



Happy Holidays
to all members within the
Moose Fraternity!

Watch the
College Football Bowl Games
at the Lodge



Happy Hanukkah

from December 24th thru January 1st



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

- December 3rd**
Green Cap Celebration for Nessa Ruoff
- December 4th**
Legion Breakfast
- December 10th**
WOTM Children Christmas Party
- December 24th**
Salute to Christmas

Future Social Events on Page 9



Adopting 2 Families for Christmas

The Arlington Fraternity will be adopting 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. This event will be organized by Brian Birtell and Liz Coombs.

There will be a collection box within the Social Quarters for your donations.



Happy Hour Beginning January 2, 2017
Monday – Thursday (4pm – 8pm)

In order to encourage more members to come to the Lodge during the evenings on Monday thru Thursday, a discount will be offered for all bottled beers and for mugs of draft beers.

Details are displayed within the Social Quarters.



Happy Kwanzaa



Begins
December 26

Need a Gift for Your Pet? See Page 3 for a Special Offering



Winter Begins



December 21

Christmas



December 25



**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

**Dinner Every
Friday
Night
6pm-8pm
\$10 per person**

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

**Thank You
Veterans!**



**For Everything
You Do
For Our
Country**

**DECEMBER
EVENT**



**Green Cap Celebration
Honoring Nessa Ruoff
Saturday, December 3rd (12:30pm - 2:30pm)**

Attend the Arlington Chapter celebration to honor Nessa Ruoff for receiving her Green Cap at the 79th Annual Virginia Moose Association Convention in August. The Arlington Chapter had many accomplishments with her guidance as the Senior Regent from May 2015 to April 2016. Refreshments will be served.

Thank you Nessa for all your hard work!



**Moose Legion Breakfast
Sunday, December 4th
(10:00am – 1:00pm)**

Start the holiday season right by enjoying a “fulfilling” breakfast on a Sunday morning before you venture into the hustle-n-bustle commercial world of buying those needed presents. It’s an all-you-can-eat breakfast (\$8.00/adult) with made-to-order eggs (any type including omelets), pancakes, French toasts, sausage, bacon, fruit salad, coffee, orange juice, and a minimum of one “surprise” food item. And if you’re too stuffed after eating to go shopping ... you can always stay at the Lodge to watch the NFL games.

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**Children’s Christmas Party
Saturday, December 10th
12:30pm – 2:30pm**



Santa will take time from his busy schedule and visit our Lodge to get last minute gift requests from the children and provide an early present to each (assuming that they have been good this past year). Lunch will be provided at the start of the event for the children; menu was not determined prior to publication. There will be some activities 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 4th.** It is important that you provide the name of the child and his/her age.

**** Sorry, walk-ins cannot be accommodated for this event ****



**Food Offered at the Lodge
while Watching the Sunday
NFL Games (1:00pm – 6:00pm)**

Watch your favorite team play on Sundays at the Lodge while enjoying your favorite beverage and some snacks being offered by the Arlington Moose Legion Committee.



Menu varies each week

Boxing Day



December 26

**Arlington #1315
Board of Officers
2016-2017**

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**DECEMBER
EVENT**



**Salute to Christmas
on December 24th**

Staying in town for the Holidays? Then stop by 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!**



Dog Biscuits Offered for Donations in December

Sue Jennings has volunteered to make “home-made” pet biscuits to be offered to our membership for a donation. What a great holiday gift to include a treat to your pet in the holiday spirit! One hundred percent of the donations will be sent to Moosehaven as a contribution to their residents to assist in the expenses of their pets. A unique idea by Sue Jennings in fulfilling another way to meet our obligation to support Moosehaven. Thank you Sue Jennings!
Note: *A limited quantity is being offered so do not delay in getting a pet treat.*

**The Supreme Governor to Visit Virginia
in February 2017**

It has been officially announced that Franz R. “Fritz” Griswold, the Supreme Governor of the Loyal Order of Moose, will be making a four day visitation to the Commonwealth of Virginia beginning Wednesday, February 11, 2017. Currently, the a visit to the Arlington Fraternity is not included in his itinerary; however, an informal discussion with one of the Virginia Deputy Supreme Governors has suggested that we could be included as a “drop by”. We will provide additional information to our members as further details become known.



