



# Loyal Order of Moose Arlington #1315 Lodge Newsletter

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## Happy New Year to all members within the Moose Fraternity!



**Save the Date: January 11, 2014**

### We Need Your Attendance at the VA Moose Association District 4 Quarterly Meeting

The Lodge wants to retain the attendance trophy, which is proudly displayed in our Social Quarters, on a permanent basis (as attendance winners for three straight District meetings keep the trophy).

In order to obtain this goal we need the support of MANY of our members to attend the next Virginia Moose Association (VMA) District 4 Quarterly Meeting. The General Meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Stafford Moose Lodge #2215 (422 Eskimo Hill Road, Stafford, VA 22554).

**The Social Quarters will not open on this date until after 2:30 p.m.**

## Upcoming Social Events

**January 11<sup>th</sup>**

Member

Appreciation

**January 18<sup>th</sup>**

Un-Oktoberfest

Dinner

**January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**

VMA Convention

**February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Fish Fry Revisited

**February 8<sup>th</sup>**

Cornhole

Tournament

**February 15<sup>th</sup>**

WOTM Valentine

Dinner



## Members Appreciation: January 11, 2014

Once the Social Quarters are opened after the return of ALL our members from the VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting, Arlington #1315 will be providing free pizza to all those in attendance as a thank you for the support and efforts everyone has made over the past year to make our Lodge & Chapter **one of the best Moose organizations** within

Virginia. It's only a small token of our appreciation; but please attend ... you deserve the recognition. Beside, we could be celebrating our "keeper" of the attendance trophy!!



## Please Attend the General Lodge Meeting On Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 8:00 pm

It is encouraged that all Lodge members of Arlington #1315 attend the General Lodge Meeting on January 7, 2014 as the Board of Officers present the following items on the business agenda:

- 2013 Year End Finances
- Projections for the 2014 Fiscal Year
- Recap of the Bar Extension Expenditures
- Discussion of Use of the Lodge Property

**Dinner Every  
Friday  
Night**

**6-8 p.m.  
\$10 per person**

## Certified Leadership Training Sessions

The following are upcoming planned Certified Leadership Training Sessions that are within our general vicinity:

- Saturday, March 8, 2014 Manassas Lodge #1380
- Saturday, April 5, 2014 Fredericksburg Lodge #1055





### 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 1213-2014

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#### Assistant Guide

Donna Heflin

### Off-Tracking Betting at our Lodge



# A YEAR OF CELEBRATION!

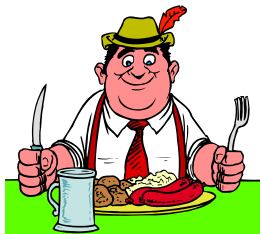
## Membership: "Go the Distance"

In recognition of the Celebration for the once-in-a-lifetime events, Moose International wants to make this the most memorable year in Moose history. The main goal is to grow the membership. Therefore, to help the Moose members invite qualified friends and relatives into the Moose Fraternity, **all application fees will be waived for the fiscal year – May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014.** Furthermore, if any member enrolls two new applicants during the campaign year, he/she will qualify for a year's free dues at our Lodge or Chapter.



## Membership Goal for Celebration

Arlington Moose Lodge #1315 **presents a challenge** to our members and our Chapter #1253 members to have a combined active membership of 400 individuals. We will have a special celebration when this goal is obtained (**on our tab**). As of November 21<sup>st</sup>, there were 244 LOOM members and 142 WOTM members for a combined total of 386 active members. **Meet the challenge ... make us pay!!**



# Un-Oktoberfest

## A Dinner Extravaganza – January 18, 2014

The Oktoberfest is known as the largest Volksfest (People's Fair) in the world and held in Germany from late September to the first week in October; but the Lodge had other events/activities during this time. Therefore, to not dishonor the celebration of the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig to Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen in 1810 (*first festival celebration to start this Germany tradition*), the Lodge has scheduled a festival on January 18<sup>th</sup> [Wow: *the Editor does research on the Internet!*]. Some of the food to be offered at this event will be bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, pork schnitzel, spaetzle (noodles), and German potato salad; with a few extra non-German theme side dishes and meat. The event will commence upon the shouting of "O'zapft is!" ("It's tapped!" in the Austro-Bavarian dialect), or probably in our Lodge "Let's Drink". See weekly emails for event times.

