



**Elizabeth Coombs Receives Green Cap at the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Moose Association Convention in Roanoke, VA**

Congratulations to Junior Graduate Regent, Elizabeth Coombs, for earning her Green Cap of Honor by providing the leadership guidance to qualify Chapter #1253 for the Award of Achievement during the 2014-2015 Moose Year. Donna Field was the Chapter #1253 College of Regents installation representative at the Green Cap Convocation on August 23, 2015. **The Green Cap Celebration to honor Elizabeth Coombs at our Fraternity is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2015.**

**We Stopped our Search for the Moment ... We have a Moose Symbol for Hanging in the Social Quarters** *Details of how we got moose antlers on Page 9*



**Arlington #1315 Received First Award for the 2014-2015 VMA – Lodge Publications (up to 300 Members)**

Virginia Moose Association (VMA) has selected our monthly Newsletter – **FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW** - as the best publication to inform members of the activities and accomplishments in the category of Lodges with up to 300 active members in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**Thank you Arlington Members who represented our Fraternity at the VMA State Convention** *Information from the VMA 78<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention on Page 12*

**Reminder: All Members MUST show their ACTIVE Moose Membership ID Card in order to be served!** *Information on Page 6*

**Upcoming Social Events**

*(details on Page 2 & Page 3)*

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

Labor Day Cookout

**September 19<sup>th</sup>**

Farewell to Summer Cookout

**September 26<sup>th</sup> - NEW**

Lodge Clean-Up Day

**September 27<sup>th</sup> – NEW**

(SUN) Moose Legion Pancake Breakfast

*Other Future Planned Events listed on Page 9 & Page 10*

**Thank You Members for Donating School Supplies in the Chapter Community Service Campaign for Bailey's Elementary School** *Refer to Senior Regent's Message on Page 7*



**Congratulations to Chapter #1253 for obtaining the Chapter Award of Achievement for the 4<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year**



**September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**New Arlington #1315 Annual LOOM Membership Fee of \$45.00 to begin September 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Thank You Members who provided a donation in the Luther Hodges Fund Raiser**

**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

**Free WiFi  
at Lodge**




**5th Annual  
Bill Lewis  
Memorial Chile  
Cook-Off**

**October 10th**

**SEPTEMBER  
EVENT**



**Labor Day Cookout  
September 7<sup>th</sup> (2:00pm – 6:00pm)**

Let the Arlington Fraternity provide the “labor” to cook on this National Holiday! Just sit back and relax, have a few of your favorite beverages, and enjoy the friendship of the other members (*but all political discussions are banned*). The planned food being offered is the standard cookout of grilled hamburgers & hot dogs, cold salads, baked beans, chips & dip, and watermelon. Hopefully, the weather will be nice and the children (and probably many adults) can play outside in our Fraternity’s back yard!

**Watch College Football at the Lodge**

The NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) season begins in September, and the Lodge will have as many different games to view as possible ... *from the time the Lodge opens until closing*. **Come watch your favorite college teams in their quest to get picked for the NCAA Football Playoffs** (and the other Bowl Games in December). The Lodge wants to thank **Chuck Berge** for donating the “College Game” television package for the enjoyment of all our members.



**SEPTEMBER  
EVENT**



**Arlington #1315 Moose Legion Committee  
Pancake Breakfast – Sunday,  
September 27<sup>th</sup> (11:00am – 2:00pm)**

The Moose Legion has been resurrected at our Arlington Fraternity and the current Moose Legion members are trying to raise funds to purchase a permanent ice making machine for the bar area within the Smoking Bar of the Social Quarters. The menu should be similar to the first event in August with lots of pancakes, maple syrup scrambled eggs, fruit salad, some protein (sausage and/or bacon), coffee, and orange juice

**SEPTEMBER  
EVENT**



**Farewell to Summer Cookout  
September 19<sup>th</sup> (2:00pm – 6:00pm)**

Summer is not officially over until the Lodge gives it a proper send-off ... **And the Lodge is going to do it right!** The Arlington Fraternity promises that there will be no “clam bake” in the sand; but we hope to have some surprises above the normal summer cookout food offerings. After the sun sets in the west and our appetites have been fulfilled, the Arlington Fraternity acknowledges that the cooler weather will impact our local environment.

