



THE TOM-TOM

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DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE
TWO UPCOMING EVENTS:
2015 SERVICE WEEKEND—MARCH
13-15

CONCLAVE-BAYPORT SCOUT
RESERVATION—APRIL 24-26

REGISTER AT NAWAKWA.ORG

Spring Service Weekend March 13-15

Register now for the Spring Service Weekend. Registration forms for members are available on the lodge home page, www.nawakwa.org as well as the Council Service Center. 2015 marks an exciting year as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The Order of The Arrow. Don't miss out. Those eligible to participate in the Brotherhood Program MUST register using the forms that are sent via US Mail. The deadline for registration is March 9th.

The Spring Service Weekend will be held at Cub Camp.

Annual Pass Now Available!!!

The annual pass includes payment for one year of dues as well as member registration for the three 2015 service weekends and the 2015 Fall Fellowship weekend. Separate, on-time registration is required for the four event weekends (Brotherhood program fees and Friday dinner fees are extra). This annual pass is only valid for the single individual listed on the purchase...no transfers, no substitutions, and no refunds for unattended or partially-attended events. Registration information for lodge events will be available at the lodge website: www.nawakwa.org

**Heart of Virginia Council and Nawakwa Lodge chosen as one of 2 stops
in Virginia for the 2015 ArrowTour!!!!!!!**

See Page 3 for details

Lodge Elections-Coming in June!!!

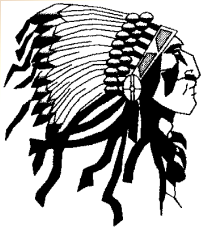
Elections for the Lodge Officers will be conducted on Saturday May 30th at the Summer OA Service Weekend. The four elected positions are Lodge Chief, Vice Chief of Administration, Vice Chief of Program and Vice Chief of Communications. Remember you'll need parent/guardian permission and meet with Mike Lynch if interested. More to come in next issue.



CONCLAVE-READ ABOUT THE UP-
COMING CONCLAVE AT BAYPORT
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Get social with us online!

- [Nawakwa.org](http://www.nawakwa.org)
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- Communications@nawakwa.org



Chief's Bonnet

Adviser's Minute



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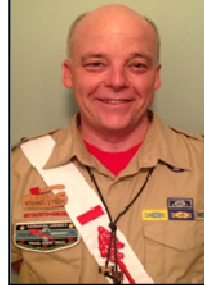
We are in a very exciting year for the Order of the Arrow. From the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), to what is set to be the Section's largest Conclave, to the new schedule and ceremony being enacted this March. The OA is alive and well on all levels of Scouting.

Oftentimes, you will hear that the OA is a thing of the individual, and this is certainly true. And it is the lodge's main purpose to help each Arrowmen to experience and succeed in all aspects of the Order: to celebrate the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. As Mike mentioned in his Adviser's minute we are making our service weekends more inclusive to include our newest members. However, we cannot do it alone. We need your help to welcome our new members, show them the fun and excitement that is Nawakwa, to teach them about being a member of one of the largest service organizations in America, and lastly, demonstrating the principals of the Scout Oath and Law. This is how a great lodge succeeds. This is how Nawakwa succeeds.

Brothers, I challenge you to do just that. Help others find their purpose in the lodge and, at the same time, find yours. Ignite your fire and get fired up for a roaring 2015!

WWW,

Keegan McNulty



Brothers,

Welcome to 2015!!!

I hope each of you had a great holiday season and are ready to tackle 2015 with a renewed purpose. As we start the 2015 program year, we are looking forward to implementing several of the significant changes we have been working on for the past two years. The biggest and most important is a change to our long standing lodge service weekend

schedule. Our lodge leadership, lodge officers and advisers have been hard at work combing through every detail of the schedule in order to make the time we have at each of our service weekends beneficial to all our members.

I am very excited about one major aspect of the new schedule which allows a more focused attention on our new ordeal members. By moving the ordeal ceremony from an evening event to a late afternoon event, our new Brothers will be able to enjoy their evening meal with all our brothers as full members of the lodge. It will also allow time on Saturday evening for fun, fellowship and a new level of lodge orientation that is sure to entice, excite and energize not only our new members, but all of our lodge membership.

I am also very excited to announce our adoption of the new nationally sanctioned Brotherhood ceremony, which became effective on January 1st of this year. This will be the first significant change to an Order of Arrow ceremony in over 50 years. Our Lodge ceremonialists have been hard at work practicing and preparing for the new ceremony. If you are reading this article and are ready and eligible to seal your membership in the lodge as a Brotherhood member, then I hope you take this unique opportunity to be one of the first to experience this new brotherhood ceremony. I invite all of our current members to attend and witness this historic event. Think about it...those among us who witnessed the last significant change to a Brotherhood ceremony are well into their mid sixties now. It is a rare opportunity, so please make your reservation as either a brotherhood candidate or as a brotherhood member and be part of the history that will shape our next century!

