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SANTA CRUZ MOOSE NEWS

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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,

As we move into the holiday season, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued support of our Lodge. Whether you volunteer in the kitchen, attend dinners, or simply stop in to share a smile and good conversation, your participation keeps our Lodge alive and welcoming.

This time of year, reminds us how truly fortunate we are. We've been blessed with friendship, community, and a place where we can come together to help others. Let us carry that spirit of kindness and gratitude into the holidays and the new year ahead.

We still need members to step up and lend a hand, especially with dinners, events, and volunteering. Every bit of effort makes a difference, and when we work together, we can keep our Lodge strong both financially and socially.

As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, may we all take time to reflect, give thanks, and share joy with those around us. Wishing you and your family's peace, good health, and many blessings this holiday season.

Fraternally yours,
Valerie Norkoli, President



Do you have a suggestion or an idea for an event, fundraiser, meal, etc?

There is a "Suggestion Box" located in the Social Quarters. The Board of Officers would like to hear from the members.



SC 545 Legion MESSAGE

This past October 19th, Golden Spot 15 held the quarterly Celebration (Conferral) at Santa Cruz #545. There was a single candidate enrolled from Sunnyvale #2049. There hasn't been a member from Santa Cruz enrolled in a while. When you are enrolled in the Loyal Order of Moose, you pledged to advance to the higher degrees of the Moose (Legion). Now is the time to honor that commitment to advance to the next level of Moose, the Legion.

At the last Legion meeting it was discussed to end serving breakfast at 11am as there are very few people coming after 11am. So be prepared, come January 2026 of the new hours of 9-11am for breakfast.

In honor of Veterans Day our November 9th breakfast will be free to all veterans and active service men and women, with proof of service such as a Valued Veteran Moose card. Thank you for your service.

On November 21st, the Legion will prepare a turkey dinner with all the fixings.

Dick Dennis, Legion Chairman



THANK YOU Eugene Bustichi, Lonnie Moseley, Ray Gibson, and Dick Dennis for the necessary maintenance, cleaning and repairs on the water tanks and water lines in the pump house. And installing new water filters for cleaner water to the Lodge.



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.

Administrator's Message

I would like to share this message from a Facebook post:

From the moment you arrive, the lodge's entrance signage serves as an important reminder that the Moose is a private, not-for-profit fraternal membership organization dedicated to members and their qualified quests.

This reminder helps ensure that everyone who enters understands:

- * Our privacy policy to our Social Quarters.
- * The responsibilities of membership, including guest sign-ins and conduct.
- * The mission that unites us to connect, serve, and support one another, as well as the charitable efforts of Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and our members in need and our local communities.

As a proud member, you represent the values and traditions of our lodge and we encourage you to always show your Moose membership card when approaching the Social Quarters bartender. It's a simple but meaningful way to honor your membership and demonstrate pride in belonging to our fraternal community. By practicing it daily, we reaffirm our commitment to transparency, respect, and the enduring spirit of the Moose.

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!

Vernon Hart passed away in July.
Bobbie Erickson passed away in October.
Ray Gibson's wife (Lydia) is recovering from surgery

If any member is or has a family member that are suffering ill health or loss, please notify the Lodge by emailing:
Chaplain, Brian Murtha bmurt@cruzio.com

2025 Moose's of the Year



Greg and Mary Marlow were chosen to be the Santa Cruz #545 "Moose's of the Year" for 2025. Congratulations and thank you both of you for all your hard work and dedication to making our Lodge well maintained and just darn awesome looking!



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION EXCEPTIONAL BARTENDER



Charlie McQuire

Thank you for being an awesome bartender for over six years!
As you would say:
"Let's party!"

NOVEMBER FUNDRAISING ORGANIZATION

Beginning in the month of November, Santa Cruz Moose Lodge will concentrate fundraising efforts to a different local community organization bi-monthly. The first one will be for Meals on Wheels. Please either add cash or write a check (put in a sealed envelope) directly to Meals on Wheels in the container in the SQ.

Let's "Move Forward by Giving Back"



ORIENTATION

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



September 24th Orientation/Enrollment:

I to r: Mick Sweeney; Sponsor, Lori Sweeney; Jim Cox; Sponsor, Sue Ann Murray; Sponsor, Thersea Johnson ; Lily Heredia; Rose D'Angelo; Teresa Freitas.



October 23rd Orientation/Enrollment:

I to r: Tyler Bustichi; Sponsor, Eugene Bustichi; Philip Garrison.
Next Orientation/Enrollment will be in January 2026.

