



# Loyal Order of Moose Arlington #1315 Lodge Newsletter

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Social Quarters: (703) 820-9345

MAY 2015

## Upcoming Social Events

May 2<sup>nd</sup>

“Go for the Roses”  
Party  
(Kentucky Derby)

May 9<sup>th</sup>

VA ABC RSVP  
Training

May 10<sup>th</sup> (SUN)

Mother’s Day  
Breakfast

May 16<sup>th</sup>

Rib Cook-Off  
(& Preakness  
Stakes)

May 25<sup>th</sup> (MON)

Memorial Day  
Cookout

May 30<sup>th</sup>

Lodge Spring  
Clean-Up

## Congratulations to the elected LOOM & WOTM 2015-2016 Board of Officers!

### We WON a Second Attendance Trophy for Keeps!

The Arlington Fraternity had 20 members attend the VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting at Herndon on April 18<sup>th</sup>; and won the attendance trophy for the third consecutive quarterly meeting to permanently keep the trophy in our Social Quarters. Thank you members for attending the last three quarterly meetings.



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

In continuing a Lodge tradition that was resurrected last year, 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.

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

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

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

**Monday –  
Wednesday**  
3:00pm to 11:00pm  
**Thursday**  
Noon to 11:00pm  
**Friday – Saturday**  
Noon – 2:00am  
**Sunday**  
Noon to 10:00pm

### By Popular Demand (& Lots of Nagging) First Cornhole Tournament of the Year Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - beginning at 2:30pm

An outdoor Cornhole Tournament will be held on the same day as “Go for the Roses” Party (Kentucky Derby). The format for the tournament will be two-person teams, double-elimination; two games guaranteed for each team. Registration will begin at 2:00pm, with the first four games starting at 2:30pm. The entry fee for the tournament is \$5.00 per person. Dependent upon the number of teams, it will be determined if there are one to three prizes for the top winners.



### “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!**

**Arlington #1315  
Board of Officers  
2015-2016**

**Governor**

John Matis

**Jr. Governor**

Gregg Cady

**Prelate**

Joe Russo

**Jr. Past Governor**

Brian Birtell

**Administrator**

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**Trustees**

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Andre McFail

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Tim Neilds

**Outer Guard**

Steve Sisson

**Inner Guard**

Ernie Halal



**“Go for the Roses” Party**

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

Experience the “The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports” this year at the Lodge ... the 141<sup>st</sup> running of the Kentucky Derby (at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky). We will start the event with a buffet at 2:00pm; and since Cinco de Mayo is only a few days after the event, the food will have a Mexican theme. Then, either sit back with your favorite beverage or participate in the Cornhole Tournament until the race begins. The television coverage of the race will begin on NBC at 4:00pm. The race post time is at 6:24pm. For this special “horse racing theme” occasion, we are asking that you wear your best bonnet or derby. No one took up the offer from the Children’s Easter Party, however, the Governor again will purchase a drink of choice to the member with the “BEST” bonnet/derby!

**Ellis Fili Memorial – Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Memorial at 2:00pm**

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

**2:00 pm – 6:00 pm**



This is a highly attended Lodge event by the Arlington membership, and it is always hard to compete against the Lodge “in-house” chefs of Tom Oderwald & Billy Hensley; as they cook everything that is “mucho” delicious. BUT, we are hoping that the competition will be expanded beyond last year’s four (4) entries in this food contest.

