



**Planned  
Upcoming  
EVENTS**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday**  
Legion Breakfast  
**March 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday**  
Orientation  
**March 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday**  
St. Patrick Party  
**March 27<sup>th</sup> – Saturday**  
March Madness Tailgate Party

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

**Other Planned  
Upcoming Events**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday**  
VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting @ Arlington  
**April 9<sup>th</sup> – April 11<sup>th</sup>**  
- **Friday to Sunday**  
Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Spring Celebration @ Franconia  
**April 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**  
- **Thursday to Saturday**  
VMA Mid-Year Conference @ Hopewell

**Watch at the  
Lodge**

**Sunday,  
March 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm**



**Congratulations to James D. Bucklin, Sr. and Thomas J. Seery for attaining 50 years of Service in the Loyal Order of Moose**

Each of these Moose brothers will receive a Life Membership for their loyalty to our Moose organization.

**Replacement Chairs for the Fireplace Lounge  
Coming Soon!**

- *Details in Article on Page 7*

**Food Drive Collection in February**

Thank you members of the Arlington Fraternity, who participated in this Community Service, for your generous donation of food items to help those in need within our local community. Again, the collected food items will be delivered to Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) in our local community. *Details on Page 6*



**Thank you Members for your assistance with Virginia Senate Bill No. 1127 relating to Charitable Gaming**

Thank you to all those who reached out to their respective members of Congress to voice your option to the stated proposed changes to charitable gaming. Paper pull-tabs and electronic gaming remain active in the Lodge. *Details of Page 15.*



**Endowment “Rocker Fundraiser” in February**

**YIPES!** (as Scooby Doo would say when surprised)  
This fundraiser was a great success as we exceeded our goal for this endowment fund activity. And we did not do it for a Scooby snack ... *BUT* for the support of the Moose seniors at Moosehaven! The overall donations collected “to have your name on the wall” was \$320.00, which came close to doubling our goal of \$180.00. It is reminded that the fundraiser was a joint effort by the WOTM & LOOM and will be split in half for remittance to Moose Charities to receive credit. *See Page 15 for a picture of the rocker “tags”.*



The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank all our members and guests who contributed to the Rocker Fundraiser in the past month.

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

Please comply with the directives of our governing authorities during these extraordinary circumstances, especially in wearing a face mask and maintaining the required social distancing indoors & outdoors at the Lodge



**Arlington #1315  
Moose Lodge  
Hours of Operation  
(Starting March 8<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday – Tuesday**  
3:00pm to **10:00pm**  
**Wednesday**  
3:00pm to **11:00pm**  
**Thursday**  
Noon to **10:00pm**  
**Friday**  
Noon to **11:00pm**  
**Saturday**  
Noon to **11:00pm**  
**Sunday**  
Noon to **10:00pm**

**Social Quarters &  
ABC Manager**  
Jane Kennedy  
**ABC Managers**  
Michael Pogue  
Kristin Medel  
Sara Wick



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

Endowment box is on the bar near the purchase line



**The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Apologizes for Cancelling the Legion Breakfast on February 7<sup>th</sup>**

The weather prediction for Sunday was snow with between 1-inch to 3-inches of accumulation. When the chefs woke up on Sunday morning, the snow was coming down in large flakes and was starting to accumulate on the bushes & grass. As preparation for the breakfast begins 1-1/2 hours prior to opening of the Lodge for our members, it was questioned if the efforts would be in vain if the snow began to make the roads dangerous and no one would come to the breakfast -- *resulting in a considerable amount of food being wasted.* Therefore, an executive off-the-cuff decision was made to cancel the Legion Breakfast (which also cancelled the Orientation)

We apologize for any inconvenience the cancellation may have caused our members. Who would have thought that the snow would not accumulate on the roads?



**Spring Flowers at the Lodge Entrance**

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank Mark Los for donating tulip bulbs and planting them during the last week of February in the flower bed of the Lodge sign at the street entrance. Look for a great “curb appeal” in March (*it should be beautiful!*)



**A Request from the Administrator to Our Members**

Please do not place trash in containers that do not have a plastic liner. In order to eliminate “stale beverage & food” odors that most members object to their delicate smell sense, we are taking too much time from our normal Lodge responsibilities to clean the containers. It would also help if our members could take the trash in the plastic liners after an activity to the trash dumpster. Thank you!

