

For the second time this Year ... Music, Music, and More Music at the Lodge!

The Koolerators will be Performing at the Pig Roast on Saturday, June 11th

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



Enter your Class of 2017 high school student(s) NOW for a chance to win a \$1,000 R. Robert Dale Scholarship
Details on Page 7



All Our Members Should Know How Our Fraternity Originated!

During the re-organization (i.e.: "tidying up a little") of the LOOM Office by our Administrator, a document was discovered that provides a summary of the beginning history of the Arlington Fraternity (*author unknown*). It was felt that the members of our Fraternity would like to know how we entered and progressed in the World of the Order of the Moose.

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Celebration of Life in Honor of Mike Entsminger
Saturday, June 4th @3:00pm

Back by Popular Demand Karaoke – Friday, July 22, 2016

(Save the Date)

After the Queen of Hearts Game

More in the Weekly Communication Emails



Membership Appreciation Brunch
Sunday, June 5th – 10:00am to 3:00pm
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Congratulations to Terry Driscoll, Bob Muretta, John Ruoff, Mike Cady & Chuck Berge in being conferred into the Moose Legion

A special Conferral was conducted on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge (the upcoming Summer Celebration will be held after Terry returns back to England).

Upcoming Social Events
(details on Page 2)

June 5th - NEW
Membership Appreciation Brunch
June 11th
Pig Roast
(with Band)

National Flag Day



June 14, 2016

Father's Day



June 19, 2016

First Day of Summer



June 20, 2016

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

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

**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

**Free WiFi
at Lodge**



**LEON
Day
(NOEL spelled
backwards – six
months until
Christmas)**



June 25, 2016

**JUNE
EVENT**



**Pig Roast - Saturday, June 11th
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

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 (not necessarily continuously) 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.

This is one of Arlington Fraternity’s major events .. **AND** all of our members should attend to show their support to the Lodge!

There will also be a fund raiser cornhole tournament during this event; weather permitting. *See Page 14 for tournament details.*

**JUNE
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**Membership Appreciation Brunch
Sunday, June 5th – 10:00am to 3:00pm**

The Arlington Fraternity may be a little premature in our celebration without it being officially announced, but we believe that the LOOM has won the Premier Lodge Award and the WOTM has won the Chapter Award of Achievement this past Moose Year. Therefore, our membership should be awarded for their efforts in obtaining these accomplishments ... of which, the fraternity is providing an appreciation brunch! This event is sponsored by the LOOM, WOTM, and the Moose Legion Committee.

It is planned that the event offering will be an expanded menu of the standard food fare provided in the monthly Moose Legion Committee Breakfast, surprise meat carved entrees (to be determined), and other side dishes. The Membership Appreciation Brunch is free to all Arlington Fraternity Moose Members in good standing, with a \$10 contribution fee for guests.



We Apologize for Cancelling the Mother’s Day & Father’s Day Breakfasts

Miscommunications in the organization of the Mother’s Day Breakfast resulted in the short-noticed cancelation of this event; blame it on the past LOOM Governor (memory loss due to old age). The Membership Appreciation Brunch is provided in lieu of both breakfasts honoring mothers & fathers.



**Brochure of Program in the
Social Quarters**

**Moose
of the
Month**



Arlington #1315
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Inner Guard

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

WOTM members & LOOM members are Welcome to attend



Lodge Spring Cleanup – April 30th

The Arlington Fraternity extends a thank you to Judith York, Anna Phillips, Joyce Chaffins, Gregg Cady, Luis Cruz, Andre McFail, Brain Van de Meulebroecke, Chuck Berge, John Webb, Phil Weber, and Joe Russo for their efforts in cleaning the Lodge. A **thorough** cleaning was performed in the bar areas, the Fireplace eating area, and the two restrooms at the entrance of the Social Quarters (included vacuuming, mopping the floors, scrubbing the walls and fixtures of the restrooms, and dusting the shelves & cleaning the rubber mats behind the bar). The two coolers and keg dispenser (all used) that were purchased in February 2016 and stored outside under shelter until warmer weather were cleaned (interior & exterior) and moved into the bar areas. In addition, many “long forgotten” items stored in two basement rooms, now considered trash, were thrown out into the dumpster that was rented for this event.



