

Greetings to all members and Happy 2007!

Governor Tom here wishing everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year. You need to know that for your lodge to prosper in 2007 we need new blood! Please commit to signing up one new member for 2007 so we can continue to serve you! "Light the Fraternal Flame and Pass it On!" Election of Officers are coming up in February! Please consider holding an

office, we could use your fresh insights and help. Check the pull out calendar for Election Committee meetings. I have found out that being Governor means listening to a lot of ...suggestions(!). I urge you to please come to our meetings to voice your opinions and ideas. I need the cooperation of the Board of Officers, Administrator, Committee Chairs and members to promote change. Our General membership meeting is held on the first Thursday of every month, come join us, you night even have fun!

We have had several instances of confusion regarding our Friday night dinner schedule. I need your help to resolve this. If you are a Friday night cook for our Lodge please come to our Planning Meeting on Thursday, January 11. They are always held on the second Thursday of the month. We need to get details correct-dates, chefs, menu items, times and prices so that we can have truth in advertising!

Good Luck to our 545 Ritual Team that will be competing in Santa Clara at the CNMA Midyear Conference at the end of February. If you are online please go to www.ca-nvmoose.org for more details. Please try to attend and see how the State Association works for all Lodges! Governor, Tom Miklosko

Salutations to 545 members,

It's almost a new year again. It's also time to start thinking about new officers for 2007/2008. Are you interested in being an officer or chairperson in the Lodge? It's time to start thinking about it. The Nominating Committee will start meeting shortly, please check the calendar for meetings. Just think about it, OK? It's your way to leave your mark on 545 and Moose history!

We are re-instituting the key card entry system for access to the Lodge during open hours. This will help ensure "Members Only." Please sign in your guests at the front door. This is a strict rule that must be abided. See the Social Quarters Manager for your card. As many of you know, my son Andy has been back in the hospital. As of this writing, he is still there. Thanks to all of you who have kept him in your thoughts. We hope he will get to come home again soon. On a brighter note, the Lodge is doing very well. How-

ever, we could do even better with more members. Sign a new member today and help the Lodge and the Fraternity thrive. Also, in Feb. the Ritual team will be representing Santa Cruz 545 in the CNMA conference in Santa Clara and defending its State Championship. Since it is so close to home, the team would like to see many of the members of 545 registered and attending the conference, ritual competition and the Saturday night banquet. Our Ritual Team will have its own dinner table, come join us. It would be fantastic to see you all there! Perry Lee James, 545 Administrator

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN

January

3rd Mick Brown 5th Jon Webster 10th Marc Kaplan 11th **Clive Ridpath** John Strange James Gumm **Robert Sanders Gregory Buri**

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Keith Arnold	15 th
John Jamieson	16 th
David J. Harra	18 th
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Dennis Patterson	26 th

Birthday celebrants please read the ad box in the Calendar page!

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READY UP FOR THE SUPERBOWL AND THE CALIFORNIA-NEVADA MID YEAR CONFERENCE & RITUAL COMPETITION!



Get ready for the "Super Bowl Potluck" and party this Feb 4th! The potluck rivals our dart league feed for variety and amount. Our Lodge opens at 2pm for pregame activities. This is always a fun event. And, someone will win a 20"



TV at half-time, that is, if you send in your CNMA Charity

ticket stubs! You could also be a winner at the drawing to be held at the Cal / Nev Midyear Conference Feb 24th. The proceeds from the ticket sales helps pay our Lodge's dues to the State Association and any remaining funds help pay our property taxes. I'd like to thank everyone who helped make the "Senior lunch" a success.

There were 32 meals served. I won't name names as I'd miss someone so again thank you Ladies and Men of 545.

Also, thanks to JD, Teresa & Dick Walton, Bart & Barb Snyder of Ambiance for the December Holiday Tamale Dinner and Music celebration. This is done every year in December in lieu of the Legion Breakfast. The legion breakfast on the 2nd Sunday of the month always has a good turnout, again thanks to the cooks and eaters!

The names drawn at the last two Legion meetings were, Gov Tom in Oct, who was present and won \$20.00.In Nov John



Moore's name drawn but he was not present. See you at the Moose Fam-

See you at the Moose Family Center, Past Governor Dick Dennis



545 SICKNESS and DISTRESS

Dick Stipes has suffered a broken neck.
Brenda Schmidt's father has passed away.
Bonny Scott's father has passed away.
Jerry Andrade recovering from prostate surgery.
Andrew James still undergoing treatment at
Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.