As always, I would like to personally ask each of you to search deep within your hearts and find and renew the passion that is the fire within our Brotherhood; let us rededicate ourselves to those high ideas which make us and our Order that which it is...Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, Service.

In Brotherhood,

Michael W. Lynch

<p>Spring Service Weekend Menu</p> <p>Friday: Optional Dinner: Tri Tip Beef Roast, Rice, Corn, Rolls Lite Dinner/CB: Taco Bar, Boneless Chicken/dipping sauce, Churros</p> <p>Saturday: Breakfast: Bfast Burritos, Apples, Grits or Oatmeal, Juice Lunch: Meatball Subs, Fries, Apple Slices, Brownies, Salad Bar</p>	<p>Saturday Continued: Dinner: Boneless Pork Ribs, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Salad Bar, Pie CB: Taco Bar, Cheese Cake</p> <p>Sunday: Breakfast: Cheese Omelets, Bacon, Potatoes, Mini Croissants, Cereal, Milk, Juice</p> <p>Food Service Chair: David Maloy</p> <p>Adviser: Ed Beach</p>
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Electronics at Scouting Events
 Brothers, please remember that we are Scouting's Honor Society. With great honor, comes great responsibility. We do not discourage the use of electronic devices at our events, but please remember the Scout Oath and Law when deciding how you're using your device.

SR-7A Legacy Fellowship Award

Established in 2014, the SR-7A Legacy Fellowship is presented each year to an Arrowman who has provided enduring and exemplary service to the Arrowmen of Virginia. The recipient is announced at the February Council of Chiefs and the award is presented at the Saturday night Show at Conclave. The recipient chosen each year is honored with the presentation of an OA Legacy Fellowship in their name. The OA Legacy Fellowship program is similar to the James E. West program inasmuch as a \$1,000 contribution is placed into an endowment fund. For James E. West, the \$1,000 gift is placed into a local council endowment fund while for the OA Legacy Fellowship program, the \$1,000 contribution goes into the national OA endowment fund which supports many of the great OA programs we all enjoy. No section or Conclave funds are used to purchase the OA Legacy Fellowship. Instead, arrowmen who have been associated with the Legacy Fellow are given the opportunity to contribute to the \$1,000 donation to the national OA endowment fund in the fellowship recipient's name.



SR-7A's 2015 Legacy Fellow is Mack Ruffin of Nawakwa Lodge 3 who has been a member of the Order of the Arrow for nearly 45 years.

Mack Ruffin served as a Lodge Adviser for Nawakwa Lodge for more than a quarter of a century and he is an enthusiastic supporter of the Order of the Arrow, both on the lodge level and beyond. During Mack's tenure as Lodge Adviser, Nawakwa Lodge grew from 398 members to a membership of over 1,100. The lodge received 5 E. Uner Goodman Camping Awards, 3 National Service Awards and a national grant. Every year Mack was Lodge Adviser, Nawakwa earned Quality Lodge or a gold level JTE score.

Nawakwa was a part of 4 different sections during Mack's tenure as Lodge Adviser and thanks to Mack's leadership, Nawakwa was an engaged and active lodge in each of those sections and instrumental to their successes. During Mack's time as Lodge Adviser, Nawakwa hosted 5 Conclaves. Each were a success thanks to Mack's commitment and hard work.

Mack has made a positive impact on thousands of young people across Virginia and beyond. Without a doubt, the Order of the Arrow in Virginia is stronger and more robust because of Mack Ruffin.

ArrowTour

ArrowTour is one of the many programs and initiatives that comprise of the Order of the Arrow's centennial anniversary. In the summer of 2015, four delegations of youth Arrowmen will travel to council camps and Scouting events to bring our national centennial experience to Scouts, Arrowmen and communities throughout the country.

ArrowTour will provide opportunities to reflect, connect, and discover the Order's Centuries of Service, both past and future. The Order of the Arrow is excited to partner with councils to provide this program accessory at Boy Scout summer camps, service centers, and Scouting events.

Caravan will arrive on June 30, 2015

Highlights include:

- 100 year celebration
- Day long program
- Activities and games
- Branding
- Time capsule
- Silk screening
- Evening program



Heart of Virginia Council and Nawakwa Lodge are honored to have been chosen for this monumental event. Advisers and youth members are needed to help prepare and coordinate in the months/weeks leading up to the event. Many hands make light work. We will need help setting up, running various activities and breakdown. More details to come.



