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Forms are not included in this electronic version due to their large size. Please visit the lodge website for relevant forms.

The *Drumbeat* is the official newsletter of Blue Heron Lodge. It is mailed on an approximately quarterly basis to members of the Lodge whose dues are paid. The *Drumbeat* is also available on the Lodge website: (<http://www.tidewaterbsa.com/blueheron>)

All Lodge members are encouraged to submit articles for publication. Articles may be submitted at LEC meetings or by e-mailing them to bhldrumbeat@gmail.com. All submissions are subject to editing by the *Drumbeat* staff and Lodge Advisors.



Conclave 2005

Conclave 2005 has come and gone, but the memories will last forever. Turn to page 5 for articles from attendees or visit <http://www.tidewaterbsa.com/blueheron/photos> for photographs of the event.

Patch Design Contest!

The Lodge is holding a contest for the Fall Fellowship patch design. The winning design will be used for the Fall Fellowship patch and the designer will receive free admission to Fall Fellowship. Entries must be submitted at the June LEC.

Have You Sealed Your Membership?

If you are an Ordeal Member with at least 10 months of membership and service in the troop, chapter or lodge and want to commit yourself to the purposes of the Order, then you should strongly consider strengthening your ties to the order by becoming a brotherhood member... >Continued on page 3>>

NOAC 2006

What's the most fun an Arrowman can have? If you answered conclave you are on the right track, but if you really want to have a terrific experience think NOAC, the National Order of the Arrow Conference. There is nothing in the Order that can compare for sheer size, excitement, and nonstop fun. Think about 6000 Arrowmen from every lodge across the nation getting together for 6 days in late July 2006 at Michigan State University... >Continued on page 4>>

High Adventure in 2006

Tidewater Council is organizing contingents for High Adventure treks in the summer of 2006. Turn to pages 8-11 for more information and applications.

Changes in the *Drumbeat*

Here at the *Drumbeat* we are working to improve your Lodge Newsletter. For starters: beginning with this issue the *Drumbeat* will now be available for download at the Lodge website. Turn to *Take Note!* on page 13 to read more about the changes, and learn what you can do to help improve this newsletter.

The Chief Speaks



Brothers,
We just had our section conclave. The conclave is a very high point in our lodge year, and it went great. I had some goals for this conclave; things I have wanted to do for a very long time. I had wanted to have the lodge do something as a group. We had 115 people sign up for conclave

and if we could get half of them to do one thing at the same time that's over fifty people. I am very pleased to say that we more or less accomplished this. We were able to muster up what seemed like over forty -- which isn't bad at all, but the remarkable thing about this is what exactly they gathered to do. All of those Arrowmen, from 12 to... *very experienced*, gathered to run cross-country. The official numbers were lost by the section as to how many actually crossed the finish line. Tutelo lodge took first in the event, but Blue Heron held a strong second. Thank you and congratulations! We showed the section that we can compete just as hard as the other lodges.

My second goal was to get as many people to participate as possible. I'd like to think that everyone who went around to the games got to participate in at least one event. We didn't place first in any sport, but we tried and that's all that matters. Our ceremonies team did quite well, though.

My final goal was to have a good time. I hope a good time was had by all. I had one despite the walking distance when the bus/shuttle was full.

The conclave is over but that doesn't mean we are done. Now the challenge of conclave is to turn everything we learned at training into programs and activities that we can use. The lodge officers and I have a plethora of things planned but we need you the Arrowmen of the lodge, whether you went to conclave or not, to help us out.

Yours in Service,
JC Acosta

The Advisor's Minute

My brothers,

The lodge year is well underway and spirits are high! Conclave was a real inspiration and I know that all who attended had a great time. Congratulations to all of our brothers for jumping in and competing in the competitions and especially our ceremonialists who worked hard to receive the recognition they deserved!!

When you receive this issue of the Drumbeat we will have inducted another 100+ members into our order. Please take time to welcome them at the next chapter meeting and **get them involved!!** How do you do that? Just ask them!! Too often we assume that people will ask if they want to do something, but most of the time, in my experience, they just want to be asked. So ... just ask them!! Everybody wants to be part of a winning team and there's lots for any Arrowman to do - Ceremonies, elangomats, Fall Fellowship committee (Dan Durbes needs help in putting on a great event!), and more.

Finally, I have asked the Lodge Chief to get the lodge moving in finding a community service project that we all can participate in for the Region One Day of Service. If you have ideas for a lodge-wide project, please forward it to JC and me.

