



Loyal Order of Moose Arlington #1315 Lodge Newsletter

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Paralympics Fundraiser

Postponed

The Board of Officers has decided to postpone the Paralympics Fundraiser that was planned for this month; *new date to be determined.* This event is for a great



cause in support of our injured military members, and the Lodge needs to devote a considerable amount of attention in the planning and in making better arrangements with the charitable organization; which they have not been able to provide due to concentrating in the expansion of the bar in the Social Quarters and in the planning of the Association Student Congress for the Youth Awareness Program at our Lodge in late October.

This postponement should not deter our members from making personal contributions to the U.S. Paralympics organization. The Paralympics Games are held following each of the winter and summer Olympic Games. **The upcoming 2014 XI Paralympics Winter Games is in Sochi, Russia from March 7th thru March 16th, 2014.**

Upcoming Social Events

November 9th

Italian Dinner Night

November 16th

NEW

Pot Luck Lunch &
Wii Sports

Tournament

November 28th

Thanksgiving Lunch

TBA

Children's

Christmas Party

December 31st

New Year's Eve
Party



"Down Home" Pot Luck Camaraderie Lunch - November 16, 2013 (2:00pm to 5:00pm)

Members are asked to bring their favorite "comfort" food to share with the other member and enjoy each others company (just like a holiday dinner at Mom's home)! Casseroles, vegetable dishes, salads, soups, meat roasts, home-made bread, special ethnic dishes, desserts, etc. ...whatever you want to bring. BUT please participate to make this a great event like last March. As a side note, the item you bring should be enough for at least 10 members. In addition, there will be a Wii Sports tournament (children and adults) during this event, as well as an attempt to have an adult cornhole tournament.



Congratulations to Ron Mifflin

LOOM Volunteer of the Quarter
(July – September 2013)



Congratulations to Carol Gillard

WOTM Volunteer of the Quarter
(July – September 2013)



Youth Organization of the Quarter (July – September 2013)
USA Gymnastics Arlington Tigers

Dinner Every
Friday
Night

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

**The holiday seasons
have arrived!**

Spread the word that we
have a large hall to rent to
our members for those
special parties

**Support our Lodge Sponsored
Dart Team**

"Good Vibrations"

Home games are at Arlington #1315
on Tuesday nights @8:00pm
(Ask the bartender for the schedule to
see when they are playing at home)



**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
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1213-2014**

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**Off-Tracking
Betting at our
Lodge**



A YEAR OF CELEBRATION!

Membership: “Go the Distance”

In recognition of the Celebration for the once-in-a-lifetime events, Moose International wants to make this the most memorable year in Moose history. The main goal is to grow the membership. Therefore, to help the Moose members invite qualified friends and relatives into the Moose Fraternity, **all application fees will be waived for the fiscal year – May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014.** Furthermore, if any member enrolls two new applicants during the campaign year, he/she will qualify for a year’s free dues at our Lodge or Chapter.



The Planned Clean-Up Generated More Dust!

When the volunteers came on Saturday, October 5th, 2013 to the Lodge, they expected donuts and coffee for breakfast and a “push” to clean the Lodge in preparation of the Association Student Congress for the Moose Youth Awareness Program that was to be held on October 26th. The donuts were eaten; but a “fraternal” force drove everyone to demolish the existing bar in the smoking section of the Social Quarters for the planned bar extension. With so many volunteers, the existing bar and flooring (tile and carpet) were gone in a “nano second” (*according to Mork from Ork*). Then there were many members that cleaned up the debris and the flying dust that finally settled on the furniture, rugs, shelves, beer bottles, etc. Once the area was cleaned, the pre-fabricated new bar extension structure was assembled with the assistance of the volunteers (and it fit like a glove). Next the hardwood floor top was installed and then sanded for a long time; which created more dust that required more cleaning. At this point, everyone called it quits and enjoyed some of their favorite beverages. For the record, the old coat room was cleaned ... which was on the clean-up list.

Congratulations to Arlington #1315 Members Terrell Cooper & Donald Ray Mulkey for becoming Lifetime Members

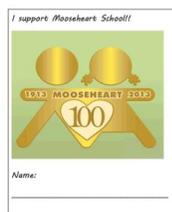
Both these gentlemen have attained 50 years of continuous service in the Loyal Order of the Moose. Arlington #1315 expresses our sincere gratitude for their dedicated service in the Moose fraternity.