**Bayou “Cajun” Friday Night Dinner - April 29th
(A Special Themed Food Offering)**

There were no banjos or fiddles to set the ambience (country and rock n’ roll music were played on the jukebox); however, the offered food was definitely Cajun. Shrimp Étouffée (a spicy Cajun classic), chicken & sausage gumbo, fried catfish, and fried flounder were the main entrees; and side dishes of white rice, potato salad, and green salad with French bread. The main entrees were prepared by chefs Bob Muretta, Wayne Lafluer (from Patuxent Moose Lodge), and Billy Hensley; while the various side dishes were prepared by Joyce Chaffins (except the French bread).



Arlington WOTM
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Vacant

Another Special Friday Night Dinner – May 6th

First, the Arlington Fraternity wants to thank Joyce Chaffins and all those who volunteer (e.g.: Anna Phillips, Liz Coombs, Phyllis Hamilton, Billy Hensley, & Tom Oderwald who come to mind) in preparing the regular Friday Night Dinners throughout the calendar year. The Moose Legion Committee decided to give the regulars another Friday off on May 6th by cooking the Friday night dinner; but some of the regulars do not know the word “off”. The food offering was “beer can” chicken grilled by Andre McFail & Brain Van de Meulebroecke; with glazed carrots, baked potatoes and sweet potatoes, steamed beets, and a salad prepared by Joyce Chaffins and Anna Phillips (again regulars). Furthermore, a thank you is also extended to those members who donate the desserts for the Friday Night Dinners.



“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!

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

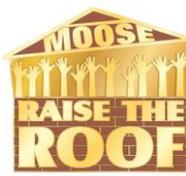


Bernie Ceroni
LOOM Volunteer
of the Quarter
(January –
March 2016)



**Elizabeth
Coombs**
WOTM Volunteer
of the Quarter
(January –
March 2016)

**Johnson’s Hill
Youth
Community
Youth
Organization of
the Quarter
(January –
March 2016)**



**2016-2017 Membership Campaign
“Moose – Raise the Roof”**

(Article from Moose International)

The Moose Fraternity has “Built Our Foundation” over the past twelve months, but now it’s time to “Raise the Roof” in support of our children, seniors and communities during the upcoming campaign year, May 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017.

Last year we focused on growing our lodges and chapters – our foundation – in order to support our core values. Now it’s time to build on that success and push above those levels so that our communities can hear our celebration loud and clear.

In order to expand our ability to support key endeavors, we need to rededicate our efforts in production and retention. This means creating higher value at the local and International levels so that members don’t hesitate when a renewal notice arrives. Utilizing proper new member orientations and creatively implementing your Lodge’s Preferred Member Program are just a couple of suggestions for realizing a successful year of membership growth.

This year’s one member award, a “Moose – Raise the Roof” lapel pin, will be awarded by each lodge, chapter or Moose Legion after a member sponsors his/her first candidate during the campaign year. Individuals attaining membership in the Moose International 5 Club will receive a “5 Club” logo static window decal, and funds generated by these members will help support the Administration Office replacement roof at Moosehaven. This award is made possible by your State/Provincial Moose Association, WOTM and Moose Legion.



**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. **James Wood** was the winner of the May 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.

Need to know what is happening at the Lodge?

Go to the Arlington Facebook Page! **Gwendolyn Collins** updates this social media on a daily basis.

Important Reminder

It is the responsibility of our members to make sure that their names are placed on every liquor bottle placed at the Bar within the Social Quarters. Our Fraternity must comply with this ABC rule!



