



Loyal Order of Moose Arlington #1315 Lodge Newsletter

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AUGUST 2013

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****Date Change**

August 17th - Two LOOM Events on the Same Day



#1 - Fish Fry: Based on requests from membership for past gourmet excellence, the Lodge is proud to present another major Fish Fry Event. The event will start at 2:00 p.m. and is expected to end at 6:00 p.m. (unless all the "catches of the day" are eaten prior to the end time) ... so come early! The Food offerings will be mouth watering fried catfish, cod and flounder; with several side dishes, including cole slaw, hush puppies, stewed tomatoes, macaroni & cheese, and homemade tartar & cocktail sauces. There might be some surprise dishes as well! **Cost is \$10.00 per person.**



#2 - Horseshoe Tournament: It will be a 2-person team double elimination tournament (guaranteed two games). The formation of the teams will be random by picking names from a hat at the beginning of the tournament. Participants must be 18 years of age or older to be in the tournament. Registration for the Horseshoe Tournament will be between 2:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m; with the first two games starting at 2:30 p.m.

Note: Please accept our apologies if the date change for the Fish Fry caused an inconvenience, but the Lodge has rented the hall on August 10th and our events would have been inappropriate to occur at the same time.

Upcoming Social Events

August 17th

****DATE CHANGE****

Fish Fry &
Horseshoe
Tournament

September 2nd

Labor Day
Cook-Out

September 21st

Farewell to Summer
Party

October 19th

3rd Annual Bill Lewis
Memorial Chili
Cook-Off

November 9th

Italian Dinner

****Same Day as the Fish Fry**



Children Ice Cream Social on August 17th Sponsored by WOTM Chapter #1253

A special summer event is being offered for the children during the Fish Fry. The event will start with game activities (arts & crafts, bean bag toss, bingo, etc.) at 2:30 p.m. In addition, there will be a "slip-n'-slide" and /or wading pools outside to cool off (weather permitting) ... so make sure the children bring their bathing suits. The ice cream sundae "creations" being made for the children will begin around 3:30 p.m.

Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members

- ▶ Chad Alexander ▶ Ronald DeAngelis ▶ Tu Tran ▶ Karen Fleming
- ▶ Mel Chrestman, Jr. ▶ Danny Poshek ▶ Matthew Matis
- ▶ Tom VanHorn ▶ Mark English ▶ Connie Bragg ▶ Joy Richards
- ▶ Pat Lehtma ▶ Erin McLaughlin ▶ Dawn Feltman



**No Friday
Night
Dinners
during the
month of
August**

Arlington #1315 Lodge
91st Anniversary



**October 5th
1922 - 2013**



**Congratulations
Chapter #1253
for receiving the
Award of
Achievement
2012-2013 Calendar Year**



**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

**Arlington WOTM
Chapter #1253
Board of Officers
1213-2014**

Senior Regent
Anna Phillips
Past Grad. Regent
Andrea Hensley
Junior Regent
Liz Coombs
Secretary/Treasurer
Judith York
Recorder
Donna Field
Chaplin
Kat Carey
Guide
Joyce Chaffins
Assistant Guide
Donna Heflin

**Off-Tracking
Betting at our
Lodge**



A YEAR OF CELEBRATION!

Membership: “Go the Distance”

In recognition of the Celebration for the once-in-a-lifetime events, Moose International wants to make this the most memorable year in Moose history. The main goal is to grow the membership. Therefore, to help the Moose members invite qualified friends and relatives into the Moose Fraternity, **all application fees will be waived for the fiscal year – May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014.** Furthermore, if any member enrolls two new applicants during the campaign year, he/she will qualify for a year’s free dues at our Lodge or Chapter.

VMA Charities Raffle Tickets for Sale

The Moose Lodge has raffle tickets to sell for the upcoming Virginia Moose Association (VMA) State Convention. **The raffle is for a top prize of \$10,000** with many lesser secondary prizes from \$2,000 to \$500. A poster is displayed in the Social Quarters that specifies the exact winning prizes. **The cost for each ticket is \$10.00.** The raffle tickets can be purchased from the bartender. The drawing will be held on August 24, 2013 at the Convention.

Please support the Virginia Moose Association and purchase a raffle ticket.

Remember Our Can/Dry Food Collection

The Lodge would like to thank all our members who have contributed to the food collection box in our Social Quarters. Those in need appreciate your generosity. The Lodge takes the collected food to two local organizations: Arlington Food Assistance Center and Baileys Crossroads Homeless Shelter.

