



## Need to Renew Your Membership Early!

The door entry system of the Social Quarters requires that you have a valid Moose ID card when you swipe! Many of our members procrastinate sending in their renewal dues; which result in their existing Moose ID cards expiring before they received their replacement valid Moose ID card. And surprise ... they cannot get through the entrance door! *Come on man (or woman)!* Besides getting a member in the Lodge to come to open the door when you ring the door bell, you have to then prove that you have paid your renewal dues to STAY in the Lodge. Avoid the hassle for everyone. Please pay your renewal dues when Moose International sends you the dues renewal notice; which is at least 60 days in advance of the expiration date. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.



**Congratulations to Julie Parkhurst in being conferred for the Academy of Friendship degree at the Mid-Year Conference**

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



*Details on Page 8*



## 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.



## 1-Year Anniversary of the "Burning of the Mortgage"

Wow! Can you believe that we celebrated the paying of our loan "in full" with Moose International last February? It was a special milestone for the Lodge in that it has allowed the Lodge's funds to grow this past year. Again, the Arlington Fraternity wants to

thank all our members for attending our social events, supporting our business offerings, and providing donations to make this past accomplishment.

## Arlington Fraternity Won the Attendance Trophy at the VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>

This was the second consecutive meeting in a row – *BUT* the attendance Trophy rules has changed. *Details on Page 12.*



## Upcoming Social Events

*(details on Page 2 & Page 3)*

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**

Legion Breakfast

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**

Super Bowl Party

**February 10<sup>th</sup>**

WOTM Valentine Dinner

**February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Chinese New Year Celebration

**Future Scheduled Social Events on Page 9 which includes 3 in the Summer**

## Groundhog Day



**February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## St. Valentines' Day



**February 14<sup>th</sup>**

## Chinese New Year



**February 16<sup>th</sup>**

## Presidents' Day



**February 19<sup>th</sup>**



**Watch the 2018 Winter Olympics at the Lodge**

**February 3 thru February 25**

**Daytime: 3pm-5pm weekdays  
3pm-6pm weekends**

**Primetime: 7pm (Sundays)  
8pm (weekdays & Saturday)**



**Arlington #1315  
Moose Lodge  
Hours of Operation**

**Monday –  
Wednesday**

3:00pm to 11:00pm

**Thursday**

Noon to 11:00pm

**Friday**

Noon – 12:00am

**Saturday**

Noon – 12:00am

**Sunday**

Noon to 10:00pm

**Social Quarters  
Manager**

Joyce Chaffins

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

**Menu announced  
in weekly emails  
or call the Lodge**



**Moose Legion Breakfast  
Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

**(10:00am – 1:00pm)**

Surprise “your special other” with an early valentine gift by bringing she/he to the Legion Breakfast. It’s an all-you-can-eat breakfast with made-to-order eggs (i.e.: any type including omelets), pancakes (regular, blueberry, and chocolate chip) & French toasts with a buffet-style feast of sausage, bacon, home fried potatoes, fruit salad, coffee, orange juice, and a minimum of one “surprise” food item. The cost will be \$8.00/adult for the food offering.

**FEBRUARY  
EVENT**

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EVENT**



**Super Bowl Party – Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>  
Watch Super Bowl LII 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. New this year, we are asking each member to bring a pot luck dish (for 8 people) for the enjoyment of others watching the game. **AND** each member who brings a pot luck dish will get a discount on their beverage purchases. The cost for the food offering is \$5.00/person if a pot luck dish is not provided with no beverage discount. A separate pot luck dish needs to be provided for each member and qualified guest for the beverage discounts (e.g.: no family package) and bagged “munchies”, such as chips, corn chips, etc. do not qualify as a pot luck dish.



**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 planned social 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.** 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.



