

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!
2017**



Queen of Hearts Finally Showed Her Face!

The Queen of Hearts Game that started on February 12, 2016 came to an end on December 16, 2016 with 11 cards remaining on the board to be played. Dave Kish, an Arlington Moose member, was the winner by selecting the playing card under #50. Winning prize displayed in the Social Quarters.



Santa & Mrs. Cause visit the Arlington Fraternity for the Children's Christmas Party
See Page 6 for Details



Thank You Members for Making the Smile'n Tails Dog Biscuit Offering a Great Success!

All of the 33 "home-made" dog biscuit packets were purchased. As advertised, one hundred percent of the donations will be sent to Moosehaven as a contribution to their residents to assist in the expenses of their pets. The Arlington Fraternity wants to express our gratitude to Sue Jennings for coming up with this unique idea in support of Moosehaven and for her efforts in preparing, baking and packaging the dog biscuits.



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

January 7th
Un-Oktoberfest
January 8th
Legion Breakfast
January 28th
Chinese New Year Celebration

Future Social Events on Page 9

NOTICE – Due to the New Year holiday, the LOOM Board of Director Meetings and General Membership Meetings have been rescheduled to Tuesday, January 10th and Tuesday, January 24th. Sorry for any inconveniences.



Special Membership Campaign – Double Moose Rewards Offered for Every Member Sponsored in January & February 2017



Thank You Season Decorators

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all the volunteers that provided their time and efforts to decorate our Social Quarters with a "holiday spirit" ambiance in December.

It brought out the cheerfulness and celebratory mood in everyone that visited our Lodge; including our members.

Upcoming Moose Events

January 14th
VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting
January 19th – 21st
VMA Mid-Year Conference
January 28th
Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Winter Celebration

New Year's Day



January 1st

Jr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



January 16th



January 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

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



**Monday,
January 9th**

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

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

**JANUARY
EVENT**



There will probably be a few non-German foods also being offered. This event will commence upon the shouting of "O'zapft is!" ("It's tapped!" in the Austro-Bavarian dialect), or **as we say in our Lodge "Let's Drink"**.

**Un-Oktoberfest - An Event Extravaganza
Saturday, January 7th (2:00pm – 6:00pm)**

Unlike the rest of the world where everyone celebrates the Volksfest (People's Fair) in the beginning of the Fall; the Arlington Fraternity prefers to be different by enjoying this German merriment in January. *[Besides, it's hard to come up with event themes in the cold winter months]*. The food menu has not been set as of this publication; but some of the main items offered last year were bratwurst, sauerkraut, pork schnitzel, spaetzle (noodles), and German potato salad.



**Moose Legion Breakfast
Sunday, January 8th
(10:00am – 1:00pm)**

Start the New Year right by enjoying a "fulfilling" breakfast on a Sunday morning before you start getting all your files in order for the 2016 Federal Tax Return (Ha! Ha! Like you're going to do anything before April). It's an all-you-can-eat breakfast (\$8.00/adult) with made-to-order eggs (i.e.: any type including omelets), pancakes, French toasts, sausage, bacon, fruit salad, coffee, orange juice, and a minimum of one "surprise" food item.

**JANUARY
EVENT**

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**Watch the NFL Football Playoffs
at the Lodge on the Weekends**



Enjoy viewing the NFL Football Playoff Games on the many televisions in the Social Quarters. Plenty of seats, lots of beverage offerings, and NO noise limitations.



**Wild Card Games
January 7th & 8th, 2017**

**Divisional Playoff Games
January 14th & 15th, 2017**

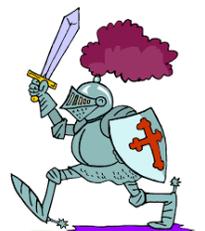
**Conference Playoff Games
January 22th, 2017**



**Brochure of Program in the
Social Quarters**

Pun of the Month

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pie.



