



# Loyal Order of Moose Arlington #1315 Lodge Newsletter

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MAY 2020



**No Social Events in May 2020 due to Covid-19**

Planned Future Scheduled Events for June – August on Pages 7 & 8



**In accordance with the Governor of the Commonwealth in Executive Order No. 55, the Arlington Moose Lodge #1315 will continue to be CLOSED until Wednesday, June 10, 2020 due to the Pandemic Covid-19 Virus!**

**The health and safety of our members are our top priority!  
Please comply with the directives of our governing authorities during these extraordinary circumstances**



**The “In-Person” International Moose Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the end of May has been CANCELLED!**

It is believed that many Moose Members who would be attending this meeting would fall within the Covid-19 high-risk category and with the ever-changing recommendations for shelter-in-place guidelines, the Supreme Council believes this action is appropriate for the Fraternity at this time. Refer to *Page 3* for more information of “virtual convention”.

**Don't Procrastinate!**



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

**As the Lodge is closed, all LOOM and WOTM Meetings are CANCELLED in the month of May!**



**The Supreme Council Approves Grant Program for Covid-19 Relief**

The Supreme Council announced that it has approved \$1,000,000 in transition funding from the recent Supreme Council Grant Program, which helped maintain the infrastructure of qualifying Lodges, to a grant program that will provide relief to Lodges due to loss of business from the coronavirus. This relief fund was created to help Lodges pay expenses incurred during closures due to the Covid-19 virus. Read more on *Page 4*.

**When the Lodge Opens AGAIN We will definitely PARTY!**



**It is** with deep personal regret that the Arlington Fraternity inform you of the death of Franklin Leroy Beach and Ronald Mifflin. Brother Franklin was only one of three (3) current members that held the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in the Arlington Lodge. Brother Ronald was the Governor for two terms – May 2002 through April 2004.

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



**Just a Reminder AGAIN since the Lodge is CLOSED All Weekly & Daily Activities are CANCELLED (until further notice)!**



Remember the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces Memorial Day – May 25<sup>th</sup>



**Sorry we cannot cook for you this Memorial Day!**

While celebrating this holiday with your Family, please take a moment to thank those who have served our Country to keep us free to decide how we want to live our lives and achieve our dreams in life!

**May Day**  
Celebrate May Day

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Cinco de Mayo**

**May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**A Message from the Editor**

Everything is changing on a daily basis with the world's situation these days; so we will try to keep up with MOOSE and our Arlington Fraternity before the publication of this Newsletter. BUT, please forgive us if something drastically changes from what we printed due to conditions involved in combatting the Covid-19 virus.

**Victoria Day**

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**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Mother's Day**

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**"We're All In This Together"**

**National Teachers Day**  
**May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Even though schools are closed, they deserve to be honored for their hard work!**

**Armed Forces Day**

**May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Memorial Day**

**May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

SAFE SUREIN FOUNDATION

"Founded by Law Enforcement, Run by Law Enforcement"

safesurfin.org

**We wish each Mom, Mama, & Mum a Happy Mother's Day!**

Arlington #1315  
Board of Officers  
2019-2020

**Governor**

Thomas Oderwald

**Jr. Governor**

Joseph Russo

**Prelate**

Brian Birtell

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Tim Nields

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Randy Nolan

**Inner Guard**

Steve Sisson



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



**WOTM Community Service**

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, the Arlington Chapter #1253 delivered a dozen Tommy Moose plush animals to Fire Station 10-C, Bailey's Crossroads, Virginia. Linda Councill, Senior Regent and Judith

York, Junior Graduate Regent, represented the Chapter in providing the donation. The ladies were welcomed in open arms by Firefighter Allen Bizzell and Caption Matthew Tamillow. At this very stressful and ever-changing climate we are in, the firefighters welcomed Tommy Moose to be a part of their House to be there for the children in need. **Thank you Chapter #1253.**



Linda & Judith with Firefighter Allen "Biz" Bizzell

**International Moose Convention**

[from Official Communications on April 3, 2020]

Despite the cancellation of activities in Milwaukee, Moose leadership will be working to develop a "virtual convention" that can be accessed by delegates and other members via any computer, tablet or phone that possesses internet access. It is anticipated that this virtual meeting will be moved to June 25-26, 2020 to make sure the delivery of information is complete, simple and accessible.