## Also a band at event: The Koolerators



Fish Fry  
Revisited  
(by popular  
demand)

February 1<sup>st</sup>

## Nominate a Lodge & Chapter Member for Volunteer of the Quarter (January – March 2014)



Deadline is March 31, 2014

And remember to nominate a Youth  
Organization of the Quarter



## Chapter Award of Achievement

### College Football Bowl Games in January



#### January 1, 2014 (New Year's Day)

- Heart of Texas Bowl
- Gator Bowl
- Outback Bowl
- Capital One Bowl
- Rose Bowl
- Fiesta Bowl

#### January 2, 2014

- Sugar Bowl

#### January 3, 2014

- Cotton Bowl

- Orange Bowl

#### January 4, 2014

- BBVA Compass Bowl

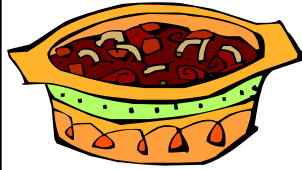
#### January 5, 2014

- GoDaddy.com Bowl

#### January 6, 2014

- BCS Championship Bowl

## Championship Game Florida State VS. Auburn



## Casserole Cook-Off - December 7, 2013

As the norm for over the past year, the Social Quarters were "packed" for another Lodge event. Over 40 members and guests were in attendance for the Casserole Cook-Off (and to view college football games on the televisions). For the Cook-Off, there were seven very tasteful culinary entries; which included a turkey casserole, a spicy cornbread casserole, a hash brown potato & chicken casserole, a wine tuna casserole, a hamburger casserole, an upside chicken casserole, and a chuck wagon beef casserole. Congratulations are extended to the winners of Barbara Nix – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Carol Gillard – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and Joyce Chaffins – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; with honorable mention to the other chefs of Judith York, Anna Phillips, Phyllis Hamilton, and John Matis for making the competition tough to judge. In addition, the Lodge wants to thank Joyce Chaffins and Phyllis Hamilton for preparing the supporting food dishes for the event, to Billy Hensley and Karl Keller for running the event, to Betty and Terry Pamplin for collecting the event contributions and running the 50/50 Raffle, and to the judges (identities to remain anonymous) for volunteering their taste buds. The Lodge also wants to thank all the members that donated the various items for the "Bailey's Basket" Raffle. The WOTM extends a thank you to all their members that provided dessert items for the Bake Sale.



## The Queen of Hearts Game Coming on January 31<sup>st</sup>

Arlington #1315 announces that the Queen of Hearts Game will be held every Friday night **beginning on January 31, 2014**. Dinner will be offered each week at 6:00 p.m. with the weekly raffle game drawing held at 7:30 p.m. Sequentially numbered raffle tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each for each drawing. The winner of the weekly raffle drawing will pick a card on the official board. The prizes for the picked card by the weekly winners are as follows: a numbered card (including aces) has a value of \$50.00, a face card has a value of \$100.00, a Joker has a value of \$150.00, and the Queen of Hearts will collect a percentage of the accumulated game raffle ticket collections minus distributed winnings during each individual game ... with a guaranteed minimum prize of \$250.00. If the winner who picks the Queen of Hearts is present at the selection of the card on the game board, the prize percentage is 60%; however, if not present at the selection of the card on the game board, the prize percentage is 40%. **The official game rules will be posted at the Social Quarters.**

## Moose, The Family Fraternity:

**an international organization of men and women, dedicated to caring for young and old, bringing communities closer together and celebrating life.**

## Celebrate the achievement of Andrea Hensley in receiving her Green Cap



**Saturday,  
March 1, 2014  
1:00pm – 3:00pm**

**Save the Date**



## Continue to save BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION coupons found on hundreds of General Mill Products

The coupons can be found on many of your favorite brands that you use every day ... brands such as Pillsbury, Cheerios, Fruit Roll-Ups, Cottonelle, Ziploc, Betty Crocker, Hefty, Huggies, and Kleenex.

