



# The Antler

Santa Rosa Moose Lodge #458 • WOTM Chapter #310 • January 2021

## Message from the Lodge Manager Reflecting on 2020

A friend texted me the other day, "I'd like to cancel my subscription to 2021. I've experienced the free 7-day trial and I'm not interested." I chuckled at the time but completely understood the solemnness behind the message. In contrast with what's happening around us, I'd like to start this 2021 newsletter on an optimistic note, looking back at our Lodge's personal achievements in 2020. **The good deeds of our members, and the inspirational thinking of our Lodge in a time of crisis, should not go unnoticed.**

In coordination with [Vitalant](#), during our numerous blood drives, we were able to collect **223 lifesaving units of blood for our community**. Blood donation remains an essential part of our nation's healthcare infrastructure. Our member's blood donations contributed to no patient going without blood.

A continuous food drive enabled me to deliver **boxes and boxes of food to support our local food bank**. Members are still dropping off cans, jars and other food items to be donated to our community in a time when families struggle. Let's keep this going.

While members played Bingo on Fridays, they were donating. The profits from every Bingo card sold were saved for charity. **I will proudly deliver a check this week to the Santa Rosa Boys & Girls Club for \$1730** Essentially, this is who we are as an organization — members coming together to have fun, while supporting our community.

**We did our civil duty in 2020 by supporting the Presidential vote in November, allowing the use of our hall by the County as a polling designation.** Dedicated board members rotated throughout the day to make sure that a Lodge officer was present every hour as needed for our community to exercise their constitutional right.

And last but not least, we instituted a new forward thinking board, who rethought how we operate to accommodate members under COVID-19 guidelines by establishing an outdoor seating area and a food menu. **This accomplishment forced us to think "out-of-the-box" and promoted Lodge growth that we didn't even know existed.**

All of these achievements will affect our Lodge in the long-run for the good of our community and for our members. **As it says on the back of our T-shirt – Community, Commitment, Collaboration.** Three words that represent the bedrock of who we are as a Lodge.

We're looking at 2021 enthusiastically. We have established a 2021 Goals Committee, who will tackle our messaging, marketing and community activity aspirations for the whole year. **We'd like to be as proactive as possible to continue having successes during and after the pandemic.**

For now, we are closed into February, until Sonoma County lifts our restrictions. **We will, however, be offering Friday night take-out meals featuring a different yummy dinner each week.** See below for information. Also, look for us offering



Board member, Matt Jones, dedicates some time to help with a little Lodge landscaping. Thank you Matt!

special take-home Super Bowl food packages. All from Chef Cesar and his team at Sonoma County Catering.

I truly believe, working together, we will make 2021 a bright year to remember.

Faithfully yours,

**Kathleen Nelson**  
**Moose Lodge Manager**

**PS** You can log onto [santarosamoose.org](http://santarosamoose.org) event page to find out about general membership meetings where all members are welcome, after our board meeting to discuss ideas, issues or any other concerns.



**Fridays**  
**OPEN FOR TAKEOUT**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29**

offering a  
**Pork Chop Dinner**  
*with mashed potatoes  
and green beans*

call to place you order  
**546-0637**  
pick-up between 4-6pm

**\$12**



**Helping is easy - put your spare time to good use by volunteering.**

**We are looking for volunteers to be part of our Disaster Playbook Committee.** This committee will create Lodge procedures during times of disasters such as floods and fires. It will contain ideologies that we use to aid our community and members in their times of need. This will be our “go-to” plan so we’re ready to generate aid. This committee will entail mostly Zoom meeting discussions to generate the best actions of help and draft them into a playbook.

**We’d like to establish a Social Media committee.** Our social media is not used enough to create excitement about events and community service. The members on this committee will be responsible for maintaining the Lodge’s Facebook page and generating additional social media outlets such as Instagram and Twitter. The committee will be in charge of posting event images and content, plus encouraging other members to post.

**If you are interested in joining either committee please call Kathleen at 707 546 0637 (leave a message and your call will be returned) or email [info@santarosamoose.org](mailto:info@santarosamoose.org).**

### **Message from the Governor**

Good Day Moose!

