

MOOSE LIVE WIRE

NEWSLETTER OF THE HAYWARD-CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE 1491

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2025

20835 Rutledge Road, Castro Valley, California 94546 510-537-0830

Loyal Order of the Moose 1491 & Women of the Moose Chapter 934 "A Family Fraternity"

GET DOWN TONIGHT *Hayward/Castro Valley*

Moose Lodge

HALLOWEEN DINNER & DANCE PARTY

October 25th

Pineapple Terriyaki

Chicken Dinner 6pm

Dancing 7~10pm

\$25

per ticket

Costume Contest





President Fannessia Williams
Administrator Dina Munday

LODGE OFFICER

Jr. Past President	Michael Blaze Hayes
Chaplain	Damon Russell
Vice President	Bonnie Russell
Treasurer	Teri Castro
Trustee	George Newkirk
Trustee	Michael Perkins
Trustee	Beverly Hoover
Sgt. At Arms	Red Bass
Inner Guard	David Castro
Outer Guard	

STANDING COMMITTEES

Activities	Liz Hayes
Application Review	Tighe Boyle
Financial Review	Teri Castro
Communications	Earlene Jensen
Chapter Activities	Karen Clay
Heart of the Community	Stephen West
Government Relations	Steven Hilgado
Loss Prevention	Damon Russell
Membership	Tonya Peacock
Moose Charities	
Moose Legion	
Ritual	Mo Khan

Social Quarters Manager	Dina Munday
Administrator Assistant (Finance)	Lili Xu
Administrator Assistant (Rentals)	Teri Castro

Presidents Message

Greetings!

Time keeps ticking into the future. As I am authoring this article I am reflecting on the past. Let us go back in time reflecting on our past themes. "Create Our Future", "One Moose", "Make It Happen," "Proud Past Bright Future"" Embrace Our Community," and here we are "Moving Forward, Giving Back." How many of the themes can you remember, do you remember what the theme was when you joined?

The point regardless of the past or current theme we ALL can do our part to get involved. WE need YOU! As I look at current membership stats as of July 28th, we have 1326 active Lodge members and 262 active Women of the Moose members. YOUR voice counts! Membership meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month at 7:30 pm, I would love to see you at the meeting. We have a lot of exciting projects happening around the Lodge. Can you remember "WHY" you joined?

Regardless of your reason for joining our fraternity I would like to encourage you to get involved. There is always something you can do!

Remember this is OUR Lodge!

Fast forward...I would like for each of us to reflect on the following. How am I helping the Lodge to Move Forward? What am I doing to Give Back to MY lodge? Let us continue to build our lodge and strengthen our community.

Thanks for all you do, we certainly appreciate you! While there is strength in numbers let us strengthen our numbers so that we can balance our support team. Remember we can be a part of the problems or part of the solution. Let us make it a point to be part of the solutions.

Respectfully,

President Fannessia Williams
2025~2026 Hayward Castro Valley -1491

**Women of the Moose
BOARD OF OFFICERS AND
CHAIRMAN
2025-2026**

Sr. Regent **Dina Munday**

Officers

Jr. Past Regent	Renee Belk
Treasurer	Teri Castro
Secretary	Annie Smith
Guide	Patty Castro
Application Review	Liz Hayes
Membership	Emily Andrade
Mooseheart/Moosehaven	Jomarie Holt
Higher Degrees	Bonnie Russell
Fraternal Activities	Alexis Lada
Audit Chairman	Cheryl Branin

