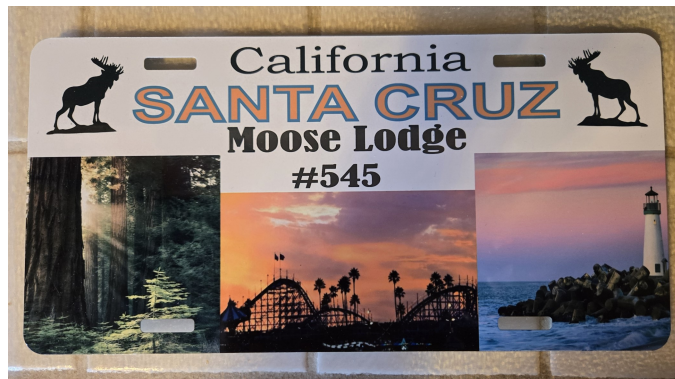




January—February 2026

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 9-11:00am

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

2026-27 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Interested in making a difference in your lodge by being an officer on the Board? The Nominating Committee will have the first meeting on Jan 22nd at 6pm. Complete and turn in a Nomination Form available in the Social Quarters. There is a book that explains the qualifications and duties for each position in the Social Quarters. Below is a brief outline of each position. If you have any questions, talk to an Officer.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTED OFFICERS:

Must be an active member of the Lodge for six months.

Must also be an active member of either a Legion or a Chapter unit (or establish such active membership within sixty (60) days following Installation).

General Duties and Responsibilities –

The general duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

PRESIDENT:

Be the fraternal leader of the Lodge
Preside at meetings
Appoint officers, establish and appoint committee chairpersons
Count votes (not ballots) and inspect records
Maintain order
Increase membership
Improve the financial strength of the Lodge
Represent the Lodge as a delegate to the International Convention, association conferences, conventions and district meetings.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Preside over Lodge in absence or vacancy of the President
Assist President with Lodge order and decorum

TREASURER:

Inspect Lodge financial records and receipts
Custodian of securities
Perform Administrator duties in Administrator's absence
Authorize and sign checks

CHAPLAIN:

Serve on the Financial Review Committee
Contact or visit the sick, disabled and distressed

TRUSTEES: (1 Year, 2 Year and 3 Year)

Take inventories
Examine and approve bills
Serve on Loss Prevention Committee
Perform inspections of the facility and property



TIMELINE 2026-27 ELECTION BOARD OF OFFICERS

January: Nomination Committee members chosen
1/22/26 thru 3/7/26: Accepting officer nomination forms
1/22/2026: First Nominating Committee meeting
2/5/2026: Second Nominating Committee meeting
2/19/2026: Third Nominating Committee Meeting
3/7/2026: Nominees are read at General Mtg

The Election Committee is chosen

4/2/2026 from 5-7pm—Lodge Election for Officers

- **Must be a current member of SC#545.**

- **Must be present and show current membership card to receive a ballot.**

4/2/2026 at 7:30pm– Results of Election read at General Mtg

ORIENTATION



Next new member Orientation/Enrollments are scheduled for January 29th and February 26th at 7:15pm. You don't have to be a new member to attend, everyone is invited. A new video was released and you will hear from Moose members about events and information about our Lodge and the Moose Fraternity. If you haven't attended one in awhile or never have, you might find out some new information.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

Mick Brown	Jan 3	Tryg Minier	Jan 14
Carlo Moglia	Jan 3	Rose D'angelo	Jan 15
Leslie Engelking	Jan 3	Nelson Markham	Jan 18
Robert Reithknecht	Jan 5	Roy Raymond	Jan 18
Barney J. Langner Jr.	Jan 5	Kristina Pennington	Jan 18
Gary Belville	Jan 5	Chris Swint	Jan 22
Michele Huseby	Jan 5	John Flaniken	Jan 22
Aaron Yelland	Jan 5	Sharleen Hedgpeth	Jan 23
Sara Coil	Jan 5	Karen Scott	Jan 23
Gayle O'Neal	Jan 6	Carron Prudhon	Jan 23
Kent Diethrick	Jan 7	Gabriel Gonzales	Jan 23
Curtis McCullough	Jan 7	Al Telles	Jan 25
Alan B. Childs	Jan 9	Robert Congrove	Jan 26
Lori Shaw	Jan 9	Roger Barnes	Jan 28
Marc Kaplan	Jan 10	Joanie Rosebraugh	Jan 29
Des Arvelas	Jan 10	Barbara Knirlberger	Jan 29
Frank Basile	Jan 10	Gregory Schmidt	Jan 30
Tiffany Oldham	Jan 10	Jim Norkoli	Jan 30
Robbie Cadwallader	Jan 11	Paul Danny Lopez	Jan 30
Randy Morrison	Jan 11	Tom E. Gift	Jan 31
Scott Best	Jan 11	Jo Garibotti	Jan 31
Peggy Cotton	Jan 12	Thomas Fakner	Jan 31
Glenna Cattermole	Jan 13	Taylor Taddei-Dennis	Jan 31
Robert Staedler	Jan 13		



CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN FEBURARY

Bennie Bartle	Feb 1	Blayne Williams	Feb 16
Elwin Haddix	Feb 2	Vicki Roman-Reithknecht	Feb 17
Charles Reynolds	Feb 2	Marla Lane	Feb 18
Richard Dennis	Feb 3	Bryan M. Wagner	Feb 19
Frank Vickner	Feb 3	Steve J. Cogliati	Feb 20
Joy Hearsum	Feb 3	Greg Cotton	Feb 20
Phillip Herrero	Feb 3	Greg Fleming	Feb 20
Wendy Harris	Feb 3	Sherry Jo Simoni	Feb 20
Aaron Pippin	Feb 3	Mark Filipowicz	Feb 20
Pamela Schwartz	Feb 4	Chris Spooner	Feb 21
Lynnette Crouch	Feb 6	Cassandra Maas	Feb 22
Carl Cobb	Feb 7	Scott Thompson	Feb 24
Theresa Johnson	Feb 8	Jaye Cerruti	Feb 24
Ashley Basanese	Feb 10	Bill Ekwall	Feb 25
Jeff Carter	Feb 11	Cj Moulton	Feb 26
Gayle Amaral-Cox	Feb 11	Melody Newcombe	Feb 26
Debbie Garcia	Feb 12	Carl Hill	Feb 27
Michael Murphy	Feb 13	Sandra Garretty	Feb 28
Lea Tedrowe	Feb 14	Charles Brown	Feb 28
James Trent	Feb 14	George William Stagi Jr.	Feb 29

❖❖ SPECIAL DATES ❖❖

Watch the calendar, posted flyers and social media for any last minute "Pop-Up" dinners or events, especially on Tuesday.

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)

JANUARY FUNDRAISING ORGANIZATION

Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter.



Did anyone get new towels or sheets for Christmas and want to donate your old ones? Do you have old towels and sheets that are taking up space in your closet you don't want? Please bring clean towels and sheets to the Lodge and they will be donated to the SPCA to keep a dog or cat warm in the shelter.

Also collecting donations of dog and cat food, treats and new, sturdy toys.

Let's "Move Forward by Giving Back"



SC 545 Legion MESSAGE

Welcome to the New Year, hopefully everyone survived 2025 and had a great Christmas. Santa Cruz 545 Legion thanks everyone for their supporting the breakfasts and meals. Thanks to the veterans who served our country and enjoyed a free breakfast cooked by the Legion in November. That brings up the subject of serving our lodge in assorted activities. The current active legionnaires are always looking for help in putting on functions (we're not getting younger), so if you have the time to help please do. We do breakfast the 2nd Sunday of the month and some dinners.

Thanksgiving dinner was attended by 46 hungry people and 35 for the December breakfast. Thank you again for your support.

Dick Dennis, Legion Chairman



Thank you to everyone that attended the Valley Churches Prime Rib Dinner in December. Also, thank you for participating in the Food/Toy Drive and the Opportunity Prize Drawing. It was a great evening.

Special THANK YOU to all of the members that made that night possible from the decorators, servers, food prep, cooking and cleanup. You all worked hard, it was a long night and it was very rewarding.

THANK YOU!



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.
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JANUARY 2026

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Members please note:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Premier Lodge Award		 MOVING FORWARD GIVING BACK		1 <i>New Years Day</i> CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3 SQ 1:00-4pm GAME DAY POTLUCK
4 SQ Open 9am Breakfast 9-11:00 am  Ladies of 545 \$12.00	5 SQ 4:00-7pm	6 SQ 4:00-7pm	7 SQ 4:00-7pm	8 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Tiffany & Crew 7:00pm Officers Mtg 7:30pm General Mtg All members welcome	9 SQ 12:00-4pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Steak Dinner Chef: Tim, Judy & Crew \$18	10 SQ 1:00-4pm
11 SQ Open 9am Legion Breakfast 9-11:00 am \$12.00  12:30pm LEGION Meeting	12 SQ 4:00-7pm	13 SQ 4:00-7pm	14 SQ 4:00-7pm	15 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Ron & Crew	16 SQ 4:00-9pm	17 SQ 1:00-4pm
18 CLOSED	19 SQ 4:00-7pm	20 SQ 4:00-7pm	21 SQ 4:00-7pm	22 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Karen & Crew 6:00pm Nominating Ctm 6:30pm Planning Mtg 7:00pm Officers Mtg	23 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Taco Bar  MOOSE RACES!	24 SQ 1:00-4pm 9am Lodge Clean-Up
25 SQ Open 9am Breakfast 9-11:00am Tiff, Tess & Crew \$12.00 	26 SQ 4:00-7pm Marconi Club Meeting	27 SQ 4:00-7pm Tuesday Dinner: 5:30-6:30pm Menu: BBQ Tri-tip Chef: Jim H. & Crew	28 SQ 4:00-7pm	29 Q 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: "A" Team ----- 7:15pm NEW MEMBER Orientation/Enrollment	30	31 SQ 1:00-4pm



FEBRUARY 2026

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