



Loyal Order of Moose Arlington #1315 Lodge NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY 2017



"Burning of the Mortgage" Celebration @ 5:00pm

February 18th [during the Presidents Celebration Social Event]

Come celebrate a major milestone in the financial stabilization of our Moose Lodge as the mortgage with Moose International has been **PAID IN FULL!** Over the past four years (at least) the Lodge has been making two monthly mortgage payments to accomplish this joyous occasion. This event will occur outside in the backyard (bad practice to have open flames indoors); so dress warmly to participate. A toast will be part of the event.



The VMA Quarterly Meeting on January 14th had been postponed until February 11th!

The planned VMA Quarterly District 4 Meeting was canceled on Saturday, January 14th due to a projected ice storm that was supposed to happen in the early morning hours prior to the meeting.

As the area that encompasses the various Moose Lodges within VMA District 4 is expansive, there were probably many areas that driving could have been hazardous to get to the meeting (even though our local area only had wet roads). Therefore, per the decision by the President of VMA, the VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting was postponed until Saturday, February 11th. Please refer to "our membership petition" on Page 10!

The New Moose "Valued Veterans" Program is now in Effect!

Our members should visit the new Valued Veterans section of the Moose International website (www.mooseintl.org) under Members Area, Program & Events to learn more about the program components. The Arlington Fraternity has begun to plan in implementing this new fraternal program and more information will be provided in the upcoming months. Moose International has stated that this is an ever-evolving, continually improving, and truly important fraternal program.



All Members that are veterans ... please "self-identify" under "My Membership Record" on the Moose International website so that you can be recognized in the Program.

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

February 4th
Fish Fry Revisited

February 5th
Legion Breakfast

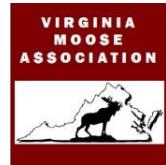
February 5th
Super Bowl Party

February 11th
WOTM Valentine Dinner

February 18th
Presidents Celebration

Future Social Events on Page 9

The Arlington Fraternity wishes all our Members a Happy Valentine Day



Thank You Members for Representing Our Fraternity at the VMA Mid-Year Conference

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God Bless America!



Groundhog Day



February 2nd

Valentine's Day



February 14th

Presidents Day



February 20th



**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



**Celebrate
Fat Tuesday
at the Lodge**
(last day before
ritual fasting of the
Lent season)

February 28th

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

Menu announced
in weekly emails
or call the Lodge

**FEBRUARY
EVENT**



**Super Bowl Party – Sunday, February 5th
Watch Super Bowl LI beginning at 5:30pm**

Come enjoy watching the **BIG GAME** at the Arlington Lodge, where there are multiple televisions throughout the Social Quarters for your viewing pleasure. Based on the regular season & playoff statistics, this should be a very entertaining game, as both teams have high scoring offenses (but it always seems that defenses have the advantage at this final game of the NFL



season). No matter what happens in the GAME ... there are always the great commercials and the half-time show with Lady Gaga.

A food offering will be available for a reasonable price at the Lodge during the game.

**FEBRUARY
EVENT**



**Fish Fry Revisited – No. 10 (Since August 2012)
Saturday, February 4th (2:00pm – 6:00pm)**

This event has always been a really big crowd-pleasing, successful event for the Lodge; with approximately 45 members and guests attending this similar event in August. The Galley chefs wanted to try their hand at some ice fishing to catch our fish offerings at this event; however, the weird fluctuation of temperatures in January (e.g.: cold, Spring-like warm, extreme cold, warm again) kept the Potomac River from freezing. Therefore, the fish

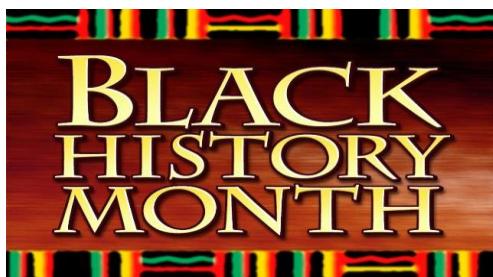
selections will be found on ice at our local grocery store. We guarantee that the fish offerings of fried catfish, cod and flounder will be tasty and delicious! AND, as usual, there will be some *special offerings* being considered for later in the day. In keeping with the "menu that always brings the crowds back to the event", several of the side dishes for this event will consist of macaroni & cheese, cooked mixed greens, stewed tomatoes, and baked beans.



