



Loyal Order of Moose Arlington #1315 Lodge Newsletter

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FEBRUARY 2015

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2014-2015**

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We Won the Attendance Trophy for a Second Consecutive VA Moose Association District 4 Quarterly Meeting

Our Arlington Fraternity met the challenge by having 50 of our members attend the VA Moose Association District 4 Quarterly Meeting on January 10, 2015 (official count; but we think more members were in attendance). The attendance trophy stays at our fraternity for another 3 months.

Thank you MEMBERS!

Upcoming Social Events

February 1st - NEW

Super Bowl Party

February 7th

WOTM Green Cap

Ceremony

February 14th

WOTM Valentine

Dinner

February 21st

Casserole Cook-Off

February 28th

Chinese New Year
Celebration

Green Cap Celebration for Anna Phillips Saturday, February 7th (2:00pm - 4:00pm)

Attend the Arlington Chapter celebration to honor Anna Phillips for receiving her Green Cap at the 77th Annual Virginia Moose Association State Convention in August of last year. The Arlington Fraternity had many accomplishments with her guidance as the Senior Regent from May 2013 to April 2014. Snacks will be served.

Thank you Anna for all your hard work!



Watch the Super Bowl XLIX at the Lodge Sunday, February 1st beginning at 5:30pm

Enjoy the **BIG GAME** at the Arlington Lodge. Multiple televisions are provided throughout the Social Quarters for your viewing pleasure. Complementary food will be offered during the game.



Seattle Seahawks vs. New England Patriots



**Dinner Every
Friday
Night
6-8 p.m.**

\$10 per person



Congratulations to Elizabeth Coombs & Donna Heflin

Elizabeth Coombs and Donna Heflin each received the Academy of Friendship degree in the Women of the Moose. The Academy of Friendship Conferral Ceremony was conducted at the VMA Mid-Year Conference in Norfolk, VA on January 25, 2015. In attendance to honor our two Arlington fraternity members were Donna Field, Andrea Hensley, and Judith York. Thank you Liz and Donna for all the hard work you provided to our fraternity while earning this advancement in the Women of the Moose.



Arlington #1315
Moose Lodge
Hours of Operation

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

Arlington WOTM
Chapter #1253
Board of Officers
1214-2015

Senior Regent
Elizabeth Coombs
Junior Regent
Nessa Ruoff
Jr. Graduate Regent
Anna Phillips
Secretary/Treasurer
Roxanne
Coles-Matis
Recorder
Donna Field
Chaplain
Andrea Hensley
Guide
Judith York
Assistant Guide
Nora Rodas

St. Patrick's
Party



March 14th



Unfinished Business of the Holidays

The Arlington would like to personally thank Anna & Ralph Phillips, and any unknown members for taking down and packing up the holiday decorations for the Lodge. We would also like to thank all those members who volunteered to move the decorations down to the basement storage room.

WOTM Valentine Dinner – February 14th

Italian Dinner (Saturday, 6:00pm – 8:00pm)

The cliché “If it is successful, don’t change a thing” applies to this event; as the WOTM has always packed the Lodge with an Italian Dinner event. The menu has not been set as of this publication; however, everyone should expect plenty of delicious pasta, variety of sauces, bread and desserts. It is noted that all items are “home-made” dishes prepared/cooked by the members of the Arlington Chapter #1253 (or possibly their husbands/boyfriends).



Bring your sweetheart to this event for a romantic evening.

Keep Everyone Healthy – Report any Lodge Safety Hazard



**Celebrate the Year of the Sheep
Chinese New Year Celebration on Saturday,
February 28th (2:00pm – 6:00pm)**

The Arlington Fraternity will be celebrating Chinese Year 4713 a little late, as the beginning date of their new calendar year is February 19th; but we know there will be “fireworks” in the adornment between our members and a “parade” of delicious food offerings (Note: no dragons will be slain for this event). The Lodge chefs swear that the food will taste just like your “to-go” dishes from your local Chinese restaurant; if not better. The exact main dishes have not been determined as of this publication; but there will definitely be fried rice, egg rolls, and fortune cookies. **Come eat, drink, and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Moose members!**



“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!**



**Support
Mooseheart**

VMA is still
requesting donations
for the Virginia commitment to the
School Renovation Project!





