

Santa Cruz Lodge 545 Garners The International Premier Lodge Award Gold Level at Chicago!

Santa Cruz Moose Lodge 545 Members, Friends and Associates,

I would like to report out to you regarding Santa Cruz Lodge 545's imprint upon the Loyal Order of Moose 121st Annual Convention held at Chicago, Ill, from May 22-27, 2009. As 545's Community Service Chair, Bulletin Editor and Ritual Chair, I would like to start out with Community Service. Great news here, much to our surprise, 545 garnered the Premier Lodge Award for the second time in as many years. We were awarded at the Gold level. Last year we garnered the Platinum level. This award is given to those Lodges who have met 5 mandatory and 9 alternate criteria as stipulated in the program requirements in the past Moose year. This Premier Lodge Award is awarded to those lodges that exemplify a truly successful Fraternal operation. 545 was only one of eight Lodges to garner this award from the CNMA at this level. Additionally, 545 was awarded the Community Service Award, Bronze level. This award reflects the successful efforts of our Lodge members and volunteers to improve our communities and help those in need.



We did not place in the Editorial competition awards even though we entered the Lodge Newsletter, Best News Story and Best Editorial divisions. We will try again!

I am proud to report to you that 545's Ritual Team placed 4th in the last International Lodge Ritual Competition. We started down this road in 1997 when I was 545 Governor with our then Administrator Bernie Bertonis as our coach and chairman. Bernie, as some of you may remember, was a championship ritualist in his own right and I know he was proud of 545 when our names were called in that great Moose assembly of Tuesday, May 26, in Chicago. Individually—

Orator Ray Gibson did not place in the top ten, but last year at International competition in Las Vegas he was 545's highest scoring 545 ritualist garnering 6th place.

Our Jr. Governor, Perry James, placed 9th, 0.65 of a point from 1st place.

Our Sgt-At-Arms, Lonnie Moseley, placed 3rd. Our Past Governor, Brian Murtha, placed 2nd. Our Prelate, Mike Stephens, placed 1st! Our Governor, yours truly, placed 1st.

We have worked long and hard and it finally paid off. I am so proud of these Brothers, they are all number one in my heart for their dedication and effort. Thanks to our class consisting of 545 Gov Vince Martinez and our Past Everything Pilgrim Joe Dillon! Thanks to all those who attended the International, gave us constant motivation, got to see our performance and stood by us all these years, your support will always be appreciated. And to all our



545 members and volunteers our success is a reflection of your work! A heartfelt thanks to you for keeping Santa Cruz Moose Lodge 545 on the 'Moose Map'!
JD Sotelo, SC 545 Past Governor

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TO—

SANTA CRUZ MOOSE NEWS

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Your **NEW** Board of Officers For 2008—2009

Governor	Vince Martinez
Jr. Past Governor	Chris Grundy
Jr. Governor	Dave Hostetler
Prelate	Scott McAvoy
Administrator	Perry James
Treasurer	Lonnie Moseley
1 Year Trustee	Eric Miller
2 Year Trustee	Randy Manson
3 Year Trustee	Brian McAvoy
Sergeant-at-Arms	Barry Nolan
Inner Guard	Mick Brown

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Applications Review	by Committee
Audit	Jerry Pitman
Bulletin Editor	J.D. Sotelo
Community Service	J.D. Sotelo & Laurie Grundy
Darts	Sue Moseley
Decorating	Event Chairperson
Endowment	Dick Dennis
Facilities/Contracts	Ray Gibson
Family Activities	Geo/Lynn Cordova
Food Drive	Lou Avelar
Government Relations	Brian Murtha
Historical	Mark Filipowicz
Ladies of 545	Laurie Grundy
Legion Activities	Lonnie Moseley
Legion Lodge Work	Mick Brown
Lodge Maintenance	Mickey Lundin
Lodge Grounds	Ernie Avelar & Dan Goodwin
Membership	Perry James
M/M Admissions	Brian Armstrong
MYA Chairman	J. D. Sotelo
Moose Scholarship	Perry James
Orientation	Mike Stephens
Ritual Team	J. D. Sotelo
Social Quarters Manger	Ray Gibson
Sports Events—	Call Lodge at—
Horseshoes, Softball, etc.	438-1817

