



Loyal Order of Moose Arlington #1315 Lodge Newsletter

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MARCH 2015

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WOTM Children's Easter Party Saturday, March 28th (12:00pm – 2:00pm)

Hippy hop! Hippy hop! The Easter bunny is on his way, and the Arlington Fraternity wants to celebrate with a party for the children! Activities will include a hunt for eggs full of prizes (hopefully outside with good weather), coloring of eggs, and a cakewalk. There will also be a lunch offering of pizza for the children. **Please bring your children for an enjoyable family outing ...** there will be a lot of fun for the children and probably several Kodak moments to be photographed. Please call or sign up at the Lodge by Saturday, March 21st so we can be prepared for the number of children that will attend.



St. Patrick Day Celebration Saturday, March 14, 2015 (2:00pm – 6:00pm)

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.

Upcoming Social Events

March 7th

Fish Fry Revisited

March 14th

St. Patrick's Party

March 21st

March Madness

Potluck Tailgate

Party

March 28th

WOTM Children's
Easter Party

Please Attend

Fish Fry Revisited - No. 6 since August 2012 Saturday, March 7, 2015 (2:00pm – 6:00pm)

This event has been a really big crowd-pleasing, successful event for the Lodge over the past several years; so let's continue with a good thing! Our Lodge chefs may have to do some "ice fishing" to get the catches of our favorite fishes (i.e.: packed on ice at the local food stores); however, you can bet the fish offerings of fried catfish, cod and flounder will be tasty and delicious. In keeping with the "menu that always brings the crowds back to the event", the sides dishes for this event will consist of macaroni & cheese, hush puppies, coleslaw, stewed tomatoes, green salad, and corn bread. As a side note, it will be a great dinner during Lent!



NCAA March Madness Potluck Tailgate Party Saturday, March 21, 2015 (2:00pm – 6:00pm)

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 Lodge Chefs will have cooked two weekends in a row before this event, so we are asking our members to provide a potluck dish to share with the other members while rooting for their favorite college teams to make the Final Four. Please think "tailgate party" when selecting your food offering; but anything you bring will be appreciated. No cost for the food if you bring a food dish to the tailgate party (for at least 8 people); all others will be \$8.00 for all you can eat!

**Dinner Every
Friday
Night
6-8 p.m.**

\$10 per person



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 1214-2015

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Assistant Guide
Nora Rodas

Chicken Wing Cook-Off



April 25, 2015



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 17th; with the overview tournament schedule outlined on Page 7. "The Final Four" will be played at Lucas Stadium in Indianapolis, IN (Butler University) on April 4th & 6th. 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 March 31st and April 2nd.

The Lodge wants to remind our members that we offer selected food items and snacks at the bar of the Social Quarters while watching the college basketball games.

Best worn "Bonnet" at the Children's Easter Party will receive a complementary drink from the Governor

Valentine Italian Dinner – February 14th

What better way to celebrate "Cupid's Day of Amore" than a quiet evening (*someone forgot to bring the Italian love songs CD*), enjoying a variety of delicious Italian dishes with the ones you love? The entire Italian food buffet was "home-made" by members and guests of Chapter #1253 and consisted of an antipasto platter, green salad, Minestrone soup, cold green bean salad, spaghetti & meatballs, stuffed shells with spinach, meat lasagna, chicken penne Alfredo, and French bread. For dessert there were theme-icing cupcakes, a two-heart-shaped cake (one chocolate & one red velvet cake batter), brownies, Italian biscotti, and coconut cream pies. AND to make the event really special, Tom Oderwald presented each woman that visited the Lodge at this event a red carnation flower; a tradition he established several years ago.



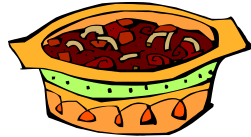
The Arlington Fraternity extends a thank you for offering the food at this event to Andrea Hensley, Nessa Ruoff, Rose Russo, Roxanne Coles-Matis, Louise Cole (guest), Elizabeth Coombs, Anna Phillips, Donna Field, Joyce Chaffins, Billy Hensley, and Tom Oderwald. A thank you is also extended to Nora Rodas, Patty Rodas (guest), and Donna Heflin for decorating the tables.

The picture is the women displaying their carnations at the Valentine Dinner.





