

SANTA CRUZ MOOSE NEWS

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July - August 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	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	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

President's Message

GOOOOD MORNING 545!

Or good afternoon,

As I write this, we are about a week away from the 4th of July celebrations all over America, as well as right here in Scotts Valley with a parade that some members plan on walking with our Santa Cruz Moose Lodge Banner. There will also be a BBQ at 545 on July 4th starting at noon. Chicken, Elizabeth's award-winning chili, cornbread, and more on the menu. If you are reading this after the 4th, I'm sorry, you missed out.

There is always something happening at our Lodge. Thursday hamburgers, Friday dinners, Sunday breakfasts. I had Father's Day breakfast last Sunday. I've never had French Toast any better than what I got Sunday.

The meals are always great and with a variety of cooks. You can help us keep our tradition of changing menus by throwing your hat in the ring and cook your favorite dish. You do not have to cook for 50+people. Try a limit of 10 or 12 to start with.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your continued support of YOUR Lodge,

God Bless You, and God Bless America!
Eugene Bustichi, President



SC 545 Legion MESSAGE

Thanks to all the Mothers who came to the Mother's Day breakfast cooked by the Legion crew. It is always good to see new faces for this event. The number in attendance was about the same as last year with fewer mothers this year. After breakfast cleanup a flag retirement ceremony was held with scouts from Troop 614 assisting the process. Thanks to Mayor Donna Lind for her guidance at this ceremony. Thanks to Administer Laurie Grundy, President Eugene Bustichi, and Veterans: Ray Gibson, Vince Martinez, Lonnie Moseley, Dick Dennis. Hopefully, this can become an annual event on Flag day.

Wishing a speedy recovery to Ron Shoemaker (our breakfast egg man). We had a couple hands short the last breakfast. We are always looking for helping hands at all functions. For such short notice there was a good turnout for the ham dinner on June 19th. President Eugene posts short notice dinners on the lodge Facebook site. Thank you for your support not only Legion functions but all lodge functions.

Dick Dennis, Legion Chair



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ORIENTATION



There was record of twelve new members with their sponsors that attended the Orientation/Enrollment on June 25th!

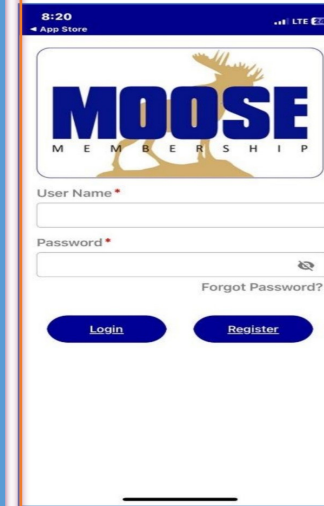
CONGRATULATIONS

l to r: Jason Beren; Melissa Beren; Sponsor, Melissa Lanctot; Cindy Buckholdt; Sponsor, BB Wong; Bill Schraft; Renae Shaver; Margaret Schraft; Lois Kelly; Sponsor, Partick Higgins; April Casper; Sponsor, Elizabeth Higgins; Karianne Terry; Sponsor, Jim Howk; Dave Ponza; Mike Moses; Sponsor, Ron Shoemaker; Sponsor, Heather Heen; Calvin Quale

Next Orientation/Enrollment will be August, 27, 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!



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.

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.
Email: scmoose545@yahoo.com

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.

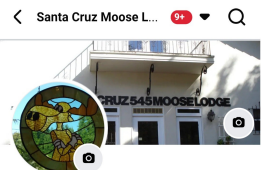


MOOSE REWARDS

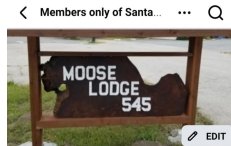
Earn Rewards simply for doing things that strengthen The Moose. Now is a great time to sponsor a member; serve in office; renew your dues or complete training. Each activity generates points automatically that you can use to pay dues, contribute to Mooseheart/Moosehaven, or redeem for Moose gift store 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:

I will be heading to Oklahoma City for the Annual Moose International Convention next week, but will be back for the 4th of July festivities. Speaking of July 4th, the Lodge is registered to participate in the Scotts Valley Parade as a group of walkers. One vehicle is also registered to participate if someone wants to drive a truck or car, optional. Then head to the Lodge for the BBQ at noon (see page 5). Maybe participate in a game of pool, dice, cornhole, etc. Come to Burger night on July 2nd to make plans with other members and find out the parade schedule.

The District Social will be at our Lodge on Saturday, July 11th. Come to meet members from other lodges and hear what they are doing. Lunch is served around 1pm and the Social starts around 2pm. Let's show the other lodges, even though we are the smallest in number, we support our wonderful Lodge.

