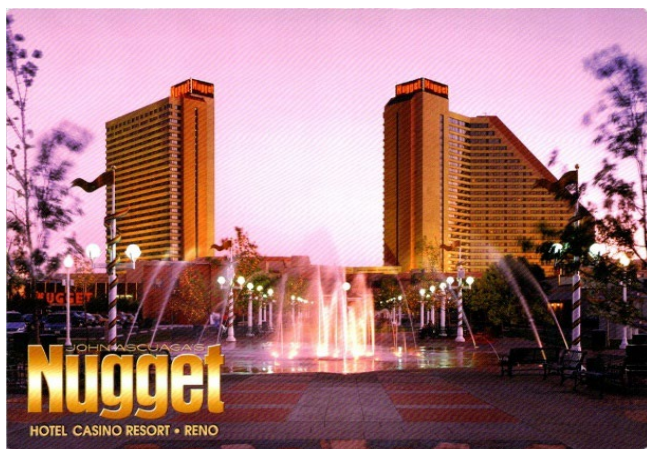




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August – September 2026

CALIFORNIA NEVADA MOOSE ASSOCIATION
2026 Annual Convention
Nugget Casino Resort – Sparks NV
September 10 to 13, 2026



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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Greetings and Welcome,

As our year unfolds, one could say the Annual Campaign “**Growing to Serve**” was tailored for our California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA). With more of our Members rising to the challenge of being forefront in our communities and our record-breaking year of giving to Moose Charities, we certainly are the poster example of what serving is all about. Of course I’m talking about **YOU!** This is all because of **YOU**, our CNMA Members...our most important asset.



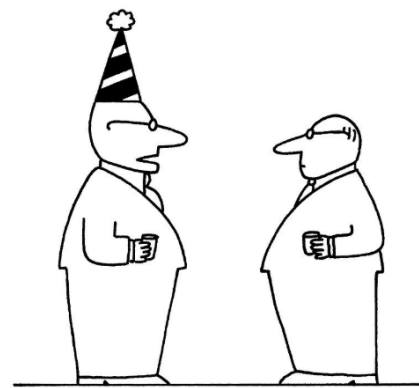
We still have a journey in front of us to put out the word, put on events that are **FUN**, continue to put forth our plans of building Membership and Charities, put forward the knowledge of our Members, and put down the “**Good Old Days**” that leave us trapped into mediocrity.

In speaking to you now, in my last article as CNMA President, I have no new revelations to say, but I wish to thank you, as it has been and will continue to be through September, a pleasure to serve you, to work with you, to hopefully answer questions, mostly to embrace you all in being a part of our Top Association and great Fraternal Organization. Along the way we’ve shared a laugh or two, a concern or more, but because of you, all together we have solved and overcome all that has stood before us.

Please pass the word to register and attend our upcoming 2026 Annual Convention at the Nugget in Sparks, Nevada. A lot of **FUN** and informative activities are planned. Our Higher Degrees **FUN** Room featuring our Chapters, Moose Legion, and Council of Higher Degrees is growing and I ask you all to both visit and participate in this. The theme this year for the Banquet is “**The Roaring 20’s**” and this promises to be a **FUN** Saturday Night. Together, let’s make this the banner year for our Convention Attendance. I thank all of the Committee Chairs, Appointed Officers, Committee Members, the Executive Committee, and mostly all of **YOU**...our cherished Members.

Let us all continue to work together on what lies ahead. There is energy and success in our **YEAR OF THE HORSE**. As long as we can think and imagine, there is no limit to what can be done.

Bill Jackson
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“I’m learning to let go and have fun.”



CNMA ANNUAL CONVENTION

Fun Room

ONE FRATERNITY

THREE GREAT
ORGANIZATIONSUNLIMITED
POSSIBILITIES!*Together We Can
Accomplish Anything!*

SERVICE



LEADERSHIP



FRIENDSHIP



FUN



FRATERNITY

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

Compassion in Action. Women Leading the Way!

MOOSE LEGION

The Degree of Service. The Degree of Fun!

COUNCIL OF HIGHER DEGREES

*Honoring the Past. Building the Future. Leading with Purpose!**Stronger Together... We Can Accomplish Anything!***WE CARE**for Our Communities
and Each Other**WE SUPPORT**Our Members,
Our Families &
Our Future**WE MAKE A**DIFFERENCE
Every Day

VISIT OUR FUN ROOM AT THE CNMA ANNUAL CONVENTION!

Aloha Spirit. Moose Family. Better Together!

CNMA

ANNUAL CONVENTION

Banquet & Installation

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
6:30 PM

HONORING
PRESIDENT
Bill Jackson

ROARING 20'S THEME





MOOSEHEART

UNITING HEARTS: EXPANDING HORIZONS

PRESIDENT'S
PROJECT

THREE FULLY RENOVATED
MOOSEHEART HOMES
THREE BRAND NEW
PURPOSE BUILT HOMES

**EARMARKED
CNMA MHT PROJECT 25-28**

STATE OF THE ART FRESH
WATER TREATMENT PLANT
CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
UPGRADES

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
MOOSE CHARITIES**

RENOVATION OF 10 FAMILY
TEACHER HOMES
REVITALIZATION OF TRACK
AND DISCUS CAGE

A NEW CNMA BUILDING A NEW CNMA BUILDING A NEW CNMA BUILDING A NEW CNMA BUILDING A NEW CNMA BUILDING

CNMA ASKS THE MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION

**Will you Sponsor the Millionth Member?
Will your Lodge Enroll the Millionth Member?**



1 MILLION MEMBERS

Sponsor the **1,000,000th** Member and
receive **\$1,000** from CNMA Plus,
Lodge receives **\$1,000** donation in their
name to Moose Charities.

THIS OPPORTUNITY IS FOR CNMA MEMBERS ONLY.



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VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

By now Moose District nominations and elections have hopefully concluded. Congratulations to the incoming elected District Officers. You have stepped up to lead your District to a successful year that may be filled with challenges; however, none so great that Teamwork and a call to the incoming Association Vice-President cannot help to resolve.

This is a reminder to all District Presidents & Secretaries that all required documentation should have already been submitted via Cognito (District President Application & District Officer Information). The District Obligation of Understanding for the incoming officers cannot be completed until all officers have been installed! Please get them signed at your first meeting after October 1st and send the **original signed document** via mail to the Association Secretary. It is important that the District President ensures that all signatures are on the document!

Thank you to the Lodge Officers who stepped up this past year to serve their District and hopefully continue to serve in some capacity. Here is a touchy subject close to my heart, because I know there is so much potential for new faces to serve on the District Board - recycling Officers because it has been stated that no one wants to serve. As we all know and have heard **“No one asked me”** Why? As we earn our Moose Degrees, we should become Mentors to those who have yet to earn their degrees and encourage them to get more involved. Case in point, District Sergeant at Arms has served for multiple years but doesn't move up to an elected position. Why? Is it because we are not encouraging them and giving them the confidence to move up? It is also an opportunity for someone who attends the District meetings to be asked to be Sergeant at Arms for one year and move up. Wouldn't you agree?

Another example is the District President serving for multiple years or coming back after being off the Board for a couple years. Why are we not seeking Leaders among our Membership? With over 55,000 Members in the California Nevada Moose Association, we should be able to find 19 new District Presidents every year. I do not mean to be critical, but the future success of our Association lays in your hands.

Again, thank you to those who served on their respective District Boards, you made a difference. One last note for the Jr. Past District President, your job is not done. Please make a special extra effort to guide the incoming District President elect as well as the rest of the Board. Your wisdom should be tempered with understanding that they have much to learn, and your guidance will ensure a successful year.

There are a lot of good Moose Members out there; if you can't find one; be One

Fraternal Regards,
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FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, AND THE MOOSE FRATERNITY

As we get Ready for this year's California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) 2026 Annual Convention, we are reminded of the unique bond that unites us. We come from different towns, backgrounds, and walks of life. Yet, we share a singular, powerful purpose: to live out the principles of Faith, Hope, and Charity.