Chapter
Award of
Achievement
(3rd Consecutive Year)

**Membership Challenge to Our Members
January 15, 2015 through April 30, 2015**

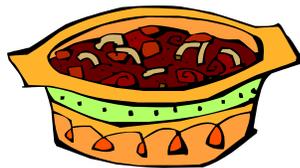
Sponsor a new LOOM member between January 15th thru April 30th and your name will be placed on a ticket in a raffle conducted during the entire Membership Challenge. The more new LOOM members you sponsor, the more times your name will be placed within the raffle. A drawing will be conducted the last Friday of each month – January 30th, February 27th, March 27th, and May 1st (exception) - where one of the tickets will be randomly picked “out of a hat” for a monthly prize. The picked ticket will be discarded; however, all others tickets will remain in the raffle until the last drawing in this Membership Challenge. The monthly drawing prize will be \$10.00 in Arlington “Moose Bucks” to the sponsor that is named on the selected ticket.



We need new members in our Arlington Moose Fraternity to keep us active in supporting our Lodge, our community, Mooseheart & Moosehaven.



**Fish Fry
Revisited
March 7th**



Casserole Cook-Off – February 21st

Anything goes, as long as it is considered a casserole; which is defined as food baked in the oven within a large, deep dish cookware. It does not have to contain any meat or fish. It’s to be your creation of a tasteful dinner that will be enjoyed by the members of our Moose fraternity in attendance. **Show your culinary talents and submit an entry in this Lodge event.**

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If you do not want to cook, but just want to relax and sample the scrumptious food, we welcome your attendance at this event. The Lodge, by one of our renowned chefs = Joyce Chaffins, will provide an initial casserole for the event and a side green salad. Once the judging is completed, the casseroles in the cook-off will be offered to everyone at the event. Will you agree with the judges? You won’t know unless you attend the event!

WOTM
Children’s
Easter Party



March 28th

Note for the contestants: A stew uses a cooking process whereby heat is applied to the bottom of the cooking vessel whereas casseroles are generally done in the oven where heat circulates all around the cooking vessel.



**Watch NASCAR at the Lodge
Sprint Cup Series Schedule in February**

Saturday, FEB 14 Sprint Unlimited
at Daytona International Speedway
Thursday, FEB 19 Budweiser Duels
at Daytona International Speedway
Sunday, FEB 22 Daytona 500
at Daytona International Speedway



**Issue: 2015-1
Newsletter
Contributions**
Editor
John Matis
Writers
Elizabeth Coombs
John Matis
Billy Hensley
Brian Birtell

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



March 21st



March
Madness
Potluck
Tailgate
Party

**2015-2016
LOOM Board
of Officers
Elections**

**Save the Date
Tuesday,,
April 7, 2015**



The Lodge is Soliciting Leadership Volunteers

If you are interested in being on the 2015-2016 LOOM Board of Officers, please inform Brian Birtell of your interest in February 2015. **The official deadline for individuals to submit in writing their desire to run for an elected position of the LOOM Board of Officers is Tuesday, March 3, 2015.**



Congratulations to Dominick Russo
LOOM Volunteer of the Quarter
(October – December 2014)



Congratulations to Sue Jennings
WOTM Volunteer of the Quarter
(October – December 2014)



Youth Organization of the Quarter (October – December 2014)
VMA Youth Awareness Program



Un-Oktoberfest - January 17th

Wunderbar! Another successful social event for the Lodge, as over 50 Moose members and guests attended. Even though the *Wiens* (funfair) is celebrated for 16 days in Munich/Bavaria, Germany, the Arlington Fraternity gave a great effort in trying to compact all the food, beer, fun, and more beer in 1 day. The food offering was bratwurst, knockwurst, pork schnitzel, Rinderrouladen (braised beef rolls), kielbasa with sauerkraut and potatoes, spaetzle (noodles), German hot potato salad, peppers and onions, Reiberdatschi (German potato pancakes), green salad, and desserts.

A thank you is extended to the Küchenchefs of Joyce Chaffins, Tom Oderwald, and Billy Hensley for the delicious food that “kept on coming” to satisfy the appetites our members and guests. Furthermore, a thank you is extended to Rose Russo for providing a German Chocolate Cake and to Billy Hensley for providing a Cherry Chocolate Cake for the dessert selection. Finally, the Arlington Fraternity would like to thank all the members that assisted in the clean up after the event.



***Ach du lieber!* What a Great Celebration!**



Endowment “Rocker Fundraiser” in February

The fundraiser to support the operations of Moosehaven will be conducted during the entire month of February; as we will be requesting donations during the four planned events of the month. Please open your wallets and purses for a GREAT cause when you are asked to contribute!

