



UPcoming
EVENTS

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for Judith York
- December 8th**
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- December 8th**
Orientation
- December 14th**
Children's Christmas
Party
- December 14th**
Celebrate the Holidays
- December 24th**
Salute to Christmas
- January 4th**
VMA District 4
Meeting
- January 11th**
Un-Oktoberfest
- January 11th**
Bailey's Crossroads
Rotary Club
Emergency Food
Kits
- January 16-19th**
VMA Mid-Year
Conference
- January 25th**
Chinese New Year
Celebration

**Future Scheduled
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**2018-2019
Moose of the
Year
has been
announced
Refer to Page 9**



Happy Holidays

to all members within the Moose Fraternity!



A Challenge to Spread the Holiday Cheer

Our Fraternity is Adopting 4 Families for Christmas

The Arlington Fraternity will be adopting 2 local families through the charity organization Brighter Paths, AND adopting children from 2 families that attend a local elementary school, to assist them in celebrating the Christmas holiday. These families are suffering economically; therefore, our fraternity is hoping that our members will extend kindness and generosity by donating presents in support of these families. In addition, we are requesting the donation of food for the two families being adopted through Brighter Paths for their Christmas dinner. The Lodge will be receiving the information about the children/families (sex, ages, and clothing sizes) at the beginning of December, and we will provide this information to our membership through our weekly communications emails and lists posted in the Social Quarters.

There will be a collection box within the Social Quarters for your donations.



COAT DRIVE Coat Drive continues until December 14th

The Arlington Fraternity will be collecting used coats & jackets in good condition to donate to a local charitable organization. A cardboard barrel wrapped in blue paper will be located within the Social Quarters for the collection of donated coats/jackets. Gloves, mittens, and winter hats/caps are also welcomed for donation.

**Date of Legion Breakfast & Member Orientation
Changed from December 1st to December 8th
due to Thanksgiving Holiday**

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**



**NO SMOKING POLICY
begins January 1, 2020**

See article on Page 5



THE LODGE WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY!

The decision was made due to minimum attendance/business during this day over the past years. **Enjoy the chance to be with those that you love!**



Bar Bingo will **NOT** be played during the Month of December 2019

Bar Bingo will begin again in late January!



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

- Monday – Wednesday**
3:00pm to 11:00pm
- Thursday**
Noon to 11:00pm
- Friday**
Noon – 12:00am
- Saturday**
Noon – 12:00am
- Sunday**
Noon to 10:00pm

Social Quarters & ABC Manager

Joyce Chaffins

ABC Managers

- Michael Pogue
- Kristin Medel
- Jane Kennedy
- Angella Coles
- Sara Wick

Legion Breakfast – Sunday, December 8th (10:00am – 12:00pm)

Start the holiday season right by enjoying a “fulfilling” breakfast on a Sunday morning before you venture into the hustle-n-bustle commercial world of buying those needed presents. It’s an all-you-can-eat breakfast (\$8.00/adult). As usual, the buffet portion of this event will consist of sausage patties/links, bacon, heated maple syrup, fruit salad, and home fried potatoes. From the kitchen there will be “made-to-order” eggs (any way you want them including omelets), pancakes, and French toast. Furthermore, there will be at least one “surprise” food item, coffee, and orange juice. And if you’re too stuffed after eating to go shopping ... you can always stay at the Lodge to watch the NFL games.

DECEMBER EVENT



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Member Orientation on Sunday, December 8th at 12:00pm (Noon)

The orientation will occur near the end of the Legion Breakfast. New members that plan to attend the orientation should come early to enjoy the breakfast offering; as the Lodge/Chapter will pay the breakfast fee.

Orientation session also open to existing members!

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 7

Winter Begins

December 21

Hanukkah

begins December 22

Christmas Day

December 25

Kwanzaa

begins December 26

Boxing Day

December 26

Support the Baileys Crossroads Rotary Club

Community Service Project
January 11th
(Assembly of Snow Emergency Food Kits)

Arlington #1315
Board of Officers
2019-2020

Governor

Thomas Oderwald

Jr. Governor

Joseph Russo

Prelate

Brian Birtell

Jr. Past Governor

Gregg Cady

Administrator

John Matis

Treasurer

Andre McFail

Trustees

Dean Massey

David Kish

Jose Cortez

Sergeant-of-Arms

Tim Nields

Outer Guard

Randy Nolan

Inner Guard

Steve Sisson

Dinner Every Friday Night (6pm-8pm) - \$10 per person
Menu announced in weekly emails or call the Lodge

**DECEMBER
EVENT**



Green Cap Celebration

Honoring Judith York

Saturday, December 7th (3:00pm to 5:00pm)

Attend the Arlington Chapter celebration to honor Judith York for receiving her Green Cap at the 82nd Annual Virginia Moose Association Convention in August. The Arlington Chapter had many accomplishments with her guidance as the Senior Regent from May 2018 to April 2019. An Anglo-American tea reception, with appetizers will be offered after the ceremony.