**Watch
Washington
Nationals at
the Lodge**

In June 2016

- Cincinnati Reds**
JUN 3 – JUN 5 (A)
- Chicago White Sox**
JUN 7 – JUN 9 (A)
- Philadelphia Phillies**
JUN 10 – JUN 12 (H)
- Chicago Cubs**
JUN 13 – JUN 15 (H)
- San Diego Padres**
JUN 16 – JUN 19 (A)
- Los Angeles Dodgers**
JUN 20 – JUN 22 (A)
- Milwaukee Brewers**
JUN 24 – JUN 26 (A)
- New York Mets**
JUN 27 – JUN 29 (H)
- Cincinnati Reds**
JUN 30 – JUL 3 (H)

**Think
Natitude!**



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

**Legion is
\$15.00**



Legion Breakfast – May 1st

Many Legionnaires had expressed their opinion that the weather (11 straight days of rain and then more rain on this date) affected the attendance for this event; however, 32 customers is above average. The chefs, as usual, provided the “Legion Basic” breakfast offering of scrambled eggs, sausage links and patties, bacon, potato home fries (with green peppers & onions), pancakes, warmed maple syrup, fruit salad with optional yogurt topping, toast, coffee and orange juice. To the pleasure of most customers, the chefs continued to provide “puffs”, Eggs Benedict and grits that were offered in the past two monthly Legion Breakfasts ... AND introduced for the first time fried scrapple as a “surprise” offering (*not one piece was left over*)! A real crowd pleaser, was the “spontaneous kitchen notion” to provide potato home fries with cheese!

The Arlington Moose Legion Committee wants to extend a thank you to the breakfast crew of Brian Van de Muelebroecke (Master Chef of the event), Luis Cruz, Joyce Chaffin, Andre McFail and John Webb. A thank you is also extended to Anna Phillips for donating items and to those individuals who performed the kitchen cleanup after the event; especially Sam Whitt (*who only volunteered to participated in the cleanup*).



Ribs Feast – Saturday, May 14th

The attendance came close to matching last year’s event with 40 members, family members and guests enjoying the “in-house” grilled pork ribs. The buffet consisted of “falling off the bone” pork ribs, a tasty homemade barbeque sauce to enhance the pork ribs, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, fresh corn on the cob (with butter and salt to be added for everyone’s desire), coleslaw, cucumber salad, deviled eggs, cheese & cracker tray, pickle platter (pickles, olives, etc.), chips and dip, and watermelon. A thank you is extended to the grill chefs of Billy Hensley and Tommy Oderwald, and to Joyce Chaffins, Phyllis Hamilton, and Liz Coombs for providing the delicious food spread to complement the ribs.

A side event on this day was the cleanup of our front and side areas of the Lodge in conjunction the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD). Volunteers to perform community service were to assist in the cleanup, but the weather had been unpredictable (what else but more rain) and their participation was canceled. The Lodge had purchased plastic trash bags, many pairs of gloves, and bottles of water to support this activity, especially since the local community had also been invited to include their properties; however, no one came for the activity except three representative from the Fairfax County Police Department. With Joe Russo and Gregg Cady volunteering to support of this activity for our fraternity, the FCPD volunteers made an initial cleanup of the shrub/grass area; however, the discovery of poison ivy brought the effort to a halt. A future similar activity with the Fairfax County Police Department will be planned.

It is noted that the purchased items by the Lodge were utilized during the expanded Lodge cleanup on May 21, 2016 (a.k.a.: Moose Legion Kitchen Cleanup).

**VMA District 4 Second Annual “Moose Day with the Nationals”
Saturday, August 13th (Game Time: 7:05pm)
Seat Location: Section 137
Price: \$40.00/ticket
Transportation: Attendees are on their own**





Chapter Award of Achievement
(4th Consecutive Year)

Watch NASCAR at the Lodge

in June 2016

- SUN, JUN 5
Axalta 'We Paint Winners' 400
Pocono Raceway
- SUN, JUN 12
Firekeepers Casino 400
Michigan International Speedway
- SUN, JUN 26
Toyota - Save Smart 350
Sonoma Raceway