Arlington #1315
Board of Officers
2016-2017

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Arlington WOTM
Chapter #1253
Board of Officers
2016-2017

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Patti Rodas

**JANUARY
EVENT**



**Bring in the Year of the Rooster
Chinese New Year Celebration
Saturday, January 28th (2:00pm – 6:00pm)**

The Year 4715 of the Chinese calendar will begin on January 28th and for once the Arlington Fraternity is celebrating on the exact date. Our celebration will be a “parade” of delicious homemade Chinese food offerings. [Note: NO firecrackers will be “ignited” within the Social Quarters; but we welcome volunteers to present a “rolling” dragon costume for this event]. Our Lodge “chushi” (proclaimed Chinese 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 most of the food offerings. **Come eat, drink, and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Moose members!**

[说伟大的食物 – “great food” in Chinese]



Adopting 2 Families for Christmas

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank everyone who provided gifts, food, and/or donations for the two families that we adopted through the charity organization Brighter Paths (formerly Our Daily Bread). **Your kindness and generosity to the children and adults were overwhelming!**

Both families had three children. We provided a minimum of three gifts for each child (clothes, gift cards and/or toy) and a Christmas dinner package for each family (a bag of groceries and a Safeway gift card to purchase their desire main meat entrée& other side foods).

A special thank you is extended to Brian Birtell for making all the necessary arrangements with the Brighter Paths organization and getting the Christmas dinner gift cards; to Anna Phillips who shopped for the additional gifts to ensure that equal amounts of gifts were provided to each child; to those members who wrapped the many gifts; and to Tom Oderwald & Liz Coombs for delivering the gifts and foods to the two families.

It should also be noted that the LOOM and the WOTM provided a generous contribution for the purchase of gifts for the grandchildren of one of our Moose members whose family had an unexpected situation prior to the holiday. This is what our Fraternity is all about ... *FAMILY!*

ARLINGTON FRATERNITY, YOU ROCK!



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

(October – December 2016)

Deadline is December 31, 2016

**Thank You Moose Legion for
Offering Snacks During the
NFL Football
Games**

**at the
Lodge**





Chapter Award of Achievement
(5th Consecutive Year)



The Weather Canceled the Visit by the Dale City Moose Family Center #2165

Due to the icy road conditions in the morning of Saturday, December 17th, the bus trip by the Dale City Moose Fraternity to our Lodge was canceled. **The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all our members who took the time to come to the Lodge to welcome their planned visit!** It is noted that the road conditions had improved prior to the planned arrival time; however, the bus trip had already been canceled in the late morning hours and we could not get the message out to our members. The intended complimentary lunch offering was provided to all those Moose members that came to the Lodge. Thank you Joyce Chaffins for preparing the soup and sandwich makings.

Free WiFi at Lodge



Next Moose Legion Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 12th @6:30pm
WOTM members & LOOM members are Welcome to attend

Thank You Veterans!



For Everything You Do For Our Country



Green Cap Celebration – December 5th Honoring Nessa Ruoff

A glorious ceremony/celebration was provided to honor Nessa Ruoff for achieving her Green Cap; which she received at the VMA 79th Annual State Convention in August 2016. Nessa has been a member of the Arlington Chapter #1253 since May 2011 and held the position of Senior Regent from May 2015 to April 2016. It is recognized that Nessa has been a valuable asset in the continuing growth of the Arlington Fraternity. It was expressed in her speech that her achievement could not have been made without the efforts from all the members of Arlington Chapter #1253 and the unconditioned support of the LOOM Officers and its members. It was with great honor that the Guest Speaker at the Ceremony was Jane Ripley; past Deputy Grand Regent. There are pictures of the event on the Arlington Lodge #1315 website. [www.arlington1315.org]

Immediately after the ceremony, there was a delicious Mexican buffet offered to all Moose members and guests within the Arlington Moose Lodge. Nessa wants to thank Anna Phillips and all the other Arlington Fraternity members that contributed in the preparation/donation of the food for the event and to those that assisted in the cleanup.

Thank you Nessa Ruoff for making the Arlington Fraternity the Greatest!