Thank you Judith for all your hard work!

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14th (12:30pm – 2:30pm)

Santa will take time from his busy schedule and visit our Lodge to get last minute gift requests from the children and provide an early present to each (assuming that they have been good this past year). Lunch will be provided at the start of the event for the children. There will be some activities to entertain the children; however, the activity with Santa Claus usually takes an extended portion of time in the event. Parents are encouraged to take memorable pictures of their children with Santa, and the Lodge will also be taking pictures to place on the Arlington website.

Please sign up those children who plan to attend, either in person at the Lodge or call (703) 820-9345 by December 6th. It is important that you provide the name of the child and his/her age.

**DECEMBER
EVENT**



Arlington WOTM
Chapter #1253
Board of Officers
2019-2020

Senior Regent

Linda Councill

Junior Regent

Anna Ala'ilima

Jr. Graduate Regent

Judith York

Secretary/Treasurer

Sarah Shannon

Recorder

Rose Russo

Guide

Betty McLaurin

Assistant Guide

Kat Carey



Membership Appreciation Breakfast – November 3rd

Over 30 members took advantage of the free breakfast that was sponsored by the Lodge, Chapter and the Moose Legion Committee as a thank you to our members for their efforts over the past year. The sponsors want to thank Tom Oderwald, Elizabeth Coombs, Andre McFail, and Joyce Chaffins for doing the cooking, with John Matis performing the task of slicing the roast beef at the carving station.

Enjoy the Holidays with Family and Friends

**Watch the
College Football Bowl Games
at the Lodge**



**Nominate a Lodge &
Chapter Member
for Volunteer of the
Quarter
(October - December 2019)**

Deadline is December 31, 2019



Chapter Award of Achievement
(8th Consecutive Year)

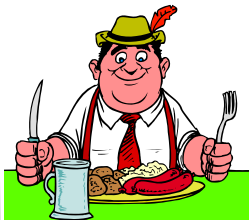
VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting



Saturday, January 4th

at Dale City Moose Lodge #2165

Un-Oktoberfest



Saturday, January 11th
(German Theme Food)



DECEMBER EVENT



Celebrate the Holidays
December 15th (5:00pm – 7:00pm)

Why should the kids only have a celebration at the Lodge for the holiday? That's why we extend an invitation to our members and their guests to come relax at the Lodge to enjoy some "me" time. The Administrator is willing to listen to what our members want Santa to give them for Christmas; however, he will not tolerate anyone sitting on his lap (weak knees)! The offered fare for this celebration will be something easy to cook ... not determined at the time this Newsletter was being published. After stuffing their bellies, our members can sit back with their favorite beverage and watch various sports on the multiple televisions within the Lodge (including the Army vs. Navy football game beginning at 3:00pm)

Salute to Christmas
December 24th (5:00pm – 8:00pm)

Staying in town for the Holidays? Then stop by the Lodge for a **complementary drink** to celebrate the spirit of the season on **Christmas Eve**. The Lodge will provide an assortment of appetizers. Let Santa Clause do all the work on this evening while you sit back and relax. **Ho! Ho! Ho!** [For the record, you can ask but it is believed that there will be no volunteers to assist you in assembling any gifts that Santa may have left for the children].

DECEMBER EVENT



Thank you Koolerators for a Great Karaoke Night on November 8th



This event was sponsored by the Arlington Moose Legion Committee and there were many, many members who stayed to sing after the Friday Night dinner until the Lodge closing. A great event success for the enjoyment of our members. *Pictures on Page 16.*

Thank You Members for Supporting VMA District 4 by Purchasing Cash Bash Tickets



All of the raffle tickets distributed to our Lodge were sold for the VMA District 4 fundraiser. The drawing was on Saturday, November 9th at the Centreville Moose Lodge #2168 which included a great appetizer offering, lots of extra pull-tab gaming, and basket raffles for the Cradle fundraiser; all provided by the host Lodge. In the end, the Arlington Fraternity had one lucky winner ... Judith York!