**Masks are required by Law to be worn within the Lodge at all times**



**EXCEPT when seated AND drinking or eating!**



**No mask ... No service**

**Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge is a Tobacco/Smoke Free Facility**



**Daylight Savings Time Begins**



**March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Ides of March**



**March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Patrick's Day**



**March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**First Day of Spring**



**March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Arlington #1315  
Board of Officers  
2020-2021

**Governor**

Thomas Oderwald

**Jr. Governor**

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**Prelate**

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Clifton Ballance

**Sergeant-of-Arms**

Tim Nields

**Outer Guard**

Vacant

**Inner Guard**

Vacant

**MARCH  
EVENT**



**Legion Breakfast and New Member Orientation - Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> (10:00am – 1:00pm)**

The weather should still be cold, as only 4 weeks will have expired since *Punxsutawney Phil* had seen his shadow. So warm up with a hearty Sunday breakfast where everything that is served is hot and fresh! The event will consist of sausage links, lots of bacon, home fried potatoes, any way you want your eggs cooked including a variety of omelets, pancakes, French toast, and fruit salad. Furthermore, there will be at least one “surprise” food item, coffee, milk (if requested) and orange juice. AND we will continue to provide the outstanding breakfast selections for an all-you-can-eat offering at a reasonable price of \$8.00/adult and \$4.00/child.

The orientation will occur near the end of the Legion Breakfast at 12:00pm. New members that plan to attend the orientation should come early to enjoy the breakfast offering, as the Lodge/Chapter will pay the breakfast fee. Attendance at the orientation is not mandatory for continuing membership, but we are hoping that everyone wants to know about our support to Mooseheart & Moosehaven ... and maybe learn some answers to questions about our Arlington Fraternity.

**MARCH  
EVENT**



**St. Patrick Day Celebration Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> (2:00pm – 5:00pm)**

The Lodge is pushing the “luck of the Irish” a little early this year by hosting the Feast of St. Patrick the weekend before the actual day, but our members are always ready to partake in an event with the promise of good food and merriment. The food menu will consist of the usual corned beef & cabbage, Shepherd Pie “potato bowls”, corned beef hash empanadas, pulled corned beef sliders,

Irish egg rolls, and Irish “cannon balls”. Come to the Lodge for a great party ...and who knows; maybe have some leprechaun “pot of gold” winnings in our gaming offerings (paper & electronic)! To-go boxes are also being offered.

It is requested that everyone wear something green for the celebration, as we need some great pictures for next month’s Newsletter.

**WARNING: no shenanigans or “green” beer will be tolerated.**



Arlington WOTM  
Chapter #1253  
Board of Officers  
2020-2021

**Senior Regent**

Dionysianna “Anna”  
Ala’ilima

**Junior Regent**

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**Jr. Graduate Regent**

Linda Council

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**Recorder**

Rose Russo

**Guide**

Judith York

**Assistant Guide**

Betty McLaurin

**Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members**

► Lawrence (“Larry”) Edmonds



**St. Patrick Day Joke**

How can you tell if a potato is not from Ireland?



... when it’s a French fry!



**Nominate a Lodge & Chapter Member for Volunteer of the Quarter (January - March 2021)**

Deadline is March 31, 2021



**Clifton Ballance**  
LOOM Volunteer of the Quarter (October – December 2020)



**Sarah Shannon & Elizabeth Coombs**  
WOTM Co-Volunteers of the Quarter (October – December 2020)



**MARCH EVENT**



**NCAA March Madness Tailgate Party on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> (2:00pm – 5:00pm)**

Enjoy the first day for the “Sweet Sixteen” round of games in the NCAA Basketball Tournament (beginning at 2:00PM) with a tailgate party atmosphere at the Arlington Lodge. The food offering will be our standard cookout menu of hot dogs and hamburgers, with a few “surprise” items that were still being considered at the time of this publication.

Come to the Lodge to root for your favorite college teams to make the Final Four while enjoying our delicious food. *AND* it is reminded that the Lodge will be open the next day to enjoy your favorite beverages while watching the second day of the “Sweet Sixteen” round of games.