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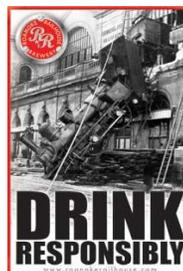
Volunteers are needed for future articles for the Newsletters

Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members

- ▶ Gerald Seidenkranz ▶ Dorothy Seidenkranz ▶ Lavinia Gennarino
- ▶ Catie Barwood ▶ Sarah O. Shannon ▶ Brenda Moser



Moose International Annual Membership Campaign



Please drink responsibly while visiting the Lodge



“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.

**New Queen of Hearts Game Beginning January 7th
First Drawing on Friday, January 13th**

**Fish Fry Revisited
No. 10**

February 4th

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

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

WOTM Valentine Dinner

**February 11th
“Amore”**

**Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Winter Celebration/Conferral
Saturday, January 28, 2017
@ Culpeper Moose Lodge #1348**

Presidents’ Celebration

February 18th

**Possible
“Burning” of the
Mortgage**

Do You Hear Me Now?

Just like Verizon, our Fraternity provides a service; however, we do not have a full-scale force of employees to deliver your expectations and enjoyment. The Arlington Fraternity relies on our membership to volunteer for our offerings; but, as stated many times over the past year, it is always the same individuals performing the necessary tasks for the enjoyment of our members. If everyone provided a “little bit of their time” (and we know family and work consumes a considerable amount of time in your life), then our Fraternity can thrive to further improve as an organization and no one will get “burnt-out”! When those individuals who normally perform the offerings give up and leave ... we have nothing! Not a sermon, just a thought.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP JUST BECAME MORE VALUABLE!

MOOSE REWARDS

Brochure of Program in the Social Quarters

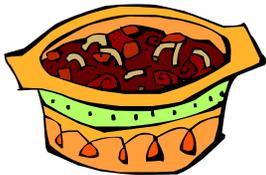
New Lime Green Genuine “Koozies” are for Sale at the Lodge

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



Chapter Award of Achievement
(5th Consecutive Year)

Casserole Cook-Off



March 4th



St. Patrick's Party



Saturday, March 18th



Arlington #1315 Annual LOOM Membership Fee is \$45.00



Wow! During "Crunch Time" at the North Pole, Santa and His Lovely Wife Made a Special Visit to our Lodge

The children must have been really good this past year, as Santa took the time in his busy December calendar to generate plenty of smiles with the



children of our Fraternity by personally providing each child with a pre-Christmas gift at the Children's Christmas Party on December 10th. He must have looked at the lists that the children mailed to him because everyone loved the gifts that was given to them. And while Santa was giving out the gifts (and asking if each child wanted to add/change their gift requests on the sent letters to him), Mrs. Clause provided candy canes as an extra sweet bonus.

As part of this joyous event, the children were offered an activity to create "whatever their imagination" concocted (mostly bracelets) using pipe cleaners and a variety of colorful beads; as well as them listening to the reading of the storybook T'was the Night before Christmas. And lunch was provided to all those that attended; consisting of chicken nuggets with lots of ketchup, French fries, juice boxes, and many desserts (cookies, cupcakes, etc.) . As part of this festivity, each child was also provided with a "goodies" filled Christmas stocking provided by the Arlington Chapter #1253.

Arlington Fraternity 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, making the arrangements for Santa & Mrs. Claus to attend the event, helping Santa's elves select and wrap the presents, purchasing and stuffing the stockings, decorating and setting up the furniture for the event, cooking for the event, participating in the event, performing the clean-up after the event, and volunteering to perform anything else that was needed. All volunteers need to "pat yourself on your back"; you are the greatest in supporting the family and community ideals of our fraternity. The Editor apologizes for not citing specific names of the volunteers that participated for the event; but he was told that this was a Moose "FAMILY" effort. There are plenty of pictures on the Arlington #1315 Website for this event. [www.arlington1315.org]



New Moose Experience

Moose International has recognized that our organization needs to alter our "business" to engage the next generation of families and individuals with whom we have had limited success in attracting as members. They have developed a comprehensive plan to captivate the families and leaders of tomorrow. Information pertaining to this direction will be announced within the next several months. Some of the requirements will impact how our Fraternity does business.