The senior citizens at Moosehaven need our assistance, and who knows, our next generation may be getting us through “our Golden Years”. The Arlington Fraternity has set a goal of \$250; which is based on \$1 being donated by approximately half of our active members on the active roster (both LOOM & WOTM). Please give generously, not all active members come to the Lodge for the events to help meet this goal.

The Citizens of Moosehaven Need Our Support!



2nd Consecutive Year

Chicken Wing Cook-Off



April 25, 2015

Pig Roast

June 13, 2015



**2015-2016
LOOM &
WOTM Board
of Officers
Installation
Ceremonies**

April 11, 2015

**Free WiFi
at the
Lodge**



Governor's Corner

Attending the VMA Mid-Year Conference in January “smacked me in the head” on why I really joined the Moose fraternity. There is no denying that I enjoy the social events and the camaraderie with our Lodge & Chapter members; however, the main reason for my involvement was hopefully offering assistance to others that are not as fortunate as myself. We, the members of the Moose Fraternity, made a commitment when we joined to ensure that the children at Mooseheart and the seniors at Moosehaven are cared for, and we cannot forget this obligation. It had been stressed at the VMA Mid-Year Conference that membership within the Moose Fraternity has been declining over the past few decades and there will be a point in the future that the enrolled membership cannot contribute enough support to continue the operations for Mooseheart & Moosehaven. This situation may not occur during my lifetime; but I cannot “close my eyes” that this is not our problem as the existing membership of the Moose Fraternity. Therefore, I want to encourage everyone in the Arlington Fraternity to make it a priority to get new members, especially the upcoming generation, to become members of the Moose Fraternity (not necessarily our Lodge or Chapter). I welcome any suggestions on how we can accomplish the plea to obtain new members to the Moose Fraternity to keep the support for Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Keep the faith; I know we will CONQUER the challenges presented to us!



Senior Regent's Message

It is that time of year again to start thinking about being a Board Member of the WOTM Arlington Chapter. We are looking for someone who is interested in becoming Junior Regent for the 2015-2016 year. As someone who has filled the position, I must say that it is an honor to serve on the Board at that position and then onto Senior Regent. It does include some hard work but receiving the personal honors is rewarding and a huge reminder of the hard work that all of the members of WOTM and LOOM do for Mooseheart and Moosehaven, as well as our community. So please consider filling the position. All you need to do is submit your desire in writing to any board member.

Our meetings in February are Tuesday, February 3rd - 7:00 pm - Educational Advancement Committee Activity Night and Tuesday, February 17th - 7:00 pm - Business Meeting.



Charity Donations in January

Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge wants our members to be aware that the Lodge made a contribution to a local foodbank. In addition, some of our representatives to the VMA Mid-Year Conference made personal contributions of non-perishable food items to the Community Service food drive for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore.

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

(January – March 2015)



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

**Watch the NBA All-Star
Game at the Lodge
Sunday, February 15th**



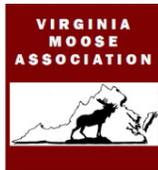


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**Watch
Washington
Capitals at the
Lodge**

In February 2015

- SUN, FEB 1 (H)
St. Louis Blues
- TUE, FEB 3 (H)
Los Angeles Kings
- THU, FEB 5 (A)
Ottawa Senators
- FRI, FEB 6 (H)
Anaheim Ducks
- SUN, FEB 8 (H)
Philadelphia Flyers
- WED, FEB 11 (A)
San Jose Sharks
- SAT, FEB 14 (A)
Los Angeles Kings
- SUN, FEB 15 (A)
Anaheim Ducks
- TUE, FEB 17 (A)
Pittsburgh Penguins
- THU, FEB 19 (H)
Winnipeg Jets
- SAT, FEB 21 (H)
New York Islanders
- SUN, FEB 22 (A)
Philadelphia Flyers
- WED, FEB 25 (H)
Pittsburgh Penguins
- FRI, FEB 27 (A)
Carolina Hurricanes



**Notes from VA Moose Association District 4
Quarterly Meeting**

(Saturday, January 10, 2015 at Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge)

Other than the financial report, the committee reports, and the reports from the Lodges/Chapters within the VMA District 4, the following are some of the major items noted in the meeting:

- A food drive is being conducted at the VMA Mid-Year Conference for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore and all attendees to the conference are requested to bring non-perishable food for this community service project.
- A challenge was presented for the Lodges within VMA District 4 to place articles/pictures on the VMA Website to show that our District has active Lodges.
- The Lodges are encouraged to participate in the VMA Newsletter Contest.

