



THE TOM-TOM

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Nawakwa 85th Anniversary 1919-2004



Staff Photographer

Brandon Hawkins and A.J. Konrad pose with the "Virgin Mary" at the Carillon.

CARILLON SERVICE PROJECT

December 22 and 23 at The Carillon at Byrd Park in Richmond

The night was as grim as death himself, and the air possessed a stillness comparable to the stagnant waters found at last year's conclave. Alone in the darkness stood a tower of immeasurable height, waiting to be conquered by only the bravest souls, and yet none would dare. Suddenly with a whoosh and a flash, 30 or so Arrowmen sporting some very stylish uniforms descended upon the scene and went to work. The wind roared in protest as these brave men carried monolithic scenery flats up several million stairs (only an estimate). Finally, at the top of the structure, these incredible Scouts stood in silent defiance of the mighty darkness as they held firm the backdrops of this year's live nativity scene at the Carillon. This was only the dress rehearsal...

This year's annual service project was a huge success with

Arrowmen from as far away as Chapter 60 helping out at the nativity on the 22nd and 23rd of December last year. Assisting in the transportation of scenery and other stage equipment, Scouters lent a much-needed hand to the crew already working the event. Some of the highlights of the project included Brandon Hawkins and myself working the security desk in the tower and Matt Nixon bringing his sister to the Krispy Kreme after a hard night's labor. G.W. Zuban could not be reached for comment as he is in some foreign land across the pond.

All in attendance had fun, and I encourage you to join the fun and participate this coming December. You might even get to meet the Virgin Mary or have a Krispy Kreme doughnut with Richard Brett. 🐼

*A.J. Konrad
Editor-in-Chief*

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Chief's Bonnet

My Fellow Arrowmen,

With the New Year finally upon us, we can all begin to look forward to an exciting year filled with new and interesting opportunities in the Order. The upcoming Winter Ordeal fills many in the Lodge with grand anticipation of our members returning and sealing their membership. It must be strongly emphasized that all those who have been members in the order for at least 10 months return to seal their membership by attaining BROTHERHOOD.

In addition, the Conclave is swiftly approaching. At the last Executive Committee Meeting it was Harrison H. Hankins (TRIPLE H to his friends) who said that we ARE going to WIN the spirit award; however, he needs all of your help by getting your forms sent in on time, coming out, and supporting the Lodge in a positive manner.

NOAC is also swiftly approaching. It is an excellent chance for young and old Arrowmen alike to see the Order as a benevolent organization promoting cheerful service and fun in a scale grander than anything seen in the Section.

I hope to see all of you at the next ordeal to work hard and beautify our beloved Camp T. Brady Saunders, and for those eligible to come out and attain your BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP.

Yours in the Order,
Kyle Konrad

p.s., ATTAIN YOUR BROTHERHOOD, PLEASE!



Adviser's Minute



Brethren,

Are you a member of Nawakwa Lodge IN GOOD STANDING? If you do not know the correct answer to that question please check your address label on the front of this *Tom-Tom*. If



the date above your name is 2003 or earlier your dues are past due and you are not in good standing in your Lodge. Dues are due January 1st of each year. Your dues cover the basic operating cost of your Lodge. We are now

experiencing a cash flow problem because dues have not been paid. If you do not have a 2004 dues card please PAY YOUR DUES NOW!

The Winter Ordeal (March 19-21) is a great event that you will want to make sure you attend. Brotherhood conversion is always a challenge, and our goal for this weekend is 45 Brotherhood Candidates. We need to encourage all Ordeal Members with ten months or more service to seal their membership by becoming a Brotherhood Member.

Remember it is not another ordeal, but rather a chance to learn about the Order and to dedicate oneself to a lifetime of cheerful service. So, if you are one of the 422 members who have paid 2003 or later dues and completed their Ordeal before June 2003, we expect to see you at the Ordeal to continue your journey in the Brotherhood. Furthermore, if you know of someone who isn't a member in good standing but is eligible for Brotherhood, please ask that person to pay dues now and register to obtain Brotherhood this March.

