

# MOOSE LIVE WIRE

NEWSLETTER OF THE HAYWARD-CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE LODGE 1491

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 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"

## Christmas Holiday Party Banchero's Italian Style

Cocktails

4pm - 5pm

Dinner

5pm - 7pm

Dancing

7pm - 9pm

Saturday

December 20th

Raffles

Music

and

Fun

**\$40 Per Person**

tickets available in Social Quarters

### Menu

#### Hors d'Oeuvres

Anti Pasta Plate

Soup

Salad

Ravioli

Garlic Bread

#### Main Course

Roasted Chicken

Roasted Potatoes

Swiss Chard

#### Dessert





President Fannessia Williams  
Administrator Dina Munday

#### LODGE OFFICER

Jr. Past President	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	Earl Munday

#### 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	Robert Walton
Moose Legion	Mo Khan
Ritual	
Social Quarters Manager	Dina Munday
Administrator Assistant (Finance)	Lili Xu
Administrator Assistant (Rentals)	Teri Castro

## Presidents Message

Welcome to Fall, or Autumn, this is the season that transitions from summer to winter, marked by cooler temperatures and shorter days. As the seasons change, it is important to take steps to maintain your health and well-being.

This is also a perfect opportunity to focus on **your** mental health! Whether it is a change in the season, a shift in your life circumstances, or for a reason you cannot pinpoint, **we** all struggle with our mental health from time to time.

As we get closer to the Holidays it can be a lonely experience, but you have a community to support you, relying on your community is essential. **We need each other.** Meet me at Hayward Castro Valley Moose Lodge, a place where something is always happening. We have upcoming activities planned, however in order for events to be successful, we need your participation.

Special shout outs to Steven for keeping our lodge nice and tidy, our bartenders, Lili and to Jeff MacDonald for many years of hard work and dedication.

**The message is clear...I, You, Me, We, it is all of US, in this Fraternity together, and together we can and do make a difference.**

As I piggyback off words of our Administrator **"Remember your why"**

Think about it...Why did **you** join the lodge? Realizing everyone may have a slightly different reason, we should all have the same common goal to help our Seniors, Our Children, and our Communities.

**"Start strong, stay strong, and finish strong by remembering why you started in the first place," Ralph Marston.** Yes, we have a lot of work to accomplish, however I am confident we will finish strong!

Have you had the opportunity to check out our newly remodeled bathroom in the Game room? Special thanks of appreciation to **all** that volunteered towards this beautification project.

Sometimes all a person needs is a smile to help them along the way. Be kind and remember sometimes individuals are dealing with issues that cannot be pinpointed.

Again, we can be a part of the problems or part of the solutions.

**Which one are you?**

Fannessia Williams

HCV Moose Lodge -1491

2025~2026 President HCV Moose Lodge -1491

2025~2026 President

**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  
2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
6:30pm**

**LODGE  
MOOSE LEGION**

Meeting update:  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

I hope everyone is doing well as we approach the holiday months. We have been having a lot of fun at our Women of the Moose meetings. We have such a great group of ladies I just can't believe it. We have some exciting events coming up. On November 16<sup>th</sup> we have a special College of Regents Meeting and luncheon to celebrate our new collegian, Bonnie Russell. During our ceremony we will also be recognizing Fannessia Williams who will be receiving her red stole. Please see the flier in the newsletter. We will be having our first Bunko party in many years on November 23<sup>rd</sup> hosted by JoMarie and the Mooseheart/Moosehaven committee and we cannot wait. As always, I wanted to give a shout out to our pastry queen Earlene and all her dedicated helpers and chairman who have done a fantastic year. Also thank you to all our members who patronize the table. Basically, the point of this message is the Woman of the Moose have a ton of fun and if you are not a member you are missing out. It is the best \$15.00 a year you will ever spend.

Thank You,  
Dina Munday

## ADMINISTRATORS NOTE

As always, I hope this message finds you well. A lot of activities have been taking place at the lodge, and I have enjoyed seeing members participating and having fun. With the holiday months comes even more activities. We will have some of our annual events like Friendsgiving and the Tom & Jerry Party which are always great fun. We also have some new things that we are going to try which we hope you enjoy. We will be having a Banchero's themed dinner that will be cooked by the wonderful Buon Tempo Club who are all Moose members as well. We are so happy to have this partnership. We will also be starting trivia on some Thursdays in December (see flier).