**Congratulations  
Alabama  
for winning the  
College Football  
Playoff National  
Championship**



**“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.

Arlington #1315  
Board of Officers  
2017-2018

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Gregg Cady

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Ralph Phillips



**BAR BINGO**  
Wednesday Nights beginning 7:00pm  
February 7<sup>th</sup>, February 14<sup>th</sup>,  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, & February 28<sup>th</sup>



**FEBRUARY  
EVENT**



**WOTM Valentine Dinner on Saturday,  
February 10<sup>th</sup> (6:00pm – 8:00pm)**

Avoid the crowds and bring your loved one 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**



**Celebrate the Year of the (Earth) Dog  
Chinese New Year Celebration on Saturday,  
February 17<sup>th</sup> (2:00pm – 6:00pm)**

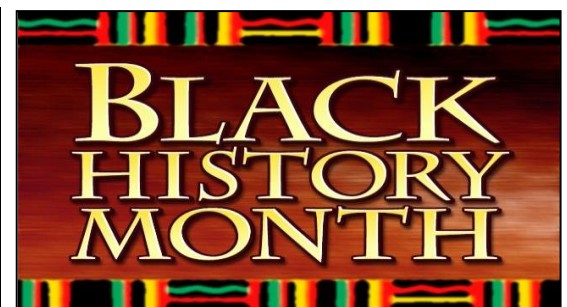
The Arlington Fraternity will be celebrating Chinese Year 4715 a few days early, as the beginning date of the new Chinese calendar year is February 8<sup>th</sup>; with a “parade” of delicious homemade food offerings. (Note: no dragons will be slain for this event). The Lodge chefs swear that the food 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 the use of the wok to prepare the food offerings. **Come eat, drink, and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Moose members!**

**Omission in the January Newsletter**



We provided an article about the Pet Photos with Santa in the past month’s Newsletter; however, we did not recognize Sue Jennings as the event originator, organizer, and photographer. We apologize! Thank you Sue Jennings for raising the donations for the pets at Moosehaven.

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



Arlington WOTM  
Chapter #1253  
Board of Officers  
2017-2018

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

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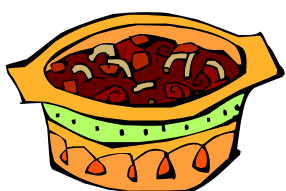
Liz Coombs

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



February 1<sup>st</sup>

**Casserole Cook-Off**



March 3<sup>rd</sup>

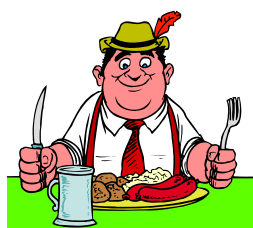
**Next Moose Legion Committee Meeting on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm**  
WOTM members & LOOM members are welcome to attend

**Thank you Members for Donating to the “Packaged Socks” Community Service Campaign by VMA at the Mid-Year Conference in Norfolk, Virginia**



Our goal was to contribute a minimum of 30 new packaged socks (adult sizes) ... **which we succeeded**, as 53 pairs of socks were taken to Norfolk, Virginia by the Arlington Fraternity. The total count of pairs of socks provided by all the Lodges within VMA at the Mid-Year Conference was not announced.

**Un-Oktoberfest - An Event Extravaganza January 6<sup>th</sup> (Ach du lieber!)**



Wunderbar! Another successful social event for the Lodge, as over 35 Moose members and guests attended, including those that came after attending the VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting. 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 (*but we are working to resolve this situation*).

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!**



**An Important Reminder about Gaming in the Lodge**

In accordance with the General Rules of Moose International ONLY Moose Members can play our gambling offerings within the Social Quarters (e.g.: pull-tabs, electronic pull-tabs, Queen of Hearts & Bar Bingo). Please do not bring guests to the Lodge to participate ... they will be denied to play.

**Get your blood pressure checked regularly!**



**Nominate a Lodge & Chapter Member for Volunteer of the Quarter**  
(January - March 2018)



Deadline is March 31, 2018



**Congratulations to Brian Birtell**  
LOOM Volunteer of the Quarter  
(October – December 2017)



**Congratulations to Betty McLarin**  
WOTM Volunteer of the Quarter  
(October – December 2017)



[Editor Comment - could not get the photos out of cellular phone]



**Youth Organization of the Quarter (October – December 2017)**  
Annandale Boys & Girls Club

**Everyone has a Special Talent!**



**Please Volunteer to Assist the Fraternity in Accomplishing our Goals**



**Fish Fry Revisited (No. 11) - January 27<sup>th</sup>**

“Holy mackerel” (or should we say catfish)! Another successful social event for the Lodge ... and that is no fish story. There were over 30 members and guests who attended this food event. At the event there were many individuals who drank like a fish, with some sitting by themselves like cold fish. But as usual, there was our friendly aura in the Social Quarters, so no one felt like a fish out of water. By the way, was it mentioned that everyone was packed like sardines in the Social Quarters. Quite a fishy story!