**Arlington WOTM
Chapter #1253
Board of Officers
2016-2017**

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Coles-Matis

Junior Regent

Julie Parkhurst

Jr. Graduate Regent

Nessa Ruoff

Secretary/Treasurer

Donna Field

Recorder

Elizabeth Coombs

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Assistant Guide

Patti Rodas

**Help to Welcome a Visit by Dale City Moose Family Center #2165
Saturday, December 17th around 12:00pm (Noon)**



A bus trip is planned by the members of the Dale City Fraternity to Arlington Cemetery in the morning of Saturday, December 17th to lay wreaths on grave sites. It has been coordinated that they will be making a detour on the way back home to make a short stop at our Lodge. **It would be nice to have a considerable amount of our members at the Lodge to provide a warm welcome when they visit.** The Arlington Fraternity does not have a social event on this day; however, the NCAA Football Bowl Games start on this date so there will be many games to watch on our televisions within the Social Quarters. Take some time from your busy personal schedule and enjoy the comradery of one of our neighbor Moose members.



**Nominate a Lodge &
Chapter Member
for Volunteer of the
Quarter**

(October – December 2016)

Deadline is December 31, 2016

**Cannot Procrastinate Much
Longer**



**The BIG Day is
coming up fast!!**

(less than 24 shopping
days left)



Chapter Award of Achievement
(5th Consecutive Year)

Issue: 2016-12 Newsletter Contributions

Editor

John Matis

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Roxanne Coles-Matis
Gregg Cady
John Matis

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Liz Coombs

Volunteers are needed for future articles for the Newsletters

Are You a Veteran?



Tell Us! We Want to Know

Free WiFi at Lodge



WOTM Italian Dinner - November 5th

Momma Mia! As the Italians believe, food solves everything ... so *we probably could have solved all the world's problems if only we had stopped eating!*

There were over 25 members and guests that enjoyed the home-made food buffet (not one can of Chef Boyardee could be found in the Lodge). The menu selection consisted of Il primo: green salad, Minestrone soup, antipasto cold salad, prosciutto with mozzarella cheese wraps, & Italian bread; Il secondo: two types of Lasagna, sausage-filled shells with a choice of red or white sauce, penne pesto with chicken, ravioli in alfredo sauce, and baked ziti with ground beef; AND Il dolce: "Billy-misu", cannoli, biscotti, pizzelle, and lemon meringue pie. The WOTM extends a thank you to Liz Coombs, Donna Field, Andrea Hensley, Rose Russo, Roxanne Coles-Matis, Anna Phillips, Julie Parkhurst, Nessa Ruoff, Judith York, Nora Rodas, Patti Rodas, Tommy Oderwald, Billy Hensley and John Matis for being a volunteer "CHEF" and/or contributing in this event. In addition, an appreciation is offered to all the volunteers who performed the clean up after the appetites of everyone was satisfied.

Mangia bene, ridi spesso, ama molto! (Eat well, laugh often, love much)

The "Valued Veterans" Program will begin at the end of February 2017

An article was published in last month's Newsletter about the "Valued Veterans" Program being implemented by Moose International; but not all the little details have been finalized (e.g.: design of a Valued Veterans pin, a Valued Veterans Membership Card, a Valued Veterans page tab on the Moose International website, etc.). Therefore, it has been announced by Moose International that they are striving to release the program by the end of February 2017. Our participation in the program will be distributed to the Arlington Fraternity when everything is finalized.



