



**UPcoming  
EVENTS**

*(details for February  
on Pages 2-5)*

**February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Bull Run Moose  
Legion #185 Winter  
Celebration

@Arlington #1315

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Chili Cook-Off for  
VMA District 4

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Super Bowl Party

**February 8<sup>th</sup>**

WOTM Valentine  
Dinner

**February 9<sup>th</sup> - CHANGED**

Legion Breakfast

**February 9<sup>th</sup> - CHANGED**

Orientation

**February 15<sup>th</sup>**

Fish Fry Revisited  
No. 14

**February 29<sup>th</sup>**

WOTM Greek Dinner

**March 14<sup>th</sup>**

St. Patrick's Day  
Party

**March 21<sup>st</sup>**

March Madness  
Tailgate Party

**March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Casserole Cook-Off

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Events on Page 7**



**Moose Legion Breakfast re-scheduled to Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> due to NEW Chili Cook-Off and the Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**



**Congratulations to Elizabeth Coombs in receiving the Arlington #1253 Chapter "Moose of the Year" Award**



**The Girls of Virginia Home will be Visiting in July**

The plan is for Mitilda, Madison, Jacqueline, Kamiya, Jasmine, Pauline & Amanda to tour the east side ("seaside") of Virginia. Details of the visit are not finalized at this time; therefore, more information will be provided when known. Donations are being solicited to cover the cost for the visit (including airfare).

**Thank You Arlington Fraternity Members for Your Efforts!**



**Renovation of Old Dominion Cottage at Moosehaven**

The Old Dominion Cottage is currently the Superintendent's Residence at Moosehaven. This building was constructed in 1946 by the Virginia Moose Association, with past upgrades in 1981 & 1984. After 36 years, the building is now in need of another renovation. The total estimated cost for the current renovation is \$160,000. VMA is requesting donations from the various Lodges, Chapters, and Moose Legions in Virginia to cover the cost of the renovation. Various plaques will be provided based on the donation amount.



**Endowment "Rocker Fundraiser" in February**

The fundraiser to support the operations of Moosehaven will be conducted during the entire month of February, as we will be requesting donations during the planned social events of the month. Please open your wallets and purses for a GREAT cause when you are asked to contribute! **The senior citizens at Moosehaven need our assistance.** The Arlington Fraternity has set a goal of \$250; which is based on \$1 being donated by approximately half of our active members on the active roster (both LOOM & WOTM). Please give generously; not all active members come to the Lodge for the events to help meet this goal.



**Welcome from Arlie!**



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





**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**

Jane Kennedy  
Michael Pogue  
Kristin Medel  
Angella Coles  
Sara Wick

**Snow is**



**Coming  
(Maybe?)**

**Groundhog  
Day**



**February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**FEBRUARY  
EVENT**



**Bull Run Moose Legion #185  
Winter Celebration on February 1<sup>st</sup>  
At Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge**

For the second year in a row the Arlington Moose Legion Committee will host the Winter Celebration/Conferral of Bull Run Moose Legion #185 (Theme: “Fun in the Winter Freeze”. The event will be started with a lunch being offered by WOTM Chapter #1253 to the Legionnaires & our

Arlington Fraternity Membership at 12:00pm (noon) to 1:15pm. Legionnaire meetings will be conducted between 12:00pm and 2:00pm. Free time of games and activities will be between 2:00pm to 3:00pm consisting of Bar Bingo & wine glass decorations; which is also open to the Arlington Fraternity Membership. The Moose Legion Conferral Ceremony begins at 3:15pm, with a one hour open bar (Legionnaires + guests) immediately to follow the ceremony. A buffet dinner will be offered from 5:30pm to 7:30pm for the Legionnaires & guests (cost part of the event registration) **and will be open to the Arlington Fraternity Membership at a reasonable price.**

**FEBRUARY  
EVENT**



**Chili Cook-Off on February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(3:00pm – 6:00pm) to determine who  
represents the Arlington Fraternity at the  
VMA District 4 Chili Cook-Off on April 18<sup>th</sup>**

At the VMA District 4 in January, it was reminded that the 2020 VMA District 4 Chili Cook-Off will be held at the next quarterly meeting in April. Most of the weekends in February, March, & April already have scheduled Moose events; however, there were two events on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> ... the Legion Breakfast & then the Super Bowl Party. The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank the Moose

Legion Committee for graciously moving back their event for one week. AND it is a WIN-WIN situation as the chili of the Cook-Off will be offered at the Super Bowl Party!