The usual event staples of breaded/fried catfish, cod, and flounder were provided; BUT, the Galley Chefs made a minor alteration in the standard menu by offering baked cod. Besides the fish, spicy steamed shrimp, fried clams, and fried oysters were offered as surprise dishes. To complement the tasty seafood, the buffet included macaroni and cheese, cooked mixed greens, stewed tomatoes, hush puppies, coleslaw, a cheese and cracker platter, a pickle tray, and potato chips with dip. AND our in-house Sushi Chef was brought back for this event and offer two types of sushi; California style & spicy tuna. [For the record, the offered food was delicious and no one left the event looking “green around the gills”.]

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank our Galley Chefs of Tom Oderwald, Joyce Chaffins, and Andre McFail for their efforts in providing the fish fry buffet for our membership! Furthermore, our fraternity extends a thank you to our in-house Sushi Chef Donna Field for preparing the surprise sushi offering for the event. Finally, our Fraternity would also like to express our gratitude to all those volunteers who performed the cleanup after this social event ... especially in the galley with the greasy pots and pans for frying the various fish selections. By the way, there are “plenty of fish in the sea” for another Fish Fry event in the summer.



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

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

**You can Pay Your Moose Dues Online – It’s Easy!**

Go to Moose International Website; you need your Moose ID number & a credit card.

**Moose of the Month**



**Electronic Pull-Tabs by Powerhouse Gaming**



**at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge**  
(5 Gaming Stations)



**WOTM  
Children's  
Easter Party**



**Saturday,  
March 10<sup>th</sup>**



**Thank You Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club**

The Arlington Fraternity has contributed to three community service events with the Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club (BXRC) over the past 1-1/2 years by offering our facility and volunteers. To honor our support, the Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club #5788 has made a \$500 charitable donation to Moose Charities to equally benefit Moosehaven and Mooseheart. In addition, the Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club #5788 presented Certificates of Appreciation to Arlington Lodge #1315 and Chapter #1253. The pictures below show Elizabeth Coombs representing Chapter #1253 and Brian Birtell representing Lodge #1315 receiving the framed Certificates of Appreciations & the donation check from BXRC President Steven Wasko. Note: Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club #5788 sent the check to Moose Charities.



**Governor's Corner & Senior Regent's Message**

The Editor (i.e.: the Administrator) wants to apologize for not having an article by the Governor or the Senior Regent. While trying to fulfill all the income tax responsibilities for the end of the 2017 year, he forgot to remind our leadership to provide an article for the Newsletter. An appropriate article for each individual will be provided next month.



**St. Patrick's  
Party**



**Saturday,  
March 17<sup>th</sup>**



**WOTM Mystery Raffle Fundraiser – January 6<sup>th</sup>**

Chapter #1253 would like to thank all of our members that donated items for the Mystery Raffle Fundraiser that were offered during the Un-Oktoberfest event. 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!

**National  
Inventor's Day**



**February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**The Arlington Fraternity Needs Volunteers ... Please Consider!**

**Pun of the Month**

What did the paper clip say to the magnet?



*... I find you very attractive!*

(In honor of Valentine's Day)

**Thank You Veterans!**



**For Everything You Do  
for Our Country**



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

**Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**



**March Madness Tailgate Party**

**National Weatherman's Day**



**February 5<sup>th</sup>**



**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**KidsCare Food Kits Sponsored by the Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club**

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, the Arlington Fraternity offered our facility at no cost and many volunteers to the Bailey's Crossroads

Rotary Club to package "emergency food kits" for the children at various schools within our community when these schools are closed due to inclement weather or other situations. Many of the children rely on a stable food offering from the schools during the weekdays due to family hardships. More than 100 individuals, including about 19 Arlington Fraternity and 20 Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club members and their families participated in this community service event. In addition, teachers from Stuart High School and Glen Forest Elementary School, the President of Annandale Rotary Club, the Principal of Glasgow Middle School and daughter, members of the Stuart Alumni Association, and community members helped make this event successful. This event was organized by Kate Walter with assistance from Sarah Shannon; both members of the Arlington Fraternity.

