



# Loyal Order of Moose Arlington #1315 Lodge Newsletter

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JUNE 2015

## Upcoming Social Events

### June 6<sup>th</sup>

Triple Crown Finale Celebration (Belmont Stakes)

+ Yard Sale

### June 13<sup>th</sup>

Pig Roast

+ Band: Koolerators

### June 21<sup>st</sup> (SUN)

Father's Day

Breakfast

\* Note

First Day of Summer

### June 27<sup>th</sup>

Welcome of Summer

Celebration

Cookout

## Special LOOM Membership Meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm to discuss reduction in the annual membership fee



## For the first time this Year ... Music, Music, and More Music at the Lodge! The Koolerators will be Performing at the Pig Roast on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

Our FAVORITE BAND (and most of the local Moose Lodges in VMA District 4) will be providing live music entertainment at the Arlington Fraternity!



## Triple Crown Finale Celebration

**Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 [2:00pm – 6:00pm]**

Can American Pharoah become the first horse to win the Triple Crown since Affirmed won in 1978? California Chrome could not do it last year (no matter how much our fraternity cheered)! Come to the Lodge to see if history will be made ... as post time for the race is 6:30pm! The Arlington Fraternity will offer a great buffet for the pre-race party with many delicious dishes to satisfy your hunger (unfortunately, the menu selection was not determined prior to the publication of this Newsletter).

**Dinner Every Friday Night 6-8 p.m. \$10 per person**

**Menu announced in weekly Communication emails or call the Lodge after Wednesday**

## Father's Day Breakfast – Sunday, June 21, 2015 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (Noon)

The Women of the Moose (Chapter #1253) will be preparing a "home-made" breakfast for the fathers in our membership; as well as, other family members and invited guests. The menu is not known at the time of this publication, but you can be ensured that there will be a large selection of food items just like "Mother" used to make! Why wait in a crowded restaurant for a table or sweat over a hot stove for breakfast? Let us do the cooking and enjoy the friendship of your fellow members and families ... **a PERFECT way to honor the fathers.**



## 23<sup>rd</sup> Pig Roast on Saturday, June 13, 2015 [2:00pm – 6:00pm]



Let's try to beat our success from last year, when we had around 60 members and guests attend! The "posse" will be taking their trip to West Virginia on the Friday before the event to round-up the pigs (actually pork parts); and then start the cooking that night, as the chefs insist that the pork be slowly barbequed for over 10 hours for the desired tenderness and taste at the event. The food buffet has not been finalized but there should be several different pulled pork selections, standard picnic salads, macaroni & cheese, and seasonal watermelon.

Rain or shine, the event will happen on this date. With weather permitting, the Lodge will have games (horseshoes, cornhole, sandbox, etc.) outside. In addition, the Lodge will have a live band inside for your enjoyment and dancing.

**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

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**Enjoy the Summer ... but Keep the Lodge in Mind**

As the rental of the Lodge Hall is a major source of income (especially during the summer season), the Lodge has to limit the quantity of social events for the membership to avoid any interference with the parties within the rented Lodge Hall. BUT ... the Social Quarters will always be available for the enjoyment and camaraderie of our membership.



**Rib Cook-Off – Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Excitement kept building in the crowd from the beginning of this event; as everyone was anxious to see if *American Pharoah* would capture the 140<sup>th</sup> running of the Preakness Stakes to possibly capture the Triple Crown. But as luck will have it for the Lodge during this month (other problems are identified in this Newsletter), a thunderstorm caused a loss of the satellite television signals at the time when the horses were being led into “the gate” and the actual race could not be viewed by our members. Eventually, the satellite television signals were re-established and it became known that *American Pharoah* won the race.

HOWEVER we all know that everyone was really at the Lodge for the delicious barbequed ribs (*we swear no horse meat was served*)! We matched the attendance of this event from last year with approximately 44 members, family members, and guests. The buffet consisted of “falling off the bone” pork ribs, a tasty homemade barbeque sauce to enhance the pork ribs, a vegetable squash casserole, baked beans, fresh corn on the cob (with butter and salt to be added for everyone’s desire), coleslaw, cucumber salad, cheese & crackers, condiment platter (pickles, olives, etc.), chips, and watermelon. And lest not forget the mouth-watering ribs of the 3 entries in the Cook-off; which were offered to the attendees after the tastings by the judges. **Congratulations are extended to the winners of Tom Oderwald – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, John Matis – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and Billy Hensley – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.**

The Lodge wants to thank Billy Hensley, and Tommy Oderwald for cooking the house ribs, to Joyce Chaffin & Liz Coombs for preparing all the supporting food in the buffet, to Ralph Phillips, Anna Phillips & Marty Medel for organizing and serving the judges, to the Cook-off judges (identities to remain anonymous) for volunteering their taste buds, and to all those members that provided the clean up after the event was over.



