



Finally, the Queen of Hearts was found on Friday, February 12th!

What are the odds that the Queen of Hearts would be the **last card** on the playing game board to be selected (i.e.: fifty-three other cards were selected before the Queen). This Queen of Hearts game began on January 16, 2015 and continued for 57 weeks (which includes no game drawings on Christmas Day, on New Year's Day, and one snow storm), with the "Red Queen" showing her face on February 12, 2016. With the crowd chanting "one more week" in the background (*the norm in the last ten weeks of the game*) the winning ticket for the last card to be selected on the game board was owned by Terry and Betty Pamplin. There was relief to the Governor when the Queen of Hearts was actually the card that was revealed (*visions of angry mobs came to mind*). The Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge would like to thank all those Moose members, within the Arlington Fraternity and from other local Moose Lodges, who played the Queen of Hearts game over the past year! **Picture of Winners on Page 12**

A Lodge Leadership/House Committee Training will be conducted at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge on Saturday, April 2, 2016 (8:30am – 4:00pm)



Upcoming Contribution to Moosehaven Project

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Legion Breakfast Sunday, March 6, 2016

10:00am to 1:00pm

Reasonable Price of \$8/adult

New Monthly Display Television at the Social Quarters



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2016-2017 LOOM Board of Officers Election Process

Candidates to declare their interest in being elected to the LOOM Board

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Upcoming Social Events

(details on Page 2 & Page 3)

March 5th
Down Home Pot Luck

March 6th
Legion Breakfast

March 12th
St. Patrick's Party

March 19th
Children's Easter Party

March 26th
March Madness Potluck Tailgate Party

Unless you were told ... You probably would have not noticed!

The Lodge finally purchased and mounted the brass plates on the WOTM display cabinet that was provided in memory of Richard Becker and on the shelf of the new monthly event display high-definition television that was provided in memory of Ellis Fili (both items funded/donated by their respective families). In addition, appropriate inscriptions were made on the last two VMA District 4 attendance trophies that were permanently won by our Fraternity. Brass plates were also purchased for the bar chairs that were recently purchased by our members ... *which are to be installed soon!*

Daylight Savings Time Begins



March 13, 2016

First Day of Spring (& Palm Sunday)



March 20, 2016

Easter Sunday



March 27, 2016

Dinner Every Friday Night 6-8 p.m. \$10 per person

Menu announced in weekly Communication emails or call the Lodge after Wednesday

Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge Hours of Operation

Monday – Wednesday
3:00pm to 11:00pm

Thursday
Noon to 11:00pm

Friday – Saturday
Noon – 2:00am

Sunday
Noon to 10:00pm

Free WiFi at Lodge



Legion Breakfast



Sunday, April 3, 2016
Sponsored by the Legion Committee

MARCH EVENT



Down Home Pot Luck Camaraderie Lunch on Saturday, March 5th (2:00pm – 5:00pm)

There were 5 events in February where members volunteered to prepare and cook food offerings (also clean up after the events), so our members can enjoy themselves at the Lodge and eat at a reasonable price. We want to provide a “day off” for those volunteers, so members are being asked to bring their favorite “comfort” food to share with other members and enjoy each other’s company (*just like a holiday dinner at Mom’s house*). Casseroles, vegetable dishes, salads, soups, meat roasts, home-made bread, special ethnic dishes, desserts, etc. ... whatever you want to bring. There is no cost to those individuals who bring a pot luck dish. Please participate to make this a great event. And you can watch the games of the Washington Capitals and the Washington Wizards on our televisions after the event.

MARCH EVENT




WOTM Children’s Easter Party Saturday, March 19th (1:00pm – 3:00pm)

Hippy hop! Hippy hop! The Easter bunny is on his way, and the Arlington Fraternity wants to celebrate with a party for the children! Activities will include a hunt for eggs full of candy prizes (hopefully outside with good weather), and a few games. There will also be a lunch offering of chicken nuggets and drinks for the children. **Please bring your children to the Lodge for an enjoyable family outing ...** as there will be a lot of fun for the children and probably several Kodak moments to be photographed. Please call or sign up at the Lodge by Sunday, March 13th so we can be prepared for the number of children that will attend.