**WOMEN OF THE
MOOSE
MEETINGS
2nd WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH
6:30pm**

DESSERT TABLE

Every Friday night
Sponsored by the
WOTM
Only \$2.00 per
dessert
Please support

Senior Regents Message

I hope this message finds you well. This message is going to be a little different. This message is more of a plea for help and a little bit of education at the same time. When we became one moose and all the women were required to join the lodge we saw a decline in our Women of the Moose Chapter membership. I think some people were confused while others didn't understand why they should be members of both the lodge and chapter. We are currently down 34 members in the WOTM and that makes me a bit sad. The WOTM is an outstanding group of women who have a lot of fun while raising money for outstanding causes including Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Did you know that the WOTM and the Moose Legion raise much of the money for Mooseheart and Moosehaven. This is true because the lodge side has a big overhead to worry about, mortgage, PG&E and others bills. The WOTM and the Moose Legion don't have these overhead costs so they can focus on the greater good of our twin cities. Did you know the WOTM provide the scholarships to our graduates at Mooseheart and fund the music department and athletic department. At Moosehaven we fund the beauty shop and ensure our senior don't want for anything. So, if you were a WOTM member and let your membership lapse please consider rejoining us for a mere \$15.00 a year. We have a ton of fun at our ladies' meetings and events and do a lot of community service work that you would be proud of. If you want more information reach out to any of our board members or come to the new member orientation this month on Tuesday August 26th at 6:30pm to learn more about what the lodge, the WOTM and the Moose Legion do. All these groups are vital to the moose's success as a whole. We hope to see our old members back and hope this article has sparked an interest for new members to join.

See you at the lodge!



Moose Legion Committee



PASTA DINNER

**Sept 18, 2025
7pm**

HCV Moose Legion members FREE

non members \$12

kids under 12 \$6

**come out and support our
"Moose Legionnaires"**

"Members and Qualified guest"

ADMINISTRATORS MESSAGE

I hope this message finds you well. We have a lot of happenings going on at the lodge. Currently my focus is on lodge improvements. While everyone knows my main goal is to get the parking lot done by July 2026, we have smaller tasks that needed to be completed as well. We are currently remodeling the men's bathroom that is in the game room and are hopeful this will be completed by the first week of September. Once that is complete, we will look at renovating all the other bathrooms, one at a time of course. We will be putting all new lighting in the hall and kitchen at the end of August so hopefully by the time you read this that project will be complete. The other projects that are coming are new lighting in the social quarters and new floors throughout the lodge home. We were lucky of enough to get approved for a lodge improvement grant for the parking lot of \$10,000 but as you know that is not nearly enough to cover the cost, but every bit helps. We also were approved for a lodge sign grant in the amount of \$3,000 so we will be getting a new sign soon. I am currently in the design phase. We have a design given to us by Moose International which is just a stock image. I hoping to have at least one of the sides of the sign personalized with a little bit of our character. You might be asking yourself how can I help? Well, this is how...by supporting our events, sharing your skills to help on a project or making donations to any of these projects. Also, if you have a fundraising idea let us know that as well. We hope to see you down at the lodge.

Membership Committee Report

Another important milestone has come this month from Moose International. On August 1, 2025, spouses of Moose members are required to join the Fraternity to continue to be a part of the activities and benefits that Moose members enjoy. This isn't a big deal for a lot of you who already have your own Moose card as the majority do. Holding that card shows you are solidly invested in the mission of the great Moose Fraternity, having sworn the obligation of membership when you signed your application to join the Moose. For that, we thank you.

In addition to the support of Mooseheart, Moosehaven, Camp Ross and the local community, we as Moose members are stewards of our Lodge Home and hold it not for ourselves, but for our children. In doing so, we improve the "strength of the herd" and instill the virtues of Moose membership in our children as only members truly can. Then when they become of age, they too will want to have their very own Moose membership card and be proud to show it in any Lodge in the world. So then, it is incumbent upon us to have a membership card of our very own as well.

Speaking of children, it's important to also note that Moose International has broadened the Mooseheart mission to also provide education and a family environment in a family style home for those children who are physically or developmentally disabled. Unlike other available programs for these individuals, the children aren't turned away after a certain age. They have a home for life if they choose. That alone is well worth the mere **14 cents a day that your membership dues cost.**

Don't get me wrong. Moose members are **strong**. Moose members are **committed**. Moose members **will** accomplish this lifelong mission without an increase in membership. We will do this, **with the same commitment that our members have had since 1888.**

We will do it even BETTER with your help. "**Many hands make light work**" is a saying often used in the Fraternity, and its especially true today. Our membership is near a million members now, and I personally would love to show you the great things that have been accomplished in those past 137 years. As the State Moose Association Historical Committee Chairman and the Membership Committee Chairman of your lodge, I would be more than happy to help in any way. Anyone that knows me knows I proudly carry 13 active memberships in the Moose Fraternity and am PROUD to show you all my cards. I want you to be proud to have just ONE of your very own, I promise you'll be glad you do.