**Next Moose Legion Committee Meeting on Thursday,  
September 10<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm**

**WOTM members are Welcome to attend**

**Complementary food will be offered to Legion members +  
guests at the Meeting**

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

**Governor**

John Matis

**Jr. Governor**

Gregg Cady

**Prelate**

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**Jr. Past Governor**

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Steve Sisson

**Inner Guard**

Ernie Halal



**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

**SEPTEMBER  
EVENT**



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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.

**Lodge Clean-Up Day - September 26<sup>th</sup>  
Volunteers Needed! (9:00am – 1:00pm)**

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**Major Blast Cookout on August 15<sup>th</sup>**



Our outstanding chefs of Joyce Chaffins, Liz Coombs, Tom Oderwald, Billy Hensley, and Andre McFail, with some help by Andrea Hensley, provided an “out of this world” food buffet for a summer grill cookout. The “KABOOM” grilled meat offered was chicken legs & breasts, hamburgers, beef hot dogs, bratwurst, and knockwurst. The delicious “EXPLOSIVE” supporting homemade offerings for the buffet were a fresh tomato/mozzarella appetizer, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, cucumber salad, & deviled eggs; with appropriate bread buns, cheese & crackers, pickle tray, chips, watermelon, and a platter of sliced tomatoes, lettuce pieces, & sliced onions to complement the hamburgers/hot dogs. AND as an extra surprise there were grilled stuffed jalapenos and a homemade tomato pie for the enjoyment of our members and guests. Thank you chefs!!

This social event was another success for the Arlington Fraternity as there were over 45 members and guests who attended. In addition, our Chapter provided identification CDs for 8 children using an EZ Child/Senior ID Kit loaned to the Lodge by VMA District 4 ... thank you Patti Rodas for operating the ID kit. AND as a recent norm for our social events, after the eating festivities of the event there was plenty of music from the jukebox and lots of dancing in the aisles.

The Arlington Fraternity would like to thank all the “unseen” members that performed the clean up after the event was over. Your contribution to the Arlington Fraternity is very much appreciated.

**Youth Awareness  
Program**



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

**WOTM  
Children's  
Halloween  
Party**



**Saturday  
October 24<sup>th</sup>**

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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 September 2015**

SUN, SEP 6

**Bojangles'  
Southern 500**

@Darlington  
Raceway

SAT, SEP 12

**Federated Auto  
Parts 400**

@Richmond  
International  
Raceway

SUN, SEP 20

**NASCAR Sprint  
Cup September  
Chicagoland  
Race**

@Chicagoland  
Speedway

SUN, SEP 27

**Sylvania 300**

@New Hampshire  
Motor Speedway



**Fish Fry Revisited - No. 7 (since August 2012)  
Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Thank goodness the fish kept jumping into the boat ... because the Lodge had a hard time keeping up with the demand! Our Lodge had another GREAT fish fry event with over 60 members and guests in participating in this event. Our buffet offered our usual fish fry event staples of fried & breaded cod, flounder, & catfish, macaroni & cheese, collard greens, stewed tomatoes, hush puppies, cucumber salad, and a pickle tray; with a cheese and cracker platter, tomato/mozzarella/basil, and potato chips for side appetizers. There was also homemade tartar sauce & store bought cocktail sauce to enjoy with the seafood offering. IN ADDITION our Galley Chefs expanded their cookery talents and surprised our members and guests **BY ALSO** offering a spicy Jambalaya (sausage & shrimp) with white rice, fried oysters, and fried shrimp with garlic sauce (*our fraternity really tried to impress everyone ... and we think we succeeded*).*

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank our Galley Chefs of Joyce Chaffins, Phyllis Hamilton, Billy Hensley, Tom Oderwald and Andrea Hensley for their efforts in providing the fish fry buffet for our membership! Our Fraternity would also like to extend our gratitude to those volunteers who performed the cleanup after this social event ... especially in the gallery with the greasy pots and pans for frying the various fish selections.

