



Duck Calls



Welcome Brothers,

This is the Second Edition of the newsletter. I hope ever one had a good time at conclave. If you have any picture or articles about our lodge, please send them to me at nojowills@aol.com no latter than August 22. I hope you have a great summer for those who are camping and working in camp. This summer ordeal, the pool will be open. I hope to see you all at this event.

In WWW

Noah J. Williams

Editor in Chief

Chapter Reports

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Nansemond Chapter Chief - Daniel Foster

Daniel is a graduating senior at Smithfield High this year and plans to attend Old Dominion University to major in music. Daniel is actively involved with Troop 36 in Carrollton, VA where he serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster. This is Daniel's second term as Chapter Chief and looks forward to the new challenges 2009/2010 will bring. Daniel is an Eagle Scout and Brotherhood member of the Lodge. He has served in various Chapter and Lodge positions including Elangomat, Brotherhood Conversion Chair, and most recently as a Chairman on the 2009 Conclave committee.

Nansemond Chapter Vice-Chief - Matt Schmincke

Matt is a rising senior at Smithfield High and is heavily involved in the ROTC program. Matt is actively involved with Troop 36 in Carrollton, VA where he has held numerous troop leadership positions including SPL & ASPL. This is Matt's second term as Chapter Vice-Chief and he too looks forward to the new challenges this upcoming year will bring. Matt is a Life Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Lodge. He has served in various Chapter and Lodge positions including Elangomat and Chairman on the 2009 Conclave committee.

Nansemond Chapter Secretary - Aaron Stewart

Aaron is a Life Scout and is an active member of Troop 16 in Driver, VA where he has served in numerous troop leadership positions. This is Aaron's second term as Chapter Secretary and is currently a Brotherhood member of the Lodge. Currently Aaron is a member of the Kitchen committee that serves the lodge and has been so since 2007. Aaron is also a skilled artist as evident since he designed 4 of the 5 event patches for the Lodge in 2008.

Nansemond Chapter Adviser - Sandy Foster

This is Sandy's first term as Chapter Adviser and is honored for the opportunity to lead such a quality group of youth and adults that make up the Nansemond Chapter. He is a member of the Wood Badge SR-741 Buffalo Patrol and most recently served on staff for Wood Badge SR-881 as a Troop Guide for the Fox Patrol. Sandy has held numerous Troop and District leadership positions including: Troop Committee Chairman, Crew Committee Chairman, Roundtable Staff, Unit Commissioner, District Committee and District Committee Vice-Chairman.

Pamunkey Chapter Chatter

Congratulations to our newly elected chapter officers: Daniel B. as Chief, Graham P. as Vice Chief, Marcus B. as Secretary, and Paul C. as Treasurer. As part of his platform, Chief Daniel B. emphasized service to Cub Scouting. In addition, Pablo F. was elected to Lodge Vice Chief for Administration.

Also, congratulations to the three members who completed Brotherhood at the service weekend: Robin H., Frank M., and Greg G. After the Spring Service Weekend, the Chapter's brotherhood conversion rate is now 38% -- there are still 18 more who are eligible. Once the paperwork is finished, we will also have a number of members who should be awarded the new First Year Arrowman Award. This new award is a duck pin that goes on your service flap.

This spring, Marcus B. and Mr. E. attended the National Leadership Seminar (NLS) in Ridgecrest NC. In the coming summer, Pablo F. will venture to Northern Tier for the OA Wilderness Voyage; this is the best way to attend any high adventure base.

Day camp is during June 22-26 at Gosnolds Hope Park. The Chapter always sends staff to assist. You need to bring your lunch and your water bottle. If you have questions, contact Mr. E.

Committee Report Kitchen Crew

Hello Brothers!

The Kitchen Crew would like to congratulate all the new members and those who sealed their membership by attaining Brotherhood!

We all hope you enjoyed the food we prepared and that Saturday's dinner was not too cold by the time we ate. We had our BEST youth crew in a long time! 13 youth members joined and helped make the Summer Service Weekend a success. Thanks to our Youth

Chairman (Josh "Wally" Hooten) and his assistant (Aaron Stewart) for their leadership!! We also invite you to suggest menu ideas for future events----if it something we can prepare (and it looks like it would taste good) we would be glad to consider the item and add it to the menu. You can

email your suggestions to: malbazarr@yahoo.com and owl158@cox.net .

Enjoy your summer and GO CAMPING!!!!

See you all at the Summer Service Weekend,

WWW,
Kitchen Crew

From the Desk of Horton

I have been attending Conclaves since 1998, when I worked on staff in the dining hall at Camp Powhatan. From then, until this past Conclave, I have only missed one. I had the great opportunity to serve as the Conclave chairman in 2004; which adds depth to understanding the logistical burden that is Conclave. Aside the logistics and the huge service aspect performed by the host lodge, Conclaves are usually about 3 things: 1. Competition (for Ceremonies, Dance, Spirit Award, and Golden Arrow); 2. Rekindling old friendships across geographical lines; 3. Beginning new friendships within your own lodge, and beyond. In other words, a Conclave really focuses on two of our three founding principles – Brotherhood and Cheerfulness.

