

Loyal Order of Moose Arlington #1315 Lodge NEWSLETTER

710 Scoville Street, Falls Church, VA 22041

Social Quarters: (703) 820-9345

NOVEMBER 2015



Youth Awareness Program – Association Student Congress Arlington Fraternity is Sponsoring 1 Student in the Program

The Arlington Fraternity was proud to sponsor an outstanding Moose program for the future education of our local community students for the third consecutive year! Thank you Arlington Fraternity for your efforts. Details of the event on Page 5.



Donate Items for Homeward Trails Animal Shelter

As an ad hoc community project, the Arlington Fraternity is requesting that members donate towels and blankets to be provided to the Homeward Trails Animal Shelter. Consider providing those old baby blankets too small for the grown children, those used towels with "bleach" spots or that are so faded that it's hard to determine the color, or those towels/blankets that are never used and stuffed in the back of the closets. Please do not provide sheets!

There is a collection box within the Social Quarters for the donated items. This community project will be concluded at the Thanksgiving holiday. The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank Sue Cummings for suggesting this great idea.



Was Anyone a BIG Winner at the Casino?

A good time was had by most in the Moose Legion Bus Trip to the Charles Town Hollywood Casino. Details of the event on Page 9.



We did not need a Kingdom to Win the Attendance Trophy, Just a Bus Load!

Another step towards keeping a third permanent attendance trophy. Details of the event on Page 10.

Upcoming Social Events

(details on Page 2 & Page 3)

November 1st

Moose Legion Pancake Breakfast

November 1st - NEW

Membership Appreciation

November 7th

WOTM Italian Dinner Night

November 21st

Casserole Cook-Off November 26th (THR)

Thanksgiving Family Feast

Other Future Planned Events listed on Page 9 & Page 10



Membership Appreciation November 1, 2015 (3:00pm - 6:00pm)

For all the effort by our membership over the past year in keeping the Arlington Fraternity "the best Moose Lodge in our Community", free pizza is being offered to the members to show our appreciation (Note: You deserve more ... but there are budget constraints).



Fellowship Degree Honor Month



All Saints Day



November 1. 2015

Daylight Savings Time Ends



Veterans Day



November 11, 2015

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EVENT

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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



Green Cap Celebration: Elizabeth Coombs



Saturday, December 5th

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Italian Dinner Night Saturday, November 7, 2015 (6:00pm – 8:00pm)

The cliché "if it is successful, don't change a thing" applies to this event; as the WOTM has always packed the Lodge with an Italian Dinner event. As a minimum the food offering will consist of Minestrone soup, green salad, stuffed shells, meat lasagna, chicken Alfredo, a few "surprise" Italian dishes, Italian bread and desserts.

It is noted that all items are "home-made" dishes prepared/cooked by the members of the Arlington Chapter #1253 (or possibly their husbands/boyfriends).

Pancake Breakfast Sponsored by Moose Legion Sunday, November 1st

Time Change: 10:00am – 1:00pm

The event will occur <u>1 hour earlier</u> than previous breakfasts due to the Membership Appreciation event. The food offering will be at least two types of pancakes (regular & chocolate chip), heated maple syrup, sausage patties, scrambled eggs, fruit salad, coffee, and orange juice. And as at the two previous pancake breakfasts, at least one "surprise" food item will be provided.

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Casserole Cook-Off Saturday, November 21, 2015 (2:00pm – 6:00pm)

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!

<u>Note for the contestants</u>: A stew uses a cooking process whereby heat is applied to the bottom of the cooking vessel whereas casseroles are generally done in the oven where heat circulates all around the cooking vessel.