The participants of the event packaged 20,340 "KidsCare" Meals within a little over a 2 hour period, consisting of 13,608 bean and rice meals, 4,572 pasta meals, and 2,360 oatmeal breakfast meals. It was a sight to be seen from the assembly line organization and equipment, everyone wearing aprons & hair nets (if they had hair and those with mustaches & beards), and the accuracy of weight for each packaged meal. It is noted that the Bailey's Crossroad Rotary Club contributed \$5,000 for this food packing event made possible from their annual Classic Ford Mustang raffle. It is noted that the packaged meals were delivered to Parklawn, Glen Forest, and Bailey's Elementary Schools by the Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all our volunteers who participated in this community service event. Pictures are displayed on Page 13.



**Reminder: ONLY Active Members are allowed to gamble within the Social Quarters**



**Youth Awareness Program**

To get you up updated about the program, Virginia has 75 students registered in the Youth Awareness Program this year with 20 Lodges & 12 Chapters participating. This has set multiple records in the total Moose International Youth Awareness Program. Due to this participation, Moose International has granted Virginia to send 6 student representatives to the Moose International Youth Awareness Student Congress in Boston, MA in April this year (an increase of 2 students from last year). Now we wait for the students to complete their KidsTalks and submit their reports by the deadline of February 28, 2018.

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



**Collection bag in the entrance of the Social Quarters on the bulletin board**



**Daytona 500**

**NASCAR Begins on February 18<sup>th</sup> Come Watch the Season Start at the Lodge**



**Watch the Washington Capitals and the Washington Wizards at the Lodge**



**Check the schedules of these teams for dates & times**



**Support Our Local Police and Fire Departments**



**VMA Mid-Year Conference  
January 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank Gregg Cady, John Matis, George Warrington, Patti Rodas, Roxanne Coles-Matis, Jane Ripley, Julie Parkhurst, and Eric Parkhurst for representing our Lodge and Chapter at the Mid-Year Conference.

Major items of discussion, topics, and events at the VMA Mid-Year Conference:

- The Official Visitor at the Conference was Supreme Councilman John Reiter and Past Grand Regent Sandra Thompson;
- There were 502 LOOM members and 415 WOTM members in attendance during the Conference (not all during the entire weekend);
- There is a reversing trend this year in the LOOM membership within the VMA as it has increased, not decreasing as in the past several years;
- The new Lodgic experience initiated by Moose International will open in Illinois in the summer of 2018 (see lodgic.org website for details);
- The VMA has approved and funded the replacement of the heating/cooling system of the Virginia House at Mooseheart in the amount of \$24,876.00 (to be completed this Moose year);
- A great Web cyber awareness presentation was provided – we as adults give too much information about our families on the computer media for child predators;
- This is the 25<sup>th</sup> Year for the sponsoring of the Virginia Special Olympics softball event by VMA in Bedford, VA; and
- There were many workshops pertaining to membership campaigns, recognitions for sponsors, events open to the public, advertising vs. promotion of events, importance of an Audit Committee, and election requirements.



The picture shows the Arlington Chapter #1253 WOTM Representatives of Jane Ripley, Patti Rodas, Julie Parkhurst, and Roxanne Coles-Matis with Past Grand Regent Sandra Thompson (middle of the picture) at the Conferral of the Academy of Friendship held on January 20<sup>th</sup> of the VMA Mid-Year Conference

**None of the members/organizations of the Arlington Fraternity won in the VMA Raffle at the VMA Mid-Year Conference**

The winners of the VMA raffle are posted on the bulletin board in the entrance of the Social Quarters.