**Moose Legion Breakfast
Sunday, February 5th
(10:00am – 1:00pm)**

**FEBRUARY
EVENT**

Tired of the cold weather and want to stay in bed on a Sunday morning? The Arlington Moose Legion Committee wants to entice you to "greet the day" with a warm comfort breakfast cooked by us to get you energized to meet the challenges of the day! It's an all-you-can-eat breakfast (\$8.00/adult) with made-to-order eggs/omelets/pancakes/French toast, sausage, bacon, fruit salad, coffee, orange juice, and a minimum of one "surprise" food item.



**Electronic Pull-Tabs by
Powerhouse Gaming**

**at the Arlington #1315
Moose Lodge**

Arlington #1315
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2016-2017

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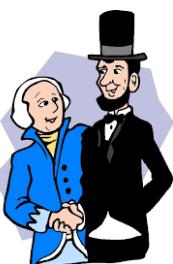
**FEBRUARY
EVENT**

**WOTM Valentine Dinner on Saturday,
February 11th (6:00pm – 8:00pm)**

Avoid the crowds and bring your loved a few days early to celebrate Valentine Day (especially if you have not made a reservation at a restaurant at the time of this publication). The WOTM will be serving a steak dinner at a reasonable price of \$15.00. The dinner will include "a made-to-order" plate of a steak cooked to your desired taste (will be marinated upon request), a mushroom & onion topping for the steak if desired, a baked potato, and asparagus as a "green side dish". In addition, there will be a green salad,

rolls, and several home-made desserts offered. It is requested that attendees stagger their arrival times to this event, as the "individualized" steak cooking could cause considerable delays in being served. However, you can always have your favorite beverage while waiting!

Payment in advance is required for the ordering of the steaks!

**FEBRUARY
EVENT**

**Presidents Celebration on Saturday,
February 18th (2:00pm – 6:00pm)**

The Arlington Fraternity will be honoring ALL our past United State Presidents; who have given a portion of their life (and probably a considerable amount of hair) to lead our GREAT COUNTRY! To get us thinking about those up-coming warm summer months, the food offering will be a cook-out theme of hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken and all our normal summer side dishes (except watermelon).

There will be a quiz that our members can take during the first hour of the social event to determine their knowledge of our past Presidents with a few prizes being provided to

those who have a high score in remembering their High School history lessons (no cheating with your cellular telephones please).

Remember ... the "Burning of the Mortgage" Celebration will occur at 5:00pm!

**Only four months until the end of the Moose Year ...
We need Many New Members to Exceed +1 from Last Year!**

Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members

- Royce Walters
- Michael Nannini
- Patrick Day
- Dean Massey
- James Bucklin
- Evelyn Vicente
- Adrian Mitchell



**Nominate a Lodge &
Chapter Member
for Volunteer of the
Quarter
(January – March 2017)**

Deadline is March 30, 2017

**Moose
International
Annual
Membership
Campaign**





Chapter Award of Achievement (5th Consecutive Year)

Free WiFi at Lodge



Thank You Veterans!



For Everything You Do For Our Country

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Volunteers are needed for future articles for the Newsletters



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!
Beginning February 1st**

Next Moose Legion Committee Meeting on Thursday,
February 16th @6:30pm

WOTM members & LOOM members are Welcome to attend



Un-Oktoberfest - An Event Extravaganza January 7th 30th (*Ach du lieber!*)

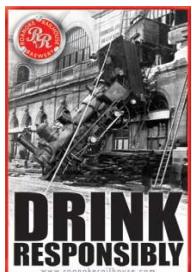
Wunderbar! Another successful social event for the Lodge, as over 35 Moose members and guests attended. Even though the Wiens (funfair) is celebrated for 16 days in Munich/Bavaria, Germany, the Arlington Fraternity gave a great effort in trying to compact all the food, beer, fun, and more beer in 1 day. The food offering was grilled bratwurst, grilled smoked sausage & kielbasa, sides of sauerkraut & sautéed green peppers/onions, pork schnitzel with gravy, Rinderrouladen (braised beef rolls), spaetzle (noodles), German hot potato salad, red cabbage, pickle platter, and a cheese & cracker platter. For desserts, there was German chocolate cake, a blueberry dump cake, and brownies. The only thing we regret is that we did not offer any real German beer varieties.

