



December 24<sup>th</sup> – *Thursday*  
Salute to Christmas

**Due to the latest reduced limitations for gatherings and for the safety of our Members, the Lodge has not scheduled any weekend social events for the month of December**

**We are planning to re-start in January 2021**

**Sorry!**  
**There will NOT be a Children's Christmas Party this Year at the Lodge**



**Just a thought:**  
**How big of a face mask does it have to be to cover Santa's nose, mouth, mustache, and beard?**

*(Only Santa's elves know and what happens in the North Pole stays at the North Pole)*



## Happy Holidays

**to all members within the  
Moose Fraternity!**



### **No Legion Breakfast or Member Orientation In December 2020**

The Arlington Fraternity apologizes for this last minute announcement but in the best interest of our Members and giving our volunteers a deserved rest to get ready for the holidays, the two events have been canceled. These events are planned to begin again in January 2021.



### **Our Fraternity is Adopting Families for Christmas**

As of this publication, we are encouraging our members to donate gift cards, or money to purchase gift cards, that will be sent by mail to local families in need through the Brighter Horizon organization. However, the Arlington Fraternity is still trying to find a local organization that will coordinate the donation of gifts to local families. Refer to possible further developments in the weekly email communications.

**It has NOT been determined as of this publication that the Lodge will be opened on Christmas Day**

Please refer to the weekly emails if the Lodge will be open. Logistics are being considered for service and financial reasonableness.

**As of November 17<sup>th</sup>, the LOOM will pay the Application Fee for any New LOOM Member until the end of the 2020-2021 Moose Year (i.e.: May 30, 2021)**

**Congratulations to Valerie Birtell for being selected to receive a \$1,000 Heart of the Community Scholarship awarded by Moose International**



**Bar Bingo will NOT be played during the Month of December 2020**

**Bar Bingo is planned to begin again in January 2021!**





**Congratulations to Clifton Ballance being elected to the 2-Year Trustee position on the LOOM Board of Officers!**

Arlington #1315  
Moose Lodge  
Hours of Operation

**TEMPORARY  
Expanded  
Hours**

**Closing each day  
will be 10:00pm**

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

**Social Quarters & ABC Manager**  
Jane Kennedy

**ABC Managers**  
Michael Pogue  
Kristin Medel  
Sara Wick

**Strict Enforcement**

**NO ALCOHOL  
WILL BE  
SERVICED  
AFTER  
10:00PM  
NO  
EXCEPTIONS**

Per new regulations by the Governor of the Virginia Commonwealth

**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 at all times and maintaining the required social distancing indoors & outdoors at the Lodge**



**The Lodge apologizes for the short notice of *canceling* the Celebration of Life for Joyce Chaffins on November 21<sup>st</sup>**

Due to the rising current coronavirus cases and the new limitations of individuals for a gathering by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, it was determined for the safety of everyone that this event be postponed until a later date.

**DECEMBER  
EVENT**



**Salute to Christmas  
December 24<sup>th</sup>  
(5:00pm – 8:00pm)**

Staying in town for the Holidays? Then stop by the Lodge for a **complementary drink** to celebrate the spirit of the season on **Christmas Eve**. The Lodge will provide a few appetizers. Let Santa Clause do all the work on this evening while you sit back and relax.