**Rib Cook-Off Winners**  
with Nessa Ruoff – Senior Regent



**“The Queen of Hearts” Game Every Friday Night**

Enjoy our Friday Night Dinner while participating in the game for a chance to win a possible big cash prize. Tickets can be purchased whenever the Social Quarters is open, with the weekly drawing at 7:30 p.m. each Friday night. We have generous weekly consolation prizes; if the Queen of Hearts is not selected on that particular weekly drawing! Rules for “The Queen of Hearts” game are posted within the Social Quarters of the Moose Lodge. **GOOD LUCK!**



**Chapter Award of Achievement**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Year)

**Plenty of Beef!**



**July 11, 2015**

**Children's Ice Cream Social**



**during the Major Blast Cookoff**

**August 15th**



**Mother's Day Breakfast – Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

We always hope that every activity/event is successful; but for the second year in a row the turnout for this particular event was not what we expected. No matter the reasons for having only about 20 members, family, and “moms” at the event ... there was an over abundance of food! The offered breakfast FEAST consisted of a fruit salad, fried potatoes with peppers, sausage patties, bacon strips (some very crispy), scrambled eggs, grilled “fluffy” pancakes, scrapple, chipped beef with biscuits, and a special sausage/egg/brie casserole. Appreciation is extended to Billy Hensley, Joyce Chaffins, Andrea Hensley and John Matis for preparing and cooking the food. In addition, a thank you is extended to Tom Oderwald for providing the delicious casserole and to Marty Medel for transporting the various food offerings from the kitchen to the buffet server. The Lodge would also like to thank Judith York and Donna Heflin for creating the centerpieces on the tables for the event and to those members that contributed to the clean up after the event.

**Memorial Day Cookout - Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>**

The weather was great, the grills were “smoking”, and the “joint” was filled with laughter. A fabulous afternoon for a day off on a holiday! At least 50 individuals attended this activity. The food offering was the standard cookout fare of hot dogs and hamburgers (rolls, lettuce, tomatoes, raw onions and condiments included), sautéed peppers and onions, homemade potato salad, deviled eggs, cucumber salad, grilled asparagus (*chef event special*), cheese and crackers, and chips & dip. In addition, grilled chicken was provided at the latter part of the event.



The Arlington Fraternity would like to extend a thank you to Tom Oderwald and Andre McFail (volunteer chef apprentice) for cooking/grilling the meat offerings; to Joyce Chaffins for making the various supporting side dishes, to Chuck Berge for making the deviled eggs, to Judith York & Donna Heflin for providing the centerpieces on the tables, and to the volunteers that performed the clean-up after the event.

**George “Billy” Hensly, Jr. – Man of Distinction**

**Congratulations to Billy** for becoming a member of the “25 Club”. Membership in the 25 Club of the Loyal of Moose is attained by sponsoring a minimum of 25 candidates for membership in the Moose fraternity. The 25 Club was organized in 1940 to give recognition to Moose members who have given the “extra effort” to keep the fraternity strong and growing. Billy will receive a gold 25 Club pin with a silver inset Moose head. In addition, on an annual basis a special 25 Club party is held by the state associations; as well as an elaborate party at the Moose International Convention.



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

**(April – June 2015)**



Deadline is June 30, 2015  
And remember to nominate a Youth Organization of the Quarter

**Pun of the Month**

When a clock is hungry ... it goes back four seconds [LOL]



