



Loyal Order of Moose Arlington #1315 Lodge Newsletter

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FEBRUARY 2021



- February 7th – Sunday
Legion Breakfast
- February 7th – Sunday
Orientation
- February 7th – Sunday
Super Bowl Party
- February 13th – Saturday
WOTM Valentine Dinner
- February 20th – Saturday
Chinese New Year Celebration
- February 27th – Saturday
Lodge Food Drive
- February 27th – Saturday
Bull Run Moose Legion
#185 Winter Celebration

It is noted that these events could be cancelled due to regulation changes by the Governor of Virginia

Notice

Still only scheduling social events one month at a time

Please refer to weekly emails & our Facebook page for any approved advanced monthly events

Strict Enforcement

**NO ALCOHOL
WILL BE
SERVED AFTER
10:00PM**

NO EXCEPTIONS

Per regulations by the Governor of the Virginia Commonwealth



Lodge Food Drive – Last week of February February 21st through February 27th

The Arlington Fraternity knows that it is tough times for everyone; but as a community service, the Arlington Fraternity will be holding another food drive for non-perishable, self-staple protein items for those in need in our local community during these continuous difficult times. The food items will be delivered to Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) in our local community. **Refer to Page 6 for more details.**

Please Support WOTM Fundraisers for Moose Charities in the Upcoming Months

Due to the situation of the COVID-19, the WOTM have had limited fundraiser opportunities over the past several months to fulfill their commitments for donations to Moose Charities. The first planned fundraiser in February is a **Valentine Basket raffle**, with the drawing at the WOTM Valentine Dinner on February 13, 2021. Also, the Chapter has been asked to hold 50/50's for Moose Charities, since the Mid-Year Conference had been cancelled, then postponed with limited capacity. The Conferences are huge fundraisers for Mooseheart and Moosehaven and these fundraisers have lost out due to the COVID-19 cancellations. The Chapter will be holding impromptu 50/50s between now and April. Please support our Moose Charities! In addition, there is a donation box in the Social Quarters that our members can contribute for the cause while visiting the Lodge.



Unfinished Business of the Holidays

The Arlington would like to personally thank Kristin Medel who took down and packed up the holiday decorations for the Lodge. We would also like to thank all those members who volunteered to move the decorations down to the basement storage room.

Announcement of 2021-2022 Lodge Board of Officers Election Schedule on Page 12

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



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





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

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

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



**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)**



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 \$180; which is based on \$1 being donated by approximately half of our active members on the active roster (both LOOM & WOTM). Please give generously, as not all active members come to the Lodge for the events to help meet this goal. The total collection will be split in half between the WOTM & LOOM.

Bringing a Guest to the Lodge?

The Arlington Fraternity welcomes all individuals who are considering to be new members of our Moose organization. However, please make sure your guest is aware of all COVID-19 virus requirements, as well as, Moose & IRS requirements while in the Lodge. Show them the layout of the Lodge and describe our Moose Mission in supporting Mooseheart and Moosehaven, as well as supporting our local community. **Please discuss that the Lodge has an Orientation Program to obtain more information about the Arlington Lodge and the Mission of Moose!**



**Announcements for
Cancellations in January**

Due to the current gathering limitations in the COVID-19 pandemic, the following changes had been announced in January:

- The VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting on January 9th was cancelled. *A re-schedule is not known.*
- The VMA previously announced that the Mid-Year Conference had been cancelled at Norfolk, VA in December. It was announced that the VMA Mid-Year Conference will be conducted at the Hopewell Lodge #1472 on April 16th & 17th (limited attendance)
- The Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Winter Celebration has been postponed from January 30th to Saturday, February 27th (still at the Arlington Lodge #1315).

Groundhog Day



February 2nd

Refer to Page 15 for facts about Punxsutawney Phil

**St. Valentine’s
Day**



February 14th

**Are YOU Ready for
One Moose?**



**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

President’s Day



February 15th

Arlington #1315
Board of Officers
2020-2021

Governor

Thomas Oderwald

Jr. Governor

Joseph Russo

Prelate

Dean Massey

Jr. Past Governor

Bernie Ceroni

Administrator

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Trustees

David Kish

Andre McFail

Clifton Ballance

Sergeant-of-Arms

Tim Nields

Outer Guard

Vacant

Inner Guard

Vacant

**FEBRUARY
EVENT**



Legion Breakfast and New Member Orientation - Sunday, February 7th (10:00am – 1:00pm)

Due to the regular demands of our members that attend this event, the event's new slogan is "Where's the PORK!" We always have plenty ... and everything that is served is hot and fresh. The event will consist of sausage links, lots of bacon, home fried potatoes, any way you want your eggs cooked including a variety of omelets, pancakes, French toast, and fruit salad. Furthermore, there will be at least one "surprise" food item, coffee, milk (if requested) and orange juice. AND we will continue to provide the outstanding breakfast selections for an all-you-can-eat offering at a reasonable price of \$8.00/adult and \$4.00/child.