Next Moose Legion Committee Meeting on Thursday,
November 12th @6:30pm
WOTM members are Welcome to attend
Food at a reasonable price will be offered after the Meeting to
the members + guests in the Lodge

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NOVEMBER EVENT



Enjoy the Holiday on November 26, 2015 Thanksgiving Family Feast at the Lodge

Staying in town, no in-laws coming, *OR* you do not want to cook? The Lodge will be having a holiday feast with turkey and all the fixings like "Mom used to make". Bring yourself, the family, even the guests in town, and *ENJOY*! What better way to watch the three NFL football games than at the Lodge on the large screen televisions and never run out of your favorite beverages. And lest not forget the great camaraderie with the other members. Time for the Family Feast will to be announced in the Lodge weekly email communications and you can call the Social Quarters.

Invitation is extended to members and their families of other Moose Lodges/Chapters



Honor those who served our Country Veteran's Day – November 11th



Third-Annual Member Retention Week November 1 – 7, 2015

The Arlington Fraternity has sent out invitations to those individuals who have expired memberships over 3 months to attend either the Moose Legion Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 1st or the

MEMBER RETENTION WEEK
One Week Focus — Year-Long Commitment

WOTM Italian Dinner on Saturday, November 7th to get a glimpse of how the Lodge has changed and to discuss our programs/activities. If any individual re-enrolls at one of these two events, the event fee will be waived. The Arlington Fraternity requests that all members that attend these events take the time to introduce yourselves to any "new faces" and answer any guestions.



We have 15 Members with the Fellowship Degree

- ♦ Larry Anderson* ♦ William Atkinson* ♦ Franklin Beach* ♦ Lewis Burke
- ◆ Marvin Clark Sr. ◆ Gerald Coleman ◆ Donald Hartzell ◆ Luther Hodges
- ♦ Joseph Jones ♦ French Marcey Jr. ♦ Ron Mifflin ♦ Terry Pamplin
- ◆ Andrew Pewtherer
 ◆ George Walker
 ◆ George Warrington

Note: * indicates further advancement to Pilgrim Degree

Thanksgiving Day



Thursday, November 26. 2015

WOTM Children's Christmas Party



Saturday, December 12. 2015

Salute to Christmas

December 24, 2015



Complimentary drink to celebrate the spirit of the Holiday Season

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Issue: 2015-11 Newsletter Contributions

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Volunteers are needed for future articles for the Newsletters

Watch NASCAR at the Lodge



In November 2015

(End of Race Schedule)

SUN, NOV 1
Goody's
Headache Relief

Shot 500 @Martinville Speedway

SUN. NOV 8

AAA Texas 500

@Texas Motor Speedway

SUN, NOV 15

Quicken Loans Race for Heroes 500

@Phoenix
International
Raceway

SUN, NOV 22

Ford Ecoboost 400

@Homestead-Miami Speedway



CHIL!

5th Annual Bill Lewis Chili Cook-Off October 10th

Holy Cow (or should we say ground beef?) The Social Quarters was packed; with over 40 members and guests who attended this event (not all partaking in the savory consumption experience). There were 10 entries for the cook-off. The results for the Chili Cook-off were 1st Place – Thomas Oderwald, 2nd Place – Gwendolyn Collins, and 3rd Place – Elizabeth Coombs.

The Lodge wants to thank all the members who participated in the contest: the 3 noted winners, Billy Hensley, Nora Rodas, Joyce Chaffins, Roxanne Coles-Matis, Betty Pamplin, Donna Heflin (representing the "Lewis Clan"), and Judith York. The Lodge would like to thank those members who volunteered to be the judges for the contest (hopefully they will be able to taste other foods in the near future). The Lodge also wants to thank Joyce Chaffins for preparing the "house" chili, Liz Coombs for providing the corn bread, and Tom Oderwald & Liz Coombs for providing stuffed jalapeno peppers for the basic event food offering; Marty Medel and Rose Russo for preparing and providing the chili samples for the judges; and all those behind the scene members who assisted in having a successful event (including the undesired task of event clean-up). Thank you to everyone who came to the event!!





All the entry chefs in the Chili Cook-Off

The winners of the Chili Cook-Off

Please Donate Food for the Holiday Season!