I wanted to give kudos to the members that received the first level of the Fraternal Recognition Program that Moose international announced last year. There were five members that achieved the "Preferred Status" and one that achieved the "Power Status". Check out the ribbons on the bulletin board in the Social Quarters. There were at least four others that were so close, but missed logging just one required task. The five required steps are easy. Once you sponsor that ONE new member, it is all downhill. Every member that has already sponsored their first member since May 1st is off to a great start.

Please come to the Planning Meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. We need members ideas, thoughts and volunteers for events, etc. Also, if you can help out with a maintenance project, there is always something that needs to be done. Everyone is welcome. We need volunteers.



Thank you to everyone that volunteers making our Lodge the greatest!

Laurie Grundy, Administrator

Philip Geiger, Regional Director for the Alzheimer's Association will be at the Lodge on Thursday, July 23rd from 5 to 7pm. If you have a family member or friend that is affected, come to get information and answers.



Philip M Geiger Short Bio

Philip M Geiger is the Regional Director for the Alzheimer's Association in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties.

Philip manages the delivery of all Alzheimer's Association activities, programs, and services in the tri-county area, oversees operations of both the Monterey and Santa Cruz offices, builds partnerships and works collaboratively with health and community organizations, government entities, and volunteers. Philip provides leadership in support of the Association's mission to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support.

Before joining the Alzheimer's Association, Philip worked for the Hospice Giving Foundation as their Director of Education and Communications, and as Development Director of Legal Services for Seniors.

Decorating, Planning and Fun—OH MY!

Would you like to participate in the 4th of July Scotts Valley Parade? Come to the Lodge on Thursday, July 2nd to find out the details and make plans.

Also need volunteers to help decorate the hall after Burgers.





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

Kristin Michal	July	1	Richard Potter	July	14
Josh Coley	July	2	Robert Wilson	July	14
Yvonne Williams	July	3	John Hayford	July	15
Amanda Frank	July	3	Aaron Budzinski	July	15
Karin Seyffert	July	3	David Alcorn	July	16
Robin Ronzano	July	3	Kurt Eller	July	16
Jan Macias	July	4	Michael Ruggiero	July	17
Seth Worley	July	4	Valerie Kaufman	July	18
Vince Martinez	July	5	Scott McAvoy	July	18
Jeanne Whiting	July	5	Earl Rosebraugh	July	20
Marty Hagopian	July	5	Charles Goddard	July	21
Susan Taylor	July	5	Murray Fleming	July	22
Chris Maffia	July	5	Alan Woertink	July	22
Lesa Stollenwerk	July	5	Jeff Ritchie	July	22
Lily Heredia	July	5	Edward Kuerzel	July	23
Rick Hofstetter	July	6	Justin Acton	July	23
Cindy Buckholdt	July	7	Michael Taylor	July	24
Sherrie Norlock	July	8	Fred Hibberd	July	26
Stephen Bogner	July	10	Dennis Smith	July	26
Cindy Vandiver	July	10	Ronald Damoth	July	27
Thomas Cannell	July	11	Ronald Downing	July	28
Patrick Higgins	July	11	Teri Keeling	July	29
Dave Paul	July	11	Jensen Hastings	July	29
David Heuser	July	13	Brian Davis	July	29
Jeffrey Goshorn	July	13	Michael Marenghi	July	30
David Ratto	July	13	Christopher Soetaert	July	30
James Cavanagh	July	13	Debbie Doherty	July	31



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

Yvette Jones	Aug	2	Jeff Duncan	Aug	20
David Wendt	Aug	3	Jon-Erik Roy	Aug	20
Chuck Cheatham	Aug	3	James E. Gabrio	Aug	22
Dave Ponza	Aug	3	Jan Crompton	Aug	22
Philip Garrison	Aug	4	Kathy Carney	Aug	22
Matt Williams	Aug	5	Bryan Rushton	Aug	22
Bob Guider	Aug	6	Tyson Coolman	Aug	22
Dorn Claussen	Aug	7	Lou Avelar	Aug	23
Katherine Daly	Aug	8	Brian Murtha	Aug	24
Julia Lompa	Aug	10	Sharon Bertoli	Aug	25
Stanley Swint	Aug	14	Jose Ramirez	Aug	25
Gary Olivieri	Aug	15	Tom Skidmore	Aug	26
Bill Heiss	Aug	16	Michelle Haddix	Aug	26
Tess Fitzgerald	Aug	16	Lori Bonfante	Aug	26
Daniel Goodwin	Aug	16	Robert Goddard	Aug	26
Mary Marlow	Aug	18	Rich Mora	Aug	27
William Birdsong	Aug	18	Jon Twaddle	Aug	27
John Evans	Aug	20	Dalila Peinado	Aug	27
Nancy Desaedeleer	Aug	20	Iris Mayo	Aug	29
B B Wong	Aug	20			

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.