A Ziploc bag is hanging on the bulletin board in the entrance hallway of the Social Quarters for collection





## Issue: 2014-01 Newsletter Contributions

### Editor

John Matis

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Brian Birtell  
Anna Phillips  
John Matis

**Volunteers are  
needed for  
future  
Newsletters**



**Valentine  
Party  
February 15<sup>th</sup>**



**SUPPORT  
BOY SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA**



**Go Capitals!  
We want a  
Stanley Cup**

## Children's Christmas Party Saturday, December 14, 2013

Santa Clause was speechless when he heard we had 46 children sign up for the WOTM Children's Christmas Party; but he made sure that the elves provided sufficient presents to accommodate all the "good little boys and girls" on his visit to the family event of our Chapter #1253 [*Phew! No child received coal*]. Santa listened to what each child wanted for him to leave on Christmas Eve, and then gave each child an advanced present and a stocking full of goodies for "believing in the jolly man with the red suit". Surrounding the visit by Santa at this event, the children decorated a gingerbread man, listened to the story of T'was the Night before Christmas, made a Christmas tree craft (Styrofoam, icing, and Hersey kisses), and sang holiday songs on the Karaoke (*some adults also enjoyed this activity*). And lest not forget that lunch was served to all those that attended; consisting of chicken nuggets with lots of ketchup, "very cheesy" macaroni & cheese, vegetable soup, cr me of potato soup, chips, cheese-doodles, fruit cups, cupcakes, and juice boxes. According to some of the "weathered" Moose members observing the event, this was the best family function that our Lodge has had in over a decade. Chapter #1253 and Arlington Lodge #1315 – pat yourself on the back for a job well-done! There are plenty of pictures on the Arlington #1315 Website for this event.



The Chapter and Lodge would like to thank all our members who contributed in accomplishing this successful event for the children; which included organizing & planning the event, providing monetary and gift donations, helping Santa's elves select and wrap the presents, purchasing and stuffing the stocking, decorating for the event, setting up the furniture for the event, participating in the event, planning & cooking the lunch, providing and operating the Karaoke, performing the clean-up after the event, and volunteering to perform anything else that was needed. Known volunteers and/or contributors were Donna Field, Liz Coombs, Carol Gillard, Joyce Chaffins, Anna Phillips, Judith York, Donna Heflin, Beryl Bakkar, Andrea Hensley, Kathy Redditt, Tracy Keller, Karl Keller, Billy Hensley, Ralph Phillips, Chuch Berge, Marcus Redditt, Tom Oderwald, John Matis, Brian Birtell, Colonel Bruce, and Layton Redditt (decorated Christmas tree). We apologize if we omitted anyone who contributed to this successful event, as the scope of the function was extensive; but we want to express that your efforts were very much appreciated. **Thank you everyone!**



## Thank You Season Decorators

Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge wants to thank all the volunteers that provided their time to purchase items and/or decorate our Social Quarters to provide a "holiday spirit" ambiance in December. It brought out the cheerfulness and celebratory mood in everyone that visited. [*Wow: big words for the Editor*].

By the way, it case you have not noticed, Carol Gillard provided a lamp shade with moose images sewed on the sides for the lamp behind the bar, and moose & pine tree images at the bottom of the mirror in the corner of the Social Quarters.



**Recent Trades  
Could Put Us  
Over the Top  
Natitute Next Season!**



**Please drink  
responsibly  
when  
attending  
our events**

## Cornhole Tournament with Prizes



**two-person  
teams  
(you pick your  
partner)**

**Entry fee TBD**

**February 8<sup>th</sup>**

## Super Bowl XLVIII In New York



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

**Support the  
Wizards!**



## Charity Donations in December

As our members know, community service is one of the main functions for the existence of Moose Lodges & Chapters; which also includes monetary contributions to charitable organizations. Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge wants you to be aware that the Lodge whole-heartedly supports this purpose and made contributions to the following Moose International sponsored charities in the month of December 2013: Special Olympics, Moose Senior Games, Moose Youth Awareness, Virginia House at Mooseheart, Mooseheart School Renovation, Massey Cancer Center, Safe Surfin', Moose Virginia Scholarship Program, Moose Bowling League, and Moose Scouting.

## Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members

- ▶ Robert Vinson ▶ Shane Larrabee ▶ Thomas Michaliga
- ▶ Scott Green ▶ Thomas Carroll ▶ Brian Van de Meulevoetke
- ▶ Dharma Corder ▶ Jennifer Flavin ▶ Sarah Henry
- ▶ Wendy Sharpe (re-enroll)



## LOOM Board of Officers Election Schedule for 2014-2015

The following is the schedule for the upcoming 2014-2015 elections for the LOOM Board of Officers elections:

- **Tuesday, February 18, 2014**  
Board will establish Nomination Committee
- **Tuesday, March 4, 2014**  
Individuals to submit desire to run for elective office
- **Tuesday, March 18, 2014**  
Nomination Committee to present nominations (Official Lodge Ballot)
- **Tuesday, March 25, 2014**  
Individuals to submitted petition to be included on Official Lodge Ballot if not nominated by the Nomination Committee
- **Tuesday, April 2, 2014**  
Election at General Meeting

**If any member has a desire to be on the Board of Officers for the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge, please let it be known to the members of the Nomination Committee by March 4, 2014.**



## Redskins "Calling All Cooks" Sundays

The 2013 season ended for the Washington Redskins in December (*a very painful experience to watch; unless you're a Dallas Cowboy fan*).