**Introducing the M(ooseheart) + M(oosehaven) Club**

Many individuals have found that giving a specific amount each month is much more convenient and can be incorporated into their budget, thus establishing a recurring donation. Therefore, a new program, **M+M club**, has been introduced for the Moose members. Donating a specific amount per month will provide our Moose Communities a dependable monthly source of funding. Members can select which fund to apply the recurring donations: Donors Circle, Mooseheart Boosters, Mooseheart Child City & School, or Moosehaven.

**Children Ice Cream Social on August 15<sup>th</sup>**

"Work of art" sundaes were created from multiple ice cream flavors with toppings consisting of chocolate syrup, strawberry syrup, fresh cut-up strawberries, sprinkles, miniature M&Ms, and gummy bears. A pin dropping could be heard (a rare occurrence at our Lodge) while the children devoured their sundae creations. The ice cream sundaes were also offered to the adults (after the children) for a small donation.



The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank the Chapter members that assisted in making the sundaes and provided the clean-up after the event.



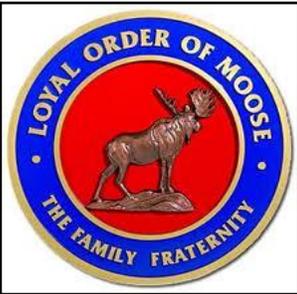
**NOW at the  
Arlington #1315  
Moose Lodge ...**

**Electronic Pull-Tabs by  
Powerhouse Gaming  
More Fun at the Moose Lodge**



**School Starts in  
September**

**Watch for  
Children when  
Driving**



**Thanksgiving Family Feast**



**Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Watch Washington Redskin Games at the Lodge**

**Regular Season  
September 2015**

- SUN, SEP 13  
@ 1:00pm  
Miami Dolphins  
(HOME)
- SUN, SEP 20  
@ 1:00pm  
St. Louis Rams  
(HOME)
- THU, SEP 24  
@ 8:25pm  
New York Giants  
(AWAY)



**Save the Date: October 17, 2015  
We Need Your Attendance at the Next VA Moose Association District 4 Quarterly Meeting**

Our Lodge had won the Attendance Trophy at the last VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting ... which means our Lodge has "one notch" towards permanently keeping another attendance trophy. The next two VMA District 4 Quarterly Meetings are fairly close to our Lodge; therefore, we are setting a goal to have the most members in attendance at these two meetings! The next VMA Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Dale City Moose Family Center #2165. The "home" Lodge has a large membership and it is estimated that we will need 30 members of the Arlington Fraternity to attend. Show your spirit and support for our fraternity by attending this District 4 meeting.

**Oooorrrrahh!!** (battle cry of the Marine Corps)



**Redskins "Calling All Cooks" Sundays**

Even though the interest kind of diminished "a little bit" last football season, Arlington #1315 wants to continue our program of having volunteers offer main dishes to the membership while watching the Washington Redskins games on Sundays in our Lodge during the Regular Season.

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. Please note that the offerings are to help the Lodge raise funds for physical facility repairs. **There will be a sign-up sheet in the Social Quarters by August 29, 2015.** The first four games for the Washington Redskins are: Sunday, SEP 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm against the Miami Dolphins; Sunday, SEP 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm against the St. Louis Rams; Thursday, SEP 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:25pm against the New York Giants (*no food to be offered*); and Sunday, OCT 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm against the Philadelphia Eagles.

**VMA District 4 & Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Host MOOSE Day with the Nationals on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

Individuals purchase tickets directly on [www.nationals.com/tickets](http://www.nationals.com/tickets) and members can participate in a bus service to/from the game. Flyer is in the Lodge for this event.

**Pun of the Month**

The woman who fell into an upholstery machine ... is fully recovered!



**Moose of the Month**



**Chapter Award of Achievement**  
(4<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year)



**Billy Hensley**  
LOOM Volunteer of the Quarter  
(April – June 2015)



**Gwendolyn Collins**  
WOTM Volunteer of the Quarter  
(April – June 2015)

**WOTM Italian Dinner Night**



**Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**



**New Arlington #1315 Lodge Membership Challenge (for 2015-2016 Moose Year)**

Sponsor a new LOOM member between May 1, 2015 and April 30, 2016 and your name will be placed on a ticket in a raffle conducted each month during the entire Membership Challenge.

