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JUNE INDUCTIONS

BY JUSTIN

Smoke Signals Editor

The June Inductions were held June 10-12 at Camp Shenandoah. A total of 43 new candidates completed their Ordeal and joined Shenandoah Lodge along with 18 Arrowmen who sealed their membership in the OA by finishing requirements for Brotherhood.

Thanks to Zach who served as the Ordeal Master for the weekend. Zach's leadership helped to open camp for the summer season. In addition to the traditional June tasks of setting up tents and placing mattresses and cots inside, outriggers were constructed in several campsites. This project will allow quicker and easier campsite setup in the future. Shenandoah Arrowmen also finished painting the dining hall and the cabin behind the dining hall. Our adopted highway along Boy Scout Lane and Trimble's Mill Road was cleaned as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program. Thank you to all who cheerfully served.



ROBERT ELECTED SECTION VICE CHIEF AT CONCLAVE

Robert was elected Section SR-7A's Vice Chief at the annual Section Conclave on April 30, 2005. Robert, a dedicated Arrowman of Shenandoah Lodge and Camp Shenandoah Staffer, currently serves as Vice Chief of Activities of the Lodge and is continuing his Camp Staff career at Camp Shenandoah as Scoutcraft Area Director during the summer of 2005.

One of Robert's main responsibilities as Section Vice Chief will be to help lead the 2006 Section Conclave at Camp Rock Enon,

near Winchester, VA. The Section consists of the six Lodges from Virginia and over 800 Arrowmen are expected to attend the 2006 Conclave. Another major responsibility will be to provide leadership to Lodge Assistance Program.

Robert feels "honored and humbled" to be elected the Section's Vice Chief for 2005-06. His primary goal for the year is to "make the Section stronger with no lessening of Lodge identities."

Congratulations to Robert upon being elected to statewide office and best wishes in this new role.

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Pow Wow with the Chief



MATT
Lodge Chief

Dear Brothers,
We had an excellent Spring Fellowship at Camp Shenandoah in March. Thank you to Robert

Congratulations to everyone who competed in an event and thank you for representing our lodge. *Smoke Signals* placed second in the judging of lodge newsletters. We made an excellent showing this year.

Congratulations are especially in order for Robert who was elected Section Vice Chief of SR-7A. Many of you may know Robert from his work in the Scoutcraft area at Camp Shenandoah and you will also recognize him as our Lodge Vice-Chief of Activities. When you see Robert, wish him luck with his new position. We are all very proud to have someone from Shenandoah in Section office again, especially someone as enthusiastic as Robert.

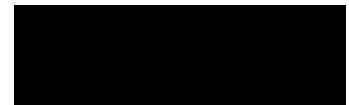
As most of you should know, the lodge was responsible for the Cub Scout program at the recent Council Camporee at Seneca Rock in West Virginia. We had a good turnout and I would like to thank everyone who was involved. The Call-Out ceremony was excellent, as usual for our

first-rate ceremonies team. Thanks again to everyone who came out to help; the Council surely appreciated it as well as the Lodge.

The summer is approaching fast and with that the summer camp season. Ordeal members should be aware that we will have summer Brotherhood ceremonies again this year, so come out and turn that white border blue. Be prepared to see the OA more involved in Camp Shenandoah this year as we launch "OA Every Day."

August Inductions are right around the corner, so get that registration in. If you know a Scout who has been elected and/or called out, help make sure they get out to the inductions weekend to become a member. If you know an Ordeal member, make sure to get them out to that weekend so they can seal their membership within the Brotherhood. I hope to see you all at Camp Shenandoah and at the August Inductions. See you there!

Yours in WWW,



Matt Phillippi
Lodge Chief



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CAMP PROMOTIONS/ UNIT ELECTIONS

BY ZACH

Lodge Vice Chief of Committees

Shenandoah Lodge completed 100% Camping Promotions/Unit Elections for the third year in a row! Prior to 2002, it had been many years since Shenandoah visited every troop in the Council to conduct a CP/UE visitation in one election cycle. Not only have we completed a major hurdle towards Quality Lodge, we have also built better relations with the troops. I would once again like to thank the Chapter leadership and the Scoutmasters for their support and cooperation; let's go for the four-peat!