Moose Membership provides benefits that save you money!



Details provided in a brochure offered within the Social Quarters.

Arlington #1315 Lodge sponsored an "ornament"

10th Annual



AT MOOSEHEART



**Support
The Salvation
Army**



**Chinese
New Year
Celebration**



**Saturday,
January 25th**

**Support the
Boy Scouts &
Girl Scouts**



WOTM Italian Dinner – November 9th

Bravo! As usual, the food was absolutely “*che buono!*” This event was to raise funds in support of Joan “Patti” Rodas to attend the College of Regents conferral at the next Moose International Annual Convention. WOTM stated that it was another successful fundraiser event, as there were approximately 30 members and guests that enjoyed the home-made food buffet.

The menu selection consisted of Il primo: antipasto platter, green tossed salad, Minestrone soup, & Italian bread; Il secondo: Lasagna, tortellini pasta & spinach alfredo (plain & with chicken), chicken cacciatore, angel hair pasta & salsa di Pomodoro (tomato sauce), and baked eggplant: AND Il dolce: tiramisu cheesecake, cannoli, petit fours, and panettone.

The event fundraiser sponsor, Joan “Patti” Rodas, extends a thank you to everyone who brought food for the Italian dinner and to everyone who helped make it a wonderful evening. In addition, she wants to thank everyone who helped with the dinner setup and to all the volunteers who performed the clean up after the appetites of everyone was satisfied. Thank you: Sonia Bouadis, Elizabeth Coombs, Tommy Oderwald, Billy Hensley, Jane Ripley, Sarah Shannon, Donna Heflin, Donna Field, Joyce Chaffins, Rose Russo, and Roxanne Coles-Matis!

Appreciation is expressed to Joe Russo for recording Italian music and playing it through the large screen television within the Fireplace Lounge where the event was held at the Lodge..

Mangia bene, ridi spesso, ama molto! (Eat well, laugh often, and love much)



The Upcoming No Smoking Policy ... Sorry!

The Arlington Fraternity had a “Town Hall” meeting in September for ideas to accommodate our smokers when the no smoking takes effect on January 1, 2020. The conclusion was to request a dispensation to construct an interior smoking room in an existing office adjacent to the

Administrator’s Office. **We applied and received a rejection**; based on the requirement that an interior smoking area had to be established in recognition of state/local regulations prior to July 2019. The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank Billy Hensley for his efforts in the concept, investigations of the facility, and developing the required proposed plans.

Therefore, the LOOM Board of Officers will be determining in December an area at the exterior of the Lodge for our members to smoke. Announcements will be provided during December as plans are finalized. Please note that a temporary solution may be implemented while a permanent solution is finalized.

**Super Bowl Party
at the Lodge**

**Sunday,
February 2nd
beginning at
6:00pm**



**Brochure of Program in the
Social Quarters**

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

**WOTM
 Valentine
 Dinner**



**Saturday,
 February 8th**

**Fish Fry
 Revisited
 No. 14**




**Saturday,
 February 15th**



Lodge Repairs/Replacement
 A saga of an event! As promised by the Administrator, the conversion from air conditioning to heating occurred on Monday, November 4th ... *however, the heat only lasted about 6 hours.* When the company converted to heat, they “crank it up” to verify that the heating system was operational. Gregg Cady volunteered to adjust the various thermostats to make the ambient temperature within the Lodge comfortable for our members. He noticed that the ventilation system for the Ritual Hall was “off” and went to the basement to turn it “on”. He came back up to the bar in a panic yelling that a water pipe had broken with water discharging next to the boiler (our heating source) at a considerable rate. Those in the Lodge at the time also panicked, as none of the members knew how to shut down the boiler (concern that the lack of water through the boiler would cause a major problem: i.e.: “explosion”) nor how to shut off the water from continuing to leak from the pipe. Many telephone calls were made, including to the company who converted our ventilation system to heat and to Mike Carey, a member of our Lodge, who used to work on the boiler several years ago. The pipe that was leaking was a flexible pipe at the output of the water circulating pump that probably was installed (*it appeared that way*) when the Lodge was built. While waiting for the company to come to the Lodge on an emergency call and also Mike Carey to get to the Lodge from his “sick” bed, the members at the Lodge combatted the accommodated water on the basement floor to a sole floor drain that kept collecting debris to prevent the water to drain. During this period of panic, Andre McFail had volunteered and obtained the TV advertised “miracle” pipe leak black colored sealer; but as the product was applied on the pipe, it caused another leak below the first leak in the flexible pipe! Hallelujah, Mike Carey came to the rescue (at the same time as the conversion company) and immediately turned off the water and valved off the pipe circulation. **The Lodge wants to express their appreciation to Mike Carey, Gregg Cady, Brian Birtell, Andre McFail, and John Matis for their efforts in this crisis!** For the record, everyone in the Lodge relaxed when the anxiety of panic was gone and toasted each other with their favorite beverage! A new flexible pipe was installed by the conversion company (Service Specialties, Inc.) two days later and the heat was back on in the Lodge.

