



Loyal Order of Moose Arlington #1315 Lodge Newsletter

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APRIL 2021



- April 3rd – Saturday**
VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting @ Arlington Moose Lodge #1315
- April 9th – April 11th**
- **Friday to Sunday**
Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Spring Celebration @ Franconia Moose Family Center #1076
- April 15th – 17th**
- **Thursday to Saturday**
VMA Mid-Year Conference @ Hopewell Moose Lodge #1472

Check the weekly emails for possible announced social events in April (to be determined in the April 6th Membership General Meeting)

Elections for the 2021-2022 Lodge Board of Officers at the General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, April 6th

EXTENDED “OPEN HOURS” of Social Quarters on Wednesday, Friday & Saturday!
See Page 2



Moose Legion Breakfast in April is CANCELLED

The Arlington Moose Legion Committee has decided to cancel the monthly breakfast due to Easter being on the first Sunday of the month (the normal scheduled day for the breakfast) and the following weekend is the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Spring Celebration.

Postponing further would be too close to the next monthly scheduled Moose Legion Breakfast on Sunday, May 2, 2021.

Extension of NASCAR Sponsorship

The Moose will once again partner with NASCAR driver Ross Chastain and the Chip Ganassi Racing (CGR) team to help promote the Moose Fraternity throughout North America.

Ross Chastain, who flashed the Moose Fraternity logo during three Xfinity Series races and one Cup Series race last year, has moved to the Cup Series full-time in 2021 as he races the CGR No. 42 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 1LE for the entire season. – **Details in Article on Page 4**



The Supreme Council announced Commitment of \$2,000,000 towards Pandemic Relief Grants for the Lodges in need who were severely impacted by the COVID-19 shut-downs

– **Details in Article on Page 6**

The Supreme Council has committed in funding \$500,000, beginning in May, that allows the Lodges the ability to market themselves locally

– **Details in Article on Page 8**

The health and safety of our members are our top priority!

Please comply with the directives of our governing authorities during these extraordinary circumstances, especially in wearing a face mask and maintaining the required social distancing indoors & outdoors at the Lodge

**Enjoy Spring Break with your FAMILY!
(and remember to be safe)**



Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge is a Tobacco/Smoke Free Facility





Arlington #1315
Moose Lodge
Hours of Operation

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

Social Quarters & ABC Manager
Jane Kennedy
ABC Managers
Michael Pogue
Kristin Medel
Sara Wick



Please consider contributing to the **ENDOWMENT** when visiting the Lodge
Endowment box is on the bar near the purchase line

Masks are required by Law to be worn within the Lodge at all times



EXCEPT when seated AND drinking or eating!

No mask ... No service

April Fool's Day



April 1st



One Last Fact about the Food Drive in February

Thanks to all the members who provided items for donation. The total weight of the items delivered to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) was 358 lbs. The estimated average value of the donated food was calculated as \$608.00 (\$1.70/lb.) per a recent study by Feed America, Inc. **Again, thank you members for your generosity!**

Easter Sunday



April 4th

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic NO Children Easter Party this Year

We have the Replacement Chairs!

As of March 20th, the chairs have been delivered and installed in the Fireplace Lounge. There is a LOT of thanks that need to be given for this project!



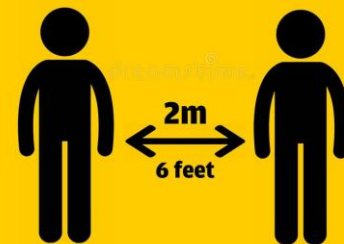
Thanks to the Centreville Moose Lodge for offering the chairs at a very reasonable price, to Mark Los and Brian Fitzpatrick for transporting the chairs to our Lodge, to all the Legionnaires who unloaded the chairs from the trailer and put them in the Ritual Hall (just prior to the Moose Legion Committee Meeting), AND to George "Billy" Hensley, Jr. and Dean Massey who cleaned the chairs and then swapped the replacement chairs with the existing seating in the Fireplace Lounge. We kept a few of the existing chairs, but most were dismantled by Billy with the metal parts salvaged as scrap metal.