Chapter
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Achievement
(3rd Consecutive Year)

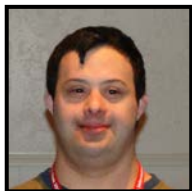


Casserole Cook-Off was canceled due to inclement weather (snow & sleet) on Saturday, February 21st

The Lodge apologizes for being late in informing our membership that the event was cancelled; however, the weather prediction for the time that the snow storm would happen in our area kept changing and most predictions this year had not been correct. There were approximately 10 members at the Lodge when the event would have started.

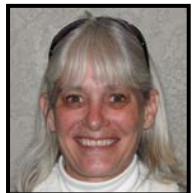


Recent Trades Could Get the Nationals into the World Series this Year – *Think Natitude!*



Dominick Russo

LOOM Volunteer of the Quarter
(October – December 2014)



Sue Jennings
WOTM Volunteer of the Quarter
(October – December 2014)

We need Donations of Candy for the Children's Easter Party

Chapter #1253 is requesting that our members consider donating one or two bags of candies to be placed within the plastic Easter eggs that will be used in the "egg hunt" at the Children's Easter Party. Please provide candy that is individually wrapped (for hygienic and safety reasons). All candy donations need to be provided to any Officer of the Chapter by Friday, March 20th; so the plastic eggs can be filled before the event.



Chinese New Year Celebration - February 28th

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



Super Bowl Party – February 1st

Even though none of our members are Seattle or New England devoted football fans (at least no one bragged during the season) ... it was a great game with a nerve-racking ending! Everyone is still wondering why "Seattle passed the ball at the Patriot's one yard line with 20 seconds left in the game" and lost the game; but there was no doubt that the food and camaraderie at our Super Bowl Party was a winner. Because the Super Bowl was held in Arizona, the food selection had a Mexican theme of tacos, beef burritos, nachos, and chicken wings with four types of sauces (with one being "red hot peppers"). And as a favorite, but not in the theme, were foot-long hot dogs and the right sized buns!



The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank CadyCo (Gregg and Mike Cady) for catering the event and setting up the liquid refreshments. We would also like to thank Joyce Chaffins, Anna Phillips and Brian Birtell for preparing the food.

**2015-2016
LOOM &
WOTM Board
of Officers
Installation
Ceremonies**

**April 11, 2015
at 1:00pm**



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Newsletter
Contributions**

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



**Watch
NASCAR at
the Lodge**

In March 2015

SUN, MAR 1

**Folds of Honor
Quiktrip 500**

@ Atlanta Motor
Speedway

SUN, MAR 8

Kobalt 400

@ Las Vegas Motor
Speedway

SUN, MAR 15

**Campingworld.com
500**

@ Phoenix
International
Speedway

SUN, MAR 22

Auton Club 400

@ Auto Club
Speedway

SUN, MAR 29

STP 500

@ Martinsville
Speedway



Green Cap Ceremony/Celebration – February 7th

A glorious ceremony/celebration was provided to honor Anna Phillips for achieving her Green Cap; which she received at the VMA 77th Annual State Convention in August 2014. Anna has been a member of the Moose Fraternity for approximately 16 years, beginning as a member at the Franconia Moose Family Center #1076. She was awarded the Academy of Friendship Degree in 2001 and the Star Recorder Degree in 2011. In 2013, Anna joined the Arlington Chapter #1253 and held the position of Senior Regent from April 2013 to March 2014, and it is recognized that Anna has been a valuable asset in the recent growth of the Arlington Fraternity. Important messages expressed in Anna's speech was the harmony between the Chapter and the Lodge in creating a "smooth, operating" Arlington Fraternity, and that as a leader, she could only have achieved the award with the support from all our members. Immediately after the ceremony, Andrea Hensley started a new tradition in Chapter #1253, by passing on the flashy, sparkling green hat that Andrea received in her Green Cap Ceremony last year to Anna Phillips (*beware Elizabeth Coombs*). The ceremony concluded with a Lodge packed celebration; with a delicious buffet offered to all Moose members and guests that were within the Arlington Moose Lodge. There are pictures of the event on the Arlington Lodge #1315 website [arlington1315.org].