**Please 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!**



**Arlington WOTM  
Chapter #1253  
Board of Officers  
2015-2016**

**Senior Regent**

Nessa Ruoff

**Junior Regent**

Roxanne

Coles-Matis

**Jr. Graduate Regent**

Elizabeth Coombs

**Secretary/Treasurer**

Andrea Hensley

**Recorder**

Donna Field

**Guide**

Gwendolyn Collins

**Assistant Guide**

Josefina Ortiz

**Congratulations to Mike & Gregg Cady**

**LOOM Co-Volunteers of the Quarter  
(January - March 2015)**

*Note: Could not get picture of Mike by publication date*



**Congratulations to Rose Russo**

**WOTM Volunteer of the Quarter  
(January – March 2015)**



**Youth Organization of the Quarter (January – March 2015)  
Wakefield High School Scholarship Foundation**



**Remember the men and women  
who died while serving in the  
United States Armed Forces  
Memorial Day – May 25<sup>th</sup>**





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



**Memorial Day Cook-Out – Monday, May 25th  
Surprise ... 2:00pm – 6:00pm**

Finally, we can celebrate a day off since President's Day in February; unless you work for the Government or a local school system (not counting "snow days"). And lest not forget the 99% possibility that the ambient outside temperature will be guaranteed to be higher than 32-degrees (snow flurries). The Arlington Fraternity is "pulling back all restraints" to welcome our recognized start of summer (which is actually June 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:38pm EST). The standard cookout food will be provided, consisting of hot dogs and hamburgers, cold salads, baked beans, etc. with probably a few "surprises" from our chefs. And if the weather is nice, there will be a Cornhole Tournament consisting of 1 man/1 woman teams.

**Music at the  
Lodge**



**Responsible Sellers and Servers (RSVP):  
Virginia's Program Training Course  
May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00pm in the Arlington #1315 Lodge**

Please note that any member who wants to attend this training course must sign up by Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The registration sheet is on the LOOM bulletin board in the entrance of the Social Quarters. The training is free ... however, if you enroll on the registration sheet and is a "no show" on training day, you will have to pay \$20.00.

**Koolerators  
at the Pig  
Roast  
(June 13<sup>th</sup>)  
and the  
Bull Roast  
(July 11<sup>th</sup>)**

**Spring Cleaning for the Lodge  
on May 30<sup>th</sup> (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 at least 1 storage room in the basement, the storage room adjacent to the hall entrance (again), 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.**

**Enjoy  
Cinco de  
Mayo  
at the Lodge**



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

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

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



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

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Newsletter  
Contributions

**Editor**

John Matis

**Writers**

Nessa Ruoff

John Matis

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

**Watch NASCAR at the Lodge**

**In MAY 2015**

- SUN, MAY 3  
**GEICO 500**  
@Talladega Superspeedway
- SAT, MAY 9  
**SpongeBob Squarepants 400**  
@Kansas Speedway
- FRI, MAY 15  
**Sprint Showdown**  
@Charlotte Motor Speedway
- SAT, May 16  
**NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race**  
@Charlotte Motor Speedway
- SUN, MAY 24  
**Coca Cola 600**  
@Charlotte Motor Speedway
- SUN, MAY 30  
**NASCAR Sprint Cup May Dover Race**  
@Dover International Speedway

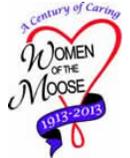
The Races Have Begun



**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 11, 2015. A special thank you is extended to Patti Green-Shupp for conducting the WOTM Installation Ceremony and Gwen Collins being the Installation Guide, to Tom Oderwald for conducting the LOOM Installation Ceremony and Chuck Berge for being the Installation Sergeant-of-Arms; and to all those other Moose members that assisted in the ceremonies. We also want to thank all the Moose members who prepared the food (homemade bean/ham soup, sandwiches, and some experimental chicken satay) that was shared with all those in attendance in the Social Quarters after the ceremonies were completed.



