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DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE 2013 FALL SERVICE WEEKEND—SEPTEMBER 6—8. THE LODGE WILL BE INDUCTING NEW MEMBERS AND SEALING BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE INSIDE FOR THE SERVICE WEEKEND AND FALL FELLOWSHIP. THEY MAY ALSO BE FOUND AT NAWAKWA.ORG



NAWAKWA LODGE ALBRIGHT TRAIL CREW

A group of eight dedicated Arrowmen headed to Finley Albright to build an important bridge on the five mile wilderness loop trail. This bridge covered a small intermittent stream that crossed the trail. Without this bridge, the trail would be subject to severe



erosion and would become a muddy hazard to hikers. These small but important individual projects together with large trail crew projects are needed to accomplish the overall goal of completing the wilderness loop trail.

While this is heading to the printer, the second major work effort of the Camp Finley Albright Wilderness Trail project is underway. On Saturday, August 3rd Nawakwa Lodge in conjunction with Scout Troops, and Venture Crews, is planning to continue a trail that will complete a five mile loop in the wilderness area of Albright Scout

Reservation. A bag lunch is to be provided, along with the never-ending satisfaction of a job well done. Registration for the Trail Crew Work Day is being done online. The registration information can be found on the Nawakwa web site. You will also need to bring with you a medical form (part A & B) and the attached waiver form the day of the project. You need to be at least 14 by August 3rd to register for this event. To make this event a success we need at least 100 youth to attend, so please register if you have not already done so. We will be working from 7:30am until 4:00pm. With your support this service project will



truly be a living legacy for Nawakwa Lodge

3 · Mark Fetty, Ray Strunk, Chris Reece, Jim Crumpler, Dennis Strunk, Zak Sandlin, Tyler Reece, Daniel Strunk

Arrowmen please invite your unit (Troop or Crew) to come and help with this event. A bag lunch will be provided for all workers that attend. Bring a water bottle and work gloves. You will also need to wear hiking boots. No sneakers or open toed shoes are allowed.

Codey Daul, Trail Building Chair

ADVISER'S MINUTE - PAGE 2

Lodge Advisor Michael Lynch talks about his vision for Nawakwa Lodge with the focus on **Program, Membership and Funding**. Michael challenges all brothers to bring three inactive brothers to a lodge event.

CONGRATULATIONS - PAGE 6

Welcome to our New Brothers

See our 85 new Lodge members who were inducted at the Spring Service Weekend. 16 members sealed their membership in the OA

Get social with us online!

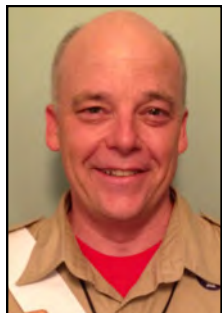
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Adviser's Minute



Brethren,

It is an honor and a privilege to be serving as your new Lodge Adviser. I will endeavor to do my best to serve you, our Council, the Lodge, and the Order of the Arrow in its entirety. I am extremely grateful to both Brad and Mack for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity and promise to fulfill the full meaning of our obligation.



Congratulations to our new Lodge leadership on the election to your respective offices. I look forward to working with each of you in the coming year.

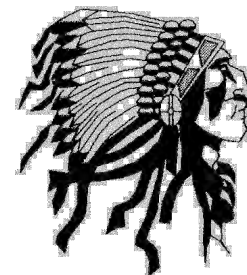
I would like to congratulate and thank Mack Ruffin on his incredible 25 plus years of service to our Lodge, Council, community and to the many contributions to SR7A, Regional and National Order of the Arrow; not to mention the countless years of service to Scouting at all levels of the Boy Scouts of America. His faithful service will forever be engraved on our legacy as a Lodge. We are inspired by your continued leadership in service.

