



Loyal Order of Moose Arlington #1315 Lodge Newsletter

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Celebrate the Achievement of
Andrea Hensley in receiving her **Green Cap**
Saturday, March 1, 2014 (2:00pm – 4:00pm)

The Arlington WOTM made great strides under the leadership of Andrea Hensley during her term as Senior Regent (April 2012 – March 2013). Please attend the ceremony to show your appreciation to Andrea in making this personal WOTM milestone. Food will be served for those members that attend the event. In addition, the WOTM is raffling a "Pamper Chef" basket for this event.

Individuals in good standing need to submit in writing their desire to run for an elected position of the LOOM Board of Officers by Tuesday, March 4, 2014

LOOM Board of Officers Election Schedule for 2014-2015

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

- **Tuesday, March 18, 2014**
Nomination Committee to present nominations (Official Lodge Ballot)
- **Tuesday, March 25, 2014**
Individuals to submitted petition to be included on Official Lodge Ballot if not nominated by the Nomination Committee
- **Tuesday, April 1, 2014**
Election at General Meeting



Upcoming Social Events

March 1st

WOTM Green Cap Ceremony for Andrea Hensley

March 15th

St. Patrick Day Celebration

March 22nd

NCAA March Madness Tailgate

April 5th

LOOM & WOTM Installation Ceremonies

April 12th

Children's Easter Party



St. Patrick Day Celebration Saturday, March 15, 2014 (2:00pm – 5:00pm)

Everyone is Irish-at-heart when there is a reason to celebrate. The Lodge will be hosting the Feast of St. Patrick a few days earlier than the traditional day (March 17th); with a promise of good food and merriment. The menu has not been finalized for this event, but as a minimum there will be corned beef, cabbage, and potatoes. Come to the Lodge for a great party ...and who knows; maybe have some luck of the leprechauns in gaming! It is requested that everyone wear something green for the celebration. **WARNING:** no shenanigans or "green" beer will be tolerated. The WOTM will be raffling a "Pot of Gold" basket for this event.

**Dinner Every
Friday
Night**

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



It's Official and Happening at 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. Rules for the "The Queen of Hearts" game are posted within the Social Quarters of the Moose Lodge.

GOOD LUCK!



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

Monday –

Wednesday

3:00pm to 11:00pm

Thursday

Noon to 11:00pm

Friday – Saturday

Noon – 2:00am

Sunday

Noon to 10:00pm

**Arlington WOTM
Chapter #1253
Board of Officers
1213-2014**

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Chaplin

Kat Carey

Guide

Joyce Chaffins

Assistant Guide

Donna Heflin

**Free
WiFi
at the
Lodge**



Fish Fry Revisited on February 1st

Without throwing a line in the water, we lured over 50 members and guests to attend this Lodge event. For once, no one said the “big one got away” ... we caught the whopper! The Lodge would like to thank the Chief Cooks that worked the Galley, consisting of Billy Hensley, Ron Mifflin, Joyce Chaffins, and Tom Oderwald; and Marty Medel serving as the Assistant Steward. The seafood cuisine was mouth watering fried catfish, cod and flounder; with side dishes consisting of macaroni & cheese, hush puppies, French fried potatoes, stewed tomatoes, cooked spinach, cabbage, cole slaw, cucumber/tomato/onion salad, green salad, corn bread, bread, and homemade tartar & cocktail sauces. And for the after dinner sweets, the women members offered cakes, brownies, and muffins in a bake sale. The only thing missing for this dry-dock cruise was the sculptured “moose” ice figure (we did not trust Ray Broz operating a chain-saw).



Members of the Galley (Tom Oderwald missed the Photo Op)



NCAA Basketball Tournament

Come to the Lodge to watch the college basketball games; as we will have as many different games as possible for viewing at one time. The NCAA Basketball Tournament begins on Tuesday, March 18th; with the overview tournament schedule outlined on Page 5 (teams, match-ups, and game times to be determined in early March). “The End” ends at the AT&T Stadium in North Texas (the Dallas Cowboy retractable roof stadium) on April 5th & 7th. **The Lodge will be offering food for purchase (to be determined) during the games; including lunch and afternoons.** And if your favorite or alumni college did not make “The Game”, but was included in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) that will occur during the same period; the Lodge will display those games that are televised upon request. For the record, the Semi-Finals and Final for the NIT will be played at Madison Square Garden, New York City on April 1st and 3rd.