Our Annual Convention is more than a series of meetings or a calendar of social events. It is a modern-day gathering of a true fraternity. It is a dedicated time to renew our commitment to the values that define us and to strengthen the safety net we provide for our communities, our youth at Mooseheart, and our seniors at Moosehaven.

Strengthening Our Pillars

In the hustle of our daily Lodge operations, it is easy to focus solely on the logistics—the fundraisers, the building maintenance, and the calendar dates. This Annual Convention calls us back to our foundation.

- **Faith:** Trusting in a higher power to guide our leadership and decisions
- **Hope:** Believing that our collective efforts create a brighter tomorrow for those in need
- **Charity:** Giving selflessly of our time, talent, and resources without expecting anything in return

When we look at the children thriving at Mooseheart or the seniors living with dignity at Moosehaven, we see the tangible fruits of our shared faith and labor.

A Call to Fraternity

Let us enter this upcoming Annual Convention with open hearts and collaborative spirits. Use this time to look beyond your local Lodge borders. Meet a new brother or sister. Share a success story. Offer a word of encouragement to a Lodge that might be struggling.

As your Chaplain, my prayer for us is simple: May our discussions be filled with wisdom, our interactions be marked by kindness, and our dedication to the Defending Circle remain unbroken. Let us all not just be informed but deeply inspired.

Fraternally Yours,

Earl Munday
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Faith, Hope & Charity

As Chaplain I provide oversight of:

Activities, Communications, Degrees, Government Relations, Heart of the Community, Moose Charities, Resolutions, Rules and Order, Scholarship, Veteran's Sub-Committee and Youth Awareness Committees.



TREASURER MESSAGE

Oh, how the time is flying. The 2026 International Moose Convention in Oklahoma City is completed, and it was a **FUN** time. This was the first time I have been to Oklahoma, and it was more modern than I had expected. The weather was good, except for the wind constantly blowing, but that supposedly kept the humidity down, so the wind helped us out. The attendance for the convention was down a bit, but there were still plenty of friends to chat with and have a good time with.

There is more good news because California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) will be hosting their 2026 Annual Convention September 10-13, 2026, at the Nugget Casino in Sparks, Nevada. Hotel Reservations are open and you can call for reservations at 800-648-1177. The group code is GCNMSE6 (The password is: moose).

Our Official Visitor for our convention is Terry Treadwell, Moose International Board of Directors. We are looking forward to welcoming our friend.

Our Banquet & Installation on Saturday night Honoring President Bill Jackson is going to be very special. The theme is **The Roaring 20's**. Dress up like they did back in the day. Remember Elliot Ness and the others of those days? We want you to dress like they did in those action-packed days. I'll be looking forward to seeing everyone in costume! Put a smile on my face and a head shake of approval. While you're at it, how about bringing a friend or two with you to the Annual Convention? The first Convention they attend may make them a steady Convention goer. Taking Moose friends will be special for you and your friends. Of course, they need to attend the Mid-Year Conference in March and then they will become veterans of CNMA Conventions. All it takes is you being a good Moose member and extending a welcome to your friends who will most likely always remember this occasion. We at CNMA always appreciate new Convention Moose members. Now is the time to have **FUN!**

Don't wait to make your reservations - the cutoff date is **August 19th**.

MEET YOU AT THE CONVENTION!!

Robert Criss
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treasurer@ca-nvmoose.org



CONVENTION

As Treasurer I provide oversight of:

Disaster Relief, Historical, Loss Prevention, Membership, Moosehaven, Mooseheart, New Lodge Formation, New Member Orientation and Ways & Means Committees.



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING RIGHT AND BEING EFFECTIVE

One of the greatest lessons leadership teaches us is that being right and being effective are not always the same thing.

Most of us have been in a Lodge, Chapter, Moose Legion, committee meeting, or boardroom where we knew we were right. The rules supported our position. The facts were on our side. We could have won the argument.

But what would we have accomplished?

As leaders, and especially as Past Presidents, Past Regents, and Past Moose Legion Presidents, we have a responsibility to ask a different question:

Will this help move the organization forward?

There is a difference between correcting someone and mentoring someone. There is a difference between pointing out mistakes and helping someone learn from them. One builds confidence. The other often creates frustration.

The best leaders I have known rarely felt the need to prove they were the smartest person in the room. Instead, they focused on helping others grow. They understood that every Lodge President, Senior Regent, Moose Legion President, officer, chairman, and volunteer was new once. They understood that experience is most valuable when it is shared with kindness and patience.

One of the challenges for any former leader is remembering that our term has ended. The new leaders will not do everything exactly as we did. They will have new ideas, different approaches, and their own vision for success. That is not a threat to our legacy, it is a sign that our organization continues to grow.

As Past Presidents, Past Regents, and Past Moose Legion Presidents, we hold a unique position. We have the benefit of experience, but that experience should be used as a guide, not a steering wheel. Our role is not to continue running the organization from the sidelines. Our role is to encourage, support, and share knowledge when it is needed.

When we focus on helping rather than criticizing, teaching rather than controlling, and supporting rather than directing, we create stronger leaders. Stronger leaders create stronger Lodges, stronger Chapters, stronger Moose Legions, and ultimately a stronger Moose fraternity.

The next time you find yourself in a situation where you can prove that you are right, take a moment and ask yourself: Do I want to win this conversation, or do I want to improve the outcome?

The answer may determine whether we are simply leaders of the past or leaders who continue to make a positive difference today.

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★ CNMA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD ★ 2027 NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!



It is time for each Lodge's **Junior Past President** to call a meeting of the Lodge's Past Presidents to select a nominee for the prestigious CNMA Achievement Award.



Every lodge has someone deserving of recognition, and we strongly encourage each lodge to submit a nominee for consideration.



REMINDER:

Submitting a nominee earns your lodge **5 points** toward the **5 Star Award!**

IMPORTANT UPDATES

- ✓ Review the updated submission guidelines carefully.
- ✓ Eligibility has been expanded to help identify more qualified candidates.
- ✓ All submissions must be completed online using the official CNMA form.



AWARD PROCESS

All nominees will be reviewed by the CNMA Achievement Award Committee.

One individual will be selected as the Association's recipient and forwarded to Moose International for consideration for the

2027 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD!



SUBMISSION DEADLINE

**MONDAY,
AUGUST 10,
2026**

HOW TO SUBMIT



CNMA
WEBSITE



LODGE
AWARDS



CNMA
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD

The submission form includes a clickable link to the guidelines.



**THIS IS THE ONLY
ACCEPTED SUBMISSION METHOD.**

★ 100% PARTICIPATION GOAL ★



Please note that submissions will be actively monitored, and lodges that have not submitted a nominee will be contacted.

**GOAL FOR 2026: 100%
LODGE PARTICIPATION!**

Questions?
PLEASE CONTACT:

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Junior Past President



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*Together,
we make a
difference!*

SECRETARY MESSAGE

Congratulations to our 5 Star Award winning lodges! Each lodge has been published on the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) website > [Lodge Awards](#) page. For earning this prestigious award, I will be posting the Association dues credit to your lodge account on August 1st. On August 15th the fourth quarter billing will occur and many of you will not have a balance due while others may only have a small balance due and some lucky lodges may have a remaining credit on their account. Please remember that all invoices are now due in **15 days**.

I am sorry to say that we currently have four lodges not in good standing. I need to remind any lodge that does not pay their invoice within **30 days** that they **must** pay **electronically** using their bank account or a credit card to ensure that it reaches us in time to avoid becoming a lodge not in good standing.

What does it mean to be a lodge not in good standing? It means you are subject to sanctions being imposed by the CNMA Compliance Review Committee. These sanctions include not being able to host meetings (including District meetings) or hosting or participating in activities of the Association. This includes members of these lodges not being recognized as delegates or as representatives at the Annual Convention or Mid-Year Conference. Lodges not in good standing are also disqualified from earning the 5 Star Award which impacts their ability to earn a discount on future association dues.

