



Chief's Bonnett, February 2018

Brothers,

We are already off to a great start in 2018, our 99th year as a lodge! Our lodge events, Conclave, and LLD are going to be a blast for us.

The Spring Service Weekend will once again see us descend upon Camp T. Brady Saunders to participate in cheerful service - and yes, we will be holding the service weekend on the Boy Scout Side of the reservation.

Conclave at Camp Rock Enon will be an excellent opportunity to meet Arrowmen from across Virginia, enjoy training from some of the Section's most seasoned leaders, and get to play and eat our hearts out. To find out more on Conclave, check out sr7a.org or speak with another Arrowmen who has attended before. If you'd like, you can even ask me about Conclave at lodgechief@nawakwa.org. Registration is at the link below:

<https://sr7a.conclaveregistration.org/>

Before each of these two events, however, we have our Lodge Leadership Development (training). This event, being held on March 2nd and 3rd, is the premier training event for members of Nawakwa lodge. You will learn the skills that will propel you toward becoming a stronger leader - not only in Scouting but in your schools and neighborhoods too. If you want to learn how to be the best leader you can be, register for Nawakwa LLD!

Lastly, if you are interested in stepping up to serve the lodge in any manner, please reach out at lodgechief@nawakwa.org. There are a couple openings on the lodge executive committee for chairmanships, so if you are at all interested feel free to let me know. Looking for a way to put your

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leadership skills to the test? Well, here is your opportunity. For those who are up for a rewarding challenge, looking into a chairmanship is for you.

Yours in WWW,

Kyle Hoffmann

Adviser Minute, February 2018

Brothers,

Welcome to 2018!! What an exciting year we have in store for us. With Spring just around the corner, we have three big events to keep our Springtime active. In March we will host our Lodge Leadership Development training and our Spring Induction and Service weekend in order to start preparing our council camps for the busy 2018 camping season as well as welcome our newly elected Scouts as they endeavor to complete their Induction in this our great and honorable Brotherhood.

In April, we head to Camp Rock Enon for CONCLAVE!!! Don't miss this exciting opportunity to be part of over 1,000 fellow Arrowmen from across Virginia, meeting in an annual pilgrimage to one of our six Lodge camps to participate in Training, fellowship and in the spirit of great competition amongst our Lodges for the highly coveted Spirit Award and Lodge of the Year.

Registration is open for all three of these events, so do not delay going to our Lodge website to find links for the events. I look forward to seeing everyone there!!

Our Lodge Leadership Development training is where all members of the Lodge Executive Committee, both youth and adults, are trained in the operation of the Lodge and Chapters. If you are new to the Order of the Arrow or a seasoned member of our Brotherhood, make plans to attend this worthwhile training and prepare yourself to take on the challenges of a Lodge Leadership position. It is a great opportunity to further your leadership skills and learn to serve your Brothers in a cheerful manner.

2018 also finds us heading to the University of Indiana to attend our National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). While we have been allocated a smaller than normal contingent size this year, we have an opportunity to send 26 youth Arrowmen and about 9 adults to this National event for unprecedented high caliber training, competition and amazing shows. We still have slots open for a

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few Arrowmen, so look for information in our newsletter as well as articles on our website for more information.

Now is also the time to be considering running for a Lodge Officer position. Elections are conducted for the 2018-2019 Lodge year at the June Induction and Service weekend. This will be a very significant Lodge year as the young men elected this year will serve as the Lodge Chief and Vice Chief's for our Centennial celebration during our Conclave host year. All Lodge officer candidates must be under the age of 21 for the entire duration of the term, be an active and current dues member of the Lodge and have Scoutmaster and Lodge Adviser approval prior to announcing his candidacy. I encourage all qualified Lodge members to discuss your interest with me as soon as possible.

