



**Adopting 2 Families for Christmas**

The Lodge has adopted 2 local families, through the charity organization Our Daily Bread, to assist them in celebrating the Christmas holiday like everyone else. These families are suffering economically and the Lodge is hoping that our members will extend kindness and generosity to the children and adults by donating presents or food for their Christmas dinner. The Lodge will be receiving the information about the families (sex, ages, and clothing sizes) at the beginning of December, and we will provide this information to our membership through our weekly communications emails. There will be a collection box within the Social Quarters for your donations.

**Who is the 2015  
"Moose of the Year" for  
Arlington #1315?**

*Announcement on Page 8*



**Phase 1 of the Work  
Associated with the Approved  
Grant from Moose International  
has been Completed!**

*Details are provided on Page 10*



**What do you do if, during a major disaster, you call 9-1-1 and no one responds?**

Our members can learn to help themselves by attending classes on a weekly basis beginning in February 16, 2016 at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge ... and it is free!

*Details are provided on Page 10*

**Upcoming Social  
Events**  
*(details on Page 2  
& Page 3)*

- December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Green Cap  
Celebration:  
Honoring  
Elizabeth Coombs
- December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Moose Legion  
Pancake Breakfast
- December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Children's  
Christmas Party
- December 24<sup>th</sup> (THU)**  
Salute to Christmas
- December 31<sup>st</sup> (THU)**  
New Year's Eve  
Gathering

**Other Future  
Planned Events  
listed on Page 9**



**Happy Holidays**  
to all members within the  
**Moose Fraternity!**



**Happy Hanukkah**  
*from December 6<sup>th</sup> thru December 14<sup>th</sup>*



**VMA District 4  
Quarterly Meeting  
at Centreville  
Moose Lodge  
#2168**

**January 9, 2016**  
*Details on Page 7*

**Bull Run  
Legion #185  
Winter Celebration  
at Arlington #1315  
Moose Lodge**

**January 16, 2016**

**2016 Mid-Year  
Conference for VA  
Moose  
Association**

**January 21 –  
January 23, 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**



**Un-  
Oktoberfest  
(German Food  
Feast)**



**January 30,  
2016**

**DECEMBER  
EVENT**



**Green Cap Celebration  
Honoring Elizabeth Coombs  
Saturday, December 5, 2015  
(Begins at 2:00pm)**

Attend the Arlington Chapter celebration to honor Elizabeth Coombs for receiving her Green Cap at the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Moose Association Convention in August. The Arlington Chapter had many accomplishments with her guidance as the Senior Regent from May 2014 to April 2015. Refreshments will be served.

**Thank you Liz for all your hard work!**



**Moose Legion Breakfast  
Sunday, December 6, 2015  
(10:00am – 1:00pm)**

As the menu has increased in variety since August, the word “pancake” has been deleted from the event title. The food offering will be at least two types of pancakes, heated maple syrup, sausage patties, scrambled eggs, fruit salad, coffee, orange juice and a minimum of one “surprise” food item. Why not start this Sunday with a hearty all-you-can-eat breakfast (\$8.00 per adult) and stay afterwards at the Lodge to watch the NFL games.

**DECEMBER  
EVENT**

**DECEMBER  
EVENT**



**Children’s Christmas Party  
Saturday, December 12, 2015  
12:00pm (Noon) – 2:00pm**

We hope that all the children have been good this past year (*and not naughty*) because Santa is coming to our Lodge at this event and he will have a gift for each child in attendance! Lunch will be provided at the start of the event for the children; menu was not determined prior to publication. There will probably be some crafts and games to entertain the children; however, the activity with Santa Claus usually takes an extended portion of time in the event. Parents are encouraged to take memorable pictures of their children with Santa, and the Lodge will also be taking pictures to place on the Arlington website. **Please sign up those children who plan to attend, either in person at the Lodge or call (703) 820-9345 by December 5<sup>th</sup>.** It is important that you provide the name of the child and his/her age. Sorry, walk-ins cannot be accommodated for this event.

**We Support our Local Neighbors**

As information to our Fraternity members, the Lodge provides the banquet/ritual hall and the fireplace area rent free to the local community associations for their monthly and quarterly meetings.

