



SANTA CRUZ MOOSE NEWS

Santa Cruz, CA. #545 Loyal Order of Moose

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November —December 2024



Sign made and assembled by: Mick Brown, Eugene Bustichi, Lonnie Moseley, Al Frischmann, and Dick Dennis.

Santa Cruz Moose Lodge #545 Board of Officers & Committee Chairs for 2024-2025

*** OFFICERS ***

President	Val Norkoli
Administrator	Laurie Grundy
Vice President	Ken Deaver
Treasurer	Dominic Carine
Chaplain	Brian Murtha
1 Yr Trustee	Vince Martinez
2 Yr Trustee	Morris Packer
3 Yr Trustee	Tiffany Oldham
Jr. Past President	Eugene Bustichi
Sgt-At-Arms	Perry James

Social Quarters Hours

Opening Times:

* Monday-Friday at 4pm

* Saturday at 1pm

* Selected Breakfast Sundays 9-11:30am

Closing times will vary.

For more up to date information,
please check the calendar.

*** COMMITTEES ***

Activities Chair	Committee
Application Review	Vince Martinez
Communications & Volunteers	Valerie Norkoli
Community Service	Committee
Facilities/Contracts	Ray Gibson
Financial Review Chair	Committee
Fellowship	Committee
Government Relations	Brian Murtha
Heart of the Community	Laurie Grundy
Kitchen Manager	Dominic Carine
Legion Chairman	Dick Dennis
Lodge Grounds	Morris Packer
Lodge Maintenance	Committee
Loss Prevention Chair	Committee
Membership Chair	Committee
Moose Charities Chair	Laurie Grundy
Orientation/Ritual	Ray Gibson
Social Media	Committee
Social Quarters Mgr.	Ray Gibson
Webmaster	Mark Filipowicz
Sports Events --	Call Lodge at
Horseshoes, Darts, etc.	831)438-1817

"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

To my Moose-tacular Members,

As we dash into the holiday season like a moose on a mission, I just want to take a moment to say a HUGE thank you for your constant support! Your enthusiasm keeps our Lodge as lively as a reindeer on a trampoline!

May your holidays be filled with laughter, joy, and enough treats to put Santa's cookie stash to shame! Remember, calories don't count during the holidays - especially when you're celebrating with your Moose family!

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and an even more fabulous New Year!

Warmly,
Valerie Norkoli, President



SC 545 Legion MESSAGE

Congratulations to Jim Norkoli, 545's newest Fellow. Jim was installed into the Fellow Degree of the Legion at the September CNMA mid-year conference in Reno. The Fellow Degree is the second level in the Legion with the Pilgrim Degree being the highest.

At the last Legion meeting it was decided upon to raise the price of breakfast to \$12.00 starting with the January 2025 breakfast. Due to the increasing food costs.

On October 13th, the Legion Golden Spot 15 held a Conferral (enrollment) at Santa Cruz 545. Sorry to say there was only one candidate from Pacifica Lodge enrolled into the ranks of the Legion. Any male Moose member in good standing can be enrolled into the Legion. Application forms are by the Guest sign in book. If you have questions, please ask a Legion member.

The next dinner by the Legion will be ribs and beans on Nov 1st. The following dinner will be on Jan 3, 2025, menu to be determined.

To honor our Veterans, we will be giving all 545 Veterans a free breakfast, with proof of service, on November 10th. Proof can be a Valued Veteran current Moose card, or CA driver's license with Veteran status or a VA card.

Thank You for Your Service.

From the 545 Legion we wish everyone a Joyous Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New year.

Dick Dennis, Legion Chair

WATCH FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER: District Social at Santa Cruz #545, Sat, Nov 2nd
Damian's Ladder Fundraiser, Sunday Nov 3rd
Turkey Dinner, Saturday Nov 16th

DECEMBER: Gold Standard Chorus Christmas Event, Wed, Dec 4th
VCUM Toy and Food Drive / Prime Rib, Dec 6th

BULLETINS AND CALENDARS BY "CONSTANT CONTACT"

We are now using "Constant Contact" to send bulletins by email to the email address on your Moose Membership record. Some Members, who prefer, can continue receiving their bulletins and calendars by mail. If you have any questions, or would like to change the method you receive your bulletin, please email the Lodge with your request. Your email will never be shared.

The Bulletins and Calendars are still available on the web-site: www.scmoose545.org. And posted on Facebook.

Lodge Email: scmoose545@yahoo.com

ENROLLMENT



****WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS NEW MEMBERS ****

October 24th Orientation/Enrollment:

I to r: Jose Ramirez; New Member and Sponsor Jon-Erik Roy; Nicole Agnew; Sponsor Bill Morris, Suzi Morrison; Jeanne Whiting; Sponsor Steve Pappas

Next Orientation/Enrollment— December 12th



DAMIANS LADDER PRESENTS

FIX IT

HANDYMAN FUNDRAISER

A BETTER TODAY FOR OUR SENIORS

NOV 3rd 5-8pm

LOCATION
MOOSE Lodge #545
2470 El Rancho Drive
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

COST
\$40 per person
\$75 per couple
\$350 sponsor
table of 8

ATTIRE
think plaid, jeans,
work boots

PROGRAM
5 COURSE DINNER
NO HOST BAR
SILENT/LIVE AUCTION
DRAWING+GAMES

COMMUNITY SUPPORT
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR DAMIANS
LADDER, A NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION THAT ASSISTS
SENIOR CITIZENS & THE DISABLED IN
MAKING SMALL HOME REPAIRS.