Anyone who provides a chili entry (one large crock pot) in this contest eats for free. This contest is for “bragging rights” only; as there will be no prizes. However, each of the winners will receive \$25.00 towards the food costs for their chili offering at the VMA District 4 Chili Cook-Off when they participate, and the Lodge will pay the associated \$25.00 entry fee. It is noted that each chili entry must contain at least one type of bean. The judging criteria for both cook-offs (Lodge and VMA District 4) will be as follows: color, aroma, texture, consistency, spices, and flavor. Explanation of judging criteria will be posted on the bulletin board. Cost for non-entry participants to eat is \$5.00/person.

**St. Valentine's Day**



**February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**President's Day**



**February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Still Proud - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Year Anniversary  
of the “Burning of  
the Mortgage”**



Arlington #1315  
Board of Officers  
2019-2020

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Steve Sisson

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

**FEBRUARY  
EVENT**



**Super Bowl Party**  
Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(beginning 6:00pm)



**CHILI will be offered as the main "munchie" for this event!** Come enjoy the **BIG GAME** at the Lodge where there are multiple televisions throughout the Social Quarters for your viewing pleasure. Where else can you see the action (and re-plays) of a touchdown, interception, fumble, and penalties and be able to see the action on at least one television without someone walking in front of

your view. It is also noted that there should not be a waiting line for the restrooms during the commercials, as we have multiple toilets/urinals. Please attend!

If you provided a chili entry or paid to eat at the Chili Cook-Off prior to this event, the cost for the food offering is FREE! Otherwise, the cost for anyone that wants to eat at this Super Bowl Party is \$5.00/person.

**WOTM Valentine (Steak) Dinner**  
on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> (5:30pm – 7:30pm)

Avoid the crowds and bring your loved one a few days early to celebrate Valentine Day (especially if you have not made a reservation at a restaurant at the time of this publication). The WOTM will be serving a steak dinner at a reasonable price of \$15.00. The dinner will include "a made-to-order" plate of a steak cooked to your desired taste (will be marinated upon request), a mushroom & onion topping for the steak if desired, a baked potato, and asparagus. In

addition, there will be a green salad, rolls, and several home-made desserts offered. It is requested that attendees stagger their arrival times to this event, as the "individualized" steak cooking could cause considerable delays in being served. However, you can always have your favorite beverage while waiting! **Payment in advance is required for the ordering of the steaks!**

**FEBRUARY  
EVENT**



Arlington WOTM  
Chapter #1253  
Board of Officers  
2019-2020

**Senior Regent**

Linda Councill

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Judith York

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Rose Russo

**Guide**

Betty McLaurin

**Assistant Guide**

Kat Carey

**None of the members/organizations of the Arlington Fraternity won in the VMA Raffle at the VMA Mid-Year Conference**

The winners of the VMA raffle are posted on the bulletin board in the entrance of the Social Quarters.



**Nominate a Lodge & Chapter Member for Volunteer of the Quarter**  
(January – March 2020)

Deadline is March 31, 2020



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

**FEBRUARY EVENT**



**Moose Legion Breakfast**  
**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**(10:00am – 1:00pm)**

Surprise “your special other” with an early valentine gift by bringing she/he to the Legion Breakfast (*and it will probably be the cheapest gift you will pay for*). It’s an all-you-can-eat breakfast with made-to-order eggs (i.e.: any type including omelets), pancakes, French toasts, sausage, bacon, fruit salad, coffee, orange juice, and a minimum of one “surprise” food item. **The cost is \$8.00/adult for the breakfast offering.**

**National Inventor’s Day**



**February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**FEBRUARY EVENT**



**New LOOM & WOTM Member Orientation on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Attendance at the orientation is not mandatory for continuing membership, but we are hoping that everyone

wants to know about our support to Mooseheart & Moosehaven ... and maybe learn some answers to questions about our Arlington Fraternity.

**Fish Fry Revisited – No. 14 (Since August 2012)**  
**Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> (2:00pm – 6:00pm)**

This event has always been a really big crowd-pleasing, successful event for the Lodge; with an average of 30 members and guests attending this similar event over the past several years. The Galley chefs packed their fishing gear at the end of summer; therefore, the fish selections will be found on ice at our local grocery store (actually, our chefs do not want to gut and clean the fish). We guarantee that the fish offerings of fried catfish, cod and flounder will be tasty and delicious! AND, as usual, there will be some *special offerings* being considered for later in the day. In keeping with the “menu that always brings the crowds back to the event”, several of the side dishes for this event will consist of macaroni & cheese, cooked mixed greens, stewed tomatoes, and baked beans.