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank everyone that assisted in the “house cleaning” of the Lodge, setting up the tables and chairs for the meeting, preparing/cooking the buffet lunch, helping to tend bar during the “mad rush”, and providing the lunch clean-up. Known volunteers were Billy Hensley, Andrea Hensley, Liz Coombs, Joyce Chaffins, Anna Phillips, Ralph Phillips, Tawnya Flores, Gwen Collins, Sue Jennings, Brian Birtell, Judith York, Donna Heflin, and John Matis. We apologize if we did not specifically name a member(s) who assisted in this activity, but we want to express that your efforts were very much appreciated. We also would like to thank Ray Broz for taking the early train from Richmond to get to the meeting in time to be counted for the trophy attendance.

How Our Moose Benefits can be Great Recruiting Tools

[Editorial by Brian Birtell – Jr. Past Governor]

When it comes to recruiting new Moose members to you lodge there are many Moose benefits available to use in your recruiting arsenal. The perks of being a Moose member are countless. From lifelong friendships to care for your family, Moose Members are always ready to lend a helping hand and be a guiding influence in the lives of every member. The Moose has always been known for its benevolence to young and old alike with our physical support at MooseHeart and Moosehaven and financial support through Moose Charities and internal programs like Safe-Surfin and Youth Awareness. In addition to the Moose's internal support institutions/charities the Moose also supports other charities whose ideals and beliefs are in line with those of the Moose. Some of these programs include Scouting, Youth Sports, Salvation Army, Make-a-Wish Foundation, Salvation Army and the Massey Cancer Center. Of Course as a member, they would have access to more than 1,500 Lodges across all 50 states and four Canadian provinces, plus Great Britain and Bermuda. In addition to the Lodges being the central point for members to gather and perform the good work of the Moose Organization by providing valuable service to our communities, lodges can offer a wide array of amenities including food and drinks, billiards, darts, dancing, karaoke, card games and make a perfect venue to gather for sporting events, banquets and parties!

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Making a difference in the lives of children and seniors

Give Generously!

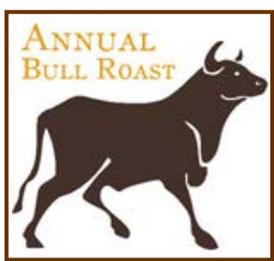
**Support Special
Olympics**





New Membership Applications

The Lodge will pay for the \$20.00 application fee for any new members enrolled to the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge
A Great Reason to Join!



Saturday, July 11, 2015

Off-Track Betting at Arlington Lodge



Four Terminals for Your Convenience

(Editorial – continued)

The Moose Organization has also been hard at work establishing a stronger sense of community include developing great partnerships with organizations dedicated to the same ideals and beliefs as the Moose. New Moose members would have access to exclusive benefits on car insurance, preventative health screenings and more - just by being a member! Each day our Moose International staff is hard at work building new and exciting partnerships to add to our member benefits. Membership benefits range from Travel discounts and Insurance and prescription drug to help buying a new car. In addition large life enhancing items like insurance there are also benefits that allow Moose members to get discounts on everyday items like flowers, car rentals and even discounts on tee times for those who like to take their frustration out on the little white ball.

My favorite Moose discount benefit, and one that I use all the time, is the complimentary AARP membership that moose negotiated several years ago. After the complimentary one year membership I stepped up and purchased a 3 year extension to continue to receive the benefits. Without Moose I never would have considered being an AARP member - I didn't even think I could become a member as I am not retired and am still in my 40's. I use the card all the time to obtain discounts on Hotels, Airfare, Car rentals as well as more mundane purchases like a yogurt at the local fro-yo shop. The discounts allow me to extend my precious dollars further so that I can do more fun and exciting things with my family.

Lastly while not always thought of as a benefit, the ability to find volunteering opportunities is another benefit of being a moose member. One of the best ways to make new friends, strengthen existing relationships and connect with the community is to commit to a shared activity together. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, especially if you are new to an area. Volunteering also strengthens your ties to the community and broadens your support network, exposing you to people with common interests, neighborhood resources, and fun and fulfilling activities. Volunteering is a fun and easy way to explore your interests and passions. Doing volunteer work you find meaningful and interesting can be a relaxing, energizing escape from your day-to-day routine of work, school, or family commitments. Volunteering also provides you with renewed creativity, motivation, and vision that can carry over into your personal and professional life. Many people volunteer in order to make time for hobbies outside of work as well. For instance, if you have a desk job and long to spend time outdoors, you might consider volunteering to help plant a community garden, lead local hikes, or help at a children's camp.

