



# Loyal Order of Moose Arlington #1315 Lodge Newsletter

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MARCH 2020 SPECIAL

## Current Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge Hours of Operation

**All 7 Days  
of the Week  
(Monday – Sunday)  
3:00PM to  
9:00PM**

**No more than 10  
individuals can  
gather together at  
one time**

Please note that the hours of operation may change OR that the Lodge becomes closed based on restrictions announced by the U.S. Government or the Commonwealth of Virginia

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

**Please comply  
with the  
directives of our  
governing  
authorities during  
these  
extraordinary  
circumstances**



**It is** with deep personal regret that the Arlington Fraternity inform you of the death of Joyce Chaffins. Each of us not only grieves at the passing of a tremendous individual but also for the loss her family suffers. Joyce had been the Lodge's Social Quarters Manager for over 18 years and definitely will be missed.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled once our lives return to some normalcy from the Covid-19 virus pandemic crisis.



**All Weekly Activities are CANCELLED  
until further notice!**

**(i.e.: Bar Bingo, Queen of Hearts Gaming,  
and Friday Night Dinner)**



**As of March 17<sup>th</sup>, the following Social Events have been cancelled:**



- **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>  
NCAA March Madness Tailgate Party**
- **Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>  
Casserole Cook-Off**
- **Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>  
WOTM Children's Easter Party**
- **Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Legion Breakfast & New Member Orientation**



**Please be aware that the Covid-19 virus situation will be reviewed on a daily basis to determine if further planned Social Events will be held OR cancelled!**

**The LOOM Elections for the 2020-2021 Board of Officers on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> has been CANCELLED.**



By the decree of the General Governor's Office, officer elections has been postponed. The election process can take place in June with new officers taking charge on July 1, 2020. **Current incumbents will have their terms of office extended from April 30<sup>th</sup> until June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

It is noted that the third Nomination Committee had been conducted on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and an election slate had been established. However, if any member still desires to be considered for a position on the 2020-2021 Board of Officers, please submit an email to the Administrator at [jjmatis@cox.net](mailto:jjmatis@cox.net). The current world situation with the Covid-19 virus requires all of us to be flexible in the operations of the Lodge and the fraternal procedures.



**At this time the WOTM & LOOM Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> will still be held!**

**Look for the weekly emails if anything changes, including the possibility of a conference call**

**The installation of the WOTM & LOOM 2020-2021 Board of Officers has been postponed (from April 25<sup>th</sup>)**



**Date will be announced once elections have been scheduled**



**A Message from the Editor**

It was planned that a March 2020 Newsletter would be issued during the first week on March to inform our members of upcoming events, as well as information about past events that happened in February.

However, the Covid-19 virus circumstances took control of my personal and employment life and the March Newsletter was never completed. I apologize for this misfortune in keeping the members of the Arlington Fraternity informed at the beginning of the month! But things have rapidly changed and most March events have been cancelled. This special Newsletter edition reflects the immediate changes to the operations of our local Fraternity on the first two pages.

I have also included some articles and tidbits to thank our members for their efforts and other March specific information.

**During the Covid-19 Crisis, it is requested that guests not be invited to come with a member to the Lodge**

The Arlington Fraternity is probably “shooting ourselves in the foot” for not enticing prospective new members to visit the Lodge; however, we are making this request so that necessary members can come to the Lodge to perform their required responsibilities and be in compliance with the regulation of not exceeding 10 individuals gathered at one time within the Lodge.



**The Moose International Youth Awareness Congress Scheduled at the end of April has been CANCELLED**

As of this date, there is no plan to reschedule this event. Information pertaining to the students who would have represented the Commonwealth of Virginia at the Congress is not available at this time.

**Thank you to all Our Volunteers who Make Our Bar Bingo Successful Events!**

The Lodge appreciates everyone that has contributed to prepare, cook, operate, sell bingo cards, and cleanup at these events during the past several months.



It is noted that the results of the last game at the Bar Bingo conducted on March 11<sup>th</sup> will be reflected at the next Bar Bingo event when restarted (*date to be determined*).

**Thank You Jane Kennedy, Michael Pogue, Kristin Medel & Sara Wick**

The decision to keep the Lodge open was based on our ABC Managers agreeing to continue to come to the Lodge and provide service to our members. If you visit the Lodge, please thank them for their efforts.



**The International Moose Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the Pilgrim/College of Regents are still scheduled as planned at this time! Any changes will be notified to the Moose Membership.**

**Arlington #1315  
Board of Officers  
2019-2020**

**Governor**

Thomas Oderwald

**Jr. Governor**

Joseph Russo

**Prelate**

Brian Birtell

**Jr. Past Governor**

Gregg Cady

**Administrator**

John Matis

**Treasurer**

Andre McFail

**Trustees**

Dean Massey

David Kish

Jose Cortez

**Sergeant-of-Arms**

Tim Nields

**Outer Guard**

Randy Nolan

**Inner Guard**

Steve Sisson



**Endowment "Rocker Fundraiser" in February**

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all our members who contributed to the Rocker Fundraiser; as well as, for being generous in contributing to the endowment fund during the past year.

**Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members**

- ▶ Daniel Caughey ▶ Ingrid Anderson ▶ Maria Ventura
- ▶ Leticia DeLeon



**Thank You Members for Your Contributions to the Arlington Fraternity!**

**Moose Rewards Program Special!**

Moose International is offering double points for completing any officer training (instructor-led or online) during April, May, June & July.



**WOTM Pot of Gold Basket!**

The WOTM wants to thank all our members and their guests for supporting this fundraiser basket to obtain funds in support of their requirement to Moose Charities. The drawing occurred at the WOTM meeting on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> after their meeting



**The Moose Rewards Program has been Extended**

The program, slated to end in 2020, has been extended to 2022. So now your Moose membership is even more valuable as you can collect and redeem additional points for two (2) further years.

Every active member of the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose have the opportunity to participate and your points are rewarded automatically. There is no paperwork or submissions required.

A member can earn points just by being a Moose! Points are awarded for sponsoring members, renewing your dues, have a sponsored member renew his/her dues, join the Moose Legion, being an officer in the Lodge or Chapter or the Association, attend training classes (instructor-led or on-line), attend an International Convention, etc. These points can be redeemed to pay dues, contribute to Moose Charities, pay for registration to an Moose International Convention, purchase program defined gift cards, get cash back, etc. Please visit the Moose Rewards page, [www.mooserewards.org](http://www.mooserewards.org) for the complete set of official rules and information.

\*\* Look for important changes to the Moose Rewards program beginning May 1, 2020 in upcoming issues of Moose magazine, online at the Moose International website and on the "Heard of Moose?" Facebook page.



**Arlington WOTM  
Chapter #1253  
Board of Officers  
2019-2020**

**Senior Regent**

Linda Councill

**Junior Regent**

Anna Ala'ilima

**Jr. Graduate Regent**

Judith York

**Secretary/Treasurer**

Sarah Shannon

**Recorder**

Rose Russo

**Guide**

Betty McLaurin

**Assistant Guide**

Kat Carey

**St. Patrick's Day Pun**

*(We all need a little laughter!)*

Why don't women want to get engaged on St Patrick's Day?

... 'Cause they don't want to get a "sham rock"



**Nominate a Lodge & Chapter Member for Volunteer of the Quarter**

**(January - March 2020)**

Deadline will be **extended** (to be determined)



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



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



**Liz Coombs**  
WOTM Volunteer of the Quarter  
(October – December 2019)

**Please drink responsibly while Visiting the Lodge**



**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 [jjmatis@cox.net](mailto:jjmatis@cox.net)].

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

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

**Happy Birthday to Lodge members**

- Gregory Cady (3/02)
- Williams Tinsley (3/02)
- Robert Woodke (3/02)
- Robert May (3/06)
- Carl Arbes (3/10)
- David Leifer (3/15)
- Carl Weaver (3/26)
- Clifton Ballance (3/30)
- Sean Hearn (3/30)



**Happy Birthday to Chapter members**

- Leticia DeLeon (3/01)
- Paula Pruitt (3/08)
- Ingrid Anderson (3/10)
- Patricia Smith (3/11)
- Betty McLaurin (3/12)
- Myra Clemens (3/14)
- Elizabeth Coombs (3/14)
- Sharleen Schmidt (3/17)
- Vickei Janes (3/19)
- Maricellis Negron (3/21)
- Meredith Voss (3/21)
- Yeni Ferrufino (3/22)
- Kathleen Fichtel (3/27)
- Laura Mangum (3/31)
- Betty Pamplin (3/31)

March Birthstone: **Aquamarine** | March Flower: **Jonquil**

**IN MEMORY:**

- The clock of time has stopped; across its face of motionless shadows mark the hour of their passing. A tribute to the memory of Fraternity members and family who have passed into the realm of everlasting peace and the Supreme above:
  - Sister Joyce Chaffins
  - Brother George Walker (Lifetime Member of Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge)
  - Bruce Raymond Hensley (brother of Brother George Hensley, Jr.)



**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 **Michael Foster** for the month of February.



**Moose of the Month**

**Are You a Veteran?**

Register yourself with Moose International as a Valued Veteran

**Remember Mooseheart**

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

**Moose Rewards Program Special!**  
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**Don't Procrastinate!**

**Due date for your 2019 Year Income Tax Return has been extended to July 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Let's Talk (A Message from the Administrator)**  
I want to thank everyone who took it upon themselves to volunteer to perform tasks in the normal operations/routines of the Lodge when Joyce Chaffins became sick at the end of January. We had some hiccups; but we got through them and our members never noticed any difference. **Your efforts are very much appreciated!**

**The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner**  
Congratulations to **Gerry Bertalot** and **Clifton Ballance** for becoming Legionnaires! They were conferred at the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Winter Celebration that was at our Lodge on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The Arlington Moose Legion Committee now has 47 Legionnaires.

**Thank you to all of our Members that participated and/or attended the February and early March Social Events**

**Articles of the events will be provided in the next Newsletter**

**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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