

MOOSE LIVE WIRE

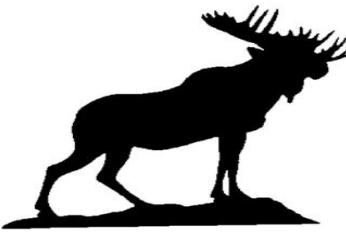
NEWSLETTER OF THE HAYWARD-CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE 1491

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2026

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





President Fannessia Williams
Administrator Dina Munday

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Jr. Past President	Blaze Hayes
Chaplain	Damon Russell
Vice President	Bonnie Russell
Treasurer	Teri Castro
Trustee	George Newkirk
Trustee	Michael Perkins
Trustee	Beverly Hoover
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STANDING COMMITTEES

Activities	OPEN
Application Review	Liz Hayes
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Moose Charities	Tonya Peacock
Moose Legion	Robert Walton
Ritual	Mo Khan
Social Quarters Manager	Dina Munday
Administrator Assistant (Finance)	Lili Xu
Administrator Assistant (Rentals)	Teri Castro

Presidents Message

Welcome to 2026, As we closed out 2025 and welcome 2026 at the Hayward-Castro Valley Moose Lodge, it is the perfect moment to reflect on everything we have built together. Every event we hosted, every volunteer hour given, every laugh shared in the social quarters, and every act of service to our community has strengthened the bonds that make our Lodge feel like family.

Last year was not just about traditions, it was about showing up for one another, supporting our Moose mission, and keeping the spirit of fraternity alive. Each member played a part in making our Lodge a place of belonging, generosity, and pride.

Thank you for your resilience, creativity, and commitment. Your efforts have made a lasting impact, and I cannot be proud of what we have accomplished.

As we step into the new year, let us carry forward the lessons, the laughter, and the strength we have gained. Cheers to new opportunities, continued growth, and shared success in the year ahead. Let us carry that same energy forward. Let us continue to grow our Lodge, welcome fresh faces, honor our values, and create moments that remind us why being a Moose truly matters.

Serving as the Lodge 2025-2026 President I want to emphasize “**WE NEED YOU**”! One of the ways we will continue to thrive is by **YOU** getting involved, this is **OUR LODGE**.

Yes, it is that time again! The Nominating committee will be organized by or before the last general meeting in February for the regular elections for the 2026-2027 Board of Officers.

With the exception of the Administrator, all officers shall be nominated at the last general membership meeting in March and elected at the first general membership meeting in April. Any member desiring to run for an elective office in the Lodge or wish to be considered for a Committee Chairman can request a form to submit their name to the Nominating Committee at least one (1) week prior to the date the committee is required to present its report to the Lodge.

Something to think about in 2025 HCV Lodge hit a historical growth in membership, we exceeded 1400 members. Just imagine we can continue to thrive if we find opportunities to serve, to celebrate, and to strengthen the legacy we are building together. Here is a new year filled with purpose, unity, and Moose pride. Together, we make our Lodge stronger.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful, healthy, and inspiring New Year! I am optimistic that the best is yet to come!

Fannessia Williams
HCV Moose Lodge 1491
2025-2026 President

Chaplain Report

As we begin the New Year, we're reminded of those that have been called home in 2025. Each of us has a daily routine where we care for ourselves and those we love and give of our time and energy to ideas that mean the world to us. When we're called home, we leave behind a legacy and some unfinished business.

We as Moose are a strong family dedicated to making the world a better place. We do this locally, regionally and internationally. This effort is ongoing. We owe it to those who passed before us to fulfill their legacy and continue their work, helping to realize the rewards of their efforts so that we may pass it along to our children.

Every step we take in life should be taken with forethought: Is this a step in the right direction? Will this step move me closer to my goals? Will this step make the world a better place? Will my friends and family be proud of this effort? The Moose is a step in the right direction. The Moose gives us a GREAT network of proud, selfless individuals working tirelessly to make the world a better place for our children and seniors. We may have different methods or a different pace, but we all do what we do to make our parents proud and our children's lives more abundant. Keep up the good work, Moose Family. Through the strength of our Herd, all things are possible. The smiles and hugs are daily reminders that the steps we take are in the right direction. May 2026 bring many, many more! Happy New Year!

Damon Russell, (510) 506-4314
Chaplain, HCV1491chaplain@gmail.com

**Women of the Moose
BOARD OF OFFICERS AND
CHAIRMAN
2024-2025**

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	Jo Marie Holt
Higher Degrees	Bonnie Russell
Fraternal Activities	Alexis Lada
Audit Chairman	Cheryl Branin

**WOMEN OF THE
MOOSE
MEETINGS
2nd WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH
6:00pm**

**LODGE
MOOSE LEGION**

Meeting update:

2nd Tuesday of every month @
6:30

CV/Hayward Moose Lodge
Game room

Please come out and join the
meeting to get all the news.