Family Cyber Security Day - May 14th
Sponsored by VMA District 4

The weather was cloudy with rain showers, and there was little pre-registration for attendance ... BUT in the end, the event was a success! All activities were held indoors with the main activities of presentations pertaining to cyber awareness and cyber bullying, a booth with free literature sponsored by Safe Surfin', and Child/Elderly ID processing. There were approximately 20 children/teens that were fingerprinted & recorded on CD by representatives of the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 and Safe Surfin'. A sizeable gathering occurred for the informative presentations to the teens, and then to the adults, about general knowledge and dangers of the internet; including the various social media apps being used on the smart telephones. There was also free cotton candy and door prizes. A thank you is extended to Manassas Moose Family Center #1380 for hosting this event and offering free lunch (hamburger or corndog) to all those that attended the event.

The Arlington Fraternity was represented by John Matis at this event.



Representatives from Bull Run Moose Legion #185 preparing fingerprint CDs



Parents listening to a presentation by John d'Alelio pertaining to dangers of the internet



No Governor's Corner or Senior Regent's Message



Due to the Editor being late in requesting an article from the newly elected officers (not a routine task yet), these items are excluded in this Newsletter ... *to be resumed in the July Newsletter.*



2nd Chance Drawings by Powerhouse Gaming
Monthly Drawing Prize – each month through December
Details provided at the Lodge

Arlington #1253 Annual WOTM Membership Fee is \$30.00

Pun of the Month

Local Area Network in Australia ...



The LAN down under!

Electronic Pull-Tabs by Powerhouse Gaming



at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge



A Family Event on the 4th of July



Family Cookout



**R. Robert Dale Scholarship
Application Deadline June 30, 2016**

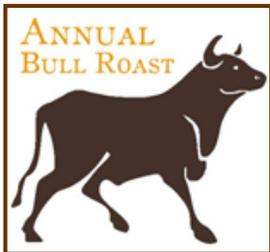
There is no better way to help the youth of the Fraternity than to offer them the opportunity to further their education, and that is exactly what the R. Robert Dale Scholarship is all about. Individual scholarships of \$1,000 each are selected through randomly drawn raffles of the qualifying students.

The following requirements must be met in order to be eligible for the scholarship:

- Be a student in high school graduating Class of 2017;
- Have a mother, father, step-parent, grandparent or legal guardian who is a paid up member of the Moose Fraternity;
- Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 (C+) or higher on a 4.0 scale; *and*
- Send a completed application by the deadline (application must be completed in its entirety to be valid).

Application forms are provided on the bulletin board located in the entrance of the Social Quarters. Information also provided for the address to mail the application or the telephone number to fax the application. **DEADLINE: June 30, 2016.**

Plenty of Beef!



Saturday, July 23, 2016



**VMA Sponsor Membership Campaign
[May 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017]**

It pays to sponsor new members during this Moose Year, as \$6,000 in TOTAL CASH PRIZES will be awarded at the 2017 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.



“Love thy Neighbor as Yourself”

As a reminder, everyone needs to live in harmony with our neighbors and not initiate false witness, lying, or spread false reports of our neighbors; in our case, our fraternal Brothers and Sisters. **Everyone should treat your fellow Moose members the same way as you would like others to treat yourself.**

Continue to save BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION coupons



Collection bag in the entrance of the Social Quarters

Final Membership Statistics for 2015-2016 Moose Year

**Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge
267 Members (+7 from last year)**

**Arlington Chapter #1253
172 Members (+20 from last year)**



Nominate a Lodge & Chapter Member for Volunteer of the Quarter (April – June 2016)



Deadline is June 30, 2016

Fish Fry Revisited No. 9 (since 2012)



Saturday, August 6th

Begin the School Year at the Labor Day Cookout



Monday, September 5th



Creation of the Arlington Fraternity ... and Beyond

(narrative developed from a discovered document of unknown author with an estimated date of June 1963)