If you want to talk more about it, call my cell. Leave a voicemail, I'll call you back. Or text me. You can also email me at the contact information below, or come see me at the Lodge!

Our Home is your home.

Fraternally,

Damon Russell

Membership Committee Chairman

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Moose Legion News

I'm writing this as we're still tallying the results of the Rib Cook-Off held on August 2nd. The event went VERY well! We had 17 competitors, a dozen sponsors, and a few vendors. We cooked nearly 750 lbs of ribs, we had some awesome side dishes, live music and lots of people! The only thing we needed was more parking. That's a great problem to have!

The Committee convened 2 days after the event to brainstorm the ways to make it even better next year. We have a LOT of ideas. Your input is ALWAYS welcome; we meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM at the Lodge. You don't need to be a Moose Legionnaire to attend these meetings, and they're very informal in nature. We crave your feedback!

Our Fraternity is strong because of the activities offered by the Lodge, the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion. Without all three, Lodges are at a disadvantage. HCV1491 is strong in all of these "legs" of the Fraternity, and we do it to make our Lodge... YOUR Lodge, the best place to be in your free time.

Your support of this event and others hosted by the Moose Legion Committee help the Lodge in ways much like the Women of the Moose Chapter does. The Lodge can only do so much. It's up to the Moose Legion to start doing the heavy work that the Women of the Moose have done for a hundred years!

OK, off my soapbox now. The Moose Legion Committee has some planned events that are coming up REAL fast, so consider this your formal notice, with details to follow:

AUGUST 30th is a Fish Fry. We had SUCH good results from the last one, everyone wants us to do it again! Details to follow, but pencil it in on your calendar, it'll be very much like the last time.

SEPTEMBER 18th is a Pasta feed for our beloved HCV 1491 Moose Legionnaires. **It will be FREE for all 1491 Lodge Moose Legionnaires**, and a small cost for their guest(s) and a discount for kids. If you want to know what the Moose Legion does for you, this alone will be worth the dues.... So if you're NOT currently a Moose Legionnaire, catch me (as soon as you read this) at the contact info below, we'll put you in before the event! I will email all of our Moose Legionnaires probably by the time you read this.

We have other events in the works, but that's enough for now. Thank you SO much for your continued support!

Damon Russell

1491 Moose Legion Committee Chairman

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I hope this letter finds you doing well! Over the last three years the lodge has made milestones and improvements around the lodge. We refinanced our loan with a lower interest rate and saved the lodge in the nick of time as we could not pay the balloon payment. We raised enough money to get our roof replaced and a new HVAC unit installed. We have installed new lighting around the outside of the building for the safety of our members. We replaced the Ansul system in the kitchen and had all fire systems in the building repaired and up to code. We were finally able to purchase the new sinks for behind the social quarters bar and got the new soda guns in. We also just did some painting of the lodge inside and out. Our last purchase, which will be installed by the beginning of May, is a new point of sale (POS) system for our lodge. As you noticed I said "**WE**" did this. This was a combined effort of our board, chairpersons and members who attend our events or send donations for various things. Without each one of you we could not have accomplished this.

Now that I have told you all the things we accomplished I must tell you about two other big projects that still need to be done. We are in dire need of a new parking lot. We are also in need of new floors throughout the building. The cost of the parking lot is going to cost about \$80k and the new floors \$45K. While we have been doing fundraising and will continue to do so this is a big expense. Our goal is to have this done before summer 2026. As it was just announced that we will be hosting the Moose International Cornhole Tournament in August of 2026. This tournament is a great opportunity for our lodge and will be a big weekend for us. While we wanted to get this done already this just puts some added fuel into the fire.