Many Thanks for the Help & Support during My Senior Regent Year and My Green Cap Ceremony/Celebration – by Anna Phillips

WOTM Board of Officers 2013-2014, you are the best! What a privilege to have served on the Board with you. Thank you Ralph for your support and understanding. Liz, I was so lucky to have you as my Jr. Regent. I appreciated everything you did to help me. For awhile there, I saw and talked to you more than my husband. Donna we learned together and thank you for all you did. Judith, you're a heck of a Secretary and a great woman. Andrea thanks for keeping it all good and keeping me on track. Governor Brian Birtell, Administrator Billy Hensley, and the members of the 2013-2014 Arlington LOOM Board of Officers ...you were wonderful and very much appreciated. WOTM Committee Chairmen and all you ladies who were constantly there for me, doing fundraisers and other things ... thanks a million! Rose Russo, Tracy Keller, Carol Gillard, Donna Heflin, Nora Rodas, my buddies Sherry Embrey and Rose Bailey, and Joyce Chaffins our Club Manager, thanks for helping me so many times and the support. Now the real big thank you goes to all of the Arlington members that came to our dinners, helped us recruit new members, made and bought so many baked goods, and ... by the way, John & Marty, what did you ever do with all the baked goods? Thanks to all of you, the Chapter earned the Award of Achievement and I was able to receive my Green Cap. **ARLINGTON IS A GREAT LODGE, JUST ONE BIG FAMILY!**

With respect to the Green Cap Ceremony/Celebration, a special thank you goes to Joe Russo for my memory disk, to Rose & Mary Rose Russo for making our beautiful corsages, to Joyce Chaffins for making the food, and to Donna Heflin, Judith York & Nora Rodas for decorating. 2014 -2015 Board of Officers – you ladies are wonderful; and thanks for the great job putting on the Green Cap Ceremony! A special thanks to our guest at the Green Cap Ceremony/Celebration, Moose International Deputy Supreme Governor – Brett Sweeny.

(Note: Editor took the liberty to delete individual names of 2013-2014 WOTM & LOOM Board of Officers in order to make the article fit within the allowable space in the Newsletter)



2nd Consecutive Year

"Go for the
Roses
Party"
May 2, 2015



Rib Cook-
Off



Saturday,
May 16th

**Free WiFi
at the
Lodge**



Senior Regent's Message

Ladies, we need members!!!! For the remainder of the Chapter Year, we will pay the application fee for the first 11 new members. You can obtain applications at the bar. Get your friends, sisters, mothers, aunts, nieces and grandmothers out and show them what a great time we have.

Our chapter's third and final nominating committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:00 pm, if necessary. So far the following positions have been nominated: Senior Regent - Nessa Ruoff; Junior Regent - Roxanne Coles-Matis; Secretary-Treasurer - Andrea Hensley; and Recorder - Donna Field. If anyone would like to be on the WOTM Board of Officers in any of these positions, please submit in writing to any current board member by March 16, 2015. The election will be held on March 17, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Our meetings this month are: Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm - Chapter Development Committee Activity Night and Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm - Business meeting.

Come on out and join the fun!!

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 3, 2015

Take Action to Get New Members!

We have to repeat the undertone of our announcements to the membership over the past several months ... for the existence of our Arlington Fraternity and the support of our Moose obligations to Mooseheart & Moosehaven, **WE NEED MORE MEMBERS!**

We have resurrected Our Facebook Page!

Gwen Collins, member of Chapter #1253, has volunteered to update and maintain the previously established Arlington Fraternity Facebook Page to offer another media service for providing information to our members. Our Facebook Page is "Moose Lodge of Arlington, Chapter 1315" [please understand that we know the page title is not totally correct, and not sure who established this social media for our organization; however, there is a considerable number of existing "friends" for this Facebook Page, and therefore will continue to utilize the media site as it exists]. We want to express our gratitude to **Gwen Collins** for assisting our Fraternity in keeping up "with the current trends of society".



Nominate a Lodge & Chapter Member for Volunteer of the Quarter

(January – March 2015)



Deadline is March 31, 2015
And remember to nominate a Youth Organization of the Quarter

New Membership Applications

The Lodge will pay for the \$20.00 application fee for any new members enrolled to the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge

A Great Reason to Join!