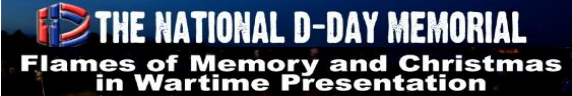
Thank you Billy Hensley for fixing the rope on the flagpole of the American flag in front of the Lodge.

 **Fellowship Degree Meeting**
 The Arlington Lodge extends a thank you to Fellows Joseph “Ed” Jones, Larry Anderson, Terry Pamplin, George “Billy” Hensley Jr., Ralph Phillips, Bruce Pickett, Gregg Cady and John Matis for their time and efforts to meet on November 3rd to evaluate and recommend another member of our Lodge for the Fellow Degree of Honor.

Enjoy the Holidays with Family and Friends

**Electronic Pull-Tabs by
 Powerhouse Gaming
 at the
 Arlington #1315
 Moose Lodge**



 **THE NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL**
 Flames of Memory and Christmas
 in Wartime Presentation

**Arlington #1315 Lodge
 sponsored 6 luminaries in
 memory of those who gave
 their lives at the battle**



Chapter Award of Achievement
(8th Consecutive Year)

Future Planned Major Events
(January – February 2020)

- January 4th**
VMA District 4 Meeting
- January 11th**
Un-Oktoberfest
- January 11th**
Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club Emergency Food Kits
- January 16-19th**
VMA Mid-Year Conference
- January 25th**
Chinese New Year Celebration
- February 1st**
Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Winter Celebration
- February 2nd**
Legion Breakfast
- February 2nd**
Orientation
- February 2nd**
Super Bowl Party
- February 8th**
WOTM Valentine Diner
- February 15th**
Fish Fry Revisited No. 14
- February 29th**
WOTM Greek Dinner

Event dates are subject to change



Watch Redskin NFL Football Games at the Lodge in November

- Sunday, December 1st @ 1:00pm – at Carolina Panthers
- Sunday, December 8th @ 1:00pm – at Green Bay Packers ◀
- Sunday, December 15th @ 1:00pm – vs. Philadelphia Eagles ◀
- Sunday, December 22nd @ 1:00pm – vs. New York Giants ◀
- Sunday, December 29th @ 1:00pm – at Dallas Cowboys ◀

◀ “Calling All Cooks” Offering



Redskins “Calling All Cooks” Sundays

There were only two Redskin games played in November that qualified for “Calling All Cooks”, as the game against the Buffalo Bills was immediately after a Legion Breakfast, and the Washington Redskins had a bye week. The Lodge wants to thank Joe Russo and John Matis for offering Chicago style hot dogs for the game against the New York Jets on November 17th (even though most of our members and guests preferred only ketchup or sauerkraut & mustard). In addition, the Lodge wants to thank Andre McFail for offering chicken wings, a tater tot casserole, red beans & rice, and Chicken noodle soup for the game against the Detroit Lions on November 24th.

Please volunteer to participate as a cook in December as we need a reason to feed our faces in knowing that the chances of another win is very slim (like the chances of getting back together with a beau that left). *Refer to listed games above for a selection to volunteer!* Remember ... the Lodge will pay for the purchase of the food that will be offered and the cook(s) + partner(s) eat for free on the day of their offering.



One Moose Town Hall Meeting – November 2nd

Moose International wrapped up a historic Town Hall, with over 600 Moose sisters and brothers in attendance, have presentations and open dialog pertaining to a new Moose organization in which women and men have an equal voice and vote into the operations and activities of the Lodge.

The PowerPoint presentations and any accompanying scripts have been posted on the Moose International website. In addition, there will be video clips on the Moose International YouTube channel, which can be accessed via the Moose homepage.

