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Old Man Winter Puts The Freeze On Camp Water Tower Freezes Solid, Pipes Burst, Branches and Trees Fall

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Ordeal Projects Will Help Clean & Repair Camp

This past winter has been hard on the Robert E. Lee Council Scout Reservation. The snow and ice have brought down many branches and trees across the property, and the prolonged and extreme cold temperatures have contributed to several water pipes bursting. In fact, the main water storage tower for the Reservation (photo left) froze solid for the first time in many years. The frozen water tower meant that there was no water for most of the property until a high-powered heater was brought in to defrost the lower portion of the tank.

As with any Spring Ordeal, the main focus of the work projects will be to get the Reservation ready for the spring and summer camping seasons. This year, the need for members to attend is great. Not only will the usual number of people be needed to clean the campsites and

buildings, repair broken pipes, and perform general maintenance around the property, but more people will be required to continue the current construction projects that must be finished this spring.

Some of the additional projects that members will be working on include finishing the construction of and landscaping around the Streagle's new home, the construction of the new Boy Scout Camp Staff Lodge (lounge, showers, flush toilets, electricity), and the reconstruction of over 60 tables and 240 benches for the Dining Hall at Camp T. Brady Saunders.

With all of the work that needs to be done, we need every Arrowman that can attend the Ordeal to do so. As an added incentive, Scout Executive Alf Tuggle has

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Chief's Bonnet

My Fellow Arrowmen,

I hope everybody had a relaxing and enjoyable break, but now its back to work. This year's lodge calendar is going to be very enjoyable and should offer the lodge a number of great opportunities. Besides the Spring and Summer Ordeal, the 2003 SR7A Conclave is fast approaching. This will be one of the last events ever held at Camp Chickahominy so I urge you to come out and say goodbye to this wonderful camp.

A variety of new programs have been introduced this year that are sure to be out of this world. Philbreak gives arrowmen aging from 18-23 an opportunity to spend a week out at Philmont in the spring to help out with conservation work that needs to be done due to the recent wild fires. Indian Summer will be a huge showcase and workshop for anybody who is interested in Native American Dancing. Jumpstart, a new web site introduced by national, is an invaluable resource for all Arrowmen. Click on the link on our lodge website and take a look at this amazing program.

Time for the camp staff plug. Any of you guys looking for a summer job? Well we have openings. Head over to the council office or talk to Bill Givler at the next ordeal. We are looking for some good staffers at both Camp T. Brady Saunders and the Cub & Webelos Adventure Camp. As a staffer, I can tell you that it truly is a great experience and a lot of fun.



I hope too see you all at the Spring Ordeal in March. To end this bonnet, I choose to quote Bob Seger's "Like a Rock" (Yes, its the Chevy song).

"My hands were steady, My eyes were clear and bright,
My walk had purpose, My steps were quick and light,
And I held firmly, To what I felt was right, Like a rock"

Yours in WWW,
Christopher M. Leech

Adviser's Minute



Brethren,

The Spring Ordeal is the place to be active in The Order. See old friends, make new friends, celebrate our life together as Arrowmen giving cheerful service to our camp. There are many opportunities for us to become part of the fantastic growth of our camp and its programs. Our good times at camp help build those memories that help us on those rainy days.

Have you recruited a Brotherhood candidate for this Ordeal? We need 50 and you can insure that we reach that goal by helping all your ordeal member friends seal their membership in The Order. If you are an Ordeal member with ten or more month's service you should become a Brother Candidate and seal your membership in The Order. It is a very impressive ceremony, all of the requirements are listed in your OA handbook [page 50] and your Brethren will help you. Remember that it is not another ordeal.



In W.W.W.,
Mack Ruffin

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Carillon Service Project: A Huge Success

Every year Nawakwa has its annual service project at the nativity scene performed at the Carillon, in Byrd Park. This year's projects was a huge success. The lodge had its best turn out in a long time with over 30 arrowmen attending. For the first time, there was actually a person for every job that was needed, plus some spares.

At the Carillon, the Lodge's main goal is to hold up and switch large pieces of scenery that are used as the backdrop for the different scenes of the nativity. Other arrowmen are responsible for stacking the used scenery down in front of the stage in between scenes. Even others are responsible for handing out flyers or acting as crowd control.

Now don't think that this is all work and no play. The Carillon is always a lot of fun. It's a good time to catch up with fellow arrowmen and see how their holidays are going. A new tradition that has recently started is a trip to Krispy Kreme doughnuts after the 2nd night so everybody can kick back, relax, and get loaded up on sugar.

