



Please Attend the 2016-2017 LOOM Board of Officers Election
Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00pm in the General Membership Meeting
All five officer positions on the ballot are uncontested (one candidate for each position).



Thank You Powerhouse Gaming for Your March Madness Campaign

The March Madness campaign was initiated between the period of February 1st and March 25th to assist the Moose Lodges in increasing their membership. This promotion was a great success at the Arlington Fraternity!

Results: 43 New LOOM & WOTM Members

Support the VMA District 4
Family Cyber Security Day
on Saturday, May 14th



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Legion Breakfast
Sunday, April 3, 2016
10:00am to 1:00pm

Reasonable Price of \$8/adult



Bayou "Cajun" Friday
Night Dinner - April 29th
(6:00pm – 8:00pm)

The "Patuxent River Crew" of Bob Muretta & Wayne Lafleur, plus Billy Hensley will be offering a Cajun style dinner of stuffed shrimp, chicken & sausage gumbo, and fried catfish. The regular price of \$10.00 for all-you-can-eat will apply to this special Friday Night dinner.



Karaoke – Friday, April 22nd
After the Queen of Hearts Game
More in Weekly Communication Emails

Help Us Make the Lodge Better

We are asking members to complete a survey about the facilities and the provided services beginning in April 2016.



Details on Page 6

Upcoming Social Events

(details on Page 2 & Page 3)

April 2nd - Cancelled

Lodge Leadership/
House Committee
Training

April 3rd

Legion Breakfast

April 9th

VMA District 4
Meeting

April 23rd

LOOM & WOTM
Installation
Ceremonies

April 30th - CHANGE

Lodge Spring
Cleanup

Lodge Spring Cleanup Changed to Saturday, April 30th



Thank You Members Who Donated Candy for the
WOTM Children's Easter Party

Your generosity was very much appreciated!

April Fools Day



April 1, 2016

Tax Day



April 15, 2016

Passover



April 22, 2016 –
April 30, 2016

**Dinner Every
Friday
Night
6-8 p.m.
\$10 per person**

**Menu announced
in weekly
Communication
emails or call the
Lodge after
Wednesday**

**Arlington #1315
Moose Lodge
Hours of Operation**

**Monday –
Wednesday**
3:00pm to 11:00pm
Thursday
Noon to 11:00pm
Friday – Saturday
Noon – 2:00am
Sunday
Noon to 10:00pm

**Free WiFi
at Lodge**



**Washington
Nationals**



**2016 Season
Home Opener
Thursday,
April 7th**

**APRIL
EVENT**



**Save the Date: April 9, 2016
Virginia Moose Association District 4
Quarterly Meeting**

The Arlington Fraternity is encouraging our members to attend the next VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting. The General Meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the Manassas Moose Family Center #1380 (9305 Brentsville Road, Manassas, VA 20112). Please note that there is no social event planned at the Arlington Moose Lodge on this date.

If anyone is interested in being considered for a position on the VMA District 4 Board of Officers for the upcoming year, please contact John Matis or Billy Hensley before the scheduled meeting date. A nomination meeting is scheduled at 9:30am on this same date.

**APRIL
EVENT**



**LOOM & WOTM Installation Ceremonies
Saturday, April 23rd (beginning 12:30pm)**

The Arlington Chapter and Lodge wish to invite our membership to witness the newly elected officers within both 2016-2017 Boards of Officers in taking their oath to guide our fraternity for the next Moose year (May 2016 through April 2017). The ceremony for the WOTM will begin at 12:30pm with the ceremony for the LOOM immediately

following. A complementary lunch will be provided after the Installation Ceremonies.

**LEGION APRIL
EVENT**



**Moose Legion Bull Run #185
Super Celebration: April 15th – 17th**

The spring quarterly meeting is always expanded to a three-day weekend affair. This year the Moose Legion Celebration/Conferral will be held at the Fredericksburg Moose Family Center #1655 (11917 Cherry Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22407). On Friday, April 15th, there will be a golf outing at Lake of the Woods Country Club. On Saturday, April 16th, the activities will include the Board of

Directors meeting, the General Membership meeting, a wine & cheese tasting event, a social hour preceding dinner, and live entertainment in the evening. The Conferral Ceremony and Installation of the 2016-2017 Board of Directors will be conducted in the morning of Sunday, April 17th. A detailed agenda is posted on the bulletin board at the entrance into the Social Quarters.

All events are open to registered Moose Legionnaires

Important Reminder

It is the responsibility of our members to make sure that their names are placed on every liquor bottle placed at the Bar within the Social Quarters. Our Fraternity must comply with this ABC rule!