Included in this virtual meeting will be all major reports traditionally delivered at the convention along with a number of prerecorded sessions that members can watch at their leisure. Instructions on how to participate, along with downloadable materials, will be provided via the Moose International website ([www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org)) prior to the meeting.

The General Governor has confirmed that the virtual meeting will fall within the parameters of the General Laws, and that the actions taken by the delegates through votes online will be binding. These online votes (registered LOOM delegates only) will include the General Law Amendments that seek to establish a new lodge format (i.e.: "One Moose") that gives members equal rights and opportunities regardless of gender.

**The Visit by the Girls of Virginia Home in July has been CANCELLED. An even bigger and better trip will be planned for 2021!**



**Moose of the Month**



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

Deadline is **extended**  
(date to be determined)



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

**National Dance like a Chicken Day**



May 14<sup>th</sup>

**American Red Cross founded by Clara Barton May 21, 1881**



**Pig Roast To be rescheduled**



**Supreme Council Grant Program for Covid-19 Relief**

*[from Official Communications on April 3, 2020]*

The Supreme Council Pandemic Relief Fund program is being created to help lodges pay expenses incurred during lodge closures due to the coronavirus. Examples include mortgage payments, utility bills, insurance premiums, property taxes and other expenses in which the lodge does not have the financial means, through cash, savings or investments, to meet obligations.

Applications for relief will appear in the Moose Admin section (Moose International website) for each lodge on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and lodges will be awarded grants up to \$5,000 based on financial need and fraternal history. Application reviews by the Moose International Field staff may start as early as May 1<sup>st</sup> and grant funds may be approved by the middle of May.

There is no end date, as of now, to apply for the SCPRF grant. Applications and reviews will be ongoing and grants will be awarded until the funding limit is reached. Like always, Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge will submit an application.



**Planned MI LOOM Dues Increase has been deferred**

The Supreme Council voted to forego the dues increase of \$2.00 that was expected to go into effect this August for all Loyal Order of Moose members. This increase was part of a three-part dues revision that saw \$2 increases in both 2016 and 2018. The ABCD portion of the dues remitted to Moose International will remain at \$38.00. This means that the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge will retain \$7.00 for each member that pays his dues of \$45.00 each in the upcoming year; instead of \$5.00.



**Please remember that there is No Smoking nor Tobacco Products allowed in the Moose Lodge when it is Re-Opened Again**

It has not been formally informed to our membership that violation of this official Moose Smoking Policy restriction, that began on January 1, 2020, will result in the following consequences:

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense: LOOM Board will received a non-compliance letter of the violation;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Current LOOM Board is removed;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Lodge operation is suspended for at least 3 days; and
- Final Offense: Lodge charter is removed (i.e.: Lodge terminated to exist).

Please note that Moose International has the right to remove the Lodge charter if it is determined that the Lodge blatantly defies this rule restriction!!



**“Rolling to Remember” has been CANCELLED!**

This was the first year that AMVETS was to continue the demonstration run of the past Rolling Thunder; but under the name “Rolling to Remember”. The four-day event spanning the entire Memorial Day Weekend has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ride of the Patriots was to take place on Sunday, May 24, 2020.

**Visit the AMVETS website for more information on how to participate locally!**



**Support  
The Salvation  
Army**



**The flush toilet  
was patented on  
May 12, 1792**

*Thank goodness for  
our members who  
drink lots of beer*



**Ribs Roast**



**To be  
rescheduled**

**Support the  
Boy Scouts &  
Girl Scouts**



**A Personal Experience of how the Covid-19 virus is changing our World**

[Editorial by the Administrator – John Matis]

In the middle of March, we (Roxanne & John) received a mail card from our cable company that they were upgrading their television system and we needed to request different cable receiver devices. As instructed, we called and ordered to have the new receiver devices mailed to us. Unfortunately, the cable company changed the transmission format for our television before we received the new receiver devices. Suddenly, everything went “blank” at 8:00pm on our two main cable control box televisions (in Roxanne’s den and the Master Bedroom). Roxanne panicked, as she could no longer watch CCN for further status of the virus and John could not watch the Hallmark channel to be put to sleep (*he’s seen every story at least three times*)! We called, but the mailed new receiver devices were not expected until the next day – the cable company’s mistake. WHAT ... we had to talk to each other or read a book instead of our normal routine!