2020 Income Tax Deadline has been extended to



May 17, 2021

Keep your distance



Watch the 2021 NCAA Basketball Tournament Games at the Lodge
Final Four – Saturday, April 3rd
Championship Game – Monday, April 5th
(UCLA, Houston, Baylor, Gonzaga)



Arlington #1315
Board of Officers
2020-2021

Governor

Thomas Oderwald

Jr. Governor

Joseph Russo

Prelate

Dean Massey

Jr. Past Governor

Bernie Ceroni

Administrator

John Matis

Treasurer

Brian Birtell

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Andre McFail

Sergeant-of-Arms

Tim Nields

Outer Guard

Vacant

Inner Guard

Vacant



Arlington WOTM
Chapter #1253
Board of Officers
2020-2021

Senior Regent

Dionysianna "Anna"

Ala'ilima

Junior Regent

Sarah Shannon

Jr. Graduate Regent

Linda Council

Secretary/Treasurer

Elizabeth Coombs

Recorder

Rose Russo

Guide

Judith York

Assistant Guide

Betty McLaurin



BAR BINGO

Wednesday Nights beginning 7:00pm

April 7th, April 14th,
April 21st & April 28th



Only Moose Members can play Bar Bingo

Backpacks Donated to Glen Forest Elementary School

A member of the Arlington Chapter found a huge clearance on backpacks, so she bought 16. Since the School Supply Drive for 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19, the Chapter contacted Glen Forest Elementary School and found they could be used right away since the kids are back to school in a hybrid learning schedule. They were delivered on March 12.



A good deed by a Moose member!



St. Patrick's Day Celebration - March 13th

The menu for this year's event was definitely expanded by our chefs. The normal St. Patrick's Day offering of corned beef, cabbage, and potatoes was provided as expected. In addition, another theme standard of Irish stew could be selected. But then the creativity of "thinking outside the box", the chefs provided a variety of "tapas style" selections of Reuben sliders, Irish cannonballs, Shepherd's pie potato bowl, fried roast beef cabbage roll, and Irish empanadas to complement the standard offerings. Everything was served hot and comments by all those in attendance were that the food offerings were delicious (and the Administrator agreed, if that counts for anything). Furthermore, there were Bailey's Irish Cream cheesecake, Lime Jello Poke Cake, and "potato candy" for dessert. Sorry, but it would have taken several pages to describe the ingredients in some of the food items which is not possible ... *therefore*, it will remain a mystery if you did not attend the social event! A special beverage to match the Irish theme (i.e.: Harp beer) was also available to satisfy one's thirst.

The Arlington Fraternity extends a thank you to the group efforts of Dean Massey, Andre McFail, Sara Wick, George "Billy" Hensley, Jr., Sonia Bouadis, Kristin Medel, Virgil Seay, Cornelius Burroughs, and Doug Demarest for providing the delicious food offering and the clean-up after the event. It should be noted that many of these individuals spent several evenings experimenting with the ingredients to get the recipes "just right" for the food offerings. In addition, the Lodge wants to thank Donna Heflin and George "Billy" Hensley, Jr. for providing the desserts that were offered in this event.

Easter Joke

Where does the Easter Bunny go when he needs a new tail?

... to a re-tail store!



Nominate a Lodge & Chapter Member for Volunteer of the Quarter

(April – June 2021)

Deadline is June 30, 2021



Think One Moose!



The organization of the Moose Fraternity will change on May 1, 2021



Volunteers of the 1st Quarter (January – March) to be announced in the May Newsletter

Washington D.C. Emancipation Day



April 16th



NASCAR Sponsorship Extension

The Moose Fraternity will be the primary sponsor for four races during the current season, and an Associate Sponsor for a minimum of 18 races throughout the year. Further, the Moose Fraternity will have a personal service, with agreement with Chastain, a member of Tice and the Shores Florida Moose Lodge #129, for the entire season.

Members can root for all season long, but especially during the races when the Moose Fraternity is the primary car sponsor. Those races include the Drydene 400 at the Dover International Speedway on May 16th, the FireKeepers Casino 400 at the Michigan International Speedway on August 22nd, the Federation Auto Parts 400 at the Richmond Raceway on September 11th, and the Bass Pro Shops Night Race at the Bristol Motor Speedway on September 18th. The last two races are part of the playoffs at the end of the NASCAR season, promising even larger audiences for the Moose Fraternity!



