

SANTA CRUZ MOOSE NEWS

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May - June 2026



Santa Cruz Moose Lodge #545 Board of Officers & Committee Chairs for 2026-2027

*** OFFICERS ***

President	Eugene Bustichi
Administrator	Laurie Grundy
Vice President	Brian Murtha
Treasurer	Dominic Carine
Chaplain	Vince Martinez
1 Yr Trustee	Ray Gibson
2 Yr Trustee	Sommer Zehrung
3 Yr Trustee	Elizabeth Higgins
Past President	Valerie Norkoli
Sgt-At-Arms	TBA

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	Committee
Community Service	Committee
Facilities/Contracts	Ray Gibson
Financial Review Chair	Jeanne Taylor
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



MAY 2026





"MEMBERS AND QUALIFIED GUESTS ONLY"

Website: <https://scmoose545.org>

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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
 Premier Lodge Award					1	2 SQ 1:00-4pm DS @ Hayward/Castro Vly
3 SQ Open 9am Breakfast 9-11:00 am Ladies of 545 \$12.00 	4 SQ 4:00-7pm	5 SQ 4:00-7pm	6 SQ 4:00-7pm	7 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: A Team 7:00pm Officers Mtg 7:30pm General Mtg All members welcome	8 SQ 12:00-4pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Pork Tenderloin Dinner Chef: Legion \$18	9 SQ 1:00-4pm GAME DAY POTLUCK
10 SQ Open 9am Mother's Day Legion Breakfast 9-11:00 am \$12.00 FREE for Moose Mother's	11 SQ 4:00-7pm	12 SQ 4:00-7pm	13 SQ 4:00-7pm	14 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Kelly & Crew Clampers Meeting	15 SQ 4:00-9pm	16 SQ 1:00-4pm ----- Private Event
17 CLOSED ----- Private Event	18 SQ 4:00-7pm	19 SQ 4:00-7pm Marconi Club Meeting	20 SQ 4:00-7pm	21 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Ron & Crew 6:30pm Planning Mtg 7:00pm Officers Mtg	22 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: BBQ Pulled Pork Dinner Chef: Tiffany & Crew \$	23 SQ 1:00-4pm 9am Lodge Clean-Up
24 CLOSED =====	25 SQ 4:00-7pm	26 SQ 4:00-7pm Tuesday Dinner: 5:30-6:30pm Menu: BBQ Tri-tip Chef: Jim H. & Crew	27 SQ 4:00-7pm	28 Q 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Tiffany & Crew	29 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Steak Dinner Chef: Tim, Judy & Crew \$18	30 SQ 1:00-4pm ----- Private Event
31 CLOSED						



JUNE 2026





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7 SQ Open 9am Ladies Breakfast 9-11:00am 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: Tiffany & Crew Clampers Meeting	12 SQ 4:00-9pm	13 SQ 1:00-4pm GAME DAY POTLUCK
14 SQ Open 9am Legion Breakfast 9-11:00 am \$12.00 ----- 12:30pm Flag Ceremony Performed by Scouts 	15 SQ 4:00-7pm	16 SQ 4:00-7pm Marconi Club Meeting	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 Event
21 SQ Open 9am Father's Day Tiff & Tess 9-11:00 am \$12.00 FREE for Moose Father's	22 SQ 4:00-7pm	23 SQ 4:00-7pm	24 SQ 4:00-7pm	25 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Karen & Crew ----- 7:15pm Orientation/ Enrollment	26 SQ 4:00-9pm	27 SQ 1:00-4pm 9am Lodge Clean-Up
28 CLOSED	29 SQ 4:00-7pm	30 SQ 4:00-7pm	1 July SQ 4:00-7pm	2 July SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: "A" Team 7:00pm Officers Mtg 7:30pm General Mtg	3 SQ 4:00-9pm	4 SQ 1:00-4pm 

President's Message

Hello, my Moose Brothers and Sisters of 545:

I am honored to be your incoming president for the following year. Please join me in congratulating and thanking our outgoing President, Valarie Norkoli, and her board of directors for their excellent leadership these past couple of years. I will strive to do the same. Also, when you see Greg or Mary Marlow, give them a thank you for all the work they do on the grounds of our property.

I have been to all the lodges in our district and even though we are one of the oldest lodges, (April 2, 1911), two years before Mooseheart started, yes, we are old...but one of the best-looking lodges if not The Best! Something to be proud of. So, let's keep it going.

Please, come to Thursday burger nights and eat, or maybe help cook or clean up. Come to Friday night dinners, where the food is always good and easy on the wallet. Anyone can do a Friday dinner. You do not need a chef's hat. We all cook at home. 545 is our/your home. Come cook your favorite home dinner, just for a slightly bigger family.