We have also been very busy with lodge beautification. You may have noticed that we have all new lighting in the hall which looks amazing thanks to one of our awesome members. By the time you read this the men's bathroom in the game room will be complete and let me tell you it looks fantastic. Thank you to Cheryl and her crew for volunteering their time to get this done. Cheryl and our poker players raised all the money to get this task completed.

We just recently had a Halloween dinner dance which was the first one in a while. We had a few members that were interested in doing it and they ran with it and did a fantastic job. Thank you to JoMarie, Glenda and Theresa for doing a fabulous job! The costumes, music and food were amazing. We even had a special new member there that night who writes for the Castro Valley Forum and he took pictures, and the Moose Lodge was featured in the 10-29-25 edition.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events and don't miss out. To be successful we need each and every one of you.

Thank You, Dina Munday

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

**\*DECEMBER 16**

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

# MOOSE LEGION MESSAGE

The Lodge Moose Legion Committee is proud to report on great success in our recent Pasta Feed event, on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. Alacosta 70 Moose Legion President Robert Walton felt it would be a fantastic event, and he was right! He wanted to give back to the 90+ Moose Legionnaires of our great Lodge by gathering over a free dinner for HCV 1491 Moose Legionnaires at the Lodge on an otherwise quiet Thursday night.

A good time was had by all! Dozens of our Moose Legionnaires, several Fellows and even Pilgrim Kenny Kirkman attended the event that reached 72 in total attendance. The food was prepared by none other than our own Buon Tempo and Moose Legionnaire member John DeRose along with his family and boy did we eat!

The WOTM Chapter 934 ladies had a meeting at the Lodge that same night and they all attended our Moose Legion dinner afterwards, even though it was not a free meal for them. Your support is GREATLY appreciated and illustrates yet another way the WOTM is essential for the future of the Moose.

OK, off my soapbox now. Thanks again for your support of the Moose Legion, which mainly serves the children of Mooseheart. Without you, we wouldn't have Mooseheart at all.

Stay tuned for future Moose Legion events which will show up in the Lodge calendar as soon as they're created.

Of course, if there are questions or comments, please reach out to me at (510)506-4314. As your Lodge Moose Legion Committee Chairman AND The Alacosta 70 Moose Legion Secretary, I'm always willing to help.

Damon Russell  
LMLC Chairman

## Membership Committee

Having returned from Sparks, NV Convention since the last newsletter, I am proud to report that our Fraternity is growing overall. We're approaching the "million member" mark internationally, and our CA/NV Moose Association is proud to report an increase of almost 12,000 members over last year, with an 85% membership retention rate. This is GREAT news for our Fraternity, our Association and our Lodge.

Our Lodge is the last one in Alameda County, having recently merged with Tri-Valley 2521. Our Lodge membership continues to grow, and our Lodge membership retention is above the average, which is because of YOU. The things that attract new members to our Lodge vary, but the friendship and community spirit you provide is what keeps them here year after year. YOU are what makes our Lodge feel like home to the 1300+ members we have and have kept this Lodge home a pillar in the Hayward-Castro Valley community for 78 years.

All of this is WONDERFUL news, and cause for rejoice and celebration. But as your membership committee chairman, I owe it to you to share my concerns going forward. Our beloved Women of The Moose Chapter #934, almost as old as the Lodge itself, is dwindling in membership, along with ALL of the other Lodges in our district, if not the entire Fraternity.

Let me be crystal clear here: NO Lodge will survive if the Women of The Moose Chapter fails. WE NEED YOU! Now more than ever before. The Moose has made clear that the women of our great Fraternity are the reason our Fraternity is great in the first place. Without you, AND the continued and oft overlooked support of the WOTM Chapters in each Lodge, we as Moose are destined for dark times. This can not happen.

