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Loyal Order of Moose Arlington #1315 Lodge

Newsletter

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New Program Announced at the 2015 Moose International Convention for Members to Receive Rewards for Active Participation within the Moose Fraternity and Enrolling New Members

Details Described on Page 10

Congratulations to Andrea Hensley in Achieving the Highest Honor of being Inducted into the WOTM College of Regents and to Donna Field in Earning the WOTM Star Recorder Degree

New Arlington #1315 Annual LOOM Membership Fee of $45.00 to Begin September 21, 2015

Moose International has accepted our decision (approved in the Special Meeting on June 7th) to reduce the annual LOOM membership fee from $60.00 to $45.00; which becomes effective "on the books" on September 21st. Please note that the Lodge will no longer pay the $20.00 application fee for any new members when the reduced annual LOOM membership fee becomes effective.

Arlington #1315 Received First Award for the 2014-2015 General Excellence – Lodge Publications (201-400 Members)

Moose International has selected our monthly Newsletter – ***FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW*** - as the best publication to inform members of the activities and accomplishments in the category of Lodges with 201-400 active members (in the entire "Moose World"). This is a great honor … even though our main purpose for the Newsletter is to keep the membership informed of our activities and the contributions of our members to make our Lodge the "best Moose Fraternity in our community". The Arlington Fraternity continues to be recognized in the Moose World for our efforts!

Upcoming Social Events

(details on Page 2 & Page 3)

August 1st
Fish Fry Revisited
+ Flea Market

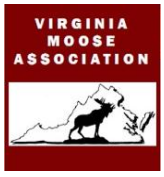
August 15th
Major Blast
Cookout &
Children's Ice Cream Social

Other Future Planned Events listed on Page 9

Thank You Members for Representing the Arlington Fraternity at the Moose International Convention at Nashville, TN

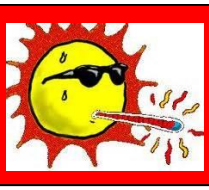
Details of Convention Described on Page 9

Arlington Fraternity has the Most Members at the VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, July 18th



We made the first step for obtaining a third permanent Attendance Trophy in our Social Quarters. ***Details of Meeting Described on Page 11***

Thank You Members & Guests for Supporting the Arlington Fraternity during June & July when the Air Conditioning System was being Repaired!



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

Labor Day Cookout

Monday, September 7th
(Date Correction)

AUGUST EVENT

Fish Fry Revisited – No. 7 (*Since August 2012*)
Saturday, August 1st (2:00pm – 6:00pm)

This event has always been a really big crowd-pleasing, successful event for the Lodge over the past several years; so let's continue with a good thing! It is the right time of the year for our "galley" chefs to obtain fresh catches of our favorite fishes (at least that's what the local supermarkets advertise). We guarantee that the fish offerings of fried catfish, cod and flounder will be tasty and delicious! Furthermore, there are some *special offerings* being considered for later in the day. In keeping with the "menu that always brings the crowds back to the event", several of the sides dishes for this event will consist of macaroni & cheese, hush puppies, coleslaw, stewed tomatoes, green salad, and corn bread.

AUGUST EVENT

Flea Market on August 1st
Same day as the Fish Fry Revisited
(8:00am – 5:00pm)

The Lodge is sponsoring a Flea Market (a.k.a. Yard Sale) with associated event income donated to the WOTM in support of upcoming children activities in October & December! The Flea Market will be held inside the Rental/Ritual Hall … therefore, the event will occur no matter the weather of the day. **Please support this worthwhile activity!!**

Please Donate - Luther Hodges Fund Raiser in August

One of our newest Arlington #1315 members (but a well-known VMA membership enrollment leader as a member of other Lodges) has a health issue that needs our support for medical bills. **The Arlington Fraternity will be requesting donations at the Fish Fry Revisited and the Major Blast Cookout events to assist our Brother Luther Hodges**. Please be generous in your offering! Our commitment as a Moose member is to help all those that need support.