Come attend the first Thursday of the month membership meetings and help us do what you like.

4th of July celebrations are coming soon. Do you want to have a float in the parade? Does anybody have a Marching Band? Baton group? Fire eaters? Army tank?

Ok I'm done.

Everybody have a great year, and God Bless.
Eugene Bustichi, President



2026-2027 BOARD OF OFFICERS



L to r: Ray Gibson, Trustee; Laurie Grundy, Administrator; Dominic Carine, Treasurer; Elizabeth Higgins, Trustee; Eugene Bustichi, President; Vince Martinez, Chaplain; Valerie Norkoli, Past President; Sommer Zehrung, Trustee; Brian Murtha, Vice President



SC 545 Legion MESSAGE

Congratulations to the outgoing Board of Officers for a job well done this past year. Welcome to the newly installed Board in stepping up to guide 545 to another successful year.

The Legion will cook Breakfast on May 10th (Mother's Day). Breakfast will be free for mothers who are moose members. Please show your moose membership card when getting your menu.

The June 14th breakfast is on Flag Day. The Scouts will perform a flag retirement ceremony at noon. There is a box in the entry to place your flag/flags to be retired. Retired flags are burned and not just discarded in the trash.

Dick Dennis, Legion Chairman



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.

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As my term comes to a close, I just want to take a moment to say thank you.

This lodge isn't just a building or a title, it's the people who show up, step in, and keep things moving even when it's not easy. And I've been lucky enough to be surrounded by a lot of those people.

To everyone who volunteered their time, supported events, offered advice, or simply showed up when it mattered, you made a difference. More than you probably realize. We don't always agree, and things don't always go perfectly, but the heart of this lodge has always been strong. That's because of you. I'm proud of what we've accomplished together, and even more grateful for the support I was given along the way.

Thank you for trusting me, standing beside me, and continuing to support the Moose Lodge and everything it stands for. I'm not going anywhere, just turning the page.

Thank you,
Valerie Norkoli, Past President



THANK YOU, Greg and Mary Marlow for all your hard work and time to make our Lodge the best looking!



THANK YOU, Cathy, Peggy, John and Dominic for taking care of and cleaning the fish pond!



ORIENTATION



April 23rd Orientation/Enrollment:

l to r: Robert Folker; Sponsor, David Satterfield; Cathy Satterfield; Chuck Maffia; Chris Maffia; Sandy Walpole; Sponsor, Sue Ann Murray; Rebecca Borghi; Michelle Fisk
Next Orientation/Enrollment will be July, 25, 2026.

*** WANTED—VOLUNTEERS***

Your lodge only operates and survives by volunteers that put in a lot of time and effort on a place where you can come and enjoy a breakfast, burger, dinner or a drink with friends. We need people to volunteer their talents and services. Help is especially needed in the kitchen! If you can cook, clean, repair, set up and clean tables, vacuum, etc.!!
Please contact a lodge officer OR just step right in to help!

MOOSE GROWING TO SERVE

MAY 1, 2026 - APRIL 30, 2027

United, the Moose Fraternity continues to grow. Our purpose is to care for children and seniors and celebrate life; thereby making our society a better place in which to live. As we expand, we encourage others to join in our Mission by remaining determined in finding opportunities to provide support for our local communities. Rooted in purpose, we are growing to serve.

Sponsor 1 Member GROWING TO SERVE

lapel pins are presented by your Lodge, Chapter or Moose Legion to individuals that sponsor their first member during the campaign.



Sponsor 25 Members

Members attaining Sponsors of Distinction status by sponsoring 25 members during the **GROWING TO SERVE** membership drive will receive free basic registration for our 2027 International Moose Convention in Orlando, FL. Additional information can be found on www.mooseintl.org.



Sponsor 5 Members

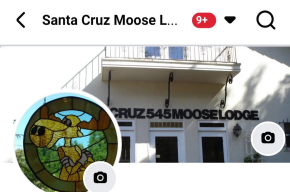
Funds will be used toward Mooseheart for the purchase of two new complete sets of shot clocks for basketball games. These are important, as new regulations make them necessary, and will significantly benefit our student-athletes. Contributions are courtesy of your Association, the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion.