Youth Awareness Program

Even though it seems that information is almost immediately available from sources in today's world, the receiver can always screw up the information if not concentrating. It seems that the information in the last Newsletter was not correct with respect to the current Virginia Moose Youth Awareness Program. There were 16 students (not 15 students) that completed their minimum 3 KidTalk presentations, written reports, and video. Furthermore, the "Team Virginia" will be represented by 8 high school students (not 5 students) at the 2021 Moose International Youth Awareness Program Student Congress in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on April 22nd – 26th, 2021 [Note: the Administrator is getting old, but he cannot figure out how he screwed up so badly].

The VMA Chairman and coordinators had a difficult task of narrowing the 16 submitted documents to 10 students to be judged. Those 10 presentations, written reports and videos were then judged by an English class at Fort Defiance High School to ensure the final delegate selection was done by a group of peers of the students. The eight delegates selected to represent the Commonwealth of Virginia at the 2021 Moose International Youth Awareness Program Student Congress are listed on Page 6.

It is noted that the student which was sponsored by the Arlington Moose Lodge #1315 was not one of the 8 students selected to attend the 2021 Moose International Youth Awareness Program Student Congress; however, he did receive a \$100.00 reward for completing the requirements of the program.

Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members

- ▶ Adam Voss ▶ Jonathan Cannon ▶ Mark Ingutti ▶ Sophany Setliff
- ▶ Samantha Parente ▶ Kelly Cannon ▶ Leann Obermeier ▶ Martha Galeano




IMPORTANT NOTICE
The Application Fee for any new member will be paid by the LOOM or WOTM of the Arlington Fraternity until the end of the 2020-2021 Moose Year (i.e.: April 30, 2021)

Moose Membership provides benefits that save you money!



Details provided in a brochure offered within the Social Quarters.

Did You Forget to Renew Your Moose Dues?

Only active members can participate in the offerings provided in the Social Quarters and at Lodge Events

Pet Owner's Day



April 18th

Support the Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts





March Madness Tailgate Party – March 27th

It was our first social event where everything was priced “ala carte” (in lieu of the previous “all-you-can-eat” events this year). And our members did not shy away as over 35 orders were provided while watching two of the NCAA Basketball “Sweet Sixteen” Tournament games (won by Oregon State over Loyola Chicago & Baylor over Villanova) and/or enjoying the great warm weather in the back yard of the Lodge.



The main entrée offerings were a pulled pork sandwich, chicken wings (5 per order), hamburger sliders (plain/with cheese - 2 per order), a chili cheese hot dog, or a hot dog. A side came with each entrée of either coleslaw, chips, or French fries (either regular or seasoned waffle style). Separate orders of French fries were also available with an extra cost for cheese and/or chili. It is also noted that all the condiments were available to complement the main entrées, e.g.: barbeque sauce, ranch dressing, blue cheese dressing, chopped onions, etc. Unfortunately, the Lodge did not offer any dessert selection, but there was everyone’s favorite beverage to wash down the food offerings. For the record, the pulled pork sandwich and the hamburger sliders were tied for the most favorite main entrée.

The Lodge wants to thank Andre McFail, Dean Massey, Sara Wick, Kristin Medel, and Billy Hensley for organizing the event, preparing the food offerings, and performing the cleanup after the event. The Administrator enjoyed taking the orders and counting the money during the event (*what a great job!*)



Bar Bingo Attendance Keeps Growing

Since the beginning of January, the average attendance has increased from around 17 members to 26 members, all dispersed among 12 tables through the Ritual Hall. Each night, there are 7 separate games played with two smoke breaks during the night. The Lodge tries to have the events end around 9:00pm each night. In addition, the Lodge has begun to provide a food offering prior to the start of the bingo games (5:30pm to 7:00pm).