SOCIAL QUARTERS

Monday to Wednesday 4 to 8 PM
Thursday & Friday 4 to 10 PM
Saturday & Sunday— Please see calendar or go to www.scmoose545.org

Brother members and Ladies,
It was my pleasure to attend the Moose International Convention in Chicago in the month of May along with our esteemed Administrator Perry James and our Santa Cruz Moose Lodge # 545 Ritual Team that consisted of Past Governors J.D. Sotelo, Lonnie Moseley, Brian Murtha, Ray Gibson, Mike Stevens, and Perry James. They competed in the last Moose International Completion Sunday May 24th at 4:50 pm. It was my pleasure to serve as the enrollment class along with District 10 Pilgrim Joe Dillon. They gave a great performance and finished fourth over all, congratulations to them!

On Saturday May 23rd it was also my pleasure along with our Administrator Perry James and many members from District 10 to board an early morning bus for a 40 mile trip to attend the 91st Annual Commencement of Mooseheart High School at 9:00 am central daylight savings time.

There were many buses filled with Moose Member Delegates both men and women along with their family members. The Superintendent of Education and Principal Mr. Gary Urwiler announced that there was 2900 to 3000 people in attendance in the gymnasium to watch twenty-five of our Mooseheart Seniors graduate and receive there diplomas. This was probably the largest crowd in Mooseheart history to watch a graduation. It was thrilling to watch the procession of the Class of 2009 as each graduate was announced. Much applause and cheers were given to each Senior by those in attendance and by their family members.

There were great speeches given first by the Salutatorian, Basheeba Mays, and an emotional closing address by Krystal Ellsworth, the Valedictorian. Much applause was given as the diplomas, scholarships, and special awards were given to each deserving student. This was the best high school commencement I have ever attended, even my own. A barbecue lunch was given after the graduation by Mooseheart and the food that was prepared was delicious.

After touring many of the buildings at Mooseheart we found out where our Sunshine Child, Juan Solis, resides at. He lives at the Maryland, Delaware House one of the many living quarters on the Mooseheart campus. So Perry James, Brian Murtha, and I set out to find the Maryland, Delaware House. Each student lives in a house not a dormitory. We found Juan and he gave us a tour of the Maryland, Delaware house. Each student shares a bedroom with a roommate.

There is a partition wall to give each student some privacy. Juan answered our many questions and showed us all the rooms in the Maryland, Delaware House. Juan is about 12 years old and has been at Mooseheart since he was 4 years old. He is a great kid in a great environment. As we said our goodbyes we asked Juan what size t-shirt he wears, and he said that he wears a large. We will have to send him one of our new Santa Cruz Moose Lodge # 545 t-shirts After attending the graduation, touring the campus, and seeing the students living quarters, and seeing how they are treated with love and respect and how well rounded they turn out scholastically and as young citizens, I came away very impressed.

This is what our dues, the endowment, the good of the order, and our other charitable efforts do to support Mooseheart and Moosehaven and Moose Charities. I witnessed the great results of our giving, if you haven't already done so please give to the Gimme Five Program so we can support Mooseheart and help these children prosper.

Thank You, Vince Martinez, Governor Santa Cruz Moose Lodge # 545



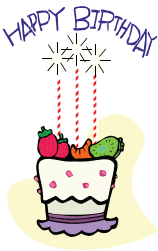
CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN

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Stanley Dennis
Brent Mays
Dave McClure
Susan Aubert
Vince Martinez
Peter Sierant
Montee Allen
David Thomas
Thomas Cannell
Paul Wilson
Gary Quinn
Phil Siebert
Larry Rothfuss
Michael Ruggiero
Edward Harr
Scott McAvoy
Dick Deane
Larry Moore
Edward Kuerzel
Karen 'Bunny' Sotelo
Brenda Schmidt
Aaron Hinde

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Paul Dennis
James Riss
Joseph Kelleher
Dorothy Douzeff
John Gillette
Orville Lindquist
Rick Pearce
Duane Rasmussen
John Geyer
Scott N. Elliot
Fred Brandt
Tom Hutchinson
Gayle San Filippo
Lou Avelar
Tom Snouse
Richard Aubert
Brian McAvoy
Brian T. Murtha
David Quinn
Zora Dennis
Danny Elliot

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



545 SICKNESS and DISTRESS

Joe Zagami passed away
Mario Esposito under the weather
Jerry Pitman's wife, Suzie, suffering from Scleroderma



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

++ LODGE NEWS ++

545 Brothers and Ladies,

Once again it's time for another bulletin. The last couple of months have been good for membership. The Lodge is almost to 250 members. Now let's keep up the good work that every sponsor has done and keep the numbers climbing. Last year we doubled our Quota and we are on our way to making our quota again this year. Our Quota is at 34 so let's see if we can double it again.