Senior Regents Message

Another year has come to an end. Our chapter is doing well and starting to see more members coming in. If you are a lady reading this and are a member of our lodge please consider joining the Women of the Moose. The women have so much fun and have some great events. The cost to join the Women of the Moose is \$15.00 a year that is just pennies a day. Here are some things that the Women of the Moose raise money for.

Every month of the year, the WOTM Chapters support a different function of Mooseheart and Moosehaven including:

- Moosehaven Daily Needs - Clothing, laundry, newspapers, pet needs, bicycle repairs.
- Mooseheart Feed a Home in December
- Mooseheart Girls Athletic Program
- Mooseheart Boys Athletic Program
- Moosehaven Vision Hearing & Dental costs
- Mooseheart & Moosehaven Christmas Presents
- Mooseheart & Moosehaven Photo Fund
- Mooseheart Music Department
- Mooseheart Special Activities Fund
- Physical & Occupational Therapy
- Moosehaven Pharmacy Assistance Fund
- Mooseheart Right Start Program
- Mooseheart Scholarship & Maintenance Fund

So you see how important the work of our chapters are. Please consider this if you are thinking about joining our chapter or renewing your dues.

To our current chapter members, we are still doing good work. Come to our monthly chapter meetings and see how you can help us keep supporting our children, seniors, community and our home lodge. We have some events coming up including a Golden Gavel Luncheon and Meeting on January 10th to celebrate our Renee Belk. We will also have a Valentine's Dinner Dance on February 14th with great food, music and friends.

Thank you to our board, chairpersons and members for all your support and work this year!
We can't wait to see you!

ADMINISTRATORS NOTE

Happy New Year to all our members and their families. I hope this message finds you well. This newsletter is a little later than normal but like everyone else I was busy with holidays and end of year activities. Believe me it wasn't for a lack of Teri, our communications chairperson, giving me gentle nudges. Speaking of our communications chairperson, she has done a fantastic job on this newsletter this year. Teri also handles all our rentals for the hall and is also the Treasurer for the Lodge and the Chapter. All our chairmen have really done a great job this year. Whether it is Damon tracking our membership (we just hit over 1400 members), Karen coordinating our Heart of the Community Efforts, Tonya coordinating events for Moose Charities and Steven as our Loss Prevention chairman. All have played an important part in the success of our lodge. Fannessa and our board has also done a great job this year, helping ensure events are held and go smoothly around the lodge. However, it's not only the chairmen that are helping to keep our lodge going. We have Lili who helps me in the office with the bookkeeping, Cheryl who has helped with the game room and coordinating the new bathroom there. Thank you also to the members who donated their time to do the labor in the bathroom like Fred, Bob, Martin, Gene, Steven, Anthony and others. Also thank you to Ray and Bonetti Plumbing for helping us as you have for many years. Thanks also to Jeff and Dean for helping where needed around the lodge and keeping the outside landscaping up. Robert, who is always there to help with the Moose Legion and helping the Moose Legion and the Lodge work together. We also can't forget our volunteer bartenders who are there to serve you daily. Sandy for doing the ordering and shopping for our social quarters and Dave assisting with ensuring we are profitable with our pricing and inventory. Everyone plays a part. These are just a few people who help around the lodge. Thank you to every single person but know there is still a lot to do and we need more help.

2025 was a very successful year with a lot of milestones and great improvements. As I said we had one bathroom renovated. We had all new LED lights put in the hall. We just recently over Christmas has to put a new HVAC system in the hall as the current one went out for the last time and could no longer be repaired. As you can imagine this project ran over 20K. Thank you to our members from B.A. Morrison for helping me get the new system quickly. B.A. Morrison has been helping with this lodge since my dad was the Administrator and he passed in 2000 so that gives you an idea of how long Brian and his team have been there for our lodge. The same applies to Bonetti Plumbing who are members and have been helping us for decades.

We are still actively raising money for to replace our parking lot which is going to cost roughly \$80K. So in order to raise this we need a couple things of course member donations but also we need our members to support our functions that we put on. We had so much fun at our New Years Eve Party. Thank you to Glenda and her crew for setting up and helping make the event successful from decorations to raffle prizes. Thank you to Marta and Ed for raffle prize donations and everyone else who contributed Corrina and Kim and Steven for helping with set up and Kim, Sherry and her daughter for serving. Thank you also to all the members who cleaned up after. It takes a village.

Lastly, I want to thank my husband Earl and my kids for always supporting me and allowing me to spend my time with the moose.

I can't wait to see what the new year brings but I can tell you I am very proud to follow in my father's footsteps and be the Administrator of the best lodge in the fraternity and doing great things for Mooseheart, Moosehaven and our Community.