Congratulations to Billy Hensley
LOOM Volunteer of the Quarter
(April – June 2015)

Congratulations to Gwendolyn Collins
WOTM Volunteer of the Quarter
(April – June 2015)

Youth Organization of the Quarter (April – June 2015)
Forest Hollow Swim Team

Next Legion Committee Meeting on Thursday, August 13th @6:30pm
WOTM members are welcomed to attend
Complementary corned beef sandwiches will be offered to Legion members + guests at the Meeting

Arlington #1315 Board of Officers 2015-2016

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Gwendolyn Collins
Assistant Guide
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AUGUST EVENT

Major Blast Cook-Out
Saturday, August 15th (2:00pm – 6:00pm)

The words to describe this social event are "chill-out, stuff your face, and have fun". The Lodge plans to provide the normal summer grill food feast with some "special" items (menu not finalized as of this publication). And to entertain those Moose members and guests who "must keep moving", the Lodge will be conducting **a two-person team double-elimination Cornhole tournament**. Entry fee for the Cornhole tournament will be $5.00 per person; with prizes of 50% (1st Place) / 30% (2nd Place) / 20% (3rd Place) of collected fees. Come enjoy the festivities and/or just relax in the Social Quarters with a delicious offering of food. The Cornhole Tournament will start at 2:45pm (so everyone can eat before the tournament).

PLUS … A Children's Ice Cream Social

The WOTM Chapter is sponsoring an Ice Cream Social for the children during this event which will begin around 3:30pm. There will be at least two flavors of ice cream and several syrups and toppings to choose for the ice cream sundae "creations". It is asked that any adult who desires an ice cream sundae make a $2.00 donation to support future children activities by the WOTM.

Opening of Electronic Pull-Tabs

The Trial Test held on July 9th was a great success, as there were over 25 individuals who learned the gaming system processes and played the various games with "make believe money"; with several members claiming themselves as big winners. The Arlington Fraternity extends a thank you to Powerhouse Gaming representatives Bob Jekanowski, Jeremy Frey, and Rick Keesler for explaining and assisting our members with playing the games, and to Joyce Chaffins for preparing/cooking the taco food offering at this event.

Please Support the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge by Purchasing VMA Raffle Tickets

The Arlington Fraternity is expected to sell 65 raffle tickets; therefore, we are hopeful that our members will be generous in supporting this worthwhile endeavor. The income from this raffle allows the Virginia Moose Association to contribute to Moose International activities; e.g.: Youth Awareness, Mooseheart, Moosehaven. The top prize is $7,500, with many lesser secondary prizes (2nd prize to 11th prize). **The drawing for the raffle is on August 22nd at the VMA Conference in Roanoke, Virginia**.

"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!**

Issue: 2015-8
Newsletter Contributions
Editor
John Matis
Writers
Nessa Ruoff
John Matis

Volunteers are needed for future articles for the Newsletters

Watch NASCAR at the Lodge

In August 2015

SUN, AUG 2
Pennsylvania 400
@Pocono Raceway

SUN, AUG 9
Cheez-It 355
@Watkins Glen International Speedway

SUN, AUG 16
Pure Michigan 400
@Michigan International Speedway

SAT, AUG 22
Irwin Tools Night Race
@Bristol Motor Speedway

Please Donate for Those Children in Need School Supply Collection by Chapter #1253

Another school year will begin in September and the WOTM Chapter is again asking assistance from our membership in donating school supplies for the local children. This program resulted in a very generous contribution last year and we anticipate the same for this year. This year the collected school supplies will be provided to the children at the local Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts & Sciences in Falls Church, VA. **The collection of school supplies will occur during most of the month of August**. Please donate; as the future and education of our young citizens needs the support of our membership. A collection box is located within the Social Quarters for your donations. *Note: There are various sales in the next several weeks by the local stores for school supplies!*

As Part of the School Supply Collection Program …

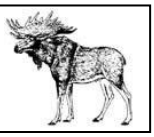
The WOTM Chapter will also be offering a "school bus tag" during all social events during the month of August to assist in the support of our School Supply Program; for a minimum donation of $1. If you do not want to donate actual school supplies, this is a means to support this worthwhile program. The tag donations are planned to purchase backpacks for the children … so please contribute! **Any donation is appreciated!** Thank you in advance of the WOTM members who solicit the donations.