As a surprise (*actually we were informed about three days before it happened*), we were honored with a visit from **Mr. Scott Hart - Director General of Moose International** ("THE Top Exec" of our Moose Organization) after the Installations. His visit lasted about an hour; which included a tour of our facilities and many greetings and discussions with our members. Mr. Hart impressed our fraternity as being "genuine" in the beliefs of our Moose Fraternity and wanting to know how the various local fraternities are surviving. We are in good hands with Mr. Scott Hart leading our Fraternity in the future. **We want to thank Luther Hodges in suggesting that Mr. Hart visit our Fraternity.**



**Easter Dinner on Easter Day**

Unfortunately, this event was not widely publicized; as a late decision was made to cook on this holiday. Yet, there was a little under 30 members and guests that attended. The buffet dinner consisted of ham, roast beef, deviled eggs, scalloped potatoes, green beans, corn pudding, spiced shrimp, cheese & cracker tray, and a relish tray. AND there was an overabundant variety of desserts. **Not bad for an ad hoc gathering!** Joyce Chaffins, Elizabeth Coombs, Andrea Hensley, Rose Russo, Anna Phillips, Billy Hensley, Chuck Berge, and Thomas Oderwald are thanked for their contributions and efforts in accomplishing this holiday event.

**Starting June - Legion Meetings at Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge have been changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each Month (6:30 pm)**

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

(April – June 2015)



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

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



Continues during the month of May



2<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive Year

**Remember  
Armed Forces  
Day**



**May 16, 2015**



**Triple Crown  
Finale  
Celebration**



**June 6, 2015**

**Free WiFi  
at Lodge**



**Senior Regent's Message**

Greetings:

I want to take a moment to introduce myself as your new Senior Regent. My Name is Nessa Ruoff (also known by our administrator as Pinky). I have been a member of the Arlington Moose since 2011. This past year, I served on the WOTM Board of Officers as your Junior Regent and enjoyed every minute of it. In as much as I had fun, I also realized that there is quite a large responsibility and many duties to fulfill and I am looking forward to the challenge. We have a wonderful Board of Officers for the 2015 /2016 year. There is so much energy and so many good ideas. Please join us for meetings and see what all the excitement is about. Feel free to reach out to me if you have ideas for functions that you would like to see happen at the lodge or just to say hi.

Fraternally yours,  
Nessa Ruoff.



**Chicken Wing Cook-Off - Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Another success! There were over 50 individuals who attended this event with a buffet offering of macaroni & cheese, cucumber salad, coleslaw, baked beans, pickles, cheese & crackers, and four types of BBQ chicken wings.

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

The Lodge wants to thank Joyce Chaffins, Billy Hensley, Tom Oderwald, and Liz Coombs for preparing the buffet 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 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!



Moose  
of the  
Month





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Watch the  
Triple Crown  
of  
Thoroughbred  
Racing at the  
Lodge



**Kentucky Derby**  
May 2, 2015

NBC – 3:00pm  
Post Time: 5:24pm

**Preakness Stakes**  
May 16, 2015

NBC – 4:30pm  
Post Time: 6:20pm

**Belmont Stakes**  
June 3, 2015

NBC – 5:00pm  
Post Time: 6:30pm



## Children’s Easter Party – March 28<sup>th</sup>

### The Only Word is **WOW!**

All expectations were exceeded by our fraternity as there were 38 children that attended this event (a total attendance of over 75 attendees counting children, parents, and grandparents). The event started with the standard coloring of hard boiled eggs and decorating with stickers by the children. Then the Easter Bunny made a grand entrance into the party to welcome the children at the event; including the participation in the cupcake walk by doing the “hippy hopped” shuffle in the middle of the circle while the children played the game to win a baked goods treat (*Note: every child won the game one time*). There was also a “fishing for a prize” game that the children really enjoyed; even with the fishing rod being dysfunctional in not locking the fishing line to reel in the “catches” (improving for the enjoyment of the children is our expertise). Pizza was then offered for lunch to everyone that attended the event; compliments of Lodge #1315. As the finale to the event, an Easter Egg Hunt was conducted outside in the back yard of the Lodge; with each plastic egg filled with candy. We allowed the “really little ones” to start this event; but they were too good in finding the *hidden* eggs and the rest of the children were almost immediately released into the Hunt. Also, a small candy bag with a chocolate rabbit was given to each child. The Arlington Fraternity is positive that every child obtained enough sweets in the activities at this event to keep them “active” for weeks (*sorry parents!*). It is noted that the children were very thorough in collecting the plastic eggs; as we have not observed any “un-found” plastic egg to date. [For the record, the number of plastic eggs that were hidden was never counted].