The Friday night Family dinners have been very good and the burgers on Thursday night have been getting more participation from the members. Come on down to the Lodge and try a dinner or a burger. They're GREAT!

The Junior Governor is doing a phone poll with all the local members and getting their feedback on dogs at the Lodge. When Dave calls you, please give him your input. Thanks. If any members, bartenders, kitchen help or volunteers have a problem or concern that I can help with, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Perry Lee James, 545 Administrator



Scraps From the Kitchen

BURGER NIGHT -- This summer, when the kitchen is too hot to cook in, and you do not want some "fast food" kinda meal, you otta bring your family to the lodge for Thursday night Burgers. Let someone else do the cooking. There are many different teams that volunteer their time and talent. For three dollars, you have your burger flame broiled to order, with all the fixin's. And always comes with a side of French fries and/or onion rings. And sometimes you can get a bowl of chili or a salad of some sort for fifty cents or a dollar, and sometimes free! Who is the best burger team in the kitchen? I dunno,

maybe we need to have a "Best Burger" battle this summer.

PRIME RIB NIGHT -- Oh, here's another one you should check out! Corky and his Crew do on awesome job in the kitchen. How do you like your prime rib? Medium, rare, well,

whatever, you just point to the piece you want and it is put on your plate. Then add some of the best mashed potatoes ever, top it with delightful brown gravy, followed up by the grilled to perfection asparagus, and a lovely Greek salad. The June Prime Rib night was enhanced with Mr. Amore spinning the tunes while Erick Miller sang Frank Sinatra songs and people danced. We also got a report out from Laurie Grundy on the monies that have been raised with the 50/50 Raffle for the building fund and the monies that have been raised by the dessert sales. A very fun evening!

By: The Mysterious Connoisseur of Cuisine



Welcome to our Newly Enrolled Members!!



May 15, 2009 participants, left to right— Chris Hertz, Trustee Eric Miller, Governor Vince Martinez, Herb Lundin and Gary Boyden



June 19, 2009 participants, left to right— Michael Duckett, Bill Cowan, Glen Johnson, Governor Vince Martinez, Gerald Haas, Gary White and Paul Arana



Pictured at left from June 4, 2009 is 545's first enrollee at a Regular meeting! Left to Right— Roger Barnes, Governor Vince Martinez and William Guissi Jr.

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.

News, notes and upcoming events!

The Moose International Department of Fraternal Programs is proud to recognize outstanding community service efforts by our lodges. During the latter part of May each year, the International Community Service Committee meets to judge all lodges that have earned four "Superior" ratings during the recently completed fiscal year. Congratulations to our 545 volunteers, members and friends of 545. At the International Convention in Chicago our Lodge was awarded the International Community Service Award, Bronze level! A job well done to all our volunteers. Thank You!

Coming up in September is the Alzheimer's 2009 Memory Walk in Aptos on Saturday, September 26. I will be asking for donations on their behalf online! [Please submit your email address to me so that I can save postage and a phone call!](mailto:JDsotelo@aol.com) For more info please go to <http://mwaptos09.kintera.org/> or give me a call.

And... [The 15th Annual Monte Fireworks Extravaganza will be held on October 3rd at Seacliff State Beach from 1pm to 10pm. 545 volunteers a group of about 25 friends and members to staff the Main Gate. We have done this for quite a few years now and it's just a lot of fun! Rain or shine~we'll have a great time!](#)

The Monte Foundation was never intended to be a foundation that just handed out grants. It was formed to bring the people together and to teach the children to become part of the community, through their participation in the events. With over 30,000 people at the fireworks display every year the goal of bringing the community together is working. More important than money, the Monte Foundation events are a throw back to a time in our country where everybody was responsible for our children's education. For more info please go to www.monte-foundation.com/ Thank You for your participation!