These sanctions are in place for a ***minimum*** of **90 days**. With our Annual Convention six weeks away these four lodges will not be in good standing and therefore not recognized as delegates or as being represented.

The Convention Services Team is preparing everything needed for the upcoming Annual Convention. We are here to assist our convention attendees in any way we can. Please contact us with any issues you encounter with online registration, hotel reservation issues, registration on site, badge issues, location of events, etc. Our email for registration issues is registration@ca-nvmoose.org. Our on site team is anxiously awaiting your arrival! Please thank them for all they do!

We are currently soliciting Ads for our Convention Program Book, so if your Lodge, Chapter, Moose Legion, District, or Council of Higher Degrees is interested in placing an Ad [Click Here](#) to submit it electronically. Remember to ensure that the Ad is in either ***doc, docx, txt, jpg, jpeg, pub*** format so we can insert it into the book. Other formats are not compatible.

Friendly reminder that should a lodge vote and approve an alternate for the President or Administrator of any lodge an Alternate Delegate Letter must be prepared using the [Alternate Delegate Guidance](#) posted on the CNMA Conventions page. Remember the letter must be prepared on Lodge Letterhead, signed by both the President and Administrator, and sealed with the Lodge seal. The most efficient way to provide the letter is with the registration of the designated alternate. If that isn't possible then it must be submitted electronically to conventionservices@ca-nvmoose.org. **No letters will be accepted on site, and the deadline is August 27, 2026.**

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LIAISON MESSAGE

My Fellow Brothers and Sisters,
Welcome to August!

It's incredible how quickly this year is flying by. As we step into a new month, I'd like to take a moment to share a few highlights from the 2026 International Moose Convention held in Oklahoma City, this past June, as well as provide an update on our progress three months into the new Moose Year.

2026 International Moose Convention Highlights

Let's review some of the key updates from the 2026 International Moose Convention.

One Mission – One Fraternity – One Million Members

The Moose Fraternity is edging ever closer to the incredible milestone of **one million members!** As excitement builds for a sixth consecutive year of membership growth, the Moose International Board of Directors has approved **\$350,000 in membership incentives** for sponsors, new members, active members, Lodges, and Associations to help us achieve this historic goal.

Beginning **July 1, 2026**, cash incentives will begin with the **975,000th membership** signed, with additional incentives awarded at various milestones until we welcome our **1,000,001st member**.

Sponsors can earn:

- Cash prizes of up to **\$10,000**
- Paid Life Memberships
- Trips to the 2027 International Moose Convention in Orlando
- And many other exciting rewards

Lodges, Associations, new members, campaign sponsors, and active members will also have opportunities to earn awards throughout the campaign.

The incentive program is designed to:

- Increase new member growth throughout all Associations
- Create healthy competition among Sponsors, Lodges, and Associations
- Reward local membership recruitment efforts
- Publicly celebrate significant membership milestones
- Generate positive publicity and momentum as we approach the historic one-million-member mark

Additional details will be available soon on the Moose International website.

No Application Fee for Online Applications with Two Years of Dues

The **\$20 application fee** will be waived for all **new and re-enrolled members** who join a Lodge through the **online application** and purchase **two years of membership dues**. This promotion runs through **December 31, 2026**.

Only applicants who:

- Apply **online**, and
- Commit to **two years of dues**

will qualify for the waived application fee. All other applications will continue to include the standard \$20 application fee. The online application is available through **BeAMoose.org** or the **Moose Membership Mobile App**. Please utilize the promotional flyer in your newsletters, on your Lodge website, through social media, or print copies for display within your Lodge.

Goals for the 2026–2027 Moose Year

Here is where we currently stand as an Association and the goals we are working toward:

Membership Goal: Net gain of +1 (Goal: **60,231 Active Members**)

- Current Active Membership: **59,593**
- We are currently **638 members short** of our goal.
- **Retention Goal: 80%**
- Current Retention Rate: **79.80%**
- **Moose Charities Goal: \$490,000**
- Current Giving: **\$84,226.96**

Applications Goal: **12,814**

- Applications Received Year-to-Date: **2,888**

Every member has the opportunity to make a difference. We encourage every Lodge to remain focused on **sponsorship, member engagement, and retention**. With continued teamwork, dedication, and enthusiasm, I am confident we can exceed last year's accomplishments—especially in membership growth and charitable giving.

As we continue **Moving Forward and Giving Back**, let us also remember our **Proud Past and Bright Future**, continue **Embracing Our Community**, focus on **Making It Happen**, and ultimately work together toward **Growing to Serve** the greatest Fraternity in the world.

In Closing

A heartfelt **thank you** to the **102 Lodges (out of 106)** that submitted their **Moose of the Year** nominations!

Congratulations as well too:

- **41 Lodges** that earned the **Premier Lodge Award**
 - **33 Presidents and Administrators** who received the **Leadership Award**
- Outstanding job!**

The following awards, along with many others, will be presented during the **Awards Breakfast on Sunday morning** at our **2026 Annual Convention in Sparks, Nevada**:

- Moose of the Year
- Premier Lodge Awards
- Leadership Awards
- Moose Charities Recognition
- Heart of the Community Awards
- And many more

Please make every effort to have a representative from your Lodge—or your District President—in attendance to accept your award(s).

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Convention for a weekend filled with fellowship, learning, recognition, and fun. Thank you for everything you do to strengthen our Lodges, support our communities, and advance the mission of Moose International.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our Fraternity.

God Bless Mooseheart.

God Bless Moosehaven.

And God Bless each and every one of you.

Fraternally,

Kenneth Copp

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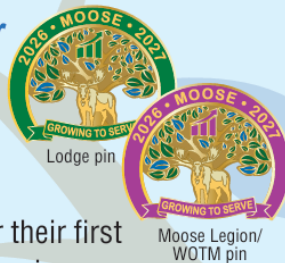
MOOSE GROWING TO SERVE

MAY 1, 2026 - APRIL 30, 2027

United, the Moose Fraternity continues to grow. Our purpose is to care for children and seniors and celebrate life; thereby making our society a better place in which to live. As we expand, we encourage others to join in our Mission by remaining determined in finding opportunities to provide support for our local communities. Rooted in purpose, we are growing to serve.

Sponsor 1 Member GROWING TO SERVE

lapel pins are presented by your Lodge, Chapter or Moose Legion to individuals that sponsor their first member during the campaign.



Sponsor 25 Members

Members attaining Sponsors of Distinction status by sponsoring 25 members during the **GROWING TO SERVE**



membership drive will receive free basic registration for our 2027 International Moose Convention in Orlando, FL. Additional information can be found on www.mooseintl.org.



Sponsor 5 Members

Funds will be used toward Mooseheart for the purchase of two new complete sets of shot clocks for basketball games. These are important, as new regulations make them necessary, and will significantly benefit our student-athletes. Contributions are courtesy of your Association, the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion.



Earn Rewards simply for doing things that strengthen The Moose.

Now is a great time to sponsor a member; serve in office; renew your dues or complete training. Each activity generates points automatically that you can use to pay dues, contribute to Mooseheart/Moosehaven, or redeem for Moose gift store purchases. Check your Moose Rewards points total today at www.mooseintl.org to see how many you have earned! Also, look for special promotions throughout the year for your chance to earn greater rewards.



FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Financial Review Committee's primary function is to perform a review of all District financial records at the California Nevada Moose Association Mid-Year Conference and Annual Convention.

District Secretaries (and/or Presidents) are responsible for ensuring their books are presented to the committee for inspection.