- On October 5, 1922 in Arlington County, a group of 125 men were initiated into the Loyal Order of Moose, and became Charter members of a new Lodge of the Order; known at the time as Clarendon #1315 (at the time that Moosehaven, the “City of Contentment”, was opened).
- The early years of the Lodge were difficult and meetings were held in the homes of members and at various locations throughout Arlington County. Not until 1950 did the Lodge finally acquire permanent quarters, a rented room on Westmoreland Street in Falls Church. The quarters were barely adequate; as old-times often reminisced of the time that all members had to retire to the hallway when a class of new members were being enrolled into the Lodge.
- The Depression years were hard on many organizations, and our Moose Lodge was no exception. Financial difficulties plagued many in those times, and while the advantage of sick and death benefits to Lodge members were an inducement to many, even low dues of the day were more than most could afford. Members came and went, and by 1946, our Lodge could still only boast a membership of 100.
- The realization that the population growth of the area had out-dated the name Clarendon Lodge brought about a change in name to the present Arlington title in 1946 (which expanded its area of operation), there still provided little competition to its nearest neighbor – Alexandria Lodge.
- The move to a permanent Lodge from the rented quarters was initiated in 1950, as the membership rose to 200 that year. Under the leadership of Lodge Governor Edward Moorefield, the Lodge purchased and moved into its own building at 2032 Lee Highway during the summer of 1953. Although much dissention was caused by this move and the subsequent debt which the Lodge had encumbered, its wisdom was soon proved as the membership rose to 400 that year and to 600 by 1954.
- The great financial burden of the new Lodge building could only be attacked on the basis of an active and varied Lodge program. Of the many social activities, an annual Moonlight Cruise was introduced in 1956.
- As the years passed and membership remained static between 600-700 members, it was decided another move was necessary. The search for suitable acreage to construct a building specifically designed for the Lodge’s use was completed in the beginning of 1961; which was five acres at Bailey’s Crossroads.
- Once the land for the new Lodge was found, the Lodge at Lee Highway was sold and the proceeds were used to purchase the land at Bailey’s Crossroads. The remaining balance from the sale was set up in a building fund.
- It took a year of preparation to hire an Architect, prepare the construction plans, and hire a Contractor; but construction finally began in August 1962.
- The first LOOM Membership Meeting was held in April 1963; which had the largest class of over 100 new candidates initiated into the Fraternity.

Note: Unfortunately, the document did not address when the name of the Lodge was changed from Clarendon to Arlington #1315.



Watch the Third Race of the Triple Crown at the Lodge
Belmont Stakes - Saturday, June 11th



You can Pay Moose Dues Online!

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



Chapter Award of Achievement
(4th Consecutive Year)

Future Planned Major Social Events
(July – October 2016)

- July 3rd**
Legion Breakfast
- July 4th**
4th of July Cookout
- July 23rd**
Bull Roast
- August 6th**
Fish Fry Revisited
- September 5th**
Labor Day Cookout
- September 17th**
Lodge Clean-Up

- October 8th**
6th Annual Bill
Lewis Chili
Cook-Off
- October 22nd**
WOTM Children's
Halloween Party
- October 29th**
Youth Awareness
Student Congress

Note:
Dates & Activities subject to change

(*additional events being considered by the Lodge & Chapter for the summer months of June through September)



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 **Charles James** (6/01), **Phuoc Van Pham** (6/01), **Robert Coombs** (6/02), **Franklin Beach** (6/12), **Bernie Ceroni** (6/12), **Kevin Link** (6/13), **Marty Medel** (6/17), **T. Harrison** (6/18), **Paul Meador** (6/22), **Eric Parkhurst** (6/22), **Michael Carey** (6/25), **Jack Dwier** (6/26), **Andrew Ogle** (6/26), **James Shepard** (6/27), and **Kevin Murphy** (6/30).
- Happy Birthday to Chapter members **Diana Field-Brittain** (6/05), **Tracy Keller** (6/05), **Mary Lehtma** (6/05), **Hannah Byron** (6/07), **Patricia Follin** (6/13), **Mary Quill** (6/19), **Marilyn Berge** (6/22), and **Lori Frketich** (6/23).