The more new LOOM members you sponsor, the more times your name will be placed within the raffle. The monthly drawing prize will be \$10.00 in Arlington "Moose Bucks" to the sponsor that is named on the selected ticket. **Phu Ngo** was the winner of the August monthly raffle.

In addition, if you sponsor three (3) LOOM members within the 2015-2016 Moose Year, the Arlington Lodge will pay your dues for the next year of your membership.

**IMPORTANT: This Lodge challenge applies to both LOOM & WOTM members who sponsor new LOOM members for Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge.**

**Think New Members, New Members & New Members!**



**Your Cooperation is Required!!**

As the Moose Lodge has a private club status, only members in good standing can be served in the Social Quarters. Even though you may be a LOOM or WOTM Officer, a member who comes in every day, and/or has a pretty/handsome face that should have made you a famous Super Star ... the rule of the Moose Lodge (and Moose International) is that you must show the bartender your Moose Identification Card (ID) when you enter the Social Quarters. **There are no exceptions!!** Please do not jeopardize the Moose Lodge by not carrying or showing a valid Moose ID when at the Moose Lodge; as penalties can be sanctioned against the Moose Lodge for violating this rule; including suspension of operations by Moose International, possible financial debt with the IRS (for back income taxes, interests, penalties & fees due to not being considered a private organization), etc.

**Note: All previous Moose members MUST re-enroll to enter the Lodge!**

**Flea Market on August 1<sup>st</sup>**

The LOOM sponsored Flea Market, before and during the Fish Fry social event, was considered a success based on table sales; however the community/public attendance at this event was far below our expectations. We did learn several lessons to improve this same type of activity in the future; especially in getting "the word out" to the community. It is noted that all proceeds were donated to the WOTM for future children activities.



**Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members**

► Tim Schmitt ► Julie Green ► Lynn Lafferty ► Cindy Nitzky



*Making a difference in the lives of children and seniors*

**Give Generously!**





**Senior Regent's Message**

Well, summer is almost over and it seems like it just started; the last few months have really flown by. I'm one quarter of the way through my term as your Senior Regent. I feel like time is moving fast as well. August was a busy month for the Women of the Moose,

Our own Liz Coombs received her "Green Cap" at the Annual Convention in Roanoke, which was also my first Moose Convention. I had a lot of fun and learned so much. Our Major Blast BBQ was a success, we provided 8 children and their parents with Safe Surfin' Identifications and an ice cream social.

We collected school supplies for the Bailey's Crossroads Elementary School and boy oh boy did we out do ourselves, with 10 back packs, tons of crayons, pocket folders, markers, composition books, pencils, pens, erasers, rulers, ... there were too many things to mention. On August 24th a few of us were accompanied by "Tommy Moose" to deliver the supplies and were greeted by the Principal and Guidance Counselor. The look of gratitude on their faces was enough to ensure me that all the effort we put into our community service projects are worth their weight in gold.

Our meetings for September will be held on: September 1st and September 15th. I hope to see you all there!

**WOTM Children's Christmas Party**



**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Salute to Christmas December 24<sup>th</sup>**



**Complimentary drink to celebrate the spirit of the Holiday**



Tommy Moose, Bailey's Elementary School representatives & our members



Senior Regent with all the donated school supplies (+ school bus tags)

**Thank you members for your School Supply Donations**

It is estimated that we doubled the amount of school supplies given last year. We also want to thank those members who participated in the "school bus tag" program to assist in purchasing additional school supplies.