The Arlington Fraternity wants to extend a thank you to all the volunteers and/or contributors that planned and organized the family event, donated candy and provided desserts, stuffed the candy in the plastic eggs, decorated (including the tables), set up the furniture for the event, set up the activities/games, assisted in conducting the activities/games, performed in the role as an Easter Bunny helper, supported the general clean-up after the event, and performed anything else that was needed. The known volunteers were Judith York, Nessa Ruoff, Andrea Hensley, Liz Coombs, Donna Field, Donna Heflin, Anna Phillips, Diana Field-Brittain, Kathy Redditt, Nora Rodas, Patti Rodas, Roxanne Coles-Matis, Billy Hensley, Robert Van de Meulebroecke, Alexander Brittain, 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!**

Friendly Welcome by the Easter Bunny



Easter Egg Hunt in the Back Yard





Pig Roast

June 13, 2015

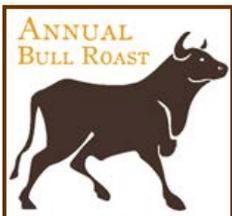


Father's Day Breakfast



June 21, 2015

Plenty of Beef!



July 11, 2015

Support



Everyone is Getting Old ... **BUT** Every Little Thing You Do for the Arlington Fraternity is Welcomed!

We all know that aches and pains come with growing older; especially from all the dumb things we did when we were younger. Besides those physical activities that need to be performed in the Lodge and for the social events; the Arlington Fraternity needs members who can assist in organizing and planning events, writing correspondence to maintain membership retention, providing a presentation at the Youth Awareness Student Congress ... *you get the picture*, our fraternity needs everyone to contribute to be successful AND the "mind is a great thing!" **Please volunteer to support the Arlington Fraternity.** As a suggestion, use your mind and persuasion to get the younger generation to become members of our Fraternity, who could perform the physical activities and keep the future of the Arlington Fraternity successful in the years to come.

Spur-of-the-Moment Spring Cookout (or We Needed Relief from the Continued Terrible Weather)

Blame it on "Phil the Groundhog", but everyone had gotten tired (*some out right obnoxious*) of the cold weather that that continued in March. A suggestion was made, and followed through, to have an indoor cookout for the Friday Night Dinner on March 27, 2015 to have an "attitude adjustment" in thinking the upcoming weather will eventually get warmer to our liking! The idea was receptive to our membership, as we had over 45 individuals attend the Lodge on this March date; which contributed to a better than average participation in the Queen of Hearts gaming offering. We want to thank the chefs of Joyce Chaffins, Billy Hensley, Tom Oderwald, and Chuck Burge for providing the food offering of fried chicken, biscuits (secret recipe), baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, and deviled eggs (with a little "kick"). There was also Easter decorated cakes provided by Patti Rodas for dessert.



Governor's Corner



I want to thank our members for having the confidence in the past year's LOOM Board of Officers to basically re-elect everyone for another Moose Year. Our goal is to continue to increase the Lodge funds, make many more improvements/repairs, obtain a grant from Moose International for a specific capital facility improvement/repair (to be determined), increase membership beyond the recognized April 30, 2014 status of 262 LOOM members, and an increase in having fun at our social events (*almost impossible to accomplish*). I personally want to thank the previously Board of Officers for volunteering to participate on the Board of Officers again this upcoming year; but specially want to thank Randy Nolan for agreeing to first being appointed as a Trustee last year when the position was vacant and then volunteering to be elected for the upcoming Moose Year. Furthermore, I want to thank Tim Neilds and Ernie Halil for volunteering to be appointed to the Sergeant-of-Arms and the Inner Guard, respectively (future new blood for our leadership). AND, it should be noted the Lodge would not be successful without Billy Hensley & Brain Birtell contributing to the requirements and guidance of the Arlington Fraternity.



