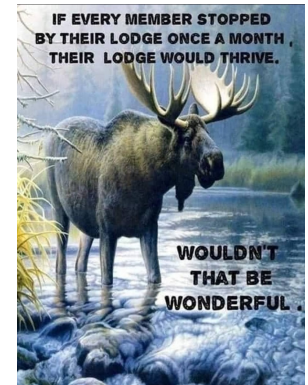
We are now using “Constant Contact” to send bulletins by email to the email address on your Moose Membership record. Some Members, who prefer, can continue receiving their bulletins and calendars by mail. If you have any questions, or would like to change the method you receive your bulletin, please 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)

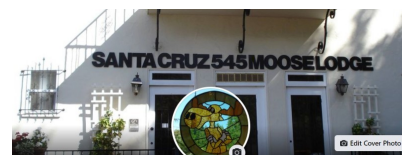
### HOURS OF OPERATION AND EVENT UPDATES

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



## Administrator's Message

As of May 1, 2025, there is a new "Fraternal Recognition Program" that is open to every member. There are four levels of the program. You may have already achieved one or more of the criteria to earn the first level. Check the flyers on the bulletin board in the Social Quarters for full details of the program. If you have questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to ask me. I would like to see your name on the "Wall of Honor" on April 30, 2026! Let's do it!

For the *Preferred Status* (first level), you must attain **all five of the following** -

1. Sponsor one new member into the Lodge;
2. Attend a Lodge Orientation presentation;
3. Complete and log 10 volunteer hours at the lodge or that involves a Community project/event;
4. Donate at least once to Moose Charities, either via an online contribution or by check;
5. Create and maintain an active My Membership Record.

Receive these "PROGRAM HONORS" for achieving the "PREFERRED" status:

- 10,000 Moose Reward Points
- Custom Moose International Preferred Lapel Pin
- Moose-branded Preferred Laptop Sticker
- Certificate of Preferred Membership
- Moose-branded Preferred Challenge Coin
- Recognition on the Moose International Website
- Recognition on a "Wall of Honor" at Primary Lodge

See you at the Lodge!

Laurie Grundy, Administrator

## SC 545 Legion MESSAGE



When you enrolled in the Loyal Order Of Moose you were given certain extras, more than just a family friendly place to enjoy yourself. Your paid-up membership card gets you into any Moose Lodge across the country. Take advantage of this during your travels and see how other lodges compare. You will also receive the Moose magazine. In the August- September issue, pages 30-31, is the Class of 2025 Pilgrims. In the picture, from right to left, front row, count over 14 men. Behind number 14 is 545's Vince Martinez. In the magazine on pages 56 and 57, when you sign up 25 members your picture will be submitted for publication. And check out pages 58 and 59 for Member Benefits. Save money on hotels, rental cars, cruises, insurance, office supplies, flowers, etc.

In the not-too-distant future, it will be time to elect lodge officers. Time flies! To be able to be an officer you (male members) must be a member of the Legion. No time like the present to join the group of hard working and fun-loving Moose Legionnaires. Legion application forms are by the guest sign-in book. The next Legion Conferral will be held at Santa Cruz on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Our next Legion breakfast is Sept 7<sup>th</sup>. Note the changed date! Many on the breakfast team will be at the CNMA Convention in Sparks, NV on the regularly scheduled second Sunday.

Dick Dennis, Legion Chairman

**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!**

Perry James' brother passed away earlier this year.

Gina Lenson's mother passed away July 27th.

Jim Riss passed away August 7th

Sherrie Norlock's father (Steve) passed away August 18th.



**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The Moose is a private organization. All activities and events referred to in this publication are available to active members and their qualified guests only. This bulletin and calendars are for informational purposes with proprietary information intended for members only. General information should not be construed to be a solicitation for membership. This publication is an initiative of Santa Cruz Moose Lodge No. 545, and is not sanctioned by Moose International or any subsidiary. All logos, trademarks and service marks pertaining to the Moose and/or its programs or degrees are copyrighted © by Moose International, Inc., Mooseheart, Illinois.

