



The Mortgage “Went up in Flames”

To the enjoyment of our members and guests that assembled for the ceremony, Billy Hensley took the match to our PAID IN FULL mortgage document (*actually a butane candle lighter to a simulation mortgage decree*) to symbolize another present-day financial milestone for our Lodge! We have come a long way in a few years to become a recognized Moose Fraternity again ... due to the commitment of our Members. Thank you members! **Details on Page 5.**



First Step for another Attendance Trophy!

Thank you Arlington Fraternity members and guests for assembling the most representatives at the last VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting at the Vienna Moose Lodge. **Details on Page 10.**

Remember to Pay your Dues before your Moose ID Card expires!
Your Membership continues support to Mooseheart & Moosehaven



Casino Night Fundraiser for the Ritual Team of the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 at the Arlington Fraternity; in conjunction with our St. Patrick's Celebration on Saturday, March 18th

The Ritual Team needs the support of all Legionnaires within the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 and all Moose Members of our VMA District to raise sufficient funds to send them to compete at the Moose International competition in Tampa, Florida in June 2017. **Details on Page 3.**

Upcoming Social Events

(details on Page 2 thru Page 4)

- March 4th
Casserole Cook-Off
- March 5th
Legion Breakfast
- March 18th -REVISED
Casino Night sponsored by Bull Run Moose Legion #185 & Irish Dinner
- March 25th
March Madness
Tailgate Party

Future Social Events on Page 9 & Page 10

Need Assistance in Preparing Your Income Tax? See Page 5



Surprise! Surprise! The Supreme Governor made a visit to the Arlington Lodge on February 10th

Franz R. “Fritz” Griswold, the Supreme Governor of the Loyal Order of Moose, made an unannounced “drop-in” at our Lodge around 3:30pm during his visitation to the Commonwealth of Virginia. A thank you is extended to all the Arlington members that welcomed the Supreme Governor and provided a tour of our facilities. WOW! A third consecutive year a MI executive has visited our Lodge.

Daylight Savings Time Begins



March 12th

St. Patrick's Day



March 17th

First Day of Spring



March 20th



**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

**Social Quarters
Manager**
Joyce Chaffins

**NCAA Basketball
Tournament
Selection
Sunday
March 12th**

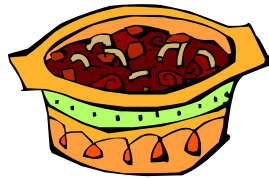


**Watch at the
Lodge
Beginning 6pm**

**Dinner Every
Friday Night
6pm-8pm
\$10 per
person**

**Menu announced
in weekly emails
or call the Lodge**

**MARCH
EVENT**



**Casserole Cook-Off (Revised Format)
Saturday, March 4th (2:00pm – 6:00pm)**

To obtain more participation by our members to submit delicious casseroles in this competition, it has been determined that anyone who provides an entry casserole to be judged will have the fee to eat at this event waived [i.e.: **FREE TO EAT!**] We agree that if you spent money for ingredients to provide the submitted casserole, you contributed enough for our Fraternity [It is noted that 1 submitted casserole = only 1 waived food fee]. However, we have also reduced the prizes; see posted flyers within the Social Quarters.

Anything goes, as long as it is considered a casserole; which is defined as food baked in the oven within a large, deep dish cookware. It does not have to contain any meat or fish. It's to be your creation of a tasteful dinner that will be enjoyed by the members of our Moose fraternity in attendance.

Show your culinary talents and submit an entry in this Lodge event.

If you do not want to cook, but just want to relax and sample the scrumptious food, we welcome your attendance at this event. The Lodge will provide an initial casserole for the event and a side green salad. Once the judging is completed, the casseroles in the cook-off will be offered to everyone at the event. Will you agree with the judges? You won't know unless you attend the event!



**Moose Legion Breakfast
Sunday, March 5th
(10:00am – 1:00pm)**

**MARCH
EVENT**

Celebrate Spring early by welcoming the month of March with an early rise n' shine on a Sunday! **WHAT?** You will be impressed by the variety of delicious breakfast foods that the Arlington Moose Legion Committee will offer to greet the sun rise (something some of our members probably avoid on a weekend). It's an all-you-can-eat food offering (\$8.00/adult) with made-to-order eggs/omelets/pancakes/French toast, sausage, bacon, fruit salad, coffee, orange juice, and a minimum of one "surprise" food item. You will not be disappointed!