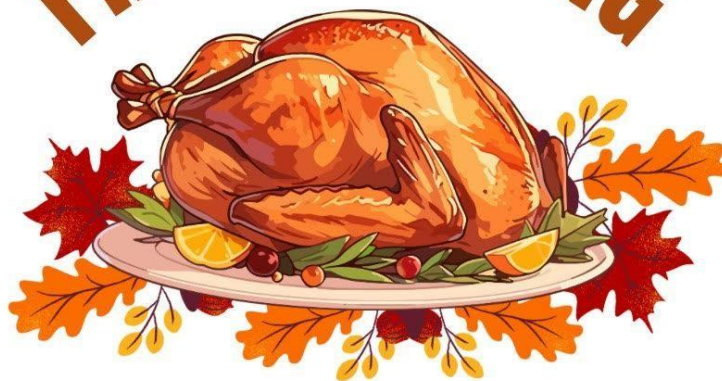
Ladies of the Moose: PLEASE consider joining the WOTM chapter and help your friends do what they've done for nearly 80 years to keep us going with the grace and charisma that only the ladies can bring. MEN of the Moose: PLEASE encourage your wives, sisters, daughters and female colleagues to join, bring their ideas or ambitions and help grow this great thing for the next hundred years!

As your membership guy, I'm here to help. If I can answer any questions or if you just wanna talk, reach out to me at 510-506-4314. I promise to steer you in the right direction.

Damon Russell  
Membership Committee Chairman

You are invited to

# FRIENDSGIVING



THURSDAY

20

NOVEMBER

Castro Valley Moose Lodge  
Members & Qualified Guests

6:30 to 8:30pm

Bring a Potluck item to share  
Lodge to provide Turkey & Stuffing  
Turkey Bowling \$5 a chance to win  
a turkey!!

JOIN US  
FOR A

# WOTM BUNCO

*Party!*



*Let The*

*Good Times Roll!*

*The* **23rd** of  
**NOVEMBER**  
**1PM**

Soup Bar & Goodies  
Prizes & Fun

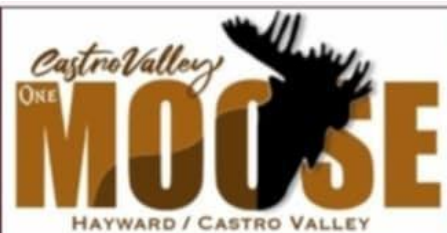
**\$25**

*Raffle Prizes*

*Available*

**HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY  
MOOSE LODGE**





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PRESENTS



November 22

# Card Show

\$3 Entry Kids 12&Under Free

AT Moose Lodge

**9am - 3pm**

20835  
Rutledge Rd,  
Castro Valley,  
CA 94546



## COLLEGE OF REGENTS

### *Meeting & Lunch*

Kindly join Hayward - Castro Valley  
Women of the Moose Chapter #934  
in celebrating

New College recipient

*Bonnie Russell*

New Red Stole recipient

*Fannessia Williams*

Nov. 16, 2025 @ 11:30am

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Please reply by November 12th  
[castrovalleymoosel491@gmail.com](mailto:castrovalleymoosel491@gmail.com)





THURSDAY NIGHT

# DANCE CLASS

Line Dance | Two-Step |  
Hip Hop | Country Swirl

**NOV 13<sup>TH</sup> & DEC 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**7-9 PM**

HOSTED BY:  
**DR. JAY, TA'NIYA**  
**& DJ KISHA**

Members & Guest of Members Only

Guests Must Become Members  
After 2 Dance Classes!



Location:  
Castro Valley Moose  
20835 Rutledge  
Castro Valley, CA



**WHERE THEM  
FANS AT?**

**JOIN US FOR A  
BOOT-STUMPING  
GOOD TIME!**



*Get In The  
Spirit*

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY

MOOSE LODGE

20835 Rutledge Road, Castro Valley, CA

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 29TH

10am to 4pm

OPEN TO THE  
PUBLIC

VENDORS NEEDED

8ft tables \$25 Moose Members

8ft tables \$30 Non Members

Our Holiday Boutique offers  
unique handmade holiday gifts,  
baked items and home decorations

Text or Call Cheryl at 510-858-6668

**ATTENTION**  
**3RD & 4TH GRADERS**  
**Enter Your Artwork in the**  
**Moose Calendar Art Contest**  
**FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$50!**