Making a difference in the lives of children and seniors

Give Generously!

Support Special Olympics





2<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive Year

**Watch Washington Nationals at the Lodge**

In May 2015

- New York Mets  
APR 30 – MAY 3 (A)
- Miami Marlins  
MAY 4 – MAY 6 (H)
- Atlanta Braves  
MAY 8 – MAY 10 (H)
- Arizona Razorbacks  
MAY 11 – MAY 13 (A)
- San Diego Padres  
MAY 14 – MAY 17 (A)
- New York Yankees  
MAY 19 & MAY 20 (H)
- Philadelphia Phillies  
MAY 22 – MAY 24 (H)
- Chicago Cubs  
MAY 25 – MAY 27 (A)
- Cincinnati Reds  
MAY 29 – MAY 31 (A)

**Think Natitude!**



**Remember Mooseheart & Moosehaven**



**Personal/Family Corner**

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Happy Birthday to Lodge members **John Hall** (5/03), **Carl Abrahamson** (5/04), **Terry Driscoll** (5/07), **John Webb** (5/13), **Ronald Shupp** (5/14), **John Price** (5/16), **Daniel Rhoades** (5/17), **Charles Berge** (5/20), **Thomas Carroll** (5/29), **John Harris** (5/29), and **Willie Jamison** (5/30).
- Happy Birthday to Chapter members **Kim Kerby** (5/02), **Geneen Roby** (5/03), **Kimberly Akers** (5/05), **Nina Castro** (5/07), **Carol Gillard** (5/11), **Jane Hong** (5/12), **Carol Jones** (5/14), **Victoria Lopez** (5/16), **Michelle Mathews** (5/16), **Lauren Friedman** (5/17), **Joyce O’Dell** (5/20), **Ana Rivera-Cruz** (5/21), and **Maryjane Lehman** (5/25).

**SICKNESS and DISTRESS:**

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

**Membership Challenge to Our Members That Ended April 30<sup>th</sup>**

If you sponsored a new LOOM member from the beginning of the year through April 30<sup>th</sup>, your name was placed on a ticket in a raffle to win a monthly drawing prize of \$10.00 in Arlington “Moose Bucks”. Billy Hensley won the March drawing. The April winner will be announced in next month’s Newsletter.



Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members

- ▶ Robert Zambrano ▶ Scott Gordon ▶ Regulo Amada ▶ Jo Glass
  - ▶ Linda Cahill ▶ Jessica Phillips ▶ Norma Alfaro ▶ Vilma Ochoa
  - ▶ Cynthia Pollard ▶ Helen Arnold ▶ Ralph Phillips ▶ Luther Hodges
- Note: New members in last week of April will be announced in June Newsletter**



**REMEMBER: Best worn bonnet at the “Go for Roses” Party will receive a complementary drink from the Governor**



**End of a Short Era**

**No More Off-Track-Betting at the Lodge**

As noted in the weekly Communications Corner emails, the EZ-Horseplay Company has “shut their doors” at the end of March 2015. The exact reason for the termination of their services is not officially known. The Arlington Fraternity wants to apologize for any inconvenience this activity termination may have caused to all our members who played this OTB service. For the record, we do not believe that all the continuous winnings by our members had any influence in the decision of the EZ-Horseplay Company!