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Contributions

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

**Watch  
NASCAR at  
the Lodge**

**In JUNE 2015**

SUN, JUN 7

**Axalta 'We Paint  
Winners' 400**

@Pocono Raceway

SUN, JUN 14

**Quicken Loans 400**

@Michigan  
International  
Speedway

SUN, JUN 28

**Toyota – Save  
Mart 350**

@Sonoma Raceway

**The Races Have  
Begun!**



**National Flag  
Day**



**June 14<sup>th</sup>**



**“Go for the Roses” Party - Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

In keeping with the fashion spirit of the Kentucky Derby, there were several members who donned themselves with a chic head covering to watch the “The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports”; Rose Russo, Paula Butler, Nessa Ruoff, and Bernie Cerroni. It was the decision of the Governor to be diplomatic and declared “a four way tie” in the bonnet contest (hint: *he likes his current health*); therefore, each individual was awarded a liquid refreshment at the cost of the Governor. Lest not forget the cheering as our members watched the favorite horse, *American Pharoah*, come from behind at the end of the race to win the 141<sup>st</sup> running of the Kentucky Derby in a time of 2 minutes, 3.02 seconds.



With respect to the food buffet that was offered, it was decided that the Cinco de Mayo celebration (three days later) should be incorporated into this event. Therefore, the buffet consisted of homemade burritos, the making of beef hard tacos with the “toppings”, two types of slow-cooker chili, rice, Mexican coleslaw, corn tortillas chips and salsa. The Lodge would like to thank Joyce Chaffins for preparing the food buffet and John Matis for donating/preparing the chili. In addition, the Lodge would like to thank everyone who volunteered to participate in the event clean up. It is noted that there was about 30 members and guests that attended this event.

**Cornhole Tournament – Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

For a considerable amount of nagging from several members about having this tournament, there were only eight individuals registered to participate in this event; therefore, the tournament was converted to “just for giggles” and a round-robin four-team format. We want to thank the Katsaris Family (Rich, Stephanie, Tyler & Hunter), Gil Wellington, Judith York, Ralph Phillips, and John Matis for playing the cornhole tournament. The tournament was played outside with the ambient temperature reaching a comfortable 78-degrees; but it sure felt “much warmer” in the direct sun to the participants who were playing. There were lots of smiles and most of the games “went to the wire” in results. Congratulations to Ralph Phillips and John Matis in being undefeated; but everyone said it was luck and not talent.



**Spur-of-the-Moment Event for the First Round  
of NFL Draft – Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Rumor had it that many members were coming to the Arlington Lodge to watch who the Redskins would pick with their “Number One” Draft Pick for 2015 (especially since they hadn’t had one for three years).

In addition, there was the first game of the Second Round for the Washington Capitals vs. the New York Rangers and the game of the Washington Nationals vs. the New York Mets. The quick decision was to provide a food offering to the members that came to the Lodge for the sport activities; which included a fruit tray, a vegetable dip tray, “spicy” meatballs, and tacos (Note: no planning, just something offered to the members). Our Fraternity would like to thank Anna & Ralph Phillips, Tom Oderwald, and Christina Davies & John Tribble for donating/preparing the food for the membership!



**The Message of Several Articles within this Newsletter ...  
the Arlington Fraternity Needs to Grow with New Members!**



2<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive Year

### A Family Event on July 4th



### Family Cookout



### New Membership Challenge that began May 1, 2015 (for 2015-2016 Moose Year)

Sponsor a new LOOM member between May 1, 2015 and April 30, 2016 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.

In addition, if you sponsor three LOOM members within the 2015-2016 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.

**Think New Members, New Members & New Members!**

### Membership Challenge That Ended April 30<sup>th</sup>

John Matis was the winner of the April monthly drawing prize of \$10.00 in Arlington "Moose Bucks" for the January through April Membership Challenge.



**IMPORTANT:** The LOOM Board of Officers has approved the inclusion of the remaining tickets of sponsors from this membership challenge into the raffle of the new Lodge's 2015-2016 Membership Challenge for three months (May thru July 2015).



Big Brothers Big Sisters

### Spring Cleaning for the Lodge - May 30<sup>th</sup>

Details of this event will be provided in the July 2015 Newsletter; as this monthly issue of the Newsletter needed to be released prior to this event occurring.



### Fish Fry Revisited August 1st



### Responsible Sellers and Servers (RSVP) Training

The scheduled training class at our Lodge had been canceled by the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control due to other priorities. A re-scheduling of the training class is being discussed.