LODGE CALENDAR

July 12	LEC Meeting Camp Shenandoah 7:00 PM
August 12 - 14	August Inductions & LEC Camp Shenandoah
August 14	Lodge & Chapter Elections Camp Shenandoah
Sept. 16 - 18	LRLC & LEC Pentecostal Camp & Conference Center, Verona, VA
October 16	LEC Meeting Council Service Center

CONCLAVE 2005 - SPIRIT AWARD WON AGAIN!

BY ANDREW

Conclave Contingent Chairman

Conclave has come and gone but will not soon be forgotten. Friday afternoon we arrived and were shown our campsite. The youth stayed in structures called Yurts, which are round canvas-covered platforms.

We woke up to a wet Saturday morning but enjoyed a hearty breakfast. Conclave Vice Chief, Jake and his adviser, Shane Eppard organized the training sessions for Conclave which included a session on Chapter organization by Chris and Nick Hartman. As is customary, a totem pole was carved to be placed in the host

camp. Many thanks to Mike Huffman for directing the carving effort.

Even the persistent precipitation permeating the pre-lunch period posed no particular obstacle to the powerful performances of the Pre-Ordeal, Brotherhood, Vigil, and Dance competitions. Almost all who competed placed. In the athletic competitions, Shenandoah did well, taking second in volleyball, losing only to Tutelo Lodge...but not by much. Under the leadership of Martin and with help from Cathy Miles, Don Knicely, and Debbie Overton providing plenty of props and outfits, Robin Hood and his men never looked better!

With much hootin' and hollerin', we marched around the dining hall, led by Matt as Prince John, demonstrating our spirit. At the show, Shenandoah won the Spirit Award for the third year in a row and received several recognitions for the weekend's accomplishments! The band called Zero Hour rocked the amphitheater while ALL of Shenandoah danced the Can-Can and then went to the dining hall for the feast where Shenandoah Lodge served soft pretzels. Sunday morning we awoke, had breakfast, attended Chapel, and departed the HOV Scout Reservation rededicated to the high ideals of the Order.

SHENANDOAH DANCERS SHINE AT CONCLAVE POW WOW

BY ANDREW

Conclave Contingent Chairman

The dance competition at Conclave 2005, hosted by Nawakwa Lodge, was one of several competitions. The periodic rain showers forced the competition to be held in the dining hall of Camp Brady Saunders. There were three categories of dance competition, including Grass Dance, Straight Dance, and Traditional Dance. There were two dancers entered in Grass Dance but there were six or more in Straight and Traditional.

The Drum was not named, but they did an excellent job. It was a

unique combination of northern and southern singers and drummers. The dances started with traditional Flag Dance and a Veterans Dance. There were a few intertribal songs in which all styles can dance. The competitions began. From Shenandoah there was Andrew xxxxxxxxxx competing in Grass Dance, placing second.

After the competitions, Zach xxxxxxxx, Shenandoah's Fancy Dancer, had his Pow-Wow debut, and danced for the rest of the Pow-Wow. Several different songs including Intertribal, a Sneak Up Dance, and a Crow Hop

Dance were presented. Debbie Overton was there to help outfit both the dancers. Near the end, there was an honor dance for the first woman dancer in Nawakwa, who was a women's Traditional Dancer. Shenandoah Lodge has doubled the Dance Team since Conclave 2004 and hopes to keep gaining new members. The musician Steve Miller said it best: "I don't know, but I've been told. If you keep on dancing, you'll never grow old."

If you are interested in joining the dance team, please see one of the dancers at any Lodge event to ask about joining.