**Thank You Betty McLaurin for Decorating the Fireplace Lounge**

The Lodges appreciates your efforts for providing decorations to make it festive for every holiday and monthly social themes (e.g.: Valentine’s Day). **YOU ROCK!**



**WOTM Valentine (Steak) Dinner - February 14<sup>th</sup>**

This event was scheduled for Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, but was postponed to the next night due to a projected snow/ice storm (lots of panic for another dud with no accumulation on the roads). **BUT** what a successful fundraiser, as there were over 45 food orders provided either in the Lodge or “to-go” boxes.

The event used both WOTM & LOOM volunteers to take the desired food orders from the Members and guests, to prepare and cook the food, and to serve the ordered plates to the tables. To begin the dinner, 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 steak at the desired cooked temperature with selected toppings of sautéed mushrooms and/or onions, a baked potato with side offerings of sour cream or butter, and “gently steamed” asparagus with a topping option of Hollandaise sauce. As a standard over the past several years, Tom Oderwald gave a red carnation to each of the female members and guests that attended at the Lodge for Valentine’s Day.

Patti Rodas, the Event Chairman, extends a thank you to Rose Russo, Elizabeth Coombs, Sara Wick, Roxanne Coles-Matis, Tom Oderwald, John Matis, and Sam Witt for their efforts in making the event successful. In addition, thank you members who donated the sweets for dessert. The Chapter would like to thank all of our members who supported this fundraiser.

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

Check the schedules of these teams for dates & times



**The WOTM wants to thank all the Moose members who contributed to the Valentine basket & Chinese New Year Celebration basket fundraisers**






Think  
One Moose!



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

NCAA  
Basketball  
Tournament  
Selection  
Sunday  
March 14<sup>th</sup>



Watch at the  
Lodge  
Beginning 6pm

Iditarod Trail  
Sled Dog  
Race Begins



Begins  
March 7<sup>th</sup>



**Super Bowl LV (55) Party - February 7<sup>th</sup>**

After many changes in what the Lodge should offer for food at this yearly sport event, pot-luck was the final decision! First let's talk food. The food offering was spicy chicken wings, chicken sliders, hot dogs, sausage balls with dip, spinach/avocado dip with chips, a cheese and salami platter, and cupcakes. And for those members who "forgot" to bring a dish, they provided a donation to the Lodge to eat. The Lodge wants to thank all the members who contributed, either a pot-luck dish or a contribution, in the event!



Now for the game. There was lots of BOOs and YAYs while the game was being played; depending on who was a Tampa Bay Buccaneer/Tom Brady fan or a Kansas City Chief/Patrick Mahomes fan. In the end, the "under-dog" Tampa Bay Buccaneers won the game 31-9 with Tom Brady, the game's Most Valuable Player, winning his SEVENTH Super Bowl. **Congratulations to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, marking the first time that a team played a Super Bowl in its home stadium.** It is noted that there were few opinions expressed pertaining to the new Super Bowl commercials or the Half-Time Show with headliner Weeknd. (today's renowned R&B pop singer). Sorry, but "nature called" so not many saw the Half-Time Show.

Game trivia: Los Angeles was originally chosen as the host site for Super Bowl LV in 2016, however, due to construction delays, authorities announced that the stadium would not be completed until the start of the 2020 Football season. Therefore, in May of 2017, NFL owners voted unanimously, with the Los Angeles Rams' approval, to move Super Bowl LV to Tampa, Florida. Los Angeles (actually the City of Inglewood) will instead host Super Bowl LVI in 2022 (next year).



**2021 Iditarod Trial Dog Race**

The race is still on, but the teams are no longer traveling a 1,000 miles trail between Anchorage to Nome, Alaska this year. Instead, the mushers and their sled dogs will travel on a roughly 860-mile loop that starts and ends in Willow, Alaska (about 71 miles east of Anchorage, Alaska). In keeping up with the current world situation, all mushers must test negative for the coronavirus before the race and retest again along the trail. Face masks and social distancing are required at the checkpoints. There are 52 teams registered to start the race. The Iditarod ceremonial start is scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup> in Anchorage, with a restart in Willow the next day.