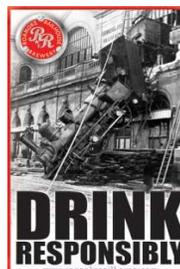
Next Moose Legion Committee Meeting on Thursday, December 15th @6:30pm
WOTM members & LOOM members are Welcome to attend
Pot luck food provided by the Legionnaires will be offered

Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members

- ▶ Thomas Ames ▶ Guillermo Ortiz ▶ Michael Norris ▶ Aras Gulle
- ▶ Lawrence Pedrick ▶ Lucia Garrett ▶ Aimee Dalton ▶ Sandra Moy
- ▶ Carol Walsh



Moose International Annual Membership Campaign



Please drink responsibly during the Holiday Season



Again, We Appreciate the Tolerance of Our Members in the Weather Change

Once again the members of the Arlington Fraternity are amazing and tolerated our trials and ignorance of keeping the facility systems operational! We change from air conditioning to heat at the beginning of November ... but we found out that we had no control of the heat due to dysfunctional thermostats (quantity of 3 in the Lodge)! Being “frugal” to save money, we decided that our members would tackle the task of replacing the thermostats; but the plan did not work out and the members were going to lynch the Administrator because of the smothering heat (and the considerable amount of sweat). Plan “B” was implemented with the vender (who made the change to heat) being called back to replace the thermostats; however, the “black cloud” over the head of the Administrator struck again, as the vender had the incorrect type of thermostats. They did however, temporarily reduced the circulating water to make the environment tolerable! BUT THEN the drastic *CHILL came over the weekend* and everyone, and this means everyone, complained that the interior environment within the Lodge could be a “meat locker”! While the appropriate thermostats were being ordered & delivered, the vendor graciously came back to adjust the water temperature; only to find the water circulating pump to not be operating to provide the appropriate hot water to the ventilation unit for producing heat to the lodge areas. Why? Who knows ... we are all learning what devices and switches need to be turned/adjusted to get this Lodge’s “ancient dinosaur” mechanical system to be an operational system for our Lodge. The new thermostats are scheduled to be installed on Monday, December 5th.



John Matis
LOOM Volunteer
of the Quarter
(July –
September 2016)



Donna Field
WOTM Volunteer
of the Quarter
(July –
September 2016)



Community Service for our Local Police Station

On Thanksgiving Day, the Arlington Fraternity donated corn pudding, green bean casserole, mashed potatoes, macaroni & cheese, cranberry sauce, and a sweet potato pie to the Fairfax County Mason District Police Station for police officers that had to work on the holiday. A special thank you is extended to Liz Coombs, Anna Phillips, Joyce Chaffins and Brian Birtell for contributing to this community service.

Give to Mooseheart and Moosehaven this Holiday Season!

**Watch the
2016-17 College
Football
Championship
Game
at the Lodge**



**Monday,
January 9th**



“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.



**Brochure of Program in the
Social Quarters**

Christmas Pun

What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?
... a cookie sheet!





Chapter Award of Achievement
(5th Consecutive Year)

Un-Oktoberfest



Saturday, January 7th



Chinese New Year Celebration



Saturday, January 28th

Arlington #1315 Annual LOOM Membership Fee is \$45.00

Remember there is a brand New Day

(from a Moose Charities article by John Capes) – **Continued from November 2016 Newsletter**

We've all experienced days, weeks, perhaps even months where nothing seems to go right. No matter how hard we try, it all seems to keep falling apart. It can be downright depressing and you find yourself wondering what you can do to get yourself back on track. Here are some ideas that can be helpful.

7. I can accept what's out of my control. Investing time and energy trying to control things you can't will cause you to feel helpless and exhausted. Remember this prayer, "Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."
(Francis of Assisi)
8. Something will come of this. Failures, mistakes and obstacles are often viewed as negatives to be avoided. No matter how bad a situation is, something good can come of it. At the very least, it's likely you will learn a life lesson.
9. Much of this will not matter in five years. When you have a setback, make a mistake or fall; it might feel like the sky is falling. Remember this. "If you want to test your memory, try to recall what you were worrying about one year ago today".
(E. Joseph Cossman)
10. It is always darkest before the dawn. When things seem to be their lowest point something good always happens. Trust in the Lord and keep moving forward – something good will happen.

I hope everyone can remember the ideas presented in this article over the past two months and this month of the Newsletters. Besides, you are not alone; as all of the Arlington Fraternity members will help you get through the crisis ... just ask for assistance!