SPECIAL OFFERING THIS MONTH – STEAK at \$3.00/piece

The orientation will occur near the end of the Legion Breakfast at 12:00pm. 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.



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



**Super Bowl LV (55) Party
Sunday, February 7th
(beginning 6:00pm)**



**FEBRUARY
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, & restrooms in the Ritual Hall.

As usual the Lodge will have a food offering during the game for a reasonable price. Call the Lodge for the menu the day before the event. *Please attend!*



**Happy Birthday to James Bucklin, Sr. who became
100 years old in January**



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



**Details provided in a
brochure offered
within the Social
Quarters**



February 1st



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

Thank You Members for Cashing in Your Quarters with the Lodge

STILL PROUD
February is the 4th Year Anniversary of the "Burning of the Mortgage"




Congratulations to Clifton Ballance
LOOM Volunteer of the Quarter
(October – December 2020)



Apologies for the masks, but pictures were taken in the Lodge



Congratulations to Elizabeth Coombs and Sarah Shannon
WOTM Co-Volunteers of the Quarter
(October – December 2020)



Youth Organization of the Quarter (October – December 2020)
VMA Youth Awareness Program (\$50.00 donation)

FEBRUARY EVENT



WOTM Valentine (Steak) Dinner on Saturday, February 13th (5:30pm – 7:30pm)

Come celebrate Valentine's Day with your loved one at the Lodge (well, 1 day early but no crowds). The WOTM will be serving a steak dinner at the 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 by Thursday, February 4th for the ordering of the steaks!** Sign-up list is in the Social Quarters by the purchasing line.



BAR BINGO

Wednesday Nights beginning 7:00pm
February 3rd, February 10th,
February 17th, and February 24th
(Played in the Ritual Hall for social distancing)



Only Moose Members with active status can play Bar Bingo



Are You a Veteran?

Register yourself with Moose International as a Valued Veteran





Think
One Moose!



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

The Cold
Weather is
Here



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



Love Your
Pet Day
February 20th

**FEBRUARY
EVENT**



**Celebrate the Year of the Ox
Chinese New Year Celebration on
Saturday, February 20th (2:00pm – 5:00pm)**

The Arlington Fraternity will be celebrating Chinese Year 4717 a week later than that of the new Chinese calendar this year, as love always takes precedence (i.e.: Valentine's Day). The Lodge chefs swear that there will still be a "parade" of delicious homemade food offerings at the event ... *AND* the food will taste just like your "to-go" dishes from your local Chinese restaurant; *if not better!* The exact main dishes have not been determined as of this publication, but there will definitely be fried rice, egg rolls, and the use of the wok to prepare most of the food offerings. Please note that there will be no MSG added to the dishes and no meat will be cooked from any "kills" directly outside our Lodge.

Come eat, drink, and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Moose members!



If You Were Born during the Year of the Ox

Oxes are known for **diligence, dependability, strength and determination**. These reflect traditional conservative characteristics.

Women Oxes are traditional, faithful wives, who attach great importance to their children's education.

For **male oxes**, they are strongly patriotic, have ideals and ambitions for life, and attach importance to family and work.



**Registration and Housing Now Open for the
2021 Moose Convention in Cincinnati**

Moose International Convention will take place from June 30-July 4, 2021 at the Duke Energy Convention Center in Cincinnati, OH.

This unprecedented event features the first sessions ever to discuss men and women sharing equal opportunities and responsibilities in the operations of our lodges Fraternity wide. Special events include a Moose Member Night at the Great American Ballpark featuring the Cincinnati Reds vs. the Chicago Cub, the 25 Club/Moose Fun Night with Beatle's tribute band American English, and a free Fourth of July Concert with Killer Queen playing the hits of the legendary band, Queen.

To access the convention web pages, go to www.moose2021Cincinnati.org or go to the Moose International website (www.mooseintl.org) and scroll to the events section at the bottom of the Homepage.