A thank you is extended to the Küchenchefs of Joyce Chaffins, Tom Oderwald, Andre McFail, and Liz Coombs for the delicious food that "kept on coming" to satisfy the appetites for our members and guests. Furthermore, 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!

The VMA will be returning back to Roanoke, VA in August 2018 for the VMA Annual Convention



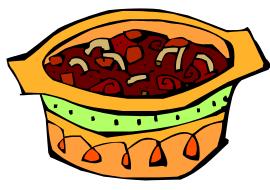
Please drink responsibly while visiting the Lodge

Get your blood pressure checked regularly!





Casserole Cook-Off



March 4th

St. Patrick's Party



Saturday,
March 18th



Saturday,
March 25th



March
Madness
Tailgate Party



See NOTE

Congratulations to David Harding
LOOM Volunteer of the Quarter
(October – December 2016)



Congratulations to Anna Phillips
WOTM Volunteer of the Quarter
(October – December 2016)



Youth Organization of the Quarter (October – December 2016)
Wakefield Education Foundation

NOTE: *David left the area for a job and a picture could not be taken.*



WOTM Mystery Raffle Fundraiser – January 28th

Chapter #1253 would like to thank all of our members that donated items for the Mystery Raffle Fundraiser that were offered during the Chinese New Year Celebration. In addition, a thank you is extended to all the members that wrapped the items (the winners did not know what item they were selecting) and provided their time in performing this fundraiser.

But most of all, Chapter #1253 wants to thank to all our members that made donations to make this charity fundraiser a success!

Keep Everyone Healthy – Report any Lodge Safety Hazards to the Administrator



Unfinished Business of the Holidays

The Arlington would like to personally thank all those members who took down and packed 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.



"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



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)

**National
Inventor's Day**



February 11th

**WOTM
Children's
Easter Party**



Saturday,
April 1st

Arlington
#1315 Annual
LOOM
Membership
Fee is \$45.00



**Chinese New Year Celebration -
January 28th**

One word comes to mind for this event ... "Cock-a-doodle-doo"! The Arlington Fraternity wants to crow about the success of bringing in the Year of the Rooster. There were over 35 members and guests that attended this social event; which offered "home-made" event-themed dishes (*just like the local restaurant around the corner*).



The Chinese buffet feast consisted of shrimp egg rolls & chicken egg rolls with hot mustard and duck sauce, teriyaki beef sticks, fried rice, white rice, General Tso's spicy chicken, beef with broccoli, and chicken with mixed vegetables. The only things lacking for this celebration were the fortune cookies; but it is believed that the nonverbal fortune extended to everyone that attended was "*good food always provides a satisfied appetite*". The Arlington Fraternity would like to thank "Chinese Master Chef" Tommy Oderwald, and "Chinese Chefs de cuisine" Donna Field, Tom Cahill, and Andre McFail for their efforts in the time-consuming preparation, the "wok-ing" of the various Chinese dishes offered, and the cleanup after the event. Tom Oderwald stated that "it was a group effort!"

[说伟大的食物 – "great food" in Chinese]



Thank You Powerhouse Gaming & Members

It was a hard decision by the LOOM Board of Officers in 2015, but contracting to have electronic pull-tabs at the Lodge from Powerhouse Gaming has been financially beneficial to our Fraternity; and lest not forget all our members that have left the Lodge as winners (a few bucks in their pockets or boasting that "they have beat the system"). Thank you Members for enjoying the entertainment that we are providing; but please remember that this is not a means for an early retirement. **Know your financial limit!**



The Lodge is Soliciting Leadership Volunteers

If you are interested in being on the 2017-2018 LOOM Board of Officers, please submit a Candidate Consideration form that is located on the bulletin board in the entrance of the Social Quarters. The following positions are open for election: Governor, Junior Governor, Prelate, Treasurer, and 3-Year Trustee.

It is requested that individuals submit in writing their desire to run for an elected position to the LOOM Board of Officers by Tuesday, February 21st (first Nomination Committee Meeting); however, the official deadline is March 21, 2017

Pun of the Month

Artificial snow was first made on February 13, 1910 ...

the first snow fakes!