As we get ready for our 2026 Annual Convention in Sparks, Nevada please be prepared by ensuring that you bring the following:

- Printouts of all your District Distribution of Funds Reports (September 2025 - present)
- Printouts of all your Board of Officers meeting minutes (September 2025 - present)
- Printouts of all your Social meeting minutes (September 2025 - present)
- Receipt book
- Check book
- All bank statements (September 2025 – present)
- All deposit slips

All these items should be in the Financial Review room (Redwood 1) **no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 11th.**

Please be sure to update the Audit Spreadsheet and upload all required documents into Cognito.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Fraternally,
Hiram Cooke
Financial Review Chair
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Financial Review



Audit



Reporting



Balance



Cashflow



Evaluation

Reminders for Districts:

Complete the Monthly Distribution of Funds (MDF) after each meeting, remit funds to Moose Charities and/or CNMA Secretary as identified in the MDF. No more than \$500 is allowed in a District Checking Account. Districts should determine the disposition of receipted funds collected during the meeting.

Complete the Board of Officer (BOO) & Social Meeting Attendance form after each meeting and upload the meeting minutes of both the BOO and Social Meetings into the form. Meeting minutes should document disposition of receipted funds collected at the meeting. The Nominating meeting minutes are submitted along with the applicable form by clicking the Yes button indicating a Nominating meeting was held.

Complete the Financial Review Audit Spreadsheet after each meeting. This form is in Google Docs.



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION REPORT

Making the **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION** program has surely educated our membership. At least 80% of our Lodges are participating in an Orientation program. Keep up the great work.

We have completed our efforts to distribute thumb drives to every Lodge if you still have not yet received your drive contact your local District President.

I'd like us to now put emphasis on welcoming our New Members into your Lodge. Here are a few ideas to try in your Lodge. Send out a personalized welcome card, letter or text message. This should be sent out within 24 hours of accepting their application for membership.

EXAMPLE:

Dear (Members Name):

We are thrilled to welcome you to (Your Moose Lodge Name). As one of our newest members, you are part of a vibrant family dedicated to children, seniors, our community and most of all our members. We encourage you to attend our upcoming New Membership welcoming get together on (Date & Time). We believe you will find it informative. We hope you will get involved in events helping in any way and meeting new friends. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to getting to know you better. Warm regards,
(your name) (contact number).

You may want to pair the new member with a more senior member and/or their sponsor to follow up with the new member in 30 days.

Have members assigned to meet & greet at all events concentrate on the new faces. "Happy to have you as part of our family" people like to belong. Truly believe in your cause and others will too.

Let us concentrate on making our new members feel important.

Please stop by our booth at 2026 Annual Convention and share your ideas

Thanks for all you do for The Moose.

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COUNCIL HIGHER DEGREES

I trust this message finds you all well. I am pleased to share the news of the Women of the Moose receiving the Award of Achievement, a testament to the hard work and dedication of all involved. Our collective efforts in member retention have been commendable. Let us continue to uphold this standard of excellence. As we welcome new members, let us ensure they are well-informed about our esteemed organization. Remember, they are our Brothers and Sisters of the Moose. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and support. Let's also make calls to the members that have expired. Retention is important also. Call your lists, you never know maybe they just needed a reminder about dues. Kindness and thoughtfulness goes a long way.

Come visit the **FUN ROOM** at the 2026 Annual Convention on Friday September 11th and Saturday the 12th! There will be lots of information and **FUN** stuff for you to enjoy. I'm excited to see you all - **HUGS**.

Fraternally,
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DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE CHAIR – RICK BALTHAZAR



DISASTER RELIEF

Disaster Relief is a special fund that helps all California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Lodges in need of some financial support. It is all made possible by generous donations from all of **YOU**. Lodges, Moose Legions, Women of The Moose, Moose Riders and individuals like you.

This special fund is in its 6th Year of being part of the CNMA. This fund has helped so many Lodges who needed some financial support. Any funds you donate can be used on your Heart of the Community report.

Special **Thank You** for large donations from District 19 and Westchester Lodge 1780. **Thank You** to all who donate to keep our fund strong so that we have funds when they are needed. This fund has helped many of our Lodges in serious need of financial support.

Please keep our funds strong so that we are able to help all Lodges stay alive. **Thank you** to my committee members and everyone who contributes to the Disaster Relief Fund.

See you all in Sparks!

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MOOSEHEART HAPPENINGS

Summer at Mooseheart is in full swing. Many of the students went home for Summer Break I at the end of May. They returned to campus June 8th. Summer Break II begins July 31st and ends August 9th. Mooseheart is a year-round school/home for students and not a boarding school. Therefore, they are at Mooseheart most of the summer except for the two (2) summer breaks where they may return home to visit family and friends.

The students remain busy throughout the summer with the Recreation program for the younger kids. Each 8th through 12th grader participates every week in the Summer Work Program.

The Wisconsin Moose Association is providing the students with a field trip to America's largest outdoor Waterpark in Wisconsin Dells, Noah's Ark Waterpark. It covers 70 acres, features 51 waterslides, 2 wave pools, and the world's largest King Cobra slide. They will spend the entire day enjoying all the activities the water park has to offer.

Each student also gets to attend Camp Ross during the summer. Different age and gender groups of students attend for a week of **FUN** filled with overnight stays, campfires, smores, hikes in the woods, creek walks, unlimited pool time, crafting, kayaking and fishing. It is a **TRUE** camp experience. Camp Ross is also available during the other three (3) seasons of the year. Family teachers may reserve it for the weekends. This provides the students with other types of camp experience.

The first day of school will be August 20th but Fall Varsity Sports will begin practices on August 3rd.

As far as Mooseheart goes, they have admitted six (6) new students to campus in June and July. Seven new Family Teachers are scheduled for the July training class and will hopefully be accredited and moved into their homes by early August.

The school itself is undergoing many structural changes within the buildings during summer break. New flooring is being laid in the classrooms and the library. The school cafeteria is also receiving some repairs and much needed upgrades.

The Horizon Project is well on track. The remodel of the Virginia home is complete, most of the required staff have been hired and will begin training on July 13th with a potential opening in early August. Everyone at Mooseheart is very excited about this new program and are looking forward to the opening.

That's all for now. Enjoy your summer!

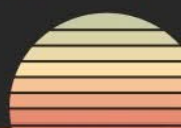
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UNITING HEARTS; EXPANDING
HORIZONS !



MOOSEHEART'S 2025 - 2028, \$12,000,000 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN



▶ **Three fully renovated
Mooseheart homes**

Redesigned to serve children and adults
with intellectual or developmental
disabilities.

▶ **Critical infrastructure upgrades**

Including new paving, curbs, sidewalks,
and modernized water lines across key
areas of our campus.

▶ **A state-of-the-art Fresh Water
Treatment Plant**

Ensuring safety and sustainability for
the entire Mooseheart community.

▶ **Three brand-new, purpose-built
homes**

Community Integrated Living
Arrangements that offer independence
with dignity.

▶ **A revitalized track and discus
cage**

Because every child deserves a
place to run, compete, and dream.

▶ **Renovation of ten Family
Teacher Quarters of homes**

The heart of our caregiving
model.

📞 **Contact Us:**
(630) 966-2200

or

<https://www.moosecharities.org>

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MOOSEHAVEN REPORT

Congratulations to **Moosehaven** resident Art Sorem of Redondo Beach Lodge 1873 for his elevation to the Pilgrim Degree of Merit conferred in the House of God on the Mooseheart Campus on May 30th.

Art, and all of our “***Always Active at Moosehaven***” residents enjoy the summer weather and these three great

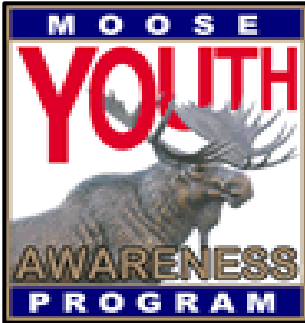
activities:

1. Saturday July 4th “***American Pride 4th of July***” - A free community event featuring Live Music, Food Trucks, Fireworks and **FUN** for the whole family.
2. Halloween Trick or Treat on Friday October 31st - Another community event featuring **FREE** Admission, Food Trucks and Happy Haunted Trail.
3. The highlight of the Fall - The **Moosehaven** Chili Cook-Off and Car Show will be held on Saturday November 14th.