We received the new receiver devices in the afternoon on the next day. After connecting the new receiver device in Roxanne’s den, we called the cable company to activate the device. Nothing happened, and we were told that we had connected the incorrect device as the “master” for the system to operate and that the existing cable to the new receiver device needed to be replaced. We installed the second receiver device and still a “blank screen” on the television. We agreed to try to install the receiver devices in the Master Bedroom the next day, as the existing antenna cable from the wall to the new receiver device needed to be replaced. MORE READING for John to go to sleep (which he hates)!

As John sometimes procrastinates (WHAT), we tried again two days later. It should be noted that in order to install the receiver device in this room, John’s wardrobe cabinet needed to be moved away from the wall to get to the cable wall connector. We installed the so called “master” receiver device in the Master Bedroom and called the cable company to activate the device. We were told that the OTHER receiver device was the “master” and had to change. Finally, the receiver device operated but we could not program it properly and the cable company suggested to send out a technician to help us on the same day. As older senior citizens who are not tuned to today’s technology, this sounded as “why wasn’t it suggested the first time”.

Now the WHAT that is changing due to the Covid-19 virus. Two cable technicians came to our house to help us ... **BUT they could not come into the house! How can they help us?** Believe it or not, they were able to talk us through the many difficulties (with lots of questions by Roxanne) from open windows in the Master Bedroom and Roxanne’s den to get both new receiver devices to operate properly. It should be noted that John hurt his back moving his wardrobe to get to the cable wall connector and installing a new shorter cable in Roxanne’s den. **They came but we did the work!**

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



Details provided in a brochure offered within the Social Quarters and on-line at the Moose International Website



**Community Service  
Bailey’s Crossroads  
Rotary Club  
“Great Assembly” of School  
Supplies**

**Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Issue: 2020-05 Newsletter Contributions**

**Editor**  
John Matis

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

**No May Calendar is offered at the end of this Newsletter  
No events - as the Lodge is CLOSED**



**Lodgic Everyday Community – Champaign, IL**  
Just like most of the Moose Lodges and businesses in Illinois, the “Lodgic Everyday Community” (the financial undertaking by Moose International that opened in late 2018) temporarily closed due to the Covid-19 virus. A new “Lodgic Everyday Community” in Madison, Wisconsin was supposed to be opening this spring, but probably will be deferred until the pandemic crisis is over.

**The Moose could help pay your Child’s college Education!**  
Enter your High School JUNIOR (Graduating Class of 2021) for a chance to win up to \$5,000 scholarship with the Moose “Heart of the Community” Scholarship Program. The requirements and means to obtain an application can be found on the Moose International website.

It is noted the requirements on the current Moose International website state that applications and several other documents must be received by June 30, 2020; however, as schools are currently closed and contacting individuals for activity verifications could be hard, the deadline for this program could be extended. Check with the Moose International website on a daily basis.



**Bike to Work Day has been cancelled!  
(May 15<sup>th</sup>)**



**But a little exercise outside your home is good for you!**

**“A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many”**




**Thank you John Capes for your 13-year tenure as the Moosehaven Executive Director!**  
It was announced in the Moose Magazine (April-May 2020) that John Capes will be retiring on May 31, 2020. During his 13 years, John was a major player in the concept and completion of the following projects on Moosehaven: Brandon Place, the Katherine Smith Special Needs Hall, the St. Johns Apartments, the conversion of Buckeye Hall, the Centennial Hall, and the Vivian Borom Activities Building.

These projects improved both the way the campus looks and the manner in which care is delivered to the residents.

John Capes was also devoted to the Moose Fraternity. He was a member of the 100 Division of the 25 Club, and earned the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 2019. *Read more in the Moose Magazine.*


**Lodge Pun**  
I'm just a social drinker! Every time someone says, 'I'll have a drink'. I say, 'Social I.'



**Electronic Pull-Tabs by Powerhouse Gaming at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge 9 Gaming Machines**



**New Pull-Tab Game**





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

**Future Planned Major Events**  
(June – August 2020)

*Events in June need to be rescheduled*

**June 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Pig Roast

**June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Legion Breakfast  
**June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Orientation

**July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
4<sup>th</sup> of July Cookout  
**July 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Legion Breakfast  
**July 18<sup>th</sup>**  
VMA District 4 Meeting at Warrington #1695 Moose Lodge

**August 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Bull Roast  
**August 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club "Great Assembly"  
**August 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Legion Breakfast  
**August 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Orientation  
**August 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
VMA Annual Convention in Hampton, VA  
**August 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Summer Bash