**Moose
of the
Month**



**Happy Hour****4:00pm – 8:00pm****Monday thru Thursday**

Watch the Washington Capitals and the Washington Wizards at the Lodge

**Governor's Corner**

Well here we are football is ending and what next. Well we have basketball, hockey, and NASCAR for your sports fix. Come in and enjoy what the Lodge can offer!

Around the Lodge we are continuing with enhancements and improvements. We have our boiler working well; new thermostats have been installed for each zone to regulate the temperature. Please refrain from going to the boiler-room and adjusting the water temperature, this action will disrupt the boiler's ability to provide regulated heat throughout the lodge. Please do not close the door to the boiler room, the make-up air required for proper boiler operation is critical. We have invested a great deal of money in the boiler over the last year to ensure proper operation.

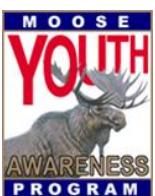
Enough negativity, fun stuff ahead ... the Queen of Hearts has re started, Moose Legion Breakfast, Super Bowl Party, Fish Fry, WOTM Valentine Steak Dinner, and the Presidents' Celebration; all this in a the shortest month of the year. My special thanks to all of the volunteers who make these events possible.

It is Trophy Season; we have three so far for attendance at the VMA District Meetings. It takes three meetings in a row to win another. February 11th is the next VMA District Meeting this one is at the Vienna Lodge. Please join us in force and get another for the lodge!

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

An Anniversary in the Technology Age at the Lodge

It has been one year since the Lodge has implemented the monthly calendar video display in the Non-Smoking Bar area (actually since January 2016). A thank you is extended to John Matis for developing the displays for each of the months since inception. Hopefully, they have been providing valuable information to our members.

**Youth Awareness Program**

Our members should not be surprised ... the Arlington Fraternity has requested to conduct a Student Congress in the Youth Awareness Program with the Virginia Moose Association for Saturday, November 4, 2017. The Arlington Fraternity has always believed that this Moose program is an extremely important service to our community in the development of our future citizens/leaders and will again participate in the next school year. Please consider student candidates to participate this year. In addition, we will be soliciting volunteers to assist in the organization of the Student Congress and willing to provide presentations.

It was noted in the VMA Mid-Year Conference that 44 students had participated in the Student Congresses this past school year at 13 Moose Lodges; with Galax Moose Lodge #733 having the most student participation. These students have until the deadline of February 28th to complete their "Moose Kids Talk" requirements.



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

Give Generously!

Support Special Olympics





**Arlington
#1253 Annual
WOTM
Membership
Fee is \$30.00**



Weatherman's Day



February 5th

(They won't get
it right on this
day either)

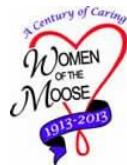
Don't Procrastinate!



Your Income
Tax Return is
due in April

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,

Hard to believe this is my ninth Senior Regent letter. Time is flying as we continue to follow and execute our plans to serve Mooseheart and Moosehaven, as well as our local community, all whilst we enjoy each other's company. What a gig!

I'd like to thank Christina Davies-Tribble and her Community Service Committee for their efforts in selling tickets and raffling off that beautiful Moose Basket at the UnOctoberfest on January 4th. Way to go Christina and all! Thanks are also in order for the efforts of the Mooseheart/Moosehaven committee chaired by Azie Tekle and her right hand gal, Bela Goodwin. They, with the help of other board and committee members, wrapped a wonderful array of over thirty gifts (donated by our generous chapter and lodge members) to raffle off at the Chinese New Year Celebration this past Saturday (1/27). What a fun night!

Donna Field and I went to the WOTM Mid-Year Conference on the 20th in Norfolk. We will be sharing our adventure/information during the next few chapter meetings. One thing we do know is that we need to RECRUIT new members. If everyone could try to bring in one new member in the next month or two, we may have a chance of meeting our yearly goal and earning our Award of Achievement. The more members we have, the more service we can provide. We love new friends, don't we? Let's do this!

Upcoming events include:

February 7th – Board meets at 6:15PM, Nominating Committee meets at 6:40PM, and Activity Night meeting is at 7:10PM.

February 11th – Steak Dinner from 6PM to 8PM with the trimmings – baked potato, asparagus, salad, rolls/bread and dessert. Cost is \$15.00 and must be purchased in advance. Please sign up and pay our bartenders. Valentine's Basket will be raffled off.