CEREMONIES TEAMS SHOWS EXCELLENCE AT CONCLAVE

BY DAVID PRATT

Ceremonies Adviser

Conclave 2005 provided the latest showcase for excellent performances by Shenandoah Lodge Ceremonialists. For the first time in recent memory, Shenandoah Lodge entered teams in all three competitions: the Pre-Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil ceremonies.

Ceremonies Committee Chairman Michael xxxxxxxx earned a tied for second place in his first-ever Vigil competition.

In the Brotherhood ceremony, Shenandoah's veteran team tied for third. Team members included: Michael second as Allowat Sakima; Section Vice-Chief Robert third as

Meteu; Dan xxxxxxxx third as Kichkinet, and Martin xxxxxxxx, appearing in his first-ever competition as Nutiket.

The Pre-Ordeal team was mostly new to competition as well, and made an early name for themselves in Section SR-7A by tying for third. Kurt xxxxxx finished third as Allowat Sakima; Tommy Dillard tied for third as Kichkinet; Zach xxxxxxxx tied for third as Nutiket, and Conor xxxxx gave a strong performance as Meteu. Congratulations to all these outstanding Arrowmen for their extraordinary efforts in representing Shenandoah Lodge!

The competition between the Lodges of our Section was intense, and it was clear that several

Lodges, including Shenandoah, performed to the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) standard of excellence. These robust performances at Conclave 2005 bode well for Shenandoah Lodge's next national appearance at the 2006 NOAC at Michigan State University.

A huge Thank You to Duane Overton and Chip Hunsberger for their invaluable assistance in helping the Teams prepare and execute the Ceremonies...and a very special Thanks to Deb Overton for making the new regalia outfits. Finally, we gratefully acknowledge Monocan Nation Elder George Whitewolf for constructing our ceremonial head-dresses.

LODGE 'SURVIVES' 2005 SPRING FELLOWSHIP

BY JUSTIN
Smoke Signals Editor

The weekend of March 18-20 ushered a competition more challenging than most Lodge members have ever seen. One would have to look to that old lady's struggle to find the beef in the old Wendy's commercials to even come close to the challenges



awaiting the participants at the 2005 Spring Fellowship.

Robert did an excellent job planning the program for the weekend which was built around the TV show *Survivor*. Members were divided into tribes and faced various competitions throughout the weekend. Lodge members also prepared for Conclave by practicing the anticipated Conclave activities. During Saturday morning, service was provided to Camp Shenandoah as trees were planted on the new property and our adopted highways were cleaned. Meanwhile, the entranceway to our ceremony grounds was decorated and our

60th Anniversary sign was hung on the Dining Hall.

Saturday evening held a Brotherhood ceremony featuring campfire ashes from the first World Jamboree and a final tribal council. All agreed the weekend was awesome. Thanks to the Lodge Officers for a great job and to Wayne Swisher for great food.

	Congratulations to
	Ben
	Sean
	Alex
	Earl
	upon receiving
	Brotherhood at the
	Spring Fellowship



Arrowmen enjoy afternoon competitions at the Fellowship



Lewis Kingston Referee Extraordinaire



Finishing touches are placed on the ceremony grounds entrance



Lodge members plant trees on the new property at camp



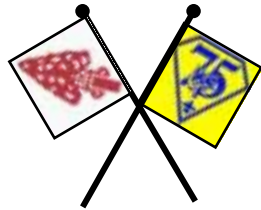
Ben A Picture of Service



60th Anniversary sign hung on the west end of the Dining Hall

CONCLAVE 2005 IN PICTURES





2005 COUNCIL CAMPOREE

BY ROBERT
SR-7A Section Vice Chief

The Council Camporee held May 12-14 at Seneca Rocks, WV centered around the theme of 'Lewis and Clark on the Trail.' Nearly 900 Scouts and Scouters from both the Stonewall Jackson Area Council and Buckskin Council participated. Shenandoah Lodge was responsible for the Cub Scout events during the weekend and this responsibility offered Arrowmen an opportunity to deliver the ideals of Brotherhood and Cheerfulness to the next generation of Boy Scouts.