However, we want to thank the volunteers who offered main dishes to the membership while watching the Washington Redskins games on Sundays at our Lodge in the month of December. Billy Hensley provided roast beef and gravy for the Kansas City Chiefs game. Kat & Mike Carey provided breaded pork cutlets, spaetzle, herb brown gravy, baby carrots, and cheesecake for the Atlanta Falcons game. Shawn Kirkpatrick, with the assistance of others, provided steaks and eggs for the Dallas Cowboys game.

Arlington #1315 would like to again **thank ALL of the members who volunteered** to make these games "bearable" to watch on television over this past 2013 football season.

## You can Pay Moose Dues Online!

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



## Upcoming WOTM Children's Easter Party in April



**Date to be  
determined**



**Enjoy  
Watching the  
2014 NCAA  
Basketball  
Tournament  
at the Moose  
Lodge**



## Governor's Corner

I would like to thank everyone for a great fall and holiday season. We had a lot of activities scheduled and it was nice to see everyone out and having fun. It was nice to see an uptick in the number of kids at the lodge as the end of the year saw us have our two biggest kid's events in many years. Again as in the past, I need to thank all the members who dedicated their time by working and contributing. It really shows when the effort is there. Now we get to focus on making 2014 even better. We close 2013 with our house in great shape. Construction is done in the Lodge and we made improvements to our Heating and AC so the physical house is in great shape. Financially we close the year in as strong a position as we have been in more than a decade. From a membership standpoint we will be closing the year with over 250 LOOM members which is almost a 20 member gain for the year. Additionally from a membership standpoint we have the best group of members of any Moose Lodge – even if I do say so myself.

We have our calendar updated for our 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter activities and we have it scheduled pretty full. It ought to be a busy and fun quarter for the lodge. Be sure to check it out. You will notice we have added several repeat items that have been successful in the past as well as adding some new events to try and round out our type of activities. Keep an eye out for the full summer schedule which will be released shortly.



## Senior Regent's Message

The Happy New Year! from the Arlington WOTM Board of Officers. It's that time of year again to start thinking about running for an Officer or Chair position. We really need your help to keep the Chapter going. Please see Anna or any other officer if you are interested.

Thanks to all the wonderful people that came forward in to making the Children's Christmas Party a great success. We also gained two new members from the party. Please talk to your family and friends about joining such a great organization.

The Women will be having a Valentine dinner in February - more information to follow. January meetings are Tuesdays, January 7<sup>th</sup> and January 21<sup>st</sup> with the meetings starting at 7:00 p.m.

Senior Regent  
Anna Phillips



**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Monday, January 20, 2014**

He had a dream and he made a difference!



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

**Give Generously!**







## Moose Youth Awareness Program

We have not heard from the two students who have been sponsored by our Lodge and Chapter during the month of December 2013. We plan to make an inquiry at the beginning of January if they need any assistance for their "Moose Kid Talks". It is noted that these students have until the end of February 2014 to complete their requirements for this program ... so there is still time before the deadline. And, if they are like most of us members when we went to school, they will wait until the last minute to perform the assignment.

## Support the WOTM



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



## Community Service: "Team Love for Kids"

Arlington #1315 provided our hall rent-free for a local community organization called "Team Love for Kids" that distributed presents prior to the Christmas holiday to local churches and schools for children of families who are having difficult times "making ends meet" with their incomes.

The organization has schools and churches identify the families of financial need and then find sponsors who are willing to donate presents for the children. Our hall was used on Saturday, December 14, 2013 to organize the gifts, wrap the gifts, and stuff stockings with goodies that will also be provided to the children. The wrapped gifts were then distributed to the various schools and churches a few days later in the week.



## Lodge Repairs/Replacements

Have you noticed that the entrance wall lights for the two front doors have been replaced? This was a minor equipment replacement that was made by the Moose Lodge to maintain operations, and the safety for the membership.