Membership Appreciation (Pizza) Party November 12th

Our normal turn out of members for an event did not happen, especially when the food was free; however, there were enough participants to chow down 11 large Papa John pizzas of six different "flavors". It was great to see many families

Bringing their "future" Moose members to the party.

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!

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.

Super Bowl Party at the Moose Lodge

Sunday, February 7th

Watch Lady Gaga at Halftime



Moose of the Month





Fish Fry Revisited No. 10



February 4th

Arlington #1253 Annual WOTM Membership Fee is \$30.00

Watch the Washington Capitals and the Washington Wizards at the Lodge



WOTM Wine and Cheese - November 6th

The intent of this event was to have WOTM members bring guests to the Lodge to enjoy some wine and cheese while learning the objectives of the Moose Organization for possible consideration to join the WOTM. There were six different wines (Cabernet, Merlot, Saldo, Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio, & Sauvignon Blanc) to select for “a taste” and a variety of cheese with crackers. Ten WOTM members and

three guests participated in the event; of which two of the guests joined the WOTM. **A SUCCESS!**

The WOTM would like to thank Anna Phillips for organizing the event, to Cheryl Martin for donating the wine, to Liz Coombs, Anna Phillips & Roxanne Coles-Matis and John Matis for donating the cheese and crackers, and to all the members that assisted in the set up and cleanup of the event.

**Thank You Members for Everything that You Do!
The Arlington Fraternity Rocks (Quote from Billy Hensley)**



Thanksgiving Day Family Feast – November 24th

Everyone left STUFFED and satisfied from this event! The Arlington Fraternity provided everything we could image, except the kitchen sink (*it was needed to sanitize the dishes*) for this traditional holiday feast. By our count, 49 Moose member and guests (including those from other local Moose Lodges) attended this festive event that included 6 turkeys & 4 spiral hams as the main entrée selection, turkey stuffing, mashed potatoes, homemade gravy, green bean casserole, sweet potatoes, spinach casserole, grilled Brussel sprouts, corn pudding, a vegetable tray, a condiment tray of olives & pickles, multiple variety of rolls, and a cheese tray (not to mention sauerkraut especially made for Eileen). And as this was not enough, the offered desserts were bourbon pie, apple pie, sweet potato pie, blueberry pie, pumpkin pie, a pumpkin cake roll, tiny cupcakes, and coffee. It is noted that the left overs were offered the next day for the Friday Night Dinner.



The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank Tom Oderwald, Liz Coombs, Joyce Chaffins, and Anna Phillips for cooking this excellent feast, and to Marty Medel in assisting in the preparations (even though it was quoted that he was “too delicate” in cutting the cheese – *stop your dirty minds*). The Arlington Fraternity would also extend a thank you to Steve Sisson for donating a spiral ham and to Kenny Head of the Woodbridge Family Moose Center #583 for donating a turkey.

A special acknowledgement is in order for all those members that decorated, set up the tables, and washed the many, many dishes for this event!



Give Generously!





**WOTM
Valentine
Dinner**



**February 11th
"Amore"**

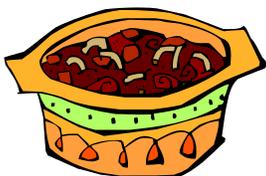


**Presidents'
Celebration**



February 18th

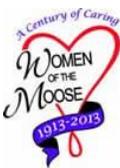
**Casserole
Cook-Off**



March 4th

You can Pay Moose Dues Online!

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



Senior Regent's Message

Dear Ladies of the WOTM, Chapter #1253 and Gentlemen of the LOOM, Lodge #1315,

As we close out the month of November, there is much to be thankful for and to celebrate. They seem to go hand in hand. I, for one, appreciate the opportunity to work with such good and caring folks, ladies and gentlemen of the Moose, who give of themselves in so many ways to help our seniors at Moosehaven, our youth at Mooseheart, and numerous others. We celebrate our ladies this month that went the extra mile to make this happen: Anna Phillips, who is our newest member of the WOTM College of Regents, and Andrea Hensley, our College of Regent, who has earned her Red Tassel. We appreciate the hard work you both have put into all your endeavors for charity and chapter growth. Thanks to Donna Field who chaired this ceremony on November 1st and to Jane Ripley for being the vesting officer.