February 21st – Board meets at 6:15PM, Nominating Committee meets at 6:40PM, and Business meeting is at 7:10PM.

February 28th – Nominating Committee meets at 6:40PM.

Stay healthy!

Ask How to Become a Mooseheart Booster

WOTM Valentine Basket Raffle in February



**Drawing at
Valentine
Dinner
February 11th**



Daytona 500

NASCAR Begins on February 26th
Come Watch the Season Start at
the Lodge



Chapter Award of Achievement (5th Consecutive Year)

Future Planned Major Social Events (February – April 2017)

March 4th
Casserole Cook-Off

March 5th
Legion Breakfast

March 18th
St. Patrick's Party

March 25th
March Madness Tailgate Party

April 1st
WOTM Children's Easter Party

April 2nd
Legion Breakfast

April 22nd
LOOM & WOTM Officers Installation

Dates & Activities subject to change

National Freedom Day



February 1st



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: **George Koditek, Jr.** (2/03), **Michael Koditek** (2/03), **George "Billy" Hensley, Jr.** (2/07), **Tu Tran** (2/08), **Robert Peake** (2/09), **Robert Martinson** (2/10), **Charles Ziegler** (2/13), **Daniel O'Rourke** (2/20), **Andrew York** (2/22), **Daniel Malof** (2/24), **Stephen Wassel** (2/24), **Robert Bogie** (2/25), and **John Riddoch** (2/27).
- Happy Birthday to Chapter members: **Beryl Bakker** (2/04), **Christine Basye** (2/04), **Kristen Medel** (2/05), **Maureen Naughton** (2/06), **Michelle Griffin** (2/08), **Julia Muretta** (2/15), **Lisa Gallimore** (2/19), **Lori Jones** (2/19), and **Patti Green-Shupp** (2/24).

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

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

IN MEMORY:

- The clock of time has stopped; across its face of motionless shadows mark the hour of their passing. A tribute to the memory of our Fraternity member who had passed into the realm of everlasting peace and the Supreme above:
 - Rosa Lee Clegg (died in May 2016)
 - Mary Ann Quill (died in November 2016)
 - Libby Emery (died in December 2016)

**Have a suggestion for a Social Event at the Arlington Fraternity?
Please talk to the Governor or Senior Regent!**



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. It has been said that our Fraternity is extremely good in providing a welcoming atmosphere. Please continue this trait as we want everyone to come back!





Are You a Veteran?



Tell Us!
We Want to
Know

Casino Night
Sponsored by
Bull Run
Moose Legion
#185
on Saturday,
March 18th



a Ritual Team
Fundraiser
at the
Arlington
Lodge

All Moose
Members &
their guests
are welcome



Lodge Repairs/Replacements

No notable repairs had occurred in the Moose Lodge during the month of January 2017; however, there are many "little things" that have to be repaired/replaced in the next few months. Therefore, in order to keep our expenses at a minimum, we need to solicit volunteers to accomplish the work. If you have any time ... **PLEASE VOLUNTEER!**

Currently, the Lodge needs members for electrical repairs; especially in getting the outside security building lights operational again, and the replacement of the lighting for the exterior flags. Spring is coming soon, and we will need do outside work to improve our "curb appeal" around the building; as well as mowing the grass and taking the graffiti off our exterior walls at the back of the building.

It is requested that only authorized members go down into the basement and make any adjustments to the mechanical systems of the Lodge. The equipment is old and "fragile" and any "tweaking" could stress the equipment to the point of failure. Replacement or repair could be a major expense that would deplete the available funds of the Lodge that make us financially "stable". Thank you for your understanding in this matter!

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!**



Plan to Attend the VA Moose Association District 4 Quarterly Meeting on February 11, 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!**

VMA District 4 General Membership Meeting is 11:00am on February 11, 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 attend this meeting in order to have a chance for the highest attendance. Not to count the "arrows before they land" (hey give some literary leeway, it's the valentine season), 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!



LOOM 2017-2018
Board of Officers
Elections

Tuesday, April 4th



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



Remember Mooseheart



The Supreme Governor will be Visiting Virginia in February 2017



Information will be provided if he will be visiting our Lodge!