**Support the Girl Scouts of America**



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

(July – September 2015)

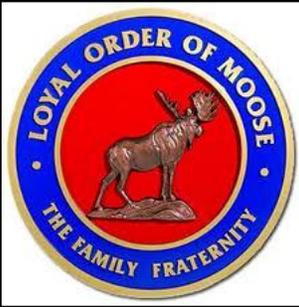


Deadline is September 30, 2015  
And remember to nominate a Youth Organization of the Quarter

**BE SAFE!**



**Please Drink Responsibly when attending our events**

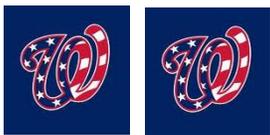


**Watch  
Washington  
Nationals at  
the Lodge**

**In September 2015**

- St. Louis Cardinals  
AUG 31 – SEP 2 (A)
- Atlanta Braves  
SEP 3 – SEP 6 (H)
- New York Mets  
SEP 7 – SEP 9 (H)
- Miami Marlins  
SEP 11 – SEP 13 (A)
- Philadelphia Phillies  
SEP 14 – SEP 16 (A)
- Miami Marlins  
SEP 17 – SEP 20 (H)
- Baltimore Orioles  
SEP 21 – SEP 23 (H)
- Philadelphia Phillies  
SEP 25 – SEP 27 (H)
- Cincinnati Reds  
SEP 28 (H – Makeup)
- Atlanta Braves  
SEP 29 – OCT 1 (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 **James York** (9/01), **Floyd Hensley** (9/08), **Phu Ngo** (9/08), **Brian Van de Meulebroecke** (9/08), **Alex Wantrobski** (9/08), **Charles Burke** (9/09), **Jason Baker** (9/12), **Thomas Michaliga** (9/12), **John Rodas** (9/14), **Paul Lucas** (9/16), **Ron Mifflin** (9/16), **Andre McFail** (9/17), **Michael Brennan** (9/23), and **Larry Anderson** (9/25).
- Happy Birthday to Chapter members **Jennifer Flavin** (9/03), **Marirose Russo** (9/04), **JoAnn Redditt** (9/06), **Leonora Tanangco** (9/06), **Rebecca Wellcome** (9/08), **Alison Musher** (9/09), **Shuo Yang** (9/13), **Linda Morales** (9/14), **Anne Hinkle** (9/16), **Helene O’Connor** (9/17), **Shirley Coles** (9/21), **Josefina Ortiz** (9/22), **Rose Russo** (9/29), and **Francine Huntzinger** (9/30).

**SICKNESS and DISTRESS:**

- Please keep our Moose members and families in our prayers for those who have current health or distressed situations; especially:  
... Luther Hodges, Mike Entsminger, & Phyllis Hamilton.

**Special Fund Raiser by the Moose Legion for  
the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year**

The Moose Legion will be raising funds for the repairs and updates to Mooseheart Camp Ross. Mooseheart Camp Ross is a 150-acre woodland located near Mount Morris in Illinois that provides summer camping and recreation facilities for more than 250 Mooseheart children during each summer vacation. The total estimated project cost is \$130,000.00. It is noted that except for the dining/recreation building & the Walter Ketz Memorial Chapel, ALL of the buildings and the camp’s continuous operation are financed exclusively by the Moose Legion.



**WANTED: Prelate for VMA District 4**

A vacancy has occurred on the VMA District 4 Board of Officers. If anyone is interested in applying for the Prelate position, you will need to submit a resume no later than September 21, 2015. Information is posted on the bulletin board of the Social Quarters.



**“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!**



**Chapter Award of Achievement**  
(4<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year)

**It May NOT be a Moose Head ... but WE have Antlers!**

The Arlington Fraternity has been searching for several years to obtain a moose head for display within our Social Quarters. The Dinwiddie Moose Family Center #1993 offered a quasi-solution to our dilemma by graciously donating a pair of moose antlers mounted to a plaque ... *not the "whole enchilada" but our Fraternity will have a symbol that represents our organization!* The Arlington Fraternity wants to express our gratitude to the Dinwiddie Moose Family Center #1993 for "coming to the aid" of other members in the Moose organization, and to Mr. Joe Vancil of the Dinwiddie Moose Family Center #1993 for delivering the moose antlers to the Virginia Moose Association Annual Convention for our acquisition. Kudos are expressed to Gregg Cady for bringing his truck to the State Convention in order to transport the moose antlers back to our Arlington Moose Lodge and for changing his "early to rise" time to receive/transfer the moose antlers to his truck. Hopefully, our Fraternity will have the moose antlers mounted within the Social Quarters sometime in September (as a minor repair is needed before the moose antlers can be displayed).