The Lodge wants to thank Tim Nields for calling the bingo games most of the nights & to special caller Michael Nercesian (one night), and to Andre McFail for providing the food offerings. In addition, a thank you is extended to Judith York, Roxanne Coles-Matis, and Patti Rodas for assisting in the issuance of the game sheets during the events, to Jane Kennedy and Betty McLaurin for cleaning the tables prior to and after the events, and to all those members who collect the “used” bingo sheets and trash after each game.

Come enjoy this event every Wednesday; but remember masks are mandatory when moving within the Lodge.



Moose International Annual Membership Campaign

Think NEW Members



Brochure of Program in the Social Quarters

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Volunteers are needed for future articles for the Newsletters

A Personal Community Service by Arlington Moose Members

On the 2nd Sunday of every month, the Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) conduct a volunteer clean up event. Liz Coombs and Tom Oderwald have been trying to do this for months, but in January, there was the Moose Legion Breakfast and in February there was the WOTM Valentine's Day Dinner. So on Liz's birthday in March, she requested the family to participate in this volunteer opportunity. Melanie Oderwald, Fernando Caceres, and Marissa and Geo joined in. In two hours, we collected 4 bags of trash and a tire. Everyone had good fun and did a great thing for the neighborhood park!



The "clan" at the park



Pandemic Relief Grants for the Lodges

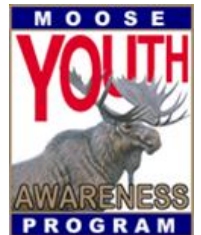
This pandemic relief program follows last May's initial \$1 million pandemic relief initiative that granted as much as \$5,000 each as COVID-19 was just starting to impact their business. Submitted applications were received in February and in March. As a result of this program, 369 Lodges received funds to help pay needed expenses. Previously, the Supreme Council allocated \$1 million per year since 2014 for Lodges to apply for improvements/infrastructure programs that would make the Lodges more appealing and comfortable for its current and prospective members.

Support The Salvation Army



VMA Student Delegates to represent "Team Virginia" at the Moose International Youth Awareness Program Student Congress

The following are the selected students who earned a \$1,000.00 Virginia Educational Scholarship and a free trip to the Moose International Youth Awareness Program Student Congress for a chance to win one of five scholarships in the amount of \$12,000, \$8,000, \$5,000, \$3,000 & \$2,000.



- **Cheyenne Estep**
- **London Heishman**
- **Kaylie Hill**
- **Ivy Lin**
- **Emily Nunez**
- **Leah Pittman**
- **Emmeline Soyars**
- **Makaela Umberger**

- Timberville Lodge #2335
- Staunton Capter #1439
- Shenandoah Lodge #2126
- Wytheville Lodge #394
- Shenandoah Lodge #2126
- Blue Ridge Lodge #2135
- Timberville Lodge #2335
- Wytheville Lodge #394

IGNITE YOUR NATITUDE



Watch the Nationals Games at the Lodge

Earth Day



April 22nd

**Pull for the House!
A Pull Tab Recycling Program at Our Lodge**

Collection of aluminum can pull tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald Charities of Greater Washington, DC




Sneak preview of next year's membership campaign






Are You a Veteran?



Register yourself with Moose International as a Valued Veteran



April 21st Administrative Professional/Secretary Day



THANK YOU MEMBERS for what you do for the Lodge!



Lodge Repairs/Replacements

The Lodge had a lot of irons in the fire during the month of March with respect to facility fixes.

As implied in the previous month’s Newsletter, the Lodge did have a situation with the hot water system. There were two hot water tanks in the system and both had suddenly become dysfunctional (at least to our knowledge when there was no longer any hot water). One of the hot water tanks was declared “dead with no possible resurrection” and the other hot water tank needed a new controller (actual parts unknown by the Administrator) which was replaced by a commercial vendor. However, during the replacement of the new controller, the very old existing water shut-off valve for the hot water system broke in the closed position. Hot water is a “must” in the operations of the Lodge, especially for our members to wash their hands and in the washing of cooking items. The Lodge wants to express our appreciation to thank Larry Edmonds and Bruce Pickett for their efforts in resolving the emergency to provide water to the hot water system, which included providing a new water shut-off valve and reconfiguring the piping to eliminate the unrepairable tank from the hot water system. It is believed that the hot water demand of the current operations of the Lodge will be met with only the one hot water tank. Later after the emergency was resolved, a new burner assembly was ordered and installed.