Chapter  
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(3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Year)

### Future Planned Major Social Events (June – September 2015)

#### June 6<sup>th</sup> - *Revised*

Triple Crown Finale  
Celebration  
(Belmont Stakes)  
+ Yard Sale

#### June 13<sup>th</sup> - *Revised*

Pig Roast  
+ Band: Koolerators

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

Father's Day  
Breakfast

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

Welcome of  
Summer  
Celebration  
Cookout

#### July 4<sup>th</sup>

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

#### July 11<sup>th</sup> - *Revised*

Bull Roast  
+ Band: Koolerators

#### August 1<sup>st</sup>

Fish Fry Revisited

#### August 15<sup>th</sup>

Major Blast  
Cookout &  
Children's Ice  
Cream Social

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

Labor Day Cookout

#### Note:

Dates & Activities  
subject to change

## General Lodge Meeting on April 7, 2014

For those members that did not attend this meeting, which the membership attendance was minimal, the following is a recap of the meeting:

Important Notice

- As all positions on the Election Slate recommended by the Nomination Committee were uncontested, the "Alternate Procedure for a Complete Uncontested Election Ballot" specified within the approved Arlington #1315 Board of Officers Election Ballot Voting Procedures (and in compliance with Moose International) was implemented; in lieu of an actual secret ballot vote. A motion was made at the meeting and seconded to elect all the members to the position indicated on the Election Slate. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Lodge operating funds over the past year (November 5, 2013 to March 17, 2015) were identified. The Lodge has continued to show a trend for an increase in income; even though the Lodge has had considerable expenses in the past year to make necessary repairs or improvements.
- A summary of the income to the Lodge for the Queen of Hearts game over the past year was identified (with two complete winning games since January 2014). Even though the income to the Lodge was not as originally planned, as all weekly prizes are a reduction from the 30% share of the Lodge in the games; it was agreed that any additional income was beneficial to the Lodge.
- A Lodge repairs/replacements summary was identified that was accomplished over past year (19 items; some at no/minimal cost due to the efforts of our members).
- The status of the approved offering to sell 1.5 acres of property was announced. There have been minimum buyer "bites"; as most have a desire purchase the entire property of our Lodge.
- An events summary was presented for the past Moose year, which included 31 social events (average = almost 3 events per month), 4 children events, 1 Military Charity Fundraiser, and the sponsoring of a Youth Awareness Student Congress.



## Moose Virginia Association (VMA) District 4 Quarterly Meeting on April 18, 2014

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

- District 4 Board of Officer elections will be conducted on July 18, 2015 at the Franconia Family Moose Center #1076;
- The **Arlington Fraternity won** the challenge of posting the most events on the VMA website by Lodges/Chapters within District 4 during the past three months;
- A new Membership Campaign will be announced in May 2015 by Moose International, with a special VMA Meeting scheduled for the Association and District Officers on May 3, 2015 to explain the campaign; and
- Moose International will be stressing improved enrollment and orientation for new members during the next Moose Year.

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

## You can Pay Moose Dues Online!

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



**Victoria Day  
May 18, 2015**



**Future Planned  
Major Social  
Events  
(September –  
December 2015)**

**September 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Farewell to  
Summer Cookout

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Youth Awareness  
Student Congress

**October 10<sup>th</sup>**  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bill  
Lewis Chili  
Cook-Off

**October 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Children's  
Halloween Party

**November 26<sup>th</sup>  
(THR)**  
Thanksgiving  
Family Feast

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Children's  
Christmas Party

**Note:**  
**Dates & Activities  
subject to change**  
(\*additional events to  
be announced for  
November &  
December)



**Lodge Repairs/Replacements**

The Editor of this Newsletter would like to apologize for an incorrect thank you to one of our members for repairing the hot water pipe that broke in the ceiling of the Social Quarters during the month of February. Appreciation should have been identified to Tom Carroll.

As usual, there are always unexpected surprises at our Fraternity with respect to the Lodge building. Friday night prior to the Board of Officers Installation event, the toilets in the main men and women restrooms of the Social Quarters backed up. We had to have a plumber "snake out" the sanitary pipe while the Installation event was occurring. Luckily, the job was completed before Mr. Scott Hart made his visit (but the plumber was loading his equipment back on the truck). For the record, an underwear garment had been flushed down a toilet and caused the blockage. A thank you is extended to Billy Hensley for attempting to resolve the problem on Friday night and making the necessary emergency coordination to get the plumber at the Lodge the next day.