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Watch Washington Capitals at the Lodge

In March 2015

SUN, MAR 1 (H)
Toronto Maple Leafs
TUE, MAR 3 (A)
Columbus Blue
Jackets
THU, MAR 5 (H)
Minnesota Wild
SAT, FEB 7 (H)
Buffalo Sabres
WED, MAR 11 (H)
New York Rangers
FRI, MAR 13 (H)
Dallas Stars
SUN, MAR 15 (H)
Boston Bruins
MON, MAR 16 (A)
Buffalo Sabres
THU, MAR 19 (A)
Minnesota Wild
SAT, MAR 21 (A)
Winnipeg Jets
THU, MAR 26 (H)
New Jersey Devils
SAT, MAR 28 (H)
Nashville Predators
SUN, MAR 29 (A)
New York Rangers
TUE, MAR 31 (H)
Carolina Hurricanes



Membership Appreciation Event on February 15th & A Special Thank You to Elizabethtown (PA) Legion Lodge #596

The Arlington Fraternity accepted, and was honored, to participate in a Mystery Moose Bus Tour sponsored by the Elizabeth (PA) Legion Lodge #596 during the weekend of February 14-15, 2015. On the second day of their "Moose Crawl", a very-friendly contingent of 44 Moose members and guests from the Elizabethtown Moose Fraternity arrived at our Lodge around 1:00pm to participate in the "celebration" with our members for the Membership Appreciation Event that was sponsored by our Moose Lodge on the same day. A complementary lunch was offered to everyone at the Lodge; consisting of beef vegetable soup and make-your-own cold meat/cheese sandwiches; with selective desserts. The Arlington Fraternity had almost 30 members attend this Membership Appreciation Event; who gladly gave "an open-arms" welcome to our visitors from Pennsylvania.



The Lodge would like to extend a thank you to all our members and Moose member guests who participated in the Lodge cleaning, lunch preparation, bartending, pull tab & beer koozie offerings, beer re-stocking, and the event cleanup. Known members and guests who assisted were Joyce Chaffins, Billy Hensley, Andre McFail, Gwen Collins, Rose Bailey, Joe Russo, Anna Phillips, Roxanne Coles-Matis, Ralph Phillips, and John Matis.



Community Service News from the VMA Mid-Year Conference

It was noted in the February 2015 Newsletter that the food drive for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore was successful at the VMA Mid-Year Conference. For those members who like numbers in their life (e.g.: accountants, engineers, mathematicians, etc.), the actual food collection was 1664 pounds of food ... which will provide 1387 meals for people by the Foodbank.



Moose
of the
Month



Watch the NCAA Basketball Tournament at the Lodge

First Round

March 17th -18th

Second & Third
Rounds

March 19th – 22nd

Regional Rounds

March 26th – 29th

National Semifinals
("Final Four")

April 4th

Championship Game

April 6th

Plenty of Beef!



**Saturday,
July 11, 2015**

Off-Track Betting



Membership Challenge to Our Members Continues through April 30, 2015

Sponsor a new LOOM member through April 30th and your name will be placed on a ticket in a raffle conducted 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. Billy Hensley was the January winner.



Family Game Day – January 31st

It started as a Wii Bowling Tournament, but somehow converted to playing a variety of games for fun; such as darts, table shuffleboard, Wii bowling, Wii tennis, and "Heads Up" (a game using a cellular telephone). There were approximately 20 attendees at this event, with lots of laughter and the adults having a hard time keeping up with the children. For the record, Dominick Russo had the highest score of 178 in Wii bowling.

Our Chapter offered a soup and salad lunch offering at the event; that included potato soup, curried sweet potato & apple soup, southwestern chicken w/kale soup, tossed salad, napa salad w/ramen noodles, French bread, banana pudding, cupcakes, and chocolate fudge cake. Thank you to Anna Phillips, Liz Coombs, Donna Field, Roxanne Coles-Matis, Andrea Hensley, and Billy Hensley for providing the lunch.



Welcome Supreme Governor Danny Albert Thursday, April 23rd



The Supreme Governor, the current chief presiding officer of the Loyal Order of the Moose, will be visiting our Northern Virginia area on Thursday, April 23rd at the Centerville #2168 Moose Lodge. Our members are encouraged to meet Mr. Albert if you are available. The time of the visit is not known prior to this publication; but hopefully will be announced for the April 2015 Newsletter.