Dina

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

***FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

**PLEASE JOIN US AT 6:30 TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
MOOSE LODGE AND WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT.**

MOOSE LEGION MESSAGE

Your Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Legion Committee is proud to report an increase in Moose Legion membership. We're currently at 105 Moose Legionnaires from Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Lodge. That's almost half the members in all of Alacosta 70 Moose Legion!

In case you are wondering, ALL of Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Legionnaires are members of Alacosta 70 Moose Legion, but not all members of Alacosta 70 Moose Legion are members of Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Lodge 1491. You see, there are FOUR Moose Lodges in Alacosta 70's jurisdiction: Richmond 550, Concord 567, Pittsburg 1475 and Hayward/Castro Valley 1491. This is often somewhat confusing to some, but the important part here is to understand that YOUR Lodge is doing an INCREDIBLE job of keeping Alacosta 70 Moose Legion alive and well as it nears its 100th anniversary in 2027.

"How can I help?", you ask? The answer is rather simple: EVERY male member of HCV 1491 should be a Moose Legionnaire. It's a requirement if you wish to serve on the Board of Officers at the Lodge (elections are coming up real soon!) and HIGHLY recommended for everyone else. The HCV 1491 Moose Legionnaires put together fun events at the Lodge to benefit the Lodge and its membership. These events keep Lodge prices low, keep enthusiasm high and keep the parking lot full of cars!

Your Moose Legion Committee is currently running the Trivia Nights on Thursdays in the Social Quarters and membership response has been overwhelmingly positive! You don't need to be a Moose Legionnaire to enjoy the events or even help organize them, but please come to the meetings every month at the Lodge on the 2nd Tuesday at 6PM to talk about what we're doing and what we can do next. You'll be glad you did. These Committee meetings are VERY casual. We're literally gathered around and brainstorming.

The Moose Legion Committee is also planning the THIRD Annual Rib Cook-Off on August 1, 2026 and details are in the planning stages now. We're making it even bigger and better this year, so please bring your ideas, as all input is welcome.

Watch this space for bi-monthly details. Come to the Lodge membership meetings for monthly updates on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7pm or come hit me up at the Lodge for up-to-the-minute updates on whatever the Committee is doing. Better yet: Come see me so I can sign you up to be a Moose Legionnaire!

Damon Russell, (510)506-4314

HCV 1491 Moose Legion Committee Chairman

Secretary, Alacosta70 Moose Legion Sec.alacosta70@gmail.com

Membership Committee

Happy 2026! I hope the new year brings you health, happiness, prosperity and friendship. While we're in a new calendar year, our "Moose year" is in the final stretch. As you may already know, our Fraternity's year runs from May 1 to April 30. That means we're in the home stretch! How did we do?

The Fraternity overall grew in membership and is rapidly approaching the Million Member mark. This is cause for celebration! Our California-Nevada Moose Association is up over 1,000 members so far and we even added a NEW Moose Lodge in Elk Grove, bringing the Association to 107 Lodges in California and Nevada, with about 58,000 members. Your beloved Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Lodge #1491 is also proud to announce that we've added about 75 new members so far and surpassed the 1400 member mark.

This is wonderful news and it's all because of you and your efforts to the Fraternity.

Whether you donate time, money or simply the grace of your presence, every member matters. It's because of you that our Lodge is moving forward with long-overdue building renovations and property improvements and simultaneously giving more to Moose Charities.

Increasing the strength of our herd is what The Moose is all about.

We need to strengthen the herd right now. While our Lodge members are growing in number, our WOTM Chapter and Moose Legion members are shrinking. This cannot be allowed to happen! Every Lodge in the Fraternity supported by the WOTM Chapter and the Moose Legion benefits in ways that provide tremendous to the Lodge, Moose Charities, our children and our seniors, and have done so for over 100 years. Simply put: If the WOTM Chapter and the Moose Legion drops in membership, the Lodges must pick up the slack. That's not something we want to do.

Your Lodge is currently offering a membership special where new members can get FREE WOTM or Moose Legion dues for 1 year just by saying "YES". This campaign is working to help increase our new member applications but won't work long term if we don't tell them what that membership does for them, the Fraternity and Moose Charities. That conversation is beyond the space available in our newsletter but is available on the website at mooseintl.org, or you can come see me anytime and I'd be glad to talk to you about it.

Happy 2026!

Damon Russell, (510) 506-4314 cell

Membership Committee Chairman Cvmoosemembership1491@gmail.com

Golden Gavel Lunch & Meeting



Celebrating

Renee Belk

Saturday 1-10-25

10:30am -1:00pm

Quiche, Fruit

Lodge will provide Mimosa Special

RSVP by 1-8-25 castrovalleymoose@gmail.com

Sweetheart Boutique

Sunday Feb 1st

10am-3pm

Castro Valley MooseLodge

Come shop local for Valentines
Day!