JD Sotelo, 545 Community Service Chair,
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**Thank You Santa Cruz Moose Lodge for your
Community Service to our world traveling students!**

Thank you soooo much to soooo to the Santa Cruz Moose Lodge and the many people for helping to make this event quite fun on Saturday, May 9, 2009. A few weeks ago I heard that Naomi needed some help to get to Africa. Here is some info for y'all's to help put this together. Naomi is the great grand daughter of my Aunt Dorothy Patton, sister of Colleen and Ruby and Pearl and Betty and and. You get the picture.

Naomi is a junior engineering student attending Berkley. She entered a design contest not too long ago and won the opportunity to travel to Shirati Africa. The group of students and engineers will be designing and installing a rainwater harvesting system. This is an "all inclusive" experience for the students. They will be performing every function from organizing the labor, to actually digging the ditches.

But wait, the trip to get there is a trip in itself. Once they leave the U.S. the first stop is Zurich for a short layover. And then to Zanzibar for a 2 day layover. Then the last leg will be a drive through the Serengeti! Oh my goodness grapejuice! They will be in Shirati for a month.

Oh yeah, back to the fund raiser. And please remember that the following figures are approximate: We had a 50/50 raffle, where the winning ticket holder took home \$385.00. Naomi kept \$385.00. The bake sale/rummage sale/silent auction brought in \$245.00 The expenses were \$200.00 Which means that Naomi received \$630.00 for her Africa trip. Submitted by Sue Aubert.



Ladies of 545 Committee:

Thank you to all Ladies that shopped, decorated, bartended, cooked, served, and cleaned up the mess on June 14th for the Father's Breakfast. It was a great turnout for an awesome breakfast. And Ladies, didn't we have a fun time with lots of laughs?

Ladies, I am on my soapbox AGAIN, we need volunteers to bring a dessert on a Friday night of your choice. Please, check the calendar for an open Friday night to share your homemade treat or store bought favorite. The holidays are approaching fast, every \$1 for that dessert will be appreciated and needed.

Attention all LOOM & WOTM members - Speaking of the holidays! You have heard of the expression "Christmas in July", right? Well, starting in July we will begin collecting canned food for the Valley Churches United Missions, with an added bonus on raffle nights. If you purchase raffle tickets and bring in a minimum of two cans, you could receive a maximum of four extra tickets toward the raffle. Check the Lodge flyer on the bulletin board for full details. Next raffle nights are July 17th, August 7th, and August 21st. We want to keep that hard earned "Great Can Award" at the Lodge next year.

Laurie Grundy,
Ladies of 545 Chair

Ladiesof545@scmoose545.org



***The Pink Prom Fundraiser for the AVON Breast Cancer Foundation
was a SMASHING success!***

Held on June 13, 2009 at Santa Cruz Lodge 545. Halfway through the evening, our guests were asking us to make it an annual event! It was truly an amazing experience.

We don't have a final tally for the Pink Prom but we do know that we brought in \$2200 on the night of the event alone. Not too shabby for two first-timers. ;)

I plan to create a web album to consolidate all the photos, but for the time being here are the portraits the photographer took:

<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=2223840&id=6707320&l=124cb64201>

We owe Santa Cruz Lodge, their officers and Community Service Chairman JD Sotelo a very overdue thank-you note, but in the meantime, we're hoping you got the pink moose painting we left in the Social Quarters for you! Again, we are infinitely grateful for The Moose Lodge's generosity and hospitality. Hope to see you soon at future Moose events!