It is important to remember that there are always the unfortunate who need the support of others to come to their aide; especially during the holidays. Please continue to donate the food items. The Lodge takes the collected food to two local organizations: Arlington Food Assistance Center and Baileys Crossroads Homeless Shelter. **THANK YOU!**





Watch College Football every Saturday at the Moose Lodge

See your favorite college team/alma mater in action!

We have 8 televisions in the Bar Areas

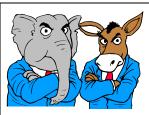


NOW at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge ...

Electronic Pull-Tabs by Powerhouse GamingMore Fun at the Moose Lodge

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Remember to Vote on Election Day Tuesday, November 3rd

Watch the MLB World Series at the Lodge



Remember Mooseheart & Moosehaven



Watch College Football at the Lodge on Saturdays



Moose Youth Awareness Association Student Congress On Saturday, October 3rd

It only takes one action to make a change! Therefore, our efforts in hosting the Association Student Congress was successful; as the Arlington Fraternity was able to sponsor one student at this event and who has agreed to provide a message to the youngster of our community (in three

KidsTalks for the program). The student is the Arlington Fraternity's very own Robert Van de Meulebroecke; a sophomore from Jeb Stuart High School. An excellent program was presented. Manny Propst, VMA Youth Awareness Coordinator, provided details for the Youth Awareness Program. Next in the program was a Safe Surfin' Foundation video presentation titled "The Testimony of Vicki Johnson" (a child abduction experience). Then our Governor made a presentation of the topic "Nutrition for Kids", for a sample depiction of a KidsTalk with poster board cards; without the electronic devices of our current world. To keep the attention on the presenter during his KidsTalk, the Governor put on a bright yellow full-length raincoat and rain hat (a spitting image of the Gorton's Fishman; but a little "plumper"). As the finale, a presentation pertaining to safe precautions for emergencies was provided by Marco Johnson, President of Sunset Manor Civic Association (an expert in the field of emergency preparedness).

The Arlington Fraternity would like to thank all the presenters for their time and effort in participating in this event and to Judith York, Donna Heflin, and Roxanne Coles-Matis for assisting in the event set-up & in preparing/getting the food offerings. Our Fraternity would like to thank Terry Treadwell - President of VMA District 4, Mary Propst, & Shiela – representative from the Dale City Moose Family Center #2165 for attending our Association Student Congress.





Manny Propst, "Fisherman John", Robert Van de Meulebroecke (Student), Marco Johnson & Terry Treadwell

Show Your Team Pride Promotion

If you bring in a mug with your favorite football team shown on the mug between 1:00pm to 4:00pm on Saturday and Sunday (during the football season), you can get it filled with a draft beer for \$2.00.



Enjoy a tall cold draft beer at a discount price while supporting your team (or any other team)!

Sports Mug Weekends

"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!

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Chapter Award of Achievement (4th Consecutive Year)



Congratulations to Andre McFail LOOM Volunteer of the Quarter (July - September 2015)



Congratulations to Kim Akers WOTM Volunteer of the Quarter (July – September 2015)





Youth Organization of the Quarter (July – September 2015) National Capital Area Council - Boy Scouts of America

Watch
Washington
Redskin
Games at the
Lodge

Regular Season November 2015

SUN, NOV 1

Bye Week
SUN, NOV 8

@ 1:00pm
New England
Patriots
(AWAY)
SUN, NOV 25

@ 1:00pm

New Orleans Saints (HOME) SUN, NOV 22

@ 1:00pm Carolina Panthers (AWAY)

SUN, NOV 29 @ 1:00pm New York Giants (HOME)





Redskins "Calling All Cooks" Sundays

Arlington #1315 continued having volunteers offer main dishes to the membership while watching the Washington Redskins games on Sundays at our Lodge in the month of October. **Billy and Andrea** provided "eagle" wings and jalapeno "poppers" for the Philadelphia Eagles game. The following week, the Atlanta Falcons game was played the day after the