Purpose of Why We Join the Moose Fraternity … Mooseheart and Moosehaven

We have many good times at the Lodge, especially in the daily visits to the Social Quarters and the scheduled social activities on the weekend. And that's a good thing … but, a reminder needs to be given to our members of the Arlington Fraternity that we are committed to help those of need as our priority! All members of our fraternity have pledged when we joined this great organization to make sure that the children of Mooseheart and the seniors of Moosehaven continue to be supported for all the years in our lifetime. We cannot let them down … our mission is to contribute as much financial support as possible over the upcoming years. Please be generous when asked for an endowment offering, or a request to donate for a special fundraiser (i.e.: "cradle tag" for Mooseheart, "rocker tag" for Moosehaven). We do not always express our appreciation openly; but we consider our fraternity members as the GREATEST in providing donations to help others. **Thank you!**

Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members

► Eric Parkhurst ► Kevin Murphy ► Billy Yoder



***NOW* at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge …**

Electronic Pull-Tabs by Powerhouse Gaming
More Fun at the Moose Lodge

Nominate a Lodge & Chapter Member for Volunteer of the Quarter

(July – September 2015)

Deadline is September 30, 2015
And remember to nominate a Youth Organization of the Quarter

Watch Washington Redskin Games at the Lodge

Preseason 2015

THU, AUG 13
@ 8:00pm
Cleveland Browns (AWAY)
THU, AUG 20
@ 7:30pm
Detroit Lions (HOME)
SAT, AUG 29
@ 7:30pm
Baltimore Ravens (AWAY)
THU, SEP 3
@ 7:30pm
Jacksonville Jaguars (HOME)

Farewell to Summer Cookout

Saturday, September 19th
(Date Correction)

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. **Willie Jamison** was the winner of the June monthly raffle and **Luis Cruz** was the winner of the July 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.

Think New Members, New Members & New Members!

4th of July Cookout (*what was the date this happened?*)

Another great outing for the Lodge; especially on a holiday and *NO* air conditioning! There was about 35 members and guests who attended this event with *LOTS* of food being served. There were hamburgers & hot dogs (with buns if desired), grilled chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad, green bean salad, deviled eggs, watermelon, and chips & dip. The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank Tom Oderwald, Joyce Chaffins, and Liz Coombs for preparing/cooking/grilling the delicious food that everyone enjoyed and all the volunteers that assisted in the clean-up after the event. For the record, the temperature outside was "very hot", so most attendees stayed inside the "maybe it's not too uncomfortable" Social Quarters … as there were plenty of cold beverages and ice cubes.

VMA District 4 & Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Host MOOSE Day with the Nationals on Saturday, September 26th

Individuals purchase tickets directly on www.nationals.com/tickets and members can participate in a bus service to/from the game. Flyer is in the Lodge for this event.

