SANTA ROSA #458 MOOSE

The Antlers

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Message from the Administrator
Happy Trails

I'd like to apologize for the tardiness of this message and newsletter. With my retirement looming, it has been a huge undertaking to move out of one house in one state into another house in another state. During the months of October and November I have made 4 trips to Arizona hauling trailers and driving trucks. Donna and I are worn out, and are more than ever ready to be leisurely lounging in retirement.

After the overwhelming support shown at the Moose's Town Hall meeting called by Territorial Manager, Andrew Broadley on August 27th for Kathleen (my daughter) to become the first Woman Administrator for our Lodge, I along with the support of the board were more convinced than ever to discuss this with Norm Dean, Regional manager at the Cal/Nevada Conference in Reno in September. **At the conference a decision was made to make her the first ever woman Moose Lodge Manager obtaining the majority of the powers that the Administrator holds.** Until the men and women join together which will hopefully happen in California in a year's time, the name "Administrator" cannot be given to a woman due to the bylaws of the fraternity. Time is needed to rewrite the bylaws incorporating the WOTM and LOOM together. I will stay the Administrator until the two join as a place holder advisory position. This will be helpful not only for the organization but also for Kathleen as this transition begins.

A little about Kathleen. She has been a devoted volunteer for the past 4 years not only helping design the new lodge with signage and murals, but also as our marketing advisor creating and maintaining the website, email promotions, designing posters/emails etc and of course faithfully bartending every Friday night. She has chaired many successful events including Christmas in July and Mardi Gras Casino Night, raising money for the Santa Rosa Boys and Girls Club and Valley of the Moon Children's Home. She also has handled the Moose's event hall rentals, creating contracts, rate sheets and coordinating each event. Aside from the Moose she has co-owned a successful graphic design company, Nelson Sobel Design for 27 years. So, we are lucky that she is willing to take on the task of managing the Lodge and I have no doubt she will do it well.

As I am preparing for my last days here in Santa Rosa, I have been reflecting on all the great times spent at my home lodge. **My time here as Administrator has been a amazing learning experience, from building each wall to dancing on the dance floor, there are stories to tell and memories made.** It has been an honor to serve you all. I'm extremely proud of this Lodge and the people within it. I want to tell all of you "thank you" for each part you have played in making this beautiful place. Donna and I have met so many wonderful friends and, each other, as Santa Rosa Moose members. This lodge is one of the best places to welcome new members, family and friends.

We are marching forward into a new age. Please give Kathleen all your support. She will be a great leader and friend to everyone – young and old. A young board that has new ideas will consider everyone's opinion. Please give them the support you have given me. Our older members brought us to this level and it is time for a younger membership to move us forward. I'm excited to see what the next generation will be inspired to do.

Donna and I are looking forward to our retirement. We plan to come visit frequently. I want to thank the old broad for what we have accomplished. WE SHOULD ALL BE PROUD of what we have done here.

I don't like good-byes so I'll just say see you soon!

Gary Packard
Administrator

Message from the Moose Lodge Manager

To New Beginnings

This is both a sad and inspiring time for me. Sad to see my parents move so far away and inspiring to see what the Moose Lodge will become and what we can do together to help our community.

My agenda is simple; 1) increase membership by creating fun events that inspire existing members to invite others to join, 2) work on hall rentals that help sustain our Lodge's existence and 3) build on our community service.

As Moose Lodge Manager, I will fine tune the running of the Moose Lodge by analyzing our profit/loss statements to create (with the help of the board) a non-profit business plan that will not only maintain our lodge but improve it. Remember we are a non-profit, our goal isn't necessarily to make money but to at least break even.

We have a new young energized board (see their introductions below) and with their help and yours, great things can happen here. I would love to see more events that raise money for charities within our community. **More than ever people need our help. Having events, where we have fun and do good, is my ultimate goal.**

If you have an idea for an event, why not chair a committee and make it happen? If there is a charity you see needs assistance, why not suggest creating a fund to support them? Don't be afraid to come forward. Making things happen is easier than you think. We have seen in our history, the power of people. I believe that the power of

our membership could do amazing things.

Playing off a famous Kennedy speech…. Ask not what the Moose can do for you, but what you can do for the Moose. Corny, yes, but true. Remember, we are all essentially volunteers, so next time something needs to be mopped or swept - pick up a broom. You will feel better for it. If you feel the need to complain about something, make sure it's constructive. I will work with you to resolve any problems.

There are some new ongoing events that you should definitely attend at the Lodge. Look for the email blasts for **Open Mic** and **Bingo**. Entertainers will be coming in to perform on the new Social Quarters' stage (thank you Mark Fuhri for building). **On any given Open Mic you may see banjo, ukulele or guitar players along with soulful singers.** If you have a hidden talent, don't be shy to join in. Our amazing cooks Ian or Larry will offer a special yummy small plate menu at the event.