**Note: Planned events may be cancelled due to the pandemic Covid-19 virus**



**Senior Regent's Message**

Whew! Hard to believe that the full day of Spring was March 21, 2020. The weather has been fluctuating from hot to cold that we don't know what to wear on those few occasions when we absolutely need to go out of our homes. The COVID-19 Pandemic has resulted in numerous illnesses & deaths of all ages in the Northern Virginia area. With that in mind, the Chapter delivered a dozen Tommy Moose plush dolls in individual plastic Ziplock bags to Fire Station 10-C, Baileys Crossroads, Virginia. At this very stressful & daily changing climate we are in, the firefighters appreciated Tommy Moose being a part of their House for the children in need of consolation. The ladies plan to follow up with the firefighters!

As stated in the last article, with the Lodge being closed, there will be no Women of the Moose (WOTM) Chapter meetings until further notice. You will be notified of any changes when they occur. Once again, the WOTM Arlington Chapter #1253 Board of Officers for 2020-2021 follows:

- Anna Dionysianna Ala'ilima, Senior Regent
  - Sarah Shannon, Junior Regent
  - Elizabeth Coombs, Secretary Treasurer
  - Rose Russo, Recorder
- All 2019-2020 WOTM Officer terms will be extended until June 30, 2020.

My heartfelt thanks to all Arlington Chapter 1253 members for your constant support of each other, helping each other with fundraising events & truly being family to all. Please be safe in all you do & be healthy!



**Pilgrim Conferral CANCELLED for 2020**

**The entire class of 2020 Pilgrim Candidates will be carried over to the June 5, 2021 Conferral Date.**

Since 1918, there have been eleven other years without a Pilgrim Conferral taking place at Mooseheart, the last being in 1947.



**Governor's Corner**

It's been another month of the COVID-19 related Lodge shutdown and loss. Pilgrim Frank Beach and Past Governor Ron Mifflin have gone on to join our brothers and sisters who have gone before us.

In remembering the times we've had and the things we've done as a lodge family, I am reminded of the history of the Lodge and the people who came before us. It was through their dedication and hard work that we have the Lodge as it is today. I feel that it is our responsibility to honor them by continuing their efforts. Now is our time to improve the Lodge and the Order so that we may pass our legacy to the members and officers that will follow us. There are better things ahead for all of us. Keep your head held high and your eyes toward the future.



**ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**Support the WOTM**

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





May 20, 1990

Hubble Space Telescope transmits photos from space



A Family Cookout on 4<sup>th</sup> of July



Saturday



Lucky Penny Day

Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

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



**2020 National Police Week is CANCELLED**

[From policeweek.org website]

The current crisis that our nation and the world is facing has resulted in the cancellation of public gatherings in DC during National Police Week 2020. The National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum wants you to know that this crisis will not deter us from honoring the 2019 fallen. On Wednesday, May 13, 2020, we plan to march forward in solidarity with a [virtual Candlelight Vigil](#) and the reading of the names that can be watched from anywhere in the world. Then, as the future becomes more certain and the end of this crisis is near, we will begin to make plans for a live reading of names to honor our 2019 fallen officers. You have our commitment that the fallen will not be forgotten, and we will not rest until they receive the honor that they so rightfully deserve.



**A HUGE Thank You to all the Essential Workers at the Front Lines of the Health Crisis**

**They are Our Heroes!**



**Support of Youth Awareness Program**

The VMA Youth Awareness Program is self-sufficient and the scholarships that are provided to the students who represent Virginia at Moose International Student Congress are from fundraisers; mainly, through raffles. As everyone is raffled “to



death” during the Moose Year, not to mention the number of students have increased going to the Moose International Student Congress over the past two years, there has been an idea to conduct a “diploma” fundraiser to raise the funds for the scholarships; similar to the Cradle & Rocker fundraisers by Moose International. This “diploma” fundraiser was to occur in April, but ... *like everything else, it could not happen.* A lot of things will probably be crammed in the later months of this calendar year, so expect that this idea may also happen. This is a great way to support the future of the high school students in our community!

**Moose Rewards Program Special!**

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

**Mother's Day Pun**

What did the baby tomato say to his mother?