This transition, in itself, puts the Lodge in a place it has not been in for quite some time; a state of change. Different leadership, different styles...a different focus. A focus specific to three foundational areas; Developing our **Programs**; Energizing our **Membership** and growing our financial (**Funding**) obligations to the Lodge (*in order to fund and develop our programs*). As a Lodge and as individuals, we have the distinct opportunity to join together to embrace this change and make it positive. It will take working together, open and honest communications, creativity and a lot of hard work on everyone's behalf to continue to make our Lodge the best it can be and to uphold the traditions we hold so true to our obligation.

In order to begin, we must fulfill our obligation to three very important continuing and upcoming events; Albright Trail Crew Project, Fall Service Weekend and Fall Fellowship. For these to be successful, I would like to challenge each of you that have not been active in chapter or lodge activities to come back and help us continue our journey to excellence; we need you. For our Brothers that actively serve our Lodge, I challenge you to find three brothers who have not been to a chapter or lodge event in the past 12 months and bring them to back to our Lodge; bring their ideas for cheerful service, bring their hunger for fellowship

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Chief's Bonnet



My Brothers,

First and foremost, I would like to give my congratulations to those new members who were inducted as Ordeal members and those who sealed their membership in the Brotherhood at the Summer Service Weekend. In addition to that, I would like to thank you all on behalf of the new lodge officers on electing us into our respective positions, and remember we are in your service.



Also, I would like to thank Marc Reiner on leading Nawakwa Lodge into a highly successful year and I believe we will create our own great lodge following in the footsteps he left us. Acknowledgments are also in order for a man that has given over 25 years of cheerful service to Nawakwa Lodge as Lodge Advisor, not once, but twice, Mr. Mack Ruffin.

Looking forward to the year ahead, we have an exciting and fun filled year. First up, is a Trail Crew weekend at Albright on 3 August. Fall Service weekend is 6-8 September. Fall Fellowship is 18-20 October. Finally, the Carillon Pageant closes out the year on 22-23 December. I encourage everyone to spread the word about these events and for everyone to set aside weekends to come and have fun and fellowship with your fellow arrowmen.

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover. - Mark Twain

Yours in Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui,
Alan Lloyd

Continued from previous column

in our great order of Brotherhood and together let us renew our quest to find the arrow.
In Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service,
Michael W. Lynch



Mack Ruffin and Brad Nesheim

END OF AN ERA

Nawakwa Lodge saw the Mack Ruffin era come to a close at the Summer Service Weekend in June. Scout Executive and Chief of the Fire Brad Nesheim was on hand to present Mack a resolution from the Heart of Virginia Council Executive Board thanking him for his many years of service to the Lodge, the Council and Scouting. The wording of the resolution is re-printed below.

Executive Board Resolution

Whereas, Mack T. Ruffin, III served as Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 500 starting in 1972 and,

Whereas, he served in many positions on the Battlefield District Committee, including a term as District Chairman, and

Whereas, he has served on the council's Wood Badge Staff, on several council Jamboree committees, as a National Scout Jamboree Scoutmaster, on 3 council encampment committees, and on the council executive

board for over 25 years, and

Whereas, Mack has received numerous Scouting recognitions, including the District Award of Merit in 1976 and the Silver Beaver Award in 1981, and

Whereas, he has served our nation as a 28 year veteran of the U.S. Army Reserve, and

Whereas, he is a 33 Degree Mason with the Scottish Rite Temple in Richmond, and has received the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award, and

Whereas, he became a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow in 1972, served the Nawakwa Lodge Associate Advisor from 1975-1977, as Lodge Advisor from 1977-1982 and from 1992-2013, and

Whereas, he has been recognized by the Order of the Arrow with the Lodge Adult Arrowman of year Award, the National Order of the Arrow Founders Award and Distinguished Service Award and he has served on multiple staffs for the National Order of the Arrow Conferences, and

Whereas, under his leadership and guidance, the Nawakwa Lodge has earned the National Honor Lodge status every year, has received the National Service to America Award in 2007, 2009 and 2012 and has received the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award in 1980, 1998, 2000, 2010 and 2012, then

Therefore, let it be resolved, that the Executive Board of the Heart of Virginia Council of the Boy Scouts of America offers its sincerest thanks and admiration to Mr. Mack T. Ruffin, III for his service with honor and distinction as Lodge Advisor to the Nawakwa Lodge of the Order of the Arrow for 25 years.