It is important to remember that there are always the unfortunate who need the support of others to come to their aid throughout the entire year; not just at special holidays. **Please continue to donate food goods!** [Note: No glass containers please]



**Congratulations to Chuck Berge
LOOM Volunteer of the Quarter
(April – June 2013)**



**Youth Organization of the Quarter (April – June 2013):
National Capital Area Council – Boy Scouts of America**

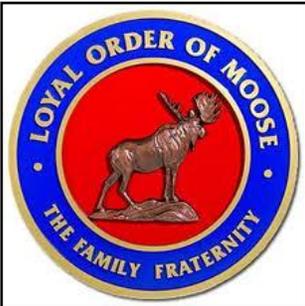


**3rd Annual
Bill Lewis Memorial
Chili Cook-Off
October 19, 2013**

**Nominate a Lodge Member for
Volunteer of the Quarter
(July – September 2013)**

- Complete an official nomination form and place in the ballot box
- A LOOM member & a WOTM member will be selected
- Deadline is September 30, 2013





Association Student Congress
October 26, 2013

Fish Fry

August 10th

76th Annual Virginia Moose Association State Convention
AUG 22nd - 25th
Roanoke, VA

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Editor
 John Matis

Writers
 Brian Birtell
 Anna Phillips
 John Matis

Volunteers are needed for future Newsletters

Notes from VA Moose Association District 4 Quarterly Meeting (Saturday, July 13th at Woodbridge Moose Family Center #583)



The Lodge would like to extend our appreciation to the Woodbridge Moose Family Center #583 for their hospitality in having this event and for the excellent lunch that was served.

The following are some of the major items in the meeting:

- New Officers for VA Moose Association District 4 were elected. Go to www.vmaweb.com for the identity of the new officers.
- The itinerary for the Mooseheart Virginia House girls visit to Virginia in August has been finalized. The girls will be touring in our District the first two days of their visit. The remaining portion of their visit will be in the western part of Virginia.
- It was officially announced that Arlington #1315 will host the Moose Youth Awareness Association Student Congress for the District 4 Moose Lodges.
- It was close but Arlington Lodge #1315 won the Attendance Award with 21 LOOM and WOTM members attending this VMA District 4 meeting; including 7 LOOM Officers and 4 WOTM Officers. The trophy was physically given to Arlington #1315 at the meeting and will be in the Social Quarters for all members to view until the next Quarterly Meeting in October.

Save the Dates: 2013-2014 Schedule for VA Moose Association District 4 Quarterly Meetings

- October 19, 2013: Franconia Family Moose Center #1076
 7701 Beulah Street, Alexandria, VA 22310
- January 11, 2014: Stafford Moose Lodge #2215
 422 Eskimo Hill Road, Stafford, VA 22554
- April 12, 2014: Culpeper Moose Lodge #1348
 14260 Moose Lodge Lane, Culpeper, VA 22701
- July 12, 2014: Warrenton Moose Lodge #1695
 6415 Colonial Road, Warrenton, VA 20186

Note: All General Membership Meetings start at 11:30am on each date



A Family Event on July 4th

Our barbeque cook-out started slow at the onset, but all of a sudden there were 40 members demanding “feed me”. As usual, our chefs met the expectations of the membership and satisfied their hunger. There were hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, pasta salad, cole slaw, and deserts. **Thank you chefs Billy, Ron & Joyce.**

Remember to join us at the Lodge for the Labor Day Cook-Out on September 2, 2013.

We WILL be Remembered in Year 2113

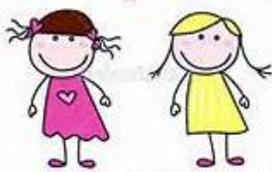
Moose Charities has created a “Time Capsule” fundraiser for the Mooseheart School Renovation project. A “Book of Tributes” is being formulated, which will be placed in the Mooseheart Cornerstone (see picture) during Founder’s Day weekend in October 2013. Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge has made a donation for a one-quarter page remembrance in this book.



If you would personally like to be included, or in memory of someone special in your life, in this “Book of Tributes”, visit “Time Capsule” on the Moose Charities website (www.moosecharities.org).



Mooseheart Virginia House Girls Trip to Virginia



AUG 4th – 10th

Labor Day Cook-Out



September 2nd

Farewell to Summer Party



September 21st



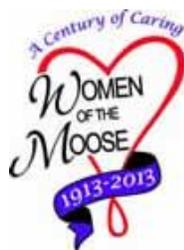
Personal/Family Corner – New Newsletter Feature

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 of the family, 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 jjmatis@cox.net].

