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Social Quarters: (703) 820-9345

JANUARY 2021



**Planned  
UPcoming  
EVENTS**

**January 9<sup>th</sup> – Saturday**  
VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting at Vienna #1896 Moose Lodge  
**January 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday**  
Legion Breakfast  
**January 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday**  
Orientation  
**January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday**  
Un-Oktoberfest  
**January 30<sup>th</sup> – Saturday**  
Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Winter Celebration at Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge

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

**VMA Annual  
Mid-Year  
Conference in  
Norfolk, VA  
had been  
CANCELED**

**Strict Enforcement**

**NO ALCOHOL  
WILL BE  
SERVICED  
AFTER 10:00PM  
NO EXCEPTIONS**

Per new regulations by the Governor of the Virginia Commonwealth



**The Legion Breakfast this Month will be on the Second Sunday!**

The first Sunday in January is included within the New Year's weekend, and even though it is not expected that many members will be traveling away from home this year, knowing our members and guests ... they will need to recuperate from celebrating. Therefore, the Legion Breakfast will be postponed to January 10<sup>th</sup>. Sorry, if this is an inconvenience.



**Thank you to all our members who donated gifts and/or money that were provided to 3 Local Families and to Britepaths**

As usual, especially during these strange and trying times, your generosity again exceeded expectations!

**Refer to article on Page 11**



**The Lodge still need Quarters!**

Currently, some days you can and some days you cannot get rolls of quarters from the bank. Therefore, the Lodge is again requesting our members to bring rolls of quarters to the Lodge in exchange for paper currency. Thank you in advance to all those that assist in this business quandary.



**Congratulations to Andre McFail – 2019-2020 Moose of the Year of Arlington Lodge**

Normally, the Lodge recognizes our selection for this honored award in the Fall, but somehow this matter got overlooked due to other priorities. **Please congratulate Andre for his hard work in receiving this honor!**



**Thank You Season Decorators**

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank Kristen Medel, Sonia Bouadis, and Sara Wick for providing their time and efforts to decorate our Social Quarters with a "holiday spirit" ambiance in December. We did not know we had so much decorations in the basement.



**Arlington Arlie's Antlers exceeded their GOAL in the Mooseheart 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Lights 5k Run/Walk**



**Refer to Page 6**



**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

**January 15<sup>th</sup>  
in 1967**

**First Super  
Bowl in Los  
Angeles, CA**



**Green Bay  
Packers defeat  
the Kansas  
City Chiefs  
35 - 10**

**The Cradle Fundraiser held this year in October raised over \$103,000 by all the Moose Lodges and Chapters for the Mooseheart and Moosehaven Endowment Fund!**



**We know we promised ... but at this time we have no plans for the Celebration of Life Ceremonies**

In past Newsletters, we had noted that several Celebration of Life ceremonies had been deferred until January 2021; however, the situation of the coronavirus pandemic has increased in lieu of the expectation of “going away”. At this time, the Arlington Fraternity cannot provide any information when we can schedule the Celebration of Life ceremonies, while keeping the members and guests safe and conforming to gathering limitations by Virginia State regulations,



**New Membership Requirements for Enrollment into Moose Legion – Effective January 1, 2021**

As part of the preparation for One Moose to put the Moose Legion and Women of the Moose on an even par with regard to enrolling, to be eligible for Moose Legion membership ... **a member must be an active status in the Lodge and be a man.** No waiting period and/or signing a new member.

**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)**

**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 at all times and maintaining the required social distancing indoors & outdoors at the Lodge**

**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**

**New Year's Day**



**January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**



**January 18<sup>th</sup>**



**January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Arlington #1315  
Board of Officers  
2020-2021

**Governor**

Thomas Oderwald

**Jr. Governor**

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**Prelate**

Dean Massey

**Jr. Past Governor**

Bernie Ceroni

**Administrator**

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**Treasurer**

Brian Birtell

**Trustees**

David Kish

Andre McFail

Clifton Ballance

**Sergeant-of-Arms**

Tim Nields

**Outer Guard**

Vacant

**Inner Guard**

Vacant

**JANUARY  
EVENT**



**Legion Breakfast and New Member Orientation - Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

In accordance with our new business standard, everything will be “made-to-order” from the kitchen ... *hot and fresh!* This WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR 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, 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.