Every member can have his/her heard by visiting www.onemoose.org or www.mooseintl.org and participate in an informal straw poll, as well as providing a few more thoughts about the **One Moose** future. It is suggested that our members cast their vote after they view the presentations and/or the Town Hall videos. **Voting will be open through Tuesday, December 31, 2019.**



Moose of the Month





Future Planned Major Events (March – April 2020)

- March 14th**
St. Patrick's Day Party
- March 21st**
March Madness Tailgate Party
- March 28th**
Casserole Cook-Off
- April 3rd – 5th**
Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Spring Celebration
- April 4th**
WOTM Children's Easter Party
- April 5th**
Legion Breakfast
- April 5th**
Orientation
- April 11th**
Valued Veterans Celebration
- April 18th**
VMA District 4 Meeting
- April 25th**
LOOM & WOTM Installation

All March & April events are NEW

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

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



Honor Our Veterans Celebration November 10th



Combined with the Veteran's Day celebration, the Arlington Fraternity had its fourth ceremony for the Valued Veterans Program. Seven (7) registered valued veterans were planned to be honored at this ceremony; however, only four of those veterans could make the ceremony: **Jose "Louie" Cortez, Mary Dodd, Martha Johnson, and John Ruoff.** In the ceremony, each honoree was presented with a Valued Veteran certificate and a lapel pin from Moose International. In keeping with our tradition from the first ceremony, the Arlington Fraternity issued a custom-designed "Valued Veteran" baseball cap to each honored veteran. It is noted that ALL veterans in attendance were recognized at the beginning of the Ceremony, including two Moose "Valued Veterans" from Florida who were visiting our Lodge. All attendees to the ceremony were offered a complimentary celebration dinner. As of this date, the Arlington Fraternity had 21 members registered as Valued Veterans over the past 2-1/2 years.

The Arlington Fraternity would like to thank Elizabeth Coombs and Tom Oderwald for preparing the celebration dinner of seasoned beef stroganoff, noodles, and peas & carrots. In addition, a special thanks is extended to Bernie Ceroni and John Matis for their efforts in the performance of the Valued Veteran Ceremony. And as usual, the Arlington Fraternity wants to express our appreciation for all those members that cleaned up after the event.



John Ruoff, Mary Dodd & Martha Johnson displaying their certificates & baseball caps (missing in the photo is Jose Cortez)

IMPORTANT NOTICE Restrooms of Social Quarters to be CLOSED on Wednesday, December 10th

As part of the restroom restoration project of the Lodge, a contractor will steam-clean the tile walls within both restrooms. Members will be required to use the restrooms within the Ritual Hall while this work is underway! Flyers will be posted within the Lodge for further information.

Be Prepared



Snow is Coming!



Moose International Annual Membership Campaign

Think NEW Members

Are You a Veteran?

Register yourself with Moose International as a Valued Veteran



**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.

**Please drink
responsibly
while
Visiting the
Lodge**



SICKNESS and DISTRESS

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

... Andrea Hensley, Rosemary Haddock, Clare Toward, Ray Broz, Phil Weber, and Andy Ogle; all long time members of our Arlington Fraternity who are trying to get back to good health.

Happy Birthday to Lodge members

- Russell Anderson (12/02)
- Art Kelly (12/06)
- Andrew Roesch (12/06)
- Collin Carey (12/07)
- Charles Cowing (12/07)
- Thomas Bacon (12/08)
- Adam McCaffney (12/09)
- Lloyd Johnson Jr. (12/12)
- Leonard Poland (12/14)
- William Pettigrew (12/16)
- George Pinn Sr. (12/17)
- Ralph Phillips (12/22)
- Brian Abel (12/29)
- Scott Green (12/30)
- Joseph Jones (12/31)



Happy Birthday to Chapter members

- Kathleen Redditt (12/01)
- K. Murphy (12/02)
- Linda Council (12/03)
- Courtney North (12/04)
- Barbara Palencia (12/04)
- Luz Sierra (12/04)
- Roxanne Coles-Matis (12/07)
- Inez Williams (12/10)
- Amy Kirkpatrick (12/12)
- Jessika Rivas (12/12)
- Martha Johnson (12/13)
- Phyllis Hamilton (12/18)
- Aimee Dalton (12/23)
- Linda Kapatos (12/23)
- Kathryn Ripley (12/25)
- Pamela Cameron (12/25)
- Sue Jennings (12/27)
- Donna Field (12/30)

**WOTM
Greek Dinner**



**Saturday,
February 29th**

December Birthstone: **Turquoise** | December Flower: **Narcissus**

**The Cold
Weather is Here**



Dress Warmly!