**Watch the NFL Playoffs at the Moose Lodge in January**



## The Bar Extension Project

The work for this project still has not ended. The new bar stools have been delivered; and the Moose Lodge wants to thank all the members who contributed in buying these items for the Lodge. In addition, a 55-inch television has been installed at the far end of the extended bar, which was donated by a few of our members, to provide further sports selections for the membership. In addition, a second television has been installed in the Non-Smoking portion of the bar area. Please note that this project continues to be a "work-in-progress". It is planned that additional bracing will be installed for the front area of the top surface of the new extended bar, as well as installing finishing molding along the foot rest at the floor level. And who knows what we will come up with next?

## "Good Vibrations" Wins!!

The dart team that Arlington #1315 sponsored in A-Division of the Washington Area Dart Association came in 1<sup>st</sup> Place for the Fall Season. **Congratulations members of "Good Vibrations"; great shooting!**



**Support the Local Fire Department**



## 2014 Mid-Year Conference for VA Moose Association

**January 22<sup>nd</sup> – January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel**

**777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510**



**Lodge & Chapter  
Member for  
Volunteer of the  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of  
2013 to be  
Announced in  
the February  
Newsletter**

**The Virginia  
Moose  
Association has  
pledged \$400,000  
for the  
Mooseheart  
Renovation**

As of October 15<sup>th</sup>,  
they have collected  
**only \$155,223.07**  
(total not changed  
on the VMA website  
for the past 2  
months)

**Please  
contribute!**



## 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 of the family, 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](mailto:jjmatis@cox.net)].

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy Birthday to Mickey Harrison (Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>) and James (Woody) Woods (Jan 18<sup>th</sup>).
- Congratulations to John Matis & Roxanne Coles-Matis in becoming grandparents for the 4<sup>th</sup> time; their son Michael & his wife Alison had a baby girl named Charlotte Rose Matis on December 7, 2013.
- Rumor has it that Motorcycle Steve is really enjoying retirement in Florida (you should see the great pictures sent to Chuck Berge – or maybe not) ... Steve we miss you!!

## SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

Please keep our Moose members and families in our prayers, especially:

- Sherry Embrey, who is recovering from a severe neck injury.

**The Lodge needs volunteers for upcoming Board positions,  
including Committee Chairmen ... please consider!**



## Moose International Scholarship Program The R. Robert Dale Scholarship

For those members that have children that will be going to college in the next upcoming years, consideration should be given to apply for a scholarship from Moose International.

History: A considerable amount of money was left to Moose International by R. Robert Dale, a member of Moose Lodge #1368 in St. Charles, IL, when he died in 1968. In 1985, Director General Paul O'Hollaren and the Supreme Council approved that the interest from the Dale Scholarship Fund was to be used for Moose members' children who had graduated from high school, to further their higher education, and the R. Robert Dale Scholarship Program was created. Since that time, it is estimated that over 1, 500 high school seniors, living in households headed by a member of either the Loyal Order of Moose or Women of the Moose, have benefited from Dale Scholarships since the programs inception.

Requirements: Applicants for the program must be high-school juniors with a grade-point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. They are eligible only if their mother, father, or legal guardian is a member of the Moose in good standing (only one eligible application per student).

There is no better way to help the youth of our Fraternity than to offer them the opportunity to further their education and that is exactly what the R. Robert Dale Scholarship is all about. Questions on the R. Robert Dale Scholarship Program can be addressed to Joanne Svendsen at [jsvendsen@mooseintl.org](mailto:jsvendsen@mooseintl.org) or by calling (630) 966-2228.





**Watch the  
Winter  
Olympics at  
the Moose  
Lodge in  
February**



**February 7<sup>th</sup> –  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
In Sochi,  
Russia**



## Ten Top Reasons to Love the Moose

[Editorial by John Matis]

The main thought of why we love Moose is that the members of the Arlington #1315 Lodge and Arlington #1253 Chapter are **“family”**. And just like the family we were born into from our parents, there are many differences between the family members in thought for what is good for the family, there are quirks that members exhibit on a regular basis that may irritate some of the other members, and there are some members that just can not get along with some of other members and avoid each other whenever possible. **BUT when called upon to support the Moose family in good times and bad times, all of the members come together to accomplish the needed actions for the betterment of our Lodge and Chapter, and the community.**