MOOSE - Build Our Foundation

May 1, 2015 - April 30, 2016



**Arlington #1315
Board of Officers
2015-2016**

Governor

John Matis

Jr. Governor

Gregg Cady

Prelate

Joe Russo

Jr. Past Governor

Brian Birtell

Administrator

Billy Hensley

Treasurer

Bernie Cerroni

Trustees

Shawn Kirkpatrick

Andre McFail

Randy Nolan

Sergeant-of-Arms

Tim Nields

Outer Guard

Steve Sisson

Inner Guard

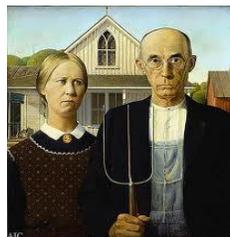
Ernie Halal

**APRIL
EVENT**



**Lodge Spring Clean-Up – April 30th
Volunteers Needed! (9:00am – 1:00pm)**

There is always a need to “tidy up” our Lodge facility; therefore, our Fraternity is requesting that our members volunteer some time and efforts to clean. The specific areas to be cleaned has not been determined; but the outside of the building (e.g.: shrub trimming, weeding) will be included. A complimentary lunch will be provided for those participants in the cleanup.



**Down Home Pot Luck Camaraderie Lunch
March 5th**

The concept was to give our regular event chefs a day off ... but we could not keep them away as most of them provided a potluck dish with other members for the event. The number of members that attended this event was below expectations; however, the quantity of food could have “fed an army”.

The “comfort” food that was shared by the members was a rye/pumpnickel bread with spinach dip, goulash (ground beef, macaroni & tomatoes), artichoke chicken, parsley potatoes, pot roast, cowboy casserole (ground beef with tater totes), jambalaya, buffalo wings, ground beef/pork chili with rice, kielbasa/sauerkraut/potatoes, spicy crab casserole, and corn pudding. Not sure how comfortable anyone could be if they ate a little bit of everything; but some members tried very hard to taste every dish.

The Arlington Fraternity wants to extend a thank you to Sue Jennings, Joyce Chaffins, Bob Muretta, Andre McFail, Liz Coombs, Tom Oderwald, Anna Phillips, Ralph Phillips, Billy Hensley, Roxanne Coles-Matis, and John Matis for preparing and sharing a food dish(s) with the membership.

As advertised, a cornhole tournament occurred during this event. With eight individuals paired into 2-person teams, a round-robin format was used. At the end of the tournament the Andre McFail/Steve Tobash team was the winner (undefeated). The other members that played in the tournament were the teams of Brian Birtell/Dominick Russo, Ralph Phillips/Rose Russo, and Anna Phillips/John Matis. A thank you is extended to those members that cleaned up the Ritual Hall after the tournament; especially the “dusting” of the floor ... *lots of residue from the thrown bean bags.*

**Next Moose Legion Committee Meeting on Thursday,
April 14th @6:30pm**

WOTM members & LOOM members are Welcome to attend

**Moose
of the
Month**



Pun of the Month



He often broke into song ...
because he couldn't find
the key!



**Arlington WOTM
Chapter #1253
Board of Officers
2015-2016**

Senior Regent

Nessa Ruoff

Junior Regent

Roxanne

Coles-Matis

Jr. Graduate Regent

Elizabeth Coombs

Secretary/Treasurer

Andrea Hensley

Recorder

Donna Field

Guide

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Assistant Guide

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**Volunteers are
needed for future
articles for the
Newsletters**

New Leaders for the LOOM & WOTM in 2016-2017

It is noted that the elections for the Board of Officers of the LOOM will occur after this publication; therefore, the new 2016-2017 Board of Officers will be identified in the May Newsletter issue. The election for the Board of Officers of the WOTM has already occurred in March and the individuals have been announced in the Senior Regent's Message on Page 9. All the new Board of Officers for both the LOOM and WOTM will be posted within the Social Quarter in April on the associated bulletin boards within the entrance into the Social Quarters.

Thank You for the Support to Alaina Prunty

The Arlington Fraternity had raised over \$1,000 for Alaina Prunty; who had lost her mother, Katherine Ann Seidenkranz-Prunty, in December 2015. The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all those members that donated to this fundraiser. Also, it is noted that the LOOM and the WOTM each provided a generous contribution.