Diana Wilson & Megan Morris

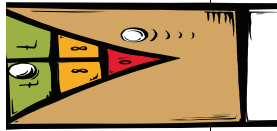




JULY 2009

YOUR FAMILY CENTER EVENTS
All Friday Night dinners are Family Events
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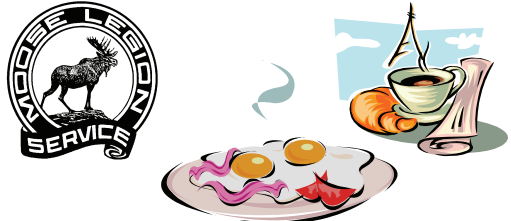
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Between El Rancho and Mt Hermon
exits off northbound Highway 17
Lodge phone—831/438-1817

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 MOOSEHEART <i>CHILD CITY AND SCHOOL, INC.</i>			1 4pm Social Quarters Open 	2 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Lonnie & Sue 7:30 Regular Meeting	3 6 – 7:30 Pizza Dinner by Cindy, \$6 All you can eat! 	4 Independence Day 545 Picnic for the 4th! 1—3 Tri Tip \$8 
5 Lodge Closed www.mooseheart.org/	6 4pm Social Quarters Open www.moosehaven.org/	7 4pm Social Quarters Open www.moosecharities.org/	8 4pm Social Quarters Open 	9 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Brian & Tom 6:30 Ladies of 545 Mtg. 7:30 Planning Meeting 8:00 House Committee	10 6:30-8 Oyster & Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner by Chef Gino \$10 	11 Lodge Flea Market 9am—3pm Call Dominic @ 212.3765 for info 5pm District Executive Board Mtg at Monterey 6pm District Social at Monterey #876
12 9:00 – Noon Breakfast by the Legion \$5.00 for the Works! 10– Noon Family Activities 	13 4pm Social Quarters Open www.mooseintl.org/	14 4pm Social Quarters Open 	15 4pm Social Quarters Open	16 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Mark & Josie 7:30 Legion Meeting 8:00 Officers' Meeting	17 6 – 7:30 Steak Dinner by Chef Richard \$10 7:30 Orientation Ladies 50/50 Raffle 8:00 Enrollment 	18 10am Social Quarter Volunteers (bartenders) Meeting Lodge Closed
19 Lodge Closed 1pm Legion Celebration at Sunnyvale #2049	20 4pm Social Quarters Open www.ca-nvmoose.org/	21 4pm Social Quarters Open	22 4pm Social Quarters Open 	23 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Howard 	24 6:30-8 Calamari Dinner by Chef Howard \$8 	25 Lodge Closed 9am Moose Riders cruising to Pacifica, meet at Lodge! 
26 Lodge Closed  gimme five!	27 4pm Social Quarters Open www.scmoose545.org/	28 4pm Social Quarters Open	29 4pm Social Quarters Open	30 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by Jim & Mary	31 6:30-8 Pork Dinner by Chef Ed Lake \$8 	1 AUGUST Lodge Closed 5:00 District Executive Board at 6:00 District Social at

FRIDAY, JULY 4th, 1 — 3
545 Independence Day Barbecue!
Tri—Tips! \$8



SUNDAY, JULY 12, 9—NOON
BREAKFAST BY THE LEGION
\$5 FOR 'THE WORKS'



FRIDAY, JULY 17, 6-7:30 pm
STEAK DINNER BY CHEF RICHARD
\$10 Orientation at 7:30 and Enrollment at 8:00

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



— ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE —
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!
(Please note RSVP and Sign-Up requirements)





AUGUST 2009
YOUR FAMILY CENTER EVENTS
All Friday Night dinners are Family Events
For reservations please call 438-1817

Members please note This month's Calendar has been printed one month in advance! All events are subject to change. Please call Lodge to RSVP or confirm your event.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2 Lodge Closed www.moosehaven.org/	3 4pm Social Quarters Open www.mooseheart.org/	4 4pm Social Quarters Open www.moosecharities.org/	5 4pm Social Quarters 	6 5:30 – 7:00 Burgers by John Abercrombie 7:30 Regular Meeting	7 6:30-8 Prime Rib Dinner by Chef Corky & Crew \$10 Volunteers always needed! Reservations Required Ladies 50/50 Raffle	8 5:00 District Executive Board at 545 6:00 District Social at Santa Cruz 545 Chili Verde by Chef Moses \$8 
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 9—NOON
BREAKFAST BY THE LEGION
\$5 FOR 'THE WORKS'



FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 6—7:30
Dinner by Chef Lew \$10,
Orientation at 7:30
And enrollment at 8:00

All members are cordially invited to attend!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 1PM
Mission Trails 10
Picnic at



Santa Cruz Lodge 545
All members are cordially invited to attend and join in the fun!