The Cub Scout program is celebrating its 75th Anniversary during 2005 and it was appropriate to commemorate this important milestone during the weekend. This year's Camporee sought to enhance the experience for Cub Scouts by combining the Lewis and Clark theme with the excitement surrounding the anniversary year. The Lodge Executive Committee worked hard for several months to plan age-appropriate activities including a three-legged race, a spoon and egg obstacle course, and a sack race. Not only were races held, but activities such as games, tug of war, Native American spear throw, and a scavenger hunt attracted all Cub Scouts. The ceremony and dance team got involved by showing off their regalia, fascinating and instilling OA excitement into the Cub Scouts. Cubs had a chance to make their own basic regalia in a craft station, building their own vests, headdress, bead chokers, and dance rattles. The highlight of the Cub Scout events was the Inflatable Bouncing Fort, enjoyed by young and old alike. The evening concluded as the Shenandoah Lodge ceremony team called out future Arrowmen.

The Lodge's efforts during the weekend met with much success as the majority of Cubs and parents were pleased with the resulting program at the 2005 Camporee. Thank you to all members of Shenandoah Lodge who manned stations.



*Michael
Andrew
, et al
lead sack race fun.*

*Cub Scouts and
Arrowmen enjoy the
bouncing fort.*



*John
and
the parachute were a
big hit.*

*Martin
Cub Scouts make
headdresses.*



*Bobby
and
Dave Pratt practice
drumming skills.*

DOC MILLER RECOGNIZED WITH SILVER BUFFALO

BY JUSTIN

Smoke Signals Editor

The Silver Buffalo Award, created in 1925 by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, is presented annually to those who give truly noteworthy and extraordinary service to youth. This award, Scouting's highest commendation, recognizes the invaluable contributions that outstanding American men and women render to youth. The service of those recognized must be national in character and can be directly connected with the BSA or independent of the movement. Notable recipients of the Silver Buffalo award include 16 US Presidents, Walt Disney, Charles Lindbergh, Colin Powell, Neil Armstrong, Hank Aaron, Bob Hope, Vince Lombardi, and Norman Rockwell.

A familiar face to many in the Stonewall Jackson Area Council, Dr. Richards M. "Doc" Miller, was recognized with the Silver Buffalo Award on May 27, 2005 at the National BSA Meeting in Dallas, Texas. Doc is only the ninth recipient from the state of Virginia to receive the Silver Buffalo Award since its inception. Long active with Scouting, Doc joined the OA in 1957 and has remained a member of the Order ever since.

I sat down with Doc and

asked him to reflect on his life and Scouting career. Doc has much enthusiasm for Scouting and shows no signs of slowing down even after being recognized with such a distinguished honor.



Dr. Richards Miller (r) reflects on his Scouting experiences with Justin Swisher (l)

Q: *How has Shenandoah Lodge changed over the years?*

A: The Lodge has changed a lot. I have watched it mature and grow. At Conclaves, most of the other Lodges were larger than Shenandoah, but we tended to hold our own. I was proud to be a member of Shenandoah Lodge.

Q: *What is the most important aspect of the OA?*

A: Youth leadership. Adults fill in the gaps, but our youth get out and are able to be the leaders. My philosophy is no matter what position I had in Scouting, it's not where you serve, but how you serve that's really important.

Q: *What is one of the most important things the OA does for the Council?*

A: Help maintain and protect Camp Shenandoah. One of the most important things that the OA does is to promote summer camp.

Q: *You served SJAC and the Lodge in many capacities over the years including Scoutmaster, Council President, Council Commissioner, OA Lodge Adviser, and OA Section Adviser. How did your roots here prepare you for the National scene?*

A: One success breeds another success. Learning how to work with other people, working with groups, working with young people and adults...all this comes into play. In a Boy Scout Troop, too often, the adults make the decisions, then leave the boy leaders to carry decisions out. In the OA, the Scouts make the decisions and the adults support their decisions and help to carry them out.