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

- Please keep our Moose members and families in our prayers for those who have current health or distressed situations; especially ... Norman Harris, Nora Rodas, and Patti Green-Shupp who have health problems and are trying to get back to good health.

New Members WANTED!

The 2016-2017 Membership Quotas:

- ◆ Lodge #1315 = 40 Members
- ◆ Chapter #1253 = 21 Members



Lodge Repairs/Replacements

In case no one has noticed due to the miserable cold and rainy weather during May, but the changeover to air conditioning had been completed after a minimal delay for a part replacement.

The fences between our Lodge and the adjacent apartment complex (adjacent to the kitchen) had been repaired. The Lodge is currently in the process of closing off the pathway through our property on the other side of the building.



VMA Raffle Tickets for Sale
Top prize of \$7,500
with many lesser secondary prizes
from \$5,000 (2nd Prize) to
\$500 (9th thru 11th Prizes)
Drawing of the raffle is August 27, 2016 @VMA Convention

Please support the Virginia Moose Association
Raffle tickets are being sold by the bartenders (\$10 each)!
**** Arlington #1315 needs to sell 50 Tickets ****



Lodge Fall Clean-Up September 17th



6th Annual Bill Lewis Memorial Chili Cook-Off



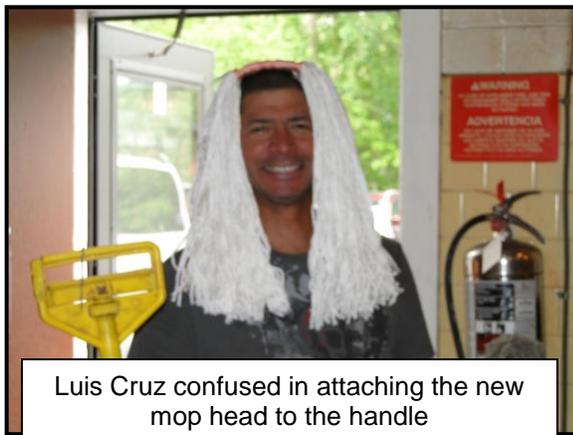
Saturday, October 8th



Legion Kitchen Cleanup – May 21st ... Actually an Extension of the Lodge Cleanup

The major task of this event was the thorough cleaning of the tile floor within the kitchen; however, our members decided to tackle two additional tasks in two other areas of the Lodge: ♦ removing the deteriorated folding room divider “curtain” within the Ritual Hall and ♦ determining available electrical circuits for beneath the bar to power the recently purchased coolers and a future ice making machine. The tile floor, the tile wall behind the deep fryers/stove/griddle/grill, and the rubber floor mats were power-washed in the kitchen. The grill in the kitchen was taken apart, burners and cooking grates wire-brushed, interior thoroughly cleaned, and re-assembled. The griddle was also cleaned. In the Ritual Hall, the vinyl outer jacket was first removed from the folding “curtain” and then the hanging interior “very sharp” metal slats were carefully cut from the ceiling track. It is noted that the metal slats were interconnected and very heavy as a combined unit. Once the metal slats were down on the floor and disassembled in groups, they were dragged outside to the rented dumpster location; but not placed inside the dumpster. Method of disposal being considered, as weight and time limitations prevented these items to be placed within the dumpster. In addition, the dysfunctional televisions and speakers hanging from the ceiling (from our past “Bingo” enterprise) were removed. In the bar areas, available “no longer used” electrical circuits above the ceiling tiles were scoped out; with many abandoned spot light fixtures being removed and trashed. Furthermore, the installation of electrical outlet boxes and interconnection wiring began beneath the bar structure; but minimal progress was accomplished. The Lodge received a telephone call around 1:30pm requesting that a Mystery Bus Ride from the Manassas Moose Family Center #1380 stop by for a visit around 3:00pm ... which made for a mad dash to cleanup of the Lodge before the bus arrived, thus stopping all of the activities.