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.

**Remember our commitment to Mooseheart and Moosehaven ...  
Please be generous in your donations when requested**



Arlington WOTM  
Chapter #1253  
Board of Officers  
2020-2021

**Senior Regent**

Dionysianna “Anna”  
Ala’ilima

**Junior Regent**

Sarah Shannon

**Jr. Graduate Regent**

Linda Councill

**Secretary/Treasurer**

Elizabeth Coombs

**Recorder**

Rose Russo

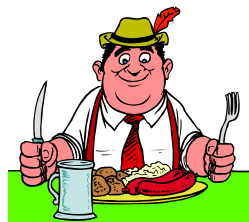
**Guide**

Judith York

**Assistant Guide**

Betty McLaurin

**JANUARY  
EVENT**



**Un-Oktoberfest - An Event Extravaganza  
Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> (1:00pm – 5:00pm)**

The Lodge did not plan any social events in December to minimize gatherings while still being open in compliance with the current regulations of the Governor. Again taking “baby steps”, the Lodge has only planned one social event in January 2021.

Unlike the rest of the world where everyone celebrates the Volksfest (People’s Fair) in October, the Arlington Fraternity prefers to be different by enjoying this German merriment in January. [*Besides, it’s hard to come up with event themes in the cold winter months*]. The food menu has not been set as of this publication; but some of the main items offered last year were bratwurst, sauerkraut, pork schnitzel, spaetzle (noodles), and German potato salad. There will probably be a few non-German foods also being offered. As in the recent social events since September of this year, food will be a “made-to-order” offering; in lieu of the past buffet style offering.

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



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

**College Football Playoff  
National Championship  
presented by AT&T  
January 11, 2021**





**Bar Bingo is planned to be played again on Wednesday, January 13, 2021**  
 (Please note that assembly requirements due to the coronavirus pandemic could affect this planning)  
**Note: Only active members can play!**



**National Hugging Day**  
**January 21<sup>st</sup>**



However, this year it must be a hugging “visual motion” of at least 6 feet away from each participant and each person is wearing a mask! **Sorry ... that's the rules to be safe**

Note – All bets are off for Family members (your call)



**Thank You Powerhouse Gaming for providing a donation to Britepaths, through the Arlington Fraternity, for Christmas gifts to families in need within our community**



A **New Year's resolution** is a tradition, most common in the Western Hemisphere, in which a person resolves to continue good practices, change an undesired trait or behavior, to accomplish a personal goal, or otherwise improve their life. **Was spending more time at the Lodge your 1<sup>st</sup> Resolution?**

**JANUARY EVENTS**

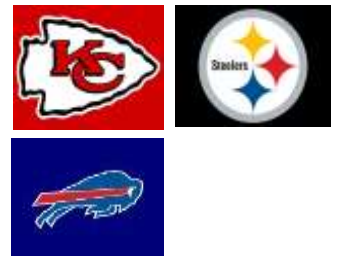
**Watch the National Football League Playoffs at the Lodge on the Weekends**



Enjoy viewing the NFL Football Playoff Games on the many televisions in the Social Quarters. Plenty of seats, lots of beverage offerings, and NO noise limitations.

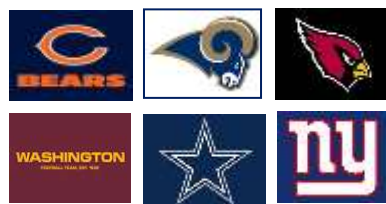


New 14 Team Playoff Format this Year

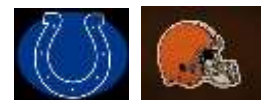


**Wild-Card Round Games**  
 January 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Divisional Round Games**  
 January 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021



**Conference Championship Games**  
 January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021



Unknown for Playoffs as of December 29, 2020



**NFL Super Bowl 55**



**Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Party at the Lodge**

**January is National Thank You Month**



**Are You a Veteran?**

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





**Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members**

▶ Cornelius Burroughs ▶ Keith Warner ▶ Eileen Voss ▶ Victoria Hatfield



Think  
One Moose!