**FEBRUARY EVENT**



**Volunteers for Social Events**

**St. Patrick’s Party**



**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members**

- ▶ Kevin Munley ▶ Folarin Baraka Afolayan ▶ Willy Prost
- ▶ Corey Tiller ▶ Brendan Shannon ▶ Albert Zodun



**Congratulations to Louisiana State University (LSU) for winning the 2019-20 College Football Championship Game**



**Moose Membership provides benefits that save you money!**



Details provided in a brochure offered within the Social Quarters.



**Saturday,  
March 21<sup>st</sup>**



**March  
Madness  
Tailgate  
Party**

**WOTM  
Valentine  
Basket Raffle  
in February**



**Drawing at  
WOTM  
Valentine  
(Steak) Dinner  
February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Support the  
Boy Scouts &  
Girl Scouts**



**FEBRUARY  
EVENT**



**WOTM Greek Dinner - Saturday,  
February 29<sup>th</sup> (6:00pm to 8:00pm)**

Alexander the Great would be proud of the authentic Greek food that will be offered by the WOTM. The offering will consist of a three-course dinner served to the members and their guests. There will be a selection of either Greek Salad or Avgolemono Soup (chicken with orzo pasta, egg & lemon) for the first dinner course; and a selection of Moussaka (eggplant & ground beef), Spanakopita (Greek Spinach Pie), or a Gyro (meat wrapped in pia bread) for the entree dinner course. The final dinner course will be a dessert selection that has not been determined as of this publication. The cost is \$12.00 per member/guest. Please note that the food offering is not an "all-you-can-eat" buffet.

Try something different and come to this social event. Also, please note that this event is a WOTM fundraiser.



**Un-Oktoberfest - An Event Extravaganza  
January 11<sup>th</sup>**

Wunderbar! Another successful gathering for the Lodge, as over 35 Moose members and guests attended, including those that came after attending the Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club Inclement Meals Packaging Event. Even though the *Wiens* (funfair) is celebrated for 16 days in Munich/Bavaria, Germany, the Arlington Fraternity gave a great effort in trying to compact all the food, beer, fun, and more beer in 1 day. The food offered was grilled bratwurst, grilled smoked sausage, a kielbasa/potato/sauerkraut dish, sautéed green peppers/onions, pork schnitzel with gravy, spaetzle (noodles), rolls, pickle platter, and a cheese & cracker platter. German holiday stollen was offered for dessert. The only thing we regret is that we did not offer any real German beer varieties (*but we are working to resolve this situation*).

A thank you is extended to the Küchenchefs of Joyce Chaffins, Tom Oderwald, and Liz Coombs for the delicious food that "kept on coming" to satisfy the appetites for our members and guests. Furthermore, the Arlington Fraternity would like to thank all the members that assisted in the clean up after the event.

***Ach du lieber!* What a Great Celebration!**



**Please Volunteer ... We Need Your Help!**



**Moose  
International  
Annual  
Membership  
Campaign**

**Think NEW Members**



**Brochure of Program in the  
Social Quarters**

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



**Congratulations to Tim Nields**  
 LOOM Volunteer of the Quarter  
 (October – December 2019)



**Congratulations to Elizabeth Coombs**  
 WOTM Volunteer of the Quarter  
 (October – December 2019)



**Youth Organization of the Quarter (October – December 2019)**  
**National Capital Area Council – Boy Scouts of America**



**Governor’s Corner**

It's going to be a busy month at good old 1315. The Moose Legion Winter Celebration and Conferred will be quite an event and opportunity to show our team work and Lodge pride.

- The Lodge chili cook off to determine who we will be sending to the District 4 Chili Cook Off. Let's see if we can get another trip to the State Championship.
- The WOTM Valentine's Day Steak Dinner is always a fine dinner and a good time to share a meal with family and friends.
- Remember to stop in at the lodge for the Legion breakfast. It's been 5 weeks since the last buffet because of the Super Bowl interrupting one of my favorite Legion functions.
- Make time on Saturday, February 15th for the Lodge Fish Fry. This is a meal! It's always a well-attended and delicious change in our Lodge meal events.
- Finally, the WOTM Greek dinner will round out the February calendar. This is a dinner that the ladies go all out putting on one of the best dinners of the Moose year.

