

Arlington #1315  
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2014-2015

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**Congratulations to the elected  
LOOM & WOTM 2014-2015 Board of Officers!**

Provide guidance to further our prosperity, membership, and enjoyment as a fraternity in support of our families and the communities

**Spring Cleaning for the Lodge  
on May 10, 2014 (9:00am – 12:00pm)**

The Lodge pleads to our members to offer their free time and physical efforts to “spruce up” the inside and outside of the Arlington Lodge ... *it needs a really good cleaning!*

Besides the regular weeding of the front and side shrub areas and picking up of trash on the outside of the building, it is planned to clean and organize a storage room in the basement and the storage room adjacent to the hall, demolish the two playground children sets in the back yard, and provide general clean-up of the non-smoking eating area. An open dumpster is being provided to collect the trash (we expect a considerable amount of stuff to be thrown away).

There will be donuts and coffee for breakfast and an easy-to-prepare lunch (menu to be determined) for those that participate in the cleanup.



**Upcoming Social  
Events**

**June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Triple Crown Finale  
Celebration

**June 15<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)**

Father's Day  
Breakfast

**June 21<sup>st</sup>**

22<sup>nd</sup> Pig Roast –  
1<sup>st</sup> Day of Summer

**July 4<sup>th</sup> (Friday)**

4<sup>th</sup> of July Cookout

**July 19<sup>th</sup>**

Bull Roast



**Mother's Day Breakfast – Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm (Noon)**

Bringing back a Lodge tradition, the fathers and sons in our Lodge membership will prepare a “home-made” breakfast for their beloved mothers, wives, family members, and guests (including fathers, aunts, uncles, and possibly in-laws) for this special day to honor mothers. The menu may vary; but will definitely include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, fried potatoes, biscuits with sausage gravy, and some fruit selections. There may also be other special “touches” provided for this event.

**Band: Koolerators at the Pig Roast – June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**“Go for the Roses” Party**

**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Food: 2:00pm - 6:00pm)**

Experience the “The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports” this year at the Lodge ... the 140<sup>th</sup> running of the Kentucky Derby (at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky). We will start the event with a buffet. Then sit back with your favorite beverage, as the television coverage of the race will begin on NBC at 4:00pm. The race post time is at 6:25pm. For this special occasion, we are asking that you wear your best bonnet or derby.



**Dinner Every  
Friday  
Night**

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

**New Membership Campaign detailed on Page 9**



**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**

**Senior Regent**  
Elizabeth Coombs  
**Junior Regent**  
Nessa Ruoff  
**Past Grad. Regent**  
Anna Phillips  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
Roxanne  
Coles-Matis  
**Recorder**  
Donna Field  
**Chaplin**  
Andrea Hensley  
**Guide**  
Judith York  
**Assistant Guide**  
Nora Rodas

**A Family Event  
on July 4<sup>th</sup>**



**Family  
Cookout**



**Congratulations to Brian Birtell**  
LOOM Volunteer of the Quarter  
(January - March 2014)



**Congratulations to Betty Pamplin**  
WOTM Volunteer of the Quarter  
(January – March 2014)



**Youth Organization of the Quarter (January – March 2014)**  
**Wakefield High School Scholarship Foundation AND**  
**Special Olympics – Area 26 (tennis)**

**General Lodge Meeting on April 1, 2014**

If you were not at this Lodge meeting, word of month in the Social Quarters over the past month had probably spread the major decisions from this meeting; however, for those members that do not visit our Lodge on a regular basis the following is a recap of the meeting:



- It was announced that Virginia Moose Association requested and our Lodge accepted to have a Leadership Training course on Saturday, June 7, 2014 in our Lodge.
- Results of the election for the Arlington Lodge #1315 Board of Officers were announced.
- A general comparison of the financial records of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarters of 2013 & 2014 was made by the Governor and the loss of the parking rental income seems to have not impacted our Lodge financial gains due to improved membership participation (existing and new members) in event and Social Quarters activities; including food and beverage sales, and gaming expenditures. Projections, based on current trends, indicate an increase in operational income. Good news for the Lodge!
- The general membership approved to pursue the selling of up to 1.5 acres of our approximately 5.0 acres of property to obtain necessary funds to capital improvements of our property. The portion of the property for consideration is the area in the back of the Lodge building on the right that is not used for our outside events. Talk to a member of the Board of Officers for better clarification. It is noted that the Lodge is offering 1.25 acres for purchase; however, circumstances, utilities, and County regulations may require additional property to be sold.
- Prior to this meeting, the Board of Officers had interviewed three companies/joint ventures who could act as the agent/broker for the selling of our property. The Board had selected E.B. Joseph & Associates to pursue selling the property as our agent/broker; once the membership approved the concept for the sale of the property (which occurred in this meeting).
- It was stressed that any legitimate offers received for the purchase of the property will be presented to the general membership for approval prior to acceptance (also required to be reviewed by Legal Counsel of Moose International).
- The concept of obtaining a professional evaluation of the overall building & property, and the development of a capital improvement plan (reserve study) was mentioned in the meeting. It was noted that at this time, the Board does not feel a reserve study is warranted; as the Lodge knows that we do not have sufficient funds to cover the expenses. [It was not stated in the meeting, but discussed privately in previous Board Meetings, that a professional reserve study needs to be established and presented to the general membership before any proceeds from an approved sale of the property is expended].

Note: A meeting announcement, with topics for discussion, was mailed to all members.



Chapter  
Award of  
Achievement

**Celebrate  
Cinco de Mayo  
at our Lodge**



May 5<sup>th</sup>



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

**Free WiFi  
at the  
Lodge**



**Rib Cook-Off – Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

It will be hard to compete against the Lodge “in-house” chefs in this event; as they cook everything that is “mucho” delicious; but it was accomplished last year by the team of Carol & Paul Gillard (*Note: a tie for first place but it counts*). Let’s expand the competition this year by having more than six entries in this food contest ... **consider**

**showing off your culinary talents by providing an entry!** Bring your “special” sauce to the party; but remember that not everyone, especially the judges, like “an inferno” experience (e.g.: hose me down, I’m on fire). It is asked that each contest entry provide a minimum of two racks of ribs so that other members can experience the culinary masterpieces (and possibly the ribbon winners). For those members who would rather just eat and drink, the Lodge will provide supplemental cooked ribs and side dishes to satisfy everyone’s appetite; but make sure you try a “bite” of all the contest entries. Also, make this event a better success and bring guests!

**Come enjoy good food and a friendly atmosphere at the Lodge!**



**Chicken Wing Cook-Off  
Saturday, April 26, 2014**

We out did ourselves again! There was over 50 individuals who participated in our buffet offering of squash casserole, macaroni & cheese, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, deviled eggs, pickles, cheese & crackers, and four types of BBQ chicken wings. Someone said that close to 80 individuals came to the Lodge during this event.

And lest not forget that we had a chicken wing cook-off, with delicious entries from five chefs: Paul Gillard, Tom Oderwald, Billy Hensley, Sue Jennings, and Carol Gillard. The decision by the judges was tough; but congratulations are extended to the winners of **Tom Oderwald – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Billy Hensley -2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and Paul Gillard – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.**

The Lodge wants to thank Joyce Chaffins, Billy Hensley, Tom Oderwald, Chuck Berge, and Carol Gillard for preparing the supporting food dishes for the event, to the chefs who participated in the cook-off and offered their “masterpieces” to the attendees, to those individuals who assisted in running the cook-off, to Betty and Terry Pamplin for collecting the event contributions and running the 50/50 Raffle, to the judges (identities to remain anonymous) for volunteering their taste buds, and to those individuals who volunteered to clean up after the event. Again, our Lodge and Chapter members made this a special event!

The Lodge would also like to thank Liz Coombs for her tactful persuasion in collecting a total donation of \$57.00 for the Mooseheart School Renovation during this event.



**“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!**

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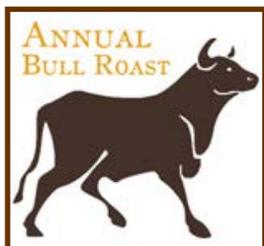
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**Volunteers are  
needed for  
future  
Newsletters**



**Bull Roast**



Saturday,  
July 19<sup>th</sup>

**Watch the NFL  
Draft at the  
Lodge  
May 8-10, 2014**



**Will the new  
Redskins  
Executives get  
it right??**



**Remember the men and women  
who died while serving in the  
United States Armed Forces  
Memorial Day – May 26<sup>th</sup>**



**Certified Leadership Training Session  
at Arlington #1315 on Saturday, June 7, 2014**

Moose International requires that each Board Officer and Committee Chairman of a Lodge attend a sanctioned Certified Leadership Training Session when they take office. What could be easier meeting this requirement than having the training session come to you!