**Ho! Ho! Ho!**

**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**

**Pearl Harbor  
Remembrance  
Day**



**December 7**

**Hanukkah**



**begins  
December 10**

**Winter Begins**



**December 21**

**Christmas Day**



**December 25**

**Kwanzaa**



**begins  
December 26**

**Arlington #1315  
Board of Officers  
2020-2021**

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Vacant

**Outer Guard**

Vacant

**Inner Guard**

Vacant



**VMA Youth Awareness Student Congress  
November 7<sup>th</sup> at Arlington #1315**

**HOLY COW!** Finally, after three years of trying without success, the Arlington Fraternity **will sponsor** a high school student (senior from Oakton High School) for the VMA Youth Awareness Program. At our Youth Awareness Congress he already had an idea for his topic to present in the “KidsTalk” sessions, which is probably the hardest part in the Program. Our Chairman of the Youth Awareness Program ensured the student that the Arlington Fraternity will assist in providing an audience for at least one “KidsTalk” session if needed; so please try to come up with some group of 4 – 9 year old children that he can present his topic. This year if any high school student completes and submits his/her requirements in the Program, he/she will receive a \$100.00 cash bonus just for their efforts (not counting the \$1,000.00 scholarship given by VMA if selected to represent the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Moose International Youth Awareness Student Congress in April). For the record, the Moose International Youth Awareness Student Congress is planned to be held in April at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (if conditions are acceptable for gatherings due to the coronavirus pandemic).



The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank Manny Propst, Chairman of the VMA Youth Awareness Program, for providing signage, equipment, and program presentation at our Youth Awareness Student Congress. In addition, we want to thank Terry Treadwell, Vice-President of the Virginia State Board, for attending and providing Program encouragement at the event. It is noted that our Administrator (the Lodge and VMA District 4 Chairman for the Youth Awareness Program) organized the event at our Lodge.



**Arlington WOTM  
Chapter #1253  
Board of Officers  
2020-2021**

**Senior Regent**

Dionysianna “Anna”  
Ala’ilima

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Sarah Shannon

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Elizabeth Coombs

**Recorder**

Rose Russo

**Guide**

Judith York

**Assistant Guide**

Betty McLaurin



**Membership Appreciation Breakfast – November 1<sup>st</sup>**

It was a very successful event for Retention Week in thanking our membership for supporting the Arlington Fraternity! Twenty-seven members (27) took part in the free breakfast offering over the three hour period, with only a few “to-go” boxes. We believe that everyone left satisfied, as there were many “can I have more please” requests.

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank Elizabeth Coombs and Tom Oderwald for preparing and cooking the delicious breakfast offering. As the new Legion Breakfast standard, all breakfast orders were made “by order”, which ensures the food is hot. The special items for this event were home fried potatoes and Spam (where both items were completely eaten). In addition, a thank you is extended to Elizabeth Coombs, John Matis, and Tom Oderwald for performing the cleanup after the event; especially since the cleanup had to be deferred until the completion of the Fellowship Meeting.

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



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



**As of Thanksgiving  
Day, VMA has  
35 high school  
students enrolled  
in the Moose Youth  
Awareness  
Program**





VIRGINIA MOOSE ASSOCIATION

**VMA Annual Mid-Year Conference has been CANCELED due to recent COVID-19 restrictions**



**No VMA Raffle had been planned for VMA Mid-Year Conference**

So that the Moose Lodges can take care of business to survive

**Bull Run Moose Legion #185 Winter Celebration**



Planned for January 30<sup>th</sup> at Arlington Lodge #1315



**Volunteers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

  
 (July – September 2020)

You probably thought the program was forgotten, but it took a while to make a decision with limited activities during this quarter. It was decided to have a team award for this Quarter instead of individual LOOM & WOTM awards. The award goes to the members who volunteered to organize and provide our first social event since being closed by the coronavirus in March [i.e.: Welcome Back Cookout on August 1<sup>st</sup>].


**Congratulations to Marty Medel, Kristin Medel, Andre McFail, Sonia Bouadis, Dean Massey & Sara Wick**

**WOTM Italian Dinner – November 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Success as always.** There were over 30 attendees and “to-go” orders for this WOTM event. The available food offering was a green tossed salad, antipasta platter & Minestrone soup for starters; entrees of lasagna, chicken alfredo, spaghetti with Marinara sauce, & baked breaded eggplant; and desserts of cannoli, “Billy-misu” pie, apple pie, & lemon meringue pie. Totally delicious!




The WOTM extends a thank you to Roxanne Coles-Matis, Liz Coombs, Tom Oderwald, John Matis, Donna Field, Sarah Shannon, Rose Russo, Betty McLaurin, Billy Hensley, and Patti Rodas for being volunteer chefs and/or contributing in this event. In addition, an appreciation is offered to all the volunteers who performed the clean up after the appetites of everyone was satisfied.



