

SANTA CRUZ MOOSE NEWS

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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

Members of 545:

Let us pray, Opps, we aren't in church!

Summer is almost gone, but not yet. Let's keep on enjoying the good weather, and all our wonderful surroundings. We have all the trees, campgrounds, beaches, the Boardwalk, and last but not least, the best-looking Lodge in our area!

Pop in during the week for refreshments to enjoy the jukebox, or sports on TV.

Get out of the house Thursday night for a burger, dog, or chicken on a bun, with killer fries. And a big thank you to all the Thursday night crews that come in every Thursday to cook dinner for all of us.

Thanks to our Friday night cooks (we could use more, and fresh ideas for dinner)

Thanks to all our members that contribute in any way they can. Smiling, happy faces is what makes it work!

Thank You All!

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



SC 545 Legion MESSAGE

A BIG THANK YOU to the members who faithfully show up for Lodge and Legion meals. Thanks to Kathy Carney and Lisa Bustichi for stepping up to help by serving and washing dishes, to Rylan and Logan for helping grandpa Ron Shoemaker serving up meals. Just because it is a Legion function doesn't mean you have to be a Legionnaire to participate. All help is appreciated so don't be bashful.

Our next Legion breakfast is September 20th because three of our crew will be in Reno for the convention. Watch the lodge web site or face book page for event updates which are subject to change.

If you have a favorite recipe, please let Laurie or Eugene know. The lodge will do the shopping for you and you do the cooking.

Dick Dennis, Legion Chair



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ORIENTATION



Orientation/Enrollment on August 27th! CONGRATULATIONS

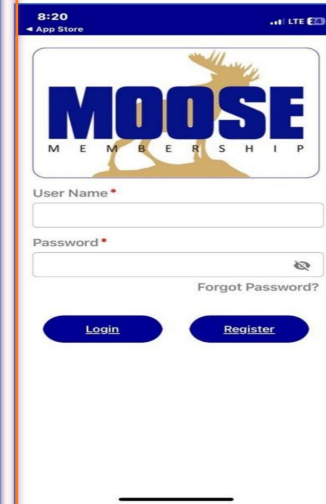
l to r: Michael DeBacker; Sponsor Perry Ralston; Doug Lentz; Sponsor Renae Shaver; Nancy Lentz; Sponsor Eugene Bustichi; Reggie Stephenson

Next Orientation/Enrollment will be October 22, 2026.

If you haven't attended before, anyone is welcome to attend any Orientation. Even if you have attended one in the past, the video has been updated and you might hear something new. Everyone is welcome. Open invitation to any ceremony. Attending an Orientation is one of the items on the list to earn the "Preferred" Fraternal Recognition Award.

*** 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 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.



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.



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.

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Hello Moose Members:

The 2026 annual CNMA (California Nevada Moose Association) Convention in Reno starts on September 10th. At the convention the Association collects donations from Moose Lodges and are donated to local first responders or other local agencies. In Reno, the donations of Tommy Moose dolls and blankets are donated to the Reno Police and Fire departments. Donations of gift cards, cancer caps, and items from a wish list are collected and donated to the Reno Ronald McDonald House. New this year the CNMA is also asking for donations of new toys to be collected and donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Please bring a new toy, game or book to the Prime Rib Dinner on Friday, September 4th. In fact, I am challenging every SC#545 member to donate one new toy, game, or book. A donation box will be set up on the hall stage, so you can bring your donation in up until Tuesday, September 8th. Let's fill my car!

Reminder: Please come to the Planning Meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. We need members ideas, thoughts and volunteers for events, etc. Everyone is welcome. Even if you attend the meeting only to listen. No one is forced to volunteer unless they want to, but we sure hope you will.

Membership Cards - Life Membership members, do you have an old card that does not work at the Social Quarters door? The new cards have a large QR code and does not have a magnetic strip on the back. If you have an old card with the magnetic strip, you can either call the number on the back of your card yourself and order a new one or send me an email. I can order a new card for you. **All other members,** if your card does not work at the door. Check your expiration date! Your card will not open the door if it had expired the day before.