**Changes to March Madness Brackets:** The top seeds will be handled the same and so will be the First Four. In the rest of the brackets, the team will be placed based on rankings without the usual consideration for geography. There will be 37 at-large selections (one more) and 31 automatic qualifiers (one less) this year.



**Watch the 2021 NCAA Basketball  
Tournament Games at the Lodge  
Begins Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Final Four – Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Championship Game – Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**



The entire NCAA Basketball Tournament will be played in Indiana, with the majority of the tournament's 67 games taking place in Indianapolis

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



**BAR BINGO**  
**Wednesday Nights beginning 7:00pm**  
**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>,**  
**March 17<sup>th</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup> & March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
(Played in the Ritual Hall for social distancing)



**Only Moose Members with active status can play Bar Bingo**

**Information about Bar Bingo**

We are performing this activity in the Ritual Hall where the tables have been spaced appropriately to comply with coronavirus requirements to be CDC safe. The activity is approximately two hours with two 10 minute breaks. **Come and enjoy the activity!**

**National Pi Day  
March 14<sup>th</sup>**



Celebrating the ratio  
of the Circumference  
of a circle ...  
*not the sweet treat  
that you eat!*



**Chinese New Year Celebration – February 20<sup>th</sup>**

Who would have thought that the start of Year 4717 (Year of the Ox in the Chinese calendar) would be successful for our Moose Lodge ... well, at least at this event! There were 34 members and guests who ordered the food offering, either to eat at the Lodge or to take home. Everyone who ate that the Lodge agreed that the food tasted better than that from the local Chinese restaurants (at least those individuals that were asked by the Administrator).

The menu selection consisted of home-made egg rolls, fried rice, white rice, General Tso's spicy chicken, beef with broccoli, and chicken with mixed vegetables. For dessert, there was a pineapple upside-down cake, and slices of oranges to cleanse the taste pallet (plus to provide the required daily C vitamin). The only item missing for the event were fortune cookies ... but everyone should know that they have a good fortune by just being a Moose Member. The Lodge wants to thank the chefs of Elizabeth Coombs and Tom Oderwald for shopping, cooking, and packaging the to-go boxes; and to Billy Hensley for volunteering to do the kitchen cleanup of pots, pans, & etc.

**Watch the NIT  
Basketball  
Games at the  
Lodge**



**Begins  
March 16<sup>th</sup>**

Only 16 teams in  
the tournament this  
year (in lieu of 32  
teams)

All games will be  
played  
in New York



**Food Drive Collection**

The picture shows most of the food that was collected. It does not seem like a considerable amount of items, but by weight it was very heavy (lots of cans, sugar bags, bags of rice, etc.). We estimated that at least 15 members contributed to this Community Service event. The quantity is not important, it's the thought of helping others that counts! A thank you is expressed to John Matis for delivering the food (with help from Jane Kennedy loading his vehicle).



**Important Reminder**

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

**Moose  
of the  
Month**





**2021-2022  
Lodge Board of  
Officers  
Election**



**April 6, 2021  
7:00PM**



**in March 2021**

**SUN, MAR 7<sup>th</sup>  
Pennzoil 400  
Presented by Jiffy  
Lube**

@ Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway

**SUN, MAR 14<sup>th</sup>  
NASCAR Cup  
Series Race at  
Phoenix**

@ Phoenix Raceway

**SUN, MAR 21<sup>st</sup>  
Folds of Honor  
QuipTrip 500**

@Atlanta Motor  
Speedway

**SUN, MAR 28<sup>th</sup>  
FOOD City  
Dirt Race**

@Bristol Motor  
Speedway Dirt

**AND THE  
CHALLENGE  
BEGINS**



**Lodge Repairs/Replacement**

It took a little bit longer than expected, but the Lodge has been informed by Maryland Fire Equipment Corporation that the construction permit for the new kitchen hood fire extinguishing system has been approved by Fire County. The installation is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. In case it is not remembered, the required alarm bell for the new system has already been installed by the Lodge.