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bernie Cerroni, Dan Harris, Andre McFail, and Roxanne Coles-Matis are **overjoyed** that the 2012-2013 school season finally ended on June 21st at Wakefield High School. Classes will be held in the new building structure in September 2013.
- John Matis & Roxanne Coles-Matis are grandparents for the third time as Liam Patrick Matis was born on June 24th to son, Matthew (new Arlington #1315 member) and wife, Anne. Abigail (4 years old) and Lucas (2 years old) are getting familiar with their new brother.
- Best wishes to (Motorcycle) Steve Maxwell in moving to South Pasadena, Florida for his next career in life as a retiree. He already knows where the Moose Lodge is located near his residence. We will miss him!
- Terry Pamplin had his 75th birthday on July 21st.
- Terry Driscoll, an active member of our Lodge, went back home to the United Kingdom on July 17th after a one month visit to our county with his sister Donna Heflin. Terry attended several Lodge events while visiting. Contrary to folklore as an Englishman, Terry prefers cold rather than room temperature beers (but not necessarily our offered brands).
- Anna and Ralph Phillips are expecting a grandson to join their family clan around August 8th.
- Terry and Betty Pamplin will be celebrating their 43rd Anniversary on August 22nd. John Matis and Roxanne Coles-Matis will be celebrating their 35th Anniversary on August 12th.



Senior Regent’s Corner

Wow what a hot summer we’re having. Thanks to all the ladies that donated bake goods for the bull roast, we all had so much fun. Thanks Gregg Cady for your help with our Bull Roast Fundraiser. I would like to thank Carol Gillard for making our flip flops for the state convention, we will get first place. We are making a beach basket to donate for the state convention, if you would like to donate anything to the basket please drop off at the lodge. We are still looking for fundraisers if you have any ideas please share. We are getting more members coming to the chapter meetings, and would like to see more of you come. Stay out of the heat and have a great summer.

Anna, Senior Regent



The Tommy Moose® program aids in helping children overcome fears and anxiety during times of stress. Donated to Law Enforcement, Fire, and other Emergency workers, Tommy Moose plush dolls are presented to children in various traumatic situations. The Tommy Moose character has grown to personify happiness, safety, and security through personal appearances, books, and children’s goods (e.g.: clothes).



Support the WOTM



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

Enjoy the Summer



but keep our Lodge in mind as we will have many exciting events!!

Ignite Your Natitude

Governor's Corner

It was a Great month for Arlington Moose Lodge 1315. The Lodge received the Premier Lodge award and won the District Meeting Attendance Trophy and the WOTM received their Award of Achievement. Arlington was 1 of only 3 lodges in the District and 20 in Virginia to achieve the Premier Lodge Award. These awards and trophies are great accomplishments for our Lodge and show just how far we have come from a few years ago when we almost had our doors shuttered due to a variety of issues. Fast forward 2 years and we are one of the strongest Lodges in the State and have received Kudo's from all corners of the Moose community. We are on sound financial footing, we have not missed a deadline for a required form in years and we have a vibrant Lodge membership who continually impresses me with their commitment to the Lodge. The number of people who volunteer their time around the lodge has allowed us to come a long way. In the weekly newsletter I try to recognize those who did something special that week. I would like to take this opportunity to specifically thank Billy, Joyce and Nancy for all that they do for the lodge each and every week.



While it was great to get all of those Kudo's this is not time to sit on our Laurels. We are looking to increase the activities we have at the Lodge for Adults and Families. We have a logjam of Lodge enhancements that we would like to accomplish this year. We are looking to have more charitable events and do more community outreach this year. Hopefully all of this will encourage our members to stop by the lodge more often to see their "Lodge Family". The next step in revitalizing our lodge is to increase our membership. To that end we hope to have several membership drive events this year where we will have specific programs to encourage members to bring in friends and offer some sort of prizes for those who sign up friends. In order to gain the Premier Lodge for 2013-14 we will need to increase our membership over 2012-13. Please forward our lodge e-mails to your friends so that they can see all of the great events that we have planned for the rest of this year. This year we are starting at 227 members - it would be a great accomplishment if we could top 250 at the end of the year.