**Next Moose Legion Committee Meeting on Thursday,  
December 10<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm  
WOTM members are Welcome to attend  
Pot luck food provided by the Legionnaires will be offered after  
the Meeting**

Arlington #1315  
Board of Officers  
2015-2016

**Governor**

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Gregg Cady

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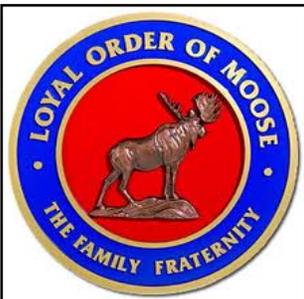
Tim Nields

**Outer Guard**

Steve Sisson

**Inner Guard**

Ernie Halal



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**

Gwendolyn Collins

**Assistant Guide**

Josefina Ortiz

DECEMBER  
EVENT

Salute to Christmas  
on December 24, 2015



Staying in town for the Holidays? Then stop by at the Lodge for a **complementary drink** to celebrate the spirit of the season on **Christmas Eve** (between 5:00pm – 8:00pm). Complementary food offerings will also be provided. Let Santa Clause do all the work this evening while you sit back and relax. **Ho! Ho! Ho!**

Third-Annual Member Retention Week

As noted in the November 2015 Newsletter, three events were provided during the Member Retention Week (November 1-7, 2015) for the enjoyment of our members and to entice expired/dropped members to reconsider coming back to the Arlington Fraternity. The three events were the Moose Legion Pancake Breakfast (1-Nov), Membership Appreciation Pizza Party (1-Nov), and the WOTM Italian Dinner (7-Nov). Refer to the separate articles of each event for details. A thank you is extended to those members that introduced themselves to the “new faces” visiting the Lodge and for answering any questions.



Italian Dinner Night on November 7<sup>th</sup>

Grazie! Grazie! The only word that comes to mind for this event is **DELIZIOSO!** An Italian buffet, sponsored by the Arlington Chapter #1253, was enjoyed by 40 members and guests.



In supporting the belief of “Non si vive di solo pane” (*translation: One does not live by bread alone*), the menu consisted of Il primo: green salad, Minestrone soup & Italian bread; Il secondo: sausage & meat Lasagna, spaghetti & meatballs, spinach-filled shells with a choice of red or white sauce, & Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo; AND Il dolce: “Billy-misu”, cannoli, cheese cake, macaroons & tiramisu. All food items were home-made ... no Chef Boyardee cans or Ragu jars would be found! The WOTM extends a thank you to Nessa Ruoff, Andrea Hensley, Billy Hensley, Liz Coombs, Tommy Oderwald, Donna Field, Rose Russo, Nora Rodas, Anna Phillips, and Ralph Phillips for being a volunteer “CHEF” and/or contributing in this event.

Thank You Brian Birtell for the Weekly Communications Emails

Your efforts are very much appreciated in providing the “current” news of our fraternity on a weekly basis (even if the humor is a little “lame” sometimes). **Thank you Brian!** If any member is not getting the weekly emails, please provide your email address.



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

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

Pun of the Month

The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison was a ... small medium at large.



**Issue: 2015-12  
Newsletter  
Contributions**

**Editor**  
John Matis

**Writers**  
Nessa Ruoff  
John Matis

**Proofreading**  
Liz Coombs

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



**Andre McFail**  
**LOOM Volunteer  
of the Quarter  
(July –  
September 2015)**



**Kim Akers**  
**WOTM Volunteer  
of the Quarter  
(July –  
September 2015)**

**Chinese New  
Year  
Celebration**



**Saturday,  
February 6<sup>th</sup>**



**Pancake Breakfast Sponsored by Moose Legion  
Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

The word is spreading that the Arlington Moose Legion provides a first class pancake breakfast! This event had the most success to date; as there were 36 members, guests and children that participated in eating the delicious breakfast offering. There were the “standard” pancakes (plain and chocolate chip) with warmed maple syrup, sausage patties, fruit salad, scrambled eggs, toast, coffee & orange juice. Then as promised, there was not one but five surprised food offerings consisting of a seasonal pumpkin flavored pancake with maple syrup & walnuts, bacon strips, potato home fries (with green peppers & onions), crispy “puffs”, and two types of Danish breakfast cakes. AND to make the breakfast offering even better, a Kugel (egg, noodle, & cream cheese casserole) was donated by WOTM member Cindy Nitzky and a corned beef hash casserole was donated by WOTM member Donna Helfin. No one left this event hungry (as a matter of fact several attendees said that they ate too much)! It should be noted that Brian Van de Meulebroecke, the main organizer of the Pancake Breakfast events, could not participate in this event due to other personal priorities but provided many hours of instructions/worries that this event would be successful.