As noted in the last month's Newsletter, the Arlington Moose Legion Committee had decided to proceed with the replacement of the ceiling lighting in the kitchen. It was approved in the February meeting that flat panel LED lighting fixtures would be provided, which included re-wiring between the new individual lighting fixtures. The Lodge and the Arlington Moose Legion Committee expresses a thank you Bruce Pickett for expediting the installation so that it was completed prior to March! In addition, a thank you is extended to Clifton Ballance for assisting in the installation. For the record, if a member volunteers to work in the kitchen for an event, *PLEASE* have a pair of sunglasses in your pocket (or *purse*, or *handbag*, or *manbag*) to wear in case the intensity of the brightness bothers your eyes

**SURPRISE** – the hot water heaters are becoming a problem. *More to come!*

**Replacement Chairs for the Fireplace Lounge**

The existing caster chairs (multiple types) within the Fireplace Lounge have seen better days. So when the Lodge was offered to buy "good condition used" replacements from the Centreville Moose Lodge, we jumped at the chance! The Lodge approved to purchase 24 vinyl caster chairs at a bargain price, which will provide total chair replacement in the Fireplace Lounge. The only "catch" was that we needed to wait to receive the these chairs until the Centreville Moose Lodge received their new chairs for their bar area renovation. It is projected that the replacement chairs will be available for our Lodge sometime in the first two weeks of March. For the record, since the chairs are completely vinyl, they will be easy to wipe down for cleaning purposes.



**Bringing a Guest to the Lodge?**

The Arlington Fraternity welcomes all individuals who are considering to be new members of our Moose organization. However, please make sure your guest is aware of all COVID-19 virus requirements, as well as, Moose & IRS requirements while in the Lodge. Show them the layout of the Lodge and describe our Moose Mission in supporting Mooseheart and Moosehaven, as well as supporting our local community. **Please discuss that the Lodge has an Orientation Program to obtain more information about the Arlington Lodge and the Mission of Moose!**





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

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

**Are You a Veteran?**



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

**Support our local businesses!**



**Support Our Local First Responders**



**Senior Regent's Message**

February is "Heart Month" which explains why we work so well together to support our charities – Mooseheart and Moosehaven. We have the "heart" to do the work necessary and we put everything into it. Our February fundraisers are proof of this. Patti Rodas and her committee put on a wonderful Valentine's steak dinner that many have raved about. Highlights, besides the main meal (Liz's culinary skills are awesome as usual), were the serving service of our members (Sara Wick exhibited endless energy all night) and the wonderful desserts (especially Billy Hensley's tiramisu cheese cake and Rose Russo's cherry brownie trifle). The biggest thank you, though, goes to our lodge gentlemen who were the chief cooks and bottle washers: Governor Tommy Oderwald and Administrator John Matis. We could not have done it without them, and of course, all of you who dined with us or took dinners home. In addition, Clifford Ballance won the beautifully wrapped Valentine's basket that Roxanne Coles-Matis and her committee put together. Denise Ala'ilima wants to thank her committee members Linda Council, Sarah Shannon and Anna Ala'ilima for their donations and help with the Chinese New Year's basket (lots of gift cards including one to Peking Gourmet Inn) that was drawn on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Well done ladies! Enjoy your winnings Nora Rodas! As always, a thank you to the ABC Managers who helped us.

Upcoming events

Dates and times of Nominating Committee Meetings for slate of officers for next Moose year. (Note: We are still looking for at least 2 members to join the committees).

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**

**March 9<sup>th</sup> at Chapter meeting to announce final slate of nominees.**

Fundraisers

**March TBA – St. Patrick Celebration basket**

Please check emails regularly for updates.

**Thank you WOTM for your Lunch Fundraiser!**

The Arlington Moose Legion Committee wants to thank the WOTM for volunteering to conduct a lunch fundraiser for the Bull Run Moose Legion General Membership Meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The Legionnaires were extremely hungry and very satisfied with the offering of grilled cheese sandwiches and hamburger soup! A great lunch for the cold day of the meeting. A thank you is extended to Elizabeth Coombs for cooking; Patti Rodas, Anna Ala'ilima, Judith York & Roxanne Coles-Matis for taking the orders and serving; and all the WOTM members that provided desserts.

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



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

**Support the WOTM**

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





**Remember  
Mooseheart**



**Personal/Family Corner**



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

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



Big Brothers Big Sisters

**SICKNESS and DISTRESS**

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

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



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

However, members **MUST** provide their own serving "extras" (e.g.: paper plates, utensils, condiments, napkins, etc.) and cleanup after eating at their table!