The newly upgraded fire extinguishing system for the kitchen hood was installed as scheduled. A thank you is expressed to Bruce Pickett for being at the Lodge to assist as necessary in the installation; not to mention providing access for the workers into the Lodge earlier than the normal opening for our members. It took some time to get the Lodge in compliance with the current Fire Codes ... but the end is getting close. Fairfax County still needs to inspect and approve the installation.

Remember the long-standing saga about the leak in the Men’s Restroom of the Social Quarters? This time the challenge of finding the leak was tackled by Larry Edmonds and Bruce Pickett. AND they found and repaired the LEAKS (*more than just one*)! It took cutting two holes in the cinder block wall, with one along the floor line that expanded below two of the wall urinals, and also expanding the existing wall cut-outs behind all three of the wall urinals. There were three sections of the piping that needed to be repaired. Thank you, Larry Edmonds and Bruce Pickett. We also want to thank Billy Hensley for installing a temporary cover over the hole in the wall beneath the wall urinals while a permanent solution to cover the holes are determined and implemented.



Cut-outs in the cinder block wall to repair the leaks

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Electronic Pull-Tabs by Powerhouse Gaming



at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge (9 gaming machines)

April is “Keep America Beautiful” Month



Keep America Beautiful
Do Something Beautiful.



You can Pay Your Moose Dues Online – It's Easy!

Go to Moose International Website; you need your Moose ID number & a credit card.



Lodge Repairs/Replacements (continued)

And plumbing problems kept coming. One of the sinks in the restrooms of the Ritual Hall was clogged, so Larry Edmonds snaked the drain piping to resolve the situation.

Did you know that the old light fixtures from the kitchen were saved? There were several light fixtures within the Ritual Hall that were not working, so the thought was to use any "good" old kitchen light fixtures as total replacements or for some of their parts. A thank you is expressed to Bruce Pickett and Clifton Ballance for fixing the light fixtures in the Ritual Hall and replacing any burnt-out florescent bulbs. All lighting within the Ritual Hall is now operational (and all remaining pieces of the old kitchen lighting fixtures have been trashed). In addition, the Lodge wants to thank Bruce Pickett for replacing the dimmer switch associated with the three fan lighting assemblies within the Ritual Hall to stop the lights from alternating between full bright and dimming while being on. In addition, he replaced the battery for the telephone system which nobody else observed was in a trouble alarm condition.

The Lodge wants to thank Bernie Cerroni for coordinating the inspection of the boiler for the bi-annual license period and to Bruce Pickett for being at the Lodge to assist in showing the insurance inspector our layout of the Lodge.



In April 2021

SAT, APR 10th
Blue-Emu Maximum Pain Relief 500

@ Martinsville
 Speedway

SUN, APR 18th
Toyota Owners 400

@ Richmond
 Raceway

SUN, APR 25th
GEICO 500

@ Talladega
 Superspeedway

THE CHALLENGE CONTINUES



Funding for Lodges' the Ability to Market Themselves

(from Moose International Official Communications)

Funds may be used to promote the Moose during community events and public gatherings, such as festivals, minor league ball games, local races, and more. Funds can be used for promotion of an event in the form of announcements, ads in programs, or even radio, newspaper, or online advertisements. As part of the program, Moose International will provide display material, signs, along with brochures and other handouts that will help the Lodges raise their profiles locally.

The promotions will be tailored locally to events and activities with a Lodge's community, and Lodges will be limited only by their own creativity. It is also anticipated that Lodges within certain regions or areas also work together on combined marketing activities meant to raise the profile of all fraternal units within the region.

More information about the program will be announced via Official Communications and on the Moose International website after May 1st.

The Lodge is requesting suggestions from our members on how the Arlington Lodge can take advantage of this Program!

Watch the Washington Capitals and the Washington Wizards at the Lodge



Check the schedules of these teams for dates & times

WABC Important Reminder

It is the responsibility of our members to make sure that their names are placed on every liquor bottle placed at the Bar within the Social Quarters. Our Fraternity must comply with this ABC rule!