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

- 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 7<sup>th</sup> - NEW**  
WOTM Italian Dinner Night
- November 21<sup>st</sup> - NEW**  
Casserole Cook-Off
- November 26<sup>th</sup> (THR)**  
Thanksgiving Family Feast
- December 5<sup>th</sup> - NEW**  
Green Cap Celebration: Honoring Elizabeth Coombs
- December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Children's Christmas Party
- December 24<sup>th</sup> (THU)**  
Salute to Christmas
- December 31<sup>st</sup> (THU)**  
New Year's Eve Gathering  
(Tentative)

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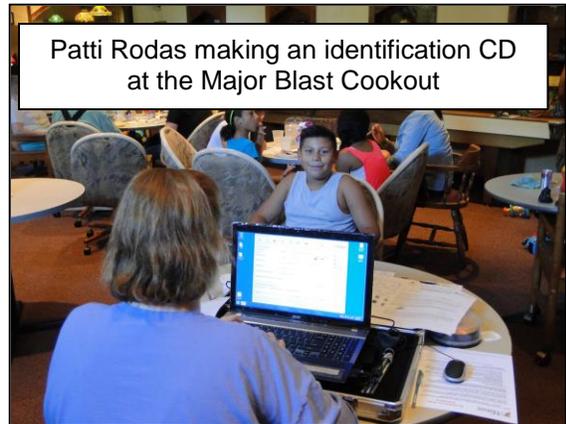
Grill Masters at the Major Blast Cookout  
Tom Oderwald, Andre McFail & Billy Hensley



Lucky winners of Powerhouse Gaming give-away & consolation Moose Bucks



Enjoying the Ice Cream Social



Patti Rodas making an identification CD at the Major Blast Cookout

**Arlington #1315 Lodge 93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**



**October 5<sup>th</sup> 1922 - 2015**



**Support the WOTM**  
**Participate in the Basket Raffles & Purchase Delicious Desserts in the Bake Sales**



**Lodge Repairs/Replacements**

It is hard to believe; but there were no required repairs during the month of August ... *we probably did not look very hard* since we had a trying 2 months getting the air conditioning "back in service" to keep our members cooled during the hot weather. **THINK COOL!**

**Everyone needs to be reminded:**

**Moose Member Oath**

As a member of the Moose -  
 I promise to always be fair and accountable -  
 for my words and actions -  
 I will treat others, as I like to be treated -  
 I pledge to work in harmony -  
 with all members of this fraternity -  
 to ensure our growth and prosperity -  
 I will at all times -  
 comply with the General Laws -  
 And pledge to do everything in my power -  
 to ensure our success -  
 for future generations to enjoy.



Elizabeth Coombs receiving her Green Cap necklace from Donna Field at the Convocation in Roanoke, VA

**Future Planned Major Social Events**

(January - March 2016)

**ALL NEW PLANNED SOCIAL EVENTS**

**January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Bull Run Legion #185 Winter Celebration/Conferral (at Arlington #1315)

**January 30<sup>th</sup>**

Un-Oktoberfest

**February 6<sup>th</sup>**

Chinese New Year Celebration

**February 7<sup>th</sup> (SUN)**

Super Bowl Party

**February 13<sup>th</sup>**

WOTM Valentine Dinner

**February 27<sup>th</sup>**

Fish Fry Revisited

**March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Down Home Pot Luck

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**

St. Patrick's Party

**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

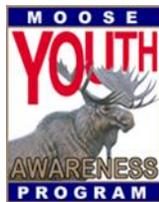
Children's Easter Party

**March 26<sup>th</sup>**

March Madness Potluck Tailgate Party

**Note:**

**Dates & Activities subject to change**



**Moose Youth Awareness Program**

**Arlington #1315 to Sponsor Association Student Congress on October 3, 2015**

The Lodge will be sending out letters during the month of September to our local high schools, PTA organizations, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Girl Scouts of America requesting participants for the Moose Youth Awareness Program and attendance at the Association Student Congress that will be held at the Arlington #1315 Lodge.