APRIL 24-26, 2015

Bayport Scout Reservation

Jamaica, VA

Conclave 2015 will be hosted by Wahunsenakah Lodge #333 at Bayport Scout Reservation in Jamaica, Virginia. The dates are April 24-26, 2015. The lodge registration fee is \$50.00. Transportation will be coordinated by chapters. A conclave is where the lodges of the section (Section SR-7A consists of 6 Virginia lodges) get together for training, competition, and fellowship. Of course, the Saturday night block party is a feast that shouldn't be missed. Conclave also gives OA members the opportunity to visit the different camps across the state. Go to Nawakwa.org and register today!!!!

To help celebrate the 100th birthday of the Order of the Arrow, SR-7A will be presenting one of the largest displays of Scouting and OA memorabilia ever seen at a Virginia Conclave. Artifacts from the early 1900s all the way to the recent past will be presented at the **OA Museum**. Arrowmen will also have the opportunity to send a message to the next generation at the **Digital Time Capsule**. Be sure to bring memorabilia items to be appraised by experts at the **OA Antiques Roadshow!** For more information, email museum@sr7a.org

National Chief to attend Conclave 2015

With the Order of the Arrow's Centennial Anniversary happening this year, the National Chief is going to be pretty busy—but not too busy to attend one of the Best and Biggest Conclaves in the Country! National Chief Alex Call is 'All Fired Up' about Conclave 2015!



Around Nawakwa Lodge

CHAPTER INFORMATION

CHAPTER	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

LODGE COMMITTEES

SERVICE: The first impression of the OA and Nawakwa Lodge for new ordeal candidates are the Elangomats on the Service committee. The Service committee, chaired by Tom Whitaker and advised by Rowland Creamer, works to make sure our new members have the most rewarding experience. Contact Tom for information about becoming an Elangomat at Service@Nawakwa.org.

COMMUNICATIONS: Want something published in the Tom-Tom? Want something on the Lodge web-site? The Communications Committee is the group that "gets the word out". Each Chapter and Committee should have an Arrowman to be their "reporter" to make sure they get their information published. Contact Alec Nelson, Communications Chair at Communications@Nawakwa.org.

DANCE TEAM: Native American Dance and Drum Team is always looking for Arrowmen looking to join the Dance Team and learn about American Indian culture. Please contact the Dance Team at Dance@Nawakwa.org.

LODGE COMMITTEE ADVISERS: Nawakwa Lodge is searching for a few key adults to serve as advisers and assistants to help grow the committees and enable them to plan and execute towards achieving lodge goals. Committees include: Trail Crew, Unit Elections, Service (this role will split from Ordeal responsibilities before June and needs an adviser and 2 associate advisers); OA Troop/Team Rep Associate Adviser; Special events; Conclave; Fall Fellowship; Nawakwa Centennial; Marketing/Branding; Lodgemaster; Chapel, Elangomat and Training. Please contact Michael Lynch, Lodge Adviser at LodgeAdviser@Nawakwa.org.

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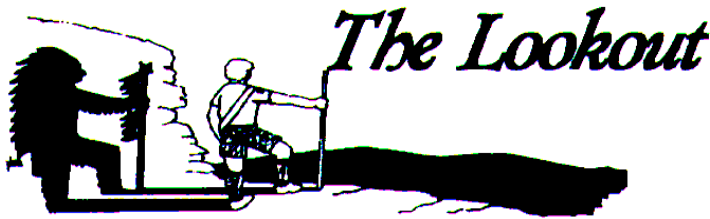
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Sons of Uncas

By Randy VanNess



The deadline for submissions to the next issue of the Tom-Tom is April 15, 2015. Please send your submissions to the Council Office or to TheTom-Tom@Nawakwa.org



MARCH 13-15 OA SERVICE WEEKEND
CAMP T. BRADY SAUNDERS

MARCH 27-28 ... LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
CAMP T. BRADY SAUNDERS

APRIL 24-26SR-7A CONCLAVE
BAYPORT SCOUT RESERVATION

MAY 29-31 OA SERVICE WEEKEND
CAMP T. BRADY SAUNDERS

JUNE 30ARROWTOUR
CAMP T. BRADY SAUNDERS

AUGUST 2-8..... NOAC
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

SEPTEMBER 11-13.....OA SERVICE WEEKEND
CAMP T. BRADY SAUNDERS

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