We need Donations of Candy for the Children’s Easter Party

Chapter #1253 is requesting that our members consider donating one or two bags of candies to be placed within the plastic Easter eggs that will be used in the “egg hunt” at the Children’s Easter Party. Please provide candy that is individually wrapped (for hygienic and safety reasons). All candy donations need to be provided to any Officer of the Chapter by Monday, March 14th; so the plastic eggs can be filled before the event.



Best worn “Bonnet” at the Children’s Easter Party will receive a complementary drink from the Governor

YOUR MEMBERSHIP JUST BECAME MORE VALUABLE!



MOOSE REWARDS

Brochure of Program in the Social Quarters

Electronic Pull-Tabs by Powerhouse Gaming



at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge

**Arlington #1315
Board of Officers
2015-2016**

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Steve Sisson

Inner Guard

Ernie Halal

**MARCH
EVENT**



**St. Patrick Day Celebration
Saturday, March 12th (2:00pm – 6:00pm)**

Everyone is Irish-at-heart when there is a reason to celebrate. The Lodge will be hosting the Feast of St. Patrick a few days earlier than the traditional day (March 17th); with a promise of good food and merriment. The menu has not been finalized for this event, but as a minimum the food offered will be corned beef (with the expected spicy horseradish), boiled cabbage, and boiled Potatoes (as if there was any other expectations for this event). Come to the Lodge for a great party ...and who knows; maybe have some "luck of the leprechauns" in our standard gaming offerings (paper & electronic)! It is requested that everyone wear something green for the celebration; we need some great pictures for next month's Newsletter. **WARNING:** no shenanigans or "green" beer will be tolerated.

**MARCH
EVENT**



NCAA March Madness Potluck Tailgate Party on Saturday, March 26th (2:00pm – 6:00pm)

Enjoy the beginning of the Elite 8 Round from the 16 remaining college teams in the NCAA tournament with a tailgate party atmosphere at the Arlington Lodge. We are asking our members to provide a potluck dish to share with the other members while rooting for their favorite college teams to make the Final Four. Please think "tailgate party" when selecting your food offering; but anything you bring will be appreciated. No cost for the food if you bring a food dish to the tailgate party (for at least 8 people); all others will be \$8.00 for all you can eat!

Moosehaven Centennial Project



As stated in the February 2016 Newsletter, our suggested support to the new construction of a new 105 traditional residential apartment complex at Moosehaven is \$3,900.00 over the next 3 years; in order to assist in meeting the commitment by VMA.

Now that the "never-ending" "Queen of Hearts game has been won, the Arlington Lodge will be using a considerable part of the Lodge's income from this game for our initial contribution to the Moosehaven project during the month of March 2016 (amount to be determined by the Board of Officers). However, if anyone wants to personally contribute to this project at this time, either provide a donation (cash or check) to the Lodge that will be forwarded to Moose Charities or mail a check directly to Moose Charities (information on the Moose Charities website).



**Arlington WOTM
Chapter #1253
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2015-2016**

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**LOOM Board of
Officers Election**



April 5, 2016

**WOTM & LOOM
Installation
Ceremonies**



April 23, 2016



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Volunteers are needed for future articles for the Newsletters



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Rib Feast



**Saturday,
May 14th**

**Think
Natitude!**

**Washington
Nationals
Pre-season
Games in
March**



Endowment “Rocker Fundraiser” in February

There was no friendly challenge between the Chapter and Lodge for the endowment “Rocker Fundraiser” this year; but, our efforts were able to raise \$150.00 in donations. The donations will be split evenly between the Chapter and the Lodge for submission to Moose Charities. Even though this total was a little short of reaching our goal, The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all our members and their guests for their generosity in this worthy cause.

Upgraded Children Video Game Station at Fireplace Area

The Arlington Fraternity extends a thank you to Brother Duke Scott, of Forevere Green Recycling, for donating a 32-inch touch screen television to upgrade the children video game station at the Moose Lodge. With a replacement computer that has Windows 10 software, there are over 20 game applications available (e.g.: Candy Crush, various Solitary games, Find the Word game, etc.). This Children Video Game Station is provided to entertain the children while visiting the Moose Lodge; however, we also encourage our Moose adults to play the games; BUT the children have the priority! And to make it better ... there are no quarters (i.e.: cost) required. The Arlington Fraternity wants to extend a thank you to Joe Russo for coordinating and programming this upgrade of the Children Video Game Station.