There is a rumor that steak may be offered at this breakfast for an additional \$2.00. Please note that, if offered, only 1 steak is allowed per person on this day.



**Thank You Members for Your Donations
to the Moosehaven Rocker Campaign**

The Arlington Fraternity appreciates the generosity of our members for supporting the Moosehaven Rocker Campaign in the month of February. We did not reach our goal ... but every "little bit" helps in the support of our Senior Moose members at Moosehaven.



Give Generously!

**Support Special
Olympics**



Arlington #1315
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2016-2017

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**MARCH
EVENT**



Casino Night Fundraiser for the Ritual Team of the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 at the Arlington Fraternity; in conjunction with our St. Patrick's Celebration on Saturday, March 18th

A call for assistance was received from our Brother Legionnaires in Bull Run Moose Legion #185 and the Arlington Fraternity offered our services. Therefore, we are providing our Ritual Hall for the fundraiser event and "altered our plans" to conduct the planned social event of the St. Patrick's Celebration to a later time in support of the fundraiser.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration: The Arlington Fraternity will be offering an expanded menu for this social event to an all-you-can-eat between **5:00pm and 9:00pm** (*in lieu of the normal event of 2:00pm and 6:00pm*) with the food offerings of corned beef/cabbage/boiled potatoes, Shepard's pie, fish & chips, and a green salad at a reasonable price. Eat dinner before and/or during the first part of the Casino Night Fundraiser.

Casino Night Fundraiser: All contributions for this fundraiser (after event expenses) will go towards the costs for the Ritual Team of the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 to compete at their competition at the Moose International Annual Convention in Tampa, Florida in June 2017. This event will feature the band of Gunsmoke & Cheap Perfume free hors d'oeuvres, and play money to participate in the casino games. If Moose Members and their guests want to further expand their enjoyment at the event (not all players are winners), additional play money will be offered at a reasonable contribution. At the end of the night, raffle tickets will be offered based on remaining play money to win prizes. Please see the flyers at the Social Quarters for more information of this Fundraiser.



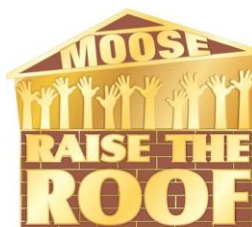
**All active Moose Members and their guests are invited to this Event!
Moose ID cards will be checked & guests must sign the register**

Please Support the Pot of Gold Basket!



All the contributions for this offering will be provided to a "to-be-determined" individual(s) of the Arlington Fraternity who is in financial need due to a medical situation. The **Pot of Gold** basket will be awarded at the Casino Night Fundraiser on March 18th. This offering is being sponsored by the LOOM with assistance from our WOTM. It's a great in-house cause ... please contribute!

Moose International Annual Membership Campaign



Brochure of Program in the Social Quarters

Arlington WOTM
Chapter #1253
Board of Officers
2016-2017

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Assistant Guide

Patti Rodas





Chapter Award of Achievement
(5th Consecutive Year)

Free WiFi at Lodge



WOTM Children's Easter Party



Saturday, April 1st

Issue: 2017-3 Newsletter Contributions

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Volunteers are needed for future articles for the Newsletters

MARCH EVENT



NCAA March Madness Tailgate Party on Saturday, March 25th (2:00pm – 6:00pm)

Enjoy watching the final games of the Midwest Region and the West Region at the Lodge to determine which colleges will move to the Final Four (beginning April 2nd). And what better way to complement your amusement while rooting for your favorite colleges than to have a "tailgate party". The Lodge will be providing a cookout theme of hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken and many side dishes for a reasonable price of \$10.00.

Want to share your favorite food dish and save the cost participating for the tailgate party? Bring a food dish (for at least 8 peoples) to the tailgate party to share with the other members and you do not have to pay to eat. [It is noted that 1 provided food dish = only 1 waived food fee] Please think "tailgate party" when selecting your food offering; but anything you bring will be appreciated ... *including desserts.*



Super Bowl Party – February 5th

What a GREAT game!! The last quarters was exciting when the New England Patriots made the right plays to come from behind and beat the Atlanta Falcons. Was it experience, or talent, or just luck? It does not matter, as New England is recorded as the NFL Champions.