... I love you from my head **“to-ma-toes!”**



**Are You a Veteran?**

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





**Remember  
Mooseheart**



**Personal/Family Corner**

As a "Moose Family" we need to celebrate your personal and family milestones together. Therefore, if you have an upcoming birthday, an upcoming wedding anniversary, a new "clan" member, a promotion/change in your career, or anything else in your life that you want to share with the Moose members, **please** let John Matis know [in person when at the Moose Lodge or by [jimatis@cox.net](mailto:jimatis@cox.net)].

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

**Please drink responsibly while Visiting the Lodge**



**SICKNESS and DISTRESS**

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

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

**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:
  - **Franklin Leroy Beach** (passed on April 5, 2020)
  - **Ronald Mifflin** (passed on April 16, 2020)

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



**Happy Birthday to Lodge members**

- Craig Bond (5/01)
- John Hall (5/03)
- Carl Abrahamson (5/04)
- Terry Driscoll (5/07)
- David Feld (5/09)
- Phil Demas (5/10)
- Marco Johnson (5/13)
- John Webb (5/13)
- Theodore Acuosa (5/17)
- Shane Doucet (5/18)
- Charles Berge (5/20)
- Samuel Cluff (5/20)
- Earl Cherry (5/25)
- Robert Kesock (5/27)
- Willie Jamison (5/30)



**Happy Birthday to Chapter members**

- Kim Kerby (5/02)
- Sabryne Sfar (5/02)
- Jennifer St. John (5/03)
- Kimberly Akers (5/05)
- Patricia Borowski (5/08)
- Kelady Dunn (5/13)
- Carol Jones (5/14)
- Michelle Matthews (5/16)
- Arlinda Kesock (5/20)
- Kristi Gjesdal (5/24)
- Wendy Walker (5/24)
- Cindy Nitzky (5/27)
- Sandra Moy (5/29)
- Eileen Cherry (5/30)

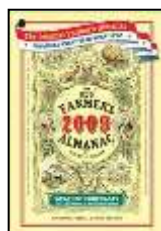
**If Your Birthday is in April or May...**



**the Lodge will celebrate on the first day you visit the Lodge (once the Lodge re-opens)**

May Birthstone: **Emerald** | May Flower: **Lily of the Valley**

**Weather Forecast from the 2020 Old Farmer's Almanac**



The following is the long-range weather prediction for May in the Arlington, VA area:

- May 1 – 3: Sunny, cool
- May 4 – 14: Scattered thunderstorms, turning quite warm
- May 15 – 19: Sunny, warm, thunderstorms
- May 20 – 26: A few thunderstorms, cool
- May 27 – 31: Rainy, cool
- Overall: Temperature 67° (5° above avg.), Precipitation 4" (1" above avg.)



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

**Thank You Veterans!**



**For Everything You Do for Our Country**

**May 5, 1961 Rear Admiral Alan Shepard Jr. became first American to travel into space**



**“One Moose” 2020-2021 Moose Membership Campaign (May 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021)**

Theme: Working together towards the same goal, side by side as equals, on the same team. Stronger together as we work to build our Fraternity for generations to come.

Sponsor 1 Member – “One Moose” pins are provided to individuals that sponsor their first member during the campaign.

Sponsor 5 Members – Funds will be donated towards the purchase of new golf carts for use throughout the Moosehaven campus. Plans are to purchase one multi-person golf cart and two regular golf carts. Contributions are courtesy of the Associations, the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legions.

Sponsor 25 Members – Receive free basic registration for the 2021 International Moose Convention at Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Congratulations to the Mooseheart Class of 2020!  
19 Students will graduate in May!**



**Triple Crown Horse Racing Events**

- ~~May 2<sup>nd</sup>~~ - Kentucky Derby *Rescheduled to September 5, 2020*
- ~~May 16<sup>th</sup>~~ - Preakness Stakes *To be rescheduled*
- ~~June 6<sup>th</sup>~~ - Belmont Stakes *To be rescheduled*

**Mooseheart’s Veterans Walk (Memorial Day Weekend)**

In May of 2012, Mooseheart’s Veterans Walk opened. This walkway tribute, under the direction of Mooseheart’s NJROTC unit, is a large display of American flags and personalized name plates that line the sidewalks of the Mooseheart campus from Centennial Plaza to the House of God.



It’s a unique way to express a personal “thank you for your service” to all veterans—friends, family or Moose members—who have served or are serving our country with pride and bravery through military duty.