Like I stated at the beginning, the perks of being a Moose Member are countless and can touch a member's life in many different ways. I have only listed a few in the above paragraphs. If you use the countless benefits as part of your recruiting message you are sure to see new members flocking to your Lodge.

What is the Endowment Fund?

In case a member has not noticed, there is always a donation collection after each Lodge & Chapter meeting (Board of Officers and General Meetings; including the VMA quarterly meetings) from each attendee. These donation funds are allocated for the future of Mooseheart and Moosehaven with regard to providing significant financial assistance in the operations of these two Moose owned communities, as well as for possible emergencies. Moose International, and our Arlington Fraternity, request that every member contribute to this cause to ensure that Mooseheart and Moosehaven continue during and after our lifetime. **Please contribute when asked!**



2nd Consecutive Year



Don't Procrastinate!

Your Income Tax Return is due in April

Support the Boy Scouts of America

Support the Girl Scouts of America



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 **Luis Compo** (2/01), **George Koditek, Jr.** (2/03), **Michael Koditek** (2/03), **George Hensley, Jr.** (2/07), **Barry Cederquist** (2/09), **Robert Peake** (2/09), **Robert Martinson** (2/10), **Marlin Maddoux** (2/13), **Charles Ziegler** (2/13), **Stephan Wassel** (2/24), **Robert Bogie** (2/25), **John Riddoch** (2/27), and **Chris Natoli** (2/28).
- Happy Birthday to Chapter members **Marilyn Golias** (2/02), **Sudaphorn Ratana** (2/04), **Kristin Medel** (2/05), **Leona Lucas** (2/07), **Michelle Griffin** (2/08), **Lemoine Warren** (2/18), **Lisa Gallimore** (2/19), **Lori Jones** (2/19), **Patricia Green-Shupp** (2/24), and **Mary Wantrobski** (2/25).
- If you were wondering why Randy and Sonia have not been at the Lodge during the holidays and in the first part of January, they were finishing up the remodeling for the nursery and attending parenting class ... the baby is due at the end of January.

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

Please keep our Moose members and families in our prayers for those who have current health or distressed situations; especially:

- **Nessa Ruoff** (the current Junior Regent); who is recovering from hip replacement surgery that was performed in December. Please reach out to Nessa ... she would love to hear from the members.

Condolences are extended to Karl Keller and Family; as Karl's father passed in January.

Honor George Washington & Abraham Lincoln with a Toast at the Lodge on President's Day – February 16th

Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members

- ▶ JoAnn Redditt ▶ Akcel Fuentes



Go to www.moosentl.org for more information

SIGN 1 MEMBER
"Moose - Back to Basics" Lapel Pin

SIGN 5 MEMBERS
\$5 Donation to Build the Elementary Academic Center at Mooseheart

SIGN 25 MEMBERS
Brick Dedicated in Your Name to the Mooseheart School Renovation Project



Moose of the Month



Chapter
Award of
Achievement
(3rd Consecutive Year)

**Future Planned
Major Social
Events**

(March – May 2015)

March 7th
Fish Fry Revisited

March 14th
St. Patrick's Party

March 21st
March Madness
Potluck Tailgate
Party

March 28th
WOTM Children's
Easter Party

April 11th
LOOM & WOTM
Board Installation
Ceremonies

April 25th
Chicken Wing
Cook-Off

May 2nd
"Go for the Roses"
Party
(Kentucky Derby)

May 9th
Lodge Spring
Clean-Up

May 10th (SUN)
Mother's Day
Breakfast

(Activities continue on
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Note:
Dates & Activities
subject to change



Help Mooseheart – Donate Your My Coke Rewards

Mooseheart has registered for the My Coke Rewards for Schools program. Now, drinking the products that you and your family enjoy every day, you can support Mooseheart by signing up for My Coke Rewards® and donating your points to the school. Depending upon the number of donated points, the school could receive playground equipment, art supplies, sports gear, educational resources and much more.

And it's easy to donate. Get started at mycokerewards.com/schools; then:

- Enter codes from your favorite participating My Coke Rewards products;
- Select Mooseheart Schools from a list of participating K-12 schools. (Tip: Search using Zip Code 60539 and Select Mooseheart Schools); and
- Donate the points to help their students get rewards.