Furthermore, in case you have not noticed, this event is "just around the corner" (i.e.: one month away) and the Lodge has not finalized a program to present to the students at our Association Student Congress. **The Lodge needs your assistance!** If you have any ideas for a presentation, know someone who could participate in making a presentation, or you and/or a friend want to help for this worthwhile cause ... **please step forward and talk to either John Matis or Brian Birtell.** Both of these individuals can explain the overall details of the Moose Youth Awareness Program and possible subjects for the presentations (ideas for the students in the program to present to the elementary children).



**Brochure of Program in the Social Quarters**

**MOOSE - Build Our Foundation**

May 1, 2015 - April 30, 2016





**Chapter Award of Achievement**  
(4<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year)



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**Un-Oktoberfest**  
**Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**



**Governor's Corner**

I want to apologize to the Arlington #1315 Lodge members that I had failed to provide the proper guidance to obtain the Premier Award for a third consecutive year (2014-2015 Moose Year). We finally received an explanation from Moose International of why we did not obtain the award we were pursuing. I want to set the record straight ... *it was an overlooked technicality by me!* On the morning of April 30, 2015, our LOOM met all criteria for the award EXCEPT having 1 more LOOM member on April 30, 2015 than the number of LOOM members that were registered on April 30, 2014. Unfortunately, we waited until the last minute to try to remediate this requirement by inputting new and re-enrolled members into the LCL system "at the last hour", and thought our efforts accomplished the necessary conclusion. However, there is a second step in finalizing members into our Lodge within LCL, after Moose International provides acknowledgement of transmitting the information, which we overlooked and did not fulfill. Again, I apologize for not making the Premier Award.

First, I want to thank ALL our LOOM & WOTM members who made an effort to enroll new members during the March & April to meet our goal (even with the knowledge that the LOOM was reducing the annual fees sometime after these months). Your efforts are appreciated. Second, we realized that we cannot wait until the last minute to meet our goal; therefore, a new article will be provided each month that identifies the current number of members within our LOOM with respect to our members that were registered on April 30, 2015. **Please THINK new members!**



**Goal: Obtain Premiere Lodge Award in 2016**  
**Current Arlington #1315 Membership Status**  
*As of August 24, 2015:*

04/30/15 Members	Current Active Members	Difference	Expired	Dropped
260	255	(5)	49	26

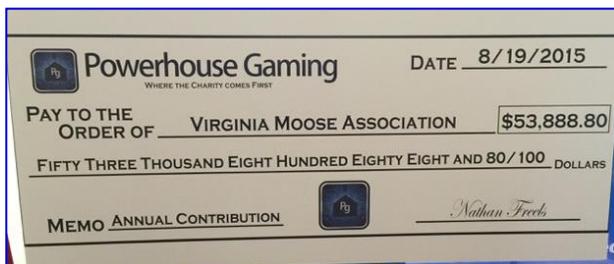


**New Members since April 30, 2015: 6**



**Powerhouse Gaming Issued \$53,888.80 Check to VMA**

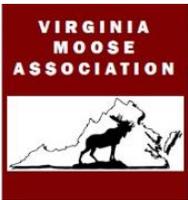
The company which we partnered with to provide the Electronic Pull-Tags at the Arlington #1315 Lodge presented a donation to VMA at the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention.



**It is very much appreciated**

Many stories have been expressed about conflicts between the LOOM & the WOTM, and about "groups/clicks" running the local Moose Lodges that drive out membership within a Moose Lodge. The Arlington Fraternity has somehow stayed away from these "cursed" behaviors, which is why we have been successful over the past several years.