**Honor Our Veterans Celebration November 11<sup>th</sup> (Veterans Day)**

We understand the situation of the world today; but the Lodge was still disappointed by the turnout of our members at this event. The time period for the event was short and the food offering was limited to a spaghetti dinner, but we only had 3 veterans and 4 members participate in the event. Hopefully, our next Honor Our Veterans Celebration in March 2021 will be more successful.

The Lodge wants to thank Tom Oderwald, Elizabeth Coombs, and John Matis for being the chefs at this event and to Jane Kennedy for assisting in the clean-up at the eating tables. In addition, a thank you is extended to Tom Oderwald and Elizabeth Coombs for doing the clean-up in the kitchen.




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

Deadline is December 31, 2020

**Are You a Veteran?**

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





**Support our local businesses!**



**Support The Salvation Army**



**Still no decision has been made by the LOOM Board of Officers when the Queen of Hearts will again be played**

Welcome New Lodge/Chapter Members

▶ Robert Polson ▶ John Dalrymple ▶



**Senior Regent's Message**

As we close out the month of November, I want to show my thankfulness for all of you. Your support for the children and seniors at Moosehaven and Mooseheart is amazing! Even during this difficult time, we are keeping our promise to attend the lodge fundraising events and/or donate in order to continue to care for them. Thanks to our bartenders as well who promote and help out when they can!

Please help me congratulate the following members of the College of Regents who have moved to the next level: Roxanne Coles-Matis, red tassel; Jo Glass and Elizabeth Coombs, red stole. Thank you, ladies, for your extra efforts required to attain these awards.

Also, a big thank you for our successful fundraisers: 1) Roxanne Coles-Matis and her committee for the Italian Dinner. We appreciated the delicious food prepared by various members (listed elsewhere in newsletter) and the set-up, serving and cleanup crew. 2) Patti Rodas and her committee for raffling off the wonderfully stuffed (including a turkey) Thanksgiving basket.

Upcoming events:

- December 8<sup>th</sup>** – next chapter meeting at 7PM
- December 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Last meeting of 2020 at 7PM
- December 19<sup>th</sup>** – Ways and Means Committee Meeting at 3PM.

Check emails regularly for updates and please continue to *remember to wear your masks and socially distance at each meeting and event.*



**Winter Weather Prediction**

December is predicted to be cold with snow, but temperatures will be above average in January and February due to the La Nino effects in the Pacific Ocean. Can the Administrator be correct?



**Fellowship Degree Meeting**

The Arlington Lodge extends a thank you to Joseph "Ed" Jones, George "Billy" Hensley Jr., Ralph Phillips, Bruce Pickett, Thomas Oderwald, Gregory Cady, and John Matis for their time and efforts to meet on November 1<sup>st</sup> to evaluate and recommend another member of our Lodge for the Fellow Degree of Honor.

**Support Our Local First Responders**



Moose of the Month



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Newsletter  
Contributions

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Elizabeth Coombs

Roxanne Coles-Matis

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

**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!

**WOTM Ways  
and Means  
Committee  
Meeting**



**Saturday,  
December 19<sup>th</sup>  
(beginning at  
3:00pm)**



**Arlington Fraternity Participation in the Mooseheart  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Lights 5k Run/Walk –  
November 22<sup>nd</sup> & November 29<sup>th</sup>**

As stated in the November newsletter, Joe Russo had measured a 1.04 mile walk route through the local community, which started and ended at the parking lot of the Arlington #1315 Moose Lodge. Everyone was required to wear a face mask and try to maintain a safe distance of 6-feet of non-family members while walking. At both events, the Lodge was temporarily open for individuals to use the restrooms at the beginning of the walk [it was 11:00am and most of the adults had several cups of coffee before the event], and water was provided upon request.

Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

The “walkers” were Joe Russo, Rose Russo, Dominick Russo, Clifton Ballance, Linda Council, Sara Wick, Bruce Pickett, Andre McFail & son Austin, Brian Birtell, John Matis, and the family clan of Randy Nolan, Sonia Bouadis, Arlinda Kesock, and sons Randy and Zayn. All 16 participants walked the one mile course; however, no one took the suggestion to walk another round. *(Pictures on Page 13).*

Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

The “walkers” were Joe Russo, Rose Russo, Dominick Russo, Clifton Ballance, Linda Council, John Matis, and the family clan of Randy Nolan, Sonia Bouadis, and sons Randy and Zayn. All 10 participants walked the one mile course. *(Pictures on Page 14).*

It was also requested that the “walkers” provide any additional miles that they walked during the week that was dedicated to this event. Final tabulation will be made during the first week of December in order to determine the donation by the Lodge.

Furthermore, the Lodge want to thank Jeff Busse, Judith York, George Hensley, Jr., and all other individuals solicited by Linda Council for making a personal donation in support of this fundraiser by the Arlington Fraternity.



**Watch 2020 College Football Bowl Games  
at the Lodge**

At present, there are 39 bowl games, including the first round of the College Football Playoffs (i.e.: Semifinals). So 78 teams will earn bowl bids. In previous years when teams were allowed to play 12-game schedules, a minimum of six wins was required to be eligible for a bowl game. However, with shortened seasons of lesser games and game cancellations due to COVID-19, there is no requirement to be eligible for selection to play in a bowl game. The plan, for now, is that the College Football Playoff selection committee will select its four teams for the two Semifinal games on December 20<sup>th</sup> and the bowl selections will soon follow.

**College Football Playoff Semifinals  
January 1, 2021**



at the Rose Bowl

at the Allstate Sugar Bowl



**College Football Playoff  
National Championship  
presented by AT&T  
January 11, 2021**







Think  
One Moose!



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

National  
Cookie Day



December 4<sup>th</sup>

Make a  
Donation for  
the December  
Holiday!



**Lodge Repairs/Replacement**

The Lodge is still trying to determine the next step in resolving the kitchen hood not being compliant to the fire codes; so that the kitchen fire extinguisher system can be upgraded. The Lodge wants to thank Billy Hensley and Bernie Ceroni in pursuing this matter with a discussion with the Fairfax County Fire Marshal. **More to come.**

Another saga ... the leak in the Men’s Restroom of the Social Quarters. The thought of the sanitary pipe associated with the wall urinal above floor leak was investigated. The wall urinal was removed, the input sanitary line of the removed urinal was plugged, and the other two wall urinals were flushed many times with no noticeable leak on the floor [the Administrator kept shrieking about the water bill]. The pipes above the ceiling were again investigated and there was evidence of “sludge” on the plumbing vent pipe to maybe indicate a leak in the roof. The problem is the leak still appears on a continuous basis and there was no rain to cause the roof to leak. **Again, more to come.** The Lodge wants to thank Gregg Cady, Andre McFail, Bruce Picckett, Tom Oderwald, and Alex Wantrobski for trying to resolve this problem.

If you have not noticed, since March the Lodge has not had flags on the two flag poles in front of the Lodge. The previous existing flags had deteriorated due to the weather and were taken down [an appropriate “burning” will be provided by a local American Legion]. The Lodge wants to thank Dean Massey for having new flag pole lines with flag clips installed and then hanging a new American flag, Commonwealth of Virginia flag, and P.O.W. flag on the two flag poles before Veteran’s Day.

Have you experienced a thump, thump while driving into and exiting the Lodge? There were several major pot holes in the driveway of the entrance and exit of the Lodge. The Lodge wants to thank Clifton Ballance for filling the pot holes with temporary asphalt cold patch. Unfortunately, the Lodge does not have the appropriate funds to re-pave the asphalt at this time.

Is it not any wonder why the Administrator does not sleep at night worrying about the Lodge? For the record, the Lodge also has to consider the repair of the old beer keg dispenser behind the bar, so that larger kegs can be purchased for consumption.