If you have any questions, please contact Moose Charities 630-966-2200 or email request@moosecharities.org



Moose Head Wanted ... and Maybe Yes!

Thanks to Billy Hensley, he got an announcement made during a session at the VMA Mid-Year Conference (*you all know that Billy is not shy*) that Arlington needs a moose head for our Social Quarters since the last one was confiscated in a divorce. After a lot of laughs and side comments about the moose head being divorce property, two Moose Lodges actually gave us offers: one for a moose head that has been in "deep" storage for many years that needs a thorough cleaning, and one for a set of moose horns (no head). Both offers will be pursued. For the Record: if the moose horns are chosen, there will be a House Rule that they MUST remain on the wall ... with any member trying to portray Bullwinkle being fined.

Think Retention ... Keep Our Members Coming Back!

The Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge has a very low percentage of existing members that do not "re-enlist" for another year in MOOSE; but we could definitely do better. When a member makes a visit to the Lodge, be friendly and make them part of the discussions (some members probably haven't done it in years, but a smile would also help). In addition, we need to continue to maintain a clean Lodge; so if trash needs to be picked up, a table needs to be wiped after eating, or more hand soap is needed in the restroom ... please make the effort to solve the problem. And let's not forget that "street language" is inappropriate and forbidden within our Lodge. If our environment within the Lodge is pleasant, friendly, and clean; we have a chance that every existing member of the Arlington Fraternity will continue to come back! Any assistance our members can provide in keeping our Arlington Fraternity "solid in membership" is much appreciated.

Another Trophy for the Arlington Fraternity

It was announced sometime in October that our monthly newsletter was judged as the BEST NEWSLETTER (for the 2013-2014 Moose Year) over all other Lodges and organizations within Moose International. It took a while, but the trophy for this great honor was received at the VMA Mid-Year Conference. It is proudly displayed behind the bar in our Social Quarters.

You can Pay Moose Dues Online!

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



Future Planned Major Social Events
(May – July 2015)

- May 16th**
Rib Cook-Off (& Preakness Stakes)
- May 25th (MON)**
Memorial Day Cookout
- June 6th**
Triple Crown Finale Celebration (Belmont Stakes)
- June 13th**
Pig Roast
- June 21st (SUN)**
Father's Day Breakfast
- June 27th**
Welcome of Summer Celebration Cookout
- July 4th**
4th of July Cookout
- July 11th**
Bull Roast

Note:
Dates & Activities subject to change

Support the Local Fire Department



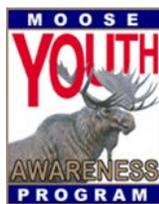
Lodge Repairs/Replacements

If you haven't noticed, the Lodge has a new cash register in the Social Quarters. Kudos is given to Brian Birtell for researching the various cash registers on the current market and making a recommendation to the House Committee, and to Anna Phillips for programming the new cash register.

The Lodge had a sanitary line backup in the kitchen during January. With great perseverance, members Billy Hensley and Tom Oderwald conquered this "repugnant" situation the same day it was discovered. And to put "a cherry on top" of their accomplishment, they were able to get the sanitizer operational again on the kitchen dishwasher; after the specialized repair company said it could not be fixed and a new dishwasher needed to be purchased. *Thank you Gentlemen!*

Note: The 12 additional bar stools were still on back order at the time of this publication but should be delivered in February. Furthermore, there was a delay in getting the two additional televisions installed in January; as electrical service and cable television service needs to be coordinated.

1st Annual VMA State Cornhole Tournament
Saturday, February 28, 2015 (start 10am) & Sunday, March 1, 2015 (start 9:30am)
at the Bedford Moose Lodge #1897
Entry forms within the calendar section on the VMA Website under Sports/Activities



Moose Youth Awareness Program

Unfortunately, the Arlington Fraternity has not heard, as of this publication, if our sponsored student completed his presentation or began his "Moose Kids Talks". But we also know that he wants to use this program for his required "community service" hours in high school; therefore, we still have faith he will complete the requirements by the end of the month. No matter what happens, our fraternity is proud that we participated in this program.

A very good dialogue was made by Kenneth Head (Administrator of the Woodbridge Moose Family Center #583) during the VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting in January about all Moose Lodges within our District needing to sponsor a student in this worthwhile program for the development of our future community leaders; as well as, teaching the younger generation to be safe, healthy, and live a better life. **Thank you Kenneth Head!**

Make Friendliness Our Motto

When anyone comes into the Moose Lodge (fellow comrades, members of other Moose Lodges, guests, or visitors/prospective members) please provide a smile and make them feel welcomed. Make the atmosphere of our lodge a reason for everyone to come back!