### Moose of the Month





**Chapter Award of Achievement**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Year)

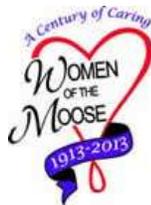


Picture of Mike Cady could not be provided; but want to honor

**Mike & Gregg Cady**  
LOOM Volunteer of the Quarter  
(January - March 2015)



**Rose Russo**  
WOTM Volunteer of the Quarter  
(January - March 2015)



**Senior Regent's Message**

Hello All,

May was a busy and fast paced month. Mothers day, Chicken wings, Rib contest, Memorial Day cook out, and lots and lots of baked goods and the spring/ summer fun has just begun. The Mothers Day Basket has not been claimed and the winner only has 30 days from the drawing to retrieve it ... so please check your pockets for tickets.

We are looking forward to a fun filled June with our Pig Roast , Father's Day breakfast (with a very nice Fathers Day Basket to take a chance on), and so many other activities.

My first month has been a lot of fun. Ladies, please feel free to join us in our meetings.

Fraternally Yours,  
Nessa:

**Thank You Judith York**

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank Judith York for weeding the front and Rental Hall bush/flower areas of our building. Her action, a personal decision on her part, is greatly appreciated and has created a good "curb appeal" for all members and guests visiting our Lodge. Thanks to Judith, there was one less item on our to-do list that needed to be performed during Lodge Clean-Up Day.



**Planned Yard Sale on June 6<sup>th</sup> is Postponed**

The Arlington Fraternity apologizes for any inconveniences; however, the scheduled Yard Sale is postponed due to circumstances beyond our control. Rescheduling of this event is being considered for late summer or early fall.



**Remember Our Neighbors**

As the Lodge is located within a residential community, we need to be respectful to our neighbors. Please refrain from having loud conversations or making loud noises in the parking lot area after hours. Also, observe the speed limit while coming and leaving the Lodge, as there are many children in the community. Your cooperation is appreciated. Let's keep our relationship with the community on a good standing.

**VMA Raffle Tickets for Sale at the Lodge**

The Moose Lodge has raffle tickets to sell for the upcoming Virginia Moose Association (VMA) State Convention. **The raffle is for a top prize of \$7,500** with many lesser secondary prizes from \$5,000 (2<sup>nd</sup> Prize) to \$500 (9<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup> Prizes). A poster is displayed in the Social Quarters that specifies the exact winning prizes. **The cost for each ticket is \$10.00.** The raffle tickets can be purchased from the bartender. The drawing will be held on August 22, 2015 at the Convention.

The Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge has been assigned 60 raffle tickets to sell; which we would like to complete the sales by the end of July 2015. **Please support the Virginia Moose Association and purchase a raffle ticket.**



**Major Blast Cook-Out**



**August 15th**

**Labor Day Cookout**



**Monday, September 1st**



**5th Annual Bill Lewis Memorial Chile Cook-Off  
October 10th**

**2015-2016 'Moose – Build Our Foundation' Membership Campaign [May 1, 2015 – April 30, 2016]**  
(from Moose International Bulletin)

Building the membership to make the Moose stronger at the core level will be the commitment in the new Membership Campaign initiated by Moose International for this year.

Last Moose year the emphasis was for the children at Mooseheart, the seniors at Moosehaven, and our communities in which we serve during the “Moose – Back to Basics” campaign. This year, the focus is on growing the Lodges and Chapters – OUR FOUNDATION – in order to support these core values.

This past Moose year (2014-2015), the Lodges, Chapters, and Moose Legions struggled to maintain their membership levels. Despite a modest goal of “Plus 1”, meaning one more active members on the rolls as compared to the end of the previous year, most fraternal units failed to grow individually and therefore, the total Moose membership regressed as a fraternity. In order to grow the foundation of members to support key endeavors, all fraternal units need to refocus their efforts in production and retention. This means creating higher value of the local and international levels so that members do not hesitate when renewal notice arrives. Utilizing proper new member orientations and creatively implementing the Lodge/Chapter’s Preferred Member Program are just a couple of suggestions for realizing a successful year of membership growth.

**Start of new membership value initiative**

- Sign 1 Member within the campaign period – receive a “Moose – Build Our Foundation” lapel pin.
- Sign 5 Members within the campaign period – receive a “5 Club” logo static window decal. In addition, a donation by the Virginia Moose Association will be made to Moose Charities to help support the replacement of the Indoor Playground Flooring at Mooseheart.
- Sign 25 or more Members during the campaign period – qualify for the Director General’s Sponsors of Distinction program; which the sponsor receives free basic registration to the 2016 International Moose Convention in St. Louis, Missouri.

At this year’s International Moose Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, a long-term program will be announced that will supplement this annual campaign and others for the foreseeable future.