8FT TABLE 25\$ MEMBERS
30\$ NON MEMBERS

**vendor sign up email
jojo102005@gmail.com**



JANUARY 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Karaoke 7:30  Poker 7:00	2	3
5 Buon Tempo Dinner 7:00  Poker 7:00-10:00	6 Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10:30	7 Lodge Meeting 7:00	8 5 Spot Dance group TRIVIA NIGHT 7:00	9 Karaoke 7:30  Poker 7:00	10 Women of the Moose Golden Gavel Luncheon Poker 10:00am	11 TOY SHOW
12 VFW Meeting  Poker 7:00-10:00	13 Moose Legion Meeting 6:30 Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10:00am	14 WOTM Meeting 6:00	15 TRIVIA NIGHT 7:00	16 Karaoke 7:30  Poker 7:00	17 Poker 10:00am 	18
19 Buon Tempo Dinner 7:00  Poker 7:00-10:00	20 Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10:00am	21 Lodge Meeting 7:00	22 TRIVIA NIGHT 7:00	23 Karaoke 7:30  Poker 7:00	24 Poker 10:00am	25
26 American Legion Meeting  Poker 7:00-10:00	27 Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10am	28 LINE DANCING	29 TRIVIA NIGHT 7:00	30 Karaoke 7:30  Poker 7:00	30 Poker 10:00am 	

FEBRUARY 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1 CRAFT FAIR 10-3 See flyer
2 Buon Tempo Dinner 7:00  Poker 7:00-10:00	3 Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10:00am	4 Lodge Meeting 7:00	5 5 Spot Dance group TRIVIA NIGHT 7:00	6 Poker 7:00  Karaoke 7:30	7 Poker 10:00am 	8 SUPER BOWL POT LUCK
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We help you grow your business!

For more information on East Bay Business Connection, contact **Marlon Gomez** at **510-303-8049**.



Crab Feed Fundraiser



Saturday - February 21, 2026

Moose Lodge | 20835 Rutledge Road | Castro Valley

Veterans Helping Veterans

Pre-sale Tickets Only - \$80/person

(reserved seating available for parties of 8 or more only)

50/50
OPPORTUNITY



To purchase tickets:

Steve West: 510.432.4346

Kasey Warner: 530.391.3330

No Host Bar from 5p to 6p

Doors Open at 6p

Dinner Starts at 6:30p

Sponsored by:



**Veterans of Foreign Wars
Mickey Ganitch Memorial Post 9601**



Spaghetti
Salad
Garlic Bread

RAFFLE PRIZES

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

LINE DANCING IS HERE!

Join us

Wednesday January 28

Wednesday February 25

7:00 to 9:00

PLEASE WE NEED YOUR HELP



The Lodge is in desperate need of a new parking lot for the safety of our members

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

We want to share how generous you are with a donation of \$110 by putting your name and the year you joined the Moose Lodge on a wooden moose head that will decorate the walls of the lodge.

PLEASE AND
THANK YOU



PLEASE AND
THANK YOU

* put the name of a love one that
was part of the lodge and no longer
with us 



HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY
MOOSE LODGE #1491

Saint PATRICK'S DAY

SATURDAY
MARCH 14 DINNER &
DANCE

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER
WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS
LIVE MUSIC BY PACIFILICIOUS

\$30.00 per person

Dinner 6:30pm
Dancing 7:30 to 11:30pm

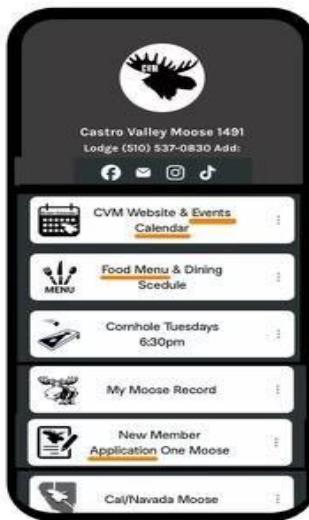
MEMBERS & QUALIFIED GUESTS

FOOD PROVIDED BY BAY CATERING

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



SCAN ME



EVERY Friday Night IN SOCIAL QUARTERS EVERYTHING IS \$2

Women of the Moose

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!

WHO WANTS TO PLAY CARDS?
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

THE LODGE HAS SEVERAL GAMES!

SENIOR
PINOCHLE
@MOOSE LODGE

**MONDAYS &
THURSDAYS
12 TO 4PM**

CONTACT STACY POULOS
FOR DETAILS

LODGE HOURS

*MONDAY-THURSDAY

4:00pm TO 11:00pm

*FRIDAY

2:00pm-12:00am

*SATURDAY

12:00pm TO 10:00pm

*SUNDAY

10:00Am 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.

REMEMBER
OUR
BARTENDERS
ARE ALL
VOLUNTEERS