In closing, I would like to ask EVERY member of the Lodge to help us bring our OA Lodge Pavilion fundraiser to a successful close by supporting our efforts to raise the money to build our future home at Camp T. Brady Saunders. This facility will become a most valuable part of our Lodge history and camp program and will serve many needs well into the future once built. We need every member of our Lodge to be willing to contribute funds to push us over the top of our fundraising goals. Look for a contribution pledge form in the Tom-Tom, on-line and soon in your mailbox.

As always, our Lodge continues its journey to excellence by improving our program, membership and funding. This is only possible because we are able to stand firmly on the solid foundations our brothers before us have provided through their unselfish dedication, hard work and cheerful spirit... our future is bright because of this legacy and I look forward to working with each of you in the years ahead to ensure we build a lasting legacy for the next generations of brothers. Be sure to volunteer to help at one of the upcoming events; your service is greatly needed!! I'm looking forward to seeing our members at the upcoming Lodge Leadership Development, Spring Induction and Service weekend, CONCLAVE and soon to be announced Trail Crew projects.

In Brotherhood,

Michael Lynch

Nawakwa Lodge Adviser

Section SR-7A Officers



Congratulations to newly-elected Section Chief, Seth Greiling ([Blue Heron](#) 349) and Vice Chief Trey Lyle ([Nawakwa](#) 3)!

The SR-7A Council of Chiefs met and elected new officers to fill the position of Section Chief, which was vacated due to Anthony Peluso's election as National Chief. Gabe Plichta ([Tutelo](#) 161) will continue to serve as Section Secretary.

Thank you for your leadership Anthony and congratulations all!



As you can see, this is great News. Our previous Lodge Chief, Trey Lyle (2016-2017), was elected as the Section Vice Chief. Congratulations!!! Trey Lyle is also an Eagle Scout from Boy Scout Troop 534, a Junior studying Multimedia Journalism for his major at Virginia Tech, he is also a Vigil Honor member and former staff member at Camp T. Brady Saunders. May he represent the Nawakwa Lodge, the Heart of Virginia Council, his Chapter and unit well.

[2017 Lodge Leadership Development \(LLD\)](#)



LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

We want you!!!

[Sign up here on DoubleKnot](#)

WHAT: Lodge Leadership Development is NOT like any other training event you have ever attended. Not only does it sharpen your leadership skills, but you also have the opportunity to meet Arrowmen from every corner of Nawakwa Lodge. During the course, you will advance your leadership skills by means of a wide variety of presentations from notable speakers. Engage in building exercise, collaborative brainstorming and fun activities. Start bonding with Arrowmen from around the lodge.

WHO: It is open to ALL Arrowmen including: committee chairmen, lodge and chapter officers, and especially new Ordeal Arrowmen! The lodge encourages new ordeal members to attend to learn how the lodge works while making new friendships in brotherhood.

WHEN: 7:00 PM on Friday, March 2nd to 6:00 PM on Saturday, March 3rd

WHERE: Chester United Methodist, 12132 Percival Street, Chester, VA 23831

WHY:

- If you do not know the lodge yet. COME!
- If you need to sharpen your leadership skills. COME!
- If you want to have fun. COME!

And most of all if you just want to hang out with a lot of cool people, COME!

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HOW MUCH? Cost is \$25.00. Register by February 22, 2018.

WHAT TO BRING? Sleeping bag, mat or cot, pen, notebook, personal gear and hygiene items for the overnight.

Contact E-mail for questions

training@nawakwa.org

Cancellation Policy

Due to the cost of food purchases and program materials, no refunds will be made unless notification of cancellation is made to the Council Service Center (phone 804-355-4306) prior to closing (5:00 PM) on the Wednesday preceding the event or for an emergency.

2018 Spring Service Weekend



[Online Registration Available Here](#)

[Registration Form Available Here](#)

The Spring Service Weekend is scheduled for March 16-18, 2018. The registration form can be downloaded here. Register by Sunday, February 25 to receive a \$5 Early Bird Discount. The deadline for registration is Sunday, March 11 (\$10 late fee added for any registrations received after Sunday, March 4).