So far this has been a great year for volunteer participation in every aspect of our Lodge operations. I couldn't be more impressed by everyone's efforts and how well we are adapting to the new non-smoking policy. Thank you everyone for your great work!!

**Support  
 The Salvation  
 Army**



**Casserole  
 Cook-Off**



**Saturday,  
 March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 (Target: Ernie Halal who  
 won last year)

**National Freedom Day (from Wikipedia)**

Major Richard Robert Wright Sr., a former slave, believed that there should be a day when freedom for all Americans is celebrated. Wright invited national and local leaders to meet in Philadelphia to formulate plans to set aside February 1 each year to memorialize the signing of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution by President Abraham Lincoln on February 1, 1865, which freed all U.S. slaves. One year after Wright's death in 1947, both houses of the U.S. Congress passed a bill to make February 1 National Freedom Day. The holiday proclamation was signed into law on June 30, 1948, by President Harry Truman.



**February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**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**

**The Cold  
 Weather  
 is Here**



**Dress Warmly!  
 (and the Lodge is nice  
 and toasty)**



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

**Future Planned Major Events**  
(March – April 2020)

- March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Casino Night at Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge
- March 14<sup>th</sup>**  
St. Patrick's Day Party
- March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
March Madness Tailgate Party
- March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Casserole Cook-Off
  
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Spring Celebration at Vienna #1896 Moose Lodge
- April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
WOTM Children's Easter Party
- April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Legion Breakfast
- April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Orientation
- April 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Valued Veterans Celebration
- April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
VMA District 4 Meeting at Stafford #2215 Moose Lodge
- April 25<sup>th</sup>**  
LOOM & WOTM Installation

**VMA Mid-Year Conference at Norfolk, Virginia: January 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**



The Arlington Fraternity want to thank Thomas Oderwald John Matis, Elizabeth Coombs and Roxanne Coles-Matis representing the Arlington Fraternity at the VMA Mid-Year Conference.

It has been known that the Virginia Moose Association had not previously agreed to have a joint "One Moose" Association. It was thought that this subject would be presented for discussion, and possibly have a vote by the Virginia Lodges, at the VMA Mid-Year Conference. However, this did not happen!

Announcements provided at the Mid-Year Conference (other than the Virginia Home trip to Virginia and the renovation of the Old Dominion Cottage at Moosehaven detailed on Page 1):

- The VMA (through the efforts of the Lodges, Chapters & Moose Legions) have donated over **\$2 Million** to Massey Cancer since 2001!
- Donations to Vethouse, Inc (the local community service for the Mid-Year Conference) exceeded \$16,600.

**2019-2020 Moose Journal Awards**

As stated many times, the website, monthly Newsletter (with some omissions due to other priorities by the Editor), and Facebook updates are maintained to keep the Arlington Fraternity members informed of everything that is HAPPENING within our local Moose world. But, recognition outside of our local Moose world is also a good feeling. Therefore, we want our members to know that we have submitted entries for our website and Newsletter in the 2019-2020 Moose Journal Award program. The winners will be announced at the Moose International Annual Convention in May.

**WOTM Food Raffle Fundraiser – January 11<sup>th</sup>**



Chapter #1253 would like to thank all of our members that participated in the food raffle fundraiser. The WOTM would like to express their appreciation to Sonia Bouadis for conducting the fundraiser, and Roxanne Coles-Matis for donating a portion of the cost in the purchase of the sirloin and filet mignon steaks (Omaha Steaks) for this fundraiser!



**Final Summary of Coats/Jackets Drive**

The Arlington Fraternity delivered 23 coats and jackets to the Bailey's Crossroads Supportive Housing (a local charitable organization just down the road from the Moose Lodge) on January 11, 2020. In addition, there were 25 sweaters that were also donated during our community service event and were delivered on the same day.

**Electronic Pull-Tabs by Powerhouse Gaming**



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

**New Pull-Tab Game**





**You can Pay Your Moose Dues Online – It's Easy!**  
Go to Moose International Website; you need your Moose ID number & a credit card.