The Arlington Moose Legion wants to extend a thank you to the breakfast chefs of Luis Cruz, John Webb, Tom Oderwald, David Evert, Joyce Chaffin, & Phyllis Hamilton; to Cindy Nitzky & Donna Heflin for preparing/donating a “special” food item for the event; to Anna Phillips, Ralph Phillips, Liz Coombs, and John Matis for purchasing and/or donating items for the special beverages and food items in this event; to Joyce Chaffins and Anna Phillips for preparing/serving the special beverages, and to all those individuals who provided their effort in the cleanup after the event (lots of pots and pans needed to be scrubbed).

It is noted that this event was one of three activities within the Third-Annual Member Retention Week and two former Arlington #1315 members whose membership expired attended and re-enrolled into the Moose Fraternity. **The Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge would like to extend a renewed welcome to Larry Hite and David Feld for re-enrolling into the Arlington Fraternity!**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Drawing by Powerhouse Gaming**

Congratulations to Steve Sisson for winning the Fourth Quarter Promotional “Treasure Chest” Drawing sponsored by Powerhouse Gaming, and to Tom Oderwald and Dan Harris in winning the consolation prizes offered by the Moose Lodge.

**No Queen of Hearts Raffle on Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
(very low membership at Lodge on this holiday in past years)**



**“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!**



**WOTM  
Valentine  
Dinner**



**February 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Super Bowl  
Party**

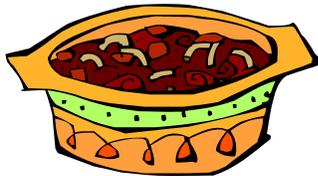


**February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Fish Fry  
Revisited  
No. 8**



**February 27<sup>th</sup>**



**Casserole Cook-Off on November 21<sup>st</sup>**

The message from Chick-fil-A must have finally implanted into the minds of our members, as there were no beef in any of the six casserole entries of the cook-off. About 30 members and guests that attended this event enjoyed wine chicken casserole, over-loaded chicken potato casserole, Mexican chicken casserole, chicken goulash & cheese casserole, Tossicia chicken casserole, and stuffed cornbread casserole. There must have been a great sale for chicken at the grocery stores prior to the cook-off.

Congratulations to the following casserole cook-off winners: **1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Anna Phillips, **2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Gwendolyn Collins, & **3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - Elizabeth Coombs. The Arlington Fraternity extends a thank you to the three winners and to Joyce Chaffins, Rose Russo, and Judith York for showing off their culinary talents and participating in the cook-off event. It has to be asked ... *did no male member enter the cook-off because a casserole cannot be cooked on a grille?*



Members who provided a casserole entry in the Casserole Cook-Off



Winners of the Casserole Cook-off

**Thank You Joe Russo for the Arlington #1315 Website**

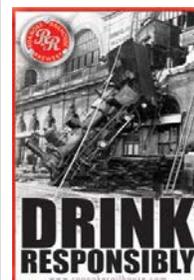
If case you are not aware, Joe Russo is the Web Master of the Arlington #1315 website and we want to thank him for all the efforts in its maintenance and keeping it up-to-date. The website has not won any awards ... but all the information that our members need to know about our Lodge & Chapter (e.g.: activities, Newsletters, pictures) can be found on this communications media. It is another way to keep our membership informed on "what is going on"! **Thank you Joe!** Refer to [www.arlington1315.org](http://www.arlington1315.org)

**Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members**

- ▶ Larry Hite (re-enrolled) ▶ Frank Feld (re-enrolled) ▶ Dennis Delaney
- ▶ Carlos Perez ▶ Keith Scott ▶ Belaymejh Goodwin ▶ Cindy Hasiak
- ▶ Meredith Voss (re-enrolled)