Like the “Top Ten Countdown” seen on the David Letterman Show, we present the following items on why we Love the Moose:

10. The least important issue to our organization, however probably the first thing that comes to the minds of our members when asked the question, is the “favorably priced” offered drinks and the flexibility of bringing those extra preferred beverages to the Social Quarters.
9. The members enjoy relaxing at the Social Quarters after a hard day at work and being able to be themselves while surrounded with friends who listen to their concerns, issues, and stories. Repeating stories sometimes happen more often than desired; but everyone still listens and smiles (Note: *the bartenders have a tough job and are saints*).
8. The Lodge members like “hands-on” challenges and with the age of our Lodge building there are always a need for creative solutions to repair and or replace items to meet Lodge operations and/or the safety for the members. You can be surprised how many uses there are for duct tape ... but we have not tried using it for leaks in the roof. [AND there are no wife “to-do” lists either].
7. The members enjoy the social events that are presented by the Lodge and Chapter as entertainment for the members. The organization tries to offer multiple options to please all our members, but not everyone is always happy with the majority’s decision. We need more dancing with a band (Editor’s option).
6. The members know that there will always be a friendly face that will provide assistance if needed when traveling away from home. There are Lodges throughout the United States, and like our Lodge, these Lodges would never turn away a Moose member and his/her family that is in need of help. The doors are always open for the members (and the community).
5. The members are competitive in trying to be the best, as a combined Moose member group, in District 4 of the Virginia Moose Association; and maybe in the Commonwealth of Virginia (*we have dreams*). The attitude is “we will meet all challenges” that are proposed and there are some members who will give odds (*note: not sanctioned by our organizations, but we will try our best to win*). Did I mention that we are not good with sport events?
4. The members are also competitive among themselves within our Lodge and Chapter; and some of our events allow “showmanship”. Everyone thinks they are the greatest cooks in the world; even if they cannot boil water ... but the members have fun and the organizations (Lodge or Chapter) benefit from the donations. However, stand back when a Cook-Off is conducted; as “anything goes” (and sometimes the taste buds of the judges).
3. The members get great satisfaction and warmth in their hearts when they see the smiles on the faces of the children during Lodge/Chapter family functions. They realize that all the effort was worth the stress and anxiety (not counting the minor squabbles among members on what should be included in the functions).



## Chapter Award of Achievement



## Support Our Local Police Department



## Support Special Olympics

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



## Ten Top Reasons to Love the Moose

(continued)

2. The members provide support for the children of the Mooseheart and the senior citizens of Moosehaven that are dependent upon our financial support. These individuals cannot defend for themselves and we try to provide as much as possible with the available means of our Lodge and Chapter; and still meet the needs of our membership.
1. The most important issue to our organization is that our members can make a difference, by our actions and financial contributions, to our families; as well as the surrounding community and its future citizens and leaders.

As everyone knows, our Lodge and Chapter has risen from the "death list" about three years ago and the only way we could have made it happen was getting everyone who believed in family, camaraderie, and making an impact to our neighbors to join together and deal with the issues at hand to prove that we care. We are small in number; but as an organized group (Lodge and Chapter) with great leadership we have again become a recognized entity in the Moose world. **Oorah!!**



## Year-End Message from the Administrator

We just got through one of the most productive years since I have been a Moose member (25 years). This year the lodge had many new members, new social quarters, numerous functions and maintenance improvements (well needed), a 4<sup>th</sup> district meeting at our lodge with a record 56 members present and a Premier Lodge award. In January

we can win the district meeting attendance trophy for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight time and retain it forever. PLEASE COME TO STAFFORD.

WOTM's achievements have been outstanding, Green Caps everywhere. Kids' parties have been over the top. LOOM and WOTM are working together with very few speed bumps. We are so proud of our members.

Volunteering is contagious, CATCH IT! Your ideas are needed to keep things fresh. I am proud to say Arlington ROCKS, and it is you the members who make it rock. I tip my hat to all of you. You made your Lodge excel.

Sorry for the past members we lost, ... joy for the new Moose babies (future members). We can only get better.

Thank you for you best,  
Billy Hensley

## THE FINAL DASH!

**Special Membership Promotion**

Here's your chance to

## DASH FOR CASH!!





## December Event Photographs

Winners of the Casserole Cook-Off



Families performing an activity at the Children's Christmas Party



Santa with Moms & Children



"Good Vibrations" Dart Team



Wishing a Great New Year for 2014!