**Next Moose Legion Committee Meeting on Thursday,
March 10th @6:30pm
WOTM members & LOOM members are Welcome to attend**



Chinese New Year’s Celebration – February 6th

The Arlington Fraternity welcomed the Chinese “Year of the Monkey” without seeing, saying, or hearing any evil (yes, it’s corny ... but everything was good). There were almost 30 members and guests at this social event; which offered “home-made” event-themed dishes (*just like the local restaurant around the corner*).

The Chinese buffet feast consisted of shrimp egg rolls & vegetable egg rolls with hot mustard and duck sauce, teriyaki beef sticks, shrimp toast, fried rice, white rice (*cooked in a rarely used rice cooker*), General Tso’s spicy chicken, beef with broccoli, and chicken with mixed vegetables. The only things lacking for this celebration were the fortune cookies and the Chinese tea. The Arlington Fraternity would like to thank “Chinese Master Chef” Tommy Oderwald, and “Chinese Chefs de cuisine” Liz Coombs and Billy Hensley for their efforts in the time-consuming preparation and the cooking (wok-ing is the appropriate term except for the egg rolls and white rice) of the various dishes offered.

[说伟大的食物 – “great food” in Chinese]

**Moose
of the
Month**



Pun of the Month

I was wondering why the baseball was getting bigger ... *and then it hit me.*





Watch NASCAR at the Lodge

in March 2016

- SUN, MAR 6
Kolbalt 400
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
- SUN, MAR 13
Good Sam 500
Phoenix International Speedway
- SUN, MAR 20
Auto Club 400
Auto Club Speedway



**Lodge Spring Clean-Up
May 21, 2016**



Memorial Day Cook-Out



May 30, 2016



Legion Breakfast – February 7th

The Arlington Moose Legion Committee provided another superior breakfast buffet at a reasonable price for our members and guests. The chefs were a little bit worried, as no one came to the event during the first half-hour; but in the end there were 27 Moose customers.

There was the “expected” food offerings of pancakes (regular/blueberry/chocolate chip) with warmed maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage links (a change from the patties), crispy (& not so crispy) bacon, potato home fries (with green peppers & onions), fruit salad, toast, coffee and orange juice. In addition, there were surprise dishes of “puffs”, two types of quiche, biscuits & sausage gravy, and a strawberry/cheese Danish cake. And to provide another selection for the breakfast, Donna Heflin donated an egg & sausage casserole.

The Arlington Moose Legion Committee wants to extend a thank you to the “seasoned” breakfast crew of Brian Van de Muelebroecke (Master Chef of the event), Luis Cruz, John Webb, Tom Oderwald, Joyce Chaffin, & Liz Coombs; to Donna Heflin for her food donation; and to all those individuals who provided their effort in the cleanup after the event.



Table Day – February 20th

All of the donated tables and chairs were removed from “storage” and most were assembled (except the two-seating tables) by the volunteers. The 13 large 5-foot diameter circular tables and all the soft cushioned chairs (approximately 48 + some spares) were placed within the Ritual Hall as replacement for all of the existing four-seating tables. Existing stackable chairs (all alike brown vinyl) were installed around seven of these large tables. Even when 10 existing tables within the Ritual Room were “trashed” because of laminate defects from wear-and-tear; there was too many other new and existing tables to determine where to install. After three & one-half hours of labor by the volunteers, with some of the older guys complaining about sore muscles, the volunteers decided to line the extra new and existing tables along the side walls of the Ritual Hall for a near-term future decision. For the record, none of the volunteers could identify any tables within the Non-Smoking Fireplace Area that were required to be “trashed” and replaced; therefore, another near-term future decision. The volunteers never got the time to address the recently purchased coolers (2) and the keg dispenser that still remains in storage at the Moose Lodge.

The Arlington Fraternity wants to extend a thank you to Tim Nields, Chuck Berge, Karl Keller, Joe Russo, Bernie Cerroni, Andre McFail, John Matis, and Judith York for volunteering to participate at this event. In addition, we want to thank Judith York for making the coffee and donating the donuts for the volunteers. It was a great effort to make the Lodge a little better in appearance.



“Membership Madness” by Powerhouse Gaming
(100% sponsored by Powerhouse Gaming)

Campaign continues until March 25, 2016

Don't Procrastinate!



Your Income Tax Return is due in April



Chapter Award of Achievement
(4th Consecutive Year)



The Lodge is Soliciting Leadership Volunteers

If you are interested in being on the 2016-2017 LOOM Board of Officers, please sign up on the Solicitation of Candidates form located on the bulletin board in the entrance of the Social Quarters. The following positions are open for election: Governor, Junior Governor, Prelate, Treasure, and 3-Year Trustee.