Super Bowl Party at the Moose Lodge

Sunday, February 5th

Watch Lady Gaga at Halftime



Moose of the Month





Governor's Corner

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year celebrations with family and friends. Resolutions are nice to have I believe the Lodge should be no different. We have started a journey of improving the Lodge in many ways, the facility, social quarters, and membership. This New Year offers another opportunity to continue the improvements. The success of the Lodge is up to everyone, give back a little when you can it helps and is appreciated.

As I look forward there are many challenges and opportunity for improving what we have to offer members. Please reach out to me or any Board member with ideas, opportunities, and suggestions to help our continued growth and improvement of activities and services for members.

Now that we have entered the winter season a reminder to be careful. Snow and ice can be dangerous. Try to prevent falls and overexertion all can end in not a good fashion. The lodge wants to see you as often as possible so please be careful.

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

**Saturday,
March 25th**



**March
Madness
Tailgate
Party**

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



Youth Awareness Program

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. Due to unforeseen responsibilities by our Fraternity, we had to withdraw from this Moose program last year ... however, we are getting our "act" together and will again be requesting to sponsor a Student Congress in the fall of 2017 with the Virginia Moose Association. 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.



**Thank you to Judith,
Rose, and Eileen for
providing food to our
Members on New
Year's Day!**

Your unexpected generosity brought enjoyment to all those that came to the Moose Lodge to bring in the New Year!

David Kish holding the game board that he selected the Queen of Hearts card to win



Give Generously!

**Support Special
Olympics**





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



**WOTM
Children's
Easter Party**



**Saturday,
April 1st**

**WOTM
Moose Theme
Basket Raffle
being offered
in January
with drawing
at the Un-
Oktoberfest**

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 ... HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hope your holiday season went well and your new year is starting out well! Congratulations to Nessa on her Green Cap. She had a lovely ceremony at the Lodge on Saturday, December 3rd, with Jane Ripley as her guest speaker, a full accompaniment of our chapter board, guides, committee and chapter members, College of Regents, LOOM members and her family members and guests. Everyone enjoyed themselves afterwards sharing company while eating Mexican cuisine so wonderfully prepared by Anna Phillips and her crew, in a wonderfully decorated hall. What a Fiesta! Thank you everyone who came to support Nessa. We appreciate her role in helping our chapter grow and wish her the best as she makes her way to the College of Regents.

Our children's Christmas party went off without a hitch. It was well attended and I heard many compliments on how well organized it was and how much fun the children were having. Thanks to the many volunteers who donated time and money; went shopping for the gifts (Anna Phillips and Liz Coombs), wrapped presents and stuffed stockings, decorated the hall, cooked the food (Tommy Oderwald), entertained the children (including Santa and Ms. Santa), and helped with clean-up. What a wonderful day! Your efforts were outstanding!

Upcoming events include:

- **January 7th** – Moose Basket Raffle drawing @ the UnOktoberfest – sponsored by the Community Service Fundraising Committee.
- **January 28th** – Mystery Raffle drawing @ the Chinese New year Celebration. We are asking for donations for our next MooseHeart/Moosehaven Committee Fundraiser: Items that you may have around your house that are **new** and **unused**. (A re-gifting item is fine). Please deliver items **unwrapped** to our lodge with a note to indicate it is for the Mystery Raffle.
- **January 19th- 21st** - Mid-Year Conference at Norfolk, VA.

Keep up the good work and see you all at the lodge.
Fraternally, Roxy

**Remember Our Commitment to Mooseheart and Moosehaven ...
Please be Generous in Your Donations when Requested**

The Arlington Fraternity Needs Volunteers ... Please Consider!