**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 SEPTEMBER

Sandi Sullivan	Sept 1	Deborah Muth	Sept 14
Patricia Spooner	Sept 2	David Wood	Sept 15
James Cox	Sept 3	Barb Crum	Sept 16
Richard Burke	Sept 4	Julie Packer	Sept 16
Laura Hernandez	Sept 5	Mick Sweeney	Sept 16
Arlen Holland	Sept 5	Lesal Quitzau	Sept 16
Gretchen Gudenkauf	Sept 6	Bill Alderman	Sept 17
Gary Bonfante	Sept 6	Robbie Dendulk	Sept 18
Randy Stephenson	Sept 6	Connie Cunningham	Sept 18
Jose Perez	Sept 7	Lisa Galli	Sept 19
Chris Sartain	Sept 8	Donna Drozen	Sept 21
Jay Topping	Sept 9	Berna Bruzzzone	Sept 22
Richard Hibbard Sr.	Sept 10	Mary Gilliland	Sept 25
Heather Heen	Sept 10	Mike Pander	Sept 25
Margie Lund	Sept 11	Steve Paul	Sept 25
Claire Rossi	Sept 12	Marcia Brazil	Sept 26
Kathryn Cowan	Sept 12	Michael Stephens	Sept 28
Cole Amodeo	Sept 13	Perry James	Sept 29
Dave Rinde	Sept 14	Darin Matthews	Sept 29

## Do you forget or misplace your Moose Card?

### GET THE MOOSE MOBILE APP

Members, you can download the "Moose Membership" app for free using any iPhone or any android phone. The app includes your electronic Moose membership card to get in the door, your membership information, 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 OCTOBER

Manny Cuaresma	Oct 1	Vicki Rubalcaba	Oct 15
Raymond Zachau	Oct 1	George Hansen	Oct 16
Elizabeth Higgins	Oct 2	Alyce Fackler	Oct 17
Nicole Locatelli	Oct 2	Michael Klein	Oct 18
Steven Hatton	Oct 3	Doug Mattice	Oct 18
Steven Rosgen	Oct 3	Camie Vankeuren	Oct 20
Shawn Hopkins	Oct 3	Jill Berry	Oct 21
Andy Bachtel	Oct 4	Tracy Goyette	Oct 21
Peter Rothschild	Oct 4	Anita Stoddart	Oct 22
Greg Bonner	Oct 7	Paul McKeller	Oct 23
Katerina Simic	Oct 8	Terry Cuaresma	Oct 23
Vicky Weddington	Oct 8	Bill Bredl	Oct 24
Georges Cordova	Oct 9	Pete Cirina	Oct 25
John Galli	Oct 9	Neil Schaefer	Oct 25
Adam Newman	Oct 9	Allen Stobaugh	Oct 26
Ted Burke	Oct 10	Alyce Paul	Oct 26
Ken Rodkey	Oct 11	Louis Rittenhouse	Oct 29
Kurt Christensen	Oct 11	Chuck Vaca	Oct 29
Steve Avelar	Oct 12	Jill Perkins	Oct 29
Jerry Bennett	Oct 13	Sherri Dixon	Oct 29
James Dearing	Oct 13	Alfred Pavot	Oct 29
Pamela Keefer	Oct 13	Rey Perez	Oct 30
Battista Bregante	Oct 14	Perry Ralston Sr.	Oct 30
Vic Roth	Oct 15		