The official deadline for individuals to submit in writing their desire to run and identify their qualifications for an elected position of the LOOM Board of Officers is Tuesday, March 1, 2016



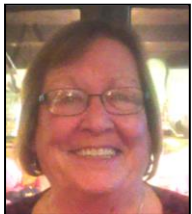
Ralph Phillips
LOOM Volunteer of the Quarter
(October – December 2015)



Super Bowl Party – February 7th



Not the most memorable Super Bowl game to watch; but Peyton Manning became the first quarterback to win a Super Bowl with two different NFL teams (Indianapolis Colts and Denver Broncos). There were over 35 members and guests that came to watch the game and most enjoyed the offered Mexican food offering. All the items offered were home-made by the “Super” chefs of Anna Phillips and Joyce Chaffins and consisted of burritos, enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, and salsa & chips. It is noted that some of the attendees at the Super Bowl Party were not happy with the outcome; but the Carolina Panthers did have a great season to offer a good gamble that they would win.



Andrea Hensley
WOTM Volunteer of the Quarter
(October – December 2015)



“The Queen of Hearts” Game Every Friday Night

Enjoy our Friday Night Dinner while participating in the game for a chance to win a possible big cash prize. Tickets can be purchased whenever the Social Quarters is open, with the weekly drawing at 7:30 p.m. each Friday night. We have generous weekly consolation prizes; if the Queen of Hearts is not selected on that particular weekly drawing Rules for “The Queen of Hearts” game are posted within the Social Quarters of the Moose Lodge. **GOOD LUCK!**

Remember Our Mission: Support Mooseheart & Moosehaven

Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members

- ▶ David Mahoney ▶ Jason Allen ▶ Sandy Dass ▶ Flor Garcia
- ▶ Maureen Naughton ▶ Shaina Byron ▶ Hannah Byron ▶ Caren Bailey



Mother’s Day Breakfast



Sunday, May 8, 2016

You can Pay Moose Dues Online!

Go to Website: <https://secure.mooseintl.org/QuickPay/>

Important Reminder

It is the responsibility of our members to make sure that their names are placed on every liquid bottle placed at the Bar within the Social Quarters. Our Fraternity must comply with this ABC rule!

MOOSE - Build Our Foundation

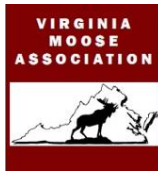
May 1, 2015 - April 30, 2016





Take Action to Get New Members!

We have to repeat the undertone of our announcements to the membership over the past several months ... for the existence of our Arlington Fraternity and the support of our Moose obligations to Mooseheart & Moosehaven, **WE NEED MORE MEMBERS!**



VMA District 4 Request for Lodge Option

There was a proposal presented in the VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting on January 16, 2016 to split the 14 Moose Lodges of District 4 into two VMA Districts (7 Moose Lodges each). It was agreed at this meeting to discuss and obtain approval at each of the Moose Lodges within VMA District 4. The proposal was presented at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge General Meeting on February 16, 2016 and the results of the vote was that the proposal was unfavorable.

Pig Roast
Saturday,
June 11, 2016



Goal: Obtain Premiere Lodge Award in 2016

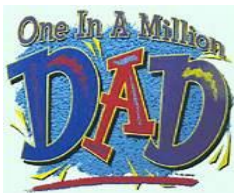
Current Arlington #1315 Membership Status

As of February 22, 2016:

04/30/15	Current				
<u>Members</u>	<u>Active Members</u>	<u>Difference</u>		<u>Expired</u>	<u>Dropped</u>
260	260	0		46	33

New Members since April 30, 2015: 25 (As of February 22, 2016)

Father's Day Breakfast



Sunday,
June 19, 2016



New Arlington #1315 Lodge Membership Challenge (for 2015-2016 Moose Year)

Sponsor a new LOOM member between May 1, 2015 and April 30, 2016 and your name will be placed on a ticket in a raffle conducted each month during the entire Membership Challenge.

The more new LOOM members you sponsor, the more times your name will be placed within the raffle. The monthly drawing prize will be \$10.00 in Arlington "Moose Bucks" to the sponsor that is named on the selected ticket. **Andre McFail** was the winner of the February monthly raffle.