**Future Planned Major Events beginning May 2020 to be developed during February**

 **Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club (BXRC) Inclement Meals Packaging Event January 11<sup>th</sup>**

*(Written by Kate Walter of BXRC)*  
Approximately 100 volunteers gathered Saturday at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge to assemble 15,000 meals for our community. Rotarians were joined by members of Moose, Lions, FCPS students/staff, Food Uniting Neighbors (FUN), and more! Thank you to all those that participated in this community event.



Each meal pack contains six meals. We assembled 2,412 rice/bean packs and 108 oat meal packs. All of the ingredients and equipment for the event were arranged by the Outreach Program. Outreach was founded by Rotarians in Iowa and has spread across the United States. Our local Outreach volunteers for this effort are Bobby and Michelle Polito, who operate from Arlington, VA.

The rice/bean packs were delivered to three local schools: Bailey's Upper Elementary School, Glen Forest Elementary School, and Parklawn Elementary School. These items will be distributed to students by the principal prior to an inclement weather day for students to eat while at home.


The oatmeal packs were a new addition to our effort this year. Shout out to Rotarian Juanita Balenger for her help in working with Fairfax Area on Aging to identify senior recipients at the Bailey's Senior Center and Lincolnia Senior Apartments. We look forward to working with more groups who can help us to identify and support seniors in our community.

Meals were delivered Monday afternoon in record time by Rotarians Carl Neuberg, Bob Polson, Dennis Shannon, and special guest community member Reid Voss (both for the extra muscle and for bringing his truck); Anita O'Quinn lent her van to the delivery cause!  
*(Pictures on Page 16)*

**Watch the Washington Capitals and the Washington Wizards at the Lodge**

Check the schedules of these teams for dates & times

 **WOTM Chinese Auction Fundraiser – January 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Chapter #1253 would like to thank all of our members that participated in this Higher Degree fundraiser. There were 9 gifts to select to win in the auction. At the end of this activity, a different member had won each of the gifts! The WOTM would like to express their appreciation to all our members who donated the gifts.

**Think New Members ... our Fraternity needs them!**


**WOTM Children's Easter Party**




**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Are You a Veteran?**

**Register yourself with Moose International as a Valued Veteran**



**Continue to save BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION coupons**



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



**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](mailto:jimatis@cox.net)].

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



**Housing &  
Registration  
now open for  
2020 Moose  
International  
Convention in  
Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin**

**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.

February Birthstone: **Amethyst** | February Flower: **Violet**

**Happy Birthday to Lodge members**

- Albert Zodun (2/01)
- John Dreslin (2/03)
- George Koditek, Jr. (2/03)
- Michael Koditek (2/03)
- George Hensley, Jr. (2/07)
- Paul Cutting (2/08)
- Robert Martinson (2/10)
- Charles Ziegler (2/13)
- Michael Eggen (2/14)
- Michael Carrington (2/20)
- Daniel ORourke (2/20)
- Andrew York (2/22)
- Stephan Wassel (2/24)
- Robert Bogie (2/25)
- John Riddoch (2/27)

**Happy Birthday to Chapter members**

- Denise Alailima (2/02)
- Sarah Shannon (2/02)
- Beryl Bakker (2/04)
- Kristin Medel (2/05)
- Maureen Naughton (2/06)
- Mary Rea (2/16)
- Lisa Gallimore (2/19)
- Lori Jones (2/19)
- Patricia Green-Shupp (2/24)
- Mary Wantrobski (2/25)
- Abigale Voss (2/27)



**Again ...  
XFL  
Professional  
Football League**



**Begins February 8<sup>th</sup>  
Games televised on  
Saturdays &  
Sundays**

**DC Defenders  
NY Guardians  
Tampa Bay Vipers  
St. Louis  
Battlehawks**

**LA Wildcats  
Dallas Renegades  
Houston  
Roughnecks  
Seattle Dragons**

**A Health Fact You Need to Know ...**

Ticks remain most active when temperatures are above 45 degrees Fahrenheit; but they do not go away in the winter, nor do they die because of the cold. Depending on the species, and stage of life of the tick, they become *dormant* or latch on to their host - like a warm-blooded human or deer. Please be aware of this fact when walking near or through your local woods or undeveloped areas.

**Spread the word that the MOOSE is a NO smoking organization!**



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





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

**“One Moose” Vote Scheduled for the Milwaukee Convention**

The concept of “One Moose”, was first mentioned by Director General Scott Hart at the 2019 International Convention. This concept was next described in detail to over 600 Moose members who attended the One Moose Town Hall Meeting in Orlando, Florida on November 2, 2019.