What was important to the Arlington Fraternity was that the Social Quarters was packed with Members watching the game! Besides having the game viewed on multiple televisions so that no matter where an individual "planted his/her derriere" there was no viewing obstruction, the Lodge provided a food offering of tacos, chicken wings, French fries, and nachos & cheese to munch on while enjoying

the game. For the record, no one wore high hats or had large hairdos to make any individuals change their seats to view the game ... but all bets were off when those individuals stood up when their "team" scored a touchdown.

A thank you is extended to Joyce Chaffins, Andre McFail, and Gregg Cady for volunteering to prepare the food offerings for this event. Also, a thank you is expressed to all our members who chose our Lodge to watch the Super Bowl game.

Next Moose Legion Committee Meeting on Thursday, March 16th @6:30pm
WOTM members & LOOM members are Welcome to attend

Watch the NCAA Basketball Tournament at the Lodge



Beginning March 14th

Final 4 in April



Nominate a Lodge & Chapter Member for Volunteer of the Quarter (January – March 2017)



Deadline is March 30, 2017



Free Income Tax Preparation from AARP

AARP in conjunction with IRS is offering FREE income tax preparation for 2016 for taxpayers with low and middle incomes, with special attention to seniors. The service is confidential and available from February 1st to April 18th by IRS-certified volunteers. The Federal, Virginia, Maryland, and District of Columbia tax returns are prepared and electronically filed for free. The service also has an available travel team for “shut-in individuals” ... **CALL 703-594-6576**. Want to prepare your own tax return, but have tax questions; they can help! Locations for the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide sites are posted on the bulletin board in the entrance of the Social Quarters **OR** call the Arlington Lodge for the information [703-820-9345]. To get assistance, you need to bring a photo ID(S), Social Security Card(s), tax documentation, and your prior year tax return.



David Harding
LOOM Volunteer
of the Quarter
(October –
December 2016)



Anna Phillips
WOTM Volunteer
of the Quarter
(October –
December 2016)



Gone is Our Mortgage!

By declaration from Donald Ross, Credit Manager of the Finance Department at Moose International, the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge had “paid in full” the mortgage loan that was originated in 2008. Believe it or not, this loan was paid in a little over eight years. When George “Billy” Hensley, Jr. took over as Administrator in 2012, he began making double payments a month towards the mortgage loan. The Arlington Fraternity has continued this trend until the final payment in January 2017. It is noted that our fraternity was congratulated in an email from the Director Governor, Scott Hart, for our accomplishment!

As for our celebration related to this matter, a proclamation was read aloud to those in attendance and a Champaign toast was initiated for our accomplishment (*well ... not all the attendees were willing to give up their favorite beverage, but they still raised their bottle*). The dignitaries for the ceremony were John Matis, Gregg Cady, Tom Oderwald, and, of course, Billy Hensley. When the document was set on fire in the hands of John, the flames almost went “out” until he was corrected to hold the document upright (Duh!). Finally, the document was tossed in the abandoned brick built-in grill with the incinerated American flags (*see story on Page 13*). .

Irish Joke for March: What’s green and sits outside all summer?
Patty O-Furniture (lame but clean)

**Think
Natitude!**

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



“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.



**LOOM 2017-2018
Board of Officers
Elections**

Tuesday, April 4th



**New Lime Green
Genuine “Koozies”
are for Sale
at the Lodge**

“leather-like” exterior finish
with lettering/graphics on
both sides



Chapter Award of Achievement
(5th Consecutive Year)

Pig Roast
Saturday, June 17th



Plenty of Beef!



Saturday, July 29th

Don't Procrastinate!



Your Income Tax Return is due April 15th



Presidents Celebration on February 18th

Party preferences did not seem to matter (and no President Trump actions were discussed – a Lodge ban on political discussions), as our members partied to celebrate the accomplishments of our past Presidents of the United States ... *psych*, we like to just have a good time! The distributed quiz about the Presidents was “tough” with who was the first in many situations; i.e.: first President to be born in a hospital (*believe it or not ... James Earl Carter*). BUT it energized many thoughts for answers and multiple discussions!