**“To go” Food can to be brought into the Lodge during December except at an Event!**



Since we will NOT be serving any food except at a planned event, we are allowing our members to bring “to go” food into the Lodge, however, all of our serving ware will be locked away. Our members who bring “to go” food or get the food delivered MUST provide their own serving “extras” (e.g.: paper plates, utensils, condiments, napkins, etc.) and cleanup after eating at their table!

Support the WOTM

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



**Arlington #1315 Lodge sponsored a “snowflake”**





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

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



**Governor's Corner**

How many Moose Members does it take to change a light bulb?

After giving this question some consideration, I've settled on six Moose members.

One to hold the ladder, one to screw in the bulb, one watching the first two, one standing off to the side, one telling the first two how they used to do it in the old days and one that knows nothing about ladders and light bulbs, that is telling all the others that they don't know what they are doing and are wasting their time.

I think all these people are required for the job. The first two are doing what is needed to complete the project. The third member is learning how it's done so that when it's their turn they will know how to do it and what is needed.

The fourth member is willing to help, but is just waiting to be asked.

The fifth member has done this job in the past and is worth listening to. It is likely that they know more about ladders and light bulbs than most people.

The sixth is necessary and maybe the most important of the group. If this member can be helped to understand what it takes to get the ladder, get the light bulb, and find the time to do the job; maybe they can be a valuable asset to the order and not be negative.

That being said, I think for the Order to thrive, we all have to learn about ladders and light bulbs.

**Boxing Day**



**December 26**

**NFL Super Bowl 55**



**February 7<sup>th</sup>  
Party at the  
Lodge**



**There may be food offerings for the Sunday NFL games in December; but our members need to call the Lodge on the days of the games to verify if any food will be offered and what is the menu**



**Watch NFL Washington Football Team Games at the Lodge**



- Sunday, DEC 6<sup>th</sup> @1:00pm – at Pittsburgh Steelers
- Sunday, DEC 13<sup>th</sup> @4:25pm – at San Francisco 49ers
- Sunday, DEC 20<sup>th</sup> @1:00pm – vs. Seattle Seahawks
- Sunday, DEC 27<sup>th</sup> @1:00pm – vs. Carolina Panthers
- Sunday, JAN 3<sup>rd</sup> @1:00pm – at Philadelphia Eagles





**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.



**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.

**Everyone has  
a Special  
Talent!**



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

**Happy Birthday to Lodge members**

- Russell Anderson (12/2)
- Andrew Roesch (12/6)
- Collin Carey (12/7)
- Thomas Bacon (12/8)
- Lloyd Johnston, Jr. (12/12)
- William Pettigrew (12/16)
- George Pinn (12/17)
- Ralph Phillips (12/22)
- Corey Tiller (12/23)
- Thomas Waddell (12/28)
- Brian Abel (12/29)
- Scott Greene (12/30)
- Joseph "Ed" Jones (12/31)



**Happy Birthday to Chapter members**

- Linda Council (12/3)
- Barbara Palencia (12/4)
- Kathleen Redditt (12/5)
- Roxanne Coles-Matis (12/7)
- Elizabeth Jones (12/13)
- Anh Le (12/15)
- Linda Kapatoss (12/23)
- Aimee Dalton (12/23)
- Pamela Cameron (12/25)
- Kathryn Ripley (12/25)
- Sue Jennings (12/27)
- Donna Field (12/30)

December Birthstone: **Turquoise** | December Flower: **Narcissus**



**Thank You Brian Birtell, Gwendolyn Collins,  
Joe Russo & John Matis**

The Arlington Fraternity wants to thank these members for providing the communication media to keep our members informed of all the current information of our local Fraternity and the world of our Moose organization.

**Enjoy the Holidays with Family!**

**Joke of the Month**

How do Christmas  
Angels greet  
each other?

... "Halo!"