**February 16<sup>th</sup>**



**Support the WOTM**

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







### Personal/Family Corner

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

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

### Future Planned Major Social Events

(March - April 2018)

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> - NEW**

Casserole Cook-Off

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Legion Breakfast

**March 10<sup>th</sup> - NEW**

WOTM Children's Easter Party

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**

St. Patrick's Party

**March 24<sup>th</sup> - NEW**

March Madness Tailgate Party

**April 7<sup>th</sup> - NEW**

VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting

**April 8<sup>th</sup> - NEW**

Legion Breakfast

**April 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> - NEW**

Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Spring Celebration

**April 28<sup>th</sup> - NEW**

LOOM & WOTM Officers Installation

**Dates and Activities are subject to change**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy Birthday to Lodge members: **Steve Hill (2/01), Michael Koditek (2/03), George Koditek, Jr. (2/03), George Hensley, Jr. (2/07), Robert Martinson (2/10), Charles Ziegler (2/13), Thomas Nichols (2/18), Daniel Orourke (2/20), Corey Scott (2/20), Andrew York (2/22), Don Jansen (2/23), Stephan Wassel (2/24), Robert Bogie (2/25), John Riddoch (2/27), and Tom Weekly (2/28).**
- Happy Birthday to Chapter members: **Sarah Shannon (2/02), Beryl Bakker (2/04), Kristen Medel (2/05), Maureen Haughton (2/06), Julia Muretta (2/15), Mary Rea (2/16), Lemoine Warren (2/18), Lisa Gallimore (2/19), Lori Jones (2/19), Jean West (2/20), Mary Wantrobski (2/25), and Abigale Voss (2/27).**

### 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, John Webb, Ray Broz, Phil Weber, Andy Ogle, and David Harding; all long time members of our Arlington Fraternity who are trying to get back to good health.



### Virginia House at Mooseheart

Even though the Arlington Fraternity totally supports Mooseheart, we have a special interest in the Girls of the Virginia House at Mooseheart, which is the responsibility of the Virginia Moose Association. Therefore, we want to provide an update of the children associated with the Virginia House. There are currently 6 children who are living in the Virginia House, as follows:

- Matilda: Age 9; birthday February 7<sup>th</sup>; resident since January 2014
- Madison: Age 8, birthday April 23<sup>rd</sup>; resident since August 2015
- Calli: Age 8; birthday April 23<sup>rd</sup>; resident since June 2015
- Emma: Age 8; birthday July 13<sup>th</sup>; resident since February 2016
- Kamiya: Age 7; birthday November 1<sup>st</sup>; resident since June 2015
- Jasmine: Age 7; birthday December 11<sup>th</sup>; resident since June 2015

One thought that comes to mind is our Fraternity should begin sending a birthday card to each of the children in the Virginia House. Therefore, we are asking a volunteer to perform this idea (cost of cards and postage to be paid by Arlington Lodge #1315).

### Save these Summer Dates

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Ribs Feast

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**

Pig Roast

**July 28<sup>th</sup>**

Bull Roast



**Recently approved in January**





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

**Arlington  
#1315 Annual  
LOOM  
Membership  
Dues is  
\$45.00**

**Moose Legion  
Dues is  
\$15.00**

**Watch NBA  
All-Star Game  
at the Lodge**



**Sunday,  
February 18<sup>th</sup>  
Staples Center in  
Los Angeles, CA**

**We Don't Worry!  
We have  
Supportive  
Members**



**Lodge Repairs/Replacements**

There have been many days of wind gusts during the past two months that somehow loosened the solar panel of the light fixture lighting the American flag on the exterior flagpole in front of the Lodge so that the solar panel was disconnected from the battery. The Lodge wants to thank Dean Massey and Dave Kish for correcting this problem in order to provide lighting on the American flag again during the night hours.