Have a great summer and if you haven't been to Pipsico, OA night is Mondays. Come out and be part of our team.

In service,
Dale Ward
Tatchuppekak takachsin

Brotherhood

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...As an Ordeal Member you were selected by your troop based on your ability to live by the scout oath and law. Brotherhood signifies your **personal commitment and willingness to increase your service and leadership to the lodge** and is considered sealing your bonds or beliefs in its purposes.

If you are interested in making this commitment to fulfill your obligation, you are encouraged to participate in any of the Brotherhood hikes to be held at the ordeal weekends on 21 May and 13 August, at **Camp Baker at 11:30 on Saturday, September 17th** or during the Fall Fellowship on 29 October at Pipsico Scout Reservation.

In addition to being an Ordeal Member for at least 10 months, you must have paid your lodge dues and be registered in scouting. Cost of Brotherhood is \$15.00 for the sash, which can be paid by filling in the *brotherhood* line on the 2005 Blue Heron event registration form, which is available at the scout office.

Brotherhood candidates should be in "Class A" uniform with ordeal sash, bring a pen or pencil and a pocketknife, and a 3 or 4-foot walking stick, which they are not attached to. They should also have knowledge of the pre-order ceremony, the obligation, and the song.

For further information, contact Andrew Lynn or his advisor, Bill Weissner.

Fall Fellowship

We are pleased to announce that Dan Derbes has accepted the chairmanship for the 2005 Fall Fellowship. Dan is an Eagle Scout, Brotherhood member and a new member of Blue Heron Lodge. He is a member of Troop 63 in Cape Henry Chapter. He recently transferred from Achpateuny Lodge in Japan. The advisor for the event is Patrick Wilson of troop 63.

The plans for the Fall Fellowship Extravaganza are underway! Your ideas are essential for this event to be the best that the lodge has seen in years. Each chapter will be asked to host a competition or game on Saturday, part of the Saturday night campfire and one of the training cells on Saturday morning. We hope to include climbing, iron-man and archery at the event, but can only do so with your help and support. We will also have a Halloween costume contest, karaoke, field sports, and much more!

As always a great event like this needs the help of a lot of people. We believe that Arrowmen will step up to the challenge and help out to make this fall fellowship a great success.

If you would like to see your ideas come to life at this event and serve your fellow Arrowmen please contact:

Fall Fellowship Chairman:
Dan Derbes

Fall Fellowship Advisor:
Patrick Wilson
scoutmaster63@hotmail.com



NOAC 2006!

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...Add in a program jammed packed with innovative leadership development programs, inspirational shows, American Indian dancing, challenge courses, sports competitions, social events, friendship and fellowship, a founder's day extravaganza, patch trading and much more.

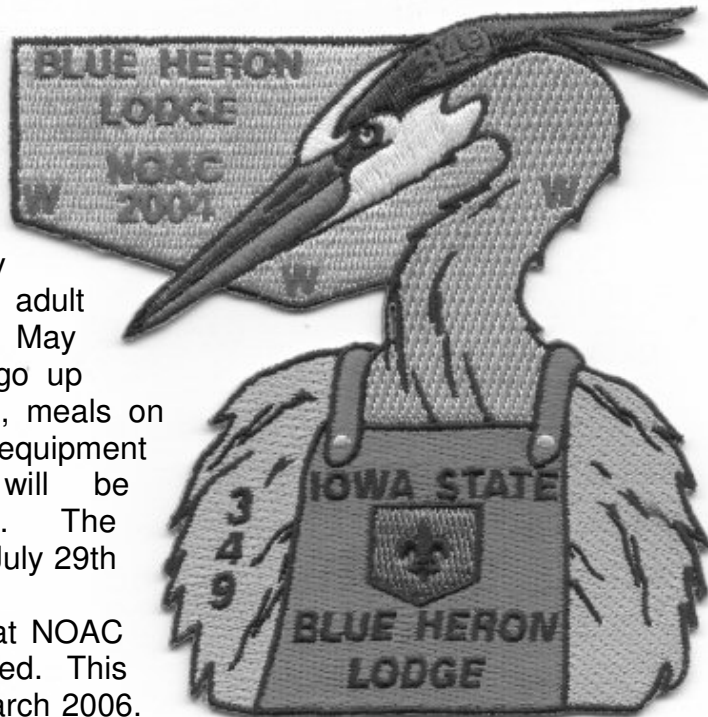
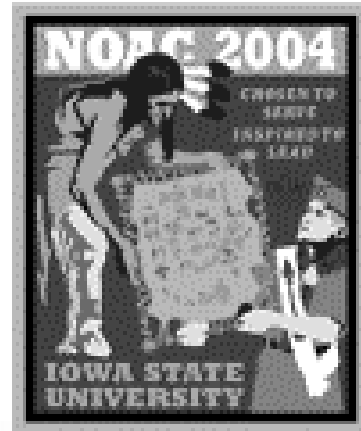
It happens once every two years when the Order of the Arrow holds it's National Order of the Arrow Conference at a major university. Planned and carried out by youth, NOAC provides Lodge delegates with a deeper understanding of the Oath, Law and Obligation as well as a renewed spirit, pride and enthusiasm in Scouting and the Order. NOAC will also provide you and your Lodge with new program ideas, knowledge and skills and a better understanding of how to carry out the work of the Lodge. Most of all, NOAC will provide you and your Lodge an opportunity to compete in various team and individual sports and events, share ideas, show off successes, and create meaningful relationships and memories.