A thank you is extended to John Webb, Luis Cruz, Brian Van de Meulebroecke, Gregg Cady, Joe Russo, Billy Hensley, Chuck Berge, Karl Keller, John Tribble, Tom Oderwald, Phil Weber, Dan Harris, Chuck Warrington, Mike Foster, Liz Coombs, Anna Phillips, Joyce Chaffins, Ralph Phillips, and John Matis for participating in the activities and/or making spot cleaning of the Lodge prior to the arrival of the Mystery Bus Ride.



Luis Cruz confused in attaching the new mop head to the handle



Tom Oderwald tracing electrical circuits above the ceiling tiles



2016 Summer Olympics – Rio De Janeiro, Brazil Friday, August 5th to Sunday, August 21st

Watch the competition at the Moose Lodge

Go USA!



**Chapter
Award of
Achievement**
(4th Consecutive Year)

**Moose
International
Convention**

July 1st – 5th



**Youth
Awareness
Program**



**Association
Student
Congress on
October 29th
at our Lodge**



Moose International Youth Awareness Student Congress at Williamsburg, Virginia

(Editorial by John Matis – Jr. Past Governor)

Even though the efforts over the last three years resulted in only four (4) high school students being sponsored by our Fraternity in the Youth Awareness Program (with only one student actually completing the requirements), attending the Moose International Youth Awareness Student Congress as a chaperon in Williamsburg, Virginia during the weekend of April 28th through May 2nd made it clear that all the expended energies by our Fraternity were meaningful. There were 51 students from all areas of the United States that attended this event; some as far away as Alaska and Washington (and included 2 students from Mooseheart). Except for one or two students, everyone else were total strangers to each other and yet there was instant friendship among everyone once they arrived at the event. Even though the event was a competition, everyone was willing to ensure that no one was excluded in the various activities, and was willing to assist in whatever was needed by the other students. It was amazing to watch the interactions between the students develop over the course of the event, with most exchanging email addresses before leaving for home. I have to admit that I had teary eyes when the students sincerely applauded (with considerable verbal approval) the students that were announced as the winners for the scholarships at the conclusion of the event.

Once the students arrived on Thursday, there was never a lull in scheduled activities. There was a pizza party on the evening of their arrival and then a short meeting with the moderators (two college students that were scholarship winners from last year) of the Student Congress. The next day (Friday), the students were taken to Colonial Williamsburg; where an introductory session was conducted at the Visitors Center and then a picnic lunch provided by the Portsmouth Moose Fraternity. The afternoon was open for the students to tour the “The Revolutionary City” of Colonial Williamsburg. After a very short return to the hotel, the students were whisked off to the Williamsburg Moose Fraternity for dinner and entertainment. Saturday was a “fun” all-day affair at Busch Gardens, where the students enjoyed the various rides and shows, and free lunch. Again, after a short return to the hotel, the students were transported to the Warwick Moose Fraternity for dinner and entertainment. The students were awake very late this evening as a final meeting was held with the moderators when they returned back to the hotel. Sunday was the all-day Student Congress that began at 8:00am and lasted to about 5:30pm, with only a one-hour lunch break. During the Student Congress, each student provided a short presentation pertaining to their KidsTalk activities/subject and at the conclusion secretly voted for the best ideas/performances. There was no participation by any adults during the Student Congress ... everything was by the students with assistance only by the moderators. The students looked exhausted when they exited the Student Congress; but they had extended beyond the allotted end time and was almost immediately rushed to the bus for transportation to the Gloucester Moose Fraternity for dinner, entertainment, and the announcement of the scholarship winners.

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Moose International Youth Awareness Student Congress at Williamsburg, Virginia

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Monday was the day that the students were to travel back to home. For the record, some of the students had decided to stay up all night with the idea that they could sleep on the airplane when traveling to home ... which kept some of the chaperons awake and busy throughout the night. But as they say ... "#!@\$ (stuff) happens" and Mother Nature was the culprit in interfering with best laid plans. A long line of storms were causing havoc in the Midwestern and southern States on Monday morning; hence, there was a scramble by the event organizers to reschedule flights for the students due to weather related cancellations. Transportation to the airports had to be altered, with the chaperons staying long hours at the airports to ensure that the students made their flights. In fact, four of the students could not get flights back home until Tuesday.