**Moose  
of the  
Month**



**Please drink  
responsibly  
during the  
Holiday  
Season**



Chapter  
Award of  
Achievement  
(4<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year)

**Watch  
Washington  
Redskin  
Games at the  
Lodge**

Regular Season  
December 2015

- MON, DEC 7  
@ 8:30pm  
Dallas Cowboys  
(HOME)
- SUN, DEC 13  
@ 1:00pm  
Chicago Bears  
(AWAY)
- SUN, DEC 20  
@ 1:00pm  
Buffalo Bill  
(HOME)
- SAT, DEC 26  
@ 8:25pm  
Philadelphia Eagles  
(AWAY)



**Redskins “Calling All Cooks” Sundays**

Arlington #1315 continued having volunteers offer main dishes to the membership while watching the Washington Redskins games on Sundays at our Lodge in the month of November. **Christina Davies-Tribble & John Tribble** provided tacos for the New England Patriots game. The following week, **John Matis** provided two types of chili & **Joyce Chaffins** provided hot dogs and spaghetti noodles (to create Cincinnati chili-mac) for the GREAT victory by the Redskins over the New Orleans Saints. Next came that “no-mercy clawing to shreds” game from the Carolina Panthers; which was played the day after the Casserole Cook-Off ... *so the remaining delicious casserole entries* were offered. The New York Giants game will be addressed in the January Newsletter.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS in making the games bearable to watch; with us never knowing which team will show up ... the good or the “ugly”. Based on past experience this season, if the Redskins are not at home there is a 99% chance that they will lose! **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.** It is noted that several members have already provided two food offerings in the past twelve weeks ... *we need other members to volunteer to contribute.*

**Homeward Trails Animal Rescue**

A thank you is extended to **Sue Cummings** for suggesting and volunteering to be responsible for the collection of blankets and towels in support of the Homeward Trails Animal Rescue. The organization provided a letter, placed on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Social Quarters, thanking our efforts for comforting the cats & dogs at their facility. We were not counting but ... **10 large garbage bags** of towels and blankets were donated from the Arlington Fraternity. WOW!

**Show Your Team  
Pride Promotion**

If you bring in a mug with your favorite football team shown on the mug between 1:00pm to 4:00pm on Saturday and Sunday (during the football season), you can get it filled with a draft beer for \$2.00.



**Enjoy a tall cold draft beer at a discount price while supporting your team (or any other team)!**

**Sports Mug Weekends**

**First Day of Winter  
December 22, 2015**



**Thank You  
Members for the  
Blanket & Towel  
Donations to  
Homeward Trails Animal  
Rescue**



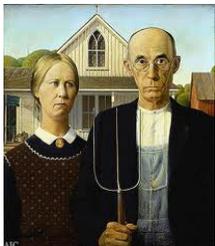


St. Patrick's Party



Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

Down Home Pot Luck



Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

WOTM Children's Easter Party



Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>



Plan to Attend the VA Moose Association District 4 Quarterly Meeting on January 9, 2016

The Arlington Fraternity has won the attendance trophy at the last two consecutive VMA District 4 Quarterly Meetings ... **therefore**, if our fraternity has the most members in attendance at the next VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting in the Centreville Lodge on January 9, 2016, we will PERMANENTLY keep a THIRD attendance trophy. Our fraternity will not have a bus to take our members to this meeting (like in October); but the distance from our Lodge to the meeting is only 27 miles ... *which is an enjoyable ride for carpools*. The time for the General Membership Meeting is 11:00am. The Arlington Fraternity is counting on our membership to continue the only inter-fraternity activity we are GREAT at ... attending VMA District 4 meetings which require no physical/sports talents. Furthermore, a complementary lunch will be provided after the meeting for those that attend.

December 11-13, 2015  
from 6PM - 9PM



The official site of the National D-Day Memorial is located in Bedford, Virginia, and during the holiday season, thousands of luminaries will shine at this memorial to honor those 4,413 American men that sacrificed their lives at this battle to keep freedom in our Country. The luminaries can be purchased in honor or memory of anyone, D-Day veteran or not. **Arlington #1315 is proud to announce that a donation has been given for the purchase of 6 luminaries.** Refer to Website [www.dday.org](http://www.dday.org) for more information.