At this point in time, the concept now advances to the desire of the Supreme Council and Grand Council to create One Moose and to do it as quickly as possible. A vote by the Loyal Order of Moose delegates on changes to the General Laws is planned during the 2020 International Moose Convention in Milwaukee. Should the proposal pass, the Moose Fraternity becomes “One Moose” on May 1, 2021.

**Thank You Veterans!**



**Everything You Do for Our Country**



**Lodge Repairs/Replacement**

The next step of the restoration of the restrooms of the Social Quarters was to deal with the terrazzo floors. The original plan was to apply a new surface coating (i.e.: applicable special paint) on the floor; however, it was suggested at the last moment that we should attempt to try to recondition the existing terrazzo flooring to possibly reduce the cost of this portion of the restoration; and if it was not acceptable, we would proceed with our original plan. The flooring reconditioning was performed in January and except for a few areas along the perimeter wall areas, the shine from the flooring has been re-established (everyone thinks that the flooring is wet when they look down). It was agreed that the original plan could be forgotten. Hopefully, we can have the cost for the reconditioning of the floors paid by the grant awarded to the Lodge from Moose International; but it was a change from the original submission in the grant application and could be the cost of the Lodge.

**National Weatherman’s Day**



**February 5<sup>th</sup>**

Remaining issues for the restoration of the Social Quarters Restroom is the painting of the walls, replacement of ceiling tiles (with possible ceiling grid modifications), possible replacement of toilet partition replacements (if not, painting of the existing partitions), and upgrade in the lighting fixtures. With respect to painting, the Lodge wants to thank Cheryl Emerson for offering her talent and contribution in suggesting a color scheme of shades of green or gray with sample paints on the walls for review. Please tell the Administrator which color combination you prefer. Furthermore, it has been suggested that the panel walls in the Woman’s Restroom be painted. Please tell the Administrator “yes paint” or “leave as is” (the women Moose need to decide ... it’s your environment when at the Lodge).

**Please drink responsibly while Visiting the Lodge**



The Lodge wants to thank Bruce Pickett, Tom Oderwald, and John Matis for volunteering to re-lamp the fluorescent and stage lighting fixtures in the Ritual Hall. It is noted that Elizabeth Coombs had a part in purchasing replacement fluorescent bulbs.

**Get your blood pressure checked regularly!**



**Moose of the Month**





**Free WiFi at Lodge**

**Join the Donors Circle**



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.

**Love You Pet Day February 20<sup>th</sup>**



**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 **Sarah Shannon**.

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 January 27, 2020:*

<u>+1 Goal</u>	<u>Current Active Members</u>	<u>Difference</u>		<u>Expired</u>	<u>Dropped</u>
<b>265</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>-7</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>28</b>

**New LOOM Members since May 1, 2019: 17** (As of January 27, 2020)



**VMA Short Term Membership Campaign**

**Win a Lifetime Membership!!**

**[January 1, 2020 – April 30, 2020]**

and enrolls five or more new/former members into the LOOM, the sponsor's name will be entered into a **drawing to be held on May 5, 2020**.

**There will be two Lifetime Memberships to be awarded!**

- If the winning sponsor is already a LOOM Lifetime Member, a Moose Legion Lifetime Membership will be awarded.
- If the winning sponsor is also a Moose Legion Lifetime Member, he will receive \$600.00 and his home Lodge will receive \$600.00 from VMA
- If the winning sponsor is already a WOTM Lifetime Member, she will receive \$300.00 and her home Chapter will receive \$300.00 from VMA.



**Re-born XFL begins February 8<sup>th</sup>**

The following items make this new Spring football league different from the NFL to make it a faster version with several changes in the NFL rules:

- A shorter play clock. There will be just 25 seconds between plays instead of 40 seconds in the NFL.
- No extra points. Instead, teams can go for one, two, or three points after a touchdown by running one play from either the two-yard line (1 point), from the five-yard line (2 points), or from the 10-yard line (3 points).

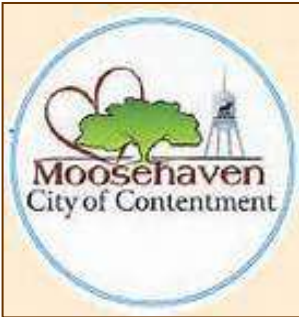
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**Give Generously!**

**Support Special Olympics**





**Easy Way to Support Mooseheart while you Shop!**



Buy your shopping items at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon will make donations to the charity of your choice.