**Happy Birthday to Lodge members**

- Robert Woodke (3/02)
- William Tinsley (3/02)
- Gregory Cady (3/02)
- Carl Arbes (3/10)
- David Leifer (3/15)
- D. Wayne Hawkins (3/25)
- Carl Weaver (3/26)
- W. Edward Tyner (3/27)
- Clifton Ballance (3/20)
- Sean Hearn (3/30)



**Happy Birthday to Chapter members**

- Leticia DeLeon (3/01)
- Ingrid Anderson (3/10)
- Patricia Smith (3/11)
- Betty McLaurin (3/12)
- Elizabeth Coombs (3/14)
- Myra Clemens (3/14)
- Patricia Williams (3/17)
- Vickei Janes (3/19)
- Maricellis Negron (3/21)
- Victoria Hatfield (3/21)
- Meredith Voss (3/21)
- Stephanie Greenham (3/26)
- Betty Pamplin (3/31)
- Laura Mangum (3/31)



**Lodge Repairs/Replacement (unexpected)**

It became known during the set-up to receive food donations in the outside entrance of the Ritual Hall on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> that the panic lock on the exterior glass doors to the entrance did not function. The Administrator was able to make the set-up with a "little bit of force" to open the door (note: you did not hear that). The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank Tom Oderwald and Mike Foster for doing emergency repairs to get the panic lock operational again. Smokers, please be gentle when using the panic lock handle to get to the Smoking Area.

**Thank You  
Veterans &  
Active Military  
Members**



**for Preserving  
Freedom in  
for Our  
Country**

**Electronic Pull-Tabs  
by Powerhouse  
Gaming at the  
Arlington  
#1315 Moose  
Lodge  
(9 gaming machines)**



**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





**2020-2021 Arlington #1315 Lodge Membership Challenge**

Sponsor a new LOOM member between May 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021 and your name will be placed on a ticket in a raffle conducted each month during the entire Membership Challenge to win \$10.00 in Arlington "Moose Bucks". The winner for the month of February 2021 is **Randy Nolan**.



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.

**Don't Procrastinate!**



**Your 2020 Income Tax Return is currently due on April 15<sup>th</sup> (no extension planned to date)**



**Goal: Obtain Premier Lodge Award in 2021**  
**Current Arlington #1315 Membership Status**  
*As of February 14, 2021:*

2020-2021 <u>+1 Goal</u>	Current <u>Active Members</u>	<u>Difference</u>		<u>Expired</u>	<u>Dropped</u>
<b>230</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>-10</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>37</b>

**New LOOM Members since May 1, 2020: 12** (As of February 28, 2021)

**VMA Short Term Membership Campaign Drawings for Signing New Members [January 1 thru March 31, 2021]**



**FIRST PRIZE: (Sign 5 Members or more)**

- Enter in a drawing for \$1,000.00 (1 winner)

**SECOND PRIZE: (Sign 3 - 4 Members)**

- Enter in a drawing for \$500.00 (1 winner)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> selection for a Predator Generator (1 winner)

**THIRD PRIZE: (Sign 1 – 2 Members)**

- Enter in a drawing for \$250.00 (3 winners)



**Drawing April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Support The Salvation Army**



**PLAN TO ATTEND!**  
**VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting AT OUR LODGE**



**Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 11:00AM**



**An Important Reminder about Gaming in the Lodge**

In accordance with the General Rules of Moose International ONLY Moose Members can play our gambling offerings within the Social Quarters (e.g.: pull-tabs, electronic pull-tabs, Queen of Hearts & Bar Bingo). Please do not bring guests to the Lodge to participate ... they will be denied to play.

**2021 National Cherry Blossom Festival**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> – April 11<sup>th</sup>**



**Still no decision has been made as to when the Queen of Hearts will again be played**

**Please be patient!**




**Moose Legion Committee Meeting**  
**on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> @7:00pm**  
**All WOTM members & LOOM members are welcome to attend**  
 (a complimentary drink afterwards for anyone who attends the meeting)



**The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner**  
 The Arlington Moose Legion Committee wants to thank its members for approving to replace the lighting fixtures in the kitchen; a much needed improvement for the Lodge. It is further expressed to all the members of the Arlington Fraternity a “whole-heartedly THANK YOU” for participating in the television raffle to compensate for some of the cost of the new LED lighting fixtures in the kitchen. Lastly, a thank you is expressed to Dean Massey and Gregg Cady for their efforts in conducting the television raffle.