Appliances are always a problem for the Lodge. As expected, our members want a cold beverage when it is purchased. However, in January, the draft beer cooler was not providing sufficient cooling for the beer kegs. Thank you Mike Foster for coming to the rescue and cleaning the air intake filter area of the cooler to allow proper air flow for the cooling coils/fan. Then the opposite happened, as the cooler where the bottled water is chilled (with the wines) kept freezing the bottled water. An outside contractor was employed to replace the thermostat in this cooler. Furthermore, we had him check all the other beer bottle coolers for proper temperatures as preventive maintenance (what? We actually thought ahead). BUT, all of a sudden the kitchen ice maker started to make a loud noise and eventually stopped making ice cubes. As a result, an outside Contractor was called to investigate the problem and the cooling fan had to be replaced. However, the mechanical "bleeding" did not stop ... as the kitchen dish washer/sanitizer became dysfunctional. Over the past several years, this equipment has been classified as "ancient" with no replacement parts available for replacement. Tom Oderwald had been able to keep this equipment functional for the past year, but he met his match this time (*even though he refused to admit it*). An inquiry was made with the manufacturer of the equipment for a possible compatible updated chemical control unit. This resulted in a surprised action by the subsidiary service organization of the equipment manufacturer to search all their service trucks for old parts that can make our kitchen dish washer/sanitizer operational again. Various old parts for the chemical pumps in the existing control unit were found and the subsidiary service organization repaired the equipment back into proper operations at no cost!



**Let's Talk (A Message from the Administrator)**

After being in the Administrator position at the end of the 2016 calendar year, I had learned a considerable amount of knowledge with respect to end of year tax requirements for the employees of our Lodge; both Federal and State. For the record, there was some *oops* in the process. This January was a little bit easier (I probably did not pull out as much hair which I do not have to spare), but it was still a challenging endeavor to make sure all the proper forms are submitted. I'm not complaining; just want to express my appreciation to all those individuals who assisted me in these accomplishments. I want to thank the membership in believing in me to keep our Lodge an ongoing operational business.

**WOTM Valentine  
Basket Raffle in February**



**Drawing at  
WOTM Valentine  
Dinner  
February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Moose Membership provides  
benefits that save you money!**



**Details provided in  
a brochure offered  
within the Social  
Quarters.**



**Don't Procrastinate!**

**Your Income Tax Return is due in April**

**Please drink responsibly while visiting the Lodge**



**New Members!**

**2017-2018 Arlington #1315 Lodge Membership Challenge**

Sponsor a new LOOM member between May 1, 2017 and April 30, 2018 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. **Elizabeth Coombs** was the winner of the January monthly raffle.

In addition, if you sponsor three (3) LOOM members within the 2017-2018 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 Premier Lodge Award in 2018**

**Current Arlington #1315 Membership Status**  
As of January 31, 2018:

<u>+1 Goal</u>	<u>Current Active Members</u>	<u>Difference</u>		<u>Expired</u>	<u>Dropped</u>
<b>272</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>

**New LOOM Members since May 1, 2017: 17** (As of January 31, 2018)

**The Active Military/First Responders Promotion Continues through April 30<sup>th</sup>! ("First Year Dues Free")**

This is a PERFECT opportunity to sign a new member for the Arlington Fraternity. These individuals bring three things to the Moose that are desperately needed: a shared commitment to serving others; a youthful, energetic viewpoint that can reinvigorate our fraternal units; and the potential to step into leadership positions within our organizations. The Moose cannot have enough members who recognize the benefits of giving to others and supporting causes purely because it's the right thing to do.

**This Year is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VMA Sponsoring the Virginia Special Olympics**

**Support Our Fraternity ... Attend the Social Events**

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP JUST BECAME MORE VALUABLE!**

**MOOSE REWARDS**

**Brochure of Program in the Social Quarters**

**x2 Special Membership Sponsor Campaign - Earn Double Points in the Moose Rewards Program during the month of February 2018**



**Easy Way to Support Mooseheart while you shop!**



Buy your shopping items at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon will make donations to the charity of your choice.

Please make "Mooseheart Child City" the charity of your choice.