**Mother's Day
Breakfast**



**Sunday,
May 8th**

Rib Feast



**Saturday,
May 14th**

**Legion
Breakfast**



**Sunday,
May 1st
Sponsored by the
Legion Committee**

Children's Easter Party – March 19th



The weather was cold and raining, but that did not deter 20 children with their parents and grand-parents from attending this event. The event started with two activities for the children in the Ritual Hall; consisting of the dying of hard boiled eggs (*a must for this holiday event*) and making flowers with colored tissue paper & pipe cleaners. Lunch was served during the activities, which offered chicken nuggets, French fries, fruit cups, and juice boxes for the children. As a surprise addition to the lunch was a Mediterranean style chicken-vegetable soup provided by Sonia Bouadis (*not 1 spoonful was left*). To the enjoyment of the children, the Easter Bunny made a grand entrance during the activities/lunch and welcomed the children by offering candy "goodies". Next the children were led by the Easter Bunny from the Ritual Hall to the Fireplace Area within the Lodge for a Magic Show. Nolan the "World Famous" Magician provided an outstanding show that kept the children involved throughout the show and continuously laughing. It was hard to believe that ALL the children remained attentive and sat in one spot during the entire 45 minutes of the Magic Show. As the finale for this event, an Easter Egg Hunt was conducted within the Ritual Hall (i.e.: Plan "B" since it was raining outside). The plastic eggs filled with candy were "hidden" while the Magic Show was being performed. The "really little ones" began the hunt, but they were too good in finding the "hidden" plastic eggs, so all the other children were almost immediately released into the hunt. For the record, there are not a lot of hiding places within the Ritual Hall, so the plastic eggs were easy to find. Also, a chocolate rabbit was given to each child before they left the event. The Arlington Fraternity is positive that every child obtained enough sweets at this event to keep them "active" for weeks (*sorry parents!*)

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**VMA District 4
Family Cyber
Security Day
Saturday, May 14th**



**Legion Kitchen
Cleaning
Saturday, May 21st**



**Memorial Day
Cook-Out
Monday, May 30th**





**Watch
Washington
Nationals at
the Lodge**

In April 2016

- Miami Marlins**
APR 7 - APR 10 (H)
- Atlanta Braves**
APR 11 - APR 14 (H)
- Philadelphia Phillies**
APR 15 - APR 17 (A)
- Miami Marlins**
APR 18 - APR 21 (A)
- Minnesota Twins**
APR 22 - APR 24 (H)
- Philadelphia Phillies**
APR 26 - APR 28 (H)
- St. Louis Cardinals**
APR 29 - MAY 1 (A)

**Think
Natitude!**



**National
Arbor
Day**
(a tree-planting holiday)



April 29th



Family Cyber Security Day – May 14th
Sponsored by VMA District 4

The aim of the event is to educate families in our community on cyber awareness and cyber bullying. In today's fast paced on-line world, it is so easy to become a victim; no matter how old you may be. The Loyal Order of Moose has a long history of helping and protecting the children and seniors in our community; therefore, the VMA District 4 Moose organization wants to help keep our children and families safe!

The Family Cyber Awareness Day will be held at the Manassas Moose Family Center #1380 between 10:00am & 4:00pm on May 14, 2016. Informational cyber presentations will be given to 7-10 year old children, 11-14 year old children, parents, and seniors. There will also be food for sale throughout the day. More information and the schedule for this event will be published in the May 2016 Newsletter.

T-Shirts for Family Cyber Security Day on Sale!

Support and advertise the VMA District 4 community service event by purchasing a T-shirt. The T-shirts are \$15.00/each and orders will be taken with the bartenders. The first order for the T-shirts will be placed on April 9th at the District 4 quarterly meeting. There is a sample of the event T-shirt in the Social Quarters.



Legion Breakfast – March 6th

The Moose Legion Committee did not *betray* our Moose customers ... but they did serve eggs "Benedict" as a special item (*trying to compete with the jokes of the weekly communication emails*). The chefs provided what everyone enjoyed over the past several months; the regular breakfast offering of scrambled eggs, sausage links, bacon, potato home fries (with green peppers & onions), pancakes, warmed maple syrup, fruit salad, toast, coffee and orange juice. The other "special" items that were provided were French toast and "puffs". All 31 Moose customers and guests (not counting several children) left satisfied and mumbling "I cannot eat another thing".

The Arlington Moose Legion Committee wants to extend a thank you to the breakfast crew of Brian Van de Muelebroecke (Master Chef of the event), Luis Cruz, Tom Oderwald, Joyce Chaffin, Liz Coombs, and first-time volunteer Andre McFail. In addition, the efforts by Brian Van de Muelebroecke, Luis Cruz, and Andre McFail in performing the after breakfast cleanup is very much appreciated; especially the grueling energy that it took to clean the cooking surface of the griddle.