**Thank You Members for Making the WOTM
Fundraiser a Great Success!**

Your purchases were greatly appreciated in support of our Chapter

**Support the
Mooseheart School
Renovation Project**



Obtain a “Mooseheart 100th Anniversary” tag and display it with your name in our Social Quarters

**Nominate a Lodge Member for
Volunteer of the Quarter
(October – December 2013)**

- Complete an official nomination form and place in the ballot box
- A LOOM member & a WOTM member will be selected
- Deadline is December 31, 2013





**Chapter
Award of
Achievement**

**Redskins
Football in
November**



NOV 3rd (SUN)
San Diego
NOV 7th (THU)
@ Minnesota
NOV 17th (SUN)
@ Philadelphia
NOV 25th (MON)
San Francisco

GO REDSKINS



**Watch
NASCAR
Races at the
Lodge**



Redskins “Calling All Cooks” Sundays

Arlington #1315 continued to have volunteers offer main dishes to the membership while watching the Washington Redskins games on Sundays at our Lodge in the month of October. Unfortunately, October started slow with the Redskins having a “Bye Week” and then the night game against the Cowboys (*most members go to bed early for work the next day*). John Matis, Carol Gillard, Paul Gillard, and Chuck Berge provided the makings for tasting how “other US cities” enjoy their hot dogs for the Chicago Bears game, and Anna & Ralph Phillips provided potato soup & Italian subs, with some pies by Liz Coombs, for the Denver Broncos game. **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS** in making the games bearable to watch while the Redskins get their “act together” to win a few games so far this year. Please volunteer for a specific game to show off your cooking talents, while contributing to an eventful and fraternal atmosphere for cheering our home team to victories. **And get your name in our Newsletter.**



**WOTM Italian Dinner Night
November 9th (5:00pm to 7:30pm)**

An exciting “la cena” (evening meal) is planned. So bring your appetite; you will not be disappointed. The meal will be buffet style and the “il menu” will consist of salad, minestrone soup, lasagna, eggplant, a special sauce with several different pasta, Italian bread, several “surprise” dishes, and deserts. As they say in Italy ... **Bon appetit !**

Bring that special someone; it could lead to a little “amore” afterwards.



The Parking Lot says “Thanks for the Relief”

Many of you who are at the lodge frequently probably have heard about how we can no longer have trucks and equipment parked in our lot. The Sheriff has told us that our zoning does not permit us to act as a “storage lot”. The Board has given notice to all renters that they need to find new parking by the first of November. The Board will continue to look to see if there is a way for us to have parking and still be compliant, but at this time we just need to clear the lot in order to avoid steep fines. While this is a setback from a rent income standpoint it will provide us with increased parking for our hall rentals and major events; as well as a decrease the wear and tear on our asphalt – secretly the asphalt has told me thank you (or that could just be my imagination).

Any idea on how to make up the income loss? Tell a member of the Board.

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



A Ziploc bag is hanging on the bulletin board in the entrance hallway of the Social Quarters for collection

**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.





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**Volunteers are
needed for
future**



**Watch the
Redskin
Games at the
Lodge**



**SUPPORT
BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA**



**Go Capitals!
We want a
Stanley Cup**



**3rd Annual Bill Lewis Memorial Chili Cook-Off
October 19, 2013**

Holy Cow (or should we say ground beef?) The Social Quarters was packed; with over 45 members and guests who attended this event (not all partaking in the savory consumption experience). There were 12 entries for the cook-off; which was double from last year's event. The final judging results for the Chili Cook-off were 1st Place – Gwen Collins, 2nd Place – Tom Oderwald, and 3rd Place – John Matis. The Lodge wants to thank all participants in the contest, including the noted winners, and Jimmy Davidson, the Lewis Family, Betty Pamplin, Carol Gillard, Joyce Chaffins, Norman Harris, Mary Wantrobski, Donna Field, and Barbara Nix. The Lodge would like to thank those members who volunteered to be the judges for the contest (*hopefully they will be able to taste other foods in the near future*). The Lodge wants to thank Joyce Chaffins for preparing the initial and complementary food for the event, and Billy Hensley for organizing and performing the event. Appreciation is also extended to Betty Pamplin, Terri Pamplin, Liz Coombs, Gregg Cady, Judith York, Andrea Hensley, Andy (guest – *last name not known*), Karl Keller, and all those behind the scene members who assisted in having a successful event. **And thanks to everyone who came to the event!!**