Pun of the Month

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired

Moose of the Month

Chapter Award of Achievement
(4th Consecutive Year)

Big Brothers Big Sisters

CHILI COOK OFF

5th Annual Bill Lewis Memorial Chile Cook-Off

October 10th

WOTM Children's Halloween Party

Saturday October 24th

Annual Bull Roast – July 11th

Even though the air conditioning was still "under repairs", this event was a **GREAT SUCCESS** (for the record 3 spot coolers had been rented to keep the ambient temperature within the Social Quarters semi-acceptable). It is estimated that there were over 70 individuals who visited the Lodge sometime during the day, with approximately 55 individuals participating in the food feast. **AND the Koolerators provided entertainment for our enjoyment!**

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank our House Chefs who prepared the food offering for this event; consisting of Billy Hensley & Tom Oderwald on the barbeque grills, and Joyce Chaffins and Liz Coombs for all the side dishes. The delicious food feast was tender & juicy roast beef, flavorful smoked beef brisket, brown gravy or barbeque sauce for the beef, hot dogs (why … *probably for the children*), mashed potatoes, cooked green beans, cucumber salad, corn on the cob, sliced cheese, watermelon, two types of chips with salsa dip, and condiments (including horseradish). Hamburger and hot dog rolls were also provided if desired. It should be noted that the beef brisket was cooked on a "smoker" grill for over ten hours by Tom Oderwald starting on Friday night before this event. In addition, the Fraternity would like to thank the bartenders (& intermittent volunteers during the busy times) for their great service and efforts during this "Lodge packed" event; as well as those members that participated in the clean up after the event.

The Arlington Fraternity would like to thank everyone that participated in the WOTM Cake Walk and to those that purchased desserts in the WOTM Bake Sale; both at this event. The donations from these activities will be applied to future children functions in October and December 2015. Thank you to all the WOTM members that conducted these activities and donated the baked goods!

Some of the Participants at the Annual Bull Roast

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

Give Generously!

Support Special Olympics

WOTM Italian Dinner Night
November 7th

An exciting "La Cena" (evening meal) is being planned

Youth Awareness Program

Association Student Congress on October 3rd at our Lodge

Support the Girl Scouts of America

Senior Regent's Message

The heat is on !!!! This has been such a hot summer thus far, but the air conditioner is working again in the Lodge and it feels mighty fine inside.

Our annual Bull Roast was a hit, so much BULL IN ONE PLACE, Lol. Everyone had fun with the cake walk and there was lots of deserts left over for a bake sale.

August 1st is our fish fry and we having a yard sale. The sale will be set up inside; this way if it rains or is too hot outside, it won't affect us. August 15th is the ice cream social for the children and Adults are welcome to partake for only $2.00.

The month of August we Ladies will be taking up a collection of school supplies: back packs, pencils, crayons, tissues, markers and much much more, cash will also be accepted and we will make the purchases for you. These items are going to be sent to a local school to help the families in need. We will post a specific list in the lodge as soon as one is available.

Our August meetings are, the 4th and the 18th of the month. We would love to see you there

Fraternally,

Nessa Ruoff,
Senior Regent, Chapter #1253

Thank You Judith & Jim York for Donating a "Portable" Ice Making Machine to the Lodge

This device (water storage tank/no permanent water connection) is currently being utilized behind the bar in the Smoking Area of the Social Quarters. Ice for drinks can be provided at the bar furthest from the ice cooler in the Non-Smoking Area (less travel for the bartenders).

Koolerators at the Bull Roast

Next VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting

Date: October 17, 2015
Time: 11:30am
Location: Dale City Moose Family Center #2165
15424 Cardinal Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22193

2015 State Conference for VA Moose Association

August 20th – 22nd, 2015
Sheraton Roanoke Hotel & Conference Center
2801 Hershberger Road, Roanoke, VA

Watch Washington Nationals at the Lodge

In August 2015

New York Mets
JUL 31 – AUG 2 (A)
Arizona Diamondbacks
AUG 3 – AUG 6 (H)
Colorado Rockies
AUG 7 – AUG 9 (H)
Los Angeles Dodgers
AUG 10 – AUG 12 (A)
San Francisco Giants
AUG 13 – AUG 16 (A)
Colorado Rockies
AUG 18 – AUG 20 (A)
Milwaukee Brewers
AUG 21 – AUG 23 (H)
San Diego Padres
AUG 25 – AUG 27 (H)
Miami Marlins
AUG 28 – AUG 30 (H)

Think Natitude!