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

**The Ball has started to Roll!**

[Information from Official Communication dated December 8, 2020]  
In preparation for ONE MOOSE, one important change is the necessity of each Association to revise and update their bylaws to comply with the General Laws revisions approved by the membership at the 2020 International Virtual Convention. For ease of adoption and implementation, the General Governor's Office has drafted a single set of standardized bylaws for all Associations. These standardized Association bylaws have been thoroughly reviewed and approved by the Membership Department Field Staff, the ONE MOOSE Implementation Committee, and the Supreme Council.

It was stated that these standardized bylaws must be presented and adopted by each Association at its 2021 Mid-Year Conference. A copy of the standardized bylaws are posted on the bulletin board within the entrance of the Social Quarters.

Based on the above directive, it is expected that some kind of VMA 2021 Mid-Year Conference has to occur.

Support  
The Salvation  
Army





**Important for Chapter Members during transition to ONE MOOSE**

If a Chapter Member is not current as an active member on May 1, 2021, she will have to pay her One Moose lodge and chapter dues online after May 1, 2021 **and will lose the opportunity for free chapter dues at the beginning of the transition.** It is recommended that you renew your membership Chapter dues early, especially if your membership will expire at the end of April 2021. Any questions, please contact a current Officer of the Chapter.



**The Arlington Fraternity Needs Volunteers ... Please Consider!**


**Volunteers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**
  
 (July – September 2020)

**Team of Marty Medel, Kristin Medel, Andre McFail, Sonia Bouadis, Dean Massey & Sara Wick**

Support our  
local  
businesses!




**Pun of the Month**

Why do mountains not get cold in the winter?  
... They wear snowcaps!



**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**

**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!**



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



**Arlington Fraternity Participation in the Mooseheart 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Lights 5k Run/Walk –**

The team of the Arlington Arlie's Antlers consisted of three (3) registered members: John Matis (Team Caption), Dominick Russo, and Linda Council. Each team member pledged to try to obtain a \$100.00 donation goal for the event (including their registration fee), which they knew was attainable, as the Arlington Fraternity had agreed to support this fundraiser endeavor for the Mooseheart and Moosehaven Endowment Fund. Each of the team members met the challenge. The final tally became known during the first week in December: **the achievement of the team was earning the award of \$500 Champions for the Cause Badge!** The final donation tabulation of the Arlington Arlie's Antlers was **\$554.00** in donations ... **OUTSTANDING!**

More information became known in December pertaining to who donated; therefore, the "thank you" list identified in the December 2020 Newsletter must be expanded. The Arlington Fraternity expresses gratitude for the donations provided by Wayne Hawkins, Sarah Shannon (Family), Jeff Busse, Andrea & George Hensley, Jr., Judith York (Family), Russo Family (Dominick, Rose & Joe), John Matis (& Roxanne Coles-Matis), Linda Council, and the Seidler Family (Monty, Darren & Gianna). Furthermore, the Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all the members and their families who were "walkers" as a group effort on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 29<sup>th</sup> that compiled 64 miles for the walking participation; which was the basis for the donation contribution by the Lodge. It is noted that the Lodge "upped the stake" to \$1.00/mile walked from the original rate of \$0.50/mile walked. Thank you everyone for EXCEEDING our team goal!

As this was our first year of virtual participation in the Mooseheart Annual Holiday Lights 5k Run/Walk, many individuals again expressed their desire to do it again next year. **PLAN ON IT!**



**VMA Youth Awareness Program**

The coronavirus pandemic has been a challenge, but "Team Virginia" was still able to obtain 37 high school students from across Virginia to enroll in the Youth Awareness Program. Impressive under the circumstances!

There are 11 Lodges and 7 Chapters from 7 of the VMA Districts actively sponsoring the students; with only Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge sponsoring a student in VMA District 4. Congratulations to Wytheville #394 Moose Lodge for sponsoring 9 students!