**Thank You Gregg Cady**

The Arlington Fraternity has implemented the playing of the song “Queen of Hearts” by Juice Newton just before the selection of the winning ticket for the Queen of Hearts raffle every Friday night. A GREAT idea suggested by Gregg Cady to excite the crowd for the climax of the weekly event!



**Give Generously!**

**Support Special Olympics**





2<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive Year

**Watch  
Washington  
Nationals at  
the Lodge**

**In June 2015**

- Toronto Blue Jays  
JUN 1 – JUN 3 (H)
- Chicago Cubs  
JUN 4 – JUN 7 (H)
- New York Yankees  
JUN 9 – JUN 10 (A)
- Milwaukee Brewers  
JUN 12 – JUN 14 (A)
- Tampa Bay Rays  
JUN 15 – JUN 18 (A/H)
- Pittsburgh Pirates  
JUN 19 – JUN 21 (H)
- Atlanta Braves  
JUN 23 – JUN 25 (H)
- Philadelphia Phillies  
JUN 26 – JUN 25 (A)
- Atlanta Braves  
JUN 30 – JUL 2 (A)

**Think  
Natitute!**



**Remember  
Mooseheart &  
Moosehaven**



**Personal/Family Corner**

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

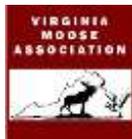
It is requested that any announcement milestones be submitted prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Happy Birthday to Lodge members **Phuoc Van Pham** (6/01), **Robert Coombs** (6/02), **Franklin Beach** (6/12), **Bernie Ceroni** (6/12), **Kevin Link** (6/13), **Duane (Marty) Medel** (6/17), **T. Harrison** (6/18), **Anthony Siriwardene** (6/19), **Paul Meador** (6/22), **Michael Carey** (6/25), **Jack Dwier** (6/26), and **Jimmie Precise** (6/30).
- Happy Birthday to Chapter members **Diana Field-Brittain** (6/05), **Tracy Keller** (6/05), **Mary Lehtma** (6/05), **Patricia Follin** (6/13), and **Lori Frketich** (6/23).
- Thank you **John Tribble** and **Christina Davies** for donating three “new for the Lodge” couches in the Fireplace area.

**SICKNESS and DISTRESS:**

- Please keep our Moose members and families in our prayers for those who have current health or distressed situations.



**VMA Lodge Retention Campaign  
[May 1, 2015 – April 30, 2016]  
Lodge Retention Percentage Award**

- Lodges achieving between 85% and 89% of their members renewing at the end of each Moose Year quarter will receive \$100.
- Lodges achieving 90% or more of their members renewing at the end of each Moose Year quarter will receive \$200.
- Lodges achieving 90% or more of their members renewing at the end of the entire Moose Year (April 30, 2016) will be eligible for a \$500 drawing.

All awards will be at the 2016 VMA Mid-Year Conference (first two quarters) and the 2016 VMA State Convention (last two quarters), and the \$500 drawing at the 2016 VMA State Convention.

**Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members**

- ▶ Bryan Eaton ▶ CJ Phillips ▶ Jarod Eaton ▶ Andrew York
- ▶ Christopher Killelea ▶ Ryan Eaton ▶ Steve Vaughan ▶ Scott Gordon
- ▶ John Tribble ▶ Rafael Sepulveda ▶ Rose Bailey ▶ Christina Davies
- ▶ Lynne Fallon ▶ Barbara Field ▶ Jennifer Shams ▶ Roya Sterner
- ▶ Kristina Sullivan ▶ Robert Muretta, Jr. ▶ Robert Simpson



Fairbank Law: It is considered an offense to feed alcoholic beverages to a moose.

Rebuttal: There is no known defense to refuse service if he has an active Moose ID card.