Remember Mooseheart & Moosehaven

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 jjmatis@cox.net].

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy Birthday to Lodge members **Paul Downs, Jr.** (8/04), **Robert Smith** (8/06), **Marvins Bonilla** (8/06), **Mark Zekan** (8/06), **Floyd Prost** (8/07), **Samuel Whitt** (8/08), **Ken Kealey** (8/08), **Joe Dunkelberger** (8/09), **Daniel Ziegler** (8/11), **John Tribble** (8/11), **Larry Pavlish** (8/12), **Thomas Longuillo** (8/16), **Howard Franklin** (8/17), **Mel Chrestman** (8/22), **Trevin Dalton** (8/24), **Ronald Davis** (8/28), **Ashley Lenker** (8/28), and **Robert Simpson** (8/28).
- Happy Birthday to Chapter members **Andrea Hensley** (8/01), **Cynthia Pollard** (8/06), **Lynne Fallon** (8/07), **Helen Arnold** (8/09), **Dwi Marnun** (8/10), **Eileen Scott** (8/16), **Jo Glass** (8/18), **Sherry Embrey** (8/19), **Victoria Arnold** (8/21), **Sally Harris** (8/21), **Nessa Ruoff** (8/25), **Angela Detwiler-Auchey** (8/27), **Wanda Martinson** (8/30), **Laura Hotaling** (8/31), and **Tawnya Flores** (8/31).
- For all our Lodge and Chapter members that are **teachers**, it is reminded that your "summer vacation" will terminate at the end of this month! [*Note: all the other members are jealous of your extended time off from the job*]
- Happy 37th Wedding Anniversary to **Roxanne Coles-Matis & John Matis** (8/12) and Happy 45th Wedding Anniversary to **Betty and Terry Pamplin** (8/22).

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

- Please keep our Moose members and families in our prayers for those who have current health or distressed situations; especially:
  … Luther Hodges and Mike Entsminger.

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 our Fraternity member who had passed into the realm of everlasting peace and the Supreme above:
  - Brother Doug Cribben,
  - Brother Gene Kapp, and
  - Achille Rene "Van" Van de Meulebroecke (father of Brother Brian Van de Meulebroecke).

Correction in last month's IN MEMORY
Dorothy Timmons Brown was the longtime companion of Brother Frank Beach.

Governor's Corner

In keeping with the theory of "short & simple" (as there was considerable information that needed to be provided within this Newsletter), I just want to express my appreciation to our members for their time, efforts and generosity in keeping our Fraternity socially active, in providing a harmonious environment, and in implementing every "out-of-the box" ideas and means possible (*sometimes duct tape does work*) to keep the facility operational with minimum costs. **We have the best Moose Lodge in our Community!**

Chapter Award of Achievement
(4th Consecutive Year)

Future Planned Major Social Events
(September – December 2015)

September 7th (MON)
Labor Day Cookout
September 19th
Farewell to Summer Cookout

October 3rd
Youth Awareness Student Congress
October 10th
5th Annual Bill Lewis Chili Cook-Off
October 24th
Children's Halloween Party

November 7th
WOTM Italian Dinner Night
November 26th (THR)
Thanksgiving Family Feast

December 12th
Children's Christmas Party

Note:
Future Dates & Activities at the Year End will be added

Redskins "Calling All Cooks" Sundays

Arlington #1315 wants to continue our successful program of having volunteers offer main dishes to the membership while watching the Washington Redskins games on Sundays in our Lodge during the Regular Season.

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 by August 29, 2015**. The first four games for the Washington Redskins are: Sunday, SEP 13th at 1:00pm against the Miami Dolphins; Sunday, SEP 20th at 1:00pm against the St. Louis Rams; Thursday, SEP 24th at 8:25pm against the New York Giants (*no food to be offered*); and Sunday, OCT 4th at 1:00pm against the Philadelphia Eagles.