It was a GREAT SUCCESS; as more than 40 members and guests attended this festivity! The offered food at this event was our first cookout of the year consisting of hot dogs & hamburgers with complementary onions/tomatoes/lettuce/condiments to make it “your way”, three types of chicken wings (plain, BBQ, & Buffalo sauce), macaroni salad, French fries, baked three beans, deviled eggs, stuffed celery tray with pimento cheese & cream cheese, cheese and cracker tray, pickles tray, and desserts. The Arlington Fraternity extends a thank you to Andre McFail (Master Chef), Joyce Chaffins, Liz Coombs, and Tom Oderwald for volunteering to be the chefs for this event. Also, the Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all those members who provided the cleanup after the event.



Necessary Action by our Veterans

In order for the Arlington Fraternity to participate in the Moose “Valued Veterans” Program, **all members that are veterans must “self-identify”** under your “My Membership Record” on the Moose International website so that you can be recognized in the Program. The instructions on how to “self-identify” are provided on the Moose International website under the Moose “Valued Veterans” Program.

The Program requires our Fraternity to conduct semi-annual Recognition Ceremonies; one in April and one in November of each year.



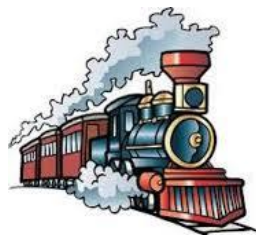
The Lodge is Soliciting Leadership Volunteers

If you are interested in being on the 2017-2018 LOOM Board of Officers, please submit a Candidate Consideration form that is located on the bulletin board in the entrance of the Social Quarters. The following positions are open for election: Governor, Junior Governor, Prelate, Treasurer, and 3-Year Trustee.

The DEADLINE for individuals to submit in writing their desire to run for an elected position to the LOOM Board of Officers is Tuesday, March 21, 2017
Form to be considered on the Social Quarters bulletin board

Pun of the Month

The first railroad trains to run to Washington, D.C was on March 6, 1835 ...
so that the politicians could get on the right track!



Are You a Veteran?



Tell Us! We Want Know



Governor's Corner

Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful...Well we did it! Yes, we showed in force and rightfully took the attendance award at the District meeting. Thank you all who attended, we have two more to go and the Lodge will receive another trophy for display!

How about this weather, crazy...this early spring is a reminder of many Lodge activities that will be shortly down the road. Spring clean-up, cookouts and many other events to participate and enjoy time together and support the Lodge. NASCAR has officially started with the Daytona 500; those members in attendance at the Lodge watched a very exciting race. The Nationals are in full swing with spring training and our beloved Capitals are in the playoff hunt, March Madness is almost upon us and so much more! A reminder, March 18th is the Moose Legion Casino Night and Saint Patrick's Dinner. The Casino Night and Dinner is open to all members and guests; try to bring a guest and introduce them to the Lodge.

The burning of the mortgage party was a big success and a milestone for our Lodge. We continue to focus on the Lodge making operational, administrative and physical plant improvements to benefit all of our members. The Lodge's success is additionally driven by the volunteers that step up and provide time and skills to pull off successful events to benefit the Lodge, try to find an opportunity that you could help out, no one is ever turned away! My very sincere gratitude to those that always step up and give back to the Lodge.

As always it is my great pleasure and honor to be serving as your Governor; I'm looking forward to seeing you soon!



Happy Hour

4:00pm – 8:00pm

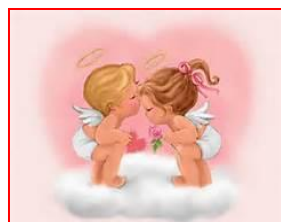
Monday thru Thursday



Ribs Feast



Saturday, May 6th



Steak Dinner for Valentine Day – February 11th

Another great success story for the WOTM Chapter #1253! The Chapter again offered a “made-to-order” plate offering just like the restaurants (Ruth's Chris Steakhouse comes to mind).