If you need this training, or plan to volunteer as a Committee Chairman, please consider attending this training session. The training session will be from 9:00am to 5:00pm and costs \$20.00 (reimbursable by the Lodge if attendance is approved). One catch ... *you need to register three weeks in advance (by May 16<sup>th</sup>)*; so do not delay. Information for registering to attend is provided on the Virginia Moose Association website.

**VMA Raffle Tickets for Sale**

The Moose Lodge has raffle tickets to sell for the upcoming Virginia Moose Association (VMA) State Convention. **The raffle is for a top prize of \$10,000** with many lesser secondary prizes from \$5,000 (2<sup>nd</sup> Prize) to \$500 (5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> Prizes). A poster is displayed in the Social Quarters that specifies the exact winning prizes. **The cost for each ticket is \$10.00.** The raffle tickets can be purchased from the bartender. The drawing will be held on August 23, 2014 at the Convention.

The Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge has been assigned 60 raffle tickets to sell; which we would like to complete the sales by the end of July 2014. **Please support the Virginia Moose Association and purchase a raffle ticket.**



**Special Olympics Virginia Bedford Invitational Softball  
Tournament (21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Year), May 17 & 18, 2014**

Come join the fun as softball teams from across the state compete for the gold! There will be an Opening Ceremony on Saturday morning with two days of action packed softball games. We want to thank the Bedford Moose Lodge #1897 (2986 W Lynchburg Salem Turnpike, Bedford, VA 24523) for hosting this worthwhile event.

**Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members**

- ▶ Ciaran McAlonan ▶ Phu Ngo ▶ Brendon Griffin ▶ Yolanda Sabines
- ▶ Victoria Lopez ▶ Veronica Yaros ▶ Betty McLaurin ▶ Nina Castro
- ▶ Michelle Griffin ▶ Ana M. Rivera-Cruz



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



**Continues during the month of May**

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

**(April – June 2014)**



Deadline is June 30, 2014  
And remember to nominate a Youth  
Organization of the Quarter



**Watch the Washington Nationals at the Lodge**

**In May 2014**

**Philadelphia Phillies**

MAY 2-MAY 4

**Los Angeles Dodgers**

MAY 5-MAY 7 (H)

**Oakland Athletics**

MAY 9-MAY 11

**Arizona Diamondbacks**

MAY 12-MAY 14

**New York Mets**

MAY 16-MAY 18 (H)

**Cincinnati Reds**

MAY 19-MAY 21 (H)

**Pittsburgh Pirates**

MAY 22-MAY 25

**Miami Marlins**

MAY 26-MAY 28 (H)

**Texas Rangers**

MAY 30-JUN 1 (H)



**22<sup>nd</sup> Pig Roast**



**Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Governor's Corner** (by John Matis)

We have a few new faces in the 2014-2015 Board of Officers; but overall, the individuals that have guided our fraternity over the past two years to become financially stable, to increase the growth of our membership, and to provide the membership's desire to participate in our family and social events still remains. With that said, the most important element of our Lodge, and our Chapter, being successful in the upcoming year is our fraternal members continuing to contribute to the foundation of our existence (Mooseheart, Moosehaven, community service, family, etc.), continuing to support all the events that are presented by the Lodge and Chapter, and continuing the friendly atmosphere that results in everyone wanting to come back. Success is based on you, the members of our fraternal organization.



For the record, we will have several challenges in the upcoming year. Our organization needs to come up with more ideas on how to expand family involvement. In addition, we need to concentrate on more community service events; which include getting better participation to the Youth Awareness Program Association Student Congress that will be held at our Lodge on November 1, 2014, and implementing a dedicated Paralympics fund-raiser which we canceled last year due to circumstances by other priorities. Furthermore, there is the major decision by the membership for a possible sale of some of the existing property to provide needed capital improvement revenues for the Lodge (assuming the price is acceptable). If we all work together, we can accomplish our financial and Moose fraternal goals. **Please participate and volunteer!**

**Thank you Carol & Paul Gillard for donating the LOTO ticket cage for "The Queen of Hearts" Game**

There were some issues that we had to work through (some of the tickets wanted to keep escaping while "mixing the tickets" for the drawing); but your donation to elevate the game to a professional presentation is very much appreciated.