**Remember
Mooseheart**



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 jimatis@cox.net].

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

**Wish for April Showers!
It could reduce the tree pollen affecting our allergies**



SICKNESS and DISTRESS

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

... Rosemary Haddock, Clare Toward, Ray Broz, Phil Weber, James Bucklin, Sr. and Ralph Phillips; all long time members of our Arlington Fraternity who are trying to get back to good health.

Happy Birthday to Lodge members

- Lawrence Edmonds (4/02)
- Michael Nercesian (4/02)
- John Matis (4/03)
- John Sorrells (4/06)
- Mark Ingutti (4/06)
- Carmen Jacobs (4/07)
- Frank Stevens (4/08)
- James Stevenson (4/08)
- Bruce Pickett (4/11)
- Dan Olivieri (4/13)
- Robert Hutzell (4/15)
- Steven Lehtma (4/19)
- Shawn Kirkpatrick (4/20)
- Reid Voss (4/23)
- Ralph Smith (4/26)
- Chris Garrett (4/28)
- Greg Mullan (4/28)
- Bruce Gerrity (4/30)

Happy Birthday to Chapter members

- Dorothy Seidencranz (4/01)
- Susan Stalp (4/01)
- Azenegash Tekle (4/09)
- Nora Rodas (4/12)
- Catherine Kerns (4/19)
- Judith York (4/22)
- Maria Sandoval (4/27)



**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

"To go" food can be brought into the Lodge during March except at an event!

However, members **MUST** provide their own serving "extras" (e.g.: paper plates, utensils, condiments, napkins, etc.) and cleanup after eating at their table!

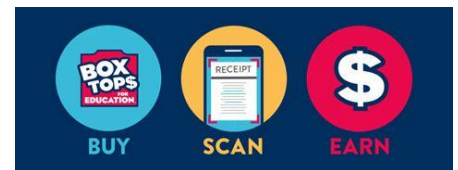


The ALL-NEW BOX TOPS 4 Education

Skip the scissors & use the app! The new and improved Box Tops mobile app scans your store receipt, finds participating products and instantly adds Box Tops to your school's (hopefully Mooseheart) earnings online.

No clipping required!

For more information go to: www.boxtops4education.com



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





**Thank You
Veterans &
Active Military
Members**



**for Preserving
Freedom in
for Our
Country**



Let's Talk (A Message from the Administrator)

As noted in the article about Lodge replacement/fixes for the Lodge, there have been a considerable amount of expenses during the month of March. It is noted that that the Lodge, at this time, seems to only make substantial income when social events happen, as the income from routine operations during the week basically just covers the employee wages and routine expenses (e.g.: utilities, insurance, etc.). We still have sufficient funds in the bank to compensate for unexpected expenses ... so no worries yet! However, in the upcoming months, the Lodge will have to consider implementing some changes to increase our income; e.g.: dealing with beverages, re-establishing previously "normal" weekly activities when it makes sense, and especially more social fraternal events. I know the Lodge has a good core of volunteers of around 10 to 15 members for conducting social activities, but we cannot conduct more social events without more members that will volunteer to help. Please consider helping, even if it's just a few hours a month! If a member has an idea for increasing the Lodge's income, please discuss with the Administrator of the Lodge (that's me – John Matis).

Thank you to all our members who HAVE volunteered to make our Lodge a success!



Senior Regent's Message

We are MARCHing on to spring! Yeah! We are hoping everyone is staying safe and healthy. Thanks to everyone who have been attending the lodge events and supporting our Moose and local charities.

Our "Pot of Gold" fundraiser, headed by Sara Wick and her committee, was a huge success! Well done Sara! Congrats to the winner, Sue Jennings!

Welcome to our new members and thank you to our sponsors (especially Mary Voss's clan). **Reminder:** to those whose membership dues are required for March/April. Don't miss the deadline! **Pay early** (at least a few weeks before end of April), as we are becoming One Moose (joining with the men). We need the roll-over to go smoothly (huge endeavor for Moose International) so no one has to reapply later, risk loss of money and/or accumulated years. Your WOTM membership will remain active and be free for the next three years as long as you pay your One Moose dues by your regular due date each of those years.