Chili Cook-Off ... so the remaining delicious chili entries were offered. **Joyce Chaffins and Anna Phillips** offered a hot dog casserole for the New York Jets game. Finally, **Thomas Oderwald & Liz Coombs** provided loose meat sandwiches (e.g.: no tomato sloppy joes) for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers game.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS in making the games bearable to watch; as the Redskin's running plays always seem to result in minimum gains (if not backwards) and everyone holds their breath every time Kirk Cousins throws a pass (8 interceptions in 6 games). Please volunteer for a specific game to show off your cooking talents, while contributing to an eventful and fraternal atmosphere for cheering our home team to victories. It is noted that several members have already provide two food offerings in the past seven weeks ... we need other members to volunteer to contribute.

Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members

► Chase Chechester ► Azenegash Tekle ► Mary Ellen Feldcamp



Pun of the Month

In democracy it's your vote that counts.
In feudalism it's your Count that votes.





Moose of the Month







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Un-Oktoberfest



Saturday, January 30th

Chinese New Year Celebration



Saturday, February 6th

WOTM Valentine Dinner



February 13th

"Love is in the Air"

Senior Regent's Message



Hello Everyone:

I can't believe another month has ended; this year just seems to be flying by. I would like to thank everyone, in advance for the candy and good will you have shown to our children. The Halloween party will be over by the time you read this, but I can guarantee the kids had a fantastic time.

November 3rd meeting will be an open meeting: Andi Hensley will be celebrating her conferral into the College of Regents, Donna Field will be having her tassel changed and rising in the ranks of college of regents, and Liz Coombs will be receiving her award of achievement. There will be refreshments after the meeting.

November 7th will be the Annual WOTM Italian Dinner, which is always a big hit!

December 5th we will be celebrating Liz Coombs on her Green Cap and there will be refreshments after the meeting.

I hope to see everyone at these special events.

I would like to take a moment to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving.

Fraternally, Nessa Ruoff

NOTICE: The Lodge has approved to provide the facilities for a Fairfax County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training class during February through April 2016. Members of the Arlington Fraternity are welcome to attend this program at no cost. Further information will be provided as the class is finalized.



New Promotional "Treasure Chest" 2nd Chance Drawing Beginning November 1st thru November 27th

Powerhouse Gaming is offering a cash prize drawing during the month of November; with the drawing being held immediately after the Queen of Hearts activity on Friday, November 27th. Details are provided at the Moose Lodge.

Arlington #1315 to Host the Bull Run Legion #185 Winter Celebration/Conferral on Saturday, January 16, 2016





Brochure of Program in the Social Quarters





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Watch Washington Capitals at the Lodge

Regular Season In November 2015

TUE, NOV 3 (A) **New York Rangers** THU, NOV 5 (H) **Boston Bruins** SAT, NOV 7 (H) **Toronto Maple Leafs** TUE, NOV 10 (A) **Detroit Red Wings** THU, NOV 12 (A) Philadelphia Flyers FRI, NOV 13 (H) **Calgary Flames** WED, NOV 18 (A) **Detroit Red Wings** THU. NOV 19 (H) **Dallas Stars** SAT, NOV 21 (H) Colorado Avalanche MON, NOV 23 (H) **Edmonton Oilers** WED, NOV 25 (H) Winnipeg Jets FRI, NOV 27 (H) Tampa Bay Lightning



SAT, NOV 28 (A)