TO THOSE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO ARE SUFFERING ILL HEALTH, OR HAVE SUFFERED A LOSS—Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to All.

Welcome to our Newly Enrolled Members//



November 17, 2006 participants left to right—Sponsor Gary Quinn, new members Gene Barry, Larry Heiman, Governor Tom Miklosko, new member Jerry Andrade, sponsored by his son Nathan Andrade!

Santa Cruz Lodge 545 Officers, Chairs & Volunteers welcome all our new members to their new Moose Family Center. Please, come down and enjoy your new home! Also, thanks to our Lodge sponsors for fulfilling their obligation to strengthen our order.





December 15, 2006 participants left to right—New member George Montgomery, Governor Tom Miklosko and sponsor Larry Olivo

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++ more COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS ++

Moose Youth Awareness Congress Held at Santa Cruz Lodge on Saturday, November 9, 2006



Pictured above, left to right are Past District President Joe Rigazio, Lyndsay Smith, her mom Robin Smith, Victoria Morse, Daniel James, Amanda Tanimasa and JD Sotelo, District Youth Awareness Coordinator.

Congratulations to our Youth Awareness Students! They are now prepared to teach valuable life lessons to our 4-9 year children in their Moose 'Kidstalk' presentations. When each of them have reported 3 Kidstalks they will earn a \$100 savings bond and a chance for a scholarship award!

Our Congress could not come to fruition without the help of Northern California Youth Awareness Chairman Fred Reichelt. Scotts Valley Mayor Stephany Aguilar, Lodge members Dick Dennis, Ernie Avelar, Barry Nolan, Ray Gibson, and our WOTM Laurie Grundy. Thanks to one and all! Let's hope for success for these wonderful High School Students representing the Moose!



"Ladies of 545" Committee:

Thank you to all that helped with the December 2nd "Senior Holiday Dinner". The men cooked an awesome traditional turkey dinner. The ladies decorated, set up, helped prepare, served and helped clean up. Great food and good company made the event a success. THANK YOU to everyone that helped and attended.



The next "Ladies of 545" meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11th at 6:30 (right before the Lodge Planning Committee Meeting). The topic of discussions will be volunteers for the upcoming Crab Feed and future community service events. All Ladies are welcome. Let's bring some new ideas and events to the Lodge in 2007. Laurie Grundy, "Ladies of 545" Committee _adiesof545@scmoose545.org

545 Lends a Hand to Scotts Valley Police Department

Santa Cruz Lodge presented a check for \$500 on November 15, 2006 during the Scotts Valley City Council Meeting by Vice Mayor Dene Bustichi (on left) to Police Chief John Weiss (on right), Scotts Valley Police Department. The donation is to be used for purchase of a

Bullet Proof Safety Vest for officer safety. Also, great news, for January 2007. Santa Cruz 545 member Dene Bustichi has been appointed Mayor of Scotts Valley. Congratulations Brother Dene, a true honor for you and 545!





Santa Cruz 545 Ritual Team to defend their 1st place title February 24, 2007!!

They will compete at the upcoming California-Nevada **Moose Association Midvear**

Conference and Ritual Competition in Santa Clara. Please come and support their efforts by attending the All-you-can-eat Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser on Friday, February 9, 2007. And you are all invited to attend the ritual competition at the conference! Also, please bring in a new member this year, "Light the Fraternal Flame and Pass it On!" Come and see the Enrollment Ceremony performed at its best by these dedicated and hard working members.!

Thanks to all who made the first get-together of our accordion group such an enjoyable & happy event. We were well received by the friendly folks at the Moose Lodge. Thanks to them for the hospitality. If you missed it, not to worry....we'll do it again on the first Wednesday of the month. Please check the calendar!

And...tell a friend! All players of any level are welcome & encouraged to get involved. Please contact me at Herbicide@comcast.net so I can fill out my list! Fraternally, Herb Lundin



You Haven't Received **Your New Card? You Can Help Us Get It To You!**

The single biggest reason why there are delays in the processing of THOUSANDS

> of renewal Moose member cards is the lack of simple and basic information. It makes for BIG delaysbut it's easy to fix!