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The Printable Registration Form above is NOT to be used by new Ordeal Candidates nor by those members eligible to attain Brotherhood status. Special invitations with registration forms will be sent separately via US Mail to people in these groups.

[Nawakwa's 2019 Lodge Pavilion Fundraiser](#)



Nawakwa Lodge is currently raising funds for their OA Pavilion at T. Brady Saunders. Here is a letter from our Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser, and information on the gift sets that will be given to donors of this project (click on the image below). For more information, contact the Lodge Adviser at LodgeAdviser@nawakwa.org.



We thank everyone for your continued support to the Nawakwa Lodge.

[2018 Section Ceremonies Weekend](#)

All members of Nawakwa Lodge are invited to attend the Section Ceremonies Weekend being held at our own Cub Adventure Camp in Goochland County from Friday, April 6th through Sunday, April

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8th. This weekend will include ceremonies members from lodges in our section (Section SR-7A) as well as from other sections. Staff includes people who will be on the Inductions and Ceremonies Evaluations team at NOAC in August.

If you would like to attend, please register at: <http://sr7a.org/ceremoniesweekend/>.

If you have any questions, please contact Nawakwa Ceremonies Team at CeremonialTeam@Nawakwa.org.

Paul Teasley, Nawakwa Ceremonies Adviser



[2018 Trail Crew Registration](#)

What is trail crew?

Trail Crew is a service opportunity for Nawakwa Brothers to come together and give back to the community by working with local, national and state parks to help build or rebuild trails that are open to the public.

What do you get from it?

- You get the satisfaction of giving back to your community as a citizen and a member of the Nawakwa Lodge.
- You get the chance to learn all about building trails, equipment and trail construction safety.
- You also get a chance to get out into nature, enjoy the views and get a little exercise.

We look forward to seeing you in April for the next Trail Crew Opportunity.

We will be working with 3 other Lodges from our section and the forestry department to repair and maintain current trails built by our Lodges.

When?

April 6-8
Registration Opens Early March on [Doubleknot](#).
Location: Covington, West Virginia

Annual Lodge Officer Elections

How does the OA get everything done? With the dedication and commitment of its Lodge Officers and Committees. Now is also the time to be considering running for a Lodge Officer position. Elections are conducted for the 2018-2019 Lodge year at the June Induction and Service weekend.

Positions Up for Election (contact them with questions):

Lodge Chief- LodgeChief@nawakwa.org

Vice Chief of Administration- VCAdministration@nawakwa.org

Vice Chief of Program- VCProgram@nawakwa.org

Vice Chief of Communications- VCCommunications@nawakwa.org

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serve as the Lodge Chief and Vice Chief's for our Centennial celebration during our Conclave host year. All Lodge officer candidates must be under the age of 21 for the entire duration of the term, be an active and current dues member of the Lodge and have Scoutmaster and Lodge Adviser approval prior to announcing his candidacy. I encourage all qualified Lodge members to discuss your interest with me as soon as possible.

The Lodge Officers **candidates need to contact the Lodge Adviser at LodgeAdviser@nawakwa.org before May 15th, 2018** to be considered and eligible to seek election.

[2018 Conclave](#)



Conclave will be in April hosted by Shenshawpotoo lodge at Camp Rock Enon. It is the Largest Gathering we do as a Lodge each year. We have awesome training, games, competitions, exhibits and other activities. A weekend filled with activities for everyone. The cost is \$55.00 per person. The theme is Elevate. Our lodge goal is to have 200 Arrowman from the lodge to come to the Conclave.

Click on the Image Register Here to be taken to the SR-7A, Southern Region web page for registration and other information.