You can Pay Moose Dues Online!

Go to Website: <https://secure.mooseintl.org/QuickPay/>



**6th Annual
Bill Lewis
Memorial
Chili Cook-Off**

**Saturday,
October 8, 2016**



**Earth Day
April 22, 2015**

**Save the Planet
for the Future**



Chapter Award of Achievement
(4th Consecutive Year)

Watch NASCAR at the Lodge

in April 2016

- SUN, APR 3
STP 500
Martinsville
Speedway
- SAT, APR 9
Duck Commander 500
Texas Motor
Speedway
- SUN, APR 17
Food City 500
Bristol Motor
Speedway
- SUN, APR 24
Toyota Owners 400
Richmond International
Raceway



Youth Awareness Program

At the end of November 2015, there were 7 Moose Lodges that held Association Student Congresses with 43 state-wide students participating in these proceedings. Of the students that participated, 10 students completed the KidsTalk requirement and submitted their reports by the February 29th deadline. The reports were evaluated by students of a local High School during the week of March 6, 2016 and the students to represent the Commonwealth of Virginia at the Moose International Student Congress were selected. This year, 5 students have been selected to attend the Moose International Youth Awareness Congress and each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Virginia Moose Association.

The Moose International Youth Awareness Congress will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia from Wednesday, April 28th through Monday, May 1st. An opening session will occur on Friday, April 29th at the Williamsburg Visitor Conference Center, followed by a walking tour of Colonial Williamsburg. Saturday, April 30th will be a fun day at Busch Gardens. The Moose International Youth Awareness Congress will be held on Sunday, May 1st with the 2016 scholarship winners announced that evening.

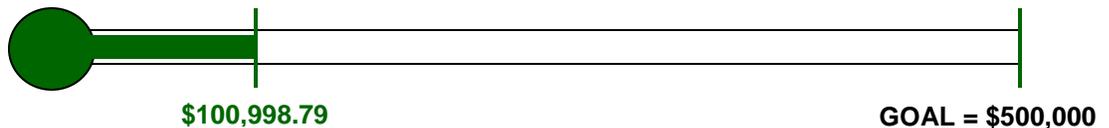


Survey – Lodge Self-Evaluation

As an organization, as well as a business, our Fraternity needs to continue to improve and to make our facility appealing so that the members want to keep coming back. Therefore, the Fraternity is **asking our members and their guests to complete a survey** during the month of April that will provide feedback on the exterior appearance, interior appearance, service, rest rooms, and general atmosphere of our Lodge. The completed surveys will be used to determine priorities for physical improvements (based on funding considerations); as well as to serve as a “report card” for the operations of our organization. It is noted that the self-evaluation form was developed by Moose International.

Please take the time to complete this survey!

VMA Moosehaven Centennial Project Contribution Status
(As of March 16, 2016)



April 27th Administrative Professional/ Secretaries Day



Thank you Lodge #1315 and Chapter #1253 Members!
Your support and volunteering when asked has made our Moose organizations the best in the Commonwealth of Virginia ...
and we have enjoyed every moment together!



“The Queen of Hearts” Game Every Friday Night

Enjoy our Friday Night Dinner while participating in the game for a chance to win a possible big cash prize. Tickets can be purchased whenever the Social Quarters is open, with the weekly drawing at 7:30 p.m. each Friday night. We have generous weekly consolation prizes; if the Queen of Hearts is not selected on that particular weekly drawing Rules for “The Queen of Hearts” game are posted within the Social Quarters of the Moose Lodge.

GOOD LUCK!



Easter Day Lunch – March 29th

It was a last minute decision by several members, but a great feast was offered on Easter Day for our members. The buffet consisted of roast beef au jus, ham (cooked with orange glaze), scalloped potatoes, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, corn pudding, deviled eggs, apple sauce, pistachio pudding, Yorkshire pudding, cold broccoli slaw, macaroni salad, jellied cranberry sauce, pickle tray, rolls, and crackers & cheese. And for dessert there was a very large cookie tray, lemon meringue pies and custard pies.

A thank you is extended to Joyce Chaffins & Anna Phillips (masterminds of the event), Judith York, Donna Heflin, Kathy Redditt, Cindy Nitzky, Roxanne Matis, and John Matis for donating and/or cooking the food items; not to mention in assisting in the clean up after the event. A special recognition is noted for Joyce Chaffins and Anna Phillips who started cooking at the Lodge at 9:00am for the event. The event was a great success, as 40 lunches were served (some take-home boxes).