Resolved this 16th day of May 2013.

Gary C. Thompson, **Council President** and Bradford M. Nesheim, **Scout Executive**

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Congratulations

Congratulations to the following Arrowmen who became members of the Order by completing their Ordeal in June. These new brothers are eligible for Brotherhood after 10 months of membership has been attained (Summer Service Weekend).



- Connor James Allin..... T799
- Shane Webster Allin T799
- Dustin Skylar Anderson T6357
- Corban Luke Arnold..... T806
- Joshua Nathan Arthur..... T894
- James Ray Balsler T534
- Shane Michael Barnhardt..... T242
- Alexander Kenner Baughan..... T250
- Christopher Leon Berger..... T894
- Blake Charles Bombere..... T418
- Kevin Wayne Bruce T528
- Thomas Anthony Burgess T759
- Eric Anthony Burnett T807
- Laurence Anthony Carlucci..... T894
- John Benjamin Carroll T735
- Owen Thomas Carter T418
- Thomas Chance Conklin T340
- James Jefferson Cook..... T700
- Joseph Alexander Cramer T800
- Mitchel Deward Damon T860
- Caleb Leslie Donovan T250
- Roy Andrew Fochtman T341
- Samuel James Fortune T436
- Christopher Thomas Gangloff.... T800
- Thomas Ford Graves T806
- Samuel Donald Guinn T772
- Joshua Alan Hackenberg T759
- Robert Daniel Halliday T880
- Michael Urban Harris T720
- Conner Vincent Headley T759
- Kevin Daniel Headley..... T242
- Matthew Elder Headley..... T759
- Tyler Hugh Hendricks T418
- Walter Clifford Hendrix, V T770
- Charles David Hines T759
- William Harrison Hutchins..... T772
- Joshua George Hyde T737
- Matthew Thomas Kiple T250
- Michael Henry Knez..... T341
- Christian Gerhard Lange T562
- Daniel Lee T776
- Jacob Michael Lesley T702

- Wayne Thomas Lewis, Jr. T7538
- Wayne Thomas Lewis, III T7538
- Alexander James Lilly T869
- Mason Alexander Louthan..... T418
- Daniel Alain Markey..... T829
- Robert Christopher Mathers, Jr. T242
- Michael Painter Mathews T800
- William Christopher Mayer T436
- Alexander Harris McFall T869
- James Daniel O'Bier, II T250
- David Wayne O'Dell..... T800
- Ian Alexander Owens T806
- Edward Thomas Palmer..... T770
- Christian William Paone T222
- Harikrishna Parasu T735
- Murari Raghu Parasu T735
- Jeremy Ja'Mel Perkins T429
- Levi Galbraith Petty T303
- Nathaniel Tornari Prescott T776
- Neil Ledyard Quimby T562
- Zachariah Ledyard Quimby T562
- Michael James Rapp..... T880
- Charles Sydney Raum..... T700
- Grayson Lewis Redmond T418
- John William Schoeb, Jr..... T806
- Robert Andrew Simmons T876
- Devin Scott Smith T222
- Matthew Is Sprague T250
- Tanner Michael Steensma..... T242
- Zachary Noah Suggs T806
- Andrew Patrick Sundra T894
- Edward Scott Sundra..... T894
- Nathan Wayne Taylor..... T528
- Nathaniel Davis Teague..... T860
- Robert Anthony Tucker..... T429
- David Anthony Western T759
- Michael Anthony Western T759
- Brendan Timothy White..... T700
- Jacob Thomas Wilson..... T303
- Benjamin Colton Wood T715
- Jacob Walter Wood T6516
- Logan Frederick Young..... T864
- Hunter John Zawislak T806

These new brothers can seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow by earning Brotherhood at the Spring Service Weekend in March 2014. This is one of the requirements for earning the Nawakwa Lodge First-year Arrowman Award.