In January, it's a waiting game as students hopefully are conducting their "KidTalks" and writing their reports. This will definitely be a challenge for the students, since it is not known at this publication if the schools or other organizations are gathering.

**Support Our Local First Responders**



**Moose of the Month**





**Rubber Duckie's Birthday**



**January 13<sup>th</sup>**



**VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting to be held at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge on April 3, 2021**

**Look how far we've come?**



**January 9, 2007 Apple introduced the 4.5 inch X 2.4 inch Apple iPhone**



**Lodge Repairs/Replacement**

The Lodge wants to thank George "Billy" Hensley, Jr. for installing the "last" two wall chandeliers and securing one previously installed wall chandelier within the Fireplace Lounge. We actually had the chandelier assemblies in our storage closet, but due to a need for longer screws it took us a considerable amount of time to complete the installations (almost four years ... *but hey*, Rome was not built in a day). In addition, Billy also repaired one of the wall chandeliers and replaced the burnt-out bulbs in the other wall chandeliers within the east side of the Ritual Hall. Last but not least, he also re-assembled the podium used in the Ritual Hall that was discovered to be in pieces some time in November (we know why & who, BUT we won't say, as it was an accident).

For the record, the Lodge is actively trying to resolve the matters of the kitchen hood extinguisher system, the leak in the wall of the Men's Restroom of the Social Quarters, and the dysfunctional keg cooler behind the bar to expand our draft "flavors" again.



**Governor's Corner**

2020 has been a really rough year for everyone. The Lodge and the Order seem to have had more than our fair share of loss and difficulties. As grim as this year has been, a vaccine for this miserable virus should be available to everyone soon. Maybe then, life can get back to normal.

The One Moose is becoming a reality. I look forward to seeing the Ladies on the Lodge Board after the next election.

A special elbow bump, air high five and a virtual hug to our Administrator John Matis - the hardest working man in Moosedom. He has kept the lodge compliant with the Health Department while still keeping the business running, and as profitable as it can be, given the current limitations.

A Happy and Hopeful New Year to you all!

**We'll say it again: THANK YOU MEMBERS!**

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



Since we will NOT be serving any food except at a planned event, we are allowing our members to bring "to go" food into the Lodge, however, all of our serving ware will be locked away. Our members who bring "to go" food or get the food delivered MUST provide their own serving "extras" (e.g.: paper plates, utensils, condiments, napkins, etc.) and cleanup after eating at their table!

**Support the WOTM**

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



**January is National Soup Month!**

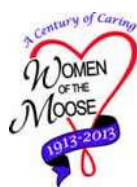
When the cold weather is in abundance, what better way to sit down and warm up than with a nice, warm bowl of soup?





**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 had a great holiday season! I'm sure having the year we had, we are ready to bring in a wonderfully healthier new year. 2021, yeah!

Thanks to all, this Moose year, who have made it out to the lodge to support our fundraisers or have donated ideas, items, food, publishing (John Matis, Brian Birtel and Gwendolyn Collins), etc. to our various events. It is much appreciated, especially for those at Mooseheart and Moosehaven that count on us, as well as our local charities.

We conducted our Ways and Means Activity Meeting this month to appreciate Linda Council's effort as the Senior Regent last year. Although we did not make our goal for membership (Covid limitations), Linda held us together to the end and we successfully completed our fundraising projects so we could support our charities.

Upcoming events:

**January 12<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday) – next chapter meeting at 7PM

**January 26<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday) – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of month at 7PM

**January 30<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday) – Bull Run Moose Legion Winter Celebration lunch fundraiser at our lodge

**January** - Upcoming elections preparations (please consider becoming an officer of the board and be available when asked to be on the nomination committee)

**February 13<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday) – Valentine Dinner

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

**Festival of Sleep Day January 3<sup>rd</sup>**



**Sleep in on Sunday**

**(After the celebrations of Christmas & New Year's Eve, rebuild your energy for work on January 4<sup>th</sup>)**

**Loch Ness Monster spotted on January 14<sup>th</sup> in 1934**



but in 1994 (60 years after the photo was published) it was proved that the "surgeon's photo" was a fake

**Loch Ness Monster**

Since 1994, most agree that the photo was an elaborate hoax.