The event had WOTM & LOOM volunteers to take the desired food orders from the patrons sitting at the tables, in the kitchen to prepare and cook the food, and to serve the ordered plates to the tables. To begin the dinner for the patrons, a salad with multiple options of dressing and a roll were served. Then the main course of the dinner was served consisting of a thick “hunk” of steak (plain or marinated) at the desired cooked temperature (rare, medium rare, medium or well done) with topping options of fried mushrooms and/or sautéed onions, a baked potato with side offerings of sour cream or butter, and “gently steamed” asparagus with a topping option of Hollandaise sauce. Once everyone consumed their dinner, several dessert options were offered. As it occurred last year, only one served steak was returned back to the kitchen to be cooked a “little more”. It should be noted that all the food was served on ceramic plates with metal utensils (*WHAT, at our Lodge?*).

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all the LOOM & WOTM volunteers that made this fine dining an enjoyable evening.

Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members

- ▶ Scott Marcotte ▶ Brian Woodfield ▶ Clifton Ballance ▶ Clare Toward
- ▶ Jerry Toward ▶ Mac William Fisher ▶ Myra Clemens ▶ Maria Jiminez
- ▶ Sara Wick ▶ Blanca Melgar ▶ Kelady Dunn ▶ Clara Matinez-Campos





**Arlington
#1253 Annual
WOTM
Membership
Fee is \$30.00**

**Watch the
Washington
Capitals
and the
Washington
Wizards at the
Lodge**



**Summer Blast
Cook-Out**

**Saturday,
August 12th**

You can Pay Moose Dues Online!

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



Senior Regent's Message

Dear Ladies of the WOTM, Chapter #1253 and Gentlemen of the LOOM Lodge #1315,

As February is closing out (the warmest one in history), our chapter can look back and be proud of its accomplishments. We have an amazing crew of women who just get it done! You are all awesome! We also appreciate our gentlemen, as well, who have given us as many opportunities as possible to help those at Mooseheart and Moosehaven and those closer to home. It is truly a joint effort!

I am happy to announce that we have completed our last obligatory fundraiser of the year. Our thanks go to Judith York and her higher degree committee (especially Donna Heflin) for their success with their lovely Valentine's basket. Well done! Also, on February 11th, our own Liz Coombs put on a delectable steak dinner fundraiser with all the trimmings. She couldn't have done it without the help of our guys: Brian Van de Meulebroecke who cooked the steaks, Tommy Oderwald who cooked the other items with Liz's help, John Matis who plated the food, and Sam Whitt who washed dishes. Of course our WOTM board, committee chairs and co-workers were also essential in setting, waiting on, and clearing the tables; keeping the condiments stocked; and helping out wherever possible. It was a memorable night! Thanks everyone who came out to support Liz and enjoy such a wonderful meal!

Upcoming events include:

March 7th – Board meets at 6:15PM, Nominating Committee meets at 6:40PM, and Activity Night meeting is at 7:10PM.

March 18th – Casino Night. WOTM will support the men in a fundraiser to support our local members in need.

March 21th – Board meets at 6:15PM, Election Committee meets at 6:40PM, and Business meeting is at 7:10PM.

Stay healthy!
Fraternally, Roxy



Youth Awareness Program

The Arlington Fraternity needs volunteers to implement our scheduled Youth Awareness Student Congress in November 2017 and to prepare necessary letters to various organization for student participation. Want to help make future citizens of our community ... *and volunteer?* Please contact John Matis, the Lodge Administrator.

Please, there is a need of assistance by our members

**Moose
of the
Month**



**Electronic Pull-Tabs by
Powerhouse Gaming**



**at the Arlington
#1315 Moose Lodge**



Chapter Award of Achievement
(5th Consecutive Year)

Future Planned Major Social Events

(April – October 2017)

April 1st

WOTM Children's Easter Party

April 2nd

Legion Breakfast

April 22nd

LOOM & WOTM Officers Installation

May 6th

Ribs Feast

May 20th

Lodge Spring Cleanup

May 29th

Memorial Day Cookout

June 17th

Pig Roast

July 4th

4th of July Cookout

July 29th

Bull Roast

August 12th

Summer Blast

September 4th

Labor Day Cookout

September 23rd

Farewell to Summer

October 21st

7th Annual Bill Lewis Chili Cook-Off

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Personal/Family Corner

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy Birthday to Lodge members: **Leonard Ostasiewski** (3/01), **Gregory Cady** (3/02), **Willaim Tinsley** (3/02), **Robert Woodke** (3/02), **Robert Hartzell** (3/05), **Clare Toward** (3/06), **Carl Arbes** (3/10), **David Leifer** (3/19), **Billy Ingram** (3/19), **Clifton Ballance** (3/30), **Parker Brumfield** (3/30), and **Sean Hearn** (3/30).
- Happy Birthday to Chapter members: **Chase Chichester** (3/02), **Beverly Wellington** (3/06), **Patricia Smith** (3/11), **Betty McLaurin** (3/12), **Myra Clemens** (3/14), **Liz Coombs** (3/14), **Sharleen Schmidt** (3/17), **Kathleen Fichtel** (3/27), and **Laurie Mangum** (3/31).