**NCAA March Madness Tailgate Party
Saturday, March 22, 2014 (2:00pm – 5:00pm)**

Begin the enjoyment of the Second Round of the 32 remaining college teams in the NCAA tournament with a tailgate party atmosphere among other basketball fanatics (or just some members who like to attend a party). The food menu has not been determined as of this publication; but the word “tailgate” should provide a clue of what will be offered. For the record, there will be no cheerleaders providing entertainment.



Join “our madness” in watching the basketball games!



Chapter
Award of
Achievement



**Mike
Entsminger**
LOOM Volunteer
of the Quarter
(October –
December 2013)



Liz Coombs
WOTM Volunteer
of the Quarter
(October –
December 2013)



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

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

A Ziploc bag is hanging on the bulletin board in the entrance hallway for collection of the coupons.



**Just for Giggles: The Family Feud Game
Saturday, March 8, 2014 (beginning at 1:00pm)**

Want to enjoy a Saturday at the Lodge with the family? We will be playing the Family Feud Game in the fireplace area (non-smoking) of the Social Quarters. Five-member teams will be formulated (random draw) at the beginning of the event, and a double-elimination tournament format will be played. Come have some fun ... the stated answers could be amusing. All ages are welcome to play (but understanding the questions is important) ... and participation is free. And in case an urge for food occurs while playing the game, or while just sitting in the Social Quarters enjoying the friendly ambiance of the Lodge, the WOTM will be offering salad and soup (several selections) for a low price of \$7.00/person for all you can eat.

Please Attend the General Meeting on April 1, 2014

Besides the importance of the elections for the 2014-2015 LOOM Board of Officers, we will be discussing the use of the Lodge property and the possibility of selling some land for financial reasons.



Super Bowl Party on February 2nd

There was a stampede in "The Game"; but it was not by the Denver Broncos ... as the Seattle Seahawks soared their way to victory (*corny but true*). But more impressive than Seattle's victory was the banquet of "munchies" that was offered at the Lodge; which consisted of "Texas" chili, chili con carne, racks of ribs, spiral ham, chicken wings, shrimp pasta salad, deviled eggs, chili con queso and chips, and homemade desserts. The Lodge would like to thank Cadyco (Lodge members Mike & Gregg Cady proprietors) for picking up most of the cost for the enjoyment of those in attendance at the Lodge to watch the game. In addition, we would like to thank those members that contributed food dishes and/or prepared the food offerings. Known individuals were Joyce Chaffins, Kat Carey, Chuck Berge, and Rose Bailey. We apologize if we omitted anyone who contributed to this event; but we want to express that your efforts were very much appreciated. **Thank you everyone!**



"Moose
Proud"

Upcoming documentary on the
Moose Fraternity sponsored by Safe
Surfin' Foundation

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

(January – March 2014)



Deadline is March 31, 2014
And remember to nominate a Youth
Organization of the Quarter

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Editor John Matis
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**Volunteers are
needed for
future
Newsletters**



WOTM
Children's
Easter Party



Saturday,
April 12th

**Off-Tracking
Betting at our
Lodge**



Cornhole Tournament on February 8th

In an attempt to get our members involved again in a sport activity, the Lodge offered a Cornhole Tournament (*laugh! the name is still funny*) ... and it was a great success by our standards, as members actually left the Social Quarters (e.g.: their warm bar stools) to participate. There were 14 two-person teams in the double-elimination tournament consisting of members and their guests; including individuals from the VFW Falls Church organization. Everyone enjoyed the activities and showed sportsmanship in providing encouragement and, in some cases, guidance to their opponents to improve their performance (several participants were beginners in this sport game and had difficulties in reaching the "in-the-court" platform or were hitting the indoor ceiling in their high tosses to reach the "in-the-court" platform). Congratulations to the following teams who were the champions of the Cornhole Tournament:

- 1st Place: **Shawn Kirkpatrick & Nathan Kirkpatrick**
- 2nd Place: **Gil Wellington & Richard Katsaris**
- 3rd Place: **Bernie Cerroni & Brian Birtell**

The Lodge wants to apologize for any scoring confusion for the tournament; but the scoring was in compliance with the official rules of American Cornhole Association.