**Chapter  
Award of  
Achievement**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Year)

**Future Planned  
Major Social  
Events**

(July –  
October 2015)

**July  
4<sup>th</sup>**

4<sup>th</sup> of July Cookout  
**July 11<sup>th</sup> - Revised**  
Bull Roast  
+ Band: *Koolerators*

**August 1<sup>st</sup>**

Fish Fry Revisited

**August 15<sup>th</sup>**

Major Blast  
Cookout &  
Children's Ice  
Cream Social

**September 7<sup>th</sup> (MON)**

Labor Day Cookout

**September 19<sup>th</sup>**

Farewell to  
Summer Cookout

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Youth Awareness  
Student Congress

**October 10<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bill  
Lewis Chili  
Cook-Off

**October 24<sup>th</sup>**

Children's  
Halloween Party

**Note:**

**Dates & Activities  
subject to change**

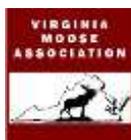


**Governor's Corner**

Our Lodge had a great challenge during the month of April to make the "plus 1" above our April 30, 2014, as we needed over 25 individuals to pay their yearly Moose dues (retention), get previous Arlington members who were dropped to re-enroll into the Moose organization, and/or sign up new members into our Arlington fraternity (including transfers from other local Lodges). I want to personally thank all the members of our fraternity (LOOM and WOTM) who made a commitment and an outstanding effort to meet this goal. I believe that we actually made the challenge (both Billy Hensley & I inputted/reviewed the membership totals around 6:30pm on April 30<sup>th</sup>); however, there seems to be a discrepancy in the results with published documents by Moose International. We are waiting for the official announcement of which Moose Lodge made the Premier Lodge Award; however, we are currently compiling documents for our experienced negotiator, initials BB, to argue "the case"!

Hopefully you have noticed that a considerable amount of articles in this Newsletter describe campaigns/incentives for motivating the enrollment of new members into our Moose organization. I'm sorry that I have to again repeat myself; but we need every member of our local fraternity to MAKE EVERY EFFORT to enroll new Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge members. *There is minimum effort ...* as all our members have to do is brag about the benefits and the commitments of our Lodge for family, the local community, Mooseheart and Moosehaven; which, after several years of "personal" experience while attending many hours in the Social Quarters and at Social Events, I know that our members are proud to brag! Bring your friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. to the Lodge in order to "show-off" how we can bring enjoyment to them and their families, and possibly provide satisfaction in making the world a better place for others.

**THINK NEW MEMBERS, NEW MEMBERS, & NEW MEMBERS!**



**VMA Sponsor Membership Campaign**

**[May 1, 2015 – April 30, 2016]**

It pays to sponsor new members during this Moose Year, as \$6,000 in TOTAL CASH PRIZES will be awarded at the 2016 VMA State Convention.

- Level 1 - \$500 Cash Prize  
Sponsor or re-enroll 2 members and your name will be entered in a drawing for \$500.
- Level 2 - \$3,000 Cash Prizes  
Sponsor or re-enroll 7 members and your name will be entered in a drawing for cash prizes ranging from \$25 up to \$500 with (1) \$500 winner.
- Level 3 - \$2,500 Cash Prizes  
Sponsors need to RE-ENROLL 7 members and the Lodge must have a "plus" in the active members for the campaign year to be entered in a drawing for cash prizes starting at \$50 with a total payout of \$2,500.

**Bar stools are still available for donation by members in memory  
of someone special  
(the Lodge will provide an engraved plaque on each stool)**

**You can Pay Moose Dues Online!**

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



**Thank you Members for continuing to support and attend the Moose Lodge while the air conditioning is being repaired!**



**Lodge Repairs/Replacements**

The ice maker machine in the kitchen became dysfunctional during the second week of May (*it seems to be a reoccurring event every three months*). The repair, at least this time, was quick. The Arlington Fraternity extends a thank you to Tee Phillips from the Franconia Moose Lodge for repairing the ice maker.

If you have come to the Moose Lodge the last two weeks of May, you would know that the air conditioning for the entire building was not working. It became known that a seal had "blown" on the compressor and all the R-22 refrigerant had leaked out of the copper tubing between the compressor and the air handlers. At the time of this publication, the parts had been ordered but not received.

**Future Planned Major Social Events**

November – December 2015)

**November 26<sup>th</sup> (THR)**

Thanksgiving Family Feast

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**

Children's Christmas Party

**Note:**

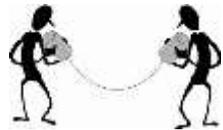
**Dates & Activities subject to change**

(\*additional events to be announced for November & December)



**Thank You Arlington #1315 Moose Chefs**

The Arlington Fraternity wants to extend our appreciation to everyone who volunteers their time to make our events successful; especially the "chefs" who are at the Lodge many hours prior to the start of the events to prepare and cook the food being offered, and in most cases are also part of the volunteers for event clean-ups.