Congratulations to the following Arrowmen who became Brotherhood members at the Service Weekend in June.

- Barry Johnstone Bedard T880
- David A. Johnstone Bedard..... T880
- Dylan Anderson Crouch T880
- Peter Jacob Friesen T777
- Joseph Earl Gaskins..... T250
- Patrick William Gibson T894
- Jacob Robert Gilliam..... T528
- Logan Cassidy Hager T706
- Nicholas M. Hoare T534
- William Andrew Jackson T436
- Zackery Benedict Johnson T869
- Daniel James Kovach..... T436
- Brian Timothy O'Keefe..... T869
- Eric William Roos T503
- Alexander Donald Stopkey T436
- James Michael Wright..... T528



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First Year Arrowman Awards

The following Arrowmen earned the First Year Arrowman Award. They were presented their certificate and gold arrowhead at the June Service Weekend. Nathaniel Charles Carter, Zachary Cole Ferguson, Preston Karl Hausser, John Patrick McKenney, Christopher John Schoeb, Alexander Connor Sims, Christopher William Sims. New members should contact their Chapter Chief about how they can earn the First Year Arrowman award.

Youth Members Are Getting Ripped-off!!

Wait!! Resist all temptations to scan over this article as you did the rest of this issue. Do one favor for yourself and for your lodge, and read this letter. (It is addressed to you.)

You are a youth member of the Order of the Arrow, and thus you are entitled to all rights and privileges of membership in your own lodge.

BIG DEAL...Now you can wear your flaps on the pockets of your uniform shirts.

But consider this: you pay at least \$15 to register in your lodge, and the flaps cost you about \$4. What this means bluntly is that you may be getting RIPPED OFF!!!

Let me explain. Flaps are not the only way to benefit from your lodge. Listed below are some of the other ways a Scout can benefit.

- YOU are entitled to run for office either on the chapter or lodge level and help your lodge as you see fit.
- YOU are entitled to attend the Fall Fellowship and Banquet, the Section SR-7A Conclave, and the OA weekends out at camp.
- YOU are entitled to submit articles to this newsletter (it is yours after all). You even have a chance to publish and edit this newsletter as well.
- YOU are entitled to help your chapter decide what your chapter does and assist with or participate in those events.
- YOU are entitled to vote and voice your opinion on such things as dues and other lodge programs.
- YOU are entitled to attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) held every two years (next in 2015).
- YOU are even entitled the high honor of being an elangomat or assisting in any position during an Ordeal weekend.
- YOU are entitled to talk, work, share, learn, and experience with your brothers.
- YOU are entitled to seal your membership in the Order through the attainment of Brotherhood membership.
- YOU are entitled to and obligated to Cheerful Service to others.

Of all the rights and privileges listed above, how many are you participating in? Are you really getting your money's worth? And don't overlook that last one...Cheerful Service is what the Order of the Arrow is all about, and therein lies your greatest reward. So, now do you think that you're being RIPPED OFF?

Ray Bagwell

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Conclave 2013

Brothers

It is hard to believe that another Conclave has come to a close. I cannot think of a brighter example of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service than what occurred at Pipsico Scout Reservation the weekend of April 26-28. Scouts and Scouters from all corners of Virginia and beyond gathered together, fun was had as brothers participated in friendly competitions, and cheerful service was accomplished with over 700 Arrowmen participating in the first annual Conclave Service Project. This weekend was surely one for the record books!



Amongst the fun and festivities that any Conclave brings, we also took time to reflect on our weekend's theme "To Observe and Preserve the Traditions." We discovered that our Founders left a legacy that we carry on through our service. The Order of the Arrow has thrived for 98 years, and we are the Arrowmen tasked with carrying it forward.

Thank you again for attending the 2013 SR-7A Conclave. The planning for Conclave 2014 has already begun, and we look forward to seeing you at Camp Shenandoah next spring for more exciting adventures!