Q: *Can you explain your duties as National Outdoor Venture Committee Chair?*

A: I have served on this committee since its beginning in 1998. I was selected as one of three volunteers who wrote and developed the Venturing Program, its Ranger Award, and developing the adult training course, Powderhorn. Newer courses being developed include: Kodiak (situational leadership) and Flintlock (specialized in-depth skill training).

Q: *Your role as co-founder of the Venturing Program influences nearly 300,000 youth members. How was Venturing developed and what was your vision of how Venturing would be?*

A: We were asked to revamp the Exploring program because it was not appealing any more. The Boy Scouts realized Outdoor Exploring was a valuable program in itself and was sectioned off and Venturing was born. Really what we were thinking about is changing Exploring, not creating a whole division of the BSA. The first time we had a meeting to discuss what we wanted to do with Venturing, I drew a box and said... 'This is the Scouting box, let's get out of it and we have been working on Venturing out of the box ever since.'

Q: *What was one of your most unique Scouting memories?*

A: I was chosen as one of the people to be posted at different places during John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address. JFK wanted to be a President of the people and surrounded himself with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. I also escorted JFK and his wife during the Inaugural Ball. We then spent the rest of the night picking up little old ladies who had fallen over and took them to first aid.

Q: *How does it make you feel to know you have impacted so many young people as part of Venturing?*

A: It never really hit me until they started introducing me as the Co-Founder of Venturing.

The only reason we were the Co-Founders of Venturing is because we were in the right place at the right time. It was an accident. I did not plan it. They did not plan it. It was one of those things that happened all of a sudden.

Q: *What are your future plans of service to Scouting?*

A: I will continue on the National Level and eventually that has to come to an end. There are too many people who think they will be on top of the mountain forever. If you have to walk up one side, you have to walk down the other. One day I will have to walk down the other side. I will be just as happy going out to Camp Shenandoah or helping wherever they need me to.

Q: *Do you have any words of wisdom for Shenandoah Lodge?*

A: If there is anything you can dream, it can happen. I have tried to remember this and I try to show it to those I work with in Scouting. I am just a normal person, but I have been honored with several awards. I like to wear some of this different Scouting stuff to show everyone that you, too, can be recognized. Especially to the youth of our lodge need to know that there are plenty of opportunities out there, even beyond the rank of Eagle Scout. For the adults, I think you just have to love the program and have a lot of fun with it. In Scouting and in life, if you make a plan, you follow it and you will end up where you needed to be. My pattern for success is this program.

Have you been an Ordeal member for more than ten months? Then you should ...

SEAL THE DEAL

Earn your Brotherhood and seal your membership in the Order. Opportunities are available both during summer camp and at the August Inductions. Make the commitment today to become a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow. "Let us wait no longer before we begin our journey."



CHAPTER REPORTS

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Just an update for what we have done, we successfully completed 100% CP/UE again for the third year in a row. We will now begin towards recruiting people to get their Brotherhood and Ordeal. I hope to see you all at one of our chapter meetings sometime.

- Christopher , Chapter Chief

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NO REPORT SUBMITTED
Attend your chapter meeting.

Nagatamen

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The Nagatamen chapter has been very busy this month. Thanks goes out to all the CP/UE teams that helped this year. For the May meeting, we had a cook out to celebrate the end of CP/UE and another good year. In June, we went over the Brotherhood requirements for candidates and this meeting was very important to anyone who plans to go for Brotherhood. Our next meeting will be in August.

- Tommy , Chapter Chief

Saponi

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Saponi Chapter has been making its presence known both in its own district and within the Lodge and Section. We recently served lunch at the Cub Scout Monticello District Gold Rush. We served hot dogs, candy, and beverages, making a profit of \$50.00 for the Chapter. We have also made an impact on the Lodge, with our very own Debbie Overton making 36 Robin Hood hats for our Merry Men. Credit goes out to her fingers for the donation. Saponi Chapter is looking forward to making bigger and better impacts on the Lodge as time goes on.