Congratulations to our new WOTM Board beginning May 2021 (installation TBA): Linda Councill, Senior Regent; Sarah Shannon, Secretary; Rose Russo, Treasurer, and Anna Ala'ilima, Junior Past Regent.

Check emails regularly for updates and please continue to *remember to wear your masks and socially distance at each meeting and event*

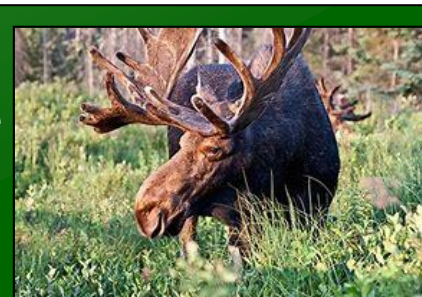


**Housing &
Registration
now open for
2021 Moose
International
Convention in
Cincinnati**

**Please drink
responsibly
while
Visiting the
Lodge**



**Moose
of the
Month**





The **Donors Circle** is a recognition program for individual Moose members who send Endowment Fund donations directly to Moose Charities.

The Endowment Fund donations are the long term investment in the support of Mooseheart and Moosehaven.




New Members!

2020-2021 Arlington #1315 Lodge Membership Challenge

Sponsor a new LOOM member between May 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021 and your name will be placed on a ticket in a raffle conducted each month during the entire Membership Challenge to win \$10.00 in Arlington "Moose Bucks". The winner for March is **George "Billy" Hensley, Jr.**


In addition, if a sponsor signs up 3 new LOOM members within the Moose Year, the Lodge will pay his/her next Moose Year's dues.



Goal: Obtain Premier Lodge Award in 2021



Current Arlington #1315 Membership Status

As of January 27, 2020:

2020-2021	Current				
<u>+1 Goal</u>	<u>Active Members</u>	<u>Difference</u>		<u>Expired</u>	<u>Dropped</u>
230	222	- 8		45	44

New LOOM Members since May 1, 2020: 15 (As of March 22, 2021)

VMA Short Term Membership Campaign Drawings for Signing New Members [January 2 thru March 31, 2021]

FIRST PRIZE: (Sign 5 Members or more)

- Enter in a drawing for \$1,000.00 (1 winner)


SECOND PRIZE: (Sign 3 – 4 Members)

- Enter in a drawing for \$500.00 (1 winner)
- 2nd selection for a Predator Generator (1 winner)

THIRD PRIZE: (Sign 1 – 2 Members)

- Enter in a drawing for \$250.00 (3 winners)

Drawing April 17th



And the answers are finally coming!

Moose International has forwarded some new updated agendas for use by the Lodges to provide guidance on conducting: (1) a Lodge Board of Officers meeting, (2) a newly formatted Lodge General Membership meeting with a suggested floor diagram, and (3) a Lodge Installation of officers and chairperson ceremony. The Administrator (a.k.a. new Lodge Corporate Secretary) has posted the documents on the bulletin board of the Social Quarters for review by everyone.



Moose Charities
Making a difference in the lives of children and seniors

Give Generously!

Support Special Olympics





Join the Moose Legion



Eligibility
A male member with active status in the Lodge

Note: Must be a Legionnaire to be an Officer of the Lodge beginning May 1, 2021

Easy Way to Support Mooseheart while you Shop!



You shop. Amazon gives.
Buy your shopping items at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will make donations to the charity of your choice.

Please make "Mooseheart Child City" the charity of your choice.

Next Moose Legion Committee Meeting on Tuesday, April 13th @7:00pm
WOTM members & LOOM members are welcome to attend



The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner

We want to remind our Legionnaires to attend the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Spring Celebration on Saturday, April 10th at the Franconia Moose Family Center #1076. On that day there will be the General Business Meeting, the election of Directors for the 2021-2022 Moose Year, a one-hour open bar, lots of games for enjoyment, and a dinner. The event starts around 12:30pm, after the Board of Directors Meeting. The Spring Celebration will also have a golf tournament on Friday, April 9th, and the conferral of candidates & the installation of the new 2021-2022 Board of Directors on Sunday, April 11th.