In closing as summer approaches, it is time for the California Nevada Moose Association to begin the process of nominating next year's officers and accepting applications for Committee Chair and Committee Members. Please consider helping out on an Association committee, our Moosehaven Committee in particular will need some new members. Please feel free to contact me if interested upchuckgs15@gmail.com.

Charles Barber
CNMA Moosehaven Chair
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YOUTH AWARENESS REPORT

Greetings!!!

Youth Awareness (YA) has been having **FUN** presenting \$500 checks to our six finalists and our gift cards to all the students who completed the YA Program for the 25-26 year.

Now it's time to get back to work!! We are looking for **STUDENTS** who would like to participate in the Youth Awareness Scholarship Program!! Ask your members, family, friends and neighbors if they know any high school students in need of a scholarship. Have them get in touch with us!

We are also looking for Lodges that would like to host a YA Congress. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO SPONSOR STUDENTS JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE HOSTING.** Please remember, you can sponsor as many students as you wish or none at all. Each student will need a sponsor. Sponsors must be a Lodge, Chapter, Moose Legion, or Moose Riders. Individuals who wish to sponsor students can donate sponsor fees to the Lodge, etc. of your choice or directly to the Youth Awareness Committee by sending checks written to: CA/NV Moose Association earmarked Youth Awareness/Sponsor Fee. Sponsor Fees are \$50 per student, or you can donate a lump sum. Make sure to put it on the Lodge Heart of the Community Report!!!

Please reach out to me via the number provided below to put your Lodge on the calendar to host. We are looking for Saturday, Sundays and possibly a few open nights during the week. YA Congresses must be held between July and October. Text or call **ASAP** for the best selection of dates.

I am so blessed to be able to work with the students that come through our program. Everyone on the YA team feels the same way. We are looking for people who would like to serve on our committee and possibly become a YA Coordinator. We will fully train you. We ask that you be willing to travel to other local Lodges in your area. Nothing crazy like my 500-mile weekend! :-)

Nothing feels better than serving others. If you would like more information, please reach out to me. Youth Awareness truly starts with YOU!

Please make sure to stop by the Youth Awareness booth in Sparks, Nevada. We will have an exciting raffle to help our committee earn money, so we can further serve the students of California and Nevada and help you with a chance of winning!!!

Serving from the Heart,

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Kathy Childs - Coordinator (North) - kathychilds@prodigy.net



COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT



WOW time flies when you are having **FUN**. I want to express a truly heart felt thank you for all you do. Without you, we couldn't complete our commitment to provide community service to our communities.

It is time again for our 2026 Annual Convention in Sparks, Nevada on September 10-13, 2026. As you have generously done before, keep making those blankets and cancer caps to be distributed at our Convention. Start collecting Tommy Moose, Tommy Moose bags, Tommy Moose coloring books, book markers, crayons, etc. to also be donated. Please open your heart and **DONATE**. There will be a time at our Convention where our Emergency personnel will be there to receive them.

We need to keep providing Tommy Moose, blankets, Tommy Moose Bookmarks, to our police, firefighters, EMTs and any others that will accept them. Children are so happy when they receive them. Parents are happy to see their children happy because some do not know where the next meal is coming from. Please plan on **DONATING** these at our Convention so that children will have something to smile about.

You make this happen and believe me, our members love walking down the aisle carrying these things and showing our Reno Community what we can do. Come and have **FUN** with us.

Always remember that we are the best kept secret out there. We are the **MOOSE**, so be proud and help, where you can by donating, working with charities to provide whatever is needed in your local communities.

REMEMBER, EVERYONE has superpowers. Your talents, your strengths, and your passions – those are your superpowers! No matter who you are, where you live or what your job is, **YOU** have a superpower. We need to challenge our members to look inside themselves and discover their superpowers and determine how they can use them to benefit Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and our Communities. Do you use your superpowers to welcome new members into your Lodge home and ask them to help our communities?

We should be **MOOSE PROUD** at what we have accomplished and what is still to come!!!

Denise Angeles
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MOOSE CHARITIES REPORT

Hello Moose Friends,

For those who joined us in Oklahoma City for the 2026 International Moose Convention, I hope you found the experience valuable and enjoyable.

The CNMA Moose Charities Committee is already preparing to ensure we make the most of our next California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Annual Convention in Sparks, Nevada, September 10th through the 13th.

As always, your participation and generosity are vital to the success of Moose Charities. We are currently seeking gift cards and gift basket donations for our Opportunity Drawings. Please consider presenting these requests at your upcoming Lodge, Chapter, Moose Legion, District, Higher Degree, and Moose Rider meetings.

I also want to highlight that our Fraternal Recognition program is in full swing, and I encourage everyone to participate. Please keep in mind that one of the criteria in achieving "**Power**" status requires two consecutive Moose fiscal years as a donor to arities. There is no minimum donation amount specified in the criteria, so even a small annual contribution will help you reach this goal.

If you are interested in learning more, please stop by the Moose Charities Booth at the convention for assistance.

We look forward to seeing you in Sparks! In Solidarity,

Jason Evans

CNMA Moose Charities Chair

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Friendly Reminder about the Silver Treasure opportunity drawing to raise funds for the CNMA President's Project which is for the Mooseheart Uniting Hearts; Expanding Horizons capital project. Bidding will conclude on Friday September 11th at 9:00am. Final reveal and bidding will conclude at the Annual Banquet on Saturday September 12th.

Contact Moose Charities Chair Jason Evans using the information provided above.





STREET SMARTS

Well, it's been a while since I've seen y'all. I hope that your Lodges are all doing great. Whether it's music, food, fundraising or whatever your Lodge uses to have **FUN** and make money I hope all the little squares of your calendars are filled with activities. A Moose Lodge with empty squares on its calendar will have an empty register and bank account to go along with it.

Since my last report I took a trip to the cemetery near Vandenberg Air Force Base on May 25, which we all know is Memorial Day. Vandenberg is the home of Space Force. A beautiful memorial day tribute was held that day by Retired Air Force Captain Mike Stadnick, himself a veteran and a Moose Lodge member, as well as a seasoned speaker at Veteran events such as this. Also speaking at the event was the Space Force Commanding Officer, himself a full bird colonel. Wreaths presented by local charities, including the Moose Lodge, were placed at the memorial. Such a beautiful day, a beautiful moment, and one where the Loyal Order of Moose helped make history and for many Moose Veterans, our own national heroes, a day to remember.

Next I traveled to the Escondido Moose Lodge to enjoy a mountain rockin' event under the direction of Charly Papp and Jim Waggoner at "MooseStock" (not Woodstock). Six bands on Saturday and five bands on Sunday. Seeing that this is one Moose Lodge that knows how to party this event drew members along with prospective new members. Not only great music but the Lodge also filled that square on their calendar with great BBQ tri-tip sandwiches by an award-winning BBQ team imported for the event. I was blown away by how much **FUN** I had at this Lodge's event and bought one of their t-shirts so I would remember it till the t-shirt falls apart. Thank you Escondido Lodge 1874 for such an incredible event.

Next I traveled to the Paso Robles Moose Lodge for a fundraiser extraordinaire. When the Lodge had one of their favorite bartenders diagnosed with cancer this Lodge responded with lots of love, generosity, and support. As many of you know, most California Lodges cannot afford to pay their bartenders any sort of compensation or benefits. So, when Paso Robles bartender Lynn Wilson fell ill to cancer it made things tough. That is one thing that I love about our fraternity, when one of our Moose brothers or sisters struggle there isn't just one outstretched hand to help, there can be hundreds. I love this Lodge and I love the people in it. Every time I go into this Lodge, I am greeted by many smiles, handshakes, and genuine friendship. That is what keeps me going back. A Lodge to remember, a Lodge I am proud to say I am a member.

The last event I attended during this time period for writing this article was the 2026 International Moose Convention in Oklahoma City. I don't know how anyone can attend these events without having a good time.