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. **Ernie Halal** was the winner of the November 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!**



Brochure of Program in the Social Quarters

Nominate a Lodge & Chapter Member for Volunteer of the Quarter

(October – December 2015)



Deadline is December 31, 2015  
And remember to nominate a Youth Organization of the Quarter



**Watch  
Washington  
Capitals at the  
Lodge**

**Regular Season  
In December 2015**

- THU, DEC 3 (A)  
Montreal Canadiens
- SAT, DEC 5 (A)  
Winnipeg Jets
- TUE, DEC 8 (H)  
Detroit Red Wings
- THU, DEC 10 (A)  
Florida Panthers
- SAT, DEC 12 (A)  
Tampa Bay  
Lightning
- MON, DEC 14 (A)  
Pittsburgh Penguins
- WED, DEC 16 (H)  
Ottawa Senators
- FRI, DEC 18 (H)  
Tampa Bay  
Lightning
- SUN, DEC 20 (A)  
New York Rangers
- MON, DEC 21 (A)  
Carolina Hurricanes
- SAT, DEC 26 (H)  
Montreal Canadiens
- MON, DEC 28 (A)  
Buffalo Sabres
- WED, DEC 30 (H)  
Buffalo Sabres
- THU, DEC 31 (A)  
Carolina Hurricanes



**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](mailto:jimatis@cox.net)].

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Happy Birthday to Lodge members **Russell Anderson** (12/02), **Paul Gillard** (12/4), **Andrew Roesch** (12/6), **Charles Cowing** (12/7), **Thomas Bacon** (12/8), **Larry Hite** (12/9), **Martin Matthews** (12/9), **Lloyd Johnston, Jr.** (12/12), **Leonard Poland** (12/14), **Dan Broehl** (12/16), **George Pinn Sr.** (12/17), **Tim Miller** (12/22), **Ralph Phillips** (12/22), **Chris Colley** (12/28), **Brian Abel** (12/29), **Scott Green** (12/30), and **Joseph Jones** (12/31).
- Happy Birthday to Chapter members **Barbara Palencia** (12/4), **Kathleen Redditt** (12/5), **Roxanne Coles-Matis** (12/7), **Wendy Sharpe** (12/7), **Martha Johnson** (12/13), **April Webb** (12/13), **Yolanda Sabines** (12/17), **Linda Cahill** (12/17), **Phyllis Hamilton** (12/18), **Pamela Cameron** (12/25), **Sue Jennings** (12/27), and **Donna Field** (12/30).
- Congratulations to the Ziegler Family for the birth of Jackson Ziegler.
- Congratulations to Judith and Jim York in celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on November 26, 2015.

**SICKNESS and DISTRESS:**

- Please keep our Moose members and families in our prayers for those who have current health or distressed situations; especially Rosa Lee Clegg & Norman Harris.

***Congratulations - Andre McFail***  
**Arlington #1315 "Moose of the Year"**

Andre is always willing to assist in the Social events, which includes a supporting role on the grille. As a Trustee he has taken the responsibility to ensure that the beverage inventories occur each month. Furthermore, Andre gladly helps our bartenders in stocking the beverage and ice coolers at the bar, and any other necessary tasks that need to be accomplished during the operations of the Social Quarters. Andre is one of the active "younger generation" of members in the Arlington #1315 eager to ensure that the Lodge is the "best in our community".



***Thank you Andre; we appreciate your contributions!***

**Arlington #1315 Lodge  
sponsored a "snowflake"**



**MOOSE - Build Our Foundation**  
May 1, 2015 - April 30, 2016



Chapter  
Award of  
Achievement  
(4<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year)



**Membership Appreciation  
November 1<sup>st</sup>**

It was a great turnout of an estimated 25 members that attended this event for the five “flavors” of Papa John’s pizza (we splurged a little bit and offered more than just plain and pepperoni). It has to be repeated that the efforts of all our Arlington Fraternity members to provide successful social events and keep the Lodge operational is very much appreciated!