What does all this mean? **IT MEANS PLEASE WE NEED YOUR HELP**. We are currently averaging about 1300 members. If each member could donate \$100.00, we would be able to get the work done with a few other small upgrades. We do realize that \$100.00 is beyond some people's budget and we understand that. We just ask that you donate what you can as any amount is appreciated.

If you are interested and able to donate, please make checks payable to:

Moose Lodge #1491 earmarked "Renovations"

We thank you for taking the time to read this and thank you for being members of Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Lodge.

Fraternally,

Hayward/Castro Valley Board of Officers

Hayward Castro Valley Moose Lodge 1491 Presents Thursday Night Line Dancing

















Looking for some Thursday Night Fun? Join us for Line Dancing. For Members and *Qualified Guests

Starting Thursday September 25th at 7:00 pm

*** Qualified guests can attend twice with a current member, then will be required to join the lodge after the 2nd visit.**
















This is for Everyone wanting to learn how to Line Dance or teach a line dance. Come put your “Boots on the Ground” or just turn around. It’s all about having FUN!

SEPTEMBER 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1  Poker 7:00-10:00	2	3 Lodge Meeting 7:30	4	5	6  Poker 10:00am	7
8 VFW Meeting  Poker 7:00-10:00	9 Moose Legion Meeting 6:30 Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10:30	10 WOTM Meeting 6:30 NOTE: Meeting on 18 th	11 5 Spot Dance group	12 Poker 7:00  Karaoke 7:30	13 Poker 10:00am 	14 TOY SHOW Poker Omaha 11:00
15 Buon Tempo Dinner 7:00  Poker 7:00-10:00	16 Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10:00am	17 Lodge Meeting 7:30	18 SPECIAL DATE: WOTM Meeting 6:30 Legion Pasta night 7:00	19 Poker 7:00  Karaoke 7:30	20 Poker 10:00am 	21
22 American Legion Meeting  Poker 7:00-10:00	23  Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10:00am	24	25 LINE DANCING See flyer for details	26 Poker 7:00  Karaoke 7:30	27 Poker 10:00am 	28 BUEN TEMPO DINNER Poker Tourney 11:00
29  Poker 7:00-10:00	30  Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10:00am					

OCTOBER

2025

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		1 Lodge Meeting 7:30	2	3	4 Poker 10:00am 	5
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13 VFW Meeting Poker 7:00-10:00 	14 Moose Legion Meeting 6:30 Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10:00am	15 Lodge Meeting 7:30	16	17 Poker 7:00  Karaoke 7:30	18 Poker 10:00am 	19
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27 American Legion Meeting Poker 7:00-10:00 	28 Cornhole 6:30  Poker 10:00am	29	30	31 Poker 7:00  Karaoke 7:30		