We will be having **Bingo** on the third Friday of the month with the exception of November where it will be on the last Friday, Nov. 28th, right after Thanksgiving. Play **Bingo** for prizes (we're not allowed to offer cash without a special license). North Bay Bingo will put on the event and will combine music with **Bingo** to create a unique experience. The last time we had this event 80 people showed up! All the Bingo card sales go directly to a fund for the Santa Rosa Boys and Girls Club. Don't miss these two events!

There will be a special **Holiday Karaoke Night** in the Social Quarters on Thursday, December 19th. Come and sing along to all your holiday favorites and celebrate the holidays with your fellow members. There will be prizes for the best ugly sweater. Look for regular Karaoke nights in 2020.

And finally, the board decided we will be having a **New Year's Eve Party** at the Lodge. Tickets are $50 which includes a Prime Rib dinner cooked by Larry Hillix of War Pigs BBQ and catering, two free drink tickets (well drinks/beer), dancing to your music favorites by DJ with light show in the hall and Karaoke in the social quarters. We will be celebrating each time zone if it's a challenge to stay until midnight. This is our last membership drive of the year which means it is open to the public so invite your friends and family. The event is pre-sale tickets only. Tickets can be purchased at the Lodge or from any broad member.

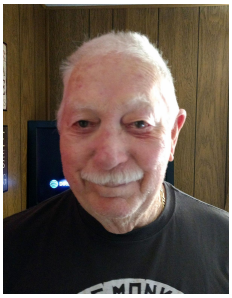
A very important part that you can do as member to support the Lodge is to simply attend any event. All I ask is for you to show up and have fun! We can't maintain events without your presence. I can only promote the event, it is your responsibility to come and perhaps call other friends to attend. We will have to discontinue events, if attendance is low.

I invite you all to talk to me about what inspires you. Together we can make things happen.

Faithfully yours,

Kathleen Nelson
Moose Lodge Manager

Meet the New LOOM Board



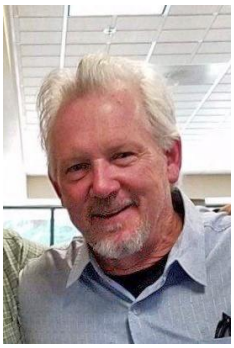
Ben Gibson, Governor

5 Time Moose Governor, 2 Years District President
7 Years District Secretary, 2 Years Legion President
5 Years Legion Secretary

I became a member 42 years ago in 1977. This new board wasn't even a twinkle in their mother's eye when I began serving the Lodge. It is exciting to see these young faces stand up and volunteer. Hopefully I can help guide them along the path ahead. I look forward to passing the torch and just maybe retiring myself.

Mike Perez, Jr. Governor

I was born and raised in San Jose but now live in Santa Rosa. I became a realtor because I enjoy working with people and helping them buy or sell a home. I am very knowledgeable about the many different areas of Santa Rosa. I am hardworking, flexible and have a positive attitude. On a personal note, I am a huge sports fan, especially of baseball and football. I enjoy cooking and barbecuing for my family and friends. I even make my own homemade barbecue sauce. I hope I can help you with your future buying or selling needs.



Jim Walker, Treasurer

Senior Facility Manager for REACH Air Medical Services. Two children – Gunnar (22) lives in Dallas, TX and Lauren (20) student at University of Portland, Portland OR, Nathan (24) lives in Colorado Springs, CO. Partner is Michelle Glancy and I have been with Michelle for 10+ years. Live in Windsor. Board experience, Past President of Active 20-30 Santa Rosa #50 Spring 1996. Currently President of North Coast Hobos. Have participated on non-profit boards like Luther Burbank Rose Parade and Festival. Excited to be joining the Loose Lodge Board and being a part of its resurgence and growth.

Richard McChinak, Prelate

Local Santa Rosa resident for 30 years, I lived in London for a year and a half and traveled throughout Europe during this time. This showed me just how amazing of an area Sonoma County is and I'm committed to serving the community I'm a part of. I'm a member of Active 20-30 Santa Rosa #50 and have been a member of the Board for almost 3 years. I was Treasurer for 2 terms and am currently serving as 1st Vice President. I have also been on the Board of Santa Rosa YPN and love being a part of committees. Having the opportunity to contribute to the Moose is exciting for me, I'm looking forward to doing everything I can to be a supportive member.