Box Tops 4 Education

NEW LODGE/CHAPTER CHARITY ACTIVITY



Arlington #1315 and Chapter #1253 have elected to participate in the General Mills Box Top program being conducted by Moose Charities in support of the Mooseheart elementary, middle school, and high school. **We are asking our membership to save BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION coupons found on hundreds of General Mill Products.**

The coupons can be found on many of your favorite brands that you use every day ... brands such as Pillsbury, Cheerios, Fruit Roll-Ups, Cottonelle, Ziploc, Betty Crocker, Hefty, Huggies, and Kleenex. These coupons will be collected by the Lodge and submitted to Moose Charities to be redeemed for cash from General Mills. Each coupon is worth 10¢ and the Mooseheart schools can earn up to \$20,000 per year. During 2010-2011, Mooseheart earned \$10,402.93 from this program.

Let's continue to have Arlington #1315 & Chapter #1253 recognized for support of charities ... please participate in this activity.

A Ziploc bag will be provided in the entrance hallway of the Social Quarters for collection of the BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION coupons. A **complete product list** containing these coupons can be found on the Moose Charities website (www.moosecharities.org) under School/BoxTops.



**NFL
Pre-Season in
August**



AUG 8th (THU)
@ Tennessee
AUG 19th (MON)
Pittsburgh
AUG 24th (SAT)
Buffalo
AUG 29th (THU)
@ Tampa Bay

GO REDSKINS

**Support the
Local Fire
Department**



How About Some Moose History

The Moose was founded by Dr. John Henry Wilson and a group of his friends in 1888 in Louisville, Kentucky, as a social and drinking club to rival the Elks. While it remains essentially an American club, it changed its name to Moose International in 1991. The basic unit is the Lodge, which follows the pattern established by Masons: the Moose have club room or rooms, plus a large Lodge room for rituals. The Moose grant an initiatory degree, and after six months membership, the member becomes eligible for the second degree, Moose Legion. A third degree, Fellowship Degree, is awarded for service to the fraternity. The fourth and highest degree of Pilgrim is honorific and is awarded to only a few Moose members. **The Moose make community service a strong component of their activities.**



Redskins "Calling All Cooks" Sundays

Arlington #1315 wants to continue last year's successful program of having volunteers offer main dishes to the membership while watching the Washington Redskins games on Sundays in our Lodge. Last year we had chili, steak & eggs, baked Italian pasta, tacos, and many other food varieties and "surprises".

Please volunteer for a specific game to show off your cooking talents, while contributing to an eventful and fraternal atmosphere for cheering our home team to victories. **There will be a sign-up sheet in the Social Quarters.** The first four games for the Washington Redskins are: Monday, SEP 9th at 7:10pm against the Philadelphia Eagles; Sunday, SEP 15th at 1:00pm against the Green Bay Packers; Sunday, SEP 22nd at 1:00pm against the Detroit Lions; and Sunday, 29th at 4:25pm against the Oakland Raiders.

Thank You – Judith, Donna, John & Sam

The Lodge extends our appreciation to Judith York, Donna Heflin, John Rodas & Sam Whitt for planting and caring of the flowers at the entrance sign of the Lodge and at the front of the building. Their "green thumb" efforts, which continue over several months, provide an aesthetic charm for the visitors and members while visiting our Lodge. A thank you is also extended to Brian Birtell for removing the overgrown weeds in the gardens on July 19th so that the beauty of the flowers could be seen.



**Individual Fundraiser to Support the
Mooseheart School Renovation Project**

Our members can show their support for the Mooseheart School Renovation by obtaining a "Mooseheart 100th Anniversary" tag and displaying it with your name in our Social Quarters. A minimum donation of \$1.00 is suggested for each tag. The tags can be obtained from the bartender.

**Children are our future –
The Mooseheart children are relying on us to give them the best
environment and educational training they need for future success!**



Support





Youth Organization of the Quarter

In the latter part of 2012, the Moose Lodge approved a program to provide a \$50.00 donation on a quarterly basis to a local youth organization that is nominated by the members. This program is explained in detail on the Arlington #1315 Website. If a member desires to nominate a youth organization for this award (e.g.: school, swim club, cub scout pack, girl scout troop, church youth organization, etc.), please provide a written narrative that identifies the nominated youth organization and the reason(s) why the Moose Lodge should support them. The written narrative should be placed inside the ballot box for the nominations of the Volunteers of the Quarter.

Support Our Local Police Department



There was a lot of "Bull" at this Event (July 20th)

In addition to the regular chatter being thrown about by the members, there was approximately 85 lbs. of beef cooked on the grill for this event. Over 60 members and guests attended and enjoyed this event; even with the Lodge renting temporary portable "spot" cooling units to compensate for the failed building central air conditioning unit. The food offerings were sliced beef, gravy & au jus, buns, green beans, mashed potatoes, red potatoes, corn on the cob, macaroni & cheese, salad, and watermelon. And for desert, our Chapter offered baked cookies and brownies for a donation.