Hayward Castro Valley Moose Lodge

**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

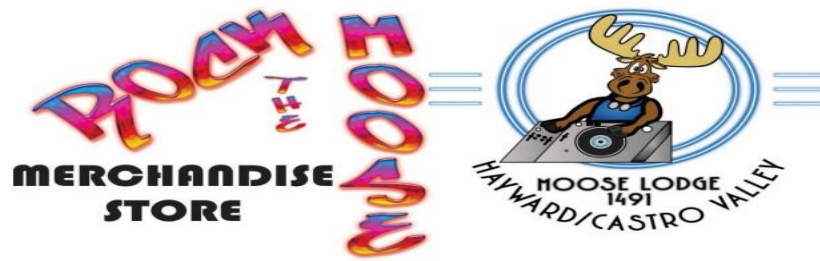
OCTOBER 26TH

12pm to 2pm

FREE EVENT
Open to the Public

**Food
and
Games**





**SHOW PRIDE IN OUR LODGE
WEAR AND USE ITEMS FROM
OUR NEW AND EXCITING STORE**



Hat \$15



Mug \$15



Koozie \$5

Hoodie Sweatshirt \$50

Sweatshirt \$45

T-Shirt \$25

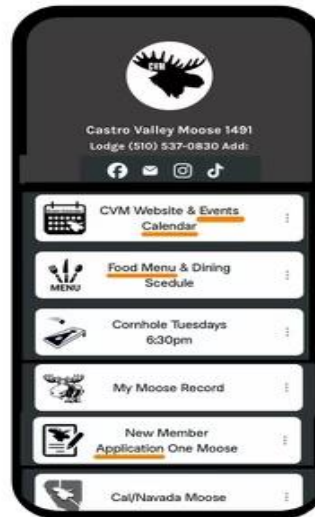
All sizes 2XL - 4XL \$5 extra



License Plate
\$15

**PLACE YOUR ORDER EARLY
TO INSURE YOUR ITEMS
LIMITED STOCKED INVENTORY**

Everything For Castro Valley Moose;
Events Calendar, New Member
Application and Other Important
Member Links. Scan The QR code
with your phone.



CHECK OUT THE GAMES DAYS AND TIMES!

- Mondays Texas Hold 'Em 7:00pm
- Tuesday 10:00am, Dealers Choice
- Fridays Texas Hold 'Em 7:00pm
- Saturdays 10:00am, Dealers Choice
- Sunday, 2nd Sunday 11:00, OMAHA
- Sunday 4th Sunday, 11:00 Tournament

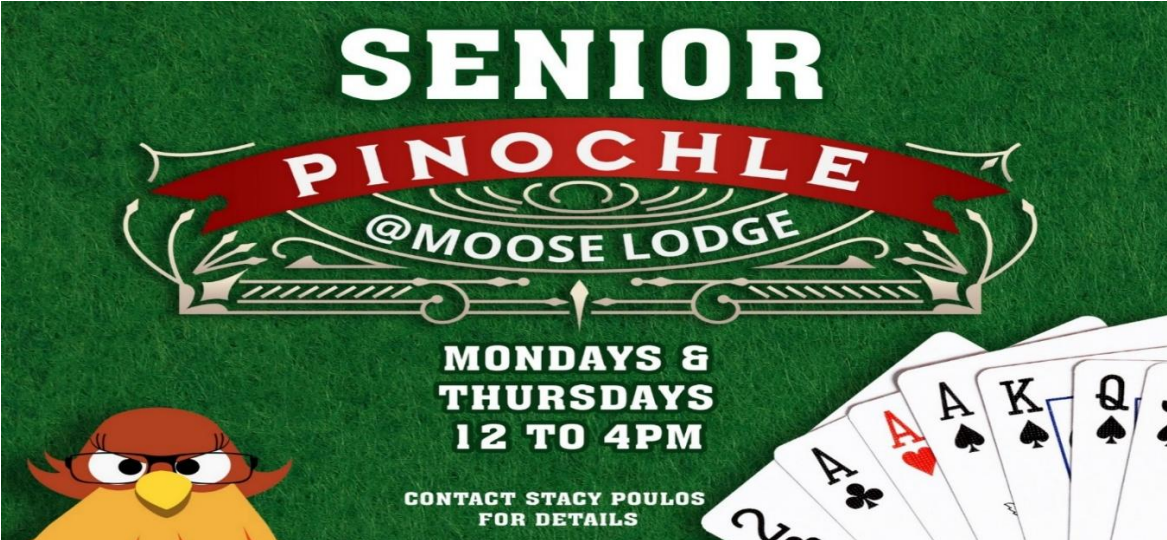
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PINOCHLE

@MOOSE LODGE

**MONDAYS & THURSDAYS
12 TO 4PM**

CONTACT STACY POULOS
FOR DETAILS



*WOMEN
OF THE
MOOSE*

EVERY
Friday Night
IN SOCIAL QUARTERS
EVERYTHING IS \$2

Dessert Table



Homemade *Fresh* *Delicious*

**The Women of the Moose put this
fundraising event on EVERY
FRIDAY to raise money for our
foundations**
Thank You For Your Support!

LODGE HOURS

*MONDAY-THURSDAY
12:00pm TO 11:00pm

*FRIDAY
12:00pm-12:00am

*SATURDAY
10:00am TO 10:00pm

*SUNDAY
10:00pm TO 8:00pm

HAPPY HOUR

Did you know that the
lodge has this?
Monday-Friday
4:00-6:00
.75 off any drink

Please be prepared and
proud to show your
MOOSE CARD