**Congratulations
to Thomas
Oderwald
2018-2019 Moose
of the Year**

Moose Legion Motto
(also life in general)

**To do some good thing for
someone every day**



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





Chapter Award of Achievement
(8th Consecutive Year)

VMA Raffle Tickets for Sale
 “20 Drawings” will be held
 for \$1,000 Each!

**Drawings of the raffle
 is January 18, 2020 @VMA Mid-Year Conference**

**Please support the Virginia Moose Association
 Raffle tickets are being sold by the bartenders (\$10 each)!**
 ** Arlington #1315 needs to sell 40 Tickets **


Thank You Veterans!



Everything You Do for Our Country

Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members


- ▶ Theodore Accusa ▶ John Alvarez ▶ Samuel Cluff
- ▶ Jeni Ferrufino



Easy Way to Support Mooseheart while you Shop!




You shop. Amazon gives.



Youth Awareness Student Congress – November 16th
 Another year sponsoring this programing ... and the same results occurred as the last three years, with *no students* coming to the Lodge to participate in the program. Disappointed: You betcha! Giving Up: NEVER! We just need to continue to spread the word about the Youth Awareness program more than ever. Eventually, the students will come.


For the record, the program has been updated so that the participants submit their Kids Talk reports with presentations through the Virginia Moose Association Youth Awareness website. Hard copies can be provided if the participants do not have access to a computer or internet service.

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank Manny Propst (representative of VMA) and his wife Mary for attending our Youth Awareness Student Congress and having the patience over the five hours waiting for a high school student to come to the Lodge. In addition, we want to thank John Matis and Judith York for attending the Youth Awareness Student Congress at our Lodge on that day.

St. Patrick's Party




Saturday, March 14th



Donation towards Christmas Gifts for the Girls at the Virginia House
 As previously noted, the Arlington Fraternity raised \$200 in a Jordan Reed football jersey raffle in September for the purchase of Christmas Gifts to be given to the girls at the Virginia House in Mooseheart. The check has finally been sent to Virginia Moose Association in November. **Thank you Arlington Fraternity!**

Continue to save BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION coupons



Collection bag in the entrance of the Social Quarters on the bulletin board

Support Our Local First Responders





Watch the Washington Capitals and the Washington Wizards at the Lodge



We Hope Our Members have been Nice; if not you can use the coal to keep you Warm



2019-2020 Arlington #1315 Lodge Membership Challenge

Sponsor a new LOOM member between May 1, 2019 and April 30, 2020 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 is **Dean Massey** for the month of November.

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 2020
Current Arlington #1315 Membership Status
As of November 29, 2019:

2019-2020	Current	Difference	Expired	Dropped
<u>+1 Goal</u>	<u>Active Members</u>			
265	257	- 8	43	29

New LOOM Members since May 1, 2019: 12 (As of November 29, 2019)



VMA Short Term Membership Campaign
Win a Portable Beverage Catering & Concession Cooler for the Lodge!!
[September 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019]

Lodges with the highest percentage of preferred members (sponsors) based on the active membership will be entered into a drawing to win a portable beverage catering and concession cooler or \$1,000. There will be a drawing for three active membership categories: up to 400 members, 401-800 members, & 801+ members.

Prizes to be awarded at the VMA Mid-Year Conference in Norfolk, VA on January 18, 2020



Virginia Moose Association
Mid-Year Conference – January 16-19, 2020
in Norfolk, Virginia

Hotel Reservations began November 4, 2019 thru December 26th

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside
 777 Waterside Way
 (757) 622-6664

Courtyard by Marriott
 520 E. Plume Street
 (757) 963-6000

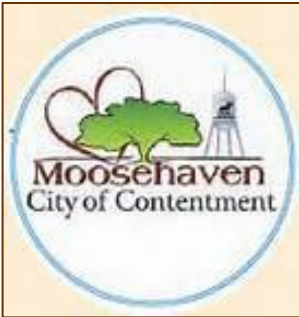
Note: 2nd hotel is not the Norfolk Waterside Marriott like last year



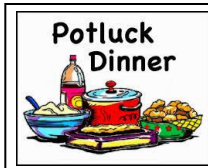
Give Generously!