Participation in NOAC 2006 will be limited to 14 youth and 7 adults. Conference fees, which include meals and dormitory room on the university campus, will be approximately \$335 each for both youth and adult participants, if paid prior to 31 May 2006. After that the fee will go up \$50.00. Cost of transportation, meals on the road, and contingency equipment such as T-shirts, etc. will be approximately \$150 each. The conference itself will run from July 29th through August 3rd.

To reserve your place at NOAC a deposit of \$100 is required. This deposit is refundable thru 1 March 2006. Don't miss out on this never to be

forgotten event. For more information or to talk to a youth who went to Iowa in 2004 contact the NOAC advisor Mr. Bill Weissner,

Registration forms will be available at your Chapter meetings and at the council office. Look for the NOAC 2004 highlights video, which will be shown at Ordeals and Chapter meetings.



Conclave Reports

"Ponder That Which is Our Purpose", was the theme of this years Conclave, hosted by Nawakwa Lodge 3. It challenged us to think deeply into the purpose of the Ordeal and the responsibility that we assume as members. All in all it was a great weekend. Blue Heron dressed as pirates for the weekend and turned the theme to "Plunder That Which is Our Purpose."

Blue Heron participated in the many different games and competitions that were offered over the weekend. Activities included a crosscut saw contest, a tomahawk throwing contest, an obstacle course, a tug-of-war, ceremony competitions, and of course volleyball. Although we did not win the Golden Arrow or the Spirit Award, Blue Heron did well in the events.

The Ceremonies Team took home awards too numerous to list here. Rick Fraenkel took first place in both the Vigil competition and Kitchinet in the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony. David Scheetz took second in the Traditional Dance competition.

He also took third in the Brotherhood competition as Nutiket. The *Drumbeat* took third in the newsletter competition. Also, if there had been an award for the coolest T-Shirt Blue Heron would have won hands down with a gray shirt with the printing done in glow-in-the-dark. Blue Heron had the honor to have one of our own Mike Clasing, elected as Section Secretary.

-Jerry Kane
Delegation Chair

My brothers in Blue Heron Lodge,

If ever there is a place to be at in the Order of the Arrow, it is a Section Conclave! Our Section just held the Section Conclave April 29-May 1, 2005 up at Camp T. Brady Saunders in Nawakua Lodge territory near Richmond. Over 100 members of Blue Heron had the chance to have the time of their lives! We ran into a snag during the first part of the weekend because Nawakua put us at the far side, so everything was far away from us, but other than that, our we had a great time.

There were so many things to do up at the Conclave! We toured Nawakua's OA museum, participated in the training sessions that went on during the morning hours, played volleyball, log toss, cross-cut saw competitions, and an obstacle course. The highlight of the weekend, however, had to be the Saturday night show! The first part of the show was a live band called *Zerohour*. The next part of the show had to be the funniest because the ranger of the camp did a comedy skit that could make you laugh until you fell to the floor! After that, came the main part of the show, showing us the Ordeal experience of four Arrowmen. It was out of this world! You guys will be hearing

and seeing all about this Conclave at future events. If anybody didn't go this year, don't be sorry, but sign up for next year's conclave so you can be part of the best fun anybody can have.