**Love You Pet Day February 20<sup>th</sup>**



**VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting January 6<sup>th</sup>**



First, we want to thank everyone from our Lodge that made an effort to attend this meeting ... especially since we again had the most attendees of a Lodge at this Meeting. And again, for the second quarter there was no trophy to take back to the Lodge! Now for the real bad news ... the VMA District 4 currently has minimal funds to be financially solvent after the end of January 2018. It was approved at the meeting that every Lodge within the District donate at least \$50 to VMA District 4 to assist in replenishing their funds until a fundraising event can be determined. In addition, it was approved to purchase ONE new attendance trophy that will always be rotated to the Lodges who have the most members in attendance at the meetings; therefore, no more permanent attendance trophies to any Lodge that has the most members in attendance at three consecutive District 4 Quarterly Meetings (for the record, four new attendance trophies have been purchased over the past five years at a minimum cost of \$100 per trophy). You ask why the District 4 treasury has been depleted. The main source of income over the past several years has only been the District's share of the 50/50 raffles at their meetings. Furthermore, similar to the Lodges, the President and Secretary are required to attend the VMA Conventions and Mid-Year Conferences (at the expense of District 4) and the District is expected to support by donations the various charities of the Virginia Moose Association. If you have any recommendations for a fundraiser event for District 4, please discuss with District 4 President George "Chuck" Warrington or District 4 Prelate Ralph Phillips (both members of the Arlington Fraternity).



**Supreme Governor Willard Kitchens to Visit Virginia April 5 – 8, 2018**

This will be the fourth consecutive year that Lodges within Virginia will be visited by a member of the Supreme Council; which included the Director General. This visit however will not include the Northern Virginia area. The Supreme Governor will visit twelve Lodges along the I-81 corridor on the western side of the state. The schedule for the visit is to be posted on the VMA website.

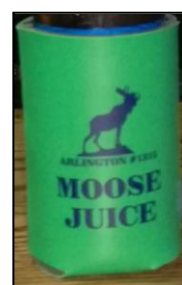
**Save the Dates VMA District 4 Quarterly Meetings**

- Saturday, April 7, 2018**  
Dale City Family Moose Center #2165
- Saturday, July 21, 2018**  
Franconia Family Moose Center #1076
- Saturday, October 6, 2018**  
Manassas Family Moose City #1380



**Moose International Annual Membership Campaign**

**Think NEW Members**



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

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



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



**Support Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts**



**Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club Community Service Pictures**



**Need volunteer(s) to perform electrical work at the Lodge**

**All material purchased by the Lodge**

**Free WiFi at Lodge**





**Quiet Day**



**February 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Think Natitude!**



**Spring Training begins in February**

**Reporting Dates:**

**Pitchers & Catchers**  
February 14<sup>th</sup>

**Position Players**  
February 19<sup>th</sup>



**Elections Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**The LOOM is Soliciting Leadership Volunteers for the 2018-2019 Board of Officers**

Are you interested in being on the 2018-2019 LOOM Board of Officers? The following positions are open for election: Governor, Junior Governor, Prelate, Treasurer, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee. If any member has a desire to run for a position on the Board of Officers for the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge, a Candidate Consideration form must be submitted to the Nomination Committee by March 16, 2018. Candidate Consideration forms will be posted on the bulletin board in the entrance of the Social Quarters.

**LOOM Board of Officers Election Schedule for 2018-2019**

The following is the schedule for the upcoming 2018-2019 elections for the LOOM Board of Officers elections:

- **Tuesday, February 6, 2018**  
Board will establish Nomination Committee
- **Tuesday, February 13, 2018 thru March 16, 2018**  
Individuals to submit desire to run for elective office
- **Nomination Committee Meetings**
  - Tuesday, February 20, 2018
  - Tuesday, March 6, 2018
  - Tuesday, March 20, 2018
- **Tuesday, March 20, 2018**  
Nomination Committee to present nominations (Official Lodge Ballot) & Establishment of the Election Committee
- **Tuesday, March 28, 2018**  
Individuals to submit petition to be included on Official Lodge Ballot if not nominated by the Nomination Committee (Note: 10% of membership in good standing required to sign the petition)
- **Tuesday, April 3, 2018**  
Election at General Meeting

**Arlington #1315 has Joined Virginia Charitable Gaming Council**

The Virginia Charitable Gaming Council is a promoter for the interests of Charitable Gaming before the Virginia General Assembly, the Governor and the Charitable Gaming Board; encourages ethical practices and professionalism in Charitable Gaming in the Commonwealth; maintains a political action committee (PAC) to further the interests of the Virginia Charitable Gaming; serves as an information and referral source for members and stakeholders; and provides a forum to discuss ideas, problems, and solutions. More information will be provided during the year about Charitable Gaming.

**Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members**

▶ Neal Gallagher ▶ Chris North ▶ Daniel Harris



**Give Generously!**

**Support Special Olympics**





Are You a  
Veteran?



Please register  
yourself with  
Moose  
International



### The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner

The Bull Run Moose Legion #185 had their Winter Celebration/Conferral at the Woodbridge Family Moose Center #583 on January 27<sup>th</sup>. The Arlington Moose Legion Committee wants to congratulate our candidates of **Dan Harris, Steve Sisson, and Dean Massey** for becoming Moose Legionnaires at this event. Furthermore, the Arlington Moose Legion Committee wants to thank Woodbridge Family Moose Center #583 for their hospitality and efforts in the event, the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Ritual Team (1<sup>st</sup> Place in the competition at the 2017 Moose International Convention in Tampa, Florida) for providing an exceptional performance for the event, and to **VMA President John Layman** for being the Official Visitor to the event.

Again it is reminded that VMA District 4 is having funding difficulties in their operations. Because the Arlington Fraternity has won the VMA District 4 attendance trophy over the past five years, the Arlington Moose Legion Committee has approved to purchase the new attendance trophy for VMA District 4; which will be permanently circulated. Another way that the Arlington Moose Legion Committee helps our Moose Fraternity.

The Arlington Moose Legion Committee wants to thank Andre McFail for cooking the food offering at the January Meeting of the Arlington Moose Legion Committee, and to all the members and guests at the meeting who contributed to the endowment.

### Think Joining the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree of Moose ... the Moose Legion

### NEW - Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Membership Campaign November 1, 2017 thru April 30, 2018



Join the Moose Legion for \$25.00  
(\$15.00 dues + \$10.00 application fee)  
during this Campaign period ...  
*and once you are conferred at a Celebration, the Bull  
Run Moose Legion #185 will pay your 2<sup>nd</sup> Year dues!*



The Cold  
Weather is  
Here



Dress Warmly!

### The Lodge wants your Ideas for New Events

Tell us what you want to have for events in the next six months! We need to expand our events to keep everyone interested in the Lodge. Every idea will be considered (e.g.: children movie night, a Capitals or Wizards game, a mystery bus ride, etc.). Please contact **John Matis, Gregg Cady, or Brian Birtell** with your suggestions.



Have something you  
want to tell the  
Membership?

### Write an Article for our Newsletter

Provide the article to John Matis at the Lodge or send to [jjmatis@cox.net](mailto:jjmatis@cox.net)



in February 2018

SUN, FEB 18<sup>th</sup>  
Daytona 500  
@Daytona  
International  
Speedway  
SUN, FEB 25<sup>th</sup>  
Folds of Honor  
QuikTrip 500  
@Atlanta Motor  
Speedway

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# FEBRUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>FEB 1</b>	<b>FEB 2</b>  	<b>FEB 3</b>
<b>FEB 4</b>  Super Bowl Party	<b>FEB 5</b>	<b>FEB 6</b>  	<b>FEB 7</b> 	<b>FEB 8</b>	<b>FEB 9</b>  	<b>FEB 10</b>  WOTM Valentine Dinner
<b>FEB 11</b>	<b>FEB 12</b>	<b>FEB 13</b>	<b>FEB 14</b> 	<b>FEB 15</b> 	<b>FEB 16</b>  	<b>FEB 17</b>  Chinese New Year Celebration
<b>FEB 18</b> 	<b>FEB 19</b>	<b>FEB 20</b>  	<b>FEB 21</b> 	<b>FEB 22</b>	<b>FEB 23</b>  	<b>FEB 24</b>
<b>FEB 25</b> 	<b>FEB 26</b>	<b>FEB 27</b>	<b>FEB 28</b> 	<i>*Refer to Newsletter articles for appropriate times</i>		
  <b>LOOM &amp; WOTM Meetings</b>  <b>Friday Night Dinner</b>  <b>Queen of Hearts</b>  <b>Moose Legion Meeting</b>  <b>Legion Breakfast</b>  <b>Bar Bingo</b>						