Pun of the Month

If love is blind

... why is
lingerie so
popular?



**Nominate a Lodge &
Chapter Member
for Volunteer of the
Quarter
(January - March 2021)**

Deadline is March 31, 2021

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

**National
Inventor's Day**



February 11th

**Support
The Salvation
Army**



**Support our
local
businesses!**



**Lodge Food Drive (continued)
February 21st through February 27th**

We are changing things a little from recent food drives by requesting members to bring food donations anytime into the Social Quarters during the week, in lieu of just collecting the food on one day. The donated food should be placed in a designed area of the Fireplace Lounge. For some members who still do not want to come into the Lodge, a collection box for the Food Drive will be provided in the open air covered foyer of the Ritual Hall side entrance on **Saturday, February 27th between 12:00pm (noon) to 3:00pm**. In both cases, please maintain the social distancing of 6 feet if other members are present when dropping off your food donation and, in accordance with state regulations, face masks are required.



While fresh foods are an important part of the food provided to those in need, non-perishables are also needed and easy for you to donate. The organization that the food will be donated to can make the most of your non-perishable food donation when you consider three things: nutrition, usefulness, and quality vs. quantity.

The best non-perishable foods to donate:

- ▶ Canned beans
- ▶ Dry beans
- ▶ Rolled oats
- ▶ Peanut butter, or other nut butters
- ▶ Oatmeal
- ▶ Canned fruit in juice (not in light or heavy syrup)
- ▶ Canned vegetables, with no or low-sodium.
- ▶ Low-sodium soups
- ▶ Diced tomatoes
- ▶ Tomato sauce
- ▶ Canned tuna in water
- ▶ Rice (especially whole grain)
- ▶ Pasta (especially whole grain)
- ▶ Canned vegetables
- ▶ Cooking oils (such as olive oil or canola oil)
- ▶ Flour

PLEASE DONATE – however, no glass containers!

Donations for Money March to VMA

Even though the VMA Mid-Year Conference was postponed, requests were still received for donations in January. The Arlington Lodge made a total of \$250.00 in donations for VMA Special Olympics Softball Tournament, Old Dominion House at Moosehaven, Virginia Senior Games, Massey Cancer Center, and Vetshouse, Inc.



VMA Youth Awareness Program

This month, we wait again, as we do not really know how many of the 37 students in the program this year will complete their "KidTalks" and reports by the deadline of February 28th. For the record, there is an incentive this year for any student who submits their reports and presentation by the deadline will receive a \$100.00 bonus.



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!

**Moose
of the
Month**





Lodge Repairs/Replacement


Finally, the situation of the fire extinguisher system for the kitchen hood has been resolved! First, Fairfax County has agreed that the existing kitchen hood was “grandfathered” and did not need to be replaced. As a result, the Lodge was able to sign a contract with Maryland Fire Equipment Corporation to replace the kitchen hood fire extinguishing system to conform to current fire code requirements. The first step is to obtain a permit by Maryland Fire Equipment Corporation. The replacement is expected to occur in February. A thank you is expressed to George “Billy” Hensley, Jr., Bernie Ceroni, and Brian Birtell for their efforts in getting this situation resolved. We also want to thank Bruce Pickett, who has coordinated and installed the necessary electrical circuit and alarm bell within the kitchen to complement the system replacement.

In keeping up with the required fire codes, the kitchen hood was cleaned at the end of January; as required every 6 months. And thinking ahead [a first by the Administrator], the Lodge is in the process of changing the company for the inspection of the multiple portable fire extinguishers throughout the Lodge (required to be serviced in July 2021).



NASCAR begins on February 9th Daytona 500 on February 14th

Come Watch the Season Start at the Lodge



2021 is the 50-Year Anniversary of The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

DC’s ultimate cultural center has reached the age of a half-century! With some of the most decadent performance spaces in the world, along with its recent outdoor expansion, the REACH, the Kennedy Center is a monument to art and creativity from around the world. Keep a look out for can’t-miss performances, celebrations and promotions throughout the year.

It’s not our Lodge, but sometimes it’s nice to do something special for romance!

Support Our Local First Responders



National Weatherman’s Day [taken from National Day Calendar website]

This annual holiday commemorates the birthday of John Jeffries, born on February 5, 1744. Dr. Jeffries, a scientist, and a surgeon, is considered to be one of America’s first weather observers. He kept weather records from 1774 to 1816. Additionally, Jefferies pioneered the field of ballooning in the United States and took his first balloon observation in 1784.