In Service, Taylor Bobrow Section Chief 2013-14

Section Awards & Conclave Stats

Section Officers Elected

Chief: Taylor Bobrow

Vice Chief: A.J. Kelly

Secretary: Aaron Stewart

Total Attendees: 1,035

Lodge of the Year - Tutelo #161

Quest for the Golden Arrow - Shenandoah #258

Spirit Award - Shenandoah #258



Adult Ordeal Clan working on the new Lake Dillon Fishing pier at the June Service Weekend.

Around Nawakwa Lodge

CHAPTER INFORMATION

CHAP-TER	NAME	DISTRICT	MEETING INFORMATION
4	Absegami	Capital	1 st Tuesday of the month (no Nov. meeting) at 6:30 PM at First Baptist Church (before Roundtable). Meeting date and time may change in 2013.
5	Nagatamen	Battlefield	3 rd Monday of the month (except July) at 7:00 pm at Fairfield Presbyterian Church, 6930 Cold Harbor Road, Mechanicsville, VA
7	Pamunkey	Cardinal	1 st Tuesday of the month (except July) at 7:30 PM at the Virginia United Methodist Church Conference Center, 10300 Staples Mill Road, Glen Allen.
18	Witchindin	Huguenot Trail	1 st Thursday of the month (except July) at 7:00pm at Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church, located at 1100 Mt. Pisgah Dr, Midlothian.
19	Karakona	Crater	2 nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at Gregory Memorial Presbyterian church, 6300 Courthouse Road, Prince George, VA 23875.
23	Chesakawon	Rivers	Next meeting December 6th at 6:30 PM at Beale Memorial Baptist Church, Rt 17 North of Tappahannock (during Roundtable)
28	Takachsin	Arrohattoc	4 th Thursday (3 rd Nov & Dec) at 7:30 PM at Hopewell United Methodist Church (corner Rt. 288 and Courthouse Road, not in Hopewell)



Fall OA Service Weekend

Nawakwa Lodge will be performing its third OA Service Weekend September 6th to 8th at the Heart of Virginia Scout Reservation (T. Brady Saunders, Douglas Fleet and Cub Adventure Camps). This is the Lodge's last service event for the year at the Scout Reservation. As part of the Service weekend we will also be holding an Ordeal for candidates that have been elected by the Scouts in their troops and Orderal members who have been in the lodge for ten months or more are eligible to seal their membership in the Order by completing Brotherhood.

HEALTH SERVICES

Do you have experience in First Aid, EMT or nursing? Please consider volunteering to be a member of the Health Services Committee. Stop by the Health Lodge during any Service Weekend. If you are interested, direct any inquires to Holly McKay at vhollymckay@verizon.net.



Special Patch for Fall Functions

If you attend the [Fall Service Weekend](#) (September 6-8, Option 2 excluded), register for the [Fall Fellowship and Banquet](#) (October 11-13) BEFORE close of business on September 16, and attend the Fall Fellowship, then you'll earn a special-edition GHOST PATCH. You must check-in at the Camp Office at the Fall Fellowship to receive your special patch.

Don't waste any time. Sign up for both events TODAY!!!

Museum Operation During Major Events

The Nawakwa Lodge Scouting Museum is available to be open during major events held at the camps of the Heart of Virginia Scout Reservation. If you would like more information or you wish to inquire about museum availability for your planned event, please contact Museum Assistant Adviser Phil Hagerich

Fall OA Service Weekend Campsite Assignments

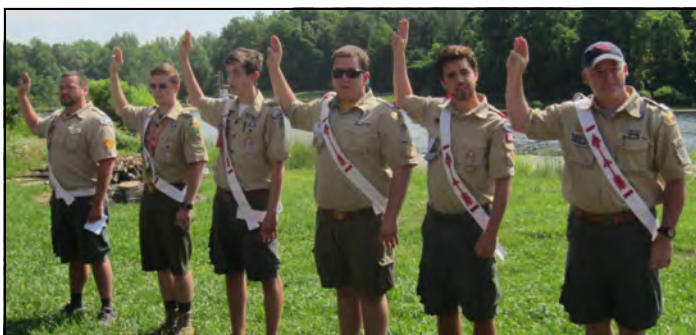
Site	Chapter	Site	Chapter
Koch #3	5	Turner #6	28
Newlon #4	4 & 19 & 23	Overstreet #15	18
Frise #5	7	<i>No camping in any other location</i>	