At this time, the Arlington Moose Legion Committee has rescinded their offering to provide \$300.00 towards the restoration of the restrooms. The approved funds have been re-directed towards the cost for the new kitchen lighting.


**Join the Moose Legion**



**Eligibility**  
 A male member with active status in the Lodge



**Note: Must be a Legionnaire to be an Officer of the Lodge beginning May 1, 2021**

**Moose Charities Announced a New Month – Thankuary!**  
 It comes after January, and anytime during the year! Moose Charities added a new month to the Moose Calendar, which can be added anytime during the year and used to extend GRATITUDE (*and lots of it*). **Happy Thankuary to all our members!**



**Lifetime Membership in the Moose Legion to be paid by Bull Run Moose Legion #185 for Bull Run Legionnaire who enrolls the most new applicants between May 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021**  
 (Thomas Murray & Al Smith have excluded themselves from this Campaign)

**Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Membership Campaign**  
**May 1, 2020 thru April 30, 2021**

**Join the Moose Legion during this Campaign period ... and the application fee will be paid by Bull Run Moose Legion #185**

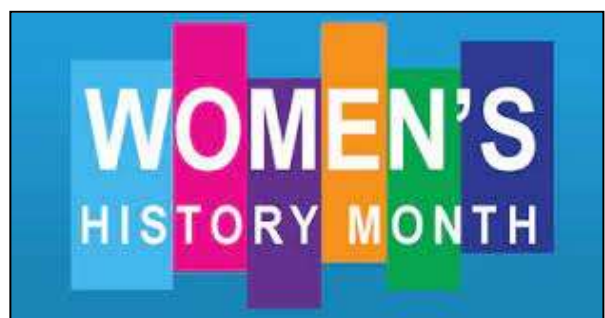
**Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Spring Celebration**  
**April 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**

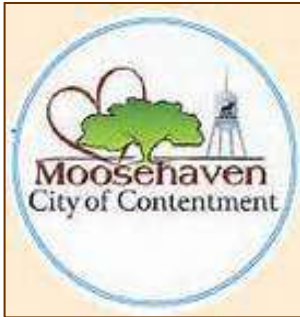


National Women’s History Month in March annually encourages us to honor the women who came before us and fought for equality among all races and genders.



**Brochure of Program in the Social Quarters**





**Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Apologizes for Cancelling the Winter Celebration at the Arlington Lodge #1315**



When a Conferral/Celebration is held by Bull Run Moose Legion #185, there are many, many Legionnaires and guests who come to have fun, not to mention the honor of watching the conferral of new Legionnaires into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree of the LOOM. And we had a few surprise games for the “fun” time” in the program. Therefore, it was a hard decision to cancel, but we did not want to exceed the assembly limitations by the Governor of Virginia within the Arlington Lodge #1315 during the current coronavirus situation.

**Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Meetings on February 27<sup>th</sup>**

It is noted that the Board of Directors & the Nomination Committee have been conducting meetings; there have not been a General Membership Meeting since November 2020. Therefore, a General Membership Meeting was still scheduled at the Arlington Moose Lodge #1315 on the date of the cancelled Winter Celebration. The attendance was minimal (*why fight traffic only for a meeting*), but the following motions were approved: (1) payment for the costs of the President and Secretary to attend the 2021 Moose International Convention, (2) a donation of \$200 each to VMA for the Old Dominion House in Moosehaven, and the Virginia Home in Mooseheart; and a \$100 donation to the endowment fund in honor of Pilgrim C. M. Bunky Clark who gave many years of outstanding service in the Bull Run Moose Legion #185.