Postcard from Moose International Convention

The trip to Nashville, TN took over 10 hours by vehicle transportation; as it was decided that renting two minivans (actually upgraded to SUVs) was cost effective in comparison to air travel. The Arlington Fraternity was represented at the Convention by Billy Hensley, Gregg Cady, John Matis, Andrea Hensley, Donna Field, Roxanne Coles-Matis, and Patti Green-Shupp; all arriving with a "aching buttock" that only visiting the hospitality suites could remedy. Over the three days at the Convention, the representatives attended several Supreme Lodge, WOTM General, & WOTM/LOOM Joint Sessions; as well as a few workshops. Arlington Fraternity milestones at the Convention were Andrea Hensley being conferred into the WOTM College of Regents, Donna Field being conferred as a WOTM Star Recorder, and the Newsletter being recognized as the best publication for Lodges with 201-400 members.

The following are a few items of importance from the Convention:

- The portion of the annual dues to Moose International will increase from the current $34.00 to $40.00 by 2020 (in increments over the five years);
- An on-line Administrator Training course is being implemented; and
- Construction of a new residence hall is currently being designed for Moosehaven that will replace 4 current buildings, in order to provide better medical care.

It is noted that the trip back to Arlington, VA took longer than we want to remember!

Moose Youth Awareness Program Arlington #1315 to Sponsor Association Student Congress on October 3, 2015

Attention: We Need Your Help for the Program

This worthwhile event is coming within two months; therefore, the Lodge is soliciting volunteers and/or possible ideas for presentations in conducting the Youth Awareness Student Congress at our Moose Lodge. Furthermore, we need our members to promote this program by talking to parents of High School students; as it is desired to sponsor more than 5 students in this program. Talk to John Matis or Brian Birtell if you would like to participate in accomplishing a successful program.

You can Pay Moose Dues Online!

Go to Website: **https://secure.mooseintl.org/QuickPay/**

Support the WOTM

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

New Members WANTED!

New Membership Challenge

The 2015-2016 Membership Quota for Arlington #1315 is 37 members

Lodge Repairs/Replacements

FINALLY! After almost two months of practically no air conditioning within the Lodge (got fixed, worked a little bit, failed again, got fixed, worked a little bit … *you get the picture*), it is believed that sufficient repairs have been made for a continuous comfortable environment within the Lodge for the remaining hot weather of the summer. As previously noted in the past monthly Newsletter, the Lodge's air conditioning unit is "ancient" and not many technicians are familiar with the operations/technical knowledge. At first it was thought that a broken seal at the compressor was the cause of the problem; which was fixed and more refrigerant gas was replenished into the system. However, this repair did not last very long and the air conditioning failed again. It was then determined that the entire compressor unit had to be replaced. It should be noted that the Lodge had replaced the compressor only a few years ago … however, *the warranty had expired* and only re-built compressors can be purchased to match our "ancient" air conditioning system. There was a considerable wait time for the delivery of the replacement compressor. A few other items had to also be replaced after the replacement compressor was installed; which further delayed the repair to the air conditioning system.

Billy Hensley came to the rescue again when ice "built-up" on the coils of the cooling unit within the walk-in refrigerator occurred for a second time. Another two thorough cleanings of the coils were performed by Billy; which seems to have resolved the problem. Thank you Billy Hensley!

Earn Points for Helping the Moose Grow & Prosper, Then Redeem Your Points for Valuable Awards, Gifts, and Experiences

An incentive program has been implemented to promote Moose members in remaining in the Moose organization, becoming involved in the leadership of the Lodges/Chapters, and enrolling new members. It's simple – you earn points for sponsoring members, holding an office, attaining a higher degree of the Order, or just renewing your dues. Every member has an opportunity to participate and your points are awarded automatically without any paperwork or submissions. Then you can redeem your awarded points for annual dues, merchandise in the Moose gift store, gifts cards at selected commercial stores, or several other offerings. **The program's official start date was May 1, 2015 and is scheduled to conclude on April 30, 2020**. No activities prior to the start date will be counted towards points earned as previous programs and awards were in place to reward activities.