Support Special Olympics





Next Moose Legion Committee Meeting
on Tuesday, December 10th @7:00pm
WOTM members & LOOM members are welcome to attend



Pot Luck Dinner at the December Meeting of the Moose Legion Committee

Legionnaires, please bring a food dish for approximately 8 people. Complementary drinks will be provided after the meeting.

Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Winter Celebration/Conferral



Saturday, February 1st at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge



The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner

The Moose Legion Committee wants to thank all our members who outright purchased Draw Down raffle tickets and those who participated in the various pull-tab board raffles to win several of the Draw Down raffle tickets.

The outcome of this fundraiser for the Ritual Team for future expenses to participate in Moose competition was successful. Unfortunately, it should be noted that NONE of the tickets submitted by our members in the raffle were winners of a monetary prize! On a positive note, the Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all of the Legionnaires in the Bull Run Moose Legion #185, their Officers, and supporting WOTM members for providing an enjoyable Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Fall Celebration/Conferral on November 16, 2019; which included the Draw Down Raffle.

At the end of November, the Arlington Moose Legion Committee had contributed our complete obligation for the designated share by Legionnaires for the 2019 Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Annual Fundraiser towards the Camp Ross Equipment Project, the Youth Awareness Program, the Moose Legion President Project (Mooseheart campus people transportation), and Mooseheart student trips. In addition, our Moose Legion Committee has submitted 6 applications for enrollment into the Moose Legion for the 2019-2020 Moose Year (which was our quota by percentage in the existing membership beginning May 1, 2019). Our Moose Legion Committee is successfully contributing our part in the world of the Moose Legion!

Saturday, March 21st



March Madness Tailgate Party

Watch the College Football Bowl Games at the Lodge

The Bowl Games of the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) will begin on December 20th (Bahamas Bowl) and continue into January of the New Year 2020.

Come watch your favorite college teams in their quest to win in a Bowl Game, and for the top 4 rated college teams ... to earn the right to play for the National Championship that will be played on January 13, 2020. If there is a Football Bowl Game on television, it will be shown in the Social Quarters!



Saturday, March 7, 2020

Bull Run Moose Legion #185

Casino Night

at Arlington Moose Lodge #1315

Come and enjoy – you could be lucky!

(information to follow when known)





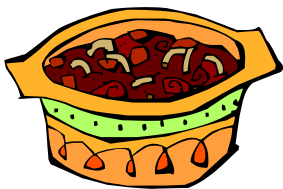
Chapter Award of Achievement
(8th Consecutive Year)

Just a Reminder

The winter holidays are coming up fast!!
(less than 30 shopping days left)



Casserole Cook-Off



Saturday, March 28th



Sponsorship of Wreaths for Arlington Cemetery Through Wreaths Across America

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all our members and the Moose Legion Committee who contributed in our efforts in raising funds to purchase wreaths for Wreaths Across America; a community fundraiser for VMA District 4. The plan was to at least double the actual purchase of wreaths by the Arlington Fraternity but we had other local Moose fundraisers during the same period that we had to “share our wealth”; but our efforts were outstanding under the circumstances! Arlington ROCKS!!

Total Wreaths Purchased by Arlington Members

10

Actually **15** wreaths under the 2 for 3 wreaths program

As of November 29th the total wreaths contributed by VMA District 4 was **668**
[Note: Final count could be more since the due date to purchase is December 2, 2019].

Support Mooseheart with your Holiday Shopping

Buy your gifts and holiday essentials at smile.amazon.com. You shop and Amazon donates. Log into your Amazon account at smile.amazon.com and select “Mooseheart Child City” as your charity of choice. Shop until you drop (or until you have no money) ... Amazon will donate!



Apologies for no articles from Governor and Senior Regent

In keeping the length of this Newsletter reasonable, the Editor had decided to not include these articles this month. Their messages will be in the January Newsletter!



WOTM November Committee Activity Night Higher Degrees – College of Regents and Award of Achievement on November 5th

First, the Chapter Award of Achievement token was issued to the Chapter which was accepted by Judith York (Jr. Graduate Regent) for the 2018-2019 Moose Year. Then two members of Chapter #1253 were honored at this special ceremony for their College of Regents accomplishments. Roxanne Coles-Matis was recognized for being conferred into the College of Regents at the Moose International 2019 Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. After one year of being conferred into the College of Regents and the Chapter being successful during this same period, Nessa Ruoff earned her red tassel (replacement for the green tassel). Elizabeth Coombs placed the red tassel on the cap of Nessa Ruoff. The WOTM Chapter #1253 expressed their appreciation to all the LOOM members (who deferred their General Membership Meeting until after this ceremony), WOTM members, and guests that attended the ceremony. *Pictures on Page 15.*



“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.