Mr. Albert was elected to the Supreme Governor position at the 126th International Convention in Las Vegas in June 2014, and has served on the Supreme Council (the Fraternity's corporate Board of Directors, since 2006). If you want to learn more about Mr. Albert's life with the Moose Fraternity, go to the VMA Website for his posted biography.



Making a difference in the lives of children and seniors

Give Generously!

Support Special Olympics





2nd Consecutive Year



Pig
Roast

June 13, 2015



Remember
Mooseheart
&
Moosehaven



Lodge Spring
Clean-Up
May 9th 2015



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].

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy Birthday to Lodge members **Gregory Cady** (3/02), **William Tinsley** (3/02), **Robert Woodke** (3/02), **Daniel Wallace** (3/04), **Nathan Wilson** (3/04), **Robert Hartzell** (3/05), **Donny Wilkey** (3/08), **Carl Arbes** (3/10), **David Leifer** (3/15), **Charlie Hagstrom** (3/18), **Billy Ingram** (3/19), and **Dane Stauffer** (3/25).
- Happy Birthday to Chapter members **Tina Baker** (3/06), **Beverly Wellington** (3/06), **Patricia Smith** (3/11), **Betty McLaurin** (3/12), **Elizabeth Coombs** (3/14), **Beverly Wilson** (3/14), **Pat Pontes** (3/15), **Kathleen McDavitt** (3/17), **Sharleen Schmidt** (3/17), **Patricia Williams** (3/17), **Patricia Hedgecock** (3/25), and **Laura Mangum** (3/31).
- Congratulations to Randy Nolan and Sonia Bouadis who had baby Randy on January 31, 2015 at 1:43am. Baby Randy arrived weighing 8 lbs, 1oz and 20.5 inches long. Randy has lots of pictures of the baby on his cellular telephone; so just ask him to show them to you (but it could last a few hours – *only kidding*).
- Thank you **CadyCo (Gregg & Mike Cady)** for graciously plowing the Lodge building parking lots after the snow storms that have occurred the past few months.

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

Please keep our Moose members and families in our prayers for those who have current health or distressed situations; especially:

- Ellis Fiji; who passed away on February 25th.

Keep Your Saturdays Free in March!
There are four (4) Events Planned for Your Enjoyment

Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members

► Michael Matis ► Robert Coombs



The "Scouts" (planners) for the
Mystery Moose Bus Trip from
Elizabethtown (PA) Legion Lodge #596





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Future Planned Major Social Events

(April – June 2015)

April 11th

LOOM & WOTM
Board Installation
Ceremonies

April 25th

Chicken Wing
Cook-Off

May 2nd

"Go for the Roses"
Party
(Kentucky Derby)

May 9th

Lodge Spring
Clean-Up

May 10th (SUN)

Mother's Day
Breakfast

May 16th

Rib Cook-Off
(& Preakness
Stakes)

May 25th (MON)

Memorial Day
Cookout

June 6th

Triple Crown Finale
Celebration
(Belmont Stakes)

(Activities continue on
Page 10)

Note:

Dates & Activities
subject to change



Governor's Corner

I declare that the "Survival Phase" for the Arlington Fraternity to be completed; as we have become financially solvent as an organization and offer as many possible events reasonable to serve our members, and their families. ***Thank you Arlington Fraternity members for your support and involvement to get us where we are today!***

Furthermore, I pronounce that our Arlington Fraternity shall begin the "Moose Family Growth Phase". Our Arlington Fraternity, as a combined LOOM & WOTM organization, has over 400 active members; however, only a minimal number of members are actively providing leadership for the organization and/or participating in our social & fundraiser events. We need to develop a course of action to get those members who have not visited our Lodge over the past several years to come back to enjoy the camaraderie & event offerings, as well as provide guidance to the current leadership of our organization (experience is always better than fumbling to learn). In addition, I believe we need to stress that there is a great working relationship between the LOOM and the WOTM; as we complement each other to maintain a successful organization. We also need to develop a course of action to get our LOOM members to be interested in advancing to the Higher Order Degrees; hence as a start, I am asking our members to consider resurrecting an active Legion Degree group within our Lodge (which would be associated with Bull Run Moose Legion #185). If you have any ideas for the noted course of actions or would like to volunteer to assist in accomplishing these new goals, please let me know. The Arlington Fraternity needs to continue to grow so that we can fulfill our responsibilities to support Mooseheart, Moosehaven, our families, and the local communities.