Ben Lehr, 3 Year Trustee

I was born and raised in Santa Rosa, but moved all the way to Windsor about 18 years ago. I have two sons. Cayden, 18, just joined the Navy this month, and Sam, 14.92, is a freshman at Windsor High. I only joined The Moose earlier this year, but I

am enjoying the opportunity for fellow ship and am happy to be serving on the board. I hope my experience serving on other boards w ill add some value to my service w ith The Lodge. I served on the board of the Active 20-30 Club of Santa Rosa #50 for about 6 years, including as President in the Spring of 2017. I've been a member of the board of the SR Chamber of Commerce and served as Chair of their Young Professionals Netw ork (but I am dating myself). I am also currently an appointment commissioner of the Tow n of Windor's Park & Rec Department, and Public Art Advisory Commission. I have been in the insurance business for almost 25 years, and ow n agencies in Santa Rosa and Windsor. My list of hobbies is too long to list here, but if it is fun, count me in!

Message from the Governor

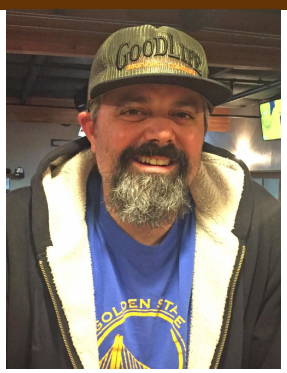
Hello Fellow Members,

I w ant to thank all w ho have stepped up to fill the new board of officers for the Santa Rosa Moose Lodge. It has made all our hard w ork w orth w hile. I looking forw ard to seeing you all in your new positions. We have big plans for the future to make this a proud home for all our members. I'd like to give a w orthy tribute to our Administrator, Gary Packard w ho made this possible.

Keep an eye on your emails for information and events new s.

Ben Gibson
Governor

Meet Some New Valuable Volunteers



Aaron Prysock
Bartender
Aaron teaches 8th grade at Roseland Accelerated Middle School. He joined the Moose because he believes in community service.
Fun Fact: He's a mean pickle ball player, amazing handy man and is very competitive at lairs dice.

Larry Hillix
Cook
Larry has been competing at BBQ competitions for 10 years and currently ow ns War Pigs BBQ and Catering. He simply says, "I w ork, I eat BBQ and I drink beer." He joined the Moose because he believes in community.

Ian Carlson
Cook
Ian is our chef extraordinaire. He is the Mystery Meal guy, often serving farm to table dishes. Ian joined the Moose to have fun w ith friends but loves to cook and volunteering became a no brainer. **Fun Fact:** When he w as a kid his grandmother taught him to make Pasta Alfredo as an upgrade from mac n cheese.

Next time you see these guys please give them a hardy "Thank You"

If you would like to volunteer please contact Kathleen.
We are currently in need of a landscaper to trim bushes before winter.

Message from the WOTM Sr Regent

Hello Ladies,

To Gary and donna, w e w ish you all the best in your upcoming retirement. Thank you for all you have accomplished for this Lodge. We w ill do our upmost best to continue the w ork you have started here. Happy trails to you both.

I would like to thank all the ladies for donating to our “Bakeless Bake Sale.” And also for those who participated bringing hor s’dourves when we have a special event or just because its fun.

To the WOTM, in February 2020 membership dues will increase to $30 per year so if you want to pay for a couple years or more at the $22 current rate, feel free to do so before February 2020. Reminder, for new members to join in February there is a one time $20 administration plus the $30 yearly dues ($50).

Joy Baker
Sr Regent
Chapter 310

Important Links

Click here to see our upcoming events, Friday night bands and meeting schedule.
For a printable December Calendar click here.
Check your email for promotions informing you about any upcoming events.

REMEMBER you can check out our website's Events page for Friday night band and meeting schedules along with news and events at www.santarosamoose.org

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Please Use Your Moose Card

You must use your Moose membership card to enter into the Social Quarters. Too many people are relying on the bartender to buzz them in. Using your card lets the bartender know that you're a Moose member and that your membership is current. So please take a moment and slide your card at the door.

Community Service

SCHOOL BACK PACKS DONATION OF MONEY OR SUPPLIES OR BACK PACKS NEEDED. Many of the children need these back packs and school supplies to help them further their education to carry their books and homework. The school supplies helps many children who's parents do not have the means in which to purchase them...so be generous and help these children.

FOOD BANK
Moose brothers and sisters we need your help to support the food bank. There are families in need of help with groceries please donate to the F.I.S.H. food bank. Our Moose Lodge needs your help so please continue to bring in canned goods and non perishables so that we can deliver to the food bank. Thanks for your help in the past but food is needed

CLOTHING DRIVE
We still have a lot of weather changes and are collecting donations for family's in need of coats, blankets, socks, long johns, hats and gloves to help keep them warm during the cold mornings and evenings.

HELPING OUR VETS
We love and appreciate all the veterans that have served our country and we need them to feel appreciated....so go through your homes and see if there is something you can put in the dona tion basket. We are collecting hygiene products, tee shirts, socks and the women can use hair spray, lotion and perfume, etc.

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