### 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.*

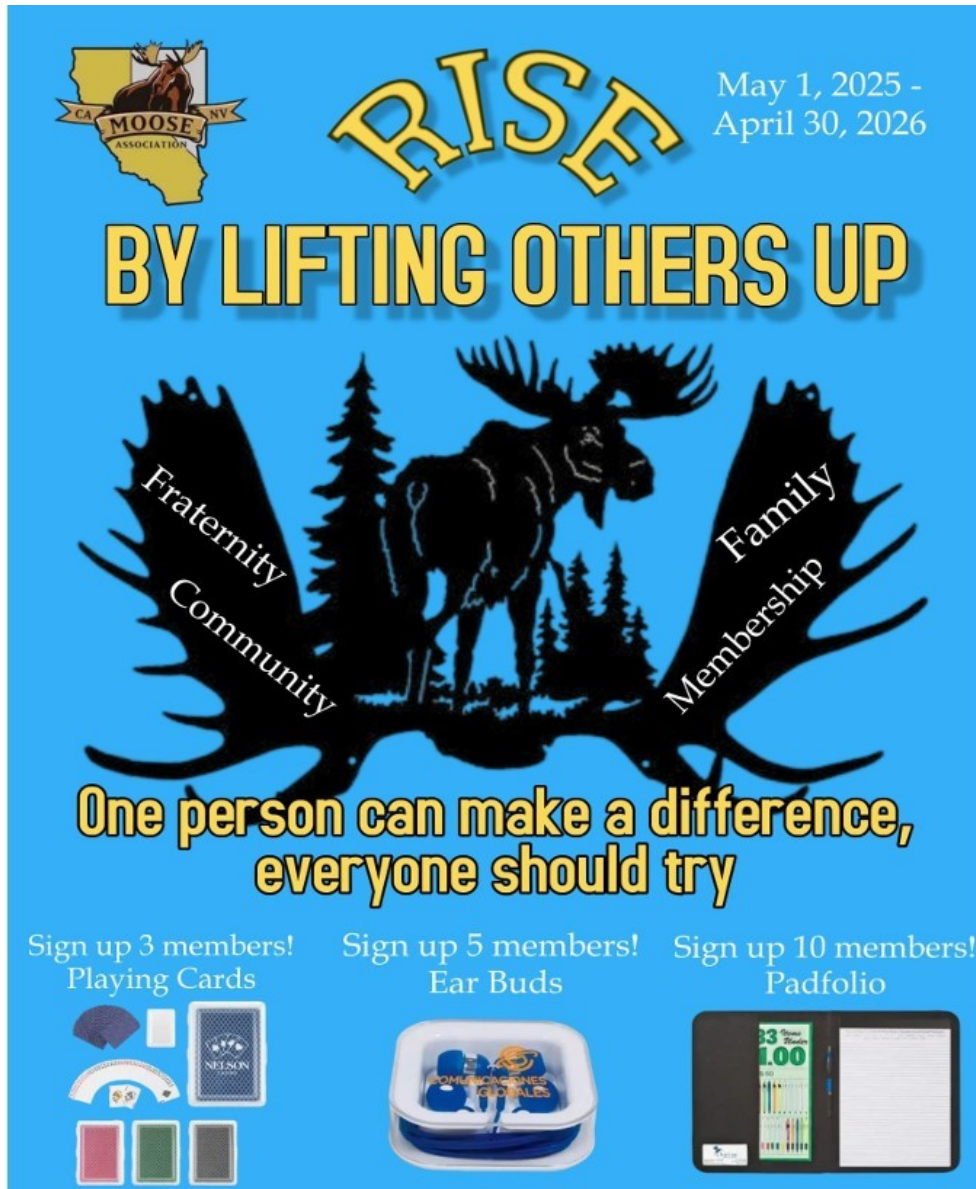
**Please show your active current membership card!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY From Your Lodge!!**

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



## CNMA Membership Campaign for 2025-26



**RISE**  
BY LIFTING OTHERS UP

May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026

Fraternity  
Community

Family  
Membership

**One person can make a difference,  
everyone should try**

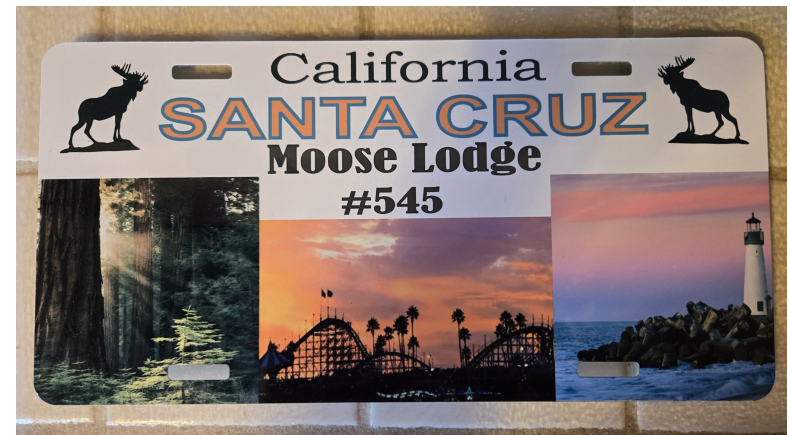
Sign up 3 members!  
Playing Cards

Sign up 5 members!  
Ear Buds

Sign up 10 members!  
Padfolio



Pilgrim Robing Ceremony for Vince Martinez on July 26th.