Those being honored during this celebration work hard to accurately forecast and report the always changing, and often unpredictable weather. Despite all of the new technological advances, meteorologists continue to face challenges in forecasting the weather. Predicting “Mother Nature” and what path she may choose, is a very daunting task even with the most state-of-the-art technology.

National Weatherman’s Day



February 5th



CINCINNATI 2021
INTERNATIONAL MOOSE CONVENTION
JUNE 30 – JULY 4

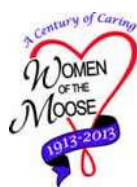
Keep your distance





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

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



Senior Regent's Message

Hope everyone is staying healthy this New Year! The Arlington Women of the Moose continue to value our lodge women and men who help us to support Moose Charities. A special thank you for those who are supporting our fundraisers by buying tickets for chances to win baskets of goodies or buying a nice steak dinner for the upcoming Valentine's dinner. A special thanks to the following folks who donated some fantastic items for the Valentine's basket: Donna Field, Sue Jennings, Roxy Coles-Matis, Liz Coombs, Mary and Eileen Voss, Rose Russo, Marirose Lafollette, Sarah Shannon and Sarah Wick. Thank you, bartenders, for helping to sell tickets as necessary during these COVID-19 times.

Upcoming events:

Dates and times of Nominating Committee Meetings for slate of officers for next Moose year. (We are still looking for at least 2 members to join the committee).

- February 9th, 6:45 p.m. (Board Meeting will be held at 6:15 p.m.)
- February 23rd, 6:45 p.m. (Board Meeting will be held at 6:15 p.m.)
- March 2nd, 7:00 p.m.
- March 9th at Chapter meeting announce final slate of nominees.

Fundraisers:

- February 13th – Valentine's Dinner and basket draw fundraisers
- February 20th – Chinese New Year Celebration fundraiser
- February 27th – Legion conferral lunch fundraiser at our lodge

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



DANGER
"Will Robinsen"
Members!

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!

Watch NBA and NHL Games at the Lodge



Governor's Corner

It seems to me that January went by quickly and now February is upon us. This month we have an interesting selection of Saturday meals. The women will be having the annual Valentine's Steak dinner, the Lodge will be offering the Chinese New Year dinner and the Bull Run Moose Legion 185 will be hosting the Winter Celebration that will be topped off with a St. Patrick's Day style dinner with Corned Beef and Cabbage. After having the Un-Oktoberfest in January, all we need is a couple more ethnic styles of cuisine and we will have most of the world covered. Maybe in March, we can cover anything we missed.

The COVID-19 restrictions are still an unavoidable fact of everyday life, but with continued safety practices and vaccines, hopefully life can get back to normal. Stay safe, stay well - this year will end better than the last one.

Congratulations to Alabama Crimson Tide for winning the 2020-21



College Football Championship Game

Support the WOTM

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



**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.



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, and Phil Weber; all long time members of our Arlington Fraternity who are trying to get back to good health.

**Join the
Donors Circle**



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

Happy Birthday to Lodge members

- Albert Zodun (2/01)
- George Koditeck, Jr. (2/03)
- Michael Koditek (2/03)
- George Hensley, Jr. (2/07)
- Robert Martinson (2/10)
- Charles Ziegler (2/13)
- Michael Eggen (2/14)
- Eric Rich, Jr. (2/19)
- Andrew York (2/22)
- 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)
- Mary Rea (2/16)
- Lori Jones (2/19)
- Marcia Perez (2/21)
- Mary Wantrobski (2/25)
- Abigale Voss (2/27)

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

**"To go" food
can be brought
into the Lodge
During
February
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!



Memories of the Lodge

In case you forgot (we are getting to that point in life), the Arlington #1315 website has heaps of pictures from past Lodge events that you can review to remember the good old times. It will bring back memories of "so-and-so" and "what's their names?".

Washington Football Team (WFT) Playoff Game

Thank you Dean Massey, Virgil Seay, & Cornelius Burroughs for the great Jambalaya food offering served during the game. The WFT played a good game. As they always say ... **wait til next year!**



**Electronic Pull-Tabs
by Powerhouse
Gaming at the
Arlington
#1315 Moose
Lodge
(9 gaming machines)**



**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**





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 the month of January 2021 is **Virgil Seay**.



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.

Don't Procrastinate!