We should also congratulate Liz Coombs and all of you who cooked or brought in food for the Italian Dinner on November 5th. It was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy the food (can't beat that "Billy-misu") and each other's company. Thanks to Anna Phillips effort, she pulled in one new member and gave a few others an invitation to join the WOTM during her committee's membership wine and cheese event on Sunday November 6th. Rose Russo and her committee did a splendid job with the Thanksgiving Basket fundraiser (raffle held on November 18th). Way to go Anna and Rose!

Upcoming events include:

December 3rd @ 12:30 PM in the lodge - Green cap celebration for Nessa.

December 10th 12:30 to 2:30PM – Children's Christmas party. Light lunch served and Santa arrives around 1:30. Please call or visit the lodge by the end of this weekend (Dec. 4th), to sign up each child from your family (names and ages) who will be attending.

January 19th- 21st - mid-year conference at Norfolk.

See you at the lodge, Roxy



Homeward Trails Animal Rescue

A thank you is extended to **Sue Jennings** for suggesting and volunteering to be responsible for the collection of cleaning supplies in support of the Homeward Trails Animal Rescue during the month of October. The cleaning supplies provided by our members were overwhelming as the 4-foot high collection barrel was filled to the brim.

The Arlington Fraternity thanks all of our members that provided a donation for this community service event.

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



**Collection bag in
the entrance of the
Social Quarters**



**New Lime Green
Genuine "Koozies"
are for Sale
at the Lodge**

"leather-like" exterior finish
with lettering/graphics on both
sides



Chapter Award of Achievement
(5th Consecutive Year)

Future Planned Major Social Events

(January – April 2017)

January 7th

Un-Oktoberfest

January 8th - **NEW**

Legion Breakfast

January 28th

Chinese New Year Celebration

February 4th - **NEW**

Fish Fry Revisited

February 5th - **NEW**

Legion Breakfast

February 11th

WOTM Valentine Dinner

February 18th - **NEW**

Presidents' Celebration

March 4th - **NEW**

Casserole Cook-Off

March 5th - **NEW**

Legion Breakfast

March 18th - **NEW**

St. Patrick's Party

March 25th - **NEW**

March Madness Tailgate Party

April 1st

WOTM Children's Easter Party

April 22nd - **NEW**

LOOM & WOTM Officers Installation

Dates & Activities subject to change



Personal/Family Corner

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy Birthday to Lodge members: **Russell Anderson** (12/02), **Carlos Perez** (12/03), **Paul Gillard** (12/04), **Andrew Roesch** (12/06), **Charles Cowing** (12/07), **Thomas Bacon** (12/08), **Larry Hite** (12/09), **Martin Mathews** (12/09), **Lloyd Johnston Jr.** (12/12), **Leonard Poland** (12/14), **George Pinn Sr.** (12/17), **Tim Miller** (12/22), **Ralph Phillips** (12/22), **Thomas Waddell** (12/28), **Brian Abel** (12/29), **Scott Green** (12/30), and **Joseph "Ed" Jones** (12/31).
- Happy Birthday to Chapter members: **Brissette Carrasco** (12/01), **Barbara Palencia** (12/04), **Kathleen Redditt** (12/05), **Roxanne Coles-Matis** (12/07), **Wilma Jeffers** (12/11), **Jaime Joswick** (12/11), **April Cruz-Webb** (12/13), **Martha Johnson** (12/13), **Anh Le** (12/15), **Phyllis Hamilton** (12/18), **Mary Beth Heller** (12/20), **Aimee Dalton** (12/23), **Linda Kapatos** (12/23), **Pamela Cameron** (12/25), **Sue Jennings** (12/27), **Jenny Fowler** (12/29), **Donna Field** (12/30), and **June Levine** (12/30).