In addition, if you sponsor three (3) LOOM members within the 2015-2016 Moose Year, the Arlington Lodge will pay your dues for the next year of your membership.

IMPORTANT: This Lodge challenge applies to both LOOM & WOTM members who sponsor new LOOM members for Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge.

Think New Members, New Members & New Members!



Arlington #1315 Annual LOOM Membership Fee is \$45.00

Legion is \$15.00

Continue to save BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION coupons



Collection bag in the entrance of the Social Quarters



6th Annual Bill Lewis Memorial Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, October 8, 2016



**Watch
Washington
Capitals at the
Lodge**

**Regular Season
In March 2016**

- WED, MAR 2 (H)
Toronto Maple Leafs
- FRI, MAR 4 (H)
New York Rangers
- SAT, MAR 5 (A)
Boston Bruins
- MON, MAR 7 (A)
Anaheim Ducks
- WED, MAR 9 (A)
Los Angeles Kings
- SAT, MAR 12 (A)
San Jose Sharks
- TUE, MAR 15 (H)
Carolina Hurricanes
- FRI, MAR 18 (H)
Nashville Predators
- SUN, MAR 20 (A)
Pittsburgh Penguins
- TUE, MAR 22 (A)
Ottawa Senators
- FRI, MAR 25 (A)
New Jersey Devils
- SAT, MAR 26 (H)
St. Louis Blues
- MON, MAR 28 (H)
Columbus Blue
Jackets
- WED, MAR 30 (A)
Philadelphia Flyers



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].

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy Birthday to Lodge members **Gregg Cady** (3/02), **William Tinsley** (3/02), **Robert Woodke** (3/02), **Daniel Wallace** (3/04), **Nathan Wilson** (3/04), **Jarod Eaton** (3/05), **Roger Hartzell** (3/05), **Jeffrey Frketich** (3/07), **Carl Arbes** (3/10), **David Leifer** (3/15), **Billy Ingram** (3/19), **James Babington** (3/25), and **Regulo Amado** (3/30).
- Happy Birthday to Chapter members **Chase Chichester** (3/02), **Tina Baker** (3/06), **Kristina Sullivan** (3/06), **Beverly Wellington** (3/06), **Patricia Smith** (3/11), **Betty McLaurin** (3/12), **Elizabeth Coombs** (3/14), **Kathleen McDavitt** (3/17), **Jessica Phillips** (3/17), **Sharleen Schmidt** (3/17), **Patricia Williams** (3/17), **Jennifer Shams** (3/18), **Meredith Voss** (3/21), and **Laura Mangum** (3/31).
- Welcome back to Libby Emory who recently moved to Manassas to live with her daughter.

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, and Mike Entsminger who have health problems and 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:
 - Sister Rosa Lee Clegg

Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, March 5th
Same day as the Down Home Pot Luck Lunch

Registration: 2:30pm – Games Begin: ≈ 3:00pm
to be played in the Ritual Hall – *weather not a factor*

**Bull Run Moose Legion #185
Spring Super Celebration**

**April 15-17, 2016
Fredericksburg Moose
Family Center #1655**



**Watch the
2016 NCAA
Basketball
Tournament
Games at the
Lodge**





Chapter Award of Achievement
(4th Consecutive Year)

Future Planned Major Social Events
(April – June 2016)

April 3rd
Legion Breakfast
April 9th
VMA District 4 Meeting
April 23rd
LOOM & WOTM Installation Ceremonies

May 8th
Mother's Day Breakfast (LOOM chefs)
May 14th
Ribs Feast
May 14th
VMA District 4 Family Cyber Security Day
May 21st
Lodge Spring Clean-Up
May 30th
Memorial Day Cookout

June 11th
Pig Roast (with Band)
June 19th
Father's Day Breakfast (WOTM chefs)

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Steak Dinner for Valentine Day – Saturday 13th

A great success story for the WOTM Chapter #1253! The Chapter “thought outside the box” and offered a “made-to-order” plate offering (just like the restaurants); in lieu of our normal buffet standard. The event had volunteers who took the desired food orders from the patrons sitting at the tables and the volunteers in the kitchen cooked and served on a table basis. To begin each food order, a salad with multiple options of dressing and a roll was served. Then the main course steak dinner consisted of a rib eye steak (plain or marinated) at the desired cooked temperature (rare, medium rare, medium or well done) with topping options of fried mushrooms and/or onions, a baked potato with side offerings sour cream or butter, and “gently steamed” asparagus (on an order basis to provide a crispy flavor) with a topping option of a Hollandaise sauce. Once everyone consumed their dinner, several dessert options were offered; consisting of a strawberry/chocolate mousse, a key lime mousse, and a chocolate fountain with fruit selections and tiny marshmallows for dipping. For the record, only one served steak was returned back to the kitchen to be cooked a little more. All of the event patrons at the Lodge, over 40 (not including take-out orders), left “stuffed” and satisfied.