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 Larry McSwegan (11/01), Tim Nields (11/01), Randy Nolan (11/01), Matthew Ziegler (11/01), Rafael Sepliveda (11/02), Thomas Cahill, Jr. (11/03), Thomas Oderwald (11/03), Chris Kerby (11/04), Bryan Jagoe (11/07), William Atkinson (11/12), Matthew Matis (11/13), Nathan Kirkpatrick (11/14), Joseph Woodfield (11/16), Ernie Halal (11/17), Algout Mohmed (11/17), Roberto Zambrano (11/21), Bryan Eaton (11/22), Thomas Jones (11/22), James Finn (11/23), John Chichester (11/24), William Nalls (11/24), Dan Harris (11/29) and Brian Hensley (11/29).
- Happy Birthday to Chapter members Donna Heflin (11/01), Tracey Carothers (11/04), Luci Bober (11/07), Rose Bailey (11/09), Joyce Chaffins (11/09), Lynn Lafferty (11/10), Christina Davies (11/19), Jennifer Urban (11/22), Mary Vaughan (11/23), and Mary Sneed (11/29).

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

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

... Luther Hodges



Thank You Members & Guests for Contributing to the "Cradle Fundraiser"

By the end of the Children's Halloween Party on October 24th, the LOOM & WOTM had collected a combined donation of more than \$200 for the endowment Cradle Fundraiser in the month of October.

The "Cradle" tags mounted on the wall in the entrance of the Social Quarters



The holiday seasons have arrived!

Spread the word that we have a large hall to rent to our members for those special parties

Nominate a Lodge & Chapter Member for Volunteer of the Quarter

(October – December 2015)

Deadline is December 31, 2015

And remember to nominate a Youth

Organization of the Quarter

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Chapter Award of Achievement

(4th Consecutive Year)

Future Planned Major Social Events

(November 2015 – January 2016)

November 1st

Moose Legion
Pancake Breakfast

November 7th

WOTM Italian Dinner Night

November 21st

Casserole Cook-Off

November 26th (THR)

Thanksgiving Family Feast

December 5th

Green Cap Celebration: Honoring Elizabeth Coombs

December 6th

Moose Legion Pancake Breakfast

December 12th

Children's Christmas Party

December 24th (THU)

Salute to Christmas

December 31st (THU)

New Year's Eve Gathering (*Tentative*)

January 16th

Bull Run Legion #185 Winter Celebration/ Conferral

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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. **Michael Pogue** was the winner of the October monthly raffle.

<u>In addition</u>, 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!



Bus Trip to Charles Town Hollywood Casino Saturday, October 17th

The itinerary was altered to accommodate the agenda of the VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting and due to the closing of most wineries for harvesting & crushing/pressing of the new grapes.

The trip first went to the VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting in Dale City. Then there was a short visit to the Leesburg #1041 Moose Lodge before reaching the final destination at the Hollywood Casino in Charles Town. Since the bus got to the casino around 5:00pm, there was an extra bonus of seeing some of the "action" at the adjacent horserace track (about 5 races). It was said by some individuals that they were BIG winners (amounts not to be revealed in case the IRS reads this Newsletter); but it is not known how much money was offered before they "scored" the Mother Lode nor how much was given back.

The Arlington Moose Legion, who sponsored the bus trip, extends a thank you to Anna & Ralph Phillips for organizing/arranging the event; to Patti Rodas & Anna Phillips for entertaining the group with games on the bus; to Andre McFail for being the beverage steward on the return home; to those individuals who donated the breakfast sandwiches, donuts, water & cookies; to those individuals who assisted in the preparation at the start of the trip & in the cleanup after the trip; and to the Leesburg #1041 Moose Lodge for accommodating & making us feel welcome at their Lodge.



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Future Planned Major Social Events

(January - March 2016)

January 30th Un-Oktoberfest

February 6th

Chinese New Year Celebration

February 7th (SUN)

Super Bowl Party

February 13th
WOTM Valentine

Dinner February 27th

February 27" Fish Fry Revisited

March 5th

Down Home Pot Luck

March 12th

St. Patrick's Party

March 19th

Children's Easter Party

March 26th

March Madness Potluck Tailgate Party

Note:

Dates & Activities subject to change

New Arlington #1315 Annual LOOM Membership Fee of \$45.00 began in September



Charity Donations in October

As our members know, community service is one of the main functions for the existence of Moose Lodges & Chapters; which also includes monetary contributions to charitable organizations. Arlington #1315 wants our

members to be aware that we whole-heartedly support this purpose and made contributions to the following charities in the month of October 2015: Safe Surfin', Youth Awareness, and Mooseheart Virginia House (Christmas wish list).



VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting on October 17th No Competition for the Attendance Trophy!

The room was packed with half the attendees standing as the Arlington Fraternity had approximately 50 members and guests in attendance at the meeting. The majority of our representation was from the "bus load" on the

Bus Trip to Charles Town Hollywood Casino. *It was a surprise to the other Lodges* ... but we take winning the trophy seriously! The Arlington Fraternity won the attendance trophy for the second consecutive VMA District 4 Quarterly Meeting; another 3 months to display the trophy at the Lodge.

Other than the normal business meeting matters & committee reports, an impressive Enrollment Ritual Ceremony was performed by the Fredericksburg Ritual Team. It was also approved that future VMA District 4 Quarterly Meetings will have the Officers Meeting start at 10:00am and the General Membership Meeting start at 11:00am.

The Arlington Fraternity extends a thank you to the Officers of VMA District 4 for "tweaking" the agenda to shorten the length of the meeting, to the individuals who gave up their seats so that the women attending the meeting could sit down (seating was at a premium due to the "bus load"), and to the Dale City Moose Family Center #2165 for providing a "brown bag" sandwich & chip lunch.





Thank you Members for donating the candy for the Children's Halloween Party

Your generous contributions of candy (and toilet paper for the mummy activity) produced "photo-op" smiles on all the children as they collected the candy in the trick-or-treat journey through the Lodge (thank goodness they went home before they ate it).

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Chapter Award of Achievement (4th Consecutive Year)

Just a Reminder



The winter holidays are coming up fast!!

shopping days left)

Governor's Corner



One of the things I believe our Fraternity is great at is to make a concentrated effort in providing a welcome atmosphere for any guests who visit our Lodge. I specifically want to thank all those members who made Dan & Cindy, Moose members for the State of Washington, comfortable in

their visit ...so much so that they came back the next day to conclude their vacation at the Nation's capital. Our Fraternity ROCKS!

Another great factor of our Fraternity is their generosity in contributing donations for Mooseheart & Moosehaven; as well as other charities when requested. I know that our organization has basically the same members attend every event, which we are striving to expand; however, all those that do attend are always willing to "reach into their pockets" and give something time and time again. Again, our Fraternity ROCKS!

Moose International is serious in making sure that all Moose Lodges perform the established ritual for General Membership Meetings; something that has been "shorted" due to lack of willing attendees to the meetings. However, a representative from VMA District 4 will be visiting our Lodge on a monthly basis to ensure that we perform the established ritual. The established ritual will be performed in every General Membership Meeting from this point in time ... no matter if no members are presents!



Goal: Obtain Premiere Lodge Award in 2016 Current Arlington #1315 Membership Status As of October 26, 2015:

04/30/15 Members **260**

Current
Active Members
259

Difference (1)



Expired 47

Dropped 30

New Members since April 30, 2015: 11 (As of October 26, 2015)

Support the WOTM



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



We are <u>AGAIN</u> part of Chicagoland's Largest Holiday Light Show

The Arlington #1315 Lodge has provided a donation to sponsor a "snowflake" at the 6th Annual Holiday Lights at the Mooseheart lighting display; with 100% of proceeds to support the children.



2016 Mid-Year Conference for VA Moose Association

January 21st – January 23rd, 2016 Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510



Give Generously!

Sorry Judith!
Too much
information to keep
the Newsletter at 12
pages.