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

- Please keep our Moose members and families in our prayers for those who have current health or distressed situations; especially ... Mary Ann Quill, Rosemary Haddock, and Bob Peake; all long time members of our Arlington Fraternity who are trying to get back to good health.



Plan to Attend the VA Moose Association District 4 Quarterly Meeting on January 14, 2017

The Culpeper Moose Lodge #1348 had permanently won the Attendance Trophy at the last VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting (*in three consecutive meetings*). Therefore, a brand new Attendance Trophy is up for grabs ... **SO let's get off our derrieres and try for another trophy!** The next VMA District 4 General Membership Meeting is 11:00am on January 14, 2017 at the Vienna Moose Lodge #1896 (9616 Courthouse Road, Vienna, VA 22181). This Lodge is "just" around the corner; so please plan on attending. We will need more than 20 members and guests from the Arlington Fraternity to attendance this meeting in order to have a chance for the highest attendance. Not to count the "doves before they hatch" (hey give some literary leeway, it's the Christmas holiday), the future next two quarterly meetings will be at the Franconia Moose Family Center #1076 (April 2017) and at our own Arlington Moose Lodge #1315. GREAT ODDS ... let's go for the trophy!





Lodge Repairs/Replacements

For the record, we have not been good neighbors; as Fairfax County has sent us letters that complaints were made about the Lodge not maintaining an appropriate exterior environment (e.g.: extremely high grass areas) around the Lodge Facilities. A thank you is extended to Brian Van de Meulebroecke, Robert Van de Meulebroecke, and Gregg Cady for their efforts in removing/clearing the over-sized growth in the front and back side of the Lodge building.

St. Patrick's Party



**Saturday,
March 18th**



There were several electrical outlets within the Lodge noted in a recent Safety Inspection that required replacement; of which a thank you is extended to John Tribble for his efforts in making these replacements.

Efforts to get the security lights around Lodge building "up to snuff" again was attempted in November. New high-pressure sodium light bulbs were purchased and replaced within 5 light fixtures along three sides of the building; however, they did not become turn on. Further investigation needs to be made pertaining to the associated electrical circuits. It is a good thing that we have street lights in our parking lot and background to keep the area illuminated during the night. A thank you is extended to Billy Hensley for his efforts in climbing the ladder many times to replace the light bulbs.

Wow! You could have smelled the "clean" in the air after Joyce Chaffins and David Harding made a thorough scrubbing of the kitchen prior to Thanksgiving Day. Joyce and David, your efforts are greatly appreciated. Furthermore, we extend a thank you to Billy Hensley and Tom Oderwald for using their talents to "tweak" the kitchen washer/sanitizer to operate again. It is noted that the Lodge had a health inspection the day before Thanksgiving Day and was given a violation for this dysfunctional device.

**Saturday,
March 26th**



**March
Madness
Tailgate
Party**

Please Participate in Our Social Functions

Join the Donors Circle

The *Donors Circle* is a recognition program of Moose International designed to recognize individual Moose members who send a tax-deductible Endowment Fund donation directly to Moose Charities. Individuals may join the *Donors Circle* at any time with a minimum \$25 donation and their donations are cumulative over time. As a donor reaches each level of the *Donors Circle* recognition program, a "heart" pin for that level will be sent from Moose Charities. The Endowment Fund donations are the long term investment in the support of Mooseheart and Moosehaven. It is important to know that the Lodge will also receive "credit" for any donations by its individual members to the *Donors Circle* for the Endowment Fund. For more details about the program and how to join, go to the Moose Charities Website (www.moosecharities.org).