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



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

**Support Our Local First Responders**





**Free WiFi at Lodge**

**Labor Day Cookout**

**Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**VMA Annual Convention**

**August 20<sup>th</sup> – August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**in Hampton, Virginia**

**MAKE A WISH**

**2019-2020 Arlington #1315 Lodge Membership Challenge**

**New Members!**

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 **Shawn Kirkpatrick** for the month of April.

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 April 20, 2020:

2019-2020	Current	Difference	Expired	Dropped
<u>+1 Goal</u>	<u>Active Members</u>			
<b>265</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>- 37</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>30</b>

**New LOOM Members since May 1, 2019: 19** (As of April 20, 2020)

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

Talk about being bored at home, I'm trying to compose a list of all Past Governors beginning May 1993 to current. If anyone knows which individuals were Governors between May 1, 2006 and April 30, 2010, please email their names and period of term(s) to [jjmatis@cox.net](mailto:jjmatis@cox.net). Once we establish the list from May 1993, I will pursue an earlier period. What fun is it cheat by asking Moose International for the information.

**Mooseheart Receives \$10,000 Grant from Dick's Sporting Goods "Sports Matters Foundation"**

[taken from an article in the Moose Magazine (April-May 2020)]

Mooseheart received the grant in January and will be used for much-needed fitness equipment for the new Mooseheart Activity Center (MAC). In addition, the Mooseheart began a relationship with area Dick's employees, which both organizations feel will prove mutually beneficial in years to come.

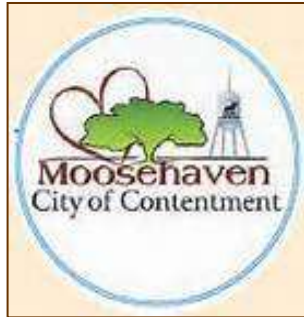
The Sports Matter Foundation works from a simple premise: "Sports makes people better" and provides grants to youth organizations because "sports builds character, increase confidence, motivate kids to stay in school and aim for higher education; teaching life lessons that extend beyond the playing field."

**Moose Charities**

Making a difference in the lives of children and seniors

**Give Generously!**

**Support Special Olympics**



**Moose Legion Committee Meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>  
is **CANCELLED****



**The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner**

The Arlington Moose Legion Committee would like to thank **Moose Legion Area Manager Thomas Keefer** for being the honored guest at the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Winter Celebration on February 1, 2020 at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge. Brother Thomas presented the Director's Key Club pins to the officers of the Board at this celebration.

**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.

**Bull Run Moose Legion #185  
Success in Moose Year 2019-2020**

The following is information showing milestones reached by Bull Run Moose Legion #185:

**+1 Membership Status (as of April 6, 2020)**  
Goal = 558 members, Current Membership = 572 **+14 over Goal**  
[1 of only 2 Moose Legions exceeding their Goal in Virginia]

**Yearly Quota of New Members (as of March 31, 2020)**  
Exceeded the 72 Members Quota on October 18, 2019

**Director's Key Club**  
Earned the Director's Key Club on January 10, 2020  
(Each Board Director submitted 2 applications)

**Top Moose Legions in Moose International (as of April 19, 2020)**  
Ranked 4<sup>th</sup> with 116 applications since May 1, 2019  
[Old Dominion Moose Legion #148 ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> with 166 applications, and Hampton Roads Moose Legion #199 ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> with 150 applications]

**Top 25 Sponsors in Moose International (as of April 19, 2020)**  
Thomas Murray – Bull Run Moose Legion #185 = Ranked 7<sup>th</sup> with 23 applications  
Sidney "Al" Smith - Bull Run Moose Legion #185 = Ranked 7<sup>th</sup> with 23 applications



**2020 International Moose Legion Conference with  
Lodge & Moose Legion Ritual Competitions  
October 28, 2020 – November 1, 2020  
in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

Plans and activities to include:

- Lodge Ritual Team Competition (October 29<sup>th</sup>)
- Moose Legion Ritual Team Competition (October 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>)
- Moose Legion Council Meeting (October 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Banquet (October 31<sup>st</sup>)
- Moose Legion Conferral of Candidates (November 1<sup>st</sup>)

Local activities to include Trip to Flight 93 Memorial, James J. Davis, gravesite & memorial, nearby casino, and river boat cruises

***More information pertaining to hotel accommodations and pre-registration can be found on the Moose International website.***

**Summer Celebration/  
Conferral**

**Saturday,  
July 18<sup>th</sup>  
at Centreville  
Moose Lodge**



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

**Everyone has  
a Special  
Talent!**



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

**Please Support  
Moose Legion  
Breakfasts  
every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
of the Month  
when the Lodge  
re-opens**



**Mooseheart Camp Ross**

Mooseheart Camp Ross provides year-round camping facilities for the Mooseheart children. It is located near Mount Morris, IL, about 70 miles west of Mooseheart. The camp consists of approximately 150 acres (actually 139.19 acres) of rolling woodlands, fishing streams, lakes and ponds. Mooseheart children spend vacation time at Camp Ross each summer and during the winter months.