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. **Brian Van de Meulebroecke** was the winner of the January 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 January 30, 2017:

2016-2017 +1 Goal	Current Active Members	Difference	Expired	Dropped
268	250	- 18	57	39

New Members since April 30, 2016: 19 (As of January 31, 2017)



Short-Term Membership Campaign - Honor Our Community Heroes through Moose Membership

Each community has its share of local heroes, whether it's a member of the military or a local firefighter or police officer. They are often asked to handle high-risk situations, putting their personal safety in jeopardy. Beyond that, on a daily basis, they are viewed as role models that have the ability to make changes for their community and beyond. How can the Moose honor these heroes? Through the gift of membership!

From January 1st thru April 30th, 2017 the campaign will waive all fees and dues for a new or re-enrolled member active duty military personnel (including active Reservists) and First Responders (Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Paramedics, and Emergency Medical Technicians) [Not included: Veterans, doctors, nurses, Moose multi-members]. If you know someone who is serving our country or provides first responder services for our community, now is a great time to offer them a membership in the Moose!



Think Natitude!

Spring Training Begins in February



Pitchers/Catchers report on February 14th
Position players report February 17th
New Facility – The Ballpark of the Palm Beaches



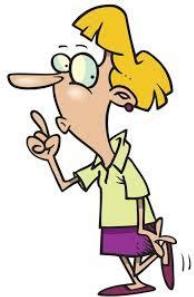
Chapter Award of Achievement (5th Consecutive Year)

Watch NBA All-Star Game at the Lodge

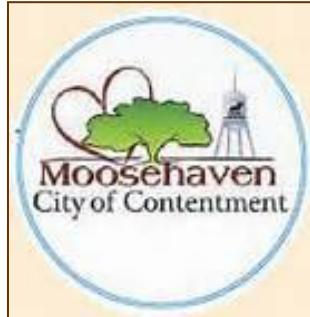


Sunday,
February 19th
Smoothie King
Center in
New Orleans, LA

Quiet Day



February 25th



VMA Moosehaven Centennial Project Contribution Status (As of January 13, 2017)



\$315,898.11 (63.18%)

GOAL = \$500,000

VMA Moosehaven Centennial Project Contribution

After just one year of a three-year campaign, contributions have been made by the Virginia Moose fraternities to meet over 60% of the VMA goal. It was noted at the VMA Mid-Year Conference that 69 Virginia Moose Lodges met their first year pledge, with 11 Virginia Moose Lodges already meeting their total 3-Year pledge. As of December 2016, the Arlington Fraternity has contributed over 2/3 of their total pledge (mostly from the Lodge's portion of the Queen of Hearts gaming).



Let's Talk (A Message from the Administrator)

Everyone should be aware that January is hell when it comes to a business. There are so many Federal and State forms that need to be submitted with respect to employees, it makes your head spin (and we're not talking about being processed by the devil ... mostly just the IRS). First, I want to thank Rose Russo for helping me get the required W-2s distributed to our employees before the end of January. Secondly, I want to thank Billy Hensley and Nancy Kodetik for their efforts in keeping our Fraternity in good standings with the Federal government over the past several years ... I now feel your pain as volunteers for the Lodge to keep us legit.

I want to remind everyone that I am a volunteer with no compensation from the LOOM Fraternity; just like everyone else on our LOOM Board of Officers; therefore, please be patient if I screw up in my duties and possibly cost our Fraternity hopefully just a "few" bucks. I am trying!

I want to specially thank Joyce Chaffins for taking the lead in continuing her efforts to provide the Friday Night Dinners and the volunteers that provide the dessert at these dinners. In addition, I want to thank Tom Oderwald and the compiled entourage of volunteers for taking the lead the past six months to cook at our social events at the Lodge (current & past recent Newsletters have identified these individuals).



Virginia House at Mooseheart

The Arlington Fraternity continues to support the Virginia House. Did you know that when a Queen of Hearts game is won at the Lodge, 10% of the sales of tickets is provided to VMA that is allocated for the needs of the Virginia House? In addition, our Fraternity provides regular monetary donations in the Money

Marches at the VMA Annual Convention and Mid-Year Conferences. Recently, we donated towards the purchase of gifts to be provided at Christmas for the girls living in the Virginia House.