I can say unequivocally, and without ego, that the 2009 Conclave ranks up there with one of my favorite Conclaves. I believe the best way to evaluate Conclave is the memories you take away from it – meaning positive, long-lasting memories. Sure it is still a recent event, and still fresh on my mind, but I have some memories from this Conclave that I do not envision fading into nothingness anytime soon. Some of those include the hilarity of the adults from Troop 36, makeshift Viking funerals, Tutelo Lodge Secretary Scott catching the final point in the ultimate championship, and touring the dining hall for summer camp ideas (sad I know). More importantly, I was able to rekindle those old friendships with brothers from my (our) days as youths in the OA, as well as current friendships.

As an adult I do not get to participate in ceremony competitions or activities for the Golden Arrow like I used to. I also do not get to run around playing the game of section politics, like I used to. As a “recent” adult – I am 25 – you still have that taste in your mouth and the passion to see your lodge dominate; however, I have found a new passion. Conclaves now are OA reunions, where I get to hang out with brothers and shoot the breeze, all while watching lodges compete and new youth stepping up to make their mark in the section. It is interesting to say the least.

However, being a past Conclave chairman, I realize the hard work and dedication it takes to host a Conclave. We can have a weekend event where we, as Arrowmen, gather and that time can be blindsided by logistical nightmares; the sort of event where we walk away from with a bad taste in our mouths. On the other hand, we can take part in an orchestrated event that allows us to focus on Brotherhood and Cheerfulness, because the host lodge took the time and devotion to plan a solid Conclave that runs smoothly. That is exactly what I experienced. A smooth Conclave that gave me the time to reunite with my brothers (like the Stearns, Colonel Dan and the crew, John Hankins, old section officers, not to mention my homies from Tutelo).

I tip my hat and raise my glass (of water) to those of you in Wahunsenakah Lodge that worked diligently to host a Conclave that I will not forget. It is obvious that the lodge as a whole devoted themselves to a higher purpose – to host a Conclave that will be remembered. However, we must be objective. There were some pitfalls. First, the air conditioner outside was obviously broken. Try and have that fixed for 2015. Secondly, who serves spaghetti for dinner on Friday night at Conclave? We all know that 333 is rolling in the cash – think New York Strip! Lastly, do not consolidate all major events to the main field. There is great joy in watching people complain about running from one end of a camp to another. Sarcasm aside, as one old friend has always told me, “You plan the work, and you work the plan.” Wahunsenakah, you worked the heck out of that plan! This section is notorious for having a high standard for Conclaves... thanks for setting the bar a little bit higher. And thanks for giving this “recent” adult time to thank you all.

I remain in awe and in service,

Justin Horton

Tutelo Lodge

Lodge Chief Report

My Brothers,

First, I would like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to serve you this year; I am looking forward to serving you this coming year. I would also like to congratulate each of the new lodge and chapter officers. I will be looking to you new leaders to help us take this lodge to the next level. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the past year's lodge and chapter officers for all of your hard work and dedication, especially our past lodge chief, Sean Edwards.

The Spring Ordeal was a great success. Many cheerful service projects were successfully completed. A special thanks to all of the brothers that made that a success, and I know we are all eagerly anticipating the summer ordeal on August 21-23, along with the rest of this years events including NOAC. NOAC will be August 1-7, and Wahunsenakah has an awesome contingent that will be representing us.

The LLDC has been planned for June 5-6 at Indian Town Hunt Club in Capron, VA. It will be an overnight event full of training, fun, games, and food. Please make every effort to attend if you are, or are interested in becoming a lodge or chapter officer. Contact the scout office about registration.

Something that I will be bringing before the LEC at our next meeting is the induction weekend schedule. Hopefully, we will be making some long awaited changes. We will be making every effort to make the day more convenient by making the dinner time closer to "dinner time," as well as adding a fun and games period to the day to help make induction weekends more enjoyable for everyone.

Your chapter chief is the most important link of communication between you and the lodge. If you have any idea that you think will help make the lodge as a whole better, please contact your chapter chief so that they can bring it before the LEC. If you have any comments or questions for me, please feel free to contact me at HYPERLINK "<mailto:lodgechief333@gmail.com>" lodgechief333@gmail.com at any time.

In closing, Dr. E Urner Goodman, the founder of the OA, was once quoted "For he who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows, greatest." Seek to serve your fellowman, be a brother to all, and always be cheerful.

In Brotherhood WWW,

Ben Scarboro
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