**Arlington Fraternity ... You Rock Our Moose World!**



**VMA State Convention 2014-2015 Shining Star Awards**

Top Lodge: Up to 400 Members  
**Salem #2573**

Top Lodge: 401-800 Members  
**Williamsburg #757**

Top Lodge: 800+ Members  
**Hopewell #1472**

Chapter of the Year  
**Woodbridge #653**

**District 4 Winners**

Top Academy of Friendship Member  
**Debby Beaver**  
Manassas #1367

Top Collegian of the Year  
**Charlotte Denise Lawson**  
Woodbridge #653

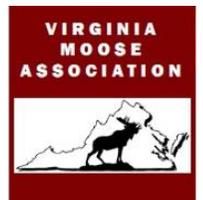
Top Star Recorder  
**Paulette Jones**  
Fredericksburg #1592

Top Sports Lodge  
**Woodbridge #583**

**Notes from 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Moose Association (VMA) State Convention**

**(August 20 – 23, 2015 in Roanoke, VA)**

Our fraternity organization wants to thank our contingent of LOOM and WOTM members who attended the VMA Convention in Roanoke, VA; consisting of Nessa Ruoff, Roxanne Coles-Matis, Elizabeth Coombs, Donna Field, Anna Phillips, Patti Green-Shupp, John Matis, Gregg Cady, Thomas Oderwald, John Ruoff, and Ralph Phillips.



The following are some important information/decisions provided at the VMA State Convention:

- The portion of the annual fees to be given to Moose International per member will increase over the next 5 years (\$34 current, \$36 in 2016, \$38 in 2018, & \$40 in 2020);
- Revised VMA By-Laws were passed (*refer to VMA website*);
- The actual cost for the Mooseheart School Renovation Project was \$11.3 Million, \$1.3 Million more than originally estimated ... therefore, Moose International still requesting donations;
- A new 3-story building is being planned for Moosehaven to provide better care of the seniors (average age is 81 years), with more information being released in November 2015 ... probable upcoming Moose International fund raiser campaign;
- There were two (2) winners for the R. Robert Dale Scholarship;
- Several new on-line training courses now being offered by Moose International, including 2-HOTT training & Administrator Test-Out Program;
- Membership enrollment was stressed and reminders were made pertaining to two VMA incentives – VMA Sponsor Membership Campaign & VMA Lodge Retention Campaign (details provided in the June 2015 Newsletter);
- **The VMA purchased a new 15-passenger van for the Virginia House at Mooseheart using funds in the Queen of Hearts account (10% of gross income from the Lodges); and**
- **The VMA provided \$7,000 for building repairs to the Virginia House at Mooseheart using collected donations of the Virginia House account.**

There were 551 LOOM members and 529 WOTM members that attended the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual VMA State Convention. Of the 551 LOOM members, there were 74 Lodge Governors & 68 Lodge Administrators (Note: 84 Lodges currently in VMA).



Arlington Fraternity Contingent at VMA Annual State Convention (John Ruoff not in picture)

**Thank You Members for Purchasing the VMA Raffle Tickets**

The Arlington Fraternity sold all 60 raffle tickets this year; unfortunately, no one from our fraternity won a prize.

**Thank you bartenders for selling the raffle tickets!**



**Arlington #1315 to Host the Bull Run Legion #185  
Winter Celebration/Conferral on  
Saturday, January 16, 2016**



**You can Pay Moose Dues Online!**  
Go to Website: <https://secure.mooseintl.org/QuickPay/>

**Support the  
Local Fire  
Department**

**The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner**

Word is getting out that the Moose Legion is being resurrected at the Arlington Fraternity! The Bull Run Moose Legion #185 has recognized our rising Legion organization and requested that the 2016 Winter Celebration/Conferral be held at the Arlington Lodge (*which was approved by the LOOM Board of Officers*).

The Moose Legion Committee has decided, and obtained approval, to hold two Pancake Breakfasts for fund raisers: one on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> & the second on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. If these two fund raisers are successful, the Moose Legion Committee will request additional dates in later months. The plan is to start small with a "Boy Scout simple" food offering at the Pancake Breakfasts and gradually increase the menu if further Pancake Breakfasts are scheduled.

Our Moose Legion Committee is encouraging all Moose Legionnaires to attend the Bull Run Legion #185 – Bull Roast on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> (no social event at the Arlington Fraternity). Our Moose Legion Committee contribution to this event will be baked beans ... another simple menu on our part!



**Bull Run Legion #185 – Bull Roast  
September 12<sup>th</sup> (starts at 2:00pm)  
at Fredericksburg Lodge #1655  
Karaoke Contest (starts at 7:00pm)**

**Support the  
Boy Scouts of  
America**

**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)



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