April 10 – 12, 2015

Bull Run Moose Legion #185

Spring 2015 Moose Legion Conferral & SUPER

Celebration at Centerville Lodge #2168

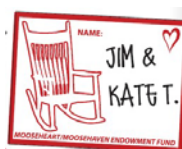
Events & times specified on Centerville Lodge Website

Guest Visitor is Moose International Director General & CEO

Scott D. Hart

during Conferral of Candidates on Sunday, April 12th (10:30am – Noon)

LOOM Board of Officers Election
Tuesday, April 7th, 2015



Endowment "Rocker Fundraiser" in February

The Chapter and Lodge had a friendly challenge for this Moose endowment fundraiser of who could raise the most money for this worthy cause; an important responsibility for our Moose organization. The Chapter was winning the challenge before the weekend of the canceled Casserole Cook-off, but the LOOM has a good chance to win in the last social event of February ... at the Chinese New Year's Celebration. More to come next month!

You can Pay Moose Dues Online!

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



Future Planned Major Social Events

(June – August 2015)

June 6th

Triple Crown Finale Celebration
(Belmont Stakes)

June 13th

Pig Roast

June 21st (SUN)

Father's Day Breakfast

June 27th

Welcome of Summer Celebration
Cookout

July 4th

4th of July Cookout

July 11th

Bull Roast

August 1st - *New*

Fish Fry Revisited

August 15th - *New*

Major Blast Cookout

Note:

Dates & Activities subject to change



Lodge Repairs/Replacements

The February 2015 Newsletter was published prior to the end of January; therefore, it was not identified that two additional televisions were actually installed and operational on January 30th. Thank you to Billy Hensley and Tom Oderwald for making the shelves and installing the televisions. The Lodge now has six televisions in the Smoking bar area, two televisions in the Non-Smoking bar area, and two televisions in the Fireplace Eating area.

It took us awhile to research all alternatives, but the LOOM Board of Officers has awarded a contract to ADT to provide a new security camera system for the entire Arlington Lodge. The new security system shall consist of digital cameras to monitor the outside parking and back yard areas, and the major rooms within the Lodge (including the Rental Hall). The installation of the new security camera system, including improved recording capabilities, was completed in the last week of February.

The extreme cold during the last week of February took its toll on our Lodge, as a water pipe for an outside faucet "burst" from freezing. Then, the very next day, a hot water pipe broke in the ceiling of the Social Quarters with water poring down the wall. It appears that the hot water pipe was against an aluminum ventilation duct and the theory of dissimilar metals interacting with each other (not good) was proven to be true. Kudos for fixing these problems will be addressed in the next Newsletter.



Moose Youth Awareness Program

At the beginning of February, it is known that our sponsored student in this year's program had performed one (1) "Moose Kid Talk" at his church. We are hoping that he has been able to complete the program assignments by the end of February and submitted the necessary reports; but we have not been able to verify at this time.

For this 2015 year, the Arlington Fraternity has approved to sponsor a Youth Awareness Student Congress for the third consecutive year. The event has been scheduled with VMA for October 3, 2015 beginning at 10:00am. We are considering a co-sponsor event with another Moose Lodge within our District 4 local area.



"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!**

Memorial Day Cook-Out



May 25, 2015



Continue to save BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION
coupons found on hundreds of General Mill products
(collection bag in main entrance)

Mother's Day Breakfast

Sunday,
May 11, 2015
(Time TBA)