California-Nevada Moose Association



During the 2024-2025 campaign year, ten members sponsored more than three new members and received either a caribiner or a soft-sided cooler. The count is on for the 2025-2026 campaign year that ends on April 30, 2026. You could receive a set of playing cards for sponsoring three, earbuds for five new members or a padfolio for sponsoring ten or more. Refer to the flyer in the Social Quarters for full details and check out the posted sponsor chart.

Received a cooler and a caribiner:

Thomas Williams	Sponsored 6
Tiffany Oldham	Sponsored 6
Tess Fitzgerald	Sponsored 5

Received a caribiner:

Cole Amodeo	Sponsored 3
Arlen Holland	Sponsored 3
Jim Norkoli	Sponsored 3
Ron Shoemaker	Sponsored 3



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 fee 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

VCUM - FUNDRAISER TOY AND FOOD DRIVE

Prime Rib Dinner

Chef: Jim & Crew \$30 Prepay

Friday, December 5th



Opportunity Drawing
Prize Drawing



Bring the following donations that night or put them in the designated container before the 5th.

Toy Drive (New and Unwrapped)
Food Drive (Non-perishable)



Valued Veterans

Moose Members Serving Then ... and NOW!

Veterans and active service members, do you have a "Valued Veterans" membership card? If you would like one, you simply need to update your membership record to receive your Valued Veterans card the next time you are issued a card. Please ask if you need assistance.

BULLETINS AND CALENDARS BY "CONSTANT CONTACT"

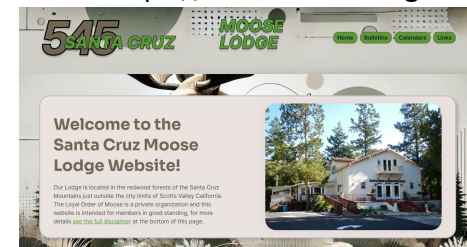
We are now using "Constant Contact" to send bulletins by email to the email address on your Moose Membership record. Some Members, who prefer, can continue receiving their bulletins and calendars by mail. If you have any questions, or would like to change the method you receive your bulletin, please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

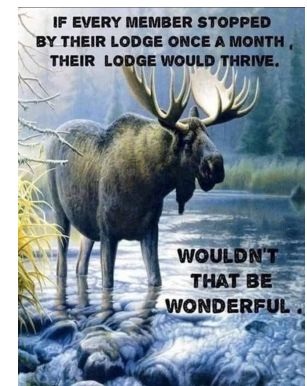
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HOURS OF OPERATION AND EVENT UPDATES

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





CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

Jim Howk	Nov	2	Tom Ghio	Nov	17
Charles Chapman	Nov	3	Tom Kemp	Nov	17
Bob Shoemaker	Nov	3	Kyle Rouston	Nov	17
Tyler Bustichi	Nov	4	Cynthia Stark	Nov	18
Dennis Grazian	Nov	5	Cheryl Brown	Nov	18
Jason L. Noce	Nov	5	Tim W. Hutchison	Nov	20
Cory Farinsky	Nov	5	Les Pawlak	Nov	20
Daniel J. Slebir	Nov	6	Nancy Knoll	Nov	20
Charlene Swenter	Nov	6	Jason Fong	Nov	21
Michael Ostrander	Nov	7	Dany McCourt	Nov	24
Debbie Wingo	Nov	7	Lyle Fleming	Nov	25
Lynn Gai	Nov	8	Vincent J. Proby III	Nov	25
Mary Davis	Nov	8	Rick Rooney	Nov	25
Cathy Woo	Nov	10	D. Mike Epperson	Nov	26
Brian Ruf	Nov	11	Paul Metzger	Nov	26
Ray J. Gibson	Nov	12	Lincoln Quale	Nov	27
Victor Wicks	Nov	12	Alan Grundy	Nov	27
Susan Morrison	Nov	12	Chris Rustigan	Nov	28
Sarah Stein	Nov	13	Sue Ann Murray	Nov	29
Mary Marlow	Nov	16			