- Dan , Chapter Chief



Lodge Adviser's Minute



MIKE WHITE
Lodge Adviser

Dear Brothers,
History has been made in the Stonewall Jackson Area Council. On May 27, 2005, Dr. Richards Miller became only the second

Scouter from our Council to receive the Silver Buffalo Award. I have had the pleasure of working with Doc Miller since my days as a youth member of this lodge and there is no one who is more deserving of this recognition. Doc brings an energy and enthusiasm to the Scouting program that few can match and his vision of what can be accomplished in Scouting knows no limits. Doc is a strong believer in the power of youth leadership as demonstrated by his successful tenures as Lodge and Section Adviser. An inspiration to all who have work with him, Doc's contributions to the Scouting movement over the years have been incalculable. Doc is my Scouting hero and I think that we should all strive to follow in his footsteps. Congratulations Doc and thank you for your service to the Boy Scouts of America!

The lodge has experienced a string of successes in recent months. From retaining the Con-

clave Spirit Award to the excellent Cub program at the Council Camporee to the CP/UE threepeat, Shenandoah Lodge has truly delivered the Order of the Arrow program to the Stonewall Jackson Area Council. Congratulations to your Lodge officers for their outstanding efforts in all of the Lodge's recent successes.

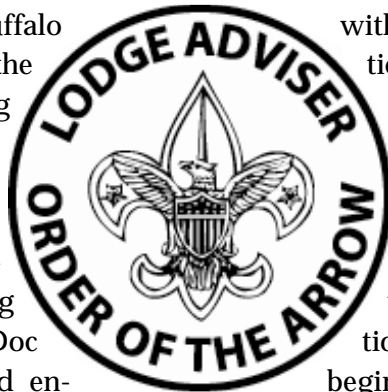
The coming months are filled with many opportunities for all Arrowmen - youth and adult alike - to become a more vital part of our organization. Be sure to attend the August Inductions where we will begin a new lodge year.

All youth members should consider running for a lodge or chapter office at this event. Likewise, all adults who are interested in being more involved are encouraged to discuss with me ways they can better serve the Order of the Arrow. Always remember that "...membership in our Order is given, not only for what you have done, but for what you are expected to do in the future..."

Yours in Brotherhood,

Mike White

Mike White
Lodge Adviser



Arrow Line

60 Years of Service Booklets:

The Lodge produced a history booklet about Shenandoah Lodge since its beginning and distributed these booklets at the Winter Banquet. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, contact Mike White at MFW001@aol.com or by phone at (434) 974-6904.

Glen Robinson remembered:

Shenandoah Lodge recognized Glen Robinson with a memorial gift to the Stonewall Jackson Area Council. The gift was in the amount of \$500 to honor Glen's many years of service to the youth of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council and Shenandoah Lodge.

90th Anniversary trip planned:

Nineteen Arrowmen from Shenandoah Lodge are planning to attend Unami Lodge's celebration of the Order's 90th anniversary on July 16.

Dr. Richards M. Miller honored:

The Waynesboro LDS Church and the Stonewall Jackson Area Council hosted a reception on July 1 honoring Doc Miller service to Scouting in light of his recent receipt of the Silver Buffalo Award.

2005 National Jamboree Flap:

The lodge issued a flap for the 2005 National Scout Jamboree. Cost is \$5 and the flap may be purchased at lodge events while supplies last.



ONE DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, November 5, 2005

hosted by Nagatamen Chapter

The Southern Region's One Day of Service program was started in 1996 to better meet the goals of the Order's new strategic vision. One Day is an opportunity for every lodge in the region to do meaningful service in their communities all on one day. One Day is a terrific opportunity to get involved, make a significant contribution to the community, and have fun with your fellow brothers!

More details available soon!

**Mark your calendars.
Hope to see you there!**