**Arlington #1315 Lodge  
sponsored 6 luminaries in  
memory of those who gave their  
lives at the battle**





**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 November 2020 is **Charles Enlind**.



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.

**December 16<sup>th</sup> National Chocolate Covered Anything Day**



*(Psst! Do not get it on the sheets)*



**Goal: Obtain Premier Lodge Award in 2021**  
**Current Arlington #1315 Membership Status**  
*As of November xx, 2020:*

2020-2021 +1 Goal	Current Active Members	Difference	Expired	Dropped
230	233	+4	43	38



**New LOOM Members since May 1, 2020: 7** (As of November xx, 2020)



**VMA Short Term Membership Campaign**  
**Win one of three Portable Beverage coolers!**  
**[September 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020]**

Lodges with the highest percentage of Preferred Members (i.e.: different members of sponsors) based on active membership will be entered into a drawing to win a **Portable Beverage Catering & Concession Cooler or \$1,000.00**

There will be one winner from each of the following lodge active membership categories:

0-400 members (Arlington #1315), 401-800 members, and 800+ members

Drawing will be held sometime during the weekend of January 16-17, 2021 [the drawing was to be at the now canceled VMA Mid-Year Conference]



(Naughty)

Most of our LOOM members fall in this category!



**Watch NBA and NHL at the Lodge**

- NBA games tentatively scheduled for Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>
- NHL games tentatively scheduled for Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>

Let's hope this UPSIDE DOWN WORLD turns over soon!

**Thank You Veterans!**



For Everything You Do for Our Country

**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



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

Endowment box is on the bar near the purchase line



**Moose Legion Committee Meeting  
on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> @7:00pm  
Pot Luck Dinner after the meeting  
(food will be offered by a server)  
WOTM members & LOOM members are welcome to attend**

**Free WiFi  
at Lodge**

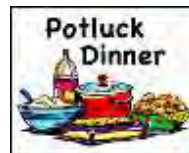



**The Arlington Moose Legion Committee Corner**

The Arlington Moose Legion Committee wants to thank **Randy Nolan, Robert Kesock, and Michael Nercesian** for enrolling to become Legionnaires in our Lodge.

The Arlington Moose Legion Committee wants to thank Dean Massey for conducting the food raffle in November. The raffle was 4 petite filet mignon wrapped in bacon donated by John Matis & Roxanne Coles-Matis. The income was divided in half: for the endowment to be submitted by the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 and for the Arlington Moose Legion Committee to provide complementary beverages at the December Moose Legion Committee meeting. A win-win for everyone!

Please remember to bring a pot luck dish to the December meeting (Legionnaires & Guests)! Even though we will charge a reasonable food fee to eat if someone does not bring any food, the Moose Legion Committee prefers a pot luck dish to be provided ... as the Legionnaires are growing men and want to eat as much "free" food as they can inhale!



**A thank you to all Legionnaires for your efforts during these trying times!**

**Bull Run  
Moose Legion  
#185  
Ritual Team**



**THANK YOU  
Larry Gibeault  
& Jeff Sargeant  
for becoming  
new ritual  
members**

**Moose Legion Bull Run #185 Fall Celebration/Conferral –  
November 14<sup>th</sup>**

**We were "A-moose-d"**. The attendance for this event was way above expectations and included 12 new Legionnaires being conferred in the ceremony by the Ritual Team of the Bull Run Moose Legion #185.



The main items in the quarterly meeting were: approval to provide a donation in support of expenses for a college student; to purchase a "brick in the wall" in support to a fundraiser by Hopewell Moose Family Center #1472 to re-built their Lodge building after a fire; and a report pertaining to the November calendar fundraiser in which the Bull Run Moose Legion #185 will make a profit based on ticket sales..

First, a thank you is expressed to John Prough, International Moose Legion President, for taking the time to participate, traveling from the State of Washington to be our Honorary Outside Visitor at the Fall Celebration, and giving guidance to our Moose Legion. Second, a thank you is extended to all the active Moose Legionnaires in Bull Run Moose Legion #185 who attended this event. Finally, a GREAT THANK YOU is expressed to the Legionnaires of the Manassas Moose Family Center #1380 for hosting the Fall Celebration AND for a delicious dinner offering.