The Arlington Lodge would also like to thank those members and guests who contributed dishes for the Potluck Dinner of this Social event; which consisted of enchiladas, bean soup, sliced corned beef & chicken meat sandwiches (with cheese), cornucopias, green salad, corn bread, hot dogs, broccoli/rice dish, avocado dip, chili, queso dip, and chips. The known potluck dish donators were Liz Coombs, Anna & Ralph



Tournament Winners

Phillips, Rose Bailey, Donna Fields, Joyce Chaffins, Brian Birtell, John Matis & Roxanne Coles-Matis, Steve & Ruth Tobash, and Marcus & Layton Redditt. The Lodge apologizes if we missed anyone that donated a food dish and want to thank you for your offering!

The Lodge would also like to thank Chefs Billy Hensley and Joyce Chaffins for preparing the supplemental Lodge food for the event, John Matis for running the tournament, and Betty and Terry Pamplin for running the 50-50 raffle.

Another tournament is being considered sometime in May or June.

**Congratulations to Arlington #1315 Member
Russell Anderson for becoming a Lifetime Member**

Russell B. Anderson has attained 50 years of continuous service in the Loyal Order of the Moose. Arlington #1315 expresses our sincere gratitude for his dedicated service in the Moose fraternity.



A **special thanks** is extended to **Tom Oderwald** for giving a carnation to every woman that came to the Social Quarters on Valentine's Day (Friday, February 14th).



**Nationals
Spring Training
begins in February
First Grapefruit League
Game: March 1st**



Governor's Corner

Spring is finally here - well maybe not for the first week of March, but it is just around the corner. I would like to start by thanking everyone for making Winter 2013/14 a very successful season for the Lodge. Winter is historically a slow period for the Lodge but this season saw all of our numbers improve over last winter. Great thanks go out to all of our volunteers who helped with the various projects and events that happened this winter. I would also like to thank the Women of the Moose who continue to contribute to the success of our Lodge!



As winter comes to a close it is time for us to put out our Major Event calendar for the new year. Please watch for information about upcoming events such as the cornhole tournaments, Cook-offs as well as our Major events like the Pig and Bull Roast. Please continue to attend the Friday evening Queen of Hearts Drawing. The drawing itself and the excitement it creates in our Lodge home has been a great success this year. Thank you for your continued participation! There are still a number of projects that need to be completed around the Lodge - please be on the lookout for the Spring Clean-up date. We would appreciate any and all volunteers. Also, if you have any suggestions or ideas to make our Lodge home better please don't hesitate to speak to an Officer.



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

The Dance Begins
March 18th – 19th
Second Round
March 20th – 23rd
Regional Games
March 27th – 30th
Semi-Final Games
April 5th
Championship
Game
April 7th

**2014-2015
LOOM &
WOTM Board
of Officers
Installation
Ceremonies**
April 5, 2014

LOOM Board of Officers Election Tuesday, April 1st, 2014

WOTM Valentine Dinner on February 15th

Another successful event, as approximately 45 dinners were served. The meal started with a serve-yourself toss salad. Then each person was given a main plate-to-order selection of steak (some asked for hamburger), baked potato, green beans or asparagus with hollandaise sauce, and a sautéed mushroom & onion steak topping. As a finale, homemade desserts were offered. It is noted that there was a "snag" in the frequency of the orders coming out of the kitchen, and we want to thank everyone for being patient. The steak chefs were having "on-the-job" training and were having some difficulties gauging the cooking status of the thick steaks.



The Chapter and Lodge would like to thank all our members who contributed in accomplishing this event; which included organizing and planning the event, purchasing the food, decorating and setting up the tables for the event, taking the orders and serving the dinners, preparing and cooking the food, performing the clean-up after the event, and volunteering to perform anything else that was needed. Known volunteers were Anna Phillips, Liz Coombs, Joyce Chaffins, Donna Field, Andrea Hensley, Judith York, Phyllis Hamilton, Donna Heflin, Beryl Bakkar, Rose Russo, Billy Hensley, Sam Whitt, Ralph Phillips, and John Matis. We apologize if we omitted anyone who contributed to this successful event, as the scope of the function was extensive; but we want to express that your efforts were very much appreciated. **Thank you everyone!**

Become a Mooseheart Booster

You can Pay Moose Dues Online!