New floor walk-on mats were purchased and installed for the entrance of the Social Quarters and for the front of the food serving area.

It was noted last month that a new gutter was installed at the back of the storage room that is off of the Ritual (Rental) Hall. However, the facial board along the back of the storage room had deteriorated to the point of needing replacement before the gutter was installed. Upon removing this facial board, it was discovered that several timber roof rafters also needed repairs. For the record, no repairs/replacements are ever easy! A thank you is extended to Tom Oderwald and Billy Hensley for coming to the rescue and making the necessary repairs/replacements.



**In Memory of Richard Becker**

A generous donation was made to the Arlington Fraternity to honor the late Richard Becker; an Arlington Moose member for many years. After extensive consideration, it was decided that the donation would be allocated to purchase a wooden/glass floor cabinet to present accomplishments and displays by our Chapter; with some important trophies and awards by the overall Arlington Fraternity. The floor cabinet has been located within the Non-Smoking Bar Area in the vicinity where everyone can see when they enter the Social Quarters. A brass plate will be provided on the floor cabinet to recognize the memory of Richard Becker.

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



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

**Children's  
Ice Cream Social**

**during the Major  
Blast Cook-Out  
August 15, 2015**





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

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



**Family  
Cookout**



**Fish Fry  
Revisited  
August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Youth  
Awareness  
Program**



**Association  
Student  
Congress on  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
at our Lodge**



**Moose Youth Awareness Program  
Members ... We Need Your Assistance!**

As noted in last month's Newsletter, the Fraternity's goal is to get the message about the Moose Youth Awareness Program to the local High School before the end of this school year (June 2015); instead of waiting when the next school year begins in September 2015. **We need ideas! We need volunteers! We need to do something NOW!**

This activity is very important for the Arlington Fraternity with respect to community service; as well as for the development of future citizens in our local communities. Please do not count on the other members to perform this event ... please contribute in making the event a success. Any little bit of assistance will be appreciated. Any member that has a suggestion or wants to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Bernie Cerroni (who has volunteered to take the lead on this subject).



Tommy Moose Visited Our Lodge on April 18<sup>th</sup>  
(for Christina Davies' Birthday Celebration)

**New - Personal Computer Entertainment at the Lodge**

The Arlington Fraternity has installed a touch screen monitor and associated computer that is loaded with video games in the Non-Smoking Fireplace Area for the entertainment of our children at the Lodge (but adults are welcome to use as well). Some of the games provided are Solitaire, checkers, chess, etc (no "aggressive/violent" video games). It is noted that the computer is not connected to the Internet ... so the children cannot get into "mischief" playing on the computer. The Arlington Fraternity is always trying to improve our facilities to make it family friendly for our members.



**Chicken Wing Cook-Off Winners**  
Chris Garrett, Billy Hensley & Tom Oderwald



Paula enjoying the computer w/video  
games in the Fireplace Room



2<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive Year



Support the Girl Scouts of America



Support the Boy Scouts of America



The "Big Kids" at the Children's Easter Party (they refuse to grow up)!

May 2015 - Second Anniversary of the Current Version of the Loyal Oder of Moose Arlington #1315 Lodge Newsletter



Major Blast Cook-Out



August 15th

The Lodge wants your Ideas for New Events

Tell us what you want to have for events in the next six months! We need to expand our events to keep everyone interested in the Lodge. Every idea will be considered (e.g.: a trip to a casino, a Capitals or Wizards game, a mystery bus ride, etc.). Please contact **John Matis, Gregg Cady, or Brian Birtell** with your suggestions.



Have something you want to tell the Membership?

Write an Article for our Newsletter

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

Support the Local Fire Department



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