**\$10**

Santa Cruz License Plate on sale in  
the Social Quarters.  
Ask the bartenders.  
When visiting other Lodges,  
collect or trade them.

**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.

*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 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)



## **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.

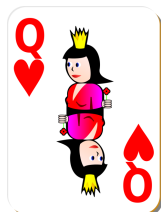
## **Queen of Hearts**

*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"



### **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.



# SEPTEMBER 2025

## "MEMBERS AND QUALIFIED GUESTS ONLY"




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**Members please note:**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> SQ Noon-4pm 	<b>2</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>3</b> SQ 4:00-7pm  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>4</b> SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: <b>Tiff &amp; Tess</b> 7:00pm Officers Mtg 7:30pm General Mtg -All members welcome	<b>5</b> SQ 12:00-4pm <b>Dinner: 6-7pm</b> <b>Menu: Steak Dinner</b> <b>Chef: Tim, Judy &amp; Crew</b> <b>\$18</b>	<b>6</b> SQ 1:00-4pm  ----- <b>Private Party</b>
<b>7</b>  <b>Legion Breakfast</b> <b>\$12.00</b> <b>9-11:30 am</b> <b>12:30pm</b> <b>LEGION Meeting</b> <b>(NOTE: DATE CHANGE)</b>	<b>8</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>9</b> SQ 4:00-7pm  <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> <b>5:00pm</b> 1for \$3/2for \$5	<b>10</b> SQ 4:00-7pm  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>11</b> SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: <b>Kelly &amp; Crew</b>  ( No Clampers Meeting ) > > > > > > > <b>CNMA</b>	<b>12</b> SQ 4:00-9pm  <b>Convention - Sparks, NV</b>	<b>13</b> SQ 1:00-4pm  > > > > > > > > > > > >
<b>14</b>  <b>Breakfast Ladies of 545</b> <b>\$12.00</b> <b>9-11:30 am</b> <b>(NOTE: DATE CHANGE)</b>	<b>15</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>16</b> SQ 4:00-8pm  <b>Marconi Club Meeting</b>	<b>17</b> SQ 4:00-7pm  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>18</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>19</b> <b>SQ Closed</b>  <b>NO DINNER</b>  <b>PRIVATE PARTY</b>	<b>20</b> SQ 1:00-4pm
<b>21</b> <b>Breakfast Tiff, Tess &amp; Crew</b> <b>\$12.00</b> <b>9-11:30 am</b> 	<b>22</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>23</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>24</b> SQ 4:00-7pm  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>25</b> SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: <b>"A" Team</b>  <b>7:15pm Orientation/ Enrollment</b>	<b>26</b> SQ 4:00-9pm <b>Dinner: 6-7pm</b> <b>Menu: French Dip</b> <b>Chef: Jeff &amp; Crew</b> <b>\$18</b>	<b>27</b> SQ 1:00-4pm <b>9am Lodge Clean-Up</b>  ----- <b>Private Party</b>
<b>28</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>29</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>30</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>October 1</b> SQ 4:00-7pm  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>October 2</b> SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: <b>"A" Team</b>	<b>October 3</b> SQ 4:00-9pm	<b>October 4</b> SQ 1:00-4pm  ----- <b>Private Party</b>





# OCTOBER 2025

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<b>5</b> Breakfast Ladies of 545 \$12.00 9-11:30 am  District Social at Pacifica	<b>6</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>7</b> SQ 4:00-7pm	<b>8</b> SQ 4:00-7pm  7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	<b>9</b> SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Tiff, Tess & Crew  Clampers Meeting	<b>10</b> SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Prime Rib Chef: Jim & Crew PREPAY \$25	<b>11</b> SQ 1:00-4pm  Moose Lodge Flea Market See flyer and application
<b>12</b> Legion Breakfast \$12.00 9-11:30 am 12:30pm LEGION Meeting	<b>13</b> SQ 4:00-7pm 	<b>14</b> SQ 4:00-7pm  TACO TUESDAY 5:00pm 1for \$3/2 for \$5	<b>15</b>  ----- Private Party	<b>16</b> SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Ron & Crew  6:30 Calendar Planning 7:00 Officers Mtg	<b>17</b> SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: TBA Chef: Tiffany & Crew	<b>18</b> SQ 1:00-4pm  MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET Watch for more details
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