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**Don't
Procrastinate!**



**Your Income
Tax Return is
due in April**

**Support the
Boy Scouts of
America**



Big Brothers Big Sisters

**Support the
Local Fire
Department**



2015 Bridgestone National Hockey League (NHL) Winter Classic One Fan's Experience – by Willie Jamison

On what has become a tradition on New Year's Day, thousands of hockey fans, many of whom still bleary-eyed from New Year's Eve celebrations, jammed onto metro trains heading to the NHL Winter classic in hopes of being a part of Washington, D.C. hockey history. In the end, they would not be disappointed. Layered up in my finest winter wear and Caps accessories, I made my way to the Washington Nationals Fairgrounds Spectator Plaza outside of Nationals Park. There hundreds of fans were wedged on the narrow street barely able to move, many of whom chanting over and over again, CAPS, Caps, Caps, Caps. Step-by-step, inch-by-inch, I slowly made my way to Nationals Park greeting and smiling at other fans sensing something special was about to occur. Once inside the stadium, I stared out on Nationals Park in amazement. It had been transformed into an outdoor hockey rink which was completely blue, a symbolic acknowledgement to the Reflecting Pool. A replica of the U.S. Capitol stood nearby. My heart almost skipped a beat just looking at this outdoor winter wonder land. You could feel the enthusiasm in the atmosphere as fans stood for the National Anthem as our Nations flag was unfurled covering the entire length of the ice rink. Fans shouted in unison, U S A, U S A, U S A. With our hats off, hands over our hearts, we paid tribute to America as our National Hymn was performed and ground level fire works placed strategically around the rink soared into the sky disappearing quickly into a gorgeous blue sky. Immediately following the National anthem, in salute to the U.S. Armed Forces, two F-16 fighter jets appeared out of nowhere and streaked over the stadium so close that fans standing in the upper deck could probably see the faces of the pilots. The crowd again erupted and every fan in the stadium high-fived the fan next to him or her. Under a sunny sky with a temperature of about 43 degrees, it was an incredible sight to see 42,832 fans on their feet for the faceoff puck drop. Due to the sun, the teams switched sides at the 10-minute mark to balance the playing conditions. Fans watched the exhilaration on the ice as history unfolded in our Nationals Capitol. Fans are yelling, and screaming Caps, Caps, Caps, and then started chanting O'vee, O'vee, O'vee after the Caps take a 2 - 0 lead on an Alex Ovechkin goal. Caps fans are now in a state of fervor as the excitement reaches another crescendo. This is Nationals Park I thought, not Verizon Center. This is the house that Bryce and Stephen built but for the moment it had been commandeered by the Capitals. Realizing this was a once in a life time experience, I savored every moment, soaking it all up and enjoying a bucket list wish come true. For Nationals Park it was business as usual at the stadium as the game played out. Vendors ran up and down the aisle selling beverages and snacks; the overwhelming crowd pleaser hot chocolate with Baileys. Bill, my friend and hockey mentor noticed a small air plane slowly circling the stadium and stated it was taking pictures of the fans. He was correct; an interactive panoramic digital image of all fans in attendance at the game was taken. It is the most s amazing thing I have even seen. <http://gigapixel.panoramas.com/winterclassic/2015/> Perhaps the most breathtaking occurrence of the game was the intermission tribute to our Nations Armed Forces as each of the military branches service songs was performed while recognizing active and veteran members of the U.S. Military in the stands. A tears-producing performance by Lee Greenwood of his patriotic hit "God Bless the U.S.A" brought the house down and fans once again to their feet. With 12.9 seconds left in regulation play, Troy Brouwer scored against his former team on a too complicated sequence to explain here. Winter classic souvenir cushions were tossed by fans onto the ice to celebrate the Capitals 3 -2 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks. It was the Super Bowl of Hockey, an exclamation point to an event to validate Washington D.C. as an established hockey town thereby reinforcing the Capitals mantra "Building America's Hockey Team".



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TUE, MAR 3 (A)
Chicago Bulls
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SAT, MAR 7 (A)
Milwaukee Bucks
MON, MAR 9 (A)
Charlotte Hornets
THU, MAR 12 (H)
Memphis Grizzlies
SAT, MAR 14 (H)
Sacramento Kings
MON, MAR 16 (H)
Portland Trail Blazers
WED, MAR 18 (A)
Utah Jazz
FRI, MAR 20 (A)
Los Angeles Clippers
SUN, MAR 22 (A)
Sacramento Kings
MON, MAR 23 (A)
Golden State Warriors
WED, MAR 25 (H)
Indiana Pacers
FRI, MAR 27 (H)
Charlotte Hornets
SUN, MAR 29 (H)
Houston Rockets



Anna Phillips in the honorary "Green Cap" with Andrea Hensley (a new tradition of passing the cap to our next Chapter member honoree)



Willie Jamison showing his "Capitals' spirit" with the seat cushion he received at the Winter Classic outdoor hockey game at Nationals Park on New Year's Day.



Anna Phillips and current Chapter #1253 Board of Officers at the Green Cap Ceremony/Celebration on Saturday, February 7th



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