The WOTM Chapter #1253 wants to extend a thank you to Anna Phillips, Liz Coombs, Donna Field, Rose Russo, Tom Oderwald, Ralph Phillips, and John Matis for volunteering their time and making this event successful. The hard work of these individuals is very much appreciated.

As a current Valentine tradition in the Lodge, Tom Oderwald provided a carnation to each woman in attendance at the Lodge during this special romantic day. Tom you are a “romantic at heart” and an outstanding gentleman!



Most of the women at the Valentine Day Steak Dinner displaying their carnation flowers



Recent Trades Could Get the Nationals into the World Series this Year – *Think Natitude!*





Plenty of Beef!



**Saturday,
July 23, 2016**

Future Planned Major Social Events

(July - October 2016)

July 4th
4th of July Cookout
July 23rd
Bull Roast

August 6th
Fish Fry Revisited

September 5th
Labor Day Cookout
September 17th
Lodge Clean-Up

October 8th
6th Annual Bill Lewis Chili Cook-Off

October 22nd
WOTM Children's Halloween Party

October 29th
Youth Awareness Student Congress

*Note:
Dates subject to change*



Youth Awareness Program

Our Fraternity is not sure what the status of our sponsored student is with meeting the program requirements for the established deadline at the end of February. No matter the outcome, our Fraternity was honored that a student within our Fraternity had enrolled into the Youth Awareness Program ... **a first in the past three years** that we have sponsored an Association Student Congress. Our student is only a sophomore ... so if "no bananas" this year, maybe next year! As previously noted in past Newsletters, the Arlington Fraternity has agreed to sponsor another Association Student Congress this year at our Lodge on Saturday, October 29, 2016.

New Monthly Display Television at the Social Quarters

Not everyone likes change, but the Lodge wanted to keep up with the status of the other Lodges with technology, as well as being cost effective to the Lodge. Therefore, the Lodge has replaced the paper-sheet monthly calendar within the Social Quarters with a "continuous slide show" on a high-definition television. Besides the elimination of the cost of the ink cartridges expended for the previous paper-sheet monthly calendar, it also has eliminated the wear & tear of some old guy's knees going up and down a ladder to replace the paper sheets each month.

The "continuous slide show" has five parts in its display in the following order: ♦ General Lodge Information (Lodge information, LOOM & WOTM Officers, meetings); ♦ Month Events (Arlington social and local Moose events, holidays, other important monthly occasions); ♦ Routine Offerings (Friday dinner, gaming, etc.); ♦ Announcements (previous event thank you, special awards, personal member accomplishments & occasions, etc.); and ♦ Upcoming Events (at least two months of events after the displayed month). However, our members do not have to go through the entire "continuous slide show" to view the activities of the Fraternity during the month; as there is a monthly overview calendar that is displayed approximately every 7 to 10 slides.

We hope all our members of the Arlington Fraternity appreciate the new monthly display television and become familiar with the information that we are trying to provide.



Lodge Repairs/Replacements

Back to reality! The "Moose Spirits" overlooking our Lodge have deemed that the Lodge needs to spend more money on repairs. During the month of February the food freezer in the kitchen required repairs. For the record, Billy Hensley coordinated the repairs before any harm occurred to the frozen foods contained within the unit.

The Lodge would like to extend a thank you to Ralph Phillips for cleaning the deep fryers in preparation of the Fish Fry Revisited event on February 27th.



Nominate a Lodge & Chapter Member for Volunteer of the Quarter

(January – March 2016)

Deadline is March 30, 2016
And remember to nominate a Youth Organization of the Quarter

Members Thank You!





**Chapter
Award of
Achievement**
(4th Consecutive Year)

**Fish Fry
Revisited
No. 9**



**Saturday,
August 6th**



**Support the
WOTM**



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



Governor's Corner

There are only two more months to the end of my “two-year experience” as the Governor of the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge; therefore, I want to express our accomplishments over the past year. It is expressed that every success could only have been made by the dedicated efforts and generosity of our members!