**LOOM & WOTM Board of Officers Installation Ceremonies**

The Board of Officers of the Arlington #1315 Lodge and the Arlington #1253 Chapter would like to thank all the members and guests who attended the Installation Ceremonies on Saturday, April 5, 2014. A special thank you is extended to Patti Green-Shupp for conducting the WOTM Installation Ceremony, to Ron Mifflin for conducting the LOOM Installation Ceremony; and to all those other Moose members that assisted in the ceremonies. We also want to thank all the Moose members who prepared and/or donated the food that was shared with all those in attendance in the Social Quarters after the ceremonies were completed. Your willingness to volunteer for the betterment of our Moose fraternity is always impressive.



**You can Pay Moose Dues Online!**

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



Chapter Award of Achievement

Support the WOTM



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

Youth Awareness Program



Association Student Congress on November 1<sup>st</sup> at our Lodge



**Senior Regent's Message** (by Elizabeth Coombs)

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Elizabeth (Liz) Coombs and I have been elected your new Senior Regent. I have been a member of Arlington Chapter 1253 for 1 1/2 years and served as Junior Regent for the past year. A new year is beginning and I look forward to working with all the wonderful women and men of Arlington. We had a very good past year and I hope that this year will be as good if not better. I will welcome any and all ideas you may have for fun events and fundraisers. Every member of the Women of the Moose is placed on a committee by Moose International and you will be receiving a packet from our Chapter with information about your committee. Every committee works hard to help Mooseheart and Moosehaven, so when your committee chairman comes to you for help, please don't hesitate to say yes.

Coming up, there will be a Mother's day basket, so take a chance to win a nice gift basket for mom! In June the women will be hosting a Father's Day Breakfast - any volunteers will be welcome.

I would like to thank everyone that helped make the Children's Easter Party a true success: Anna for arranging the Puppet Show, food and Sno-cone machine, Kathy for the egg decorating; Tracy, Karl and Ralph for hiding the eggs; Nora for the beautiful cupcakes; Phyllis, Anna and Carol for decorating, Donna F., Diana, Rose, Judith, Donna H., Sonia and everyone else who helped out; and especially the Easter Bunny (you know who you are).

Again, I look forward to another successful year.



**Charity Donations in April**

As our members know, community service is one of the main functions for the existence of Moose Lodges & Chapters; which also includes monetary contributions to charitable organizations. Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge wants you to be aware that the Lodge whole-heartedly supports this purpose and made contributions to the following Moose International sponsored charities in the month of April 2014: Special Olympics, Moose Senior Games, Moose Youth Awareness, Virginia House at Mooseheart, Mooseheart School Renovation, Massey Cancer Center, Safe Surfin', Moose Virginia Scholarship Program, Moose Bowling League, and Moose Scouting. In addition, Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge provided monetary donations to the Bailey's Crossroads Fire Department, to a family who lost their house in a fire, and to the two organizations who were awarded the Youth Organization of the Quarter.

**"Good Vibrations" in the Championship**

The dart team that Arlington #1315 sponsored in A-Division of the Washington Area Dart Association is completing for the championship of the Winter Season in Gaithersburg, MD on May 4, 2014. **Good luck "Good Vibrations"**.



**Give Generously!**





**Father's Day Breakfast**



**Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**



**BE SAFE!**

**Please drink responsibly when attending our events**

Off-Track Betting at Arlington Lodge



**WOTM Children's Easter Party Saturday, April 12, 2014**

A successful family event with lots of children (27 had signed up to attend), and lots of proud parents and grandparents enjoying the laughter and excitement. The event started with the children dyeing and decorating hard boiled eggs; with the assistance of the "creative" adults. Next a puppet show was provided that consisted of two shows with lots of animal puppets; such as a fox, skunk, rabbit, baby dinosaur, duck, dog, ferret, and horse. There was a "lesson to be learned" for each show (one about lying and one about cheating) that was discussed with the children immediately after each show. Then while the snacks were being served to all (hot dogs & buns, fruit tray, vegetable tray, chips/cheese doddles, and cup cakes), the Easter Bunny came to the event to be with the children; which provided some great photo opportunities for the adults. It is also noted that snow cones were provided for the children. The Easter egg hunt was then conducted in the back yard of the Lodge under the warmth of the sun with all of the plastic eggs having candy inside. And to make a further "hop of enjoyment", at the end of the event the Easter Bunny gave a basket/bag to each child to take home (candy for the older children, and small non-candy items for those children under the age of 2 years).