Please make **“Mooseheart Child City”** the charity of your choice.



**We Don't Worry! We have Supportive Members**



**Next Moose Legion Committee Meeting on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> @7:00pm**  
**WOTM members & LOOM members are welcome to attend**


**The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner**



In support of the Lodge, the Moose Legion Committee has approved to replace the old florescent light fixtures within the kitchen to LED type light fixtures; as several of the fixtures are not operational. The cost to refurbish the existing fixtures is more than purchasing new fixtures. The timeline for this replacement has not been planned as of this publication.

As previously announced, the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Winter Celebration (including a Conferral) will occur on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at our Lodge. Only Legionnaires and their guests can attend; however, the provided WOTM lunch at a reasonable price is offered to everyone (Legionnaire, guests & our members) and a separate Dinner offering (identical to the Winter Celebration) will be available at a reasonable price to our members. **Please planned to attend at least one of these food offerings.**

**Let's Talk (A Message from the Administrator)**



I am amazed how all our members & guests had immediately accepted the NO tobacco/smoke policy; with no “oops” from day 1. Everyone should pat themselves on their back for complying with the Moose General By-Laws. **THANK YOU!** As an aside, we are still adjusting our thoughts and procedures to provide a permanent outside smoking area; so, please be patient as we fumble through to get to our final destination.

I want to thank everyone who “stepped up to the plate” in volunteering their time and efforts during the temporary absence of our Social Quarters Manager. Your hard work (with some oops that we resolved) continued the normal Lodge routines/events without our members noticing AND from me going “crazy”! **THANK YOU!**

**Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Casino Night**  
**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm to Midnight**  
**Admission Price - \$25.00 per person**

Admission will include Good Food and Great Music, plus \$200.00 worth of Moose Bucks to begin your play  
 Additional Moose Bucks may be purchased for \$20.00 to continue play

Use your Moose Buck winnings to get tickets to have a chance to win Great Prizes!  
 Cash Bar available

**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**  
(8<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year)



**Watch the 2020 Summer Olympics at the Moose Lodge**

**Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

**If the Lodge is open & games are being televised, we will show the events!**

**Don't Procrastinate!**



**Your Income Tax Return is due in April**



**6 New Sports at the 2020 Olympics**

There will be new sports introduced in Tokyo this summer for medals:

- Baseball & Softball
- Karate
- Skateboarding
- Sport Climbing
- Surfing

In addition, the International Olympic Committee has also given the green light to a variety of new events within basketball, swimming (mixed-gender relays), track and field (mixed-gender relays), and more. However, wrestling is set to be dropped at these Olympics.

It is noted that baseball was previously a sport in the Olympic but was dropped in 2008 because Major League Baseball (MLB) refused to allow its players to participate. It is speculated that the popularity of baseball in Japan has undoubtedly played a part in ushering this sport into the 2020 Olympics.

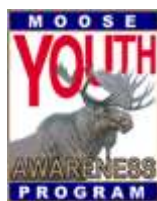
Recently, it was revealed that the Olympic medals will be made from recycled mobile phones. The Tokyo Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games said its Tokyo 2020 Medal Project sourced small electronic devices from all over Japan to create the 5,000 gold, silver and bronze medals.



**Watch NBA All-Star Game at the Lodge**



**Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**United Center in Chicago, IL**



**Youth Awareness Program**

Not quite the record number of last year, however, the Virginia Moose Association had 79 students participate in the Student Congress portion of the program this year. **WOW!** And this large number of participants has resulted in Moose International granting 7 student from the Commonwealth of Virginia to attend the Moose International Student Congress in Mount Laurel, New Jersey (April 23<sup>rd</sup> – April 27<sup>th</sup>).

As in previous years, the students have until February 28<sup>th</sup> to complete their KidsTalks and submit the appropriate documentation for consideration to represent Virginia at the Moose International Student Congress.