The WOTM Merchandise Table, a new fundraiser for the Chapter, was extremely successful during this Social Event! We are told that the raised funds far exceeded any previous fundraiser our current members could remember. Many thanks to Carol Gillard, who organized and made the major of the gifts/prizes, and to Donna Field and Liz Coombs for assisting in conducting this event.

Governor's Corner

The Summer is behind us and the leaves are beginning to change for Autumn. This reminds me of our lodge and how we have made great changes over the past few months and years. The Lodge went from being on every bad list we knew of (and some we did not know existed) to being one of the best lodges in the District and State. The change has come from a variety of places. We have great Men's and Women's Board of Officers that all care deeply about the Lodge and its members. We have a great bar staff that takes care of our members. And last but not least we have all of our great members. We have seen a great uptick in members supporting the Lodge in any way they can.



November is membership retention Month. While the Lodge is always doing our best to retain members I think this is a great time for our members to not only call members who they have not seen in a while but also to try to bring a friend to see our lodge and learn about the great members we have and the charities we support. Help us make membership retention/creation be more personal by reaching out to old friends and new.



**Christmas
Eve Salute**

Staying in town for the Holidays? Stop by at the Lodge for a complementary drink to celebrate the spirit of the season. Let Santa Clause do all the work this evening while you sit back and relax. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Remember those that are not as fortunate as us in the Holiday Season!

Please donate food items for those who need our support. Collection box is in the Social Quarters.



Your generosity is appreciated!



Support the WOTM



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

Just a Reminder



The winter holidays are coming up fast!!
(less than 60 shopping days left)

Ignite Your Natitude



Moose Youth Awareness Program Association Student Congress at Arlington #1315

Four students attended this event on October 26, 2013; one from Fairfax High School (sponsored by Centerville #2168), one from Robinson Secondary School (sponsored by Franconia #1076), and two from Yorktown High School (sponsored by Arlington #1315). The event started with a presentation about the Moose organization and then an overview and requirements of the Youth Awareness Program; by Kay Morrison and Mannuel Propst of Virginia Moose Association (MVA). Next there were two guest speakers – Mary Wantrobski (member of Arlington Chapter #1253) about an experience with regard to the dangers of internet surfing, and Officer Michael Fox (Fairfax County Police Department) about gangs. There were also “scrapbooks” from previous Virginia program winners on display for review by the student attendees. The students left with thoughts of possible topics for their presentations and a \$10 Staples gift card (compliments of Arlington #1315 to buy supplies for their presentations). It is now up to the students to research and develop their presentations and then perform three “Moose Kid Talks” to audiences of 4 to 9 year olds. They have until the end of February 2014 to complete their “Moose Kid Talks” and submit reports to VMA. Breakfast for the event was provided by Arlington Chapter #1253 and lunch by Arlington Lodge #1315.

A thank you is extended to Brian Birtell and John Matis for organizing the event and Ralph Phillips for arranging the guest speakers. Furthermore, the Lodge wants to thank all those members who assisted in accomplishing this event; including Mary Wantrobski, Anna Phillips, Liz Coombs, Judith York, Andrea Hensley, Joe Russo, Rose Russo, Billy Hensley, Bernie Cerroni, Gregg Cady, and Chad Alexander.