The more you attend these events the more friends you make when you make this trip the next time. Then when you make the next trip, you get to see your friends along with making more. It's a ball that continues rolling while making more and more friends who are brother and sister Moose just like you are.

Another way to have lots of friends at the International Moose Convention is to build them in. The more the merrier and when you have more friends right from your own home Lodge now you know it's going to be a **FUN** trip. I think at this last convention we had eight (8) members from our home

Lodge. Putting these with friends I have made over the years there is no way I can't have a good time.

The workshops that Moose International held during the convention have many answers to our questions such as how to apply for grants and properly dealing with intoxicated and disorderly members. As good as these workshops are I have to admit I have picked up some of my best tips over the years from people just like you while enjoying a meal & beverage with a new friend from a Lodge in Florida who gives me some great pointers that his Lodge uses. Or enjoying a meal with a new friend from Texas who shares his Lodge's ideas which I am already introducing to our Lodge.

As for a good time, how can you not have a smile on your face as you watch the videos of baby Hans and Franz, or Chris Janson as he belts out his country music. His music was good, but I have to say the way he worked that crowd was fantastic. I don't know how you can attend and not enjoy that. Even though I'm usually a little less country and a little more Rock-n-Roll.

I don't know how your calendars are getting filled but mine personally have been filled with good times and a little learning from all of you.

Keep it Comin' and if you want to read about your Lodges event then drop me an e-mail at: activities@ca-nvmoose.org

I'd love to come and see how your Lodge fills in the squares. Hoo-Ya!

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MEMORIAL DAY



**Wreaths Brought
Honoring Our Veterans**



**Masters of Ceremonies
Capt. Mike Stadnick**



**Commanding Officer of
Space Force**

2026 INTERNATIONAL MOOSE CONVENTION



Chris Janson was good at taking an old Rocker like me and
Showing me how to have a Good Time!



Lanie, Debbie, Gary, Lita, Liz, Betsy and Mike
The Gangs All Here!

CANCER FUNDRAISER

Almost 100 Baskets Put Out for Auction



Linn Wilson with her man LinDog



Knee Stompin' Music of MooseStock



Paso Robles Moose – Party Animals!

California Nevada Moose Association Fundraiser



Three-Night Stay for the
CNMA 2026 Annual Convention
at the Nugget Casino Resort!

September 10th to 13th
PLUS \$500 CASH!

Only **\$5** Per Ticket

DRAWING TO BE HELD ON
AUGUST 16
AT THE MOOSE INTERNATIONAL
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
@ HAYWARD CASTRO VALLEY MOOSE

MOOSE DEGREES

HONORING THE HEART OF MOOSE SERVICE

Every Moose Degree represents more than an honor; it represents a life of service, a heart willing to give, and a commitment to making a difference. Behind every degree is a member who has chosen to step forward, lend a hand, encourage a friend, and strengthen the bonds that make our fraternity a family. These honors remind us that the true strength of the Moose is found in ordinary people doing extraordinary things with kindness, dedication, and purpose.

How Moose Degrees Are Earned

Moose Degrees are earned through faithful dedication, generous service, and a sincere desire to help others. Members earn recognition by giving of themselves through their Lodge, Chapter, and/or Moose Legion, supporting charitable efforts, and advancing the greater mission of The Moose. Whether they are organizing fundraisers, assisting with community service, or supporting Mooseheart and Moosehaven, degree candidates show us what it means to serve with open hands and open hearts.

Leadership is also woven into every Moose Degree. Those who advance through the degrees often guide new members, serve on committees, accept officer responsibilities, and help shape the future of the fraternity. Their leadership is not measured only by titles, but by example. They inspire others by showing up, following through, and proving that one person's commitment can encourage many others to become involved.

Meaningful Contributions

The path to these honors is often paved with simple acts that become powerful examples. A fundraiser planned with care, a new member welcomed with warmth, a word of encouragement offered at the right time, or a tradition carried forward with pride can touch lives in ways we may never fully see. These contributions create fellowship, build unity, and remind us that service is most meaningful when it is given from the heart.

What makes these achievements so inspiring is the spirit behind them. Members who earn degrees show, again and again, a willingness to serve with consistency, compassion, and grace. Their steady involvement strengthens friendships, lifts others up, and helps preserve the values and traditions that make the Moose such a cherished and enduring fraternity.

United by Common Purpose

Regardless of the specific degree, whether Moose Legion, Fellowship, Pilgrim, Academy of Friendship, Star, or College of Regents, every achievement reflects a shared calling. Compassion, integrity, dedication, and service unite these honors and the members who earn them. Each degree may represent a different journey, but together they point toward the same purpose: strengthening our fraternity and caring for one another.



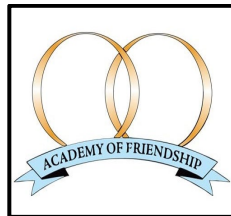
Celebrating Achievements and Strengthening the Fraternity

When we honor members who earn Moose Degrees, we celebrate more than achievement. We celebrate the quiet generosity, faithful leadership, and loving service that keep our fraternity alive and growing. Degree holders mentor others, lead initiatives, uphold cherished traditions, and inspire future leaders to believe that their own service matters. Their impact reaches beyond meetings, ceremonies, and titles; it lives in the people they encourage and the legacy they help build.

By recognizing and celebrating these honors, we affirm the value of every path of service. Each degree is a badge of honor, earned through effort, humility, and heart. Together, these honors form the foundation of a vibrant, inclusive, and forward-moving Moose community where every act of service helps light the way for someone else.

Let us continue to support one another, encourage new members to grow, and celebrate every milestone along the way. Every degree earned tells a story of service worth honoring, and every member has the opportunity to help write the next chapter of that story.

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Moose Fraternal Recognition Program Links:

[Instructions for logging Volunteer Hours](#)

[Levels of Recognition](#)

[Preferred Level Qualifiers](#)

[Power Level Qualifiers](#)

Members who attended the 2025 International Moose Convention in Milwaukee this past May heard Moose International CEO Scott Hart announce a new Fraternal Recognition Program that is "open to every member – whether you just joined or have had your College of Regents Degree or Pilgrim Degree for 10 years, we all are starting at square one."

There are four levels within the program – Preferred, Power, Prestige and Platinum. The attached document gives an overview of the entire program, including all four levels, but every member must achieve the first level in order to advance to others.

For the Moose *Preferred* Status, a member must attain all five of the following, beginning May 1, 2025 –

- Sponsor one new member into the Lodge;
- Attend a Lodge Orientation presentation;
- Complete and log 10 volunteer hours at the lodge or that involves Moose-initiated Heart of the Community projects/events;
- Donate at least once to Moose Charities, either via an online contribution or by check in support of Mooseheart or Moosehaven, and;
- Create and maintain an active My Membership Record
- Members may [use these instructions to log their volunteer hours](#) on their "My Membership Record"



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT



Hello from Alabama,

Still loving it here. I'm settled in, but a little disappointed that the closest Moose Lodge resides some 70 miles away. I have been by the Lodge, in Cullman, AL, but wasn't able to meet members there, since they are only open, Thursday through Saturday.

What a grand time it was in Oklahoma City, for the 2026 International Moose Convention. I hope those of you who attended the convention had as good of a time as I did. Looking forward to September and the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Annual Convention and getting the opportunity to meet a lot of my fellow members.

I'm a little disappointed but not surprised that no Lodge has moved forward with getting an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) into their Lodge. It has been made easier through a new addition to the CNMA Website > Loss Prevention > [AED Program](#). A Lodge can order the AED Device directly, rent the unit and have the management that comes with the rental of the unit. We have included the flyer in this newsletter. It provides the information needed for your Lodge representative to contact AED Brands, **Chadd Casillas**. **So, what is stopping you?** Let's get a unit into every Lodge, in the event that it is needed, to save the life of a brother or sister. There is no advanced notification of a **"Cardiac emergency."** **"A life saved, could be your own!"** You'll only need to use the AED once, for it to more than pay for itself and it is only pennies a day to rent an AED.