**Entry Packets Are Available At Moose Lodge Social Quarters**  
**20835 Rutledge Rd Castro Valley, CA**

**Entry Deadline is November 14th!**

*Hayward / Castro Valley Lodge 1491*

**2026 MOOSE**  
**CALENDAR**





HAYWARD/CASTRO VALLEY  
MOOSE LODGE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

# KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY












GAMES . FUN . FOODS

Saturday December 13th















10am to 12pm

Please RSVP at  
[castrovalleymoosel491@gmail.com](mailto:castrovalleymoosel491@gmail.com) for a  
special surprise.  
RSVP by 12/3/2025

# NOVEMBER 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 DISTRICT MEETING SANTA CRUZ LODGE 11:00-2:00	2
3 Buon Tempo Dinner 7:00  Poker 7:00-10:00	4  Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10:30	5 Lodge Meeting 7:30	6	7  Karaoke 7:30 Poker 7:00	8 Poker 10:00am	9 Poker Omaha 11:00
10 VFW Meeting  Poker 7:00-10:00	11 Moose Legion Meeting 6:30 Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10:00am	12 WOTM Meeting 6:30	13 LINE DANCING See flyer 5 Spot Dance group	14  Karaoke 7:30 Poker 7:00	15 Poker 10:00am 	16 COLLEGE OF REGENTS 11:30
17 Buon Tempo Dinner 7:00  Poker 7:00-10:00	18 Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10:00am	19 Lodge Meeting 7:30	20 FRIENDS GIVING See flyer	21  Karaoke 7:30 Poker 7:00	22 CARD SHOW See flyer Poker 10:00am	23 WOTM BUNCO Poker Tourney 11:00
24 American Legion Meeting  Poker 7:00-10:00	25 Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10am	26 BIG BAND 8:00	27 CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING	28  Karaoke 7:30 Poker 7:00	29 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE Poker 10:00am 	30
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# DECEMBER 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>1</b> Buon Tempo Dinner 7:00	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Lodge Meeting 7:30	<b>4</b> TRIVIA NIGHT See flyer	<b>5</b> Poker 7:00  Karaoke 7:30	<b>6</b> DISTRICT MEETING SUNNYVALE LODGE 11:00-2:00	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Buon Tempo Dinner 7:00   Poker 7:00-10:00	<b>9</b> Moose Legion Meeting 6:30  Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10:00am	<b>10</b> WOTM Meeting 6:30 + Holiday party	<b>11</b> TRIVIA NIGHT See flyer LINE DANCING 5 Spot Dance group	<b>12</b> Poker 7:00   Karaoke 7:30	<b>13</b> KIDS HOLIDAY PARTY  Poker 10:00am 	<b>14</b>    Poker Omaha 11:00
<b>15</b> VFW Meeting   Poker 7:00-10:00	<b>16</b> NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 6:30  Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10:00am	<b>17</b> Lodge Meeting 7:30	<b>18</b> TOM AND JERRY EVENT See flyer TRIVIA NIGHT See flyer	<b>19</b> Poker 7:00   Karaoke 7:30	<b>20</b> BANCHERO DINNER See flyer  Poker 10:00am 	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Buon Tempo Dinner 7:00   Poker 7:00-10:00	<b>23</b> Cornhole 6:30 Poker 10:00am  	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Poker 7:00   Karaoke 7:30	<b>27</b> CARD SHOW 9:00-3:00  Poker 10:00am 	<b>28</b>   Poker Tourney 11:00  7
<b>29</b> American Legion Meeting   Poker 7:00-10:00	<b>30</b> Cornhole 6:30   Poker 10:00am	<b>31</b> BIG BAND 8:00				



# *Holiday* **TOM & JERRY PARTY**

Let's come together for a heartwarming evening filled with delicious food and good company. It's time to share the joy of the holiday season. Enjoy complimentary Tom & Jerry's, Hot Toddy's, Egg Nog (spiked or not) & Hot Chocolate

**BRING A DISH TO SHARE!**

THURSDAY

**18**  
DEC

6-8:30 PM



**Members & Qualified Guests**

# TRIVIA *night*

**THURSDAYS**  
**DEC 4 / DEC 11 / DEC 18**

JOIN US 3 THURSDAYS IN DECEMBER  
FOR A FUN NEW TRIVIA NIGHT!