Were we surprised! Brian, you have some *esplaning!*

Just when the cleanup was completed for the Association Student Congress, a busload of 37 Moose members from Maryland showed up unexpectedly at the Lodge’s doorstep. Our Lodge was the first leg of a “Moose Lodge Crawl” combined bus trip from the Essex #70, Gardenville #1242, and Sparrows Point/Dundalk #1228 Moose Lodges. And in keeping with the late October spirit, the majority of the visitors were dressed in Halloween costumes. To name a few, there were Superman and Superwoman, zombies, Roaring “20’s” gangsters, dolls and bartender, St. Pauli beer girl, pimp and lady of the night, Severus Snape (Harry Potter), witch, and maid. For the 1-1/2 hours that the visitors were at our Lodge the “joint was rocking”; lots of excitement and some dancing ... *everyone was having fun!* No one appeared to be watching the college football games, the normal status quo for a Saturday afternoon at our Lodge. The visitors also presented a “Halloween” basket to the Lodge; which was raffled off and the donations given to our lodge.

This visit was an enjoyable surprise for those at the Lodge. For the record, the coordinator of the bus trip noted that the visit was coordinated with our Governor; but he has no recall of this matter. The Lodge must be working him too hard!



As of August 31, 2013, Arlington #1315 had **234 active LOOM members.**

You can Pay Moose Dues Online!

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



Senior Regent's Message

I would like to thank everyone who came to a very successful Halloween party. A big thank you to everyone who helped ... too many to name and I don't want to leave anyone out. Some outstanding work took place. Good job ladies and gentlemen!! Thanks also to John and Ralph for being our mummies and the LOOM for supplying the food, Nora for the cupcakes, and all that donated candy. Thanks Judith for chairing this event you did a outstanding job.

WOTM Children's Christmas Party

Meet Santa Claus



December date to be announced

Keep your eyes out for information that will be coming out soon about our annual Children's Christmas party. The theme is a Family Christmas and Kathy will be chairing this event.

We had two very successful fundraisers this month. Thanks to Kerrie our rep for Pampered Chef, what fun and great info. Thanks to Carol Gillard for the merchandise table. A lot of hard work went into this project and it was a big success. I couldn't make it but Liz said everyone had a blast. Carol made some very nice crafts and Donna some really good baked goods. Thanks to everyone that donated to the merchandise table, Liz, Joyce, Carol, Donna, and Judith - sorry if I left anyone out. We are looking for volunteers to help with the 50/50 that are held every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. If you can help out please contact Anna to let her know.

We are thinking of doing a casino night and I need **your** feed back. Is this something you would enjoy?

Personal/Family Corner



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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Thank you U.S. Congress for ending the government shut-down; as we were running out of things to do for those members who had been "furloughed".
- Matthew Matis (*new member*) will have a birthday on November 13th.
- Happy Birthday to Jimmy Stalp who will turn "60" on November 22nd (*wished by his wife Susie*).

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

Please keep our Moose members and families in our prayers.

Additional Barstools Are Needed



Consider a Donation to the Lodge (\$145 each)



Give Generously!





Nothing Scary ... All Smiles and Laughter at the WOTM Children's Halloween Party

There were 23 children of all different ages (not including infants) that attended and wore costumes at this event; which was almost double from last year. Activities for entertainment included decorating cupcakes (which was immediately eaten afterwards), making of "luminary" jars, fishing for a prize, decorating a pumpkin with stick-on ornaments, traveling through the "Halloween tunnel of terror" (nothing scary, just long and dark), and playing ring toss, knock the pyramid down, "ping in the bucket" and bean bag in the hole (Halloween target). After having pizza for lunch, which was provided by the Lodge, the children immensely enjoyed the creation of mummies ... which was wrapping two adult volunteers with toilet paper by all the children at the same time. The finale of the event was a trick-or-treat journey through the Lodge ... lots of donated candy given out by the members. **It was a great family function enjoyed by all!**



We want to thank all those volunteers who planned, participated in conducting the activities, made refreshments, took time to hand-out candies, and cleaned up after the event was over (and the mummies made a big mess).

Support The Salvation Army

Lodge Repairs/Replacements

A correction needs to be identified from last month's Newsletter which stated that the flag poles in the front of the Lodge were being repaired. The Board of Officers has decided to defer any action at this time based on attempting to obtain other (possibly cheaper) bids for the work. Due to the structural integrity of the center flag pole, it has been removed. All other repairs are deferred. It should be noted that the Lodge is in the process of obtaining a new American flag that will be flown on the existing left flag pole once received. The Moose flag will not be flown in the front of the Lodge until the center flag pole is replaced.