Let's Talk (A Message from the Administrator)

As always at this time of the year, I want to recognize all those members who keep the Lodge operational for the enjoyment of our members. First, I want to thank Joyce Chaffins for her efforts as the Social Quarters Manager in performing the day-to-day activities of our business activities; including the planning and preparation of the Friday Night dinners, and handling the rentals of our Ritual Hall. Second, I want to express appreciation to all our current ABC Managers (Michael Pogue, Jane Kennedy, Kristin Medel, Angella Coles, and Sara Wick) who served our members and guests on a daily basis with their favorite "libations" and their demanding requests for paper pull tabs. Finally, I want to thank all those volunteers who provided the necessary efforts in assisting in the Friday Night dinners, in donating the deserts for the Friday Night Dinners, in calling active/expired members to continue to pay their membership in the Moose Organization, in performing the necessary repairs and general cleaning of the Lodge, and in participating to provide the social events offered throughout the year (i.e.: planning, food preparation & cooking, decorating & event set-ups, performing the necessary clean-ups, etc.).

**November 22nd
- January 6th**

News about the Thanksgiving Family Feast will be detailed in the January 2020 Newsletter

**WOTM
Children's
Easter Party**

**Saturday,
April 4th**

New Communications Media for Our Members ... Thanks to Powerhouse Gaming!

Our Fraternity has been provided a Mobile Marketing Platform by Powerhouse Gaming to allow us to quickly and easily spread the word to our members with a text message. The platform (i.e.: electronic texting system) consists of a texting tablet that will be located in the Social Quarters so that members can opt-in to a contact list. When the Fraternity needs to inform our members of some important information, a text message will be programmed into the tablet and sent to all the members that are in the contact list. An example would be if the Lodge loses electricity and had to close early; we would want to immediately tell our members to not waste their time coming to the Lodge. Our regular means of providing information to the members (Newsletter, Facebook, and emails) require the members to search for the information. Most of our members carry cellular telephones, and the texting will be immediately displayed on their telephone. The Fraternity could also use the texting to remind our members of upcoming events, inform of possible promotions, etc.

The texting tablet will be available in the Social Quarters during the first week in December for our members to input their cellular telephone number into the contact list. For the record, our members can request the deletion of their telephone from the contact list anytime they want.



Pun of the Month

Why doesn't the North Pole import goods (e.g.: toys)?

... because it's Elf Sufficient!

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!



Chapter Award of Achievement
(8th Consecutive Year)



Pictures from the WOTM November Committee Activity Night

Honorees Judith York, Roxanne Coles-Matis, & Nessa Ruoff being recognizes for their accomplishments and Joan "Patti" Rodas displaying the Achievement of Award token

Watch the NFL Games of the Washington Redskins at the Lodge



As the year comes to an end ... the Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all our members for their efforts throughout the past year in being an active organization that supports our obligations to Moose, community & family



Thank You Brian Birtell, Gwendolyn Collins, Joe Russo & John Matis

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank these members for providing the communication media to keep our members informed of all the current information of our local Fraternity and the world of our Moose organization.

Virginia Moose Association Christmas Open House on December 14th 12:00pm - 5:00pm

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





Karaoke by the Koolerators
Nov. 8th



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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DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DEC 1 	DEC 2	DEC 3  	DEC 4	DEC 5	DEC 6  	DEC 7 Green Cap Celebration in honor of Judith York
DEC 8  	DEC 9	DEC 10 	DEC 11	DEC 12	DEC 13  	DEC 14 WOTM Children's Christmas Party
DEC 15 	DEC 16	DEC 17  	DEC 18	DEC 19	DEC 20  	
DEC 22 	DEC 23	DEC 24 Salute to Christmas	DEC 25  Christmas Day	DEC 26	DEC 27  	DEC 28
DEC 29 	DEC 30	DEC 31	JAN 1  New Year's Day	JAN 2	JAN 3  	JAN 4 VMA District 4 Meeting



LOOM & WOTM Meetings



Legion Committee Meeting



Friday Night Dinner



Legion Breakfast



Queen of Hearts

Un-Oktoberfest



January 11th

Rotary Emer. Food Kit Assembly



January 11th

VMA Mid-Year Conference



January 16th – 19th

Chinese New Year Celebration



January 25th