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





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Support
the WOTM



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

Support Our
Local Police
Department



Senior Regent's Message

The chapter year is coming quickly to an end. We still need members who are interested in running for Jr. Regent and chairmen positions. Become involve in your chapter. The following Chapter members have been nominated: Elizabeth Coombs (Senior Regent), Andrea Hensley (Chaplain), Roxanne Coles-Matis (Secretary Treasurer), Donna Field (Recorder). Voting will take place on March 4th at 6:00 pm; followed by our activity meeting at 7:00 pm. Mark you calendars for April 5th for the Board of Officers installation. Thanks to John, Ralph, Billy, Sam, Phyllis, Joyce, Donna, Liz , Andy, Rose, Judith, Beryl, and Donna for helping out with the steak dinner. Do you have a good idea for a fundraiser; please let us know. The WOTM will be doing a "Pot of Gold" basket at the St. Patrick's Day Celebration. The funds collected for the basket will go towards the Children's Easter party in April. Remember "a burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many."

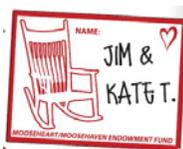
Anna, Senior Regent

Thank You Event Clean Up Volunteers

The Lodge tries to acknowledge and thank all members who organize, participate, donate, support, etc. to make our events successful; but we probably omit those members that perform clean-up duties, especially when clean up is performed days after the events (e.g.: Lodge hall floor washing, vacuuming, etc.) **Thank you clean-up volunteers; we appreciate your efforts.**

Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members

- ▶ Scott Groves ▶ Chris Natoli ▶ Jason Baker ▶ Charles McCormick
- ▶ Mark Wilson ▶ Arthur Perritt ▶ Chris Kane ▶ Dean Padden
- ▶ Ben Pedersen



Endowment "Rocker Fundraiser"

Thank you Chapter and Lodge members, and our guests, for the generous donations made to the Endowment "Rocker Fundraiser". We made a concentrated effort for this Moose International sponsored program at our Cornhole Tournament and WOTM Valentine Dinner events; that provided a collected total donation of \$ 133.00 during the month of February 2014.

Have a high school who is a junior that will graduate in the Class of 2014? **Consider applying for a \$1,000 Moose International R. Robert Dale Scholarship.** Applications need to be submitted by June 30, 2014. Overview of the Scholarship Program was provided in the Arlington #1315 January 2014 Newsletter, and further details, including the application, can be found on the Moose International website.



Give Generously!





VCU Massey Cancer Center

A significant contributor to the VCU Massey Cancer Center in Richmond, Virginia is the Virginia Moose Association (VMA); which our Arlington Lodge is a member of this state Moose organization. The Massey Cancer Center provides patient care and cancer research, treating more than 50 types of cancer. The Massey Cancer Center specializes in multi-disciplinary teams that work together under one roof, ensuring a high level of communications and making appointments easier for the patients. Patients visiting the Massey Cancer Center benefit from the team approach and expertise.

It is noted that the Virginia Moose Association, through various dedicated events and contributions by the Lodges in the State of Virginia, have donated over \$1.5 billion since becoming a sponsor for this medical facility. We, as part of the Virginia Moose Association, need to help ensure that the Massey physicians, scientists and researchers have resources to bring their discoveries from the lab to the patients. Please support this worthwhile medical organization by personal contributions or provide suggestions for an event supported by the Lodge to provide a donation. More details of the Massey Cancer Center can be found from the vmaweb.com under dropdown of Massey Cancer Center.

**2014 Massey Cancer Center Golf Tournament
Sponsored by Hopewell Moose Family Center #1472
Saturday & Sunday, June 7th & 8th, 2014**

Want to support the worthwhile cause of the Massey Cancer Center, represent our Lodge as an active participate in sports for the Virginia Moose Association, or just want to show-off how good you are as a golfer (please control your ego) ... there is a VMA golf tournament you can compete in for recognition and satisfaction. More details of this golf tournament can be found from the vmaweb.com under dropdown of Massey Cancer Center.