Well, how is 2021 treating you so far? **With every new year comes a renewed optimism of what can (or will) become of the year ahead.** For me, it will be vacationing – Hawaii in the late spring and a bike ride tour of Kentucky come this Fall. I can’t wait! How about you?

This Year will bring fresh, new ideas to our Lodge too. We have members of the Lodge Board meeting to discuss goals and event ideas for 2021. To be certain, our #1 goal is to open the Lodge!! **When we can open, we will renew old friendships or make new friends, enjoy a wonderful meal and play BINGO.** We hope to open the Social Quarters to a game of Shuffleboard or pool or ping-pong?

As we remain closed, we'll continue to make improvements to the Lodge – like more outdoor seating and removal of one or both of the storage containers. Anything is possible.

This spring we can elect a new Board of Officers. Are you interested? Perhaps you might be interested in participating in a committee? **We are looking for volunteers to help with events, member retention or recruitment – all assistance is appreciated.**

Lastly, as I look into the crystal ball of 2021, I see Santa Rosa Moose #458 becoming the GOLD STANDARD for the new Moose Lodge – young, vibrant, full of energy and giving back to our local community! Why not join us???

**Jim Walker**  
Governor

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## Message from the Senior Regent

Hello Ladies!

We made it through 2020 and into 2021! I am so excited for 2021 to be here and say good riddance to 2020. I have high hopes for a much better 2021.



As we all know, we are back in the purple tier and our lodge is closed again. We are hoping as we get into February and COVID vaccinations start to occur that the state will allow us to reopen. **We continually try to think of activities we can do together both outside and once we open.** Please let us know if you have ideas of activities you would like to see implemented. We would love any suggestions you have and cannot wait to all get together again.

I wanted to give you all an update on OneMoose which will be effective on May 1, 2021. We received the following answers to frequently asked questions. Hopefully this will give you some answers to questions you might have. We will give you information as we receive it from our international office.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. What is the One Moose concept?

With full support of the Loyal Order of Moose Supreme Council and the Women of the Moose Grand Council, we have created a new and unified Moose membership. In this new "One Moose" Lodge, women and men have equal membership rights, privileges, opportunities and a vote in Lodge business and activities. All active Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose members will become members in the new Moose Lodge, governed by a new set of General Laws, on May 1, 2021.

### 2. What will happen with the Higher Degrees (i.e. Moose Legion, Fellowship, Pilgrim, Academy of Friendship, Star Recorder and College of Regents)?

We may adjust requirement criteria for advancing to the Moose Legion, however, for the Fellowship Degree and Pilgrim Degree there are no changes being recommended. Academy of Friendship, Star Recorder and College of Regents degree also remain essentially the same, with the potential for change as determined by the Grand Council of the WOTM. To attain or maintain a higher degree membership will be contingent upon maintaining current basic memberships in active status. For the men that means both an active lodge and Moose Legion membership. For the women that means both an active lodge and chapter membership.

### 3. Why don't we create a whole new Higher Degree structure?

Our first priority was to unify the men and women into a new Moose membership. As we begin to experience growth and success in carrying out our mission together as One Moose, with the help of our members, we can definitely create new honors and recognition awards.

#### **4. Will the Lodge Board of Officers change?**

Lodge Officer Titles will change, but the responsibilities and duties of the Board of Officers remains the same. For instance the Lodge Governor will be retitled Lodge President and the Lodge Junior Governor will be retitled Lodge Vice President. Quorums for meetings remain the same – 5 officers for Lodges with 9 Officers on the Board (3 Trustees) and a quorum of 4 officers for Lodges receiving dispensation to operate with 7 Officers on the Board (1 Trustee).

#### **5. Who can be officers in the new One Moose Lodge?**

Beginning May 1, 2021 any vacant Lodge Officer positions can be filled by a qualified male or female member through a Special Election during a Lodge Membership Meeting. All Lodge Officers must be an active member in a WOTM Chapter or Moose Legion. Any officer vacancy other than the Administrator or President (Governor) on or after November 1st shall be filled by appointment by the President. Again, any active member of the WOTM Chapter or Moose Legion is eligible for appointment to a Lodge Office, but must meet the membership length of service requirement for that specific office (i.e. eligibility for Lodge President requires one year of service in another Officer position).