The Chapter and Lodge would like to thank all our members who contributed in accomplishing this successful event for the children; which included organizing & planning the event, providing monetary and candy donations, purchasing and stuffing the Easter baskets/bags, decorating for the event, setting up the furniture for the event, performing the activities, participating in the event, planning & preparing the lunch, performing the clean-up after the event, and volunteering to perform anything else that was needed (including the role playing of the "Photo Op Star").



**More Photographs on the Arlington #1315 Website**



**2014 State Conference for VA Moose Association August 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 Sheraton Roanoke Hotel & Conference Center 2801 Hershberger Road, Roanoke, VA**



**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](mailto:jjmatis@cox.net)].

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Happy Birthday to Lodge members **John Hall** (5/03), **Carl Abrahamson** (5/04), **Terry Driscoll** (5/07), **David Feld** (5/09), **John Price** (5/16), **Ben Pedersen** (5/17), **Daniel Rhoades** (5/17), **Charles Berge** (5/20), **Earl Cherry** (5/25), **Thomas Carroll** (5/29), **John Harris** (5/29), and **Willie Jamison** (5/30).
- Happy Birthday to Women of the Moose members **Kim Kerby** (5/02), **Geneen Roby** (5/03), **Mai Stuart** (5/03), **Kimberly Akers** (5/05), **Carol Gillard** (5/11), **Carol Jones** (5/14), **Michelle Matthews** (5/16), **Lauren Friedman** (5/17), **Joyce O’Dell** (5/20), **Maryjane Lehman** (5/25)
- The WOTM would like to extend a special thank you to **George Pinn** who always donates candies and gifts for the children’s party events.

**SICKNESS and DISTRESS:**

Please keep our Moose members and families in our prayers; especially:

- Kat Carey, who is recovering from a broken hip.



**Watch NASCAR Races at the Lodge**

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

**Support Scouting**



**Boy Scouts of America**



**Girl Scouts of America**



**Cornhole Tournament Saturday, April 26, 2014**

Building on the success of this type of event in February 2014, the Lodge had a total of 15 two-person teams in the double-elimination tournament consisting of members and our guests (one team more than last time). This time the tournament was conducted outside under partly sunny skies to alleviate any ceiling limitation when throwing; however, the wind became a factor. Congratulations to the following teams who were the champions of this Cornhole Tournament:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Shawn Kirkpatrick & Nathan Kirkpatrick**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Ralph Phillips and John Matis**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Richard Katsaris and Hunter Katsaris**



**Lodge Repairs/Replacements**

If you have come to an event or a Friday Night dinner the past month, you would know that the new electric four-compartment steam table has arrived at the Lodge. The Lodge wants to thank Chad Alexander for assembling the steam table and to Mike Entsminger for relocating an electrical outlet closer to the steam table location.

We want to thank Steve Lehtma for his mechanical knowledge and perseverance in getting the mover operational after being exposed to this year’s harsh winter weather, and for his efforts in grooming the lawn in the back yard for the Cornhole Tournament; including the weeding of the horseshoe pits. In addition, the Lodge would like to thank Joyce Chaffins and Chad Alexander for cleaning and organizing the kitchen storage room.





Chapter  
Award of  
Achievement

Triple Crown  
Finale  
Celebration



Saturday,  
June 7<sup>th</sup>

Culpeper  
Moose Lodge  
#1348

won the  
attendance  
trophy at the  
last VMA  
District 4  
Quarterly  
Meeting

Application  
for \$1,000  
Moose  
International  
R. Robert Dale  
Scholarship  
due June 30<sup>th</sup>



**New Membership Campaign  
Moose is going “Back to Basics” in May 2014 to April 2015**

We have all heard that many of our members, especially new members, have little knowledge of what the Moose stands for and the causes we support. For this reason, in the coming year, the Moose fraternity will be emphasizing the basic principles upon which we were founded – fraternalism; support of children and seniors in need; and giving back to the communities in which our lodges and chapters operate.

This basic training for our members will begin with a new membership campaign, appropriately titled “**Moose – Back to Basics.**” We are asking our brothers and co-workers to stand shoulder-to-shoulder and reinvigorate our fraternal bond by becoming advocates on behalf of the Moose. Not only are we asking individuals to re-educate our existing members, but also to attract new members who believe in the same basic principles that inspired us to join the Moose.