**Remember
Mooseheart**



**Electronic Pull-Tabs by
Powerhouse Gaming**



**at the Arlington
#1315 Moose Lodge**

**Draft Beer Price
Increase Beginning
December 1, 2016**



**The same price for
all three flavors**



Watch the Redskins at the Lodge

December & January 2016



Regular Season

- SUN, DEC 4
@4:25pm
Arizona Cardinals (AWAY)
- SUN, DEC 11
@1:00pm
Philadelphia Eagles (AWAY)
- MON, DEC 19
@8:30pm
Carolina Panthers (HOME)
- SAT, DEC 24
@1:00pm
Chicago Bears (AWAY)
- SUN, JAN 1
@1:00pm
New York Giants (HOME)

Support Our Local Fire Department



2016-2017 Arlington #1315 Lodge Membership Challenge

Sponsor a new LOOM member between May 1, 2016 and April 30, 2017 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. **Gwen Collins** was the winner of the November monthly raffle.

In addition, if you sponsor three (3) LOOM members within the 2016-2017 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.



Goal: Obtain Premiere Lodge Award in 2017
Current Arlington #1315 Membership Status
As of November 28, 2016:

2016-2017	Current				
<u>+1 Goal</u>	<u>Active Members</u>	<u>Difference</u>		<u>Expired</u>	<u>Dropped</u>
268	262	- 6		46	46

New Members since April 30, 2016: 15 (As of November 28, 2016)



Governor's Corner

What a Month! It is hard to believe we have blown through November and now in December. With the Presidential Election on the heels of our Moose Legion Sunday Breakfast through to overstuffed Turkey Day, football Sundays and a Green Hat celebration I am amazed how busy we have been.

I want to personally thank all of our members who are Veterans, those that have served and those still serving our great country. Veterans Day brought recognition to all of you from me and on behalf of Arlington 1315 "Thank You for Your Service!" We are proud to have you as members.

As we are deep into the Holiday Season, please remember to be safe while driving and walking around be aware of your surroundings and ever vigilant. Remember when you are celebrating the Holidays at the lodge or elsewhere please do not drink and drive.

As always it is my great pleasure and honor to be serving as your Governor; I'm looking forward to seeing you soon!

Happy Holidays, Gregg

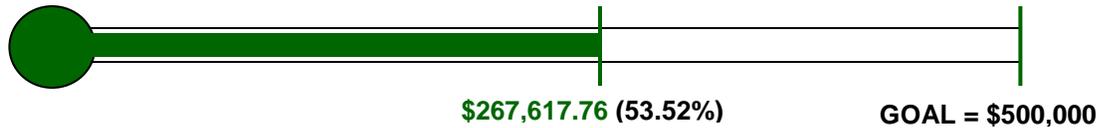


2017 Mid-Year Conference for VA Moose Association
January 19th – January 21st, 2016
Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel
777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 2351



Chapter Award of Achievement
(5th Consecutive Year)

VMA Moosehaven Centennial Project Contribution Status
(As of November 29, 2016)



The New Moose Experience

A semi-developed project by Moose International that is looking to engage the next generation of families and individuals with whom we have had limited success in attracting as members. Further details will be provided in the upcoming months.

WOTM Children's Easter Party



Saturday, April 1st

December 9-11, 2016
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. **Arlington #1315 plans to make a donation for this event.** Refer to Website www.dday.org for more information.

Fourth-Annual Member Retention Week

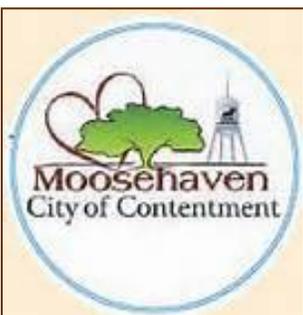
The Arlington Fraternity provided four (4) events for the Member Retention Week (actually we expanded the period to include the Saturday prior to the designated week) for the enjoyment of our members and to entice expired/dropped members to reconsider coming back to our fraternity. Even though only a few previous and prospective members attended these events, the events were considered a success based on the participation by our current members. The four events were the WOTM Italian Dinner on November 5th, the Legion Breakfast on November 6th, the WOTM Wine & Cheese on November 6th, and the Membership Appreciation (Pizza) Party on November 12th. 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.



Please drink responsibly during the Holiday Season



2nd Chance Drawings by Powerhouse Gaming
Monthly Drawing Prize – each month through December
Details provided at the Lodge



The Cold Weather is Here
 Dress Warmly!