Currently there are seven (7) girls living at the Virginia House ... Matilda (age 9), Madison (age 9), Emma (age 9), Kamiya (age 7), Jasmine (age 7), Pauline (age 7), Amanda (age 6). More information (birthdays, favorite foods, etc.) of these girls can be found of the VMA website.



Support the WOTM



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

Support Scouting



Girl Scouts



Boy Scouts



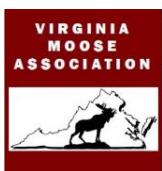
Try Your Word Power (Do you know what these words mean?) (from Reader's Digest – February 2017)

- niblick (a) comic routine (b) iron golf club (c) pocket flask
- pippin (a) apple (b) migrating songbird (c) thumbtack
- skinflint (a) scam artist (b) penny-pincher (c) fire starter
- fizgig (a) plan that fails (b) large swarm of bees (c) hissing firework
- dirndl (a) needle for darning (b) full skirt (c) spinning top

There is a gentleman's bet that our English ladies in the Fraternity knows more of these words than most of our members ... can you prove us wrong?
(Answers on Page 14)

Thank You for Representing the Arlington Fraternity at the 2017 VMA Mid-Year Conference in Norfolk, VA

The Arlington Fraternity extends a thank you to Roxanne Coles-Matis, Donna Fields, Gregg Cady, and John Matis for representing our organization at the VMA Mid-Year Conference in Norfolk, Virginia.



2017 Mid-Year Conference for VA Moose Association January 19th – January 21st, 2017

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

- The LOOM guest at the event was Bryon Dalton, Assistant General Governor of Moose International.
- It was announced that expanding the number of electronic gaming machines within a Club is still in Virginia legislation for consideration and it will take at least 12 months if an approval is determined.
- It was encouraged that the Lodges and Chapters consider conducting events being open to the public; however, there are several IRS and State restrictions that must be complied with (only 2 like events per year, separate bar from Social Quarters, possible extended alcohol permits, etc.)
- It was encouraged that the Lodges concentrate on providing the Tommy Moose community service activity.
- It was noted that Kohl's (the retail store) is a major sponsor for the Moose International organization; many conducted events by employees to raise donations (e.g.: Mooseheart Festival of Lights).
- A presentation was provided in how to attract the Millennials to join the Lodges & Chapters [new program titled "A New Moose Experience"].

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Collection bag in the entrance of the Social Quarters

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





The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner

Congratulations to Ciaran "Mac" McAlonan and David Mahoney for being conferred into the Moose Legion at the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Winter Celebration at the Culpeper Moose Lodge #1348 on January 28th. In addition, we have resolved the matter of transferring Ralph Phillips and

Dave Kish into our Arlington Moose Legion Committee (*just an over sight in the Moose bookwork*).

We would also like to thank Ralph Phillips, Bob Muretta, and John Matis in attending the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Winter Celebration to represent our Moose Legion Committee and support our conferral candidates. The Assistant Secretary of the Arlington Moose Legion Committee wants to thank all of our members for presenting a good image of our Fraternity at this event! The "car pool" was an adventure for the long distance to this event (to and fro); but the designated driver is still complaining about the "aroma" that has lingered within his vehicle. For the record, we deny any responsibility for the VMA District 4 attendance trophy disappearing from their Lodge [the VMA President had the trophy].

Word Power

dirndl

- (b) full skirt
- ippin
- (a) apple
- niblick
- (b) iron golf club
- skinflint
- (b) penny-pincher
- fizgig
- (c) hissing firework

We Don't Worry! We have Supportive Members



Another Moose That Fell Down!

Who would have thought it would have happened somewhere else than our Fraternity? A family in the State of Idaho had quite a shock when they awoke to find a moose had fallen into their home. The animal tumbled through an unlatched window into the basement of the property in the community of Hailey. According to the Idaho Mountain Express, the female moose spent about three hours in the house after the mishap early on Sunday morning on January 29, 2017. Animal-control officials tried to shoo the moose upstairs to leave the

house; but the moose kept charging at them. After that failed, they sedated the animal with a tranquilizer gun. The eight officers picked up the moose (ugh! ... 600 lbs.) and carried her upstairs and releasing it unharmed outside. The heavy snow this past weekend had driven the moose and other wildlife into populated areas in search of food, according to wildlife officials. The Administrator of our Lodge was happy that this event happened somewhere else and an insurance claim did not have to be processed.



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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