Details of the program, including what activities earn points and items to redeem the points, are provided in a brochure that can be obtained within the Lodge!

BE SAFE!

Please drink responsibly when attending our events

MOOSE - Build Our Foundation

May 1, 2015 - April 30, 2016

Chapter Award of Achievement
(4th Consecutive Year)

Continue to save BOX TOP$ FOR EDUCATION coupons found on hundreds of General Mill products

WOTM Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 12th

VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting on July 18th

The Arlington Fraternity won the Attendance Trophy for the second consecutive Quarterly Meeting with 27 members at the meeting held at the Franconia Moose Family Center #1076. Besides the election of new Officers for VMA District 4, the meeting basically consisted of the normal District 4 Committee & Lodge/Chapter reports. A noted action in the meeting was to provide donations to several charities supported by the Moose organization. It was also announced that VMA District 4 & Bull Run Moose Legion #185 were hosting a Moose Day with the Nationals on Saturday, September 26th with a portion of the proceeds of every ticket sold going directly to the VMA. Bus transportation was being offered between the Lodges to the game and back.

The attendance Trophy and some of the members who attended the meeting

Your Patience Was Appreciated

The Lodge would like to thank our members for supporting our Social Quarters and events when the air conditioning was being repaired in June & July. Temporary portable "spot coolers" were rented for part of the repair period, but we know there were times the environment became a little uncomfortable and you stayed with us. Your continued involvement is what makes our Lodge and Chapter one of the best. Thank you!

Thank You Members for Your Efforts

(*continued from the July 2015 Newsletter*)

The Newsletter always tries to recognize our members who contribute to the various social events and major repairs; however, there are many "behind the scenes" activities that never get mentioned. Therefore, the fraternity wants to continue to recognize the volunteers this month of those activities that "happen" to keep our fraternity operational for your enjoyment (no names are mentioned as there are many volunteers that perform the noted activities).

- Thank you volunteers who mow the lawn in the backyard, weed the areas around the bushes and flowers at the Lodge road entrance and along the front/sides of the building, and donate/plant flowers at the Lodge road entrance and in the front of the building.
- Thank you volunteers who donate food and other items for our social events.
- Thank you volunteers who make those minor (*and sometimes major repairs*) to keep the appliances, building devices (e.g.: exit sign, lighting) and plumbing operational.
- Thank you volunteers who actively plan and participate in our social activities to make them a success time and time again.
- Thank you volunteers who conduct and provide necessary documentation for the Queen of Hearts raffle.
- Thank you volunteers who assist in creating and putting up the monthly wall calendar within the Social Quarters.

Support the Local Fire Department

Support the Boy Scouts of America

Support Our Local Police Department

The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner

There was an increase in attendance at the July meeting, as there were 9 Legion members (including 1 former member that re-enrolled) and 5 guests. The Committee decided that activities will be conducted to raise funds for the purchasing of an ice making machine to be installed behind the bar within the Smoking Area of the Social Quarters; however, activities to be sponsored by the Committee where not determined at this time. Furthermore, the Legion members agreed to assist in operating a racing game at the Fish Fry Revisited social event that will raise endowment funds for the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge. A thank you is extended to Tom Oderwald, Ralph Phillips, and John Matis for donating the food that was offered at the meeting (meatball subs). Tom Oderwald is recognized for cooking the meatballs and sauce.

The Moose Legion Committee wants to thank all the members and guests who provided a donation to the Moose Legion Committee at the meeting.

WOTM Volunteers and some participants for the Cakewalk at the Bull Roast

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.: a trip to a casino, 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

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