**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!**

**Valentine Day Pun**

**What did the flame say to his buddies after he fell in love?**

**... "I found the perfect match!"**





**Quiet Day**



**February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**LOOM Board of Officers Election Schedule for 2020-2021**

The following is the schedule for the upcoming 2020-2021 elections for the LOOM Board of Officers elections:

- **Tuesday, February 4, 2020**  
Board will establish Nomination Committee
- **Tuesday, February 18, 2020 thru March 17, 2020**  
Individuals to submit desire to run for elective office
- **Nomination Committee Meetings**
  - Tuesday, February 18, 2020
  - Tuesday, March 3, 2020
  - Tuesday, March 17, 2020
- **Tuesday, March 17, 2020**  
Nomination Committee to present nominations (Official Lodge Ballot) & Establishment of the Election Committee
- **Tuesday, March 31, 2020**  
Individuals to submit petition to be included on Official Lodge Ballot if not nominated by the Nomination Committee  
(Note: 10% of membership in good standing required to sign the petition)
- **Tuesday, April 7, 2020**  
Election at General Meeting

**Need some rest time from Your Busy Schedule?**

**Come to the Lodge and Relax**



**Senior Regent Message**

Sorry, but the Senior Regent has been under the weather and will catch up in the March Newsletter on the current events. Please accept our apologies for this situation.



**Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club (BXRC) provided a Donation to Moose Charities**

*(Written by Kate Walter of BXRC)*

On Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, the Rotarians delivered our annual contribution to Moose Charities in support of their ongoing programs – Mooseheart (a school and orphanage) and Moosehaven (senior retirement community). BXRC donates its annual check through Arlington Moose Lodge #1315/Women of the Moose Chapter #1253. The venue for this year's check presentation was the Un-Oktoberfest event, immediately following the BXRC inclement food packaging event hosted by the Moose Lodge.



BXRC representative Sarah Shannon & Kate Walter (also Arlington Moose members) presenting the donation check to Rose Russo, Elizabeth Coombs & John Matis



**NASCAR begins on February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Daytona 500 on February 16<sup>th</sup>**



**Come Watch the Season Start at the Lodge**



**“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.



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



**Support Our  
New Team**



**DEFENDERS™**

Any effort by  
our Members  
will help the  
Arlington  
Fraternity!



**Chinese New Year Celebration – January 25<sup>th</sup>  
The Year of the (White Metal) Rat**

This year the Social Quarters was packed for the event and over 25 members and guests partook in the delicious food offering. We even had “take-out” orders (just like a real Chinese restaurant)! The draw to the event must have been our members associating themselves with the animal being honored this year in the Chinese Zodiac (*only a thought*).

The Chinese buffet feast consisted of Egg Drop Soup, egg rolls with hot mustard and duck sauce, fried rice, white rice, General Tso’s spicy chicken, beef with broccoli, chicken with mixed vegetables (like Moo Goo Gai Pan), and Szechuan green beans. And to conform to the standard Chinese restaurants, there were provided Chinese 12 Zodiac placemats, and fortune cookies for dessert. Thought: You know you are getting old when your birth year is one of the first years identified for a Chinese zodiac sign (animal).



The Arlington Fraternity would like to thank our Chinese “Chúshì” members Tom Oderwald, Elizabeth Coombs, and Andre McFail for their efforts in the time-consuming preparation and the “wok-ing” of the various Chinese dishes being offered. For the record, this event was the first time Elizabeth Coombs had ever made egg rolls; which was a constant demand to make more during the event. Finally, a thank you is expressed to all the volunteers that provided the cleanup after the event.

**Re-born XFL (Continued)**

- Multiple forward passes. Two forward passes can be thrown on each play as long as the first throw is behind the line of scrimmage.
- One-foot-inbounds catches. Players only have to have some part of their body inbounds while controlling a thrown ball for the catch to be considered good.
- No replay challenges. Instead, an on-site official can ask for a replay that will not take more than 30 seconds to complete.
- Overtime soccer penalty-kick style shootout. Both teams will get discrete plays from the 5-yard line and will get 1 point for every time they score, with the defending team getting a point for each turnover. The team with the most points at the end of the shootout wins.

*Research the Internet for additional NFL changes and other rules.*

**Special Membership Sponsor  
Campaign - Earn Double Points  
in the Moose Rewards Program  
during the month of  
February 2020**

**Please input your cellular telephone  
number into the contact list of our  
electronic texting system so we can  
provide important messages to you!**

**The Mobile Marketing Platform for the text  
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**Pictures of the  
BXRC  
Inclement Meals  
Packaging Event**



### 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](mailto:jjmatis@cox.net)

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