Please Accept Our Apologies

The December 2014 Newsletter incorrectly stated that Charles Enlind was nominated for the Pilgrim Degree; it should have stated that he was nominated for the Fellowship Degree by our Lodge.



Chapter Award of Achievement (3rd Consecutive Year)

Support Our Local Police Department



We Don't Worry! We have Supportive Members



Support the WOTM



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



Message from Our Administrator "Our Moose"

Happy New Year! Just got back from the Mid Year Conference, I heard many good things while I was there. Lots of "Moose" "stuff" (anyone who has ever attended can tell you). Number one topic was retention, well brother and sisters, we have been signing up members at an unparalleled rate, but we are also losing some of our newer members. If you signed up a member since you have been here and they have dropped, call them, find out why they have not renewed. Let's learn how we can fix the problem. We have come so far in the last three years that we were actually mentioned at the Luncheon. Brother John Matis, our Governor who has put so much into this position said how proud he was to be a member of Arlington. We were a Lodge about to be closed and YOU brought us back. I have never in my many years as a member of Arlington seen the members pull together as we have. I have heard and spoken to other LOOM members who have heard our story; it is not a fairy tale. I talked the Administrator from Timberville Lodge and he actually asked me how he could do this at his Lodge. I told him it is all about PRIDE. If your members care about the Lodge, show their Moose card, ask what functions they would like to participate in ... get it going on (it is their Lodge too), help out, don't ask, just do it, and communications is important. If you come up for dinner, functions, clean up day, be a part of this Lodge, it belongs to us. A lot of the people that came to the 4th District meeting told me what a great time they had here. This is because of you! This is OUR YEAR! I'm so proud of OUR LODGE. We have so many events coming up I personally have to look at the calendar to keep track. If you have any ideas, bring it by, let's hear it. If you bring in a guest, it is your responsibility to sign them in, put a name tag on them. Everyone wants to know their names. Be PROUD of YOUR LODGE. To join our Lodge is a special thing, but rules are rules, they make us able to be tax exempt status and able to do so many things. We have been able to give more to our charities last year than we have in as long as I can remember. I know that a lot of people who are not members still get our emails and newsletters ... **come back, you will be welcomed, see how we are doing things now!** I challenge you to come by and NOT have a great time. This is going to be the best year EVER. Please be here, look at the event dates and make time. Once again, ARLINGTON ROCKS.

Events at Other Lodges

Want to do something when nothing is scheduled at our Lodge? You should check out events at other Moose Lodges. The Virginia Moose Association website (ymaweb.com) posts the latest Newsletters of the Moose Lodges in Virginia that provide information about their events; including sport tournaments, regularly scheduled food offerings, dances, etc. Select the "Local News & Events" button for the Newsletters.

Ask on How to Become a Mooseheart Booster



Continue to save BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION coupons found on hundreds of General Mill products (collection bag in main entrance)

Need some rest time from Your Busy Schedule? Come to the Lodge and Relax





2nd Consecutive Year

**Watch
Washington
Wizards at the
Lodge
In February 2015**

- MON, FEB 2 (H)
Charlotte Hornets
- WED, FEB 4 (A)
Atlanta Hawks
- THU, FEB 5 (A)
Charlotte Hornets
- SAT, FEB 7 (H)
Brooklyn Nets
- MON, FEB 9 (H)
Orlando Magic
- WED, FEB 11 (A)
Toronto Raptors
- FRI, FEB 20 (H)
Cleveland Cavaliers
- SUN, FEB 22 (A)
Detroit Pistons
- TUE, FEB 24 (H)
Golden State Warriors
- WED, FEB 25 (H)
Minnesota Timberwolves
- FRI, FEB 27 (A)
Philadelphia 76ers
- SAT, FEB 28 (H)
Detroit Pistons



Your Cooperation is Required!!

As the Moose Lodge has a private club status, only members in good standing can be served in the Social Quarters. Even though you may be a LOOM or WOTM Officer, a member who comes in every day, and/or has a pretty/handsome face that should have made you a famous Super Star ... the rule of the Moose Lodge is that you must show the bartender your Moose Identification Card (ID) when you enter the Social Quarters. **There are no exceptions!!** Please do not jeopardize the Moose Lodge by not carrying or showing a valid Moose ID when at the Moose Lodge; as penalties can be sanctioned against the Moose Lodge for violating this rule; including suspension of operations by Moose International, possible financial debt with the IRS (for back income taxes, interests, penalties & fees due to not being considered a private organization), etc.