Our accomplishments over the past year:

- The WOTM Chapter #1253 has exceeded expectations for four children events; with funds for the events mostly raised through their activities (the LOOM had contributed minimum financial support). Great family activities for our members and the local community.
- The Moose Lodge took a considerable financial “hit” in the repair of the air conditioning system of the Lodge building this summer; however, membership event participation and gaming participation since the repairs has supported in the replenishment of the spent funds (a continued gradual process). Our members are to be acknowledged for their contributions in this matter.
- The Arlington Moose Legion Committee was resurrected this summer and is now known within the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 again as a supporting and contributing part of their Moose organization. It had been several years that the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 considered Arlington as “name only” for paid fees to maintain higher Moose degrees. First, George Warrington needs to be acknowledged for his actions and contributions to represent the Arlington Moose Legion Committee during the past several years when our Moose Fraternity was trying to “survive”. Second, our Moose Fraternity wants to thank all of those members who recently enrolled within the Moose Legion and contributed their efforts to again begin raising funds to provide supported requirements for the Moose Lodge (currently an ice machine for the bar in the Social Quarters).
- The Moose Lodge was able to obtain an approval for a grant by Moose International to replace the sidewalks into the two entrances of the Moose Lodges, plus a canopy at the main entrance. The sidewalks have already been replaced and paid by the grant. The canopy still needs to be ordered (purchased in the grant) and then erected by our Arlington Moose Lodge members. The Moose Fraternity wants to thank those LOOM Board of Directors who secured the grant from Moose International.
- The coordination and the friendliness between Chapter #1253 and Lodge #1315 has been extraordinary for a “well functional machine”! Every member of the Arlington Fraternity (men and women) working together only provides a “team” effort to meet the Moose organizational challenges and be successful in our local community service goals. Our members are to be acknowledged for their contributions in this matter; especially the WOTM and LOOM Board of Directors.
- There has been various improvements in the appearance of the Moose Lodge facilities. There are scheduled clean-ups of the facilities; but members took it upon themselves to accomplish a major renovation each time. Recently, the acoustical ceiling tiles within the Non-Smoking Bar were replaced. The Moose Fraternity wants to thank those members who volunteered their efforts in making our Lodge facility look great!
- The Arlington Fraternity has again obtained a Moose head that was mounted within our Social Quarters to represent our Moose Organization. The Moose Fraternity wants to thank those members who coordinated, picked up and delivered, and mounted “Old Tom’s” head.

Thank you Arlington Fraternity members in making us SUCCESSFUL!



**Watch
Washington
Wizards at the
Lodge**

**Regular Season
In March 2016**

- WED, MAR 2 (A)
Minnesota Timberwolves
- FRI, MAR 4 (A)
Cleveland Cavaliers
- SAT, MAR 5 (H)
Indiana Pacers
- TUE, MAR 8 (A)
Portland Trail Blazers
- FRI, MAR 11 (A)
Utah Jazz
- SAT, MAR 12 (A)
Denver Nuggets
- MON, MAR 14 (H)
Detroit Pistons
- WED, MAR 16 (H)
Chicago Bulls
- THU, MAR 17 (A)
Philadelphia 76ers
- SAT, MAR 19 (H)
New York Knicks
- MON, MAR 21 (A)
Atlanta Hawks
- WED, MAR 23 (H)
Atlanta Hawks
- FRI, MAR 25 (H)
Minnesota Timberwolves
- SUN, MAR 27 (A)
Los Angeles Lakers
- TUE, MAR 29 (A)
Golden State Warriors
- WED, MAR 30 (A)
Sacramento Kings

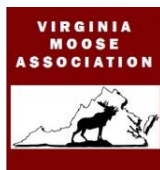


Some of our representatives at the VMA Mid-Year Conference abiding their time on the extra day they stayed in Norfolk, VA while the roadways at home were being cleared from the major snow storm on January 23, 2016. On the table is a pull-tab road (all losers naturally) that was erected over the course of many hours. In the end, there were many overpasses, a toll plaza, and a hotel.



Winners of the Queen of Hearts Game on February 12, 2016 – Terry & Betty Pamplin

Notice that every card on the game board has a stapled weekly winning ticket ... meaning the Queen of Hearts was the last card to be selected!