TICKETS
WWW.DAMIANSLADDER.ORG
atyourservice@damiansladder.org
1-831-222-0380

501 (C)3 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION Tax id # 93-2372405

SCAN FOR TICKETS

Damian's Ladder is a Non-Profit Organization. Its mission is to provide coordination with volunteers and materials to assist seniors and people with disabilities with small home repairs and updates.

Moose members: if you are interested in making a donation or volunteering to help with small tasks, please check out the website: damiansladder.org, for more information. You could make a difference by changing a light bulb, a filter or batteries in a smoke alarm, fixing a leaky faucet, repairing a light switch, cleaning gutters, moving furniture, or installing an access ramp, etc.

The Santa Cruz Moose Lodge #545 survives completely on volunteers and it needs your help!

- ◇ **Kitchen:** Dinners needed for some Friday Nights. Nov 15th and Dec 6th are open for someone's special recipe.
- ◇ Clean your tables or area you are in. Someone, a volunteer, will end up wiping down the tables and cleaning up your mess. Please pick up after yourself. That includes inside and outside the lodge.
- ◇ Cleaning the kitchen, hall and bathrooms
- ◇ Vacuuming and dusting
- ◇ General maintenance and repairs.

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

VCUM = FUNDRAISER

TOY AND FOOD DRIVE

Prime Rib Dinner Chef: Jim & Crew \$25 Prepay

Toy Drive (New and Unwrapped)

Food Drive (Non-perishable)

Opportunity Drawing

Prize Drawing

Friday, December 13th






NEXT ORIENTATION / ENROLLMENT

Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 7:15pm

Members that have not attended an Orientation/Enrollment are welcome to attend this or any future scheduled ceremonies.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER



Aaron Adams	Nov	1	Tom Ghio	Nov	17
Jim Howk	Nov	2	Tom Kemp	Nov	17
James Bresnahan	Nov	3	Cheryl Brown	Nov	18
Cory Farinsky	Nov	5	Cynthia Stark	Nov	18
Dennis Grazian	Nov	5	Tim Hutchinson	Nov	20
Jason Noce	Nov	5	Nancy Knoll	Nov	20
Daniel Slebir	Nov	6	Les Pawlak	Nov	20
Charlene Swenter	Nov	6	Stephen Poli	Nov	23
Michael Ostrander	Nov	7	Dany McCourt	Nov	24
Debbie Wingo	Nov	7	Lyle Fleming	Nov	25
Mary Davis	Nov	8	Vincent Proby III	Nov	25
Lynn Gai	Nov	8	Rick Rooney	Nov	25
Cathy Woo	Nov	10	D. Mike Epperson	Nov	26
Ray Gibson	Nov	12	Mr. Paul Metzger	Nov	26
Susan Morrison	Nov	12	Alan Grundy	Nov	27
Victor Wicks	Nov	12	Lincoln Quale	Nov	27
Sarah Stein	Nov	13	Chris Rustigan	Nov	28
Mary Marlow	Nov	16			

545 SICKNESS and DISTRESS

**TO THOSE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO ARE
SUFFERING ILL HEALTH OR HAVE SUFFERED A LOSS —**

Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to You!

Norman Gillette passed away.

Greg Bonner broke his leg.

Anita Stoddart had knee surgery.

Dominic Carine had a leg vein bypass.

Richard (Dick) Deane passed away.

Paul Cunningham passed away.

**If any member or have family members that are suffering ill
health or loss, please notify the Lodge by emailing:**

Chaplain, Brian Murtha

bmurt@cruzio.com



CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MEMBERS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

Gail Wind	Dec	1	Jill Davis	Dec	18
Erik Beeson	Dec	2	Kurt Onstott	Dec	18
Jimmy Philips	Dec	2	Erik Suomela	Dec	18
Patricia Swan	Dec	2	William Kaufman	Dec	19
Haden Goodwin	Dec	4	Susan Ray	Dec	19
Charlene Maxwell	Dec	4	Michael Opdahl	Dec	20
April Apollo	Dec	5	Edward Sanchez	Dec	20
Carl Wilson	Dec	6	Butch Thomas	Dec	20
Thomas Williams	Dec	8	Gabriel Bohlen	Dec	21
Paul Arana	Dec	9	Vince Waskell	Dec	22
Lawrence Borg	Dec	9	Dan Pennington	Dec	23
Michael Doherty	Dec	9	James Welch	Dec	23
Erich Horn	Dec	9	Lisa Kohn	Dec	26
Cyndi Miller-Grazian	Dec	10	Juan Donato	Dec	27
John Woo	Dec	10	Chris Grundy	Dec	28
Devin Guluzzo	Dec	11	Wendy Norkoli	Dec	29
David Norris	Dec	11	Jack Roberts	Dec	29
Bruce Ramsey	Dec	11	Julius Sotelo	Dec	29
Mario De La Garza	Dec	12	Richard Craig Deane	Dec	30
Eva Rose	Dec	12	Ronald Miller	Dec	30
Cary Helgueros	Dec	13	Robert Rittenhouse Jr.	Dec	30
J J Meyer	Dec	13	John Abercrombie	Dec	31
Morris Packer	Dec	14	Ray Cameron	Dec	31
Karl Ryan	Dec	14	Steve Johnson	Dec	31
Rosemarie Miranda	Dec	16	Tony Souza	Dec	31
Wes Musitelli	Dec	17			