NAWAKWA LODGE LEADERSHIP 2013-2014

The members of Nawakwa Lodge elected a slate of new officers at the June Service Weekend. These Arrowmen will serve the lodge in these positions for the upcoming 2013-2014 Lodge year. The new officers are: **Lodge Chief** - Alan W. Lloyd; **Vice Chief of Administration** - Kegan M. McNulty; **Vice Chief of Program** - Ryan S. Densley; and **Secretary/Treasurer** - Jacob S. "Jake" Patterson.

Michael W. Lynch was named as Lodge Advisor by the Heart of Virginia Council Executive Board and Mic Mullins was named as Staff Advisor by Chief of the Fire, Brad Nesheim.

The new Lodge leadership was sworn in at the Lodge Business meeting on Sunday of the June Service Weekend.



Mic Mullins, Alan Lloyd, Kegan McNulty, Ryan Densley, Jake Paterson, Michael Lynch



Alan Lloyd, receives the Lodge Chief beads from outgoing Lodge Chief Marc Reiner

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARROWMEN

Are you giving back to scouting with cheerful service to your lodge, your council and scouting in general. Consider joining your fellow Arrowmen one of the lodge committees. The service is rewarding, you have fun being with fellow scouts and arrowmen. You grow as a responsible individual. Listed below are some of the needs of the lodge. Lodge committee information can be found in the 2013-2014 Handbook insert included in this issue of the Tom-Tom.

- Spirit Committee:** Advisor (Adult) needed. Talk to Michael Lynch (Lodge Advisor) or Ralph Orr (Program Advisor). Work with Spirit Chair Trey Lyle on Lodge spirit activities. Spirit Committee Members (youth) - Looking for arrowmen with a sense of fun to plan and conduct activities such as Friday night fun events, Saturday Cracker Barrel and other special activities.
- Communications:** Reporters, writers, and photographers (youth) needed to record lodge events and prepare articles for the Tom-Tom and web site. Talk to Alec Nelson (Communication Chair) for more details.
- Food Service:** All successful lodge activities revolve around keeping all Arrowmen well fed. Learn the secrets of running a great lodge kitchen from the Master Chef himself. Talk to Jesse Hughes (Food Service Chair) to join.
- Service Committee:** Help to introduce our Ordeal Candidates to the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service by being their friend and guide through their Ordeal and their first year of membership. Serve your lodge as an Elangomat. Talk to Tom Whitaker (Service Committee Chair).
- Health Services:** Youth Chair needed for the Health Services Committee. Talk to the Adult Advisor - Holly McKay.
- OA Troop/Team Representative** Advisor (Adult) needed. Talk to Michael Lynch (Lodge Advisor) or Ralph Orr (Program Advisor). Work with Chair Ryan McNeilly and unit OA Representatives.

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Sons of Uncas

By Randy VanNess



The deadline for submissions to the next issue of the Tom-Tom is November 9, 2013. Please send your submissions to the Council Office (return address, below) or to TheTom-Tom@Nawakwa.org



The Lookout

SEPTEMBER 6-8..... OA SERVICE WEEKEND
Camp T. Brady Saunders
OCTOBER 5 SR-7A COUNCIL OF CHIEFS
CAMP SHENANDOAH

OCTOBER 11-13.....OA FALL FELLOWSHIP
CAMP T. BRADY SAUNDERS
OCTOBER 18-20 HEART OF VA COUNCIL
100TH ANNIVERSARY ENCAMPMENT
Richmond International Raceway
DEC 22-23CARILLION SERVICE PROJECT
BYRD PARK, RICHMOND

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