Pig Roast
Saturday,
June 11, 2016



Goal: Obtain Premiere Lodge Award in 2016
Current Arlington #1315 Membership Status
As of March 21, 2016:

04/30/15	Current				
<u>Members</u>	<u>Active Members</u>	<u>Difference</u>		<u>Expired</u>	<u>Dropped</u>
260	261	+1		50	34

New Members since April 30, 2015: 34 (As of March 21, 2016)

Father's Day Breakfast



Sunday,
June 19, 2016



Arlington #1315 Annual LOOM Membership Fee is \$45.00

Legion is \$15.00



New Arlington #1315 Lodge Membership Challenge (for 2015-2016 Moose Year)

Sponsor a new LOOM member between May 1, 2015 and April 30, 2016 and your name will be placed on a ticket in a raffle conducted each month during the entire Membership Challenge.

The more new LOOM members you sponsor, the more times your name will be placed within the raffle. The monthly drawing prize will be \$10.00 in Arlington "Moose Bucks" to the sponsor that is named on the selected ticket. **Jackie Dwier** was the winner of the March monthly raffle.

In addition, if you sponsor three (3) LOOM members within the 2015-2016 Moose Year, the Arlington Lodge will pay your dues for the next year of your membership.

IMPORTANT: This Lodge challenge applies to both LOOM & WOTM members who sponsor new LOOM members for Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge.



Brochure of Program in the Social Quarters

Electronic Pull-Tabs by Powerhouse Gaming



at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge



Watch Washington Capitals at the Lodge

Regular Season In April 2016

FRI, APR 1 (A)
Colorado Avalanche
 SAT, APR 2 (A)
Arizona Coyotes
 TUE, APR 5 (H)
New York Islanders
 THU, APR 7 (H)
Pittsburgh Penguins
 SAT, APR 9 (A)
St. Louis Blues



A Family Event on the 4th of July



Family Cookout



Personal/Family Corner

As a "Moose Family" we need to celebrate your personal and family milestones together. Therefore, if you have an upcoming birthday, an upcoming wedding anniversary, a new "clan" member, a promotion/change in your career, or anything else in your life that you want to share with the Moose members, **please** let John Matis know [in person when at the Moose Lodge or by jimatis@cox.net].

It is requested that any announcement milestones be submitted prior to the 20th of each month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy Birthday to Lodge members **John Matis (4/03)**, **Andrew Pewtherer (4/03)**, **Everett Moore (4/04)**, **Carmen Jacobs (4/07)**, **Frank Stevens Sr. (4/08)**, **Jackie Dwier (4/09)**, **Dan Olivieri (4/13)**, **Robert Hutzell (4/15)**, **Steven Lehtma (4/19)**, **Shawn Kirkpatrick (4/20)**, **Mohamed Essai (4/22)**, **Clifford Phillips (4/22)**, **Reid Voss (4/23)**, **Ralph Smith (4/26)**, **Chris Garrett (4/28)**, **Greg Mullan (4/28)**, **Dave Mahoney (4/29)**, and **Bruce Gerrity (4/30)**.
- Happy Birthday to Chapter members **Susan Stalp (4/01)**, **Susan Weekly (4/01)**, **Dawn Barwood (4/05)**, **Norma Alfaro (4/08)**, **Azenegash Tekle (4/09)**, **Erika Carroll (4/10)**, **Nora Rodas (4/12)**, **Marjorie Kicak (4/13/)**, **Barbara Nix-Mathews (4/13)**, **Catherine Kerns (4/19)**, **Mary Gilpin (4/22)**, and **Judith York (4/22)**.

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

- Please keep our Moose members and families in our prayers for those who have current health or distressed situations; especially ... Michael Entsminger and Norman Harris who have health problems and are trying to get back to good health.

IN MEMORY:

- The clock of time has stopped; across its face of motionless shadows mark the hour of their passing. A tribute to the memory of Fraternity members and family who have passed into the realm of everlasting peace and the Supreme above: ... Patricia Poe Miller (mother of Sister Laura Mangum)

Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members

- ▶ Thomas Waddell ▶ John-Paul Kosco ▶ Paul Van de Meulebroecke
- ▶ James Harding ▶ Dillon Wykle ▶ James Davidson ▶ Parker Brumheld
- ▶ Kevin Walker ▶ Daniel Malof ▶ Marco Johnson ▶ Michael Savaide
- ▶ Blaine Lampman ▶ Steven Lewis ▶ Steven McDonald ▶ Metsee Boudlala
- ▶ Ofelia Giron ▶ Christina Rappa ▶ Emaline Wantrobski ▶ Brissette Carrasco
- ▶ Danielle Ennis ▶ Kathleen Fichtel ▶ Mary-Beth Heller ▶ Jaime Joswick
- ▶ Melanie Oderwald ▶ Mary Ann Quill ▶ Debra Johnson ▶ Lisa Robinson
- ▶ June Levine ▶ Jamie Brothers ▶ Eileen Cherry ▶ Marilyn Berge ▶ Patty Kealey
- ▶ Anh Kim Le ▶ Abigail Voss ▶ Christine Basye ▶ Mary Rea ▶ Cherry Emerson



Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Spring Super Celebration

**April 15-17, 2016
 Fredericksburg Moose Family Center #1655**



Continue to save BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION coupons



Collection bag in the entrance of the Social Quarters



Chapter Award of Achievement
(4th Consecutive Year)

Future Planned Major Social Events
(May – August 2016)

- May 1st - NEW**
Legion Breakfast
 - May 8th**
Mother's Day Breakfast
(LOOM chefs)
 - May 14th**
Ribs Feast
 - May 14th**
VMA District 4 Family Cyber Security Day
 - May 21st - CHANGE**
Kitchen Cleaning
 - May 30th**
Memorial Day Cookout

 - June 6th - NEW**
Legion Breakfast
 - June 11th**
Pig Roast
(with Band)
 - June 19th**
Father's Day Breakfast
(WOTM chefs)

 - July 3rd - NEW**
Legion Breakfast
 - July 4th**
4th of July Cookout
 - July 23rd**
Bull Roast

 - August 6th**
Fish Fry Revisited
- (Continued -Page 10)



Lodge Repairs/Replacements

This winter has taken a toll on the roads and parking lots, and the parking lot of our Lodge was no exception. At the bottom of the exit ramp/roadway, there was a pot hole that kept growing larger and deeper over the past month (large enough to swallow a car wheel). The Arlington Fraternity extends a thank you to Billy Hensley for making the necessary repairs of the asphalt. Now our members and guests can leave our parking lot without remembering to swerve around this hazard.



Senior Regent's Message

As the sands of time trickle down, I find writing this newsletter to be bitter sweet. My year as your Senior Regent was one of fun, excitement and fellowship. I hand the gavel off to my successor, Roxanne Coles-Matis, your new Senior Regent. I am filled with excitement as I anticipate the next exciting year, as I move up the ranks in the Women of the Moose.

I congratulate the 2016-2017 Board of Officers:

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Senior Regent | - Roxanne Coles-Matis |
| Junior Regent | - Julie Parkhurst |
| Secretary/Treasurer | - Donna Field |
| Recorder | - Elizabeth Coombs |
| Jr. Graduate Regent | - Nessa Ruoff |

Our installation meeting will be held at the Arlington Lodge on April 23rd at 12:30pm. Our meetings in April are: the 4th and the 18th, both at 7:00 pm.

I wish all of you a Fraternal Fair Well

Donations in March by the Lodge

As the Queen of Hearts was found on February 12th, a considerable portion of the Lodge's take in the game was donated to multiple charitable organizations: Moose Charities for the Moosehaven Centennial Project, Bailey's Crossroads Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department, Fairfax County Police Association, Soldiers' Angels, and Wakefield High School Education Foundation.



2016 Summer Olympics – Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
Friday, August 5th to Sunday, August 21st

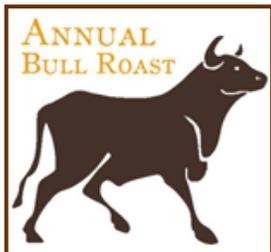
Watch the competition at the Moose Lodge

Go USA!





Plenty of Beef!



**Saturday,
July 23, 2016**

Future Planned Major Social Events

(September - October 2016)

September 5th
Labor Day Cookout
September 17th
Lodge Clean-Up

October 8th
6th Annual Bill
Lewis Chili
Cook-Off

October 22nd
WOTM Children's
Halloween Party

October 29th
Youth Awareness
Student Congress

Note:
Dates subject to
change



St. Patrick Day Celebration - March 12th

Irish saying:

"May your day be touched with a bit of Irish luck, brightened by a song in your heart, and warmed with smiles by the people you love."

Everyone had an *Irish Day* at this social event ... as there were plenty of smiles and laughter among the members and guests, many traditional Irish songs were played on the jukebox (tears could be seen when Danny Boy was sung), and several lucky individuals scored big on the electronic pull tab machines! It is noted that there was no "pot of gold"; but plenty of pots were used to provide a delicious Irish fare for the event. The traditional St. Patrick Day offering of boiled corned beef, boiled red & white skin potatoes (*not to be confused with an NFL team*), and boiled cabbage was provided; with a green salad and dinner rolls for starters. Plus, the chefs surprised everyone with bangers in "Billy sauce" and smoked corned beef (*they just love the grill*). The offered desserts were cherry pie and pineapple upside-down cake.