Earn Rewards simply for doing things that strengthen The Moose. Now is a great time to sponsor a member; serve in office; renew your dues or complete training. Each activity generates points automatically that you can use to pay dues, contribute to Mooseheart/Moosehaven, or redeem for Moose gift store purchases. Check your Moose Rewards points total today at www.mooseintl.org to see how many you have earned! Also, look for special promotions throughout the year for your chance to earn greater rewards.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Hello Moose Members:

Another year will be in the books on April 30th. Thank you to all of the members that sponsored your family and friends. The 'Plus One' requirement, the most important one, has been achieved. The Lodge is again on track to receive the 'Premier Lodge Award' from Moose International and the '5-Star Award' from the California/Nevada Association for 2025-2026.

A few preliminary facts about the previous year, as of April 27th:

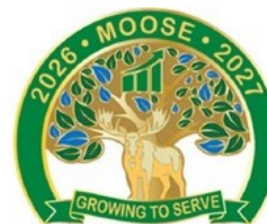
- 518 - active members as of April 27th
 - 96 - new members were sponsored so far
 - 55 - different members sponsored one or more new members
 - 5 - members sponsoring five new members
 - 4 - members sponsoring three new members
 - 6 - members, to date, have earned the "Preferred Status"
- The final numbers will not be available until after May 1st.

Thank you to all of the members, no matter how big or small your contribution is. Members volunteering their time and the generous donations have kept the Santa Cruz Moose Lodge strong. Let's make 2026-27 another strong year!

Don't forget to change your contact information if you move. You can update your address, phone number and email on your membership record or phone app yourself, or let me know. If anyone has an issue or needs assistance with their membership, please feel free to send me an email at:

scmoose545@yahoo.com

Laurie Grundy, Administrator



Premier Lodge Award



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS
CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN MAY**

Debbie Zanotto	May	2	Braiden Bennett	May	15
Sommer Zehrung	May	2	Philip Garrison	May	16
Kenn Beto	May	5	Bob Scharfenstein	May	19
Annie Wiewel	May	6	Laurie Grundy	May	20
Marty Threlkeld	May	7	Eugene Machado	May	21
Manuel Alvarez	May	8	Lauren Marlow	May	22
Ralph Storment	May	8	Nancy Haas	May	24
Andy Grasso	May	8	Eugene Bustichi	May	24
Michael Dickson	May	8	Kelly Weaver	May	25
Greg Rajala	May	10	David Satterfield	May	26
Tony Noce	May	11	Michael Moses	May	26
Stephen Martenuk	May	11	Randy Seese	May	26
Ned Rice	May	12	Don Pylant	May	27
Gordon Gazeley	May	13	David Butler	May	27
Hillary Dickson	May	13	Heather Sebring	May	27
Christian Stray	May	13	Chuck Wise	May	28
Eugene Ghio	May	14	Sammy Robustelli	May	29
Ed Lake	May	15	Daniel James	May	29
Sandra Walpole	May	15	Pete Bachtel	May	31
Heather Brooksbank	May	15	Ron Locey	May	31
Saundra Ruso	May	15	Gina Lenson	May	31



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS
CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE**

Don Dodson	June	1	Jim Haneke	June	14
Tony Brassfield	June	2	Gillian Challenger	June	15
Rex Lawson	June	3	Louisa Henry	June	15
C. Arthur Grams	June	3	Joe Marini III	June	16
Corky Roberson	June	3	Brandon Ayersman	June	16
Stuart Davis	June	3	Charlie McQuire	June	17
Greg Hill	June	5	Jeffrey Wingert	June	18
Monty McKissock	June	6	Kim Welch	June	20
Aaron Bruski	June	6	Mardell Lawson	June	21
Chip Stumpf	June	7	John Mariner	June	22
Mark Schoonover	June	7	Ben Gregg	June	25
Steve Sanfilippo	June	8	Martin Cabrera	June	25
Patrick Garcia	June	11	Eric Tozer	June	26
Dennis Wheeler	June	12	Shelley Tasker	June	27
Frank Hernandez	June	12	Valerie Norkoli	June	27

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)

❖❖ SPECIAL DATES ❖❖

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

**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
JUST
BECAME
MORE
VALUABLE!**



AED HAS BEEN ORDERED!
The fundraising goal has been reached
to get an AED Unit for the Lodge.
Thank you to everyone that donated!



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.

Why We Ask for Your Moose Membership Card

- Moose Lodges are classified by the IRS as a *Private Organization*.
- Only *Members* May Make Purchases.
- Guests Are Limited to *Two Visits* Before Joining.
- Membership Cards or App Required by *Federal Regulations*.
- Protects Our *Tax-Exempt Status & Liquor License*.

Thank You for Supporting
Your Moose Lodge & Our Staff!

Extended!

SANTA CRUZ MOOSE #545
LIFE MEMBER SPECIAL
- CONTINUED ANOTHER YEAR -
MAY 1, 2026 – APRIL 30, 2027

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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