I have completed my review of the 2026 California Laws that could have Lodge implications, and what I have previously published, are those that affect our organizations.

This is my last newsletter. It has been a pleasure supporting you this year, and I wish you all the best. I hope your future is bright and productive. God Bless Mooseheart, Moosehaven and this great country, we call home as well as each one of you.

Fraternally yours,

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**"An AED
 Can Turn
 Seconds
 Into a
 Second
 Chance."**

**A simple way to
 remember it – CPR
 buys time. An AED
 can restart the
 right rhythm. 911
 brings advanced
 medical care.**

♥ How an AED Saves a Life

1. Recognizes cardiac arrest
 - The person suddenly collapses, is unresponsive, and isn't breathing normally.
 - An AED analyzes the heart's electrical rhythm to determine whether a shock is needed.
2. Delivers a lifesaving shock
 - If the heart has a shockable rhythm—usually ventricular fibrillation (VF) or pulseless ventricular tachycardia (VT)—the AED delivers an electrical shock.
 - The shock can stop the abnormal electrical activity, giving the heart a chance to restart with a normal rhythm.
3. Works quickly
 - For every minute that defibrillation is delayed during cardiac arrest, the chance of survival generally decreases significantly.
 - That's why having an AED nearby and using it quickly is so important.
4. Guides the rescuer
 - Modern AEDs provide voice and/or visual instructions telling the rescuer exactly what to do.
 - The AED will not deliver a shock unless its analysis determines that one is appropriate.
5. Works together with CPR
 - CPR keeps some blood flowing to the brain and other vital organs.
 - The AED addresses the heart's abnormal rhythm.
 - CPR + early AED use + emergency medical care gives the person the best chance of survival.

California-Nevada Moose Association AED Program Options

Cardiac emergencies don't give notice. These packages keep your lodge ready with a fully managed AED program: device included, compliance handled, parts replaced automatically. Built for lodges that want to protect their members without adding to the workload of the people who run them.



Compliance

\$49/MO
48-month term

Stryker LIFEPAK CR2 (USB) or ZOLL AED Plus

- ✓ AED included - no upfront cost
- ✓ Full device warranty for the subscription term
- ✓ Pad and battery expiration tracking - auto-reminders
- ✓ Expired pad & battery replacement when used in rescue
- ✓ Post-event supplies - pads & batteries replaced after an emergency at no charge
- ✓ Inspection tracking - automated AED checks
- ✓ CPR certification tracking
- ✓ Event download - key device data shared with medical professionals after a rescue
- ✓ Medical direction - expert physician oversight
- ✓ Policies and procedures - national safety standards
- ✓ PSAP registration - faster EMS coordination
- ✓ **CR2: Pediatric mode built-in — no separate key or accessory needed. Switches automatically for child victims.**

Ideal for lodges that want full coverage, zero surprise costs, and a managed compliance experience without a large upfront spend.



Compliance +

\$69/MO
48-month term

Stryker LIFEPAK CR2 (Cellular)

- ✓ **Everything included in the \$49/mo plan, plus:**
 - ✓ Connected device with built-in cellular - CR2 Cellular
 - ✓ Wireless monitoring - real-time device status, readiness alerts, and automated reporting
 - ✓ Expired supply replenishment at expiration - no rescue required to trigger replacement
 - ✓ Pads and battery status monitored remotely
 - ✓ No physical inspection checks required to meet manufacturer compliance requirements
 - ✓ Hands-off compliance - device self-reports so your lodge never has to

Why Wireless Matters

- Connects directly to your program management portal
- Uploads device data automatically - no manual logging
- Eliminates the documentation burden for lodges without dedicated compliance staff
- Keeps you covered without anyone physically touching the device

Best fit for lodges that want true set-it-and-forget-it compliance with the least administrative overhead.

For lodges on either subscription plan: at the conclusion of the agreement term, there is an option to purchase the device outright if desired. This is available for those who prefer ownership at the end of the program.



Stryker
LIFEPAK CR2 (USB)

\$1,411

one-time purchase

PROS:

- Device owned outright
- No monthly obligation

CONS:

- Program management must be set up or purchased separately
- Lodge is responsible for documenting all maintenance checks
- Must track and document pad and battery expiration dates
- Replacement parts: pads, batteries purchased out of pocket when needed

The upfront savings are real, but the ongoing time investment and replacement part costs add up. Ownership works best when you have a designated person who will actively manage the device on an ongoing basis.



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California Law & Liability Protection: California Health & Safety Code §1797.196 encourages AED placement in public assembly facilities, fitness centers, schools, and workplaces. Facilities with a compliant, maintained AED — and a trained responder — are shielded from civil liability under California's Good Samaritan statute (H&S Code §1799.102), including wrongful death claims. For Moose Lodges, providing this layer of protection for members and guests is a natural extension of the brotherhood's commitment to each other's safety and wellbeing.



LOSS PREVENTION REPORT

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Fresh from attending another convention, this time in Oklahoma City (OKC). I can only say that the sessions I attended were fantastic. Unfortunately, due to Mrs. Hoffman not feeling well, I didn't really get the chance to savor some of what our host city had to offer. Also, the last couple of days I began to get that tickle in my throat and behold, head cold. (Ugg!)

But on a brighter note, it was the first time that yours truly addressed the membership at the International level. I can only say that we were received well and filled in three of the breakout rooms with lots of information to be disseminated and even more questions by the members attending our workshop. I hope you were one of them. Also, I finally got to meet the rest of the Loss Prevention Committee. What a great group. Friendly, and passionate about our mission. For those of you who didn't make it to OKC or weren't able to get into our workshop. "Protecting the Lodge, The Good, Bad and Ugly." Do not despair. I will be bringing a synopsis of the presentation to Sparks during our convention. In short, we covered a lot of what I wrote in the June/July Goldminer. And, though it may be redundant of me, I'm going to go over it again below.

The Loss Prevention Committee discussion at the 2026 International Moose Convention in OKC focused on reducing risk in Lodge social quarters by improving consistency, accountability, and responsible alcohol service. A key point was that bartenders and servers are not just pouring drinks; they are protecting the Lodge, its members, guests, and the public by following safe serving practices every time.

- Measure drinks accurately rather than overpouring, so alcohol content stays consistent & COSTS remain controlled
- Watch for signs of impairment and slow, stop, or refuse service when appropriate
- Encourage food, water, non-alcoholic options, & safe transportation when a member or guest may be impaired
- Know who to notify if a patron becomes difficult, impaired, or unsafe
- Record incidents when needed, including what happened, who was involved, & how the situation was handled
- Remember that responsible service helps protect the Lodge from liability while supporting Moose commitment to member safety & community responsibility

The main takeaway was simple: servers must act as responsible professionals. Proper measuring, careful observation, timely refusal of service, and clear reporting are all parts of protecting our social quarters, our Lodges, and everyone who comes through the door. I'm sure many of you may think this message just keeps repeating the same old thing. Perhaps you're right. But the fact remains that members keep making the same mistake and it costs The Moose millions of dollars. Dollars that could go to Mooseheart, Moosehaven, our Lodges and our communities. I hope you all can see this?

On another note, summer is a great time to enjoy the outdoors in the California Nevada Moose Association world, but it is also fire season. Let's make sure our Lodges maintain defensible space to help protect against wildfires. Many Lodges I've visited are in the Wildland-Urban Interface and are especially vulnerable to fire. The fire does not have to start at our Lodge for us to be at risk; we could simply be in the path of someone else's careless act. So again, be prepared. Don't give fire a path to destroy our Lodges or our homes.

I think I'll close here. I'll have more when we all meet in Sparks in September. Hope to see you there. Until then as always - Be safe, God Bless Mooseheart, Moosehaven and God Bless You.

Oh, and see you at the Moose!