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St. Patrick's Party



Saturday, March 14th

Lodge Repairs/Replacements

There is always something to repair at the Lodge, and October was no exception. Unexpectedly, the cooling capability of the walk-in refrigerator failed on October 21st. An air conditioning company made the repairs by replacing the compressor and filter drier, and installing

a new suction service valve. The Arlington Fraternity extends a thank you to all the members for their efforts in keeping a limited supply of beer on ice while the walk-in refrigerator was being repaired.

The Arlington Fraternity also extends a thank you to Tom Oderwald for replacing a valve on one of the wall urinals within the Men's Room of the Social Quarters and to Liz Coombs for "lighting up" the Women's Room again in the Social Quarters.

Nothing Scary ... All Smiles and Laughter at the WOTM Children's Halloween Party

There were no ghosts or witches at this events; BUT lots of princesses and insects, a few zombies and super heroes, and many other animals and vegetables ... including a dragon and a pumpkin! Over 30 children and little tykes attended and wore costumes at this event; which exceeded the quantity in attendance last year. The children enjoyed raveling

through the "Haunted Tunnel" (especially the boys), coloring stick masks, and playing the various games offered. Pizza was the main entrée for lunch for all those that attended, with "mummy hot dogs" prepared and baked by Billy Hensley. And back by popular demand, the children (*and probably the adults watching the action*) immensely enjoyed the creation of mummies ... which consisted of wrapping two adult volunteers with toilet paper in a timed contest. The finale of the event was a trick-or treat journey through the Lodge where everyone gave out candy to the children. It was a great family function enjoyed by all!

A round of applause is extended to all the WOTM members who organized and participated in this event; as well as all the volunteers that passed out the candy. Furthermore, a thank you is extended to Ralph Phillips and John Matis for being the dummies mummies, and to those individuals who assisted in the clean up after the event. Note: More pictures for review on the Arlington #1315 website.













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Watch
Washington
Wizards at
the Lodge

Regular Season In November 2015

WED, NOV 4 (H) San Antonio Spurs FRI, NOV 6 (A) **Boston Celtics** SAT, NOV 7 (A) Atlanta Hawks TUE, NOV 10 (H) Oklahoma City Thunder SAT, NOV 14 (H) **Orlando Magic** TUE, NOV 17 (H) Milwaukee Bucks SAT, NOV 21 (A) **Detroit Pistons** TUE, NOV 24 (H) **Indiana Pacers** WED, NOV 25 (A) **Charlotte Hornets** FRI, NOV 27 (A) **Boston Celtics** SAT, NOV 28 (H) **Toronto Raptors**





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The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner

The Arlington Moose Legion has increased their membership by 5 Moose Legionnaires since April 30, 2015. In addition, the treasury of the Legion has rapidly grown from donations, the offering of food after each Moose Legion Committee meetings, the efforts in providing the two Pancake Breakfast events, and the efforts in sponsoring the bus trip to

the Charles Town Hollywood Casino.

The Arlington Moose Lodge extends a thank you to John Matis for representing our Moose Legion at the 4th Annual All-State Moose Legion Celebration at Virginia Beach, VA during the weekend of October 9-11, 2015. We are being recognized as an upcoming AND WORKING Moose Legion Committee within the Bull Run Moose Legion #185.

Besides the upcoming two Pancake Breakfast events in November & December, the Arlington Moose Legion will be concentrating on the preparation for the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Winter Celebration/Conferral on Saturday, January 16, 2016 that will be held at the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge. We need the support of all our members to provide ideas/suggestions for activities for this event and to volunteer to assist in conducting the activities.



The Arlington Moose Legion Committee would like to thank all the individuals who donated items for the "man" basket given to Bull Run Moose Legion #185; which was raffled at the 4th Annual All-State Celebration/Conferral. The basket contained a Moose Christmas ornament, flipflops, a beach blanket, sun glasses, a bottle "koozie", sun tan lotion, deodorant, a Washington Redskins Cheerleader 2016 calendar, and a VA ABC gift card.

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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