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)



NOVEMBER 2024

All Friday Night Dinners are Family Events





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Members please note:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Ribs & Beans \$18 Chefs: Legion	2 SQ 1:00-4pm DISTRICT SOCIAL - AT SANTA CRUZ ----- Private Party
3 Breakfast-Ladies \$10.00 9-11:30 am ----- Damian's Ladder Fundraiser Dinner 5pm See Page 3	4 SQ 4:00-7pm	5 SQ 4:00-7pm	6 SQ 4:00-7pm 7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	7 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: "A" Team 7:00pm Officers Mtg 7:30 General Mtg -All members welcome	8 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Steak Dinner \$16 Chef: Tim, Judy & Crew	9 SQ 1:00-4pm ----- Fellow Dinner at Pacifica Moose #1944
10 Legion Breakfast \$10.00 / 9-11:30 am <i>Free to Veterans with proof of service</i> 12:30pm LEGION Meeting	11 SQ 4:00-7pm	12 SQ 4:00-7pm	13 SQ 4:00-7pm 7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	14 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Tiffany & Crew 6:30 Planning Meeting 7:00pm Officers Mtg (NO Clamper Meeting)	15 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Chefs:	16 SQ 1:00-6pm #545 Turkey Dinner \$10.00 Served at 3:00pm (Sign-up required)
17 CLOSED	18 SQ 4:00-7pm	19 SQ 4:00-7pm NO Marconi Club Mtg	20 SQ 4:00-7pm 7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	21 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: "A" Team Clamper Ceremony	22 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Tomato Bisque & Grilled Cheese \$12 Chef: Val & Crew	23 SQ 1:00-4pm 9am Lodge Clean-Up All volunteers welcome! ----- Private Party
24  Breakfast Tiff & Tess \$10.00 9-11:30am	25 SQ 4:00-7pm	26 SQ 4:00-7pm	27 SQ 4:00-7pm 7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	28 LODGE CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving 	29 SQ 4:00-8pm NO DINNER	30 SQ 1:00-4pm ----- Private Party



DECEMBER 2024

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1 Breakfast Ladies of 545  \$10.00 9-11:30 am	2 SQ 4:00-7pm	3 SQ 4:00-7pm	4 SQ 4:00-9pm 5-9:00pm Gold Standard Chorus Christmas Fundraiser (See Lodge flyers)	5 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: "A" Team 7:00pm Officers Mtg 7:30pm General Mtg -All members welcome	6 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: Chefs:	7 SQ 1:00-4pm ----- Private Party
8 Legion Breakfast  \$10.00 9-11:30 am 12:30pm LEGION Meeting	9 SQ 4:00-7pm	10 SQ 4:00-7pm	11 SQ 4:00-7pm 7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	12 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Tiffany & Crew 7:15pm Orientation/ Enrollment NO Clampers Meeting	13 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm VCUM Fundraiser PRIME RIB Chef: Jim & Crew \$25 PREPAY Toy & Food Drive—See Pg 4	14 SQ 1:00-4pm ----- Private Party
15 CLOSED ----- Private Party	16 SQ 4:00-7pm	17 SQ 4:00-7pm NO Marconi Club Mtg	18 SQ 4:00-7pm 7-9pm GS Chorus Practice	19 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: Ron & Crew 6:30 Calendar Planning 7:30 Officers Mtg	20 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: TBA \$ Chef: Tiffany & Crew	21 SQ 1:00-4pm ----- Private Party
22 CLOSED	23 SQ 4:00-7pm	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED 	26 SQ Open 4:-00pm No Burgers	27 SQ Open 4:-00pm NO DINNER	28 SQ 1:00-4pm 9am LODGE CLEANUP (All volunteers welcome!) 
29 Breakfast Tiff & Tess  \$10.00 9-11:30am	30 SQ 4:00-7pm	31 SQ 4:00-6pm New Years Eve Appetizers Potluck	JAN 1 CLOSED 	JAN 2 SQ 4:00-10pm Burgers: 5:30-7pm Chefs: "A" Team	JAN 3 SQ 4:00-9pm Dinner: 6-7pm Menu: TBA Chefs: Legion	JAN 4 SQ 1:00-4pm