

DUCK CALLS

Wahunsenakah Lodge #333

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Winter Ordeal is a Success!

The first Ordeal of the lodge for 1998 was held at Camp Chickahominy, February 27-March 1, 1998. One of the most important notes to make is the fact that there were nearly 100 candidates at this ordeal, the largest number of candidates in lodge history. However, with much work done by Brothers, the weekend was a success even with such a large numbers of candidates. The food during the weekend was excellent, as usual, and a big thanks to the cooking crew is deserved. The patch auction on Saturday night after the cracker barrel raised money for lodge campership projects. A video was also shown about the 1999 World Jamboree during the Cracker Barrel.

The Service Committee reported that a great deal of service work was completed at the Winter Ordeal. One of the major projects completed this weekend was the work done to the roads, especially the work done to the main road coming into camp. Drivers going into and out of camp can certainly benefit from this project.

In the last issue of "Duck Calls", four proposed changes to the Lodge bylaws that had been suggested were printed. These were voted upon by the youth lodge members in attendance at the ordeal on Saturday. All of the changes were passed with the exception of the third change, which was defeated. This motion stated that "temporary" lodge flaps had to be removed from a uniform by 14 days after the conclusion of the event.

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Letter from the Editor

The Winter Ordeal turned out great. It was attended by 206 members and 92 candidates. There were 28 new Brotherhood members as well. The service work completed was excellent. Conclave is just around the corner, and it sounds like our lodge is ready to go. We have eighty members signed up to meet up with Arrowmen from all over the state during the last weekend in April. Our Spring Ordeal is next month as well, and many brothers will be running for offices during the election at the Ordeal. With all of these positive things happening, it sounds like there is little room for improvement. However, our lodge always has much work that needs to be done. Last Winter Ordeal (1997), we welcomed 66 new members into the lodge. Only 19, or about 29%, came back this year to make Brotherhood. Many brothers aren't even bothering to pay their dues each year. These are things that need to be improved. It takes hard work from all of us, but it can be done.

In the WWW,

David Edmonson

<p>NEW BROTHERHOOD FIRERING</p>
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Something new could be seen at the Winter Ordeal that had never been seen at any other Ordeal in Lodge History. Two ceremonies were going on at the same time Saturday night. The new "Brotherhood" firering was built by members of the Ceremonies team during the past several ordeals by giving much service work. Benches had to be made and put up, the ring had to be cleared out of brush, leaves, and logs, stumps had to be removed, and the path into the ring had to be cleared out. Also, this new firering has a firering that is built on top of a platform of dirt surrounded by logs, which elevates the fire off of the ground. So, even when the fire dies down, it can still be seen easier. The new firering had the Brotherhood ceremony on Saturday during the Ordeal, while the three Ordeal ceremonies went on at the existing ring. This system also allowed Brotherhood and Vigil members to attend the Brotherhood ceremony first and could still see an Ordeal ceremony. This new system of having two ceremonies at the same time will be used from now on because of the larger number of candidates at ordeals. This system also allows the Cracker Barrel to start about 45 minutes to an hour earlier. If you couldn't come to see the new ring at the Winter Ordeal, come out to the Spring Ordeal to see the ring and the ceremonies.

Lodge Advisor's Corner

Spring is here and with it comes a number of activities and events that we should all keep in mind. Conclave in April, where Arrowmen from across the state meet to share ideas and learn more about the order, and more importantly our spring ordeal. The spring ordeal is very important to the lodge, not just because of the number of new brothers who will be joining our circle, or the number of brothers that will seal their membership by obtaining Brotherhood, but because, it is at the Spring Ordeal in May that the Lodge and Chapters elect the new officers who will provide leadership for the coming year. It is to this event that I'd like to share some thoughts.

Can a leader truly lead if they aren't present? Can one provide leadership without setting the example? Can a leader be effective if all they think about is their own wants and desires? The answer to these questions is NO. Any Arrowman that wishes to serve his chapter or lodge as a leader must make the commitment to attend all chapter and lodge functions, they must set the example for others to follow, and they must continually think of the welfare, wishes and desires of the brothers in their chapter and lodge when making those tough decisions. I encourage any Arrowman who wishes to provide leadership to strongly consider their own answers to these questions, and run for an office. Remember, "Those who chose you need you".

Plan to attend the
Lodge Beaver Day
Saturday, May 2, 1998
9:00 -- 3:00
Lodge will provide lunch

Wicomico Chapter

We have had 4 elections and have had 11 elected since the last Executive Board meeting. Our meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at Yorkminister Presbyterian Church.

Pamunkey Chapter

We have held 12 elections so far in 1998, which is about one-third of the total elections. We also held a call-out ceremony at the District First Aid Meet in March. Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at Eaton Middle School at 6:30 PM.