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, Ray Broz, Nancy Koditek, and Phil Weber; 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 our Fraternity member who had passed into the realm of everlasting peace and the Supreme above:
- Bob Peake (died in February 2017)



Membership Appreciation Breakfast

The Board of Officers of the LOOM & WOTM, and the Moose Legion Committee have agreed to recognize all Mothers and Fathers, as well as all our other members of the Arlington Fraternity on one day; Sunday, June 4th. This date is between the recognized Mother's Day on (May 14th) and Father's Day (June 18th). Let's face it, all the mothers want to go to a "classier" restaurant on Mother's Day than the Moose Lodge and most fathers do not care what date "their day" is celebrated ... so long as they can just relax. Therefore, it was decided to combined these celebrations and also honor all our other members for their great support to our Arlington Fraternity on one date! The offerings of the normal Legion Breakfast will be expanded at this event and special gifts will be presented to all those mothers and fathers that attend.

Please mark your calendars and attend this event. You deserve the recognition!





Lodge Repairs/Replacements

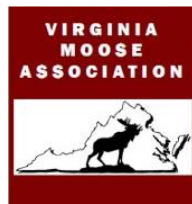
Drip! Splash on the floor. Drip. Splash, splash on the floor. Thank you Alex Wantrobski for volunteering and repairing the water drip from the drain trap in the Men’s restroom of the Ritual Hall. The sound of the drip echoing in the empty Ritual Hall was driving our members crazy! (only kidding?)

A special thank you is expressed to Ralph Phillips and Andre McFail for cleaning the deep fryers in the kitchen. The members of our Fraternity hate to have the French fries and chicken wings taste like “fish” after the last Fish Fry Revisited social event.

Future Planned Major Social Events
(November 2017)

November 4th
Youth Awareness Student Congress

Dates and Activities are subject to Change



Virginia Moose Association (VMA) District 4 Quarterly Meeting - February 11, 2017

The Arlington Fraternity members are just amazing! We had 19 members make the just “around the corner” ≈ 12 mile journey (*distance from our Lodge*) to attend this meeting and win the Attendance Trophy easily; as no other Lodge, including the Vienna Moose Lodge, had more than 12 attendees. Unfortunately, there was some confusion about the Culpeper Moose Lodge #1348 having permanently won the Attendance Trophy at the last VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting, so there was no new Attendance Trophy to be presented and brought back to our Lodge. Hopefully, our Fraternity will received the new Attendance Trophy by mid-March so it can be displayed for at least one month.

As for the meeting, it was announced that the VMA District 4 would be making donations to several VMA sponsored charities (could not previously approve for the Money March at the VMA Mid-Year Conference, since this quarterly meeting had been postponed from the scheduled January date). In addition, it was announced that a motion had been passed by the officers of the Lodges to have each Lodge within District 4 provide a specified donation to replenish the treasury of District 4.

The Arlington Fraternity wants to express gratitude to all of our members that attended the VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting. In addition, we want to thank the Vienna Moose Lodge for their hospitality to our members.

Lodge Spring Clean-Up



Saturday, May 21st

Memorial Day Cook-Out



Monday, May 29th

Plan to Attend the VA Moose Association District 4 Quarterly Meeting on April 8, 2017



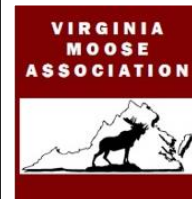
Let’s continue our quest for another permanent Attendance Trophy by attending the next VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting at the Franconia Moose Family Center #1076. We will probably need at least 20 members and guests from the Arlington Fraternity to attend this meeting in order to have a chance for the highest attendance. [Pep Talk = GO ARLINGTON!]

Please plan to attend to show your Arlington “spirit”!