NOAC 2018, July 30 - August 4 @ Indiana University



**2018 NOAC
National Order of the Arrow Conference
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
July 30, 2018 through August 4, 2018**

Slots are still available. Please sign up now to get your seat. The 2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN from July 30th to August 4th, 2018. NOAC brings countless opportunities for Arrowmen to learn best practices to bring back to our lodge, participate in training, and most importantly... to HAVE FUN! There are exciting games, sports, nightly shows, and all sorts of other activities for Arrowmen to experience.

We are expecting to have a large number of interested members from Nawakwa Lodge wanting to attend NOAC 2018. To begin, our lodge has received a modest number of slots for the Conference. NOAC has instituted a strict 3:1 youth to adult ratio for all lodges nationwide. The number of delegates allowed is also set by NOAC. For NOAC 2018, Nawakwa Lodge has an allocation of 36 participants, or 27 youth and 9 adults. Note that NOAC staff members register separately and their numbers do not affect our lodge quota.

So with such a small quota of adult slots, lodge leadership will review all applications, select both youth and adult participants through an equitable selection process involving the review of each application. While we sincerely wish that we could take everyone who is interested, we must work within our given allocation. A waiting list will be compiled for those youth and adult members who are not initially selected should a slot open up or the lodge be granted additional slots. The goal of

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the selection process is to ensure the youth and adult delegates selected are those that can best serve the Nawakwa Lodge contingent and the lodge upon returning home with new skills and resources.

Please complete the Nawakwa Lodge 3 NOAC 2018 [Contingent Participant Application](#). This application will help us select the youth and adults who can contribute and serve the contingent during NOAC and the lodge after NOAC with their skills and resources. Answer all of the questions as completely as possible and click the submit button at the end of the application when you are complete. You will receive a copy of your submission by email when you have successfully completed the form.

The total cost for Nawakwa Lodge NOAC Contingent participants is expected to be between \$900.00-\$950.00 including National's NOAC fee, transportation, lodging food and contingent swag. Currently, the Nawakwa NOAC Contingent plans to leave Cub Adventure Camp very early Sunday morning July 29th, stop at Kings Island Amusement Park in Mason, OH for a day of fun on the way to NOAC, and return the night of August 4th.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 will be due within one week of the date you are notified of selection. Should your deposit not be paid within that time period then your delegate slot will be forfeited.



The committee will also be putting together plans to raise funds to reduce the cost for youth participants. The final cost to each participant will be determined prior to the event after fundraising has been completed and trip logistics are finalized. Your \$100.00 deposit will then be credited toward any future balance. If a deposit is submitted and you are unable to join our contingent, then any money paid will be refunded.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Phil Victor

2018 NOAC Contingent Adviser

NOAC@Nawakwa.org

OA High Adventure



Do you need an escape from that 9-5 job, summer classes or the monotony of staring out of your bedroom window longing for something new? If your answer is yes, the Order of the Arrow has the answer for you.

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs whether its wetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base; maybe hiking is your passion, what better place to go than the Philmont Scout Ranch where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors as a part of your Trail Crew experience.

Have you ever given thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders, maybe the OA Voyage is for calling. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

Along with your one-week trek completely designed by you, each Arrowmen will be afforded the opportunity to leave their mark in history by helping to sure up portage trails, backpacking trails or coral reefs. Aside from providing a good deed to each of these high adventure bases, every participant will have the opportunity to work closely with Arrowmen from across the country, who have a similar interest in the future of both the program and the adventure base.

You may be thinking that this is a daunting task, but it is an experience unlike any other afforded to you in scouting in that it takes you out of your world and places with people, who want to do something different. It's not every day that you can tell your friends that you climbed into Cypher's Mine, watched the Northern Lights from a canoe or went scuba diving in the Florida Keys.

These programs help to ensure that the future of scouting has a place to live, work and interact. This summer, try something new or do something you thoroughly enjoy, but do something with the Order of the Arrow High adventure opportunities. For more information about these High Adventure programs, please visit Adventure.oa-bsa.org or talk to your lodge chief. Your destiny awaits you...