For all members who sponsor at least one individual into the Fraternity during this period, a “**Moose – Back to Basics**” **lapel recognition pin** will be awarded. For each member that qualifies for the 5 Club (sponsor 5 new members during this period), **\$5 will be donated to the Mooseheart School Renovation project** to support the **Elementary Academic Center**, courtesy of Virginia Moose Association, the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion.

Those individuals achieving Sponsor of Distinction status (signing 25 members or more in this period) will have a **brick dedicated in their name to the Mooseheart School Renovation Project** and will also be offered **free basic registration to the 2015 International Moose Convention** in Nashville, Tennessee. For individuals sponsoring 50 members or more, they will also earn two tickets to the Moose Fun Night event at the convention; sponsors of 75 or more will earn a free basic guest registration in addition to their own registration and Fun Night tickets; and those who sponsor 100 or more members will earn a free trip to the convention, including airfare and hotel.

To kick-off the new “Moose- Back to Basics” campaign, **all brothers and co-workers who sponsor at least one new member during May and/or June of 2014 have a chance to win a trip for four to Mooseheart’s Homecoming Weekend (September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>) or Moosehaven’s Chili Cook-off Weekend (November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>).** Winners will participate in the Homecoming bonfire, pep rally, football game and have dinner in one of the residences at Mooseheart; or participate in the chili cook-off, community breakfast, classic car and craft show, and have dinner with the residents down at Moosehaven. Airfare, hotel and transportation are included in the grand prizes, and other Mooseheart and Moosehaven-related gifts will be awarded to secondary winners of the raffle. Initial winners will be drawn during the 2014 International Moose Convention in Las Vegas.



**Bull Run Moose Legion #185  
Raffle Drawing June 14, 2014**

**Prize is \$1,400.00 or a  
Lifetime Membership**

Tickets are available for members in good standing at the Lodge

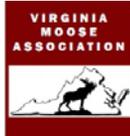
**Ask the bartender to purchase**



**Future Planned Major Social Events (May – September)**

- June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Triple Crown Finale Celebration
- June 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Father's Day Breakfast
- June 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Pig Roast – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Summer
- July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
4<sup>th</sup> of July Cookout
- July 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Bull Roast
- August 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Major Blast Cookout
- September 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Labor Day Cookout
- September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Fish Fry
- September 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Farewell to Summer Cookout
- October 18<sup>th</sup>**  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bill Lewis Memorial Chili Cook-Off

**Dates & Activities subject to change**



**Moose Virginia Association (VMA) District 4 Quarterly Meeting on April 19, 2014**

Besides the standard reports presented by the District 4 Board and its Committees, and presented by the individual Moose Lodges, the following are major topics and decisions noted from the meeting:

- Information for the 2014-2015 VMA District 4 Directory is due May 15, 2014;
- Approval was made for the VMA District 4 to purchase an “EZ Child/Elderly ID Kit” from the Safe Surfin’ Foundation (which will be loaned to the various Lodges/Chapters for use in our District);
- Invitation extended to the Lodges/Chapters to attend the Special Olympics Softball Tournament on May 16-17, 2014, which is being hosted by the Bedford #1897 Moose Lodge;
- At the request of the Arlington Chapter #1253, approval was made to provide a donation to the March of Dimes “March for Babies” Walk; and
- VMA is planning a trip to the Mooseheart Campus in Illinois on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of September 2014 (“Homecoming” weekend) and suggested that the Lodges participate – more information to follow.

**What is the “EZ Child/Elderly ID Kit”?**

The “EZ Child/Elderly ID Kit” is a complete system in a self-contained case that includes a laptop computer, camera, fingerprint scanner, and specially developed software that is sponsored by the Safe Surfin’ Foundation to capture all necessary information required by the Amber Alert System. It also includes digital fingerprint analysis software to make sure all the necessary “points” on a fingerprint are obtained when the data is recorded. The information is collected and displayed on a pre-programmed form that includes all 10 fingerprints and is saved in the universal PDF format. The parents/guardians receive the information either on a CD or thumb drive with all the information on it; which allows the parent/guardian the opportunity to reprint the form at home if desired. But most important, to help protect from identity theft, the software was written so that no information from the child/elder is saved on the computer (all data is permanently erased).

Arlington #1315 Lodge is considering borrowing this system for a Children event!

**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](mailto:jjmatis@cox.net)

**Please Drink Responsibly at the Moose Lodge**

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