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

VMA
Mooseheart
School Renovation
Project



\$202,980.37
collected as of
January 25th

Please contribute!

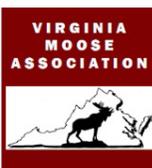
The additional \$100,000.00 was covered by a previous Centerville Moose Lodge donation

Support the Local Fire Department



Youth Awareness Program Association Student Congress on November 1, 2014

We now have the experience from last October 2013 in organizing an Association Student Congress for the Youth Awareness Program and soliciting high school student participation in the program. The major "snack-your-forehead" fact (*not a V8 commercial*) is ... we need to begin NOW in our planning of presentations and in the recruitment of students for the program; and not wait until the beginning of the next school year. Do you know someone, or possibly yourself, who can provide a presentation about a current life factor to be passed on to elementary children (e.g.: no drugs or gangs, be physically fit, eat correctly, etc.)? Do you know organizations that we can contact to make them aware of this worthwhile program to get future high school college-bound students interested in participating for a chance be awarded a scholarship (e.g.: girl scout troop, boy scout troop, soccer club, swimming club, etc.)? The Arlington LOOM and WOTM needs to get the word out for this Moose program before school ends this year and summer begins. It is noted that students can repeat their participation over several years in the program.



**2014 State Conference for VA Moose Association
August 21st – 23rd, 2014**

**Sheraton Roanoke Hotel & Conference Center
2801 Hershberger Road, Roanoke, VA**



Support the Boy Scouts of America



MLB Spring Training in March



Support the Washington Nationals



Personal/Family Corner

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy Birthday to Liz Coombs (Mar 14th), Polly Merchant (Mar 19th) and Betty Pamplin (Mar 31st).
- Congratulations to Marty & Kristin Medel with the birth of Keith Walker Medel on February 3, 2014.
- Betty Pamplin expresses a thank you to the Moose member who returned her dish from the Holiday parties.
- Sympathy expressed to our teacher members who have to make up some of the days off due to the snow and ice.

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

Please keep our Moose members and families in our prayers.

- Condolences to Brother Marcus Redditt, and his family, in the loss of his father, Duncan Redditt, during February.



Thank You Queen of Hearts Volunteers

The Queen of Hearts has been successful our first month of conducting the game! The Lodge would like to thank Joyce Chaffins, Chad Alexander, Kat Carey, Karl Keller, Brian Birtell, and John Matis for participating in the organization and operations of the game.



Lodge Repairs/Replacements

The winter weather has taken its toll on the asphalt pavement of all the roads throughout our area, and our entrance to the Lodge is no exception. Repairs to our entrance roadway will be addressed by the Lodge in the upcoming spring months.

It should be noted that the Arlington Fire Marshal made an inspection of the Lodge during the month of February, and after some clean up and minor repairs, we passed.

Special Membership Promotion Continues thru April 30th, 2014

Moose International is offering incentives for sponsors of new members to make the "Final Dash" in exceeding last year's active membership total. The program was described in the Arlington #1315 February 2014 Newsletter.

THE FINAL DASH!
Special Membership Promotion
 Here's your chance to **DASH FOR CASH!!**



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Support
the Girl Scouts
of America



Watch
NASCAR
Races at the
Lodge

Individual races
will be listed on
the Calendar
Wall at the
entrance of the
Social Quarters



**Sign up two new members and
your dues will be paid for the next year**



Moose Legion (Degree of Service)

What is the Moose Legion?

The Moose Legion consists of dedicated members of the Loyal Order of Moose who continually look for ways to provide even greater service to our children at Mooseheart and our senior members at Moosehaven. The Moose Legion provides a venue for these enthusiastic members to direct and lead special programs that accomplish this fraternal mission.

Why consider joining the Moose Legion?

That which we send into the lives of others come back into our own in many ways. Lives change when we do this. Membership in the Degree of Service offers you additional opportunities to serve childhood and old age, and opens the door to you and your family for theme parties, sporting events, community service projects and other unique activities available only to members of the Moose Legion. In addition, membership in the Moose Legion is the stepping stone to the Honorary Degrees of Moose – the Fellowship Degree of Honor and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit.