CONCLAVE 1998: A BEGINNING FOR SR-7A

Wahunsenakah is sending about eighty delegates to the first SR-7A Conclave, at Camp Powhatan, April 24-26, 1998. Tutelo Lodge 161 has spent a year making plans for the first conclave of this new section. SR-7A is made up of the six lodges in Virginia and was brought about by a sectional realignment plan in the Southern Region. Conclave delegates are planning to spend two days participating in the quest events, fellowship, training, and, of course, patch trading. There will also be, as usual, competition among the lodges in newsletter, "Where to Go Camping" guides, and Ceremonies teams.

In honor of the 1998 Conclave, Wahunsenakah issued a special flap that delegates could buy to trade at the conclave. This patch was designed by Jonathan M. Duey. Jonathan was presented with one of these patches at the April Lodge Executive Committee Meeting. Lodge brothers are pleased asked to turn in designs for patches of any event for possible use. If no designs are turned in, then old designs from previous patches have to be used, which many members complain about. So, keep designs coming in! Patch designs are now needed for the Christmas Banquet, and may be turned in to any member of the Lodge Executive Committee.

WAHUNSENAKAH SPRING ORDEAL

Wahunsenakah Lodge is making plans for its third annual Spring Ordeal Weekend. Our Winter Ordeal turned out great, and with good leadership and lots of service, so will the Spring. We can only guess that the numbers of candidates will remain in high numbers during this weekend, so a high number of members will be needed to run the ordeal.

One of the main purposes of our organization is to promote camping in the council. This can be done by helping to maintain the council's camping facility. Camp Chickahominy still has much work to be completed before it can open for Summer Camp in June. Some of this will be completed at the Spring Ordeal. Members need to come out and give some Cheerful Service!

Finally, May means elections for Chapter and Lodge officers. The officers and leaders running this lodge into next year will be elected at this ordeal, so youth members are greatly encouraged to come out to the ordeal and vote.



Wahunsenakah Lodge #333 Vigil Honor Nomination

Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout Camp. Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Please provide the requested information in as much detail as possible to aid the Vigil Selection Committee in making a determination of who they will recommend to the National Director, Order of the Arrow.

1. Name: _____ 2. Date of Birth: _____
3. Ordeal Date: _____ 4. Brotherhood Date: _____
5. Current Registered Scouting Position (include unit & district) : _____
6. Order of the Arrow positions held: _____

7. Other Scouting Positions Held: _____

8. Awards Received: _____
9. Qualifications: _____

10. Other Service _____

11. Nominated By, Date, & Phone # _____

Instructions for Vigil Honor Nomination Form

1. Provide nominee's name.
2. List nominees' date of birth (if known)
3. List Ordeal date (if known)
4. List Brotherhood date (if known). Nominees must have received Brotherhood at least two years prior to August 30 of the nomination year (i.e. the 1998 nominee must have received Brotherhood no later than August 30, 1996).
5. Give the nominee's current primary registered Scouting position.
6. List all OA positions which the individual has held or currently holds, (i.e. Chapter/Lodge Officer, Chapter Committee Chairman or Associate Chairman, Chapter/Lodge Adviser or Associate Adviser, etc.). If no positions were held, leave blank. Chapter/Lodge positions are not mandatory for Vigil Honor selection.
7. List all other Scouting positions previously held or currently holding excluding the positions listed in (5) and (6) above.
8. List all Scouting awards received (i.e. Eagle Scout, District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, Wood Badge beads, etc.)
9. Thoroughly list the qualifications of the nominee to receive the Vigil Honor as outlined in the OA Handbook. Primary attention should be given to the Lodge, Chapter, Unit, and membership. Use extra paper if necessary.
10. List any other service that should be considered in evaluating the nominee (non-Scouting related).
11. List your phone number, the current date, and sign the nomination form.
12. Mail to : Herb Smith
Lodge Adviser
340 54th St.
Newport News, Va. 23607-2008



Wahunsenakah Lodge #333 Founders Award Nomination



The Founders' Award was created in 1981 to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates that they memorialize, in their daily lives, the spirit of achievement exemplified by the founders E. Urner Goodman and Carrol A. Edson. In the spaces below please provide as much detailed information as possible about the arrowman that you are nominating to be recognized.

Nominees' Name: _____ Age: _____

Address.....: _____ Honor.: _____
(Ord, Brhd, Vigil)

City.....: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Ordeal Date: _____ Brotherhood Date: _____ Vigil Honor Date: _____

I feel that this candidate memorializes, in their everyday life, the spirit of achievement as revealed to us by the Order's founders by:

Recommended by: _____
(Please Print)

(Signature and Date)

WAHUNSENAKAH LODGE CALENDAR

April 24-26	Conclave at Camp Powhatan
May 15-17	Spring Ordeal and Lodge Elections
May 16	NOAC Payment #4 Due
June 14	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting, 5 PM, Newport News Scout Office
June 20	NOAC Payment #5 Due
July 18	NOAC Final Payment Due
August 2-6	NOAC at Iowa State University, Ames, IA
August 9	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting, 5 PM, Newport News Scout Office
August 21-23	Summer Ordeal

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