The creature was reportedly a toy submarine purchased from F.W. Woolworths and its head and neck were made from wood putty.

**Watch NBA and NHL Games at the Lodge**



- The NBA regular season began on December 22, 2020 with each team playing 72 games
- The NHL regular season will begin on January 13, 2021 with each team playing 56 Divisional games  
[Note: there will be no Winter Classic or All-Star Game]





**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.



Big Brothers Big Sisters

**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.

**Everyone has  
a Special  
Talent!**



**Please  
Volunteer to  
Assist the  
Fraternity in  
Accomplishing  
our Goals**

**Happy Birthday to Lodge members**

- Virgil Seay (1/01)
- Lewis Simon (1/01)
- Robert Schneck (1/04)
- Carl Weber, Jr. (1/05)
- Raymond Broz, Jr. (1/06)
- Dennis Shannon (1/07)
- Michael Matis (1/10)
- Tim Crocker (1/18)
- Michael Pogue (1/18)
- James Woods (1/18)
- James Bucklin, Sr. (1/19)
- John Wells (1/20)
- Michael Cady (1/21)
- Charles Anderson (1/22)
- Joseph Lizzi (1/23)
- David Schroeder (1/23)
- Phillip Cerroni (1/27)
- Dave Mercer (1/31)

**Happy Birthday to Chapter members**

- Gumercinda Roosas (1/11)
- Brenda Morgan (1/14)
- Angella Coles (1/14)
- Dionysianna Alailma (1/16)
- Rebecca Eggen (1/25)
- Joan "Patti" Rodas (1/26)



**1<sup>st</sup> Winter  
Olympic games  
held in  
Chamonix,  
France**



**in 1924  
January 25<sup>th</sup> to  
February 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Winter Joke**

Why is Elsa dangerous  
with a snowblower?

... because she will  
let it go!



**Chinese New Year Celebration  
in February**



**Date to be determined**



**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.



**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 December 2020 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.

**Snow will be here in January**



**Know your physical limitations**



**Goal: Obtain Premier Lodge Award in 2021**  
**Current Arlington #1315 Membership Status**  
*As of December 22, 2020:*

2020-2021	Current			
<u>+1 Goal</u>	<u>Active Members</u>	<u>Difference</u>		<u>Expired</u>
<b>230</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>+1</b>		<b>43</b>
				<u>Dropped</u>
				<b>38</b>

**New LOOM Members since May 1, 2020: 11** (As of December 22, 2020)

**The Cold Weather is Here**



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



**VMA Short Term Membership Campaign**  
**Win one of three Portable Beverage coolers!**  
**[September 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020]**

Lodges with the highest percentage of Preferred Members (i.e.: different members of sponsors) based on active membership will be entered into a drawing to win a **Portable Beverage Catering & Concession Cooler or \$1,000.00**

There will be one winner from each of the following lodge active membership categories:

0-400 members (Arlington #1315), 401-800 members, and 800+ members

Drawing will be held sometime during the weekend of January 16-17, 2021 [the drawing was to be at the now canceled VMA Mid-Year Conference]



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

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all the members and guests who came to the Lodge on Christmas Eve to "cheer in" the holidays. Thank you to all our members who contributed snacks for the event and to the Lodge for subsidizing some of the juke box music.

**Thank You Veterans!**



**For Everything You Do for Our Country**

**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**



**Please consider contributing to the ENDOWMENT when visiting the Lodge**

**Endowment box is on the bar near the purchase line**



**Free WiFi at Lodge**

**January 20, 1920 Prohibition takes effect stopping the sale and consumption of alcohol when the 18th Amendment went into effect**

**Thank goodness it was changed!**

**Please support the fundraiser events of the Arlington Moose Legion Committee**

**Moose Legion Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> @7:00pm**  
**WOTM members & LOOM members are welcome to attend**

**The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner**

The Moose Legion Committee wants to thank all our Legionnaires who brought food to the Holiday Meeting in December. It was a very short meeting ... so we could enjoy the delicious food offerings and our favorite beverages. In addition, a thank you is expressed to Dean Massey for his efforts in conducting the food raffles in November and December so that there were sufficient funds to continue to make the Moose Legion meetings “fun” for those that attended the meeting, including non-Legionnaires. It should be noted that \$50.00 from the food raffle in November was donated to the endowment fund of Bull Run Moose Legion #185.