What are the eligibility requirements to join?

A Moose member is eligible to apply for membership in the Moose Legion if he meets either of the following criteria: complete six (6) months of Moose Lodge membership – or- sponsored one (1) member into the fraternity.

(Note: Narrative taken from information on the Moose International website.)

As Arlington #1315 has re-established itself as an active Moose Lodge with financial stability, the Lodge needs to improve the Moose Legion in our Lodge. We are anticipating that our members will join and get our Lodge active again in the Moose Legion.

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 **Brian Birtell** or **John Matis** 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

The Loyal Order of Moose is a private organization. All activities and information referred to in this Moose newsletter are available to members in good standing and their qualified guests only. The Newsletter is for informational purposes with proprietary information intended for members only. General information is available to the public at large, but should not be construed to be a solicitation for membership.



Future Planned Major Social Events (April – September)

April 19th

Children's Easter
Party

April 26th

Chicken Wing
Cook-Off

May 11th

Mother's Day
Breakfast

May 17th

Rib Cook-Off

May 26th

Memorial Day
Cookout

June 15th

Father's Day
Breakfast

June 21st

Pig Roast –
1st Day of Summer

July 4th

4th of July Cookout

July 19th

Bull Roast

August 16th

Major Blast
Cookout

September 1st

Labor Day Cookout

September 13th

Fish Fry

September 20th

Farewell to Summer
Cookout

**Dates & Activities
subject to change**

Next Virginia Moose Association District 4 Quarterly Meeting in April 2014

The Arlington Lodge and Chapter has shown togetherness and genuine support to our fraternity in having the most membership attendance at the VA Moose Association District 4 Quarterly Meetings over the past year; which resulted in our fraternity permanently retaining the attendance trophy at our Social Quarters. We must continue to show that our fraternity is a "force to be reckon with" and attend future VA Moose Association District 4 Quarterly Meetings. **The next meeting is scheduled on April 19, 2014 at the Culpepper Lodge #1348.** We know that the Culpepper Lodge #1348 is a considerable distance to travel and we would really appreciate any members willing to represent our fraternity at this meeting. It's just a little bit further than the Stafford Moose Lodge #2215, which we attended in January 2014, and hopefully there will not be another monsoon when you are driving to this meeting.

For the record, the next VA Moose Association District 4 Quarterly Meeting is scheduled the day before Easter Sunday and the meeting date could be changed. The Lodge will keep you posted if there is a change in the date.



We Met the Membership Goal for Celebration

Arlington Moose Lodge #1315 challenged our members and our Chapter #1253 members to have a combined active membership of 400 individuals. According to the summary on the website of Virginia Moose Association, as of February 20th, there were **257** LOOM members in good standing and **146** WOTM members in good standing for a combined total of **403** active members. We did it!! A thank you is extended to our members for your effort in accomplishing this feat. **In the next month, the Lodge will determine how and when we will celebrate!**

Spring Cleaning for the Lodge in April

The date has not been determined as of the issuance of this Newsletter, however, we are planning to "spruce up" the inside and outside of the Arlington Lodge in April ... and we will need volunteers!

There are storage rooms that need to be rummaged through to see what we want to keep, trash, or "possibly sell on Ebay". The shrubs and planting beds on the outside of the Lodge need pruning and weeding. The windows need to be cleaned and the tables & chairs need to be wiped down. We can go on and on of items/rooms/fixtures that need to be address in the Lodge ... *BUT we won't!* If you come ... we will fit you into a task to meet your talent, or at least something you want to do.



We will need volunteers so please consider offering your time and effort.

49th Annual Virginia Moose Association Bowling Tournament March 29 & 30, 2014

Sponsored by the Montgomery County Moose #1470, the bowling tournament will be at the NRV SuperBowl, 375 Arbor Drive, Christianburg, VA. The singles and doubles events will occur on Saturday, March 29th (1:00pm and 5:00pm); while the 4-person team event will occur on Sunday, March 30th (10:00am and Noon). Entry form and rules for the tournament can be found on the vmaweb.com under dropdown of Sports. Participants must be LOOM and WOTM members in good standing.