As the usual norm, we had many, many volunteers to accomplish this event. The Lodge wants to extend a thank you to Billy Hensley, Tommy Oderwald, Joyce Chaffins, Carole Gillard, Betty Pamplin, Ron Mifflin, Steve Lehtma, Gregg Cady, Anna Phillips, Ralph Phillips, Marty Smith, and all the behind-the-scene volunteers/contributors for making this event a success.

Fall Clean Up Day being planned



... after the bar extension project is completed

Date to be announced in August

United We Stand

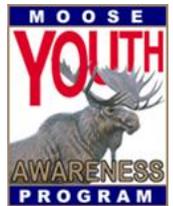
We have continued to attract the attention in the Moose "world" as being an active and unified Lodge, by having the most LOOM & WOTM members at the Quarterly Meeting of the Virginia Moose Association District 4 on July 13th and winning the Attendance Trophy. **The Lodge would like to thank everyone who attended.**



Brian & Billy with the trophy

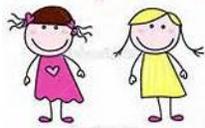
**Moose Youth Awareness Program
Arlington #1315 to Sponsor Association Student Congress**

As previously mentioned, our Arlington Moose Lodge has the distinct honor of hosting our regions Youth Awareness Congress. We plan to sponsor 10 students from local high schools; including Jeb Stuart, Wakefield and Washington-Lee. We have Brian Birtell, Karl Keller, Bernie Cerroni and John Matis from the Lodge Board as our Youth Awareness Congress Committee. Additionally we are extremely lucky to have Ralph Phillips helping us stay on track using his experience hosting a previous congress at the Franconia Lodge. This is a great opportunity for our lodge to work with our local high schools and the community at large. Our 10 sponsored students could potentially reach 300-500 local youths through their presentations. We are in the process of contacting the high school administrators to start the ball rolling.



If you know a high school student who you think would like to participate but does not attend one of our target schools, please let someone from the Board know ASAP. We would love to have students from OUR "Moose Family" participate.





Extend a Welcome to the Mooseheart Virginia House Girls when they Visit Our Area

The girls from the Mooseheart Virginia House are scheduled to arrive at Dulles International Airport at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 4th. They will be attending a "Meet and Greet" Cook-Out at the Manassas Moose Family Center #1380 on Sunday between 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; which will also include an EZ Child/Elderly ID activity sponsored by the VA Moose Association and an informational station pertaining to Safe Surfin'. On Monday, August 5th, the girls will be visiting Arlington Cemetery via Metro, and then going to the Herndon Moose Lodge #2274 for a pizza party at 4:00 p.m. On Tuesday, August 6th, the girls will be traveling to Luray Caverns to start their tour in the western portion of Virginia. The girls will be flying back home to Mooseheart on Saturday, August 10th from the Roanoke Airport.

An open invitation has been extended to all other Moose Lodges to meet and talk to the girls at the two Lodge functions in Manassas and Herndon. **If you are available, it would be nice to have some of our members represent Arlington #1315 at these functions.**

Future Events Being Considered

- WOTM Italian Dinner
- Wii Bowling Tournament
- Cornhole Tournament
- Charity Fundraiser Event



Support Our Community

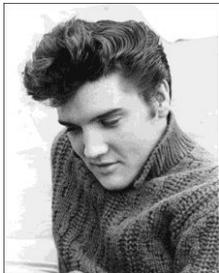


Lodge Repairs/Replacements

In case you have not visited the Lodge the last week in July, the air conditioning system had become dysfunctional. It was thought that a total new system configuration with two roof-top units (one for Ballroom, one for Social Quarters) should be considered; however, our current funds cannot support this idea. A new compressor unit has been ordered and the air conditioning is projected to be back in operation during the second week in August. Temporary portable "spot coolers" have been rented while the replacement work is ongoing.

A new exterior entrance door to the Social Quarters has been ordered and is projected to be installed by the end of the first week in August. It is requested that the members treat this new door "gently"!

National Elvis Week August 10th-17th



Q: What is the Moose Donors Circle? **A:** Find out in next month's Newsletter



The Bar Extension Project Has Begun

The kick-off for the project occurred on Saturday, June 29th when the pool table was dismantled by Karl Keller and Phil Webber. However, due to several Lodge functions, rental events in the ballroom, and heavy personal work schedules of the Lodge construction crew during the month of July, it was decided to postpone any further work until August.



Taking apart the pool table



Celebrating the attendance trophy