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



Collection bag in the entrance of the Social Quarters



**LOOM Board of
Officers
Election Schedule for
2017-2018
on Page 12**



Chapter Award of Achievement
(5th Consecutive Year)

Future Planned Major Social Events
(February – April 2017)

- February 4th**
Fish Fry Revisited
- February 5th**
Legion Breakfast
- February 5th**
Super Bowl Party
- February 11th**
WOTM Valentine Dinner
- February 18th**
Presidents' Celebration

- 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



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: **Emmett Dowden** (01/02), **Roy Newlin** (01/03), **Robert Schneck** (01/04), **Scott McQuiston** (01/04), **Carl Weber Jr.** (01/05), **Raymond Broz Jr.** (01/06), **Brandon Jerdee** (01/06), **Dennis Shannon** (01/07), **Michael Matis** (01/10), **Guillermo Ortiz** (01/10), **Jack Jordan** (01/16), **Tim Crocker** (01/18), **Michael Pogue** (01/18), **James Wood** (01/18), **John Wells** (01/20), **Michael Cady** (01/21), **David Schroeder** (01/23), **Richard Bickerton** (01/26), **Jonathan Jerdee** (01/26), and **Tom Van Horn** (01/31).
- Happy Birthday to Chapter members: **Carol Walsh** (01/02), **Angella Coles** (01/14), **Brenda Morgan** (01/14), **Sandy Dass** (01/17), **Joan "Patti" Rodas** (01/26), and **Danielle Ennis** (01/30).

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

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



Lodge Repairs/Replacements

Finally, the appropriate thermostats have been installed within the Lodge for ventilation systems. As previously noted, the ventilation systems are "ancient" (1960's vintage) and the new electronic thermostats on the market are not compatible. The Mechanical Contractor had found similar thermostats manufactured from the same company as the old thermostats; but it was discovered while these thermostats were being installed that this version did not have a switch to change between cooling and heating. In the end, the Mechanical Contractor had to have assemblies made with a 3-way switch to provide the proper change capabilities. Again, the Arlington Fraternity would like to thank our members and guests for being patient during this unfortunate situation.



Salute to Christmas on December 24th

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all the members and guests (an estimated count of 45 individuals) who came to the Lodge on Christmas Eve to "cheer in" the holidays.





Are You a Veteran?



Tell Us! We Want to Know

Bull Run Moose Legion #185 plan to have a Ritual Team Fundraiser at the Arlington Lodge on March 18th



Event theme to be determined (more information to follow)



Green Cap Celebration

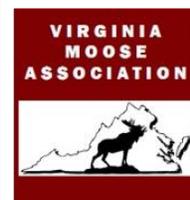
Current WOTM Board of Officers and members/guests of the College of Regents in the Celebration; honoree being escorted into the Celebration; and a special ceremonial "green cap" provided to the honoree (new tradition?)



Electronic Pull-Tabs by Powerhouse Gaming



at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge



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**



**There is a good
chance that he
will be stopping
at our Moose
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. **Katherine Redditt** was the winner of the December 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 December 19, 2016:

2016-2017 <u>+1 Goal</u> 268	Current <u>Active Members</u> 260	<u>Difference</u> - 8		<u>Expired</u> 48	<u>Dropped</u> 43
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New Members since April 30, 2016: 16 (As of December 24, 2016)



**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!



**The Cold Weather
is Here**



Dress Warmly!

Think Natitude!

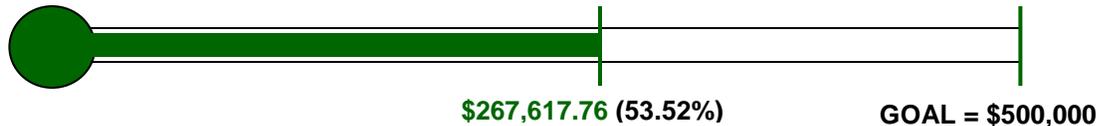


**Spring Training begins
in February 2017**



Chapter Award of Achievement
(5th Consecutive Year)

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



LOOM Board of Officers Election Schedule for 2017-2018

The following is the schedule for the upcoming 2016-2017 elections for the LOOM Board of Officers elections:

- **Tuesday, February 7, 2017**
Board will establish Nomination Committee
- **Tuesday, February 21, 2017**
Individuals to submit desire to run for elective office
- **Nomination Committee Meetings**
 - Tuesday, February 21, 2017
 - Tuesday, March 14, 2017
 - Tuesday, March 21, 2017
- **Tuesday, March 21, 2017**
Nomination Committee to present nominations (Official Lodge Ballot) & Establishment of the Election Committee
- **Tuesday, March 28, 2017**
Individuals to submitted petition to be included on Official Lodge Ballot if not nominated by the Nomination Committee
- **Tuesday, April 4, 2017**
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 February 21st.