The Arlington Fraternity would like to thank the chefs of Joyce Chaffins, Phyllis Hamilton, Liz Coombs, Tom Oderwald, and Billy Hensley for their efforts in preparing and cooking the food for the event; and to those volunteers who provided the cleanup after the event.

One enjoyable moment for many members at the event was to watch our younger generation (Logan, Keith, Austin, and Randy Jr.) shoot "baskets"; each with their own basketball. There were basketballs flying every which way, with some actually going through the basketball net. An attempt to get a picture of all the children shooting the basketballs at the same time was unsuccessful, as some would sit/fall down after throwing the ball, some immediately chasing their balls that went askew in their throws, or some momentarily losing interest in the activity. The solution was to have their dads hold them long enough to take the picture (*see Page 12*).



Governor's Corner

As my second year as Governor comes to a close, I want to thank all the members for contributing to the continuing success of our Arlington Fraternity. I became Governor at the time when the Lodge had already become financially stable by the hard work of others, so we concentrated on expanding the social/community aspects of the Fraternity, improvements to the facility, and in getting back to the "Moose ways"; all of which I believe we have made great strides in fulfilling. I admit that my "experience" had some difficult situations, which we worked through; but mostly we kept exceeding in accomplishments to make the Arlington Fraternity a better organization.

I wish the new LOOM officers the best of luck in the coming Moose Year. Best wishes, also, to the new officers of the Women of the Moose.

Continue to support our Fraternity ... and enjoy the offerings of the Fraternity



Nominate a Lodge & Chapter Member for Volunteer of the Quarter

(April – June 2016)

Deadline is June 30, 2016
And remember to nominate a Youth Organization of the Quarter

Watch the NBA & NHL Playoffs at the Lodge





Chapter Award of Achievement
(4th Consecutive Year)

Moose International Convention

July 1st – 5th



Support the WOTM



Participate in the Basket Raffles & Purchase Delicious Desserts in the Bake Sales

Children’s Easter Party (continued)

Hot dogs & buns, with the fixing of onions and chili were offered for a reasonable price to the adults at the event and to all the members & guests in the Social Quarters.

The Arlington Fraternity wants to extend a thank you to all the volunteers and/or contributors that planned and organized this family event, shopped for items for the event, donated candy, stuffed the candy in the plastic eggs, decorated (including the tables), cooked the lunches, set up the furniture and the activities for the event, assisted in conducting the activities, performed the role as an Easter Bunny helper, supported the general clean-up after the event, and performed anything else that was needed. The known volunteers were Rose Russo, Nessa Ruoff, Andrea Hensley, Liz Coombs, Donna Field, Judith York, Donna Heflin, Anna Phillips, Kathy Redditt, Roxanne Coles-Matis, Leighton Redditt, Billy Hensley, and Tom Oderwald. We apologize if we omitted anyone who contributed to this successful event, as the scope of the function was extensive; but we want to express that your efforts were very much appreciated. Also, a thanks to Randy Nolan & Sonia Bouadis for donating a considerable amount of the decorations.

A special thank you is extended to Powerhouse Gaming for sponsoring Nolan the “World Famous” Magician for the children at this event.



Fairfax County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class at Arlington #1315

In case our members have not visited the Lodge on Wednesday nights during the months of January through March, the Fraternity had provided our facilities for a Fairfax County sponsored training program to prepare regular citizens to safely help themselves, their families, and their communities during major emergencies where first responders are delayed. This CERT training was a low-impact way to learn how to prepare for and respond to disasters, with the classes taught by experienced instructors from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and CERT volunteers. On Saturday, April 2nd (8:30am – 12:00pm), a mock disaster drill will be conducted as the final CERT class. The students will search for and take care of volunteer “victims” that have make-believe cosmetic injuries; and a Fairfax County EMT unit will participate to conclude the disaster drill. The disaster drill will occur in the parking lot, backyard, and within the Ritual Hall. The Social Quarters will be open for our members at the regular time.



March Madness Tailgate Party – March 28th

Thank you Tim Nields, Rose Russo, Joyce Chaffins, and Anna Phillips for providing food dishes and desserts to share with the members while watching the NCAA basketball games at the Lodge. There was chili & rice, shredded beef, taco salad, and lemon meringue pie. For the record, the crowd was sparse; but everyone was well fed.