Tave you not received your new or renewal membership card, a couple of weeks or more after you should have? Well. you're not alone, if that's any consolation.

But if your renewal time hasn't vet come around this year, there may be things you can do to help expedite the process.

The single largest reason preventing the Moose International Dues Processing Center from immediately processing and mailing a new dues card is payments received without simple and basic information that you can easily provide. Many individual members, as well as Lodges and Chapters

paying on behalf of their members fall in to this category. It is causing tremendous wasted time--and lost members!

If the following items apply to you . . . you can help us speed up the processing of your card:

- You have mailed a payment to the Moose International Dues Processing Center with no "payment coupon" accompanying the payment.
- Your check has been cashed.
- You have not received a new dues card.

It's quite possible that you can help us tremendously to speed up the processing of your card!

Please e-mail the Moose International Helpdesk at. helpdesk@mooseintl.org. using "Payment Resolution Info" as the subject line, or fax us at 630/966-2211 with the following information:

- Your name and Moose ID Number.
- The name and Moose ID# of the person whose dues are being paid, if different from above.
- Your Fraternal Unit (Lodge/Chapter) Number.
- Valid To: 09/30/2006 ■ The check number used to make your payment.
- The amount of the check.
- The date the check was cashed.
- The last four digits of the checking account number.

If the payment was for more than one member, include the above information and the individual amount of payment for

The process of researching and identifying payments received without this information is extremely time consuming. In rare instances it can take several hours to resolve just one payment!

But -- having the information requested above readily available, enables our staff to resolve most of these type of payments in just a few minutes.

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FEBRUARY JANUARY





2006—2007 OFFICERS

Tom Miklosko Governor Jr. Past Governor Ray Gibson Jr. Governor Ken Schmidt Vince Martinez Prelate **Perry James** Administrator **Butch Nichol** Treasurer 1 Year Trustee Jerry Pitman 2 Year Trustee **Gary Belleville** 3 Year Trustee Ernie Avelar Sergeant-at-Arms **Barry Nolan David Locke** Inner Guard

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by Committee

Jerry Pitman

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Mark Filipowicz Webmaster Website— www.scmoose545.org

SOCIAL QUARTERS

Monday to Wednesday Thursday & Friday Saturday & Sunday

4 to 8 PM 4 to 10 PM

Please see calendar

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JANUARY 2007

YOUR FAMILY CENTER EVENTS

For reservations call 438-1817, 2470 El Rancho Rd., S.V. For more info please go to www.scmoose545.org/

Santa Cruz Moose Lodge #545 Located at 2470 El Rancho Drive Between El Rancho and Mt Hermon exits off northbound Highway 17 Lodge phone—831/438-1817

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	1 Happy New Year's	2	3	4	5	6
	Day! Lodge is Closed	4pm Social Quarters Open 6:30 Dart League & Potluck	4pm Social quarters Open 6pm Herb's Accordions	5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Brian & Tom 7:30 Regular Meeting	6:00 – 7:30 Pizza Dinner \$6. \$8 With 1st draft pitcher!	5:00 District Executive Board at Campbell 6:00 District Social at Campbell #1811 All members invited attend
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PASS IT OF	O 4pm Social Quarters Open	4pm Social Quarters Open 6:30 Dart League & Potluck	4pm Social Quarters Open	5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Bruce 6:30 Ladies of 545 Meeting 7:30 Planning Meeting 8:00 House Committee	6:00 – 7:30 All You Can Eat Taco Dinner by Lonnie & Sue \$8	
14	15 Martin Luther	16	17	18	19	20
0:00—Noon Breakfast by the Legion \$5 10—11AM Family Activities	King Day Noon—Ritual Team Practice 4pm Social Quarters Open	4pm Social Quarters Open 6:30 Dart League & Potluck	4pm Social quarters Open	5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Mark & Josie 7:30 Legion Meeting 8:00 Officers' Meeting	6:00 – 7:30 Steak Dinner \$10 7:30 Orientation 8:00 Enrollment;	Private Function 1 pm GS #15 Legion International Convention Appreciation at Sunnyvale Lodge #2049
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
pm Legion Celebra- ion at Campbell	4pm Social Quarters Open 6pm Ritual Team Practice	4pm Social Quarters Open 6:30 Dart League & Potluck	4pm Social quarters Open	5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Jim & Mary	6:00—7:30 Fish & Chips Dinner by Keith, Chris & Ernie \$8	8am-2pm Cub Scout Pack #676 Pinewood Derby
28	29	30	31	1 FEBRUARY	2	3
	4pm Social Quarters Open	4pm Social Quarters Open	4pm Social Quarters Open	5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Mike Stephens 7:00 1st Nominating	6:00 – 7:30 Meatloaf & Garlic Mashed Potatoes Dinner by Brenda &	5:00 District Executive Board at Santa Cruz 6:00 District Social at
	6pm Ritual Team Practice	6:30 Dart League & Potluck		Committee Meeting! 7:30 Regular Meeting	Ken \$8	Santa Cruz #545 All members kindly urged to attend!