**Communications with Membership is Important**

Hopefully, every member of the Arlington Fraternity is getting the weekly e-mail announcements of the current/upcoming events, as well as important topics for our members. ***If you are not receiving these communication emails, please let us know and provide your email address.*** Furthermore, when you visit the Lodge there is a "full wall" calendar at the entrance of the Social Quarters that provides details of events of the Lodge for the current month.



**The Redskins are Coming! Training Camp - July**

**Events at Other Lodges**

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

**New Members WANTED!**

**New Membership Challenge**

The 2015-2016 Membership Quota for Arlington #1315 is 37 members



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

**coupons found on hundreds of General Mill products**

(collection bag in main entrance)

**Watch the NBA & NHL Playoffs at the Lodge**



**Continues during the Month of June**



**Chapter  
Award of  
Achievement**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Year)

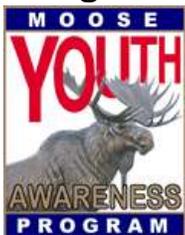
**WOTM  
Children's  
Halloween  
Party**



**Saturday  
October 24<sup>th</sup>**



**Youth  
Awareness  
Program**



**Association  
Student  
Congress on  
October 3rd  
at our Lodge**



**Moose Youth Awareness Program**

Well, not every great plan is executed. For multiple reasons, the Arlington Fraternity did not “get off the ground” in trying to get a message about the Moose Youth Awareness Program to the local High School before the end of this school year. Therefore, the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge and the Arlington #1253 Chapter will need to concentrate this summer in getting organized and preparing the necessary documents for distribution to the high schools at the very beginning of the new school year in September.

***Please, please, please ... the fraternity needs members to assist in making this program successful. We need ideas! We need volunteers! We cannot wait until the end of summer ... we need to do something NOW!***

**Reminder ... the Lodge has a Clothing Collection Box**

In support to the community, there is a clothing drop-off container at the edge of the parking lot on the building side across from the kitchen. The charity sponsoring the clothing collection is Childhood Disease Research Foundation (CDRF), which is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide public awareness to promote and fund research, treatment and educational programs on disease affecting children and adults. The donated items deposited are sold and after expenses CDRF receives guaranteed fixed monthly revenue to pursue their mission.

***Support CDRF in their charitable purpose - consider a clothing donation***

**Join the Donors Circle**

The **Donors Circle** is a recognition program of Moose International designed to recognize individual Moose members who send a tax-deductible Endowment Fund donation directly to Moose Charities. Individuals may join the **Donors Circle** at any time with a minimum \$25 donation and their donations are cumulative over time. As a donor reaches each level of the **Donors Circle** recognition program, a “heart” pin for that level will be sent from Moose Charities. The Endowment Fund donations are the long term investment in the support of Mooseheart and Moosehaven. It is important to know that the Lodge will also receive “credit” for any donations by its individual members to the **Donors Circle** for the Endowment Fund. For more details about the program and how to join, go to the Moose Charities Website ([www.moosecharities.org](http://www.moosecharities.org)).



**Future Arlington Moose  
Members at the Rib Cook-Off**

However, we need new members now in order to ensure that there is an Arlington Fraternity when they become of age to join. There are many Moose incentives/campaigns for increasing our membership this year.

**Come Enjoy Our Many Social Events at the Arlington #1315  
Moose Lodge ... Camaraderie, Relaxation & Lots of Food**



2<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive Year

Support the Girl Scouts of America



Paula, Nessa, Bernie & Rose showing off their chic hats at the "Go for the Roses" Party (a.k.a. Kentucky Derby)



Tom Oderwald and John Ruoff with a batch of barbecue ribs on the grille at the Ribs Cook-Off event

Support the Boy Scouts of America



Tom Oderwald & Andre McFail (chef apprentice) tending to the grilles at the Memorial Day Cookout

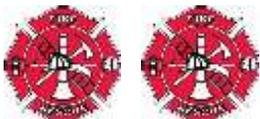


Packed bar area of the Social Quarters during the Memorial Day Cookout (watching a Nationals baseball game)

Support Our Local Police Department



Support the Local Fire 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.: a trip to a casino, a Capitals or Wizards game, a mystery bus ride, etc.). Please contact **John Matis, Gregg Cady, or Brian Birtell** with your suggestions.



**Have something you want to tell the Membership?**

**Write an Article for our Newsletter**

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

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