**Christmas Support for 3 Local Families and Britepaths**

Originally, it was approved to only provide gifts through Britepaths for three (3) local families; as the other organization for which the Arlington Fraternity provides Christmas gifts was through a Fairfax County Elementary School, but that school was basically closed for any coordination due to the coronavirus pandemic. Then we discovered that Britepaths was not accepting gifts ... *BUT* would accept gift cards that could be sent in the mail. A gratitude is extended to Sarah Shannon, at the request of the Administrator, who found a local organization that was willing to coordinate for three local families to receive gifts from our Fraternity. **Bailey’s Community Center** identified three (3) families with a total of six children that they would coordinate and deliver the gifts.

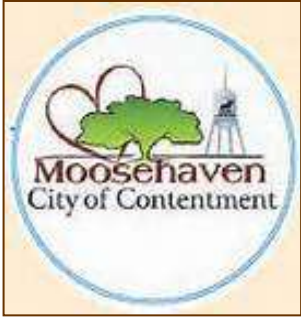
In the end, with some confusion with the last minute expansion of gift giving, our members of the Arlington Fraternity came through in making many individuals happy for Christmas associated with both the Bailey’s Community Center and Britepaths.

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank everyone that provided gifts and/or monetary donations for this community service. In addition, the Fraternity wants to thank Sarah Shannon for coordinating with the Bailey’s Community Center and making the delivery of gifts (it is presumed that Dennis Shannon assisted in the delivery), to Brian Birtell in coordinating with Britepaths for making the on-line monetary donations & mailing the gift cards on behalf of our members, and to Elizabeth Coombs, Rose Russo & Sarah Shannon for wrapping the gifts that were necessary before the delivery to Bailey’s Community Center. Finally, a thank you is expressed to Powerhouse Gaming for making a donation, through the Arlington Lodge #1315, to Britepaths. It is noted that Britepaths is a local organization located in Fairfax County.

Pictures of the gifts and wrapping efforts to Bailey’s Community Center are shown on the next page of the Newsletter.

**Give Generously!**

**Support Special Olympics**



**National Pie Day  
(the dessert that you eat)**



January 23<sup>rd</sup>



**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.



**The Lodge is Soliciting Leadership Volunteers**

Are you interested in being on the 2021-2022 Lodge Board of Officers? Based on the changes for ONE MOOSE, the following positions are open for election: Lodge President, Lodge Vice President, Lodge Chaplin, Lodge Treasurer, and Lodge 3-Year Trustee. In addition, if anyone has a desire for the position of Lodge Corporate Secretary (formerly Administrator), the incumbent is willing to discuss to relent the position for the election. The Election Schedule will be provided at the end of January 2021.

At this time, it is the understanding by the Administrator (to be renamed as Lodge Corporate Secretary on May 1, 2021) that only current Lodge members with enrollment in the Moose Legion can be elected for a position on the 2021-2022 Lodge Board of Officers. However, the Lodge also wants to know if there are any current Chapter members who have a desire to fill a position within the Lodge Board of Officers in case a position becomes vacant after May 1, 2021. Just planning ahead ... please discuss with the current Administrator.



A portion of the gifts already wrapped for delivery to the Community Center



Liz, Sarah, and Rose wrapping the gifts for the 3 families



**Best way to Reheat French Fries**

[from article on [www.theKitchn.com](http://www.theKitchn.com)]

Crispy, salty French fries is a favorite fast food item for most people. And there always seems to be leftovers to eat another day. Most of us reheat the French fries in the microwave, but even though they are hot ... they are soggy & limp, not crispy!

Four (4) different methods were tested to obtain crunchy reheated French fries: 1) pan fry, 2) roasted, 3) air fryer, & 4) broiler. The same French fries that were left in the bag and placed in the refrigerator were used during the tests.