**Please support  
the fundraiser  
events of the  
Arlington  
Moose Legion  
Committee**




**Give Generously!**

**Support Special  
Olympics**







**The Cold Weather is Here**



**Dress Warmly!**



**Poinsettia Day**



**December 12<sup>th</sup>**



**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 requirements while in the Lodge (i.e.: not being sick before he/she enters into the Lodge, wearing of masks while moving throughout the Lodge, having their temperature taken when first entering, 6-foot distancing is mandatory, cannot purchase any beverages or play the electronic gaming because they are not members, etc.), 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 when they become a member for them to obtain more information on how the Arlington Fraternity is involved in our local community and the Mission of Moose!** Remember that the guest is not known by our members and consideration should be given to protect the guest and our members.



**WOTM Unique Thrift Store Fundraiser**

Again, the WOTM wants to thank all our members, their families, and friends for donating clothing items in October for this fundraiser. The donated clothing was re-bagged to condense items into larger bags at the end of October. On the night before the delivery, the condensed bags were “stuffed” into the back of four (4) SUVs for delivery on November 6<sup>th</sup> [AND we mean “packed to the gills” to just see through the back window with the vehicle’s rear mirror]. Can you believe that 1,051 pounds of clothing items were donated ... **that’s OVER ½ ton!**

The WOTM wants to thank Rose Russo, Joe Russo, Sarah Shannon, Dennis Shannon, Roxanne Coles-Matis, John Matis, Elizabeth Coombs, and Thomas Oderwald for packing the clothing items into the vehicles and/or driving the clothing items to the donation center.

**WANTED: Volunteers to help decorate the Social Quarters for the Holidays!**



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

We know that renewing your Moose Membership may not have been a priority over the past several months due to the world facing the corona virus pandemic and our members staying at home. However, when the situation is resolved and the world gets back to “normal”, you will hopefully want to come to the Lodge to relax and enjoy the social events. As a private club, only members that possess an up-to-date “valid” Moose ID card can be within the Lodge. **Want to be at the Lodge? Renew your dues!**

**Another Joke of the Month**

What’s a sheep’s favorite Christmas song?

... *Fleece Novidad!*



**Cannot Procrastinate Much Longer**

**The BIG Day is coming up fast!!**

**(less than 24 shopping days left)**



### Community Service Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

Another request was made by the Fairfax County Health Department to use the parking lot of the Lodge to perform coronavirus testing for the local community in November, and we could not refuse in assisting our County in stopping the spread of the coronavirus. Just like the testing that was performed in October, the setup was in the parking area adjacent to the kitchen side of the Lodge.

The Lodge wants to thank Joe Russo, and to Jane Kennedy who relieved him later in the morning, for opening the Lodge early so that the restrooms were available during the event for the Fairfax County Health Department personnel. In addition, we want to thank both of them for making coffee available in the morning for the testing workers. [Note: It did not take much time to train Joe the day before on how to turn on the coffee maker; as Jane pre-prepared everything in the coffee maker].



**Support the  
Boy Scouts &  
Girl Scouts**



**We Hope Our  
Members have  
been "Nice"  
this Year**



**if not, you can  
use the Coal to  
keep Warm!**




### Annual Holiday Lights 5k Run/Walk – November 22<sup>nd</sup>

← The "walkers" in front of the Lodge prior to beginning the one mile trek [missing is Joe Russo who was taking the picture]

The "walkers" keeping their safe distancing while trudging along the defined 1-mile route



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




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

**AND Another Joke**

What is Santa Claus's favorite type of potato chip?

... Crisp Pringles!







Please Drink Responsibly at the Lodge

Santa is Coming To Town!

Easy Way to Support Mooseheart while you Shop!

You shop. Amazon gives.