**National Anthem Day**

**Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Please do not relax ... remember to wear your mask while walking around the Lodge. Thank You!**



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

Another black cloud over my head to reveal my bad luck; especially when it comes to computers! Moose International is converting to have our financial data in the “CLOUD” (in lieu of on a private computer in the Lodge) so that they can have immediate reports to determine how we are surviving. Nevertheless, we have tried three times in February to accomplish this conversion, but it has not been completed. The financial data of our Lodge has been uploaded to the “CLOUD, but there is a problem with the acknowledgement of a “secret” password to access the online program. I even created a new email address to receive the “secret” password (another email address to review and receive spam that I had no desire to establish), but still NO BANANAS! Hopefully, we can resolve the problem so that I can input the financial information of the Lodge for March. The one GREAT thing about this conversion is the promise that the financial input can be performed anywhere through the Internet ... even from my home and not in the dark dungeon of the Administrator’s Office of the Lodge (*with no heat or air conditioning*).



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

**Only active members can participate in the offerings provided in the Social Quarters and at Lodge Events!**



**March 27<sup>th</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**IGNITE YOUR NATITUDE**



**Watch Nationals Spring Training Games at the Lodge**



**Governor’s Corner**

Since May 1, we’ve had social unrest, the nasty virus, murder hornets, black ice and coming soon - 17 year cicadas will be everywhere. It wouldn't surprise me if we will see flying monkeys and apple throwing trees by June!

The events at the lodge and throughout the order have been severely limited and caused a lot of financial and fraternal hardship, but we have survived and have even pulled off a few well attended events. Hopefully with the vaccine and the return of Spring, the events and meetings can start to get back to normal.

Stay safe, stay well and don't let your guard down just yet. Better times are coming soon.



**The Application Fee for any new member will be paid by the LOOM or WOTM of the Arlington Fraternity until the end of the 2020-2021 Moose Year (i.e.: April 30, 2021)**



**VMA Youth Awareness Program**

“Team Virginia” has been notified by Moose International that five (5) slots have been allocated for student delegates from Virginia at the Moose International Student Congress this year in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in April. It is noted that the coronavirus pandemic may make this a virtual Event (just not the same as actually seeing the sights at Myrtle Beach – *BUT* there are the scholarships).

Anyway, there were 15 students who submitted the “KidTalk” presentations (41% of the students who participated in the VMA program) **AND one of the students was sponsored by the Arlington Fraternity!** A zoom meeting will be held with the students to determine which 10 submissions are to be forwarded for selection by their high school peers at Fort Defiance High School to represent Virginia Moose Association at the Moose International Student Congress.

**2021-2022 Lodge Board of Officers Election**



**If any member has a desire to be on the Lodge Board of Officers for the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge, a “Consideration for Position” form must be submitted to the Nomination Committee by March 14, 2021**



**Picture of New LED Flat Panel Light Fixtures in the Kitchen**

It was decided that the new LED flat panel light fixtures be placed in the exact locations as the previous light fixtures (it worked before ... why change a good thing). And the new lighting again “spot-lights” the various cooking equipment, the ice maker, the sanitizing dish washer, and entrances into the kitchen.

**A SUCCESS!**



**Give Generously!**

**Support Special Olympics**



Pictures from WOTM Valentine Dinner – February 14<sup>th</sup>



MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>

Projected peak bloom dates for the Cherry Blossoms



April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>



Please Drink Responsibly at the Lodge



Continue to save BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION coupons Collection bag in the entrance of the Social Quarters on the bulletin board



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



Volunteers for Social Events



The Rocker "tags" at the entrance of the Social Quarters.

It does not seem like a lot of donors, but everyone that came to the Lodge made at least one donation ... AND, they were very generous in their giving to Moosehaven!

Senate Bill No. 1127



To summarize, all proposed changes to the revised and final version will be sent through the House and Appropriations Committee (paired with Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs) to be subjected to a comprehensive study. The study is slated for completion by June 30, 2022. And further changes implemented will then need to be voted upon when the General Assembly reconvenes in January 2023.

Enjoy the gaming at the Lodge and may the leprechaun luck be with you! Thank you Members



Support the Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts

WARNING The Safe Surfin' Foundation is advising parents to stay diligent in tracking your child's Internet use during the COVID-19 outbreak. As Schools begin replacing the classroom for a laptop, predators will use this as an opportunity to prey on children. Never forget that 100% of children will be contacted by an Online predator. Stay safe in the coming weeks, and as always please keep your children safe Online.

Baseball is Back! Image of Bugs Bunny as a baseball player

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

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