You May even Qualify for the [Lodge Scholarship...](#)

Lodge Announces Elangomat/Nimat Recognition Program

The Brotherhood and Ordeal Committees announced last year an endeavor to recognize service in the Lodge to those who serve as Nimats and Elangomats during the Service Weekends. You will begin seeing the results of this initiative for those that were properly trained last year at Fall Fellowship. Official training from the lodge committees is a prerequisite for receiving recognition items.

Recognition is presented in two phases. The first will be a specially designed shirt presented to those members that completed training at the last Fall Fellowship and have committed themselves to service by serving in an Elangomat or Nimat role. These shirts will identify their roles to the new Ordeal or new Brotherhood members. The second phase of recognition will be to complete a passport of requirements while serving the Lodge in these capacities. Once all of the requirements are successfully met, a unique pin will be presented and can be worn proudly on their lodge flap on their uniform.

There will be other opportunities for training during the year for those members interested and not yet trained.

National Leadership Seminar (NLS)



NLS is a weekend conference focused on the skills and attributes of leadership. During the seminar, you will make a contract with yourself to apply the skills learned on projects in the lodge, council, and community.

Who Should Attend?

Every Arrowman will benefit in some way from attending NLS. Youth participants should be at least 14 years of age or a lodge officer. Completion of a Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) course is desirable, but not mandatory.

The seminar is an intense experience learning about the nature of leadership and practicing some of the skills that a leader uses. While fun, the course challenges participants mentally as well. Participants should be developmentally, physically, and mentally prepared to engage actively in an exhausting, invigorating weekend. More information from the Lodge Scholarship on the application below.

 National Leadership Seminar
NAWAKWA Scholarship Application
Richmond - September 28 to 30th, 2018 

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____
Address _____
Email _____ Phone Number _____
Date of Birth _____
Scout/OC number _____
NLS Leadership Position _____
OA Membership Level: Order _____ Brotherhood _____ VLT _____
OA Position Held _____
OA Events Attended _____
Training (LLD, Pack/Kit, NPLT) _____

I agree that I will fulfill my NLS contract, and give service to the lodge by attending lodge and chapter events, providing service as needed and serving on committees and fulfill the OA obligation to the best of my ability.

Signature _____
Parents Name _____
Parents Signature _____
Parents Phone/Email _____

Click on Image for Application

For more from the [Sothern Region's Official Web Site](#).

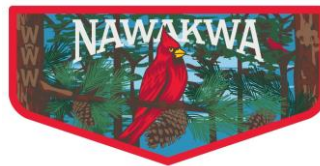
Lodge Idea Submissions and Marketing and Branding

Are you are artistic, like to draw, or have an idea for a cool patch or shirt design? The Marketing & Branding Committee is always looking for your ideas and support! Submit your designs and/or come be apart of our committee!

We are always accepting artwork and idea submissions that can be turned into lodge items like function patches and lodge flaps. This year is NOAC 2018 and next year Nawakwa is hosting Conclave during its 100th Anniversary! We need your ideas! Your idea or design could become an official product of Nawakwa Lodge!



Idea to Final Product



After you create something on paper or on the computer, take a picture of it and send it to us, or just send the art file, to MarketingBranding@Nawakwa.org !

Lodge's Upcoming Events

Lodge Leadership Development- Friday, March 2nd and 3rd

Spring Service Weekend- March 16th – 18th

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Section Ceremonies Weekend- April 6th – 8th

Trail Crew Weekend- April 6th – 8th

Conclave- April 27th – 29th

Lodge Officer Election Candidate Submissions- **Due before May 15th**

Summer Service Weekend- June 1st – 3rd

NOAC- July 30th – August 4th

Fall Service Weekend- September 14th – 16th

Fall Fellowship- November 9th – 11th

Scholarship Deadlines- **All paperwork and letters of recommendation must be postmarked by January 15th.**