Everyone has a Special Talent!
Please Volunteer to Assist the Fraternity in Accomplishing our Goals





Support the WOTM



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

Support Scouting



Girl Scouts



Boy Scouts



Let's Talk (A Message from the Administrator)

Happy holiday to all our members of the Arlington Fraternity. I hope all your wishes come true during this time of year (especially those desired gifts from Santa – but you know you had to be good the entire year).

I want to encourage all our members (LOOM & WOTM) to attend the scheduled General Membership Meetings. The participation of our members at the meetings have been minimal, to say the least. You do not have an impact in the functions OR make suggestion to improve the Arlington Fraternity if you do not attend. We need everyone to be involved! This is your second family to do good for our community and for others in need ... not just a business to provide merriment.

Now business. We have held "our own" over the past calendar year with respect to expenses vs. income; about the same in the bank funds when we started last December. We had some major expenses with respect to the building systems during the year; but the income from our rentals of the Ritual Hall and the electronic pull-tabs provided by Powerhouse House countered them. We will be implementing some business changes to try to improve income in our normal business and social activities.

Finally, I want to personally thank Arlington Fraternity Fellow Degree members George Warrington, Terry Pamplin, and Joseph "Ed" Jones, and Legionnaire Tom Oderwald for participating in the Fellowship Meeting held on November 6th to select a candidate to be considered for earning the Fellow Degree.

Thank You Joe Russo for the Arlington #1315 Website

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 the information up-to-date. As you are aware, his efforts won honorable mention in the Moose International 2015-2016 Website contest. The intent is to provide all the information that our members need to know about our Lodge & Chapter (e.g.: activities, Newsletters, pictures) for a quick reference; including future planning reasons and some past remembrances. **Thank you Joe!** Refer to www.arlington1315.org. If anyone has a suggestion or an idea to further enhance our Website, please discuss with Joe Russo ... we want to provide everything that our members need to be informed.

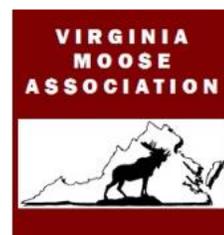
Please Donate Food for the Holiday Season!

It is important to remember that there are always the unfortunate who need the support of others to come to their aid; especially during the holidays. Please continue to donate the food items. The Lodge takes the collected food to two local organizations: Arlington Food Assistance Center and Baileys Crossroads Homeless Shelter. **THANK YOU!**



The holiday seasons have arrived!

Spread the word that we have a large hall to rent to our members for those special parties



VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting to be held at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge on July 8, 2017



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 our obligations to Moose, community & family



The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner

Congratulations to **John Rodas** in becoming our newest members in the Bull Run Moose Legion #185.

The Arlington Moose Legion Committee would like to thank Brian Van de Meulebroecke, Andre McFail, Liz Coombs, Joyce Chaffins, Ralph Phillips, and Brian Muretta for their efforts in providing the last minute Special Steak & Eggs Breakfast on Sunday, October 30th. The event was provided to encourage members to come to the Lodge to watch the Washington Redskins play the Cincinnati Bengals in London, England.

In addition, a thank you is extended to Anna Phillips and John Matis for providing the soup, and to Andre McFail for preparing the grilled cheese sandwiches at the last meeting in November.

The Moose Legion Committee apologizes for not providing snacks for the NFL football games on Sunday, November 27th but very few members and guests visited the Lodge during the weekend after the Thanksgiving holiday (either too stuffed with turkey or burnt-out from all the great college football on Saturday).

**Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Winter Celebration/Conferral
January 28, 2017 – Location to be Announced in January**



Youth Awareness Program

Even though our Fraternity has not sponsored a High School student in this program this year, we wish all those students that did participate within the Commonwealth of Virginia the best of luck in earning a scholarship through the Virginia Moose Association and represent the state at the Moose International Student Congress in Wisconsin. The Arlington Fraternity continues to support this excellent program financially on a quarterly basis.

Texas Hold'em Tournament, Las Vegas – January 8th–12th, 2017



Support Our Local Police Department



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

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