### WOTM November Committee Activity Night Higher Degrees – College of Regents on November 24<sup>th</sup>

Three (3) members of Chapter #1253 were honored at this special ceremony for their College of Regents accomplishments! Roxanne Coles-Matis earned her red tassel for a successful first year in the College of Regents. Elizabeth Coombs and Jo Glass each received the red stole for their gown after being invested in the College of Regents for three years. Donna Field was the Installing Officer during the ceremony. The WOTM Chapter #1253 expresses their appreciation to all the LOOM members, WOTM members and guests that attended the ceremony.

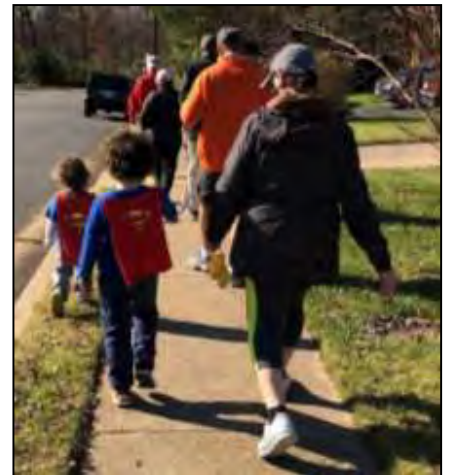


The three honorees and the Installing Office had a picture taken after the ceremony in front of the gown and red stole of Andrea Hensley; who everyone believed was in spirit at the ceremony.

### Annual Holiday Lights 5k Run/Walk – November 29<sup>th</sup>

Supermen protecting the “walkers” from all villains who are hiding along the sidewalk

The “walkers” in front of the Lodge Prior to beginning the one mile trek [missing is John Matis who was taking the picture]



## 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.



“Founded by Law Enforcement. Run by Law Enforcement.”

safesurfin.org





**November 6<sup>th</sup>  
- January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**If snow comes,  
it will happen  
in December  
(according to the  
weather predictions  
on the Internet)**

**when shoveling ...  
know your limits!**



**Status of Virginia Home**

*[taken from letter from VMA Secretary Artie Ransone]*

Our Virginia House Girls and Family Teachers at Mooseheart have expressed their desire to Executive Director Gary Urwiler to remain together until their graduations instead of transferring individually to other homes according to their age bracket. The Girls are getting older and have outgrown the size of the Virginia Home. Therefore, the Girls along with their Family Teachers have been moved to a larger home on campus. Since the Virginia Home is a smaller facility, International plans to temporarily use it in a very vital role as they continue to bring new students to the Mooseheart Campus. They cannot protect the staff and students already there without having a home where new students can be quarantined before entering the Mooseheart population. The Virginia Home will temporarily become that home. The Virginia Home will be instrumental in helping to bring in the students who are sitting on the waiting list – waiting for the opportunity Mooseheart provides. The plan is to use the Virginia Home in this manner until the waiting list is diminished and a new set of younger students can be formed to inhabit the Virginia Home.



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

As always at this time of the year, I want to recognize all those members who keep the Lodge operational for the enjoyment of our members. First, I want to thank Jane Kennedy for her efforts as the Social Quarters Manager in performing the day-to-day activities of our business activities. Next, I want to express appreciation to all our current ABC Managers (Jane Kennedy, Michael Pogue, Kristin Medel, and Sara Wick) who serve our members and guests on a daily basis with their favorite “libations” and their demanding requests for paper pull tabs. Furthermore, I want to thank Tim Niels for volunteering to be the “ball caller” at the Bar Bingo events (certified by Billy Hensley for great pronunciation, steady time lapse between bingo ball selections, and has extraordinary voice projection). Finally, I want to thank all those volunteers who provided the necessary efforts in calling active/expired members to continue to pay their membership in the Moose Organization, in performing the necessary repairs and general cleaning of the Lodge, and in participating to provide the social events offered throughout the year (i.e.: planning, food preparation & cooking, decorating & event set-ups, performing the necessary clean-ups, etc.).

**Please rest assured that the Lodge will survive today's world of uncertainty!**

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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