7th Annual Bill Lewis Memorial Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, October 21st



VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting to be held at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge on July 8, 2017





**Remember
Mooseheart**



**Watch NASCAR
at the Lodge**

in March 2017

- SUN, MAR 5
**Folds of Honor
Quiktrip 500**
Atlanta Motor
Speedway
- SUN, MAR 12
Kolbalt 400
Las Vegas Motor
Speedway
- SUN, MAR 19
Camping World 500
Phoenix International
Raceway
- SUN, MAR 26
Auto Club 400
Auto Club
Speedway



**2016-2017 Arlington #1315 Lodge Membership
Challenge**

Sponsor a new LOOM member between May 1, 2016 and April 30, 2017 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. **Nathan Kirkpatrick** was the winner of the February monthly raffle.

In addition, if you sponsor three (3) LOOM members within the 2016-2017 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.



Continuation of Happy Hour?

In hoping to attract more members to enjoy the Social Quarters in the evening hours on Monday through Thursday each week, the Lodge implemented a Happy Hour for 4 hours on each of these days beginning in January 2017. Sometimes the need to "think outside the box" is required to increase the income of the business. To say the least, the statistics are not "jumping out" of any drastic increase over the past two months; however, the Lodge has not given up on this idea. Therefore, the Lodge will be continuing the Happy Hour through the month of March. The Lodge wants to express appreciation to **Powerhouse Gaming** in supporting this endeavor at our Lodge, a true partner in our financial business.

The LOOM needs your assistance in signing up New Members in order to meet our +1 Goal for the Premier Lodge Award



Goal: Obtain Premier Lodge Award in 2017
Current Arlington #1315 Membership Status
As of February 27, 2017:

2016-2017 <u>+1 Goal</u>	Current <u>Active Members</u>	<u>Difference</u>		<u>Expired</u>	<u>Dropped</u>
268	259	- 9		52	42

New Members since April 30, 2016: 21 (As of February 26, 2017)

**Support Our
Local Fire
Department**



**Big 10 Men's Basketball Tournament in
Washington, DC – March 8th – 12th**



**Go to a game at the
Verizon Center or
watch the games at
the Lodge**



Chapter Award of Achievement
(5th Consecutive Year)

Farewell to Summer Cookout



Saturday, September 23rd

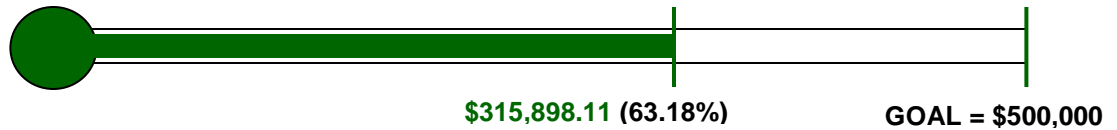
Thank You Veterans!



For Everything You Do For Our Country



VMA Moosehaven Centennial Project Contribution Status
(As of February 9, 2017)



The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner

The Moose Legion Committee expresses a gratitude to all our Legionnaires who participate in the conduction of our monthly Legion Breakfast. Your efforts have provided a continuous income for the Committee to assist the Lodge for needed operational items, repairs, and Projects. In this respect, and at the request of the Board of Officers of the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge, the Legionnaires have agreed to pay for half of the cost to provide a new door entry system to the Social Quarters that utilizes your Moose ID cards.

At the request of Bull Run Moose Legion #185, the Moose Legion Committee will be donating two hors d'oeuvres and two prizes for the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Casino Night Ritual Team Fundraiser.

Please attend the Casino Night Fundraiser!



Let's Talk (A Message from the Administrator)

When I first took the position of Administrator, I was told that my name would change to #@&%! I am beginning to realize that making decisions (with the approval of the Board of Officers) to ensure that the business of our Lodge is profitable does not please everyone. I want to stress that the decisions are based on the belief that the actions are for the betterment of the entire Arlington Fraternity; not just to please most of the members. I believe change is hard to accept; but in most cases is needed to prosper as the world turns or, in some cases, required to survive for another day! Therefore, call me #@&% ... but suck it up! Not everything can go your way. I personally apologize if I offended anyone; but the future of the Arlington Fraternity is at stake.