If you have never attended a Carillon Service project before, you are missing out on a very fun event. It's a great opportunity to give back to our community, and at the same time, have some fun. Mark December 22nd and 23rd on your calendars now so you can make it to the next one; you won't be sorry. 🦋

*Chris Leech
Lodge Chief*



Brotherhood Conversion A Top Priority at March Ordeal

This March, the Lodge really needs your help at our Spring Ordeal. Brotherhood conversion is a very important statistic, and it is a good indicator of the health of our lodge. The higher our conversion percentage, the more active we are, thus the healthy Nawakwa Lodge #3 is. Brotherhood is an important thing for all members, it brings forth a deeper understanding of the Ordeal.

I feel that it is our duty to our lodge as its members to insure that a high Brotherhood conversion percentage is kept. It is the duty of all of the members of the Lodge, not just the ordeal members. I ask all of you, what can you do for the lodge? How can you help us raise our percentage? Members, it only takes a small effort to encourage others to seal their membership. If you know someone inactive or idle in the Lodge please ask him to consider becoming a Brotherhood member.

It is not a difficult task to become a Brotherhood member. Only the five

requirements and the commitment of a Saturday are necessary. It is not an ordeal...normal food will be eaten! The trials of Brotherhood are all personal—learning the Admonition, Obligation, and Song; continued service; and a furthered understanding of the Ordeal and its ceremonies.

If you find you need help on your inner quest, there is now a new resource made just for you. The new national Order of the Arrow Jumpstart program is available online at www.jumpstart.aa-bsa.org. It is a real help for all of your difficult questions about the Order that are not answered in your Handbook.

Recall that the Ordeal ceremony is concluded with the recitation of the Obligation. I ask you to think, "Am I fulfilling my obligation, what am I doing for my lodge, what am I doing for my brothers?" 🦋

*Jason Easter
Brotherhood Committee Chairman*

"The New" Manacon 60

Manacon Chapter is the home chapter of the Weyanoke District. If you are a member of this Chapter/District it is something to be proud of. The Manacon Chapter is in the stages of new life. We are going to be electing new Chapter officers in the near future, so check with your Scoutmaster to see if he/she has heard anything.

Also Manacon 60 is in need of any members who have been an Ordeal Member for ten months or more and have yet to seal their bonds in the Order through Brotherhood Membership. Please do because it is a great way to learn more

about the Order. The Spring or Summer Ordeal is a great time.

Mark you calendars! There is a great service project planned to benefit our younger Scouting brothers—Cub Scouts. The project is to give assistance on Saturday June 7, 2003 at the Cub Scout Rodeo. If you have any questions about this event or are interested in participating in this opportunity for cheerful service, please contact Jud Shows, Event Chair, at (434) xxx-xxxx. 🦋

*Tom Smith
Chapter 60 Member*

Off-Season Service Projects Report

Many of the adult members (and a few youth members) of the Lodge have been active in numerous off-season projects to assist with the Scout Reservation or with Council projects.

One of the most obvious projects is the demolition of Tim and Karen Streagle's old house and the construction of its replacement. This beautiful home is located just south of the Cub Dining Hall and is nearing completion thanks to the work of many Lodge and Council volunteers (photo on page 5).

Another project involved cooking for the Fall 2002 Woodbabe For The Twenty-First Century training course and for the February 2003 SR-7A Section Leadership Conference, both held at the Reservation.



Numerous bench tops are stacked next to the prototypes for the new benches and tables.

Bob "Razz" Rasmussen headed up the kitchen crews, and his staff's cooking skills



Mike Oxford and Bob Rasmussen use the camp's shop to cut tops for the new benches.

were highly praised.

In further evidence that Razz can work outside of the Camp Administration Building, he has been assisting numerous other adult Arrowmen with the rebuilding of the tables and chairs from the Boy Scout Dining Hall. Mike Oxford is the chairman of this group, and under his leadership over 60 tables and 240 benches will be rebuilt for summer camp.

Numerous other smaller projects have been completed or will be completed before the opening of summer camp. It is with the cheerful service of these Arrowmen and other Council volunteers that the Reservation can maintain its high level of quality for the Cubs, Scouts, Leaders, and other members of the Robert E. Lee Council.

W. Scott Street, IV
Publications Adviser

Ruffin Receives Mason Award: First In Virginia

Lodge Adviser Mack Ruffin is the recent recipient of the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award. His award, which consists of a certificate, medallion, and knot patch, is the first to be presented in Virginia. This selective award—approved by both the Boy Scouts of America and the Grand Lodges of Masons in the United States—may be awarded to Master Masons who are registered Scouters and have displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting program are eligible for the award.