In W.W.W.,
Mack Ruffin

Wood Badge: April 16-18, May 1-3



A course focusing on LEADERSHIP, not outdoor skills, Wood Badge for the 21st Century is designed for ALL Scouting leaders: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing. Six days in duration, the course is a multifaceted presentation of leadership skills, organizational tools and participatory activities based on the best of Scouting traditions and the latest in team-development theory. In addition, participants will enjoy the fellowship of learning alongside many other volunteers and have a great deal of fun.

The course will be conducted at the Cub Adventure Camp on the first weekend and at Camp T. Brady Saunders on the second weekend. Course enrollment is limited to 48 participants, and the selection of those participants has already begun. So, if you have completed the basic and outdoor skills training programs appropriate to your Scouting position, then seriously consider Wood Badge training this year. For more information, please contact Stuart Dunn 804-xxx-xxxx or the council service center 804-355-4306.

Handbook Insert Corrections

Website Committee: The new chairman is Brooks Child. His email address is xxxxxxxxxxxx@hotmail.com. His mailing address is xxxx xxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx; Glen Allen, VA 23060 with phone number 804-xxx-xxxx.

Website Committee: The new adviser is R.D. "Donnie" Gladfelter, III. His email address is xxxxx@dgladfelter.com. His mailing address is xx xxxxxxxxxxxx; Richmond, VA 23228 with home phone number 804-xxx-xxxx and work phone number 804-xxx-xxxx.

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NOAC 2004

Reservation Deadline Feb. 25th

The National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held at the campus of Iowa State University from July 31 through August 5, 2004.

NOAC is an event two years in the making (it usually occurs every two years), and it is an awesome event for those who attend.

If you would like to join the Nawakwa Lodge delegation to NOAC and participate in training and fellowship with Arrowmen from all across the nation, then please send a letter of interest containing your name, birth date, unit number, and a \$150 deposit (checks made out to "OA/BSA") to: Nawakwa Lodge NOAC; Heart of Virginia Council; 4015 Fitzhugh Ave.; Richmond, VA 23230-3921. Those who submit the deposit will receive further information about travel, fees, etc.

We Need Cameras!

The *Tom-Tom* is in dire need of digital cameras. If you or someone you know has a digital camera that could be donated to the Lodge, please send the camera to the Council Office (Attn: *Tom-Tom* Adviser).

The digital camera that we've been borrowing is now unavailable to us, so without immediate help, there will be significantly less photos in the *Tom-Tom* for a while.

Please help us if you can!

Tom-Tom – A Pictorial History by Randy VanNess

Being as this year marks the 85th anniversary of our great lodge, the Tom-Tom has decided to run a series of articles telling what the lodge was like, "back in the day." To continue this series, we selected the following cartoon submitted by Lodge Cartoonist Randy VanNess in 1991. We encourage those of you who have grown up in the Order to submit your memories to be published so that we can share our stories with the youth. Please send your submissions to our email address: TheTom-Tom@Nawakwa.org. –A.J. Konrad, Editor



THE FIRST TOM-TOM, FORTY YEARS AGO, WAS HAND TYPED ON A MANUAL TYPE WRITER AND MIMEO-GRAPHED FOR COPIES! IT WAS HARD WORK...



TWENTY YEARS LATER, THEY WERE USING ELECTRIC TYPE WRITERS AND TYPE-SETTING HEADLINES ...

PHOTO COPIES WERE MADE, AND THE TOM-TOM WENT OUT!



TODAY, COMPUTERS DO EVERYTHING. FROM HEADLINES TO GRAPHICS, AND THE TOM-TOM IS PROFESSIONALLY PRINTED!



Chapter News

Pamunkey 7

Once again, Pamunkey Chapter 7 has played a pivotal role in completing the Carillon Service Project. We had a great showing, and all members in attendance had a great time in continuing the tradition of going out to eat afterwards. Remember for next year, "Arby's the first night, Krispy Kreme the second night".

With regard to more pressing issues, the Chapter meets at Epiphany Lutheran Church on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30. This is the same time and place as the Boy Scout Leader Roundtable, so you should ask your Scoutmaster about who you should contact about getting a ride. We have some of our more important events for the year to plan, so we need more people to attend. Refreshments are provided.