Your 2020 Income Tax Return is currently due on April 15th (no extension planned to date)



Goal: Obtain Premier Lodge Award in 2021
Current Arlington #1315 Membership Status
 As of January 18, 2021:

2020-2021 <u>+1 Goal</u>	Current <u>Active Members</u>	<u>Difference</u>		<u>Expired</u>	<u>Dropped</u>
230	229	-1		45	37

New LOOM Members since May 1, 2020: 11 (As of January 18, 2021)

VMA Short Term Membership Campaign Drawings for Signing New Members [January 1 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

We Don't Worry! We have Supportive Members



An Important Reminder about Gaming in the Lodge

In accordance with the General Rules of Moose International ONLY Moose Members can play our gambling offerings within the Social Quarters (e.g.: pull-tabs, electronic pull-tabs, Queen of Hearts & Bar Bingo). Please do not bring guests to the Lodge to participate ... they will be denied to play.

Thank You Veterans!



For Everything You Did for Our Country

Get your blood pressure checked regularly!



Still no decision has been made by the when the Queen of Hearts will again be played

Please be patient!



Free WiFi at Lodge

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

What is Moose Drool?
The signature suds of Big Sky Brewing Company, Moose Drool was first produced in 1995. Since then, the dark brown ale has reportedly become the best-selling beer to come out of Montana

Moose Legion Committee Meeting on Tuesday, February 9th @7:00pm
All WOTM members & LOOM members are welcome to attend
(a complimentary drink afterwards for anyone who attends the meeting)

The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner
The Moose Legion Committee has decided to proceed with their approved project of updating the lighting system within the kitchen to new LED light fixtures. New cost estimates are being formulated as the existing wiring between the existing control cabinet needs to be reconfigured.

The Moose Legion Committee wants to thank Dean Massey for conducting the food raffle in January to raise the necessary funds to continue the complementing drinks offered at the end of the meetings.

Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Winter Celebration Saturday, February 27th at Arlington Lodge

The Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Winter Celebration (including a Conferral) has been reschedule to February 27th at our Lodge. The event will be held in the Ritual Hall and only Legionnaires and their guests can attend. The WOTM will be offering a lunch as a fundraiser at a reasonable price to everyone (Legionnaires, guests & our members in the Social Quarters). Furthermore, a separate dinner offering (identical to that provided at Winter Celebration) will also be available at a reasonable price to our members.

Please planned to attend at least one of these food offerings.

Lifetime Membership in the Moose Legion to be paid by Bull Run Moose Legion #185 for Bull Run Legionnaire who enrolls most new Applicants between May 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021
(Thomas Murray & Al Smith has excluded themselves from this Campaign)

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

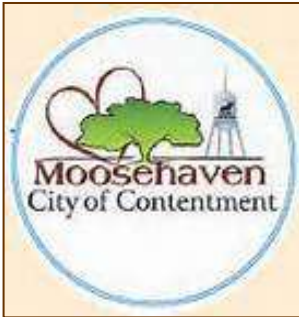
Join the Moose Legion during this Campaign period ... and the application fee will be paid by Bull Run Moose Legion #185

WOTM Valentine Basket Raffle in February

Drawing at WOTM Steak Dinner for Valentine Day February 13th

2021-2022 Lodge Board of Officers Election

April 6, 2021 7:00PM



**Be safe during
BAD weather!**



**We want you to
be members for a
long time**



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



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.

Lodge Board of Officers Election Schedule for 2021-2022

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

- **Tuesday, February 2, 2021**
Board will establish Nomination Committee
- **Tuesday, February 13, 2021 thru March 14, 2021**
Individuals to submit desire to run for an Officer Position
- **Nomination Committee Meetings**
 - Tuesday, February 16, 2021
 - Tuesday, March 2, 2021
 - Tuesday, March 16, 2021
- **Tuesday, March 16, 2021**
Nomination Committee to present nominations (Official Lodge Ballot) & Establishment of the Election Committee at General Membership Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 30, 2021**
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 6, 2021**
Election at General Meeting

If any member has a desire to be on the Lodge Board of Officers for the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge, a "Consideration for Position" form must be submitted to the Nomination Committee by March 14, 2021.