Showing your card may be a slight inconvenience, but it is worth to protect our Mooseheart kids and Moosehaven seniors entrusted to our care. Even if you've been a member for many years, be proud to show your Moose card every time you walk into our Lodge – even if you're not asked!



A group picture of a portion of the attendees at the Un-Okoberfest Event



Remember Our Can/Dry Food Collection

The Lodge would like to thank all our members who have contributed to the food collection box in our Social Quarters. Those in need appreciate your generosity.

Please continue to donate food goods!

**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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SPECIAL VMA MID-YEAR CONFERENCE PAGE

Thank You for Representing the Arlington Fraternity

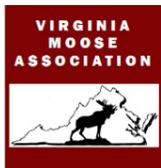
The Arlington Fraternity extends a thank you to Elizabeth Coombs, Donna Field, Andrea Hensley, Roxanne Coles-Matis, Judith York, Donna Heflin, Patricia Green-Shupp, Gregg Cady, George ("Billy") Hensley Jr., and John Matis for representing our organization at the VMA Mid-Year Conference in Norfolk, Virginia. The Arlington Fraternity would also like to thank Ralph Phillips (Franconia Family Center #1076) for "hanging" with our representatives and a thank you to the Manassas Moose Family Center #1380 in providing the friendliness and entertainment to our members in their Hospitality Suite at the Conference. It should be noted that we were recognized in having "Dancing Queens" of Liz Coombs and Donna Field during the Friday night activities and Judith York and Donna Heflin during the Saturday night activities, when the **Koolerators** (one of our favorite local bands) played at the Manassas Hospitality Suite [Remember: "What happens in Norfolk stays in Norfolk"]. Someone said there were videos; but they mysteriously seemed to have been erased.



The VMA Fraternity Fulfilled Our Mooseheart School Renovation Commitment ... Thank You Virginia Moose Fraternities!

It was announced at the Awards Banquet of the VMA Mid-Year Conference that the **Commonwealth of Virginia Moose Fraternity met its pledge of providing \$400,000 for the Mooseheart School Renovation!** It took a little longer than expected since the pledge in August 2012 ... *but all the Virginia Moose fraternities did it!* Kudos were given

to the Waynesboro Moose Family Center #1309 for their total contribution exceeding \$75,000 and to the Centerville #2168 Moose Lodge for their initial contribution of \$100,000 (which, to the understanding of the Arlington Fraternity, was considered separate from the pledge). A special thank you was extended to Andy Dooley, Chairman of the VMA Mooseheart School Renovation Project Committee, for his dedication, hard work, persistence in wearing the Lodges down to donate, and guidance in fulfilling the pledge. [Andy Dooley was "FIRED" at the Awards Banquet; as there was no longer a need for his Committee]



2015 Mid-Year Conference for VA Moose Association January 22nd – January 24th, 2015

The following are some facts and major items discussed at the VMA Mid-Year Conference:

- It was announced that a proposed revision to the By-Laws of the Virginia Moose Association has been distributed for review and a vote for approval will occur at the VMA Annual Convention in August.
- It was noted that there are many Moose Benefits that our members could take advantage of; such as, car rental discounts, entertainment discounts, travel service opportunities with discounts, health insurance offerings (including pets), medical needs discounts, discounted golf tee fees, etc. Members can review these Moose Benefits through the Members Portal on the Moose International website.
- Over 100 Moose Lodges throughout the country were provided grants (totaling just over \$1 Million) during the first year of the 3-Year Lodge Grant Program, initiated by Moose International at their 2014 Annual Convention, for the repair/replacement of building facilities. A workshop is being planned at the 2015 Moose International Annual Convention to assist the Lodges in completing the grant request forms. [The Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge plans to request a grant in 2015]
- There were no insurance claims for any of the Moose Lodges within the Commonwealth of Virginia between the period of July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.
- The BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION program resulted in Mooseheart Child City & School receiving \$5,000 in 2014 from General Mills.
- The Community Service Project at the Mid-Year Conference, a food drive for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, was a success. Actual count/weight was not provided.
- There were over 1,000 Moose members (men and women) in attendance at the Mid-Year Conference.