The results: the air fryer was the recommended method to reheat the French fries (350°/8 minutes); but not everyone has an air fryer and there is a limitation to the amount reheated at one time. The next alternative is to roast the leftover fries in the oven (425°/25 minutes). *TRY these suggestions ... you might like it!*

**Winter Joke**

What happened when a man had to scrape ice from his windshield using his supermarket loyalty card?

... he *only got 10% off!*



**The Lodge is a NO SMOKING Facility**



**All tobacco products must be used outside of the Lodge**



**Think Nattitude!**



**Spring Training begins in February 2021**

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



**Backwards Day January 31<sup>st</sup>**



**Just a Thought ... with respect to Today's Situation**

[Information from Centers of Disease Control and Prevention website]

The 1918 influenza pandemic was the most severe pandemic in recent history. It was caused by an H1N1 virus with genes of avian origin. Although there is not universal consensus regarding where the virus originated, it spread worldwide during 1918-1919. In the United States, it was first identified in military personnel in spring 1918. It is estimated that about 500 million people or one-third of the world's population became infected with this virus. The number of deaths was estimated to be at least 50 million worldwide with about 675,000 occurring in the United States.

While the [1918 H1N1 virus has been synthesized and evaluated](#), the properties that made it so devastating are not well understood. With no vaccine to protect against influenza infection and no antibiotics to treat secondary bacterial infections that can be associated with influenza infections, control efforts worldwide were limited to [non-pharmaceutical interventions](#) such as isolation, quarantine, good personal hygiene, use of disinfectants, and limitations of public gatherings, which were applied unevenly. *Sounds a little like today's world?*



**Did You Forget to Renew Your Moose Dues?**

We know that renewing your Moose Membership may not have been a priority over the past several months due to the world facing the corona virus pandemic and our members staying at home. However, when the situation is resolved and the world gets back to "normal", you will hopefully want to come to the Lodge to relax and enjoy the social events. As a private club, only members that possess an up-to-date "valid" Moose ID card can be within the Lodge. Want to be at the Lodge? Renew your dues!



**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 requirements while in the Lodge (i.e.: not being sick before he/she enters into the Lodge, wearing of masks while moving throughout the Lodge, having their temperature taken when first entering, 6-foot distancing is mandatory, cannot purchase any beverages or play the electronic gaming because they are not members, etc.), 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 when they become a member for them to obtain more information on how the Arlington Fraternity is involved in our local community and the Mission of Moose!** Remember that the guest is not known by our members and consideration should be given to protect the guest and our members.

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



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



**The 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo is still being planned to begin July 23, 2021**



**Please Drink Responsibly at the Lodge**



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

Besides the organizational changes being prepared for the conversion to One Moose, there are also some "behind-the-scenes" activities. The membership and financial information has always been contained within computers within the Lodges and the information transmitted to Moose International (also by the Chapters). This situation has been vulnerable to upgraded computer operating software not being compatible with the existing MI membership and financial software, the computer at the Lodge/Chapter is compromised by a virus, or the worst case a fire destroys everything and no backup had been implemented. Therefore, Moose International is currently in the process of having the membership and financial information in online programs. Since the end of November, our Lodge and Chapter are now using the online membership software. There is definitely some "old dog can't learn new tricks" education on my part, but overall, it seems to be easy. But best of all, I can do what I need to perform without always being at the Lodge, as I can log on from home. [Aside: Did I ever let it be known that we have tried many times to determine why, but there is no air conditioning or heat in the Administrator's Office?] The conversion of the financial information to an online program is ongoing with a planned implementation by May 1, 2021. It should be noted however, that nothing is "free" and there will be a monthly fee charge to the Lodge (Chapter?) for the technology.



**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

**Announcing ... 2020 Virtual 5k Contest Winners**

**Favorite Team Name:** Jersey Jingles  
**Best Team Picture:** Moose Promenaders  
**Most Spirit:** Mt. Holly Moose on the Run  
**Largest Team:** Moose Promenaders  
**Trails are Blazin':** Montana Mighty Moose

**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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