"Consideration for Position" forms are posted on the bulletin board in the entrance of the Social Quarters



Let's Talk (A Message from the Administrator)

Please accept my apologies for another screw up! In October, the County of Fairfax implemented a computer-based system for correspondence and necessary actions, which we registered our Lodge into the system. The Lodge was sent an email on how to renew our food establishment permit, which I overlooked. To my surprise we received an email that our 2020 permit expired on January 4, 2021. I freaked out!! But it gets worse. Trying to get on line to renew the permit, I could not remember the password that I created in the computer-based system. And every time I requested a password reset (i.e.: "I forgot my password"), we never received the appropriate email with the temporary password to proceed. In desperation. I explained my situation in a response to a COVID-19 alert from the Health Department. Somehow, a representative from the Health Department came to the rescue and walked me through the online program to renew the permit. Computers are great, but I would love to go back to the paper sent in the mail requesting an action by me. *I hate emails!*

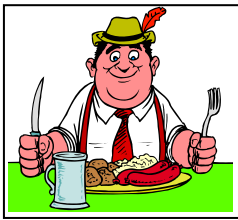
Valentine Joke

Do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day?

... sure, they're very scent-imental!



The 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo is still being planned to begin July 23, 2021 Watch at the Lodge



Un-Oktoberfest - An Event Extravaganza January 23rd

Wunderbar! Our first food Social event since November, and it was a great success! Thirty-eight (38) paid customers participated in the event, which included “all-you-can-eat” attendees and to-go boxes. The food offered was grilled bratwurst & kielbasa (with or without the bun), sautéed peppers/onions, a kielbasa/potato/sauerkraut dish, pork schnitzel with gravy, spaetzle (noodles), German mashed potatoes, and cooked shredded red cabbage. An apple dump cake was offered for dessert, but unfortunately, we forgot to buy ice cream for “a la mode”. The only complaint that we received, and it wasn’t lack of food, was that we did not offer any real German beer varieties (*at this time the Lodge is trying to keep everything simple with our beer inventory*). The Lodge wants to thank all of those members that donated something “extra” for the event.



A thank you is extended to the Küchenchefs of 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, especially all the pots and pans that were used to cook the delicious food (*and there were plenty*).



Wanted:
Legionnaires
of the Arlington
Moose Legion
Committee to
run for an
Officer position
in the
2021-2022
Bull Run Moose
Legion #185



Tell John Matis if you have a desire to be an Officer. Nominations are being solicited in February

Please support
the fundraiser
events of the
Arlington
Moose Legion
Committee



A few pictures from Un-Oktoberfest



Ach du lieber!

What a Great Celebration to Start 2021!



Give Generously!

Support Special Olympics





Think Nattitude!



Spring Training begins in February 2021

First Spring Training Game on February 27, 2021 Vs. Astros



Please Drink Responsibly at the Lodge



Pictures from Salute to Christmas event – December 24th



Great camouflage!
Which is the Christmas tree?



Continue to save BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION coupons
Collection bag in the entrance of the Social Quarters on the bulletin board



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Facts about Punxsutawney Phil [from internet articles]

Punxsutawney Phil is the best weatherman with four legs! If Phil sees his shadow, then that means there are six more weeks of winter. If not, we'll have an early spring.

- When Phil comes out of his stump, he has a conversation with the Inner Circle of the Groundhog Club in Groundhogese (a very complex language). The president then announces Phil's prediction. Phil's prediction can be decidedly unusual; as he once threatened to impose 60 weeks of winter if he didn't get some booze during Prohibition. *Sounds like some of our members!*
- The groundhog's name is Punxsutawney Phil, Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognosticator of Prognosticators and Weather Prophet Extraordinaire.
- According to the Inner Circle of the Groundhog Club, Punxsutawney Phil is at least 134 years old. He takes a magical potion every summer to extend his lifespan. This potion also changes his appearance, which explains why Phil may be gray one year and a youthful brown the next year. It is noted that the magical potion does not work on humans.
- Punxsutawney Phil has had many wives. The magical potion has no effect on Phil's wives so they pass away like normal groundhogs (average age of 6-8 years). Punxsutawney Phil always finds love again, though it is always with a groundhog named Phyllis (*sounds like planned marriages*).

Volunteers for Social Events



Support the Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts

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.

"Founded by Law Enforcement. Run by Law Enforcement" safesurfin.org

Groundhog Day Prediction

Groundhog Day started in 1886. It's an offshoot Candlemas Day, an early Christian holiday that is celebrated on February 2nd (40 days after Christmas Day).

An old English rhyme

"If Candlemas Day is clear and bright,
Winter will have another bite.
If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,
Winter is gone and will not come again."

The prediction always occurs at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, PA around 7:20am on February 2nd

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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