It all started when Harold Ross (sales director executive of the printing firm that printed the Moose Magazine) and his wife Dorothy gave the entire property to Mooseheart in 1957. Thanks to \$100,000 invested by the Moose Legion and three years of work by Mooseheart staff and students, Camp Ross was officially dedicated as part of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Moose International Convention held in Chicago, IL (June 1960). It is noted that additional acreage was later acquired in several purchases. The camp consists of a Guest House, six rustic wooden cabins, chapel, director's cabin, swimming pool with bathhouse, basketball court, recreation and dining building, summer-winter Bunk House, four utility buildings, hiking trails, and lots of forest.

Generally each Home at Mooseheart schedule a week to spend at camp each summer. The kids are able to bunk together in the cabins (each with six to eight beds and a few bathrooms). The Family Teachers have their own cabin. The kids are able to go hiking, do crafts, hold bon fires after collecting sticks, and of course tell stories and perform skits. At the end of the week, the entire group will stay in the Bunk House. That way all the kids would share one big room, and let loose for one last night before heading back to Mooseheart.

**With the exception of the dining and recreation building and the Walter Ketz Memorial Chapel, which was financed by the Mooseheart Alumni Association, all of the buildings and the camp's continuous operation are financed exclusively by the Moose Legion.**

This past 2019-2020 Moose Year, the Moose Legions contributed to a fundraiser for providing equipment at Camp Ross (a goal of \$100,000 pro-rated over the entire Moose Legion active membership), and for the scholarships provided in the Moose International Youth Awareness Program. In addition, the Moose Legions were asked to contribute to a fundraiser, "Moose Legion President's Project", to purchase some vehicles (e.g.: an extended golf cart type) to be used for tours and other people moving needs around the campus. The assessment for the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 for this year was \$1,674.00 for the camp equipment and scholarships (not considering a discount for early submission). The Arlington Moose Legion Committee made our required contribution of **\$140.76** towards the Bull Run obligation.

**Keep the Date &  
Volunteer!**

**Bailey's Crossroads  
Rotary Club School  
Supply Assembly on  
August 1<sup>st</sup> prior to  
the Bull Roast**

**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**





**Bull Roast  
Saturday,  
August 1<sup>st</sup>**



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

**Mooseheart Camp Ross Trivia Facts**

[Provided by Dave Schabacker of Rochelle, IL Lodge #903]

- In 1937, Harold D. Ross bought the initial 75 acres of land and then an additional 10 acres in 1939 to help straighten the boundary lines. To protect the land from further erosion, the Ross family planted a total of 15,000 trees (white pine, oak, ash, jack pine & black cherry) between 1941 through 1944.
- Moose Legionnaire Harold Ross (member of Mt. Morris Moose Lodge #1551 since 1931) and Director General Paul P. Schmitz negotiated the transfer of the Ross property in 1957. It is noted that Harold Ross served as Supreme Governor of the Moose organization from 1966-1967.
- At the request of "Grand Herder" (*why was this great title not kept?*) Lance J. Spenser, the entire operational budget of Camp Ross was assumed by the Moose Legion in 1986. The support of Camp Ross became part of each Moose Legionnaire's annual dues in 1994.
- There are six cabins for the children at Mooseheart when they visit and the cabins are named for 6 different Indian tribes: Sioux ("little snakes"), Illini (ordinary speaker), Winnebago ("people of stinky water"), Ottawa ("traders"), Sac ("person of the outlet"), and Fox ("renards").

**The month of **May** is named for the Greek goddess Maia; who oversaw the growth of plants**



**From Moose Charities**



While we know that it's a different world right now, it's times like these when we are reminded of the greatness we can accomplish when we pull together.

Look at these great smiles! Our young Mooseheart children depend on us to keep them safe and provide a loving home where they can learn and grow.

**"God Bless Mooseheart"**

**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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