In addition, Merit Badge Weekend is coming up. For those of you who don't know, we run "Scout Fundamentals," a Camp Savvy-like program for advancement of new Scouts. We need staff for this event. It is not hard to do, and it is very rewarding.

Next, Pamunkey Chapter 7 now has its own home on the web: <http://www.pamunkey7.org>. We encourage all members to visit it and spread the word about it. On the site, one can check up on the latest news, join an email list, or request a unit election or Arrow of Light ceremony.

Finally, it was decided by the Chapter Executive Committee that our Chapter needs a more effective method of communication. Thus, we have created a Yahoo Group for communications between Chapter members. We would like all Chapter members to join pamunkey7@yahoo.com. You can do this by visiting www.pamunkey7.org and clicking on "Exec. Committee" in the lower right-hand corner.

In closing, I hope to see you all at Merit Badge Weekend and the "Spring" Ordeal. And, don't forget to buy Chapter 7 patches!

*Peter Kauffmann
Chapter 7 Chief*

New SR-7A Staff Adviser



After Section Staff Adviser and Robert E. Lee Council professional staff member George Carlson moved to a new council, a void was left in our section's leadership. Marshall Steinmann, a professional staff member of the Colonial Virginia Council, has been selected as the new Section SR-7A Staff Adviser. 📧

*Miles Long
Staff Writer*

Brotherhood Conversion: A Problem that Needs Fixing?

An Editorial by A.J. Konrad

Every year, Scouts come out to camp to gain their Ordeal Membership into the Order of the Arrow, and every following year, many of them fail to return to seal their membership by attaining Brotherhood. At the most recent Lodge Executive Committee meeting, this very grim news was brought to the table by several of our members and many suggestions were proposed and discussed.

One of the most prominent discussions asked the question: Are the right people being inducted into the Order of the Arrow? The OA is a service organization, and as such, its members are asked to provide service to the Council. One thing that the OA is not is an award. Uniquely, it is the non-members that choose our members and it is for this reason that we as Arrowmen go back to our units and tell the boys there what the OA is. For me, the Order of the Arrow is an opportunity to give back to Scouting all that it has given me, for you its meaning may be different. I urge you all to look within and discover what the Order means to you.

While this problem may seem unimportant to you (yes I mean you, reading this article) I would like to explain why this is so detrimental to the well being of Nawakwa Lodge. Every year, lodges from around the nation submit their membership figures to national and from these figures, national determines which lodges deserve the distinct honor of the National Quality Lodge award. The purpose of the National Quality Lodge award is to ensure that lodges are effectively promoting and executing the program of the Order of the Arrow. One requirement is that a minimum percentage of eligible Ordeal members attain Brotherhood membership. This helps encourage lodges to ensure that membership opportunities are given to those who are truly honor campers.

The only way that we will ever truly "fix" the Brotherhood problem will be to "fix" the election process so that only those who are truly devoted to the ideals of the Order are elected. Take these ideas back to your units and discuss what I have written here. Hopefully you can help ensure that only the deserving will be elected and not just anyone who meets the basic rank and camping requirements. Success will require a change in the way unit leaders and Scouts think of the Order, but with your help and that of well-trained unit elections teams, it is a change that can realistically be made.

Any and all comments and suggestions are very welcome here at the Tom-Tom, and if you would like to add anything to what I have written please feel free to email me at TheTom-Tom@Nawakwa.org. Thank you.

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Sons of Uncas

By Randy VanNess



The deadline for submissions to the next issue of the *Tom-Tom* is March 26th. Please send your submissions to the Council Office (return address, below) or to TheTom-Tom@Nawakwa.org.



THE LOOKOUT

May 14-16..... Spring Ordeal

Camp T. Brady Saunders

*Lodge Elections & Lodge Officer Training Conference
 (It is expected that all 2004-2005 officers, advisers, and chairmen will attend LOTC on Sunday morning/afternoon, so plan accordingly)*

March 19-21 Winter Ordeal
 Camp T. Brady Saunders

September 10-12..... Summer Ordeal

Camp T. Brady Saunders

April 23-25 SR-7A Conclave
 Camp Powhatan

October 29-31.... Nat'l Leadership Sem.

Camp T. Brady Saunders

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