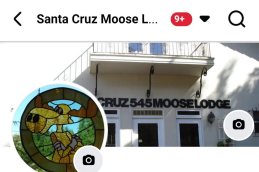
Thank you to everyone that volunteers making our Lodge the greatest!

Laurie Grundy, Administrator

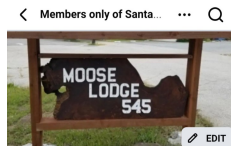


Are you on Facebook?

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



Celebrate, Monday, Sept 7th with
fellow Moose members.

Serving at Noon:

\$5 Burgers

\$3 Hot Dogs

Bring a side dish OR dessert to share



CALLING MOOSE LODGE BAKERS!

DONATE SWEET TREATS FOR THE BUILDING FUND!

We are raising funds for the Building Fund, and we need your kitchen talents!

How You Can Help:

- Bake your favorite treats (cookies, brownies, rice crispy treats, muffins, etc.).
- Individually cut them so they are ready for a quick, clean sale.
- Drop them off at the Lodge before or during Thursday & Friday night events.
- Crews will sell them for \$2 each all proceeds to the building fund.

🍪 If your treats contain nuts or other common allergens, please write a quick label on the wrapping!

Whether you want to bake a batch or just buy a snack to satisfy your sweet tooth, or to gift to a friend, every dollar raised goes directly towards our Lodge.

Thank you for your support!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS!

VENDORS NEEDED

**WALK TO END
ALZHEIMER'S**
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

Walk Details

2026 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Santa Cruz, CA

September 19th , 2026

Registration: 8:00am / Ceremony 9:00am / Walk at 9:30am

Location: Seascapes Park Resort / Sumner Ave, Santa Cruz

Walk with a group of Moose members or individually.

All funds further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association.

Register and sign a standard waiver on the official online registration website:

<https://www.alz.org>





CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Sept	1	Sandi Sullivan	Sept	14	Deborah Muth
Sept	1	Ivan Spansel	Sept	15	David Wood
Sept	2	Patricia Spooner	Sept	16	Barb Crum
Sept	3	James Cox	Sept	16	Mick Sweeney
Sept	4	Richard Burke	Sept	16	Lesal Quitzau
Sept	5	Laura Hernandez	Sept	16	Ryan Donovan
Sept	5	Arlen Holland	Sept	17	Bill Alderman
Sept	6	Gretchen Gudenkauf	Sept	18	Robbie Dendulk
Sept	6	Gary Bonfante	Sept	18	Connie Cunningham
Sept	6	Randy Stephenson	Sept	19	Lisa Galli
Sept	7	Renae Shaver	Sept	22	Berna Bruzzzone
Sept	7	Jose Perez	Sept	24	Cathy Satterfield
Sept	7	Cynthia Raymond	Sept	25	Mary Gilliland
Sept	8	Chris Sartain	Sept	25	Steve Paul
Sept	9	Jay Topping	Sept	25	Mike Pander
Sept	10	Richard Hibbard Sr.	Sept	26	Marcia Brazil
Sept	10	Heather Heen	Sept	28	Michael Stephens
Sept	11	Margie Lund	Sept	29	Perry Lee James
Sept	12	Claire Rossi	Sept	29	Darin Matthews
Sept	12	Kathryn Cowan			



CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

Oct	1	Manny Cuaresma	Oct	15	Vicki Rubalcaba
Oct	1	Raymond Zachau	Oct	16	George Hansen
Oct	2	Elizabeth Higgins	Oct	17	Alyce Fackler
Oct	2	Nicole Locatelli	Oct	17	Carol Ann McAusland
Oct	2	Arturo Guzman	Oct	18	Michael Klein
Oct	3	Steven Hatton	Oct	19	Melissa Beren
Oct	3	Steven Rosgen	Oct	19	Allison Dills
Oct	3	Shawn Hopkins	Oct	21	Jill Berry
Oct	4	Andy Bachtel	Oct	22	Anita Stoddart
Oct	4	Ethan Cassar	Oct	23	Paul McKeller
Oct	7	Doug Lentz	Oct	23	Terry Cuaresma
Oct	7	Greg Bonner	Oct	23	Meloni Gomez
Oct	8	Katerina Simic	Oct	24	Bill Bredl
Oct	8	Vicky Weddington	Oct	25	Bill Schraft
Oct	9	Georges Cordova	Oct	25	Pete Cirina
Oct	9	John Galli	Oct	25	Neil Schaefer
Oct	9	Adam Newman	Oct	26	Allen Stobaugh
Oct	10	Ted Burke	Oct	28	Janice Bresson
Oct	11	Ken Rodkey	Oct	28	Mikayla Salisbury
Oct	11	Kurt Christensen	Oct	29	Louis Rittenhouse
Oct	12	Steve Avelar	Oct	29	Chuck Vaca
Oct	13	Jerry Bennett	Oct	29	Jill Perkins
Oct	13	James Dearing	Oct	29	Sherri Dixon
Oct	13	Pamela Keefer	Oct	29	Alfred Pavot
Oct	14	Battista Bregante	Oct	30	Rey Perez
Oct	15	Vic Roth	Oct	30	Perry D. Ralston Sr.

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.



"MEMBERS AND QUALIFIED GUESTS ONLY"

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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 SQ 4:00-7pm	2 SQ 4:00-7pm	3 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: A Team 7:00pm Officers Mtg 7:30pm General Mtg All members welcome	4 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Prime Rib Prepay \$30 Chef: Jim N. & Crew Bring a toy for Ronald McDonald House	5 SQ 1:00-4pm
6 SQ Open 9am Ladies Breakfast 9-11:00am Ladies of 545 \$12.00 	7 SQ Noon to ?  Burgers \$5 / Hot Dogs \$3 Bring a side dish OR dessert to share	8 SQ 4:00-7pm	9 SQ 4:00-7pm	10 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Kelly & Crew Clampers Meeting >>>>>>CNMA	11 SQ 12:00-4pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Steak Dinner \$18.00 Chef: Tim, Judy & Crew CONVENTION—RENO	12 SQ 1:00-4pm MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET 9AM TO 4PM <<<<<<<<<<<
13 SQ Open 9am TnT Breakfast 9-11:00 am \$12.00	14 SQ 4:00-7pm	15 SQ 4:00-7pm Marconi Club Meeting	16 SQ 4:00-7pm	17 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Ron & Crew 6:30pm Planning Mtg 7:00pm Officers Mtg	18 SQ 4:00-9pm	19 SQ 1:00-4pm GAME DAY POTLUCK Alzheimers Walk See Page 11
20 SQ Open 9am  Legion Breakfast 9-11:00 am \$12.00 12:30 Legion Meeting	21 SQ 4:00-7pm	22 SQ 4:00-7pm	23 SQ 4:00-7pm	24 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Tiffany & Crew	25 SQ 4:00-9pm	26 SQ 1:00-4pm 9am Lodge Clean-Up
27 CLOSED	28 SQ 4:00-7pm	29 SQ 4:00-7pm	30 SQ 4:00-7pm	1 OCT SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: A Team 7:00pm Officers Mtg 7:30pm General Mtg All members welcome	2 OCT SQ 4:00-9pm	3 OCT SQ 1:00-4pm



OCTOBER 2026

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11 SQ Open 9am Legion Breakfast 9-11:00 am \$12.00 ----- 12:30 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 6:30 Calendar Planning 7:00 Officers Mtg	16 SQ 4:00-9pm	17 SQ 1:00-4pm ----- Private Event
18 CLOSED	19 SQ 4:00-7pm	20 SQ 4:00-7pm Marconi Club Meeting	21 SQ 4:00-7pm	22 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Karen & Crew 7:15pm Enrollment	23 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Smoked Baby Back Ribs Chef: Charile B. & Crew	24 SQ 1:00-4pm 9am Lodge Clean-Up ----- Private Event
25 CLOSED	26 SQ 4:00-7pm	27 SQ 4:00-7pm	28 SQ 4:00-7pm	29 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: "A" Team	30 SQ 4:00-9pm	31 SQ 1:00-4pm