Fraternally,

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HISTORICAL REPORT

I'm writing this report having just returned from the 138th International Moose Convention in Oklahoma City. While the attendance at Convention wasn't record-breaking, the enthusiasm seemed greater than ever before. As our Fraternity nears the Million Member mark, our growing California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) is proud to be continually among the Top 5 in our assigned Association level. The CNMA had a **STRONG** attendance at the Convention, and the enthusiasm of our Association was infectious in the most beautiful way. We were **LOUD**, and we were **PROUD**.

We have a lot to be proud of! **SEVERAL** of our Lodges achieved the Premier Lodge Award, some for the 16th consecutive year or more. Other Lodges achieved the award for the first time in their history. This proves the mission of the Moose is strong, and our devotion is even stronger.

Overall, our Fraternal membership numbers have grown for the 5th consecutive year. Our Association membership numbers are also growing. Our mission and purpose are growing, and our membership is responding enthusiastically. This is all great news!

So, what's the next step? We need to improve the strength of our Women of the Moose (WOTM) Chapters. The WOTM are the backbone of our Fraternity, as they have been for over 100 years. I will say that Lodges with active WOTM Chapters will invariably do better than Lodges without those Chapters. I've yet to see an exception to this rule.

As your Historical Committee Chair, I can tell you that we've been over a million members strong before. I can also tell you that we've had far more Lodges in the Association than we have today. I will go on to say that the Lodges with an active Chapter are very likely better off than those without one. **THE LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP IN OUR ASSOCIATION'S CHAPTERS IS A LOSS WE CANNOT AFFORD.**

WE MUST IMPROVE THE STRENGTH OF OUR CHAPTERS in order to improve our status in our Association level and in The Moose overall.

To all the Moose Legionnaires reading this: **PLEASE** help the WOTM in **EVERY** way possible, so that together we can realize our goals. Good ideas and positive energy will result in forward progress, and the results will be amazing!

I know this sounds more like a membership report than a Historical Committee report, but I assure you that we need an "**all hands-on deck**" approach to continue making history in a positive way.

Lodges: Maintain an active and relevant Chapter

Moose Legionnaires: Support the Chapter and do the heavy lifting unless there's a better idea agreed to by all involved.

Members: Join the WOTM or Moose Legion as applicable, bring your ideas and let's get this party started!

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we're all in this
TOGETHER



Charles “Chuck” Barber - Sunnyvale #2049

Chuck's US Navy Story

During my first semester at Sierra College, in Rocklin, CA which started in September 1970, I decided to change my Major and dropped two classes. Immediately a draft notice came in the mail, so my roommate and I went up to Auburn, CA to meet with a Navy recruiter. By March 1971 we were on our way to San Diego for Boot Camp starting on March 10, 1971, Company 101.



In September I reported aboard the USS Constellation CVA 64 and deployment to what was referred to as “**Yankee Station**” in Tonkin Gulf off the coast of South Vietnam. As an Aircraft Carrier our ship was involved in air operations, “**bombing**” of targets inland, so my days were filled with bomb components and aircraft. My spare time was spent on the observation deck watching jets take off and land and watching porpoises and flying fish playing in the water alongside the ship. We arrived in the Philippine Islands in October 1971 just in time for me to spend my 20th birthday at Subic Bay Naval Base.

Our deployment was due to end in the spring of 1972 after our trip down to Singapore for a few days of liberty, and then south to cross the equator to become “**Shellbacks**” before steaming back to San Diego. Patty and I had our wedding scheduled for June 17, 1972, in Saratoga. During our stay in Singapore our Captain received orders that, due to the North Vietnamese launching what came to be called “**The Easter Offensive**” we were to steam directly back to Yankee Station, no crossing of the Equator and our deployment was extended three (3) months and our wedding postponed until July 15.



We were back on Yankee Station again at the end of 1972 when I got orders back to San Diego for Hospital Corpsman School. Once I graduated, I was stationed at Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego in mid-1973 until my enlistment was up in 1974. I reenlisted to get Operating Room Technician School and then was stationed on board the USS Samuel Gompers until my discharge as a disabled veteran for degenerative arthritis in July 1976.

Chuck's Moose Story

Chuck joined the Moose Fraternity on March 17, 1998, making Sunnyvale 2049 his home Lodge, and joined Golden Spot 15 Moose Legion shortly after.

On the Lodge level, Chuck first served as Trustee in 2006/2007 and then held nearly every Officer position in Sunnyvale Lodge until becoming Governor of Sunnyvale in 2011. He served as Governor for two (2) terms, and also served as the Membership, Family Activities, Moose Charities, and Ritual Staff committee chairman for that Lodge.

As if that wasn't enough, Chuck also served on the Board of Directors for Golden Spot 15 Moose Legion, starting as Secretary in 2006, also serving on nearly every Director position until becoming President in 2012.



Chuck also joined and maintains an active membership in seven (7) Lodges and 15 Moose Legions; Lodi Lodge 634, Ebbetts Pass Lodge 1123, Hayward/Castro Valley Lodge 1491, La Habra Lodge 1858, Placerville Lodge 1979, Carson City Lodge 2709, North Jersey Moose Legion 2, Mecca Moose Legion 9, Washington Moose Legion 17, South Florida Moose Legion 46, Alacosta Moose Legion 70, Southern Illinois Moose Legion 101, Black Diamond Moose Legion 122, Old Dominion Moose Legion 148, Mount Lassen Moose Legion 172, Hesperian Moose Legion 174, The Mighty 190 Moose Legion, Twin Rivers Moose Legion 207, Pacific Northwest Moose Legion 208, High Sierra Moose Legion 209 and West Coast Central Moose Legion 214.

Chuck has served as either an officer, committee Chairman or Director of several of these Fraternal units over the years. Chuck was made an Honorary Past President of the California Nevada Moose Association in 2024.

Chuck also served as Moose Legion Ambassador for several years, served as International Moose Legion Councilman, eventually serving as International Moose Legion President in 2023. He now holds the title of International Moose Legion Past President.

Chuck earned his Fellowship Degree in 2012, his Moose Legion Medal of Honor in 2015, his Pilgrim Degree in 2019, and his coveted Elite ring in 2024.

We are grateful for your service to our country and to our fraternity, and we are proud to call you Moose.

We love you, Chuck!

By recognizing Veterans through their stories and photos, we not only honor their military service but also celebrate their ongoing commitment to the Moose Lodge community. This program strengthens our sense of camaraderie and preserves the legacy of service for generations to come.

Your submissions will be published here, and they will be displayed at our yearly conferences and conventions.

Morale is a very important part of our Lodges and participation in recognition programs like this one can do wonders. I can't wait to meet your amazing members through your stories! Please send your Valued Veteran's story to veterans@ca-nvmoose.org.



Fraternally,

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WAYS AND MEANS REPORT

Fellow Moose,

As your Ways and Means Committee Chair, I've had a few members ask exactly what this committee does — so I wanted to take a moment to explain, since it's one of the busiest committees in our California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) and touches nearly everything we do together.

Simply put, the Ways and Means Committee is responsible for finding the ways and the means to fund our CNMA activities. Every convention, meeting, social event, and Heart of the Community program needs money behind it, and it's our job to plan and run the fundraising efforts that make those things possible — without leaning too hard on dues alone.

Some of what we handle:

- Organizing fundraising events
- Working with the Board of Officers to set fundraising goals for the year
- Making sure funds raised go toward the programs our members care about – from CNMA expenses to our support of Mooseheart and Moosehaven including capital projects initiated by Moose International such as the Moosehaven Centennial project and the Mooseheart Uniting Hearts; Expanding Horizons project
- Recruiting members to help plan and staff these events (we always need more hands!)

Think of us as the engine room. The President as well as the Board of Officers set the direction for the Lodge, but Ways and Means keeps the lights on and the FUN funded. None of it works without member involvement, so if you've got an idea for a fundraiser, or just want to lend a hand, my door — and our committee meetings — are always open.

Thanks for all you do for the California Nevada Moose Association.

Fraternally,

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