Food Drive at VMA Mid-Year Conference

The food drive for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore was a success at the VMA Mid-Year Conference. For those members who like numbers in their life (e.g.: accountants, engineers, mathematicians, etc.), the actual food collection from the lodges of the VMA was 771 pounds of non-perishable food items. A thank you is extended to all the Moose members who donated the food items to this worthy cause.



Making a difference in the lives of children and seniors

Give Generously!

Support Special Olympics





**Chapter
Award of
Achievement**
(4th Consecutive Year)

**Lodge Fall
Clean-Up
September
17th**



**VMA
District 4
Family Cyber
Security Day
at Manassas
Moose Lodge**



**Saturday,
May 14, 2016**



**Fish Fry Revisited - No. 8 (since August 2012)
Saturday, February 27th**

We never fight it ... we just keep offering what our members want!
Our Lodge had another successful fish fry event with approximately 50 members and guests in attendance. Our buffet offered our usual fish fry event staples of fried & breaded cod, flounder, & "spicy" catfish, home-made tartar sauce & cocktail sauce, hush puppies, macaroni & cheese, collard greens, stewed tomatoes and baked beans; with a cucumber salad, potato salad, fruit cocktail, and a pickle tray for additional side dishes and appetizers. BUT our Galley Chefs expanded their cookery talents and surprised our members and guests by also offering fried breaded shrimp, fried breaded oysters, and home-made spicy biscuits (*our fraternity really splurged for this event and was trying to impress everyone*).

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank our Galley Chefs of Joyce Chaffins, Billy Hensley, Tom Oderwald, Andrea Hensley, and Liz Coombs for their efforts in providing the fish fry buffet for our membership! These individuals always volunteer their culinary talents to make the social events of the Arlington Fraternity successful!

We also want to thank all our members and their guests in supporting our offered social events.

**This was one catch ...
that did not get away!**



Our Galley Chefs
(Missing in the picture is Joyce Chaffins who was tending a very busy bar)

**Keep Your Saturdays Free in March!
There are four (4) Events Planned for Your Enjoyment**



Senior Regent's Message

Well Folks it's almost spring time, which mean robins and leprechauns. The WOTM is making a wonderful St. Patrick's Day basket to be raffled ... I hear there is pot of Gold in there.

The Valentine Dinner put on by the WOTM was AMAZING, way to go Anna and crew. The women will be holding the Children's Easter Party on Saturday, March 19, 2016 between 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

We will be holding installation of the new officers on April 23rd, the Women will be installed at 12:30.

CALLING ALL WOMEN, we need members..... We are WAVING the FEE for the months of March and April for any New Member. Let's have a great year. We are doing good but still need a few more members to make this year a success.

Support Our Local Police Department



Support Scouting



Girl Scouts



Boy Scouts

Support Our Local Fire Department



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



The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner

The Legionnaires of our Fraternity continue to make every effort to raise funds to provide an ice machine at the Smoking Bar Area of the Social Quarters. AND, it will happen; with many other future needed requirements!

However, our Arlington Moose Legion Committee currently only has about 10 active Legionnaires; with most of the official 34 Legionnaires only maintaining their membership for higher accomplished degrees. Our Arlington Moose Legion Committee needs all qualified members of our Moose Lodge to consider joining the Moose Legion. Joining the Moose Legion only requires an addition \$15.00 dues per year (after the initial \$10.00 application fee) and a request to attend a monthly Moose Legion meeting (attendance not mandatory). Plus, at the monthly meetings there is always a food offering for a reasonable donation.

Objectives of the Moose Legion

The following is why members should join the Moose Legion:

- Bring together qualified members of the Loyal Order of Moose who desire to make further contributions to the humanitarian objectives of our Order, thus forming a strong foundation for advancement to the Fellowship and Pilgrim degrees.
- Foster and promote the charitable efforts and fraternal programs of the Order, particularly those that benefit the children at Mooseheart and the seniors at Moosehaven.
- Exemplify the principles of Faith, Hope, Charity and Loyalty.
- Encourage members to conduct themselves in a manner as would be expected of a fraternal leader.



**2016 Summer Olympics – Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
Friday, August 5th to Sunday, August 21st**

**Watch the competition at the Moose Lodge
Go USA!**

The Lodge wants your Ideas for New 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, Gregg Cady, or Brian Birtell** 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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