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 DECEMBER

Gail Wind	Dec	1	Wes Musitelli	Dec	17
Patricia Swan	Dec	2	Jill Davis	Dec	18
Jimmy Phillips	Dec	2	Erik Suomela	Dec	18
Erik Beeson	Dec	2	Kurt Onstott	Dec	18
Judy Hutchison	Dec	3	William Kaufman	Dec	19
Charlene Maxwell	Dec	4	Don Blanchard	Dec	19
Haden Goodwin	Dec	4	George Pepper	Dec	19
Mark Jones	Dec	5	Edward Sanchez	Dec	20
April Apollo	Dec	5	Butch Thomas	Dec	20
Carl Wilson	Dec	6	Michael Opdahl	Dec	20
Thomas Williams	Dec	8	Vince Waskell	Dec	22
Michael Doherty	Dec	9	Dan Pennington	Dec	23
Paul Arana	Dec	9	James Welch	Dec	23
John Woo	Dec	10	Lisa Kohn	Dec	26
Cyndi Miller-Grazian	Dec	10	Juan Donato	Dec	27
Ryan Osterlund	Dec	10	Chris Grundy	Dec	28
Devin Guluzzo	Dec	11	Jack Roberts	Dec	29
David Norris	Dec	11	Julius D. Sotelo	Dec	29
Dominic Trujillo	Dec	11	Robert Rittenhouse Jr.	Dec	30
Mario De La Garza	Dec	12	Richard Deane	Dec	30
Eva Rose	Dec	12	Ronald Miller	Dec	30
J J Meyer	Dec	13	Tony Souza	Dec	31
Cary Schienbein	Dec	13	Ray Cameron	Dec	31
Morris Packer	Dec	14	Steve Johnson	Dec	31
Rosemarie Miranda	Dec	16	John Abercrombie	Dec	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 apply)



NOVEMBER 2025

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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
 Meals on Wheels FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY						1 SQ 1:00-4pm DISTRICT SOCIAL 12pm Lunch 1pm Social All members welcome
2 9-11:30 am Breakfast Ladies of 545  \$12.00	3 SQ 4:00-7pm	4 SQ 4:00-7pm	5 SQ 4:00-7pm	4 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: "A" Team 7:00pm Officers Mtg 7:30pm General Mtg All members welcome	7 SQ 12:00-4pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Steak Dinner Chef: Tim, Judy & Crew \$18	8 SQ 1:00-4pm
9 9-11:30 am Legion Breakfast \$12.00 Veterans Free with proof 12:30pm LEGION Meeting	10 SQ 4:00-7pm	11 SQ 4:00-7pm  TACO TUESDAY 5:00pm 1for \$3/2for \$5	12 SQ 4:00-7pm	13 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Kelly & Crew 6:30pm Planning Mtg 7:00pm Officers Mtg	14 SQ 4:00-9pm	15 SQ 1:00-4pm  SLIDER COMPETITION Watch for details
16 CLOSED	17 SQ 4:00-7pm	18 SQ 4:00-7pm Marconi Club Meeting	19 SQ 4:00-7pm	20 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Ron & Crew Clamper Staff Passing	21 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Turkey Dinner Chef: Legion	22 SQ 1:00-4pm 9am Lodge Clean-Up
23 Breakfast Tiff, Tess & Crew \$12.00 9-11:30 am ----- 30 CLOSED	24 SQ 4:00-7pm	25 SQ 4:00-7pm	26 SQ 4:00-7pm	27  CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29 SQ 1:00-4pm



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7 9-11:30 am Breakfast Ladies of 545 \$12.00	8 SQ 4:00-7pm	9 SQ 4:00-7pm	10 SQ 4:00-7pm	11 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Tiff, Tess & Crew Clampers Meeting	12 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Taco Bar "White Elephant Exchange" Watch for more details	13 SQ 1:00-4pm ----- Private Party
14 9-11:30 am Legion Breakfast \$12.00 ----- 12:30pm LEGION Meeting 	15 SQ 4:00-7pm	16 SQ 4:00-7pm	17 SQ 4:00-7pm	18 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Ron & Crew 6:30 Calendar Planning 7:00 Officers Mtg	19 SQ 4:00-9pm	20 SQ 1:00-4pm ----- Private Party ----- Dinner @ Pacifica -New Degree holders
21 9-11:30 am Breakfast Tiff, Tess & Crew \$12.00 	22 SQ 4:00-7pm	23 SQ 4:00-7pm	24 SQ 4:00-7pm	25 CLOSED 	26 CLOSED	27 SQ 1:00-4pm
28 CLOSED	29 SQ 4:00-7pm	30 SQ 4:00-7pm	31 SQ 4:00-7pm	JAN 1 New Years Day	JAN 2	JAN 3 SQ 1:00-4pm