-Mike Clasing
Lodge VC of Programs



Chapter Reports

E. River

Hi Everyone,

This is your Chapter Chief David Scheetz. Our meetings are held every first Thursday unless noted otherwise. The meetings are held at Oak Grove Methodist Church on Kempsville, across from the water tower. I hope to see all of you there; and by the way, we have free food at every meeting. We have several Chapter leadership positions open so if you are interested in holding an office, or joining the Lodge Dance and Drum team, please contact me. We are especially looking for members to help with Crossover and Arrow of Light ceremonies.

-David Scheetz
E. River Chapter Chief

Merrimac

The Chapter is doing well and attendance is increasing. If you know of OA members in your troop who are wearing their pocket flap but are not active in the Lodge, please talk to them and try to get them out to the next

Chapter Officers	Name
Albemarle Chapter Chief	Will Haynes
Albemarle Chapter Adviser	Clarence Harrison
C Henry Chapter Chief	Bryan Santos
C Henry Chapter Adviser	Kirk Barley
Chawonac Chapter Chief	Troy Klemenc
Chawonac Chapter Adviser	Scott Lull
Kempsville Chapter Chief	Trevor Wesseldine
Kempsville Chapter Adviser	Chip Russell
E. River Chapter Chief	David Scheetz
E. River Chapter Adviser	Debbie Rabidou
Merrimac Chapter Chief	Karl Doherty
Merrimac Chapter Adviser	Dan Wood
Powhatan Chapter Chief	Joseph Lanetti
Powhatan Chapter Adviser	John Matroni

Chapter meeting. We meet at 7:30pm on the first Monday of each month at St. Andrew's UMC at the corner of Portsmouth Blvd. and Elmhurst Ave.

-Karl Doherty
Merrimac Chapter Chief

Powhatan

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

Greetings, from your chief! Being that you have received this letter, I know that you are a loyal and viable member of this Chapter. I openly welcome you to come join us for fun, service and fellowship at our Chapter meetings every 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church on Little Creek Blvd. Right now is a great time to be active in Powhatan! We are doing so much; whether you are looking to become active, spend time with friends, get your Brotherhood or just come and eat, we want you here! If you need any information, please call me.

-Joe Lannetti
Powhatan Chapter Chief

Lodge Executive Committee

The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM at the Council Service Center. All Lodge members are invited to attend and to participate in the business of the Lodge and provide input into discussions, however only elected or appointed LEC members may vote at this meeting.

National Membership Number

Your BSA member number, which we request to verify national registration, is on your Scout membership card. Please bring this card to the next event.

Take Note!
Vigil Nominations

The Vigil Nomination forms are now available on the Lodge Website. Completed forms may be submitted to Rick Fraenkel. Forms must be postmarked by 1 June.

**National Looking for Software
Developers**

The National Order of the Arrow *LodgeMaster* Developing Committee is looking for individuals that would be able to assist us as developers in making this nationally recognized database that will include: Events, Training, Service, Registration & Tracking, Ceremonies & Election Teams, User Management, Quality Lodge Auditing, Universal Report Creator, and Member Data.

-Matt Swan
National OA Lead Desktop Manager

WANTED: Chapter Reports

Chapter Chiefs,

The *Drumbeat* is a great way of communicating with Chapter members who do not make it to meetings. Please be sure to submit a Chapter Report to each issue. Note that, due to the delay between submission and publication, any announcements regarding future events should be confined to event calendars for the year.

-Linke
Drumbeat Editor

Got a Question?

Do you have a question about the Lodge or any other aspect of the OA? Send it to the *Drumbeat* at

bhldrumbeat@gmail.com. Each issue, we will select up to five of the most interesting (or obscure) questions and publish the answers.

WANTED: Humor

By request of the Lodge Chief (and in compliance with NOAC Lodge Newsletter Competition

Requirements) the *Drumbeat* is looking for comic strips. Comics may be entered by mail or electronically. Specifications are: 1-4 panels; text clearly lettered; black and white line-art or grayscale shading; approximately 6.5X4 inches maximum.

E-mail files (accepted file types: .jpg .gif .png .bmp .zip and .pdf) as attachments to:

bhldrumbeat@gmail.com

Be sure to include full name, age, Chapter, level of membership, and phone number. We will contact you if your comic is selected. Submission does not guarantee publication, no submissions will be returned. If your comic is selected your name, Chapter and membership level will be printed as credit.

Next Time

>>Reports and photos from OA members working at or attending Camp Lions this summer.

>>Additional information about Fall Fellowship and the Holiday Banquet.

>>Answers to your questions.

>>Letters from your Lodge Leadership.