Support the Girl Scouts of America

Enjoy the Holiday on November 28th

Staying in town, no in-laws coming, and you do not want to cook? The Lodge will be having a holiday feast at lunch with turkey and all the fixings. Bring yourself, the family and enjoy! What better way to watch the three NFL football games than at the new bar on the new large television. And lest not forget the great camaraderie with the other members. And there will be pumpkin pie.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

MAKE-A-WISH

Wii Bowling Tournament
November 16, 2013

Support the Local Fire Department

2014 Mid-Year Conference for VA Moose Association
January 22nd – January 26th, 2014
Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel
777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510

Make your hotel reservations soon, the rooms are going fast!



Happy 100th Year Anniversary Legion of the Moose

From the very beginning, it's been about "What can a group within the Moose organization do in order to further the cause of the organization". Today as it has been for a century, the Moose Legion stands to support Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and to do good works within the community.



Honor those who served our Country Veteran's Day – November 11th



Thank you Members for donating the candy for the Children's Halloween Party



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

As of October 15th, they have collected **only \$155,223.07** with less of one year to reach their goal!

Please contribute to this great cause!



The Bar Extension Project

If you have not been in the Lodge in the past month, you should know that the major part of the new bar structure has been completed and is in operation. As noted in the planned clean-up article, the old bar in the smoking section of the Social Quarters was demolished and the new bar structure was assembled on October 5th. Then came the installation of the front rail molding on the top surface (patron side), the staining of the top "sanded" bar surface and front molding, and then the application of the protective coatings on the top surface (to the satisfaction of Billy so he can sleep at night). The front wooden wall panels were stained at the same time as the top surface, and then installed along the front portion of the bar structure. Next came the installation of the new electrical outlet service along the bar structure; which led to the relocation of draft beer cooler, the bottle beer cooler, the cash register, and several other items. Furthermore, the terrazzo flooring in the front of the bar extension (where the bar stools are situated) was thoroughly cleaned of the previous carpet glue. **At this point, the new bar extension was "open" for business to the membership.**

To complement the bar extension, a massive 60" HDTV was purchased and wall mounted in the installed back cabinets of the bar (great sports viewing on the weekends; unless the Redskins are losing).

It is reminded that this project has not been completed, and will continue in the next few months. The Lodge still needs to finish the turn back end section with "lift-up" access on the new bar, replace the carpet in the smoking section, install a new sink, purchase a second bottle beer cooler, purchase another television at the "far" end of the new bar, and install flooring (*to be determined, if necessary*) for the bar chair area (non-carpeted) and behind the new bar.

First, **the Lodge wants to thank all our members for supporting our Social Quarters during this bar extension project.** Next, the Lodge wants to thank those members who participated in the removal of the old bar, the construction of the new bar, support in equipment re-arrangements, support in purchasing/installing the peripheral equipment, and providing general clean-up during the project. The list of members is extensive, and apologies are extended in advance if someone is omitted ... **but**, thank you Tom Oderwald (*Project Mastermind*), Billy Hensley (*Asst. Project Mastermind*), Mike Entsuinger (*Electrical Guru*), Phil Hladky, Ron Mifflin, Shawn Kirkpatrick, Chuck Berge, Karl Keller, Tracy Keller, Marty Medel, Kristin (& Logan) Medel, Donna Field, Bernie Cerroni, Gregg Cady, Chad Alexander, Steve Latham, Joe Russo, Rose Russo, Carol Gillard, Joyce Chaffins, Brian Birtell, and John Matis for participating in the project.

Tom Oderwald stated during the assembly of the new bar "This was a team building experience I am not used to."



Pictures of past October Events



**Thank you
WOTM**



**for the Friday
Night Deserts
in October**

Happy Hanukkah



**Begins
November 27th**

2014

**Celebrate New
Year's Eve at
the Lodge**

**Date to be
determined ...
only kidding!**



Taking tile off the floor



Putting top on the new bar



Pamper Chef attendees



Maryland Moose visitors



Decorating cup cakes



Youth Awareness Program



Nothing left of old bar



Trick n' Treat in Lodge

**More
pictures at
the
Arlington
#1315
Website**