#### **6. As a member of the Women of the Moose, on May 1, 2021 will I automatically become a member of my Lodge?**

Yes, all members, both men and women will become members in the new “One Moose” Lodge. All members (does not apply to members holding a Life Membership in that Lodge) will pay the annual Lodge dues amount on their member anniversary date/month. You will also continue to remain a member of your Chapter.

#### **7. As a woman and now a member of the Lodge on May 1, 2021, what are my Lodge and Chapter dues going to be?**

For women not holding a Life Membership in a WOTM Chapter prior to May 1, 2021, your dues payment will now be the annual Lodge dues amount and be payable on your membership anniversary date/month. You can find your payment month in the “Paid to” information in the bottom right-hand corner of your current Moose membership card.

For all WOTM Chapter members not holding a Life Membership, your Chapter dues are being waived for three years (with paid Lodge membership). The three years start following May 1, 2021 and are again based on the “Paid to” information on your membership card (i.e. Your “Paid to” date is 12/31/2021, so your Chapter dues will need to be paid next by 12/31/2024).

#### **8. What impact does unifying our fraternity have on Life Memberships?**

All WOTM Chapter members holding a Life Membership on or before April 30, 2021 will on and following May 1, 2021 continue as a Life Member in that same Chapter and be granted Life Membership in the new One Moose Lodge. To qualify for this one-time conversion, all WOTM Life Membership payments must be postmarked by April 1, 2021 when mailing to the Moose International Dues Processing Center. This is very important! If you would like to purchase a Life Membership in the Women of the Moose please make sure it is postmarked by April 1, 2021 so that you will be automatically grandfathered into a Life Membership in OneMoose.

#### **9. What if I paid my WOTM Chapter dues beyond May 1, 2021?**

WOTM Chapter annual dues payments only apply to WOTM Chapter membership. Lodge dues will be billed at the first normal renewal month following May 1, 2021 (i.e. WOTM dues paid to September 30, 2026, then Lodge dues will be billed in September of 2021).

Reminder that for three (3) years, beginning May 1, 2021, all Chapter members not holding a Life Membership will receive an additional three (3) years of free WOTM Chapter dues (must maintain an active Lodge membership). In looking at the scenario given above, your WOTM Chapter dues would now expire on September 30, 2029.

#### **10. Will Chapters operate similarly to Moose Legion jurisdictions?**

Remember, we are creating a new Moose organizational structure. WOTM Chapters will operate as an associated entity of the Moose Lodge beginning May 1, 2021. The WOTM Chapter is not to be considered an Activity Group of the Lodge or a regular standing committee of the Lodge. The Chapter will continue to promote and celebrate the Higher Degrees of the WOTM, organize Chapter activities and fundraise for Mooseheart, Moosehaven and local community charities.

**I hope this helps answer any questions you might have as we get closer to becoming OneMoose!**

**Bobbi Beehler**  
**Sr. Regent**



**Donate Food at the Lodge, call  
707 546-0637 for drop off.**



**Loyal Order of Moose Officers 2019-2020**

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|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <b>Governor</b>           | Jim Walker         | 707 322-7729 |
| <b>Jr. Governor</b>       | Aaron Prysock      | 707 217-2273 |
| <b>Administrator</b>      | Gary Packard       | 707 290-6271 |
| <b>Treasurer</b>          | Ben Lehr           | 707 217-1776 |
| <b>Prelate</b>            | Dana Von Sternberg | 707 484-1917 |
| <b>1st Year Trustee</b>   | Mat Jones          | 707 291-0934 |
| <b>2nd Year Trustee</b>   | Thommy Palmer      | 707 236-5703 |
| <b>3rd Year Trustee</b>   | Larry Hillix       | 707 508-5551 |
| <b>Past Governor</b>      | Ben Gibson         | 707 480-5320 |
| <b>Moose Lodge Manger</b> | Kathleen Nelson    | 707 290 5137 |

**Women Of The Moose Officers 2019-2020**

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| <b>Sr. Regent</b>          | Bobbi Beehler    | 707 478-7248 |
| <b>Jr. Graduate Regent</b> | Melissa McCollum | 707 978-0696 |
| <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> | Wendy Young      | 707 236-2589 |
| <b>Recorder</b>            | Danny Wilbrandt  | 508 330-2560 |

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