JULY 2026






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Members please note:
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Premier Lodge Award			1 SQ 4:00-7pm	2 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: A Team General Meeting has been cancelled ----- Planning for July 4th	3	4 SQ Open at 9am  Nation's 250th Birthday Parade at 11am BBQ at Noon See Page 5
5 NO BREAKFAST CLOSED	6 SQ 4:00-7pm	7 SQ 4:00-7pm	8 SQ 4:00-7pm	9 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Kelly & Crew Clampers Meeting	10 SQ 12:00-4pm	11 SQ 1:00-4pm District Social @ Santa Cruz #545 All Members are welcome
12 SQ Open 9am  Legion Breakfast 9-11:00 am \$12.00 ----- 12:30 Legion Meeting	13 SQ 4:00-7pm	14 SQ 4:00-7pm	15 SQ 4:00-7pm	16 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Ron & Crew 6:30pm Planning Mtg 7:00pm Officers Mtg	17 SQ 4:00-9pm	18 SQ 1:00-4pm GAME DAY POTLUCK
19 10am Legion Conferral	20 SQ 4:00-7pm	21 SQ 4:00-7pm Marconi Club Meeting	22 SQ 4:00-7pm	23 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Tiffany & Crew Philip Geiger, Alzheimer's Association See Page 5	24 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: TBA Chef: Jim N. & Crew	25 SQ 1:00-4pm 9am Lodge Clean-Up ----- Private Event
26 SQ Open 9am Tiff & Tess Breakfast 9-11:00 am \$12.00 	27 SQ 4:00-7pm	28 SQ 4:00-7pm	29 SQ 4:00-7pm	30 Q 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: A Team	31 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Pork Chops Chef: Clampers	1 August SQ 1:00-4pm DS @ Pacifica Lodge ----- Private Party



AUGUST 2026

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	<p>YOUR MEMBERSHIP JUST BECAME MORE VALUABLE!</p>					<p>1 SQ 1:00-4pm DS @ Pacifica Lodge</p> <p>----- Private Party</p>
<p>2 SQ Open 9am Ladies Breakfast 9-11:00am Ladies of 545 \$12.00</p>	<p>3 SQ 4:00-7pm</p>	<p>4 SQ 4:00-7pm</p>	<p>5 SQ 4:00-7pm</p>	<p>6 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: "A" Team 7:00pm Officers Mtg 7:30pm General Mtg All members welcome</p>	<p>7 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Steak Dinner Chef: Tim, Judy & Crew \$18</p>	<p>8 SQ 1:00-4pm GAME DAY POTLUCK</p>
<p>9 SQ Open 9am Legion Breakfast 9-11:00 am \$12.00</p> <p>12:30 Legion Meeting</p>	<p>10 SQ 4:00-7pm</p>	<p>11 SQ 4:00-7pm</p>	<p>12 SQ 4:00-7pm</p>	<p>13 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Tiffany & Crew</p> <p>Clampers Meeting</p>	<p>14 SQ 4:00-9pm</p>	<p>15 SQ 1:00-4pm AED Training 9am to 1pm</p> <p>----- Private Event</p>
<p>16 SQ Open 9am Tiff & Tess Breakfast 9-11:00 am \$12.00</p>	<p>17 SQ 4:00-7pm</p>	<p>18 SQ 4:00-7pm Marconi Club Meeting</p>	<p>19 SQ 4:00-7pm</p>	<p>20 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Ron & Crew 6:30 Calendar Planning 7:00 Officers Mtg</p>	<p>21 SQ 4:00-9pm</p>	<p>22 SQ 1:00-4pm 9am Lodge Clean-Up District 10 Picnic @ San Jose Lodge</p>
<p>23 CLOSED</p> <p>=====</p> <p>30 CLOSED</p>	<p>24 SQ 4:00-7pm</p> <p>=====</p> <p>30 SQ 4:00-7pm</p> <p>8</p>	<p>25 SQ 4:00-7pm</p>	<p>26 SQ 4:00-7pm</p>	<p>27 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Karen & Crew 7:15pm Enrollment</p>	<p>28 SQ 4:00-9pm</p>	<p>29 SQ 1:00-4pm</p> <p>----- Private Event</p>