Brochure of Program in the Social Quarters

Electronic Pull-Tabs by Powerhouse Gaming



at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge



Watch Washington Wizards at the Lodge

Regular Season In April 2016

- FRI, APR 1 (A) Phoenix Suns
- SUN, APR 3 (A) Los Angeles Clippers
- WED, APR 6 (H) Brooklyn Nets
- FRI, APR 8 (A) Detroit Pistons
- SUN, APR 10 (H) Charlotte Hornets
- MON, APR 11 (A) Brooklyn Nets
- WED, APR 13 (H) Atlanta Hawks



Members (and our younger generation) enjoying the St. Patrick Day Celebration

Winners of the Volunteers of the Quarter [January – March 2016] to be Announced in the May Edition of the Arlington #1315 Newsletter

Think Premier Lodge Award ...



Moose Charities
Making a difference in the lives of children and seniors

Give Generously!

Support Special Olympics



Chapter Award of Achievement
(4th Consecutive Year)

Fish Fry Revisited No. 9



Saturday, August 6th

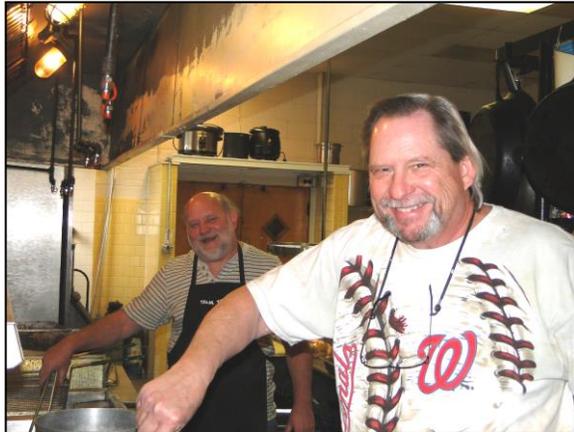


Youth Awareness Program



Association Student Congress on October 29th at our Lodge

Pictures from the Children's Easter Party



Event chefs • Easter Bunny sharing some "goodies" • Nolan the Magician doing a trick with volunteers • Rabbit in the hat puppet with Nolan the Magician • Children laughing while watching the Magic Show • Coloring Easter eggs while the Easter Bunny tries to give away more "goodies" • Showing a newly made tissue paper flower • Who is this big Bunny?

More pictures on the [Arlington #1315 website](#)

Support Our Local Police Department



The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner

As noted in a previous article, the Legion Breakfast on March 6th was a success; however, it should be mentioned that this event also attracted two members of our fraternity to join the Moose Legion. Welcome, Robert Muretta & John Ruoff.

If you did not attend the March Moose Legion Committee meeting, you missed a great food offering ... steak and cheese sandwiches. AND due to the "enjoyment" raves that were received, steak & cheese sandwiches will be offered after the April Moose Legion Committee meeting. A special thank you is extended to Brian Van de Muelebroecke, Lois Cruz, and Tom Oderwald for preparing and cooking the made-to-order sandwiches and for their efforts in the clean up after everyone was fed.

An Official Visitor from Bull Run #185 Moose Legion attended the Moose Legion Committee meeting on March 6th to observe our proceedings as an active entity. Thank you Mr. Charles Burke (Fraternal Director) for visiting our Moose Lodge.

At the request of the Moose Legion Committee, the LOOM Board of Directors agreed in their March 1st meeting to split the cost of the ice machine to be provided beneath the bar in the Smoking Bar area; however, the purchase will not be made until everything is prepared to accommodate the recently obtained coolers and the ice machine (electrical, plumbing, etc.).

Support Scouting



Girl Scouts



Boy Scouts

Thank You Arlington #1315 Moose Chefs

The Lodge wants to extend our appreciation to everyone who volunteers their time to make our events successful!



Support Our Local Fire Department



Planning to attend the Bull Run #185 Super Celebration?

**Special Room Rate of \$99.00/night at the Residence Inn
60 Towne Centre Boulevard, Fredericksburg
540-786-9222**

[mention "Bull Run 185" when reserving rooms]

The Lodge wants your Ideas for New Events

Tell us what you want to have for events in the next six months! We need to expand our events to keep everyone interested in the Lodge. Every idea will be considered (e.g.: children movie night, a Capitals or Wizards game, a mystery bus ride, etc.). Please contact **John Matis, Gregg Cady, or Brian Birtell** with your suggestions.



Have something you want to tell the Membership?

Write an Article for our Newsletter

Provide the article to John Matis at the Lodge or send to jjmatis@cox.net

**Lodge Fall Clean-Up
September 17th**



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