**2015-2016 College  
Football Playoffs**

**Playoff Semifinals  
December 31, 2015**

- ★ Cotton Bowl
- ★ Orange Bowl



**College Football  
Championship Game**

Monday,  
**January 11, 2016**  
Glendale, AZ

**Future Planned  
Major Social  
Events  
(January – March 2016)**

**January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Bull Run Legion  
#185 Winter  
Celebration/  
Conferral

**January 30<sup>th</sup>**

Un-Oktoberfest

**February 6<sup>th</sup>**

Chinese New Year  
Celebration

**February 7<sup>th</sup> (SUN)**

Super Bowl Party

**February 13<sup>th</sup>**

WOTM Valentine  
Dinner

**February 27<sup>th</sup>**

Fish Fry Revisited

**March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Down Home Pot  
Luck

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**

St. Patrick’s  
Party

**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Children’s Easter  
Party

**March 26<sup>th</sup>**

March Madness  
Potluck Tailgate  
Party

**Note:**  
**Dates & Activities  
subject to change**

**Rooms at Hilton Alexandria Mark Center  
for Bull Run Moose Legion #185  
Winter Conferral/Celebration**

Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>  
Room Rate = \$109.00/night    Parking = \$14.00/day  
Reservation: (703) 845-2643  
Mention “Arlington #1315 Moose Legion”



**Youth Awareness Program**

It is our understanding that our sponsored student within this program has decided on a topic for his KidTalk presentations and is researching information. The Arlington Fraternity knows that normal studies and sport activities (e.g.: football and wrestling) in High School are the main concerns of our sponsored student; however, we express our appreciation in his agreement to participate in the program and offer our services to help him in any way we can to complete the requirements to be considered to represent the Commonwealth of Virginia at the Moose International Student Congress in Williamsburg, VA in the spring of 2016.

**Arlington #1315 to Host the Bull Run Legion #185  
Winter Celebration/Conferral on  
Saturday, January 16, 2016**



**Senior Regent’s Message**

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Kwanza! If I missed anyone’s holiday I apologize. I hope all of you have had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

The Women of the Moose have a couple of exciting events going on in the month of December. On December 5th at 2:00pm Elizabeth Coombs is holding her Ways & Means/Green Cap Committee Meeting; we are so proud of her Achievements. Then, on December 12th at 12:00pm (noon) we are having our Children’s Christmas Party with Santa; there will lots of food, fun and toys for all the girls and boys.

Please try to attend our meetings. Meetings are always the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Our December meeting are December 1st and December 15<sup>th</sup>. Have a wonderful rest of 2015!

Fraternally, Nessa Ruoff



**Lodge Repairs/Replacements**  
 The cold weather finally hit our area and we turned on the heat; however, as usual nothing is easy in the Lodge. The company that installed the new compressor provided the necessary winterization for the air conditioning system. However, it was discovered that the boiler for the heat needed to be cleaned and a thermocouple needed to be replaced. A thank you is extended to Mike Carey and Billy Hensley for providing the necessary actions to get the heating system operational.

**Concrete Walkways of Both Entrances to Social Quarters have been replaced under the Approved MI Grant**  
 During the period of November 9<sup>th</sup> thru November 16<sup>th</sup> both front concrete walkways of the Lodge had been replaced. The work was performed by Ralph Bowes Construction Company and will be paid by Moose International (MI) under the 2015-2016 Supreme Council Grant Program. The next task in the approved grant for improving the "curb appeal" of the Arlington Lodge is to purchase a canopy for the main entrance to the Social Quarters; which is projected to be ordered through a contractor by the end of this year. It is noted that the canopy will probably not be installed by the members of our Lodge (as agreed in the approved grant) until the spring time when the weather will again be warmer.

The Arlington Fraternity greatly appreciates Moose International contributing to the improvement of our Lodge. Our Moose organization "ROCKS OUR WORLD"!