It is noted that 6 representatives from the Wisconsin Moose Association attended this event to observe and assist; as the State of Wisconsin will be sponsoring the Moose International Youth Awareness Student Congress next April 2017. A thank you is extended to these individuals for their participation; as they did not shy away from volunteering for anything that needed to be performed, including "hall duty" during the early morning hours.

Watch the
NBA & NHL
Playoffs at the
Lodge



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

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).



The Redskins are Coming! Training Camp - July

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(As of May 24, 2016)



Give Generously!

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Chapter Award of Achievement
(4th Consecutive Year)

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Students of the Moose International Youth Awareness Student Congress in front of the Governor's Mansion at Colonial Williamsburg



Scholarship Winners and Moderators of the Moose International Youth Awareness Student Congress

Scholarship Winners

- \$12,000 Ms. Maggie Chambers (North Carolina)
- \$ 8,000 Mr. Austin Shifflett (Virginia)
- \$ 5,000 Ms. Roofin Ali (Pennsylvania)
- \$ 3,000 Mr. Dalton Shultz (Washington)
- \$ 2,000 Ms. Riley Beeler (Oklahoma)

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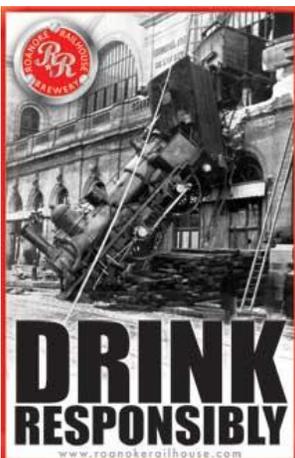
2016 Special Olympics – North America Softball Championship Friday, August 19th to Sunday, August 21st

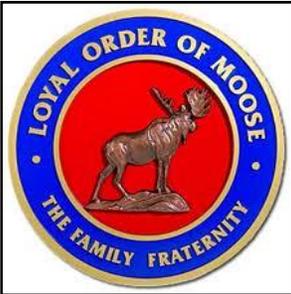


All competition and medal ceremonies will take place at the Moyers Sport Complex (Salem, VA) and the Botetourt Sports Complex (Troutville, VA)

32 softball teams from across the country (18 States + Canada)

Flyer on bulletin board in entrance of Social Quarters





Enjoy the Summer ...

but keep the Lodge in Mind



Support the Mystics



Support Scouting



Girl Scouts



Boy Scouts



The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner

The Arlington Moose Legion Committee would like to thank Wayne Leveall, Kim Denniston, and Charles Burke (Officers of the Bull Run Moose Legion #185) for graciously conducting and witnessing a special conferral ritual at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge on June 26, 2016; so that Terry Driscoll can become an official member of the Moose Legion before he returned back home “across the pond” (he will not be returning to the United States until late fall/early winter. It also allowed our four other Moose Legion candidates to be conferred sooner than the Summer Celebration. We also want to extend a thank you to Ralph Phillips, Gregg Cady, and John Matis for participating in the ritual, and to all the Legionnaires and Arlington Fraternity members that attended the ceremony. And after the conferral, a food offering of hamburger sliders and French fries was provided; with a special thank you to Brian Van de Meulebroecke, Liz Coombs, and Tommy Oderwald for their efforts in preparing the food.

There are now 42 Legionnaires at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge!

**Girls Virginia House Fund Raiser - Cornhole Tournament
Sponsored by Moose Legion Committee**

**Two-Person Teams – Double Elimination Format
\$8.00 Entry Fee/person
(\$5.00 for prizes + \$3.00 Fund Raiser Donation)**



**Fairfax County Needs Election Officers
to conduct elections in November 2016**

\$175 stipend for full day

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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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