545'S BOARD OF OFFICERS, WISHES ALL OUR MEMBERS A PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHY 2007

Our Lodge needs your help, Please enroll 1 new member this year and help keep the



Fraternal Flame shining!
Ask a friend, family
member or associate to join
the greatest Order in the
World!



FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 6-7:30 pm STEAK DINNER \$10

Orientation at 7:30 and

Enrollment at 8:00

All Members are Cordially invited to attend, come see Ritual at it's Best!



Free Friday Night Dinner if your Birthday is listed in the bulletin for the current month. You must check in with server for your ticket and

show your paid up membership card.

Happy Birthday from 545! (Please note RSVP and Sign-Up requirements)



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FEBRUARY 2007

YOUR FAMILY CENTER EVENTS

For reservations please call 438-1817
For more info please go www.scmoose545.org/

Members <u>please note</u> This month's Calendar has been printed one month in advance! All events are subject to change. <u>Please</u> call Lodge at 831/438-1817 to confirm and reserve the event you want to attend.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 2pm Super Bowl Part & Potluck. Come down and enjoy good food and hopefully a great game!	5 4pm Social Quarters Open 6pm Ritual Team Practice	6 4pm Social Quarters Open 6:30 Dart League & Potluck	7 4pm Social Quarters Open 6pm Herb's Accordions!	8 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Dick 6:00 Ladies of 545 Meeting 7:30 Planning Meeting 8:00 House Committee	9 6:00 – 7:30 Ritual Team Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner— All You Can Eat! \$10. Please support your Ritual Team!	10 Private Function
9:00 – Noon Breakfast by the Legion \$5.00 11:00 – 1:00 Family Activities GS 15 Nominating Com- mittee Meeting	12 4pm Social Quarters Open 6pm Ritual Team Practice	13 4pm Social Quarters Open 6:30 Dart League & Potluck	14 Valentine's Day 4pm Social Quarters Open	15 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Dave & Rose 7:00 2nd Nominating Committee Meeting 7:30 Legion Meeting	16 6:00 – 7:30 Steak Dinner by Chef Howard 7:30 Orientation 8:00 Enrollment	17 6:30 pm 545's World Famous Crab Feed! Limited to 80 \$30 for members and \$35 for guests. Must be purchased by Monday, February 12!
18 1130 am NASCAR Season Kickoff at Daytona!	19 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY 4pm Social Quarters Open 6pm Ritual Team Practice	20 4pm Social Quarters Open 6:30 Dart League & Potluck	21 4pm Social Quarters Open	22 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Mike & Mikey	23 6:00 – 7:30 Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner by Ladies of 545 \$8 CONFERENCE @ SAI	24 1 pm 545 Ritual Team on Competition Floor in Santa Clara! 4 -9 pm Cub Pack #676 Blue & Gold Banquet NTA CLARA >>
25 CNMA MIDYEAR CONFERENCE AT SANTA CLARA	26 4pm Social Quarters Open	27 4pm Social Quarters Open 6:30 Dart League & Potluck	28 4pm Social Quarters Open	1 MARCH 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Ernie & Perry 7:00 3rd Nominating Committee Meeting 7:30 Regular Meeting	2 6:00 – 7:30 Pizza Dinner \$6	3 5:00 District Executive Board at San Jose 6:00 District Social at San Jose #401 All members cordially invited to attend!





SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 6:30—8 545's WORLD FAMOUS CRAB FEED

Members \$30 Non-Members \$35 This event limited to 80 dinners!

Reservations required-call Lodge
Tickets must be purchased at
Lodge by Monday, February 12!
See you there!!



Sunday, February