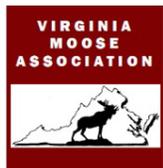


**March 26<sup>th</sup>**  
  
 March Madness  
 Potluck  
 Tailgate Party

  
**Continue to save BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION coupons**

**New Arlington #1315 Annual LOOM Membership Fee of \$45.00 began in September**

**Fairfax County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class at Arlington #1315**  
 The Arlington #1315 was requested and approved the use of our facilities to conduct 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. Besides being a community service offering for our community; the activity being offered is free for our members to attend this training class. This CERT training is a low-impact way to learn how to prepare for and respond to disasters that is provided by experienced instructors from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and CERT volunteers; which includes skills in fire suppression, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. The proposed schedule for the training program is classroom instructions on seven Wednesday nights (3 hours each) with "hands-on" activities in the morning of two (2) Saturdays. Further details to be provided in the January 2016 Newsletter and the weekly Communications Corner emails. You never know when an earthquake or major storm can happen that produces mass casualties ... be prepared!

 **2016 Mid-Year Conference for VA Moose Association**  
**January 21<sup>st</sup> – January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**  
**Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel**  
**777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510**



Chapter  
Award of  
Achievement  
(4<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year)

**Just a  
Reminder**



The winter  
holidays are  
coming up  
fast!!  
(less than 25  
shopping days  
left)

Support the  
WOTM



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



**Governor's Corner**

As the leader of the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge, I have to apologize for the limited special social activities being offered in January 2016 for our fraternity members; but we have to concentrate our efforts to accommodate Moose organization requirements ... e.g.: projected attendance of our members at the VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting and the attendance of several of our officers at the VMA Mid-Year Conference. HOWEVER, this does not prevent our fraternity members from enjoying the Social Quarters without a scheduled activity!

I personally want to thank the Arlington Fellow Degree Moose Members who attended the Fellowship Meeting on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. This was another milestone for our fraternity in getting back to the "business" ways of the Moose organization.

The holidays always seem to bring out kindness and a desire to help "our fellow members of mankind". I believe that the Arlington Fraternity goes beyond this presumption with year-round friendliness towards guests, visiting members of other Moose Lodges, and especially each other within the membership of our Lodge. We ARE the "Friendly Moose Lodge"! Let's keep up this great reputation by always providing a warm welcome to others within our Lodge.

*Have a safe and joyous holiday!*



**Goal: Obtain Premiere Lodge Award in 2016**

**Current Arlington #1315 Membership Status**

As of November 23, 2015:

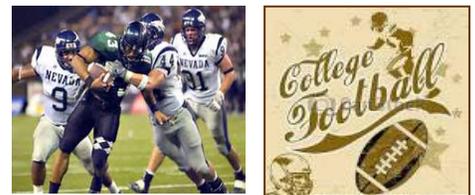
04/30/15	Current			Expired	Dropped
<u>Members</u>	<u>Active Members</u>	<u>Difference</u>		<u>46</u>	<u>29</u>
<b>260</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>+2</b>			

**New Members since April 30, 2015: 15** (As of November 23, 2015)



Arlington #1315 Fellow Degree members  
Terry Pamplin, Chuck Warrington,  
Luther Hodges, & Frank Beach

**Watch the College Football  
Bowl Games at the Moose  
Lodge**



**Beginning  
Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**



*Making a difference in the lives of children and seniors*

**Give Generously!**

**Moose Lodge**



The Arlington Fraternity is FAMILY and we Welcome Everyone who Visits our Lodge



**League of Guardians**

Did you know that a very special group of Moose Members are recognized for their annual giving (\$1000 and up) to Moose Charities? And as you know, all the donations are in support of Mooseheart (The Child City & School) and Moosehaven (The City of Contentment). Donations from each spouse count towards membership in the League of Guardians.

Moose Charities recognize this exceptional group with a Guardian lapel pin, an invitation to the annual League of Guardians Recognition Dinner (at the Annual Moose International Convention), and a limited edition custom crystal award.



**Thanksgiving Family Feast at the Lodge**

The Plymouth Colony would have been proud of our reenactment of their “harvest festival”; as we had over 40 members and guests attend our Thanksgiving Family Feast which included a few Moose Members from other local Lodges. Everyone enjoyed turkey (there were 5; each between 20-28 lbs.), Three different types of stuffing/dressing, gravy, large ham (22 lbs.), green bean casserole, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes (yams), cranberry sauce, corn pudding, salad, deviled eggs, various seasonal pies, and probably some other dishes that could not be remembered by those members interviewed for this event. We are 100% sure that no one who attended this feast left hungry; with some having to open their belts a few notches!