## RULES & INFO

- NO ENTRY FEE!
- UP TO 5 PLAYERS PER TEAM
- MEMBERS & QUALIFIED GUESTS ONLY

## FOOD, DRINKS, AND FUN

- ORDER A FULL MENU OF FOOD & SNACKS
- WATCH FOOTBALL ON THE BIG SCREEN TVS
- FULL BAR / COCKTAILS

**HOSTED BY**  
**DJ DAVID SAVIOR**

START TIME  
7:00PM

CV MOOSE LODGE  
20835 RUTLEDGE RD  
CASTRO VALLEY, CA

A MOOSE LEGION & NOTHIN NEW EVENTS  
PRODUCTION

**FREE  
ENTRY**

## PRIZES

WIN PRIZES  
EVERY WEEK!  
SEE OUR SOCIAL  
MEDIA FOR MORE  
INFO!

## MORE INFO



FOLLOW OUR  
INSTAGRAM  
@nothinnewevents



# **9th Annual East Bay Rockin' Christmas**

**A Benefit Concert for Bay Area Food Banks**



**Music by:  
Blind to Reason  
Skinner Sisters  
Kinetic**



**Saturday, December 6 7:30 PM  
Castro Valley Moose Lodge -  
20835 Rutledge Rd, Castro Valley**

**Champagne dinner and corporate  
tables available!**



**Tickets:  
[www.blindtoreason.com/store](http://www.blindtoreason.com/store)**

# 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



YOUR NAME  
DATE

PLEASE AND  
THANK YOU

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



# SAVE THE DATE

8th February  
2026

## 1ST ANNUAL SUPER BOWL TAILGATE COMPETITION



BEST SALSA



BEST APPETIZER



BEST BBQ ENTREE

## RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY

PARTICIPATION FEE

\$25

BLOODY MARY SPECIAL

\$TBD

OUTDOOR BAR PROVIDED - NO PERSONAL ALCOHOL

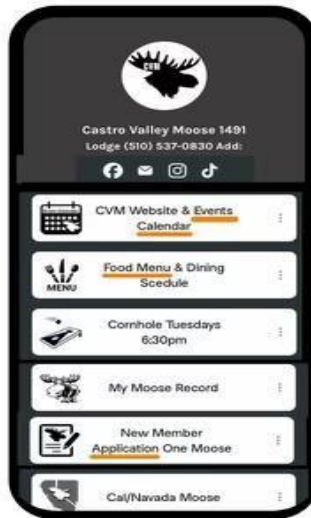
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

PRIZES TO BE DETERMINED.....

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Lodge originally met in the IDES Portuguese hall in Hayward before the first Lodge home was established in Hayward, in 1948.
- The first Lodge home in 1948 was where King Kovers is presently on Mission Blvd in Hayward at the intersection of Mission and Smalley Avenues.
- Hayward previously had a Moose Lodge #1315, which existed from 1913 to 1917.
- World Heavyweight Champion Wrestler Dean Detton was one of the founding members of our Moose Lodge #1491
- Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Lodge is currently the only Moose Lodge in Alameda County.
- The present HCV 1491 Lodge Home was purchased from the Lyons Club in November 1954, with the first new Moose officers installed there in April 22, 1955.
- The Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Lodge #1491 has been involved with the Hayward Rodeo parade (later the Rowell Ranch Rodeo parade) since the Lodge was formed and still participates to this day.
- YOU are an integral part of Hayward/Castro Valley Moose Lodge history!

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



*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!*

## 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
- Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11:00, OMAHA
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 11:00 Tournament

**THE LODGE HAS SEVERAL GAMES!**



A promotional poster for Senior Pinochle at Moose Lodge. The background is a green felt texture. At the top, the word "SENIOR" is in large white letters. Below it, "PINOCHLE" is written in white on a red banner. Underneath the banner, "@MOOSE LODGE" is written in white. The text "MONDAYS & THURSDAYS 12 TO 4PM" is in white. At the bottom left is a cartoon illustration of a brown bird wearing glasses. At the bottom right is a fan of playing cards showing the Ace of Clubs, Ace of Hearts, Ace of Spades, King of Spades, and Queen of Spades. At the bottom center, it says "CONTACT STACY POULOS FOR DETAILS".

**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  
VOOUNTEERS