The Arlington Moose Legion Committee has sponsored a hole in the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 golf tournament in the name of the Lodge. Furthermore, the Lodge will be represented at the golf tournament by members Roy Jeffersom and Virgil Seay.

In addition, the Arlington Moose Legion Committee will be providing a "man's" basket for a fundraiser in support of the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 at the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Spring Celebration. We are asking if any members would be willing to donate an item to be placed in the basket, which needs to be provided to John Matis by Wednesday, April 7th.

Thank you to all our members of the Arlington Fraternity who support the Moose Legion!



Lifetime Membership in the Moose Legion to be paid by Bull Run Moose Legion #185 for Bull Run Legionnaire who enrolls the most new applicants between May 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021

(Thomas Murray & Al Smith have excluded themselves from this Campaign)

Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Membership Campaign May 1, 2020 thru April 30, 2021



Join the Moose Legion during this Campaign period ... and the application fee will be paid by Bull Run Moose Legion #185

Watch the 2021 NFL Draft at the Lodge



April 29th – May 1st from Cleveland, Ohio





National Arbor Day
(a tree-planting holiday)



April 30th



BEWARE!
The Cicadas are coming!



Governor's Corner

This will be my last article for the Lodge Newsletter as Governor. In fact, this will be the last "Governor's Corner" ever. At the next installation, the office of Governor will be renamed Lodge President. Just one more year and I look forward to seeing some of the women step up and make their mark on the Lodge Board.

On the lighter side, I've been seeing a few interesting recipes for Cicadas. Not only are they low in carbs and gluten free, their taste is supposedly similar to soft shell crabs with subtle overtones of boiled peanuts. Your Cicadas can be chocolate covered, baked, stir-fried, made into cookies, grilled, served with grits, boiled, barbecued, added to pizza toppings and many other dishes - too many to be listed here. This has inspired me to come up with a few dishes of my own: Cicadas in the air fryer - *not recommended*. Cicadas in a hot air popcorn popper - *definitely not recommended*. But I settled on one I can live with. I call it "Cicadas on the Patio"

Equipment: 1 shoe box - holes punched out
1 cat
1 seafood steamer
1 patio
heat source for boiling water

Ingredients 6 large, active Cicadas per person
Enough water to fill pot just below the steamer basket
Seafood seasoning (more is better)
Cocktail sauce (Homemade or store bought)
1/2 pound shrimp per person

Catch Cicadas and keep fresh and lively in the shoebox. Pet the cat. Put water in the steamer and bring to a boil. Get the cat off the table. Get the cat off the table again. Add a handful of seafood seasoning to the boiling water. Make sure the cat isn't taking a nap. This is an important part of the process. Put the shrimp in the steamer and add another handful of seafood seasoning on top of the shrimp. Cover and cook for 3 or 4 minutes until done. Dump the box of Cicadas on the patio. Eat the shrimp while watching the cat chase the Cicadas. This should be perfect for a summer evening get together.

In closing, I would like to thank John Matis for letting me contribute to his award-winning newsletter.

WARNING

The Safe Surfin' Foundation is advising parents to stay diligent in tracking your child's Internet use during the COVID-19 outbreak. As Schools begin replacing the classroom for a laptop, predators will use this as an opportunity to prey on children. Never forget that 100% of children will be contacted by an Online predator. Stay safe in the coming weeks, and as always please keep your children safe Online.



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The 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo is still being planned to begin July 23, 2021 (but we cannot be there)





**Clifton
Ballance**

**LOOM Volunteer
of the Quarter
(October –
December 2020)**



**Pictures from St. Patrick's
Day Celebration**



Volunteers who provided the
food offerings at the event



**Sarah
Shannon &
Elizabeth
Coombs**

**WOTM
Co-Volunteers
of the Quarter
(October –
December 2020)**



**The Lodge wants your Ideas for
New Social 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.: children movie night, a Capitals or Wizards game, a mystery bus ride, etc.). Please contact **John Matis** or **Tom Oderwald** 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

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