The Lodge wants to thank our Master “Pilgrim Cooks” Billy Hensley and Joyce Chaffins, with a supporting cast of Elizabeth Coombs, Anna Phillips, Chuck Berge, and Ralph Phillips. In addition, the Lodge would like to thank Tracy Moe and Melinda “Mimi” Arpa for each bringing a food offering to this gathering. Furthermore, the Lodge would like to thank all those members and guests who performed the clean-up after this event ... as you can imagine, all the offered food required many, many pots and pans to be cleaned and it took considerable time to package the food leftovers. All these volunteers made a memorable Holiday for our members and guests.



The many “chefs” at the Moose Legion Committee Pancake Breakfast on November 1<sup>st</sup> (left to right) Dave Evert, John Webb, Luis Cruz, Joyce Chaffins & Phyllis Hamilton

**Additional Last Minute Noted Lodge Repair/Replacement**

The Lodge wants to thank Billy Hensley for painting the ventilation grille ceiling wallboard structure and associated grilles in the Smoking Bar Area that was constructed during Lodge Clean-Up Day in September.

*As the Year Comes to An End ... the Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all our members for their efforts throughout the past year in being an active organization that supports family, Mooseheart & Moosehaven, and the local communities.*

**Watch  
Washington  
Wizards at  
the Lodge**

**Regular Season  
In December 2015**

- TUE, DEC 1 (A)  
Cleveland Cavaliers
- WED, DEC 2 (H)  
Los Angeles Lakers
- FRI, DEC 4 (H)  
Phoenix Suns
- SUN, DEC 8 (H)  
Dallas Mavericks
- MON, DEC 7 (A)  
Miami Heat
- WED, DEC 9 (H)  
Houston Rockets
- FRI, DEC 11 (A)  
New Orleans Pelicans
- SAT, DEC 12 (A)  
Dallas Mavericks
- MON, DEC 14 (A)  
Memphis Grizzlies
- WED, DEC 16 (A)  
San Antonio Spurs
- SAT, DEC 19 (H)  
Charlotte Hornets
- MON, DEC 21 (H)  
Sacramento Kings
- WED, DEC 23 (H)  
Memphis Grizzlies
- SAT, DEC 26 (A)  
Brooklyn Nets
- MON, DEC 28 (H)  
Los Angeles Clippers
- WED, DEC 30 (A)  
Toronto Raptors



**Warning!  
The snow is  
coming ...  
know your  
health  
limitations!**



**The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner**

The Arlington Moose Legion had a GREAT fund raiser with their Pancake Breakfast on November 1, 2015; refer to separate Newsletter article. A thank you is extended to Donna Heflin for her generous donation to the Moose Legion Committee in honor of Bill Lewis who would have been 80 this year.

It is encouraged that LOOM members consider joining the Moose Legion as another way to contribute in the support of the Moose Lodge. The basic requirement is to be an active member for one year and attend a Moose Legion Conferral after submitting an application. AND this is an opportune time to join, since the next Conferral will be at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge on January 16, 2016 (you do not have to travel).

**Tentative Schedule for Bull Run Moose Legion #185 at Winter Celebration/Conferral on January 16, 2016**

Open to the Arlington Fraternity

- 8:00am – 10:00am Buffet Breakfast  
(sponsored by the Arlington Moose Legion Committee)
- 12:00pm – 2:00pm Lunch  
(sponsored by WOTM Chapter #1253)

Open to Legionnaire Members

- 4:00pm - 5:00pm Moose Legion Conferral Ceremony
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm Cocktail Hour  
(sponsored by the Arlington Moose Legion Committee)
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm Dinner Banquet  
(sponsored by Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge)
- 7:00pm – 11:00pm Entertainment (Koolerators)

***Dependent upon Legionnaire attendance;  
entertainment could be open to the Arlington Fraternity***

**You can Pay Moose Dues Online!**

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

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](mailto:jjmatis@cox.net)

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