Happy Hour

4:00pm – 8:00pm

Monday thru Thursday

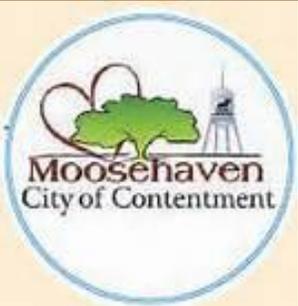
Mystery Raffle Offered by WOTM at Chinese New Year Celebration



Let's Talk (A Message from the Administrator)

First, I want to announce A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT that will occur in January! Initiated when Billy Hensley took the position of Administrator in the Lodge, two Moose International mortgage loan payments have been made each month to get the Arlington Lodge financially stable! [It is noted that some of the Lodge income from the past Queen of Hearts games were also allocated as extra payments towards the payment of the loan]. **Well ... by the end of January, the Arlington Fraternity will be debt free with respect to the Moose International mortgage loan!** Therefore, as part of the Presidents' Celebration on February 18th, the Arlington Fraternity will have a "burning of the mortgage loan" event. A toast will be made while we watch the loan papers (copy) "go up in flames". All our members are encouraged to attend this noteworthy event in the history of the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge. Chuck Berge, if you read this Newsletter ... you need to come back to Arlington to attend this event; as you have always wanted this accomplishment to occur (just not as soon as you wanted)!

Second, I want to thank all those members of the Arlington Fraternity that have expressed assistance in helping me meet the January requirements to the Federal Government with respect to payroll withholdings and W-2 documentation. I will be accepting many of the offers.





Children's Christmas Party Photos



Support the WOTM



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



Support Scouting



Girl Scouts



Boy Scouts



The members and guests that made the Children's Christmas Party happen





As the year comes to an end ... the Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all our members for their efforts throughout the past year in being an active organization that supports our obligations to Moose, community & family



The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner

As the 2016 year came to a close, the Arlington Moose Legion Committee would like to thank their officers for their efforts in guiding and making us an active internal organization to assist the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge over the past 1-1/2 years. Furthermore, we want to thank our Legionnaire membership and the many WOTM guests at our monthly Meetings that have provided a very generous amount of endowment donations for Mooseheart & Moosehaven.

A thank you is extended to all the Legionnaires and guests who provided a "potluck" dish at the December Moose Legion Committee meeting.



January is National Soup Month!

When the cold weather is in abundance, what better way to sit down and warm up than with a nice, warm bowl of soup?

The Soul Warming History of Soup (taken from the Internet)

The word soup itself derives from the French word *soupe* which means soup or broth. The word restaurant was first used in France, around the 16th century, to refer to a highly concentrated inexpensive soup, sold by street vendors, that was advertised as an antidote to physical exhaustion. In 1765, a Parisian entrepreneur opened a shop specializing in such soups. This prompted the use of the modern word restaurant for the eating establishments.

The first colonial cookbook in the United States was published by William Parks in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1742, and it included several recipes for soups and bisques. A 1772 cookbook, titled *The Frugal Housewife*, had an entire chapter around the subject of soups. In 1897, Doctor John T. Dorrance, a chemist with the Campbell Soup Company invented condensed soup, which has grown exponentially in popularity in the modern era. Condensing soup allows soup to be packaged into smaller cans and sold at a lower price than other canned soup. Since the 1990's, the canned soup market has burgeoned with soups marketed as "ready-to-eat". Microwaveable bowls have expanded the "ready-to-eat" canned soup market even more, offering convenience.



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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