The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is appropriately named in honor of one of the founders of the Boy Scouting Movement worldwide. It was Beard's "The Boy Pioneers" program which Lord Robert Baden-Powell used as a basis for his "Boy Scouts." Beard was a Master Mason in New York City and in Flushing, N.Y. who exemplified the Masonic ideals throughout the Scouting program.

from a report by
William McKim



OA Troop/Team Reps In Short Supply: Can You Help?

Does your troop or team have an OA Representative? If not, it should. Perhaps you would like to fill this valuable youth leadership position.

An OA Representative is a youth liaison serving between the Lodge or Chapter and his unit. He will be a communication and programmatic link not only to the Arrowmen of his unit but also to the Scouts and adult leaders who are not presently members of the Order. He shall do this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the Lodge and purpose of the Order. By setting a good example, he enhances the image of the Order as a service arm to his unit.

If you are interested, please speak with your Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader. Leaders may contact Matthew Beach (xxx-xxxx) or Stuart Dunn (xxx-xxxx) for more details.

WANT TO BE ON THE TOM-TOM STAFF?

The *Tom-Tom* is restructuring. If you would like to work with the *Tom-Tom*, please attend the meeting on Saturday Morning at the Ordeal. Location and time will be announced at registration in the Camp Administration Building. If you cannot attend but want to help out, send an email message to TheTom-Tom@Nawakwa.org.

Rangers Make Plans For Spring Ordeal

Greetings to all OA Members!

We are gearing up for the Spring Ordeal March 8-10 and once again need your help. We have projects in both camps. Among other work we will need people with trucks (as always), people with hammers and other woodworking tools (bring your tool belt), and there will be a need for chain saws to cut trees.

When you arrive and sign in, see Arrowmen Jeff Wilson and Chris Corcoran at the Admin Building for a specific work assignment. This helps assure we cover all of the jobs with sufficient tools and manpower. John Hankins will still talk to everyone at breakfast, but we won't waste manpower if people line up jobs Friday night. See you at the Ordeal.

Yours in Service,
Tim Streagle, Camp Ranger
John Hankins, Superintendant



After the Ordeal, the site of the former staff latrine should begin to look less like a pile of gravel and more like the new Staff Lodge.



The Streagle's home should be completed in March.

Spring Ordeal Work List

1. Continue building new benches and tables for BSA Dining Hall
2. Work on new Staff Lounge complex
3. Spring cleaning for all hard-sided structures
4. Begin turning on all water systems
5. Continue removal of dead & dangerous trees
6. Rake leaves away from all buildings
7. Work on **ALL** vehicles prior to heavy use
8. Start building additional camper tent platforms at Cub Camp
9. Apply final touches to Ranger Streagle's new house and landscaping
10. Start framing for the new shower wing on the Staff Latrine in Cub Camp

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approved the use of the Dining Hall at the Cub & Webelos Adventure Camp for the weekend. For those who are not familiar with the Adventure Camp Dining Hall, this building is heated (yes...heated!), utilizes chairs with backs instead of benches, has clean bathrooms, and there is plenty of parking in the large lot by the activity shelter located just out front.

Given the work and incentives, each Nawakwa Lodge member should plan to attend this first function of the year. With everyone's help and participation, this year's Spring Ordeal could be the biggest and best one yet.

*W. Scott Street, IV
Publications Adviser*

Internet Resources

Lodge Web Page:

<http://www.nawakwa.org/>

This is the official Nawakwa Lodge Web site.

Lodge egroup:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Nawakwa3/>

This is a communications group for Nawakwa. All Nawakwa Arrowmen should join.

Camp Staff Alumni egroup:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CTBSAlumni/>

This is a communications group for former Camp T. Brady Saunders staffers. All Camp Staff alumni are strongly encouraged to join. Information on the upcoming Camp Staff Alumni Reunion (June 13) will be posted here.

Sons of Uncas

By Randy VanNess



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March 7-9 Spring Ordeal
Camp T. Brady Saunders

April 25-27 SR-7A Conclave
Camp Chickahominy

May 30-June 1 Summer Ordeal
Camp T. Brady Saunders
Lodge Officer Elections & Lodge Officer Training Conference

Handbook Insert 2002-2003 Corrections/Additions

The correct zip code for the Robert E. Lee Council Service Center should be 23230. *(Page 1)*

Chapter #3 Advisor Glen Slonneger's home telephone number should be xxx-xxxx. *(Page 3)*

Brotherhood Adviser Steve Billcheck's email address is now xxxxxx@attbi.com. *(Page 3)*

The new OA Troop/Team Representative Committee Chairman is Matthew R. Beach. His address is xxxx xxxxxxx xxx, Glen Allen, VA 23060. His telephone number is xxx-xxxx. Email information is currently unavailable. *(Page 4)*

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