In addition, I apologize for finalizing and distributing the past three Newsletters beyond the first day of the each month. Not making any excuses, but the responsibilities of the Administrator of the Lodge takes a considerable amount of "volunteer" time in my busy schedule (as I do have a full-time job); which makes the preparation of the Newsletters a lesser priority in relation to the operations of the Moose Lodge. Therefore, I would gladly give up the publishing of the Newsletters if any one of our members wants to do the task. Please let me know.



Short-Term Membership Campaign - Honor Our Community Heroes through Moose Membership

From January 1st thru April 30th, 2017 the campaign will waive all fees and dues for a new or re-enrolled member active duty military personnel (including active Reservists) and First Responders (Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Paramedics, and Emergency Medical Technicians) [Not included: Veterans, doctors, nurses, Moose multi-members]. If you know someone who is serving our country or provides first responder services for our community, now is a great time to offer them a membership in the Moose!



Supreme Governor Franz Griswold and his wife Beth, and Deputy Supreme Governor Robert "Bob" Agnew being welcomed at our Lodge by members Brian Birtell & Matt Zeigler on Friday, February 10th. Bob Agnew had the honor of escorting the Supreme Governor & wife to the various Moose Lodges within our District 4 area.



Support Scouting




Girl Scouts



Boy Scouts



Youth Awareness Student Congress at Arlington Lodge #1315



Saturday, November 4th

A Flag Burning Ceremony at Our Lodge

It started with two worn & tattered American flags being left in a box outside our front door with a request of disposing them properly. Through the coordination by Ralph Phillips, two members of our Lodge (and also members of the VFW) performed a flag burning ceremony within the backyard on February 18th. As the flags were in flames, a reading pertaining to the symbolism of the American flag through historical events was presented. The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank Robert Muretta and David Mahoney for volunteering to plan, organize, and perform the ceremony. Who would have thought that the abandoned brick built-in grill in the backyard would again be useful?

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

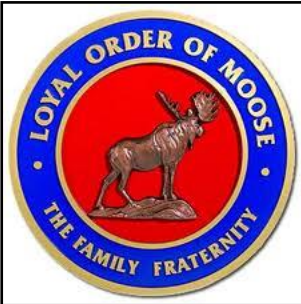


Collection bag in the entrance of the Social Quarters

Watch the **World Baseball Classic** at the Lodge

March 6th – 22nd





Support the WOTM



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

Arlington #1315 Annual LOOM Membership Fee is \$45.00

Support Our Local Police Department



Fish Fry Revisited (No. 10) - February 4th

“It was this <----BIG---->” ... an expression most fishermen would say for a great catch [*please, clean up that dirty mind*]. Again, this event was successful with over 20 members & guests participating in the food event.

The usual event staples of breaded/fried catfish, cod, and flounder were provided; BUT, the Galley Chefs made a minor alteration in the standard menu by offering baked cod. Besides the fish, a spicy Jambalaya (sausage & chicken) dish was offered. To complement the tasty seafood, the buffet included macaroni and cheese, cooked mixed greens, stewed tomatoes, hush puppies, coleslaw, a cheese and cracker platter, a pickle tray, and potato chips with dip. AND, as a surprise, had our in-house Sushi Chef prepare and offer two types of sushi; California style & spicy tuna.

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank our Galley Chefs of Tom Oderwald, Joyce Chaffins, Andre McFail, and Liz Coombs for their efforts in providing the fish fry buffet for our membership! Furthermore, our fraternity extends a thank you to our in-house Sushi Chef Donna Field for preparing the surprise food offering for the event. Finally, our Fraternity would also like to express our gratitude to all those volunteers who performed the cleanup after this social event ... especially in the galley with the greasy pots and pans for frying the various fish selections.



A Great Winter – No Measureable Snow!

Contrary to the opinion of our Governor (he has a snow plowing business), it was a pleasant surprise that we did not have to pick up a snow shovel for one day during this winter ... saving us from all those muscle aches and exhaustion. YEAH! But we will probably pay dearly next winter!

It is noted that this lack of snow trend has also been experienced in Alaska. This year, the starting point of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race – to begin on March 6th - had to be moved north 220 miles from Willow to Fairbanks (shortening the race course) due to stretches of the trail receiving too little snow south of Fairbanks. Once a three-week expedition, this race will now take the winner less than 9 days to complete.

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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