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Lodge Chief Goes to Beach!

Matt Beach elected Lodge Chief at the Spring Ordeal in May

Nawakwa's annual lodge elections were conducted after lunch on Saturday of the Spring Ordeal. The youth membership in attendance elected those who will lead our Lodge in the upcoming year.

Matt Beach was elected Lodge Chief. Matt most recently served the Lodge as Vice Chief of Administration and as chairman of the OA Troop/Team Representative Committee. Matt is currently

on the staff at the Cub Adventure Camp, and he is looking forward to representing the member of Nawakwa Lodge #3 at NOAC this Summer.



W. Scott Street, IV

Matt Beach (left), Will Swingle, Everett Jones, and Harrison Hankins

Harrison Hankins was elected Vice Chief of Administration. Harrison served as the chairman of our Spirit Committee last year. He is splitting his time this summer between trips to Alaska and to NOAC, and he hopes to return with several great ideas for the coming year.

Everett Jones was elected Vice Chief of Program, and Will Swingle was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Everett has recently served as the chairman of the Museum Committee. Will and Everett are both welcome additions to the Lodge's leadership. 🦋



W. Scott Street, IV

Lodge members listen to the candidates' speeches before deciding for whom to vote.

*Miles Long
Staff Writer*



Chief's Bonnet

My Fellow Brothers,

I would first like to thank you all for your support in my running for your Lodge Chief. I would also like to congratulate the other officers on being elected to their positions. I know as a team we will work hard to do our best to serve you.

This year has already gotten off to a great start, but the hardest work is still ahead. We have a lot to do to get ready for the Conclave that is being hosted at our camp in April 2005. I know that Joe and his team are working very hard to get it ready in time. I also challenge all Arrowmen to invite fellow Arrowmen that haven't sealed their membership in the Brotherhood to come out this September and do so. For you Ordeal members that haven't, it is important to you and this lodge for you to learn more about the OA and yourself by sealing your membership.



Plans are in high swing for the Fall Fellowship. Everett, as your new Vice Chief of Program, is now working on plans to make this fellowship an historic one. This year is the Lodge's 85th anniversary, and we are going to include much celebration during the Fall Fellowship. Lastly, I would like to let you know that 10 of your fellow lodge members will be attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) at the end of July and in early August. Being one of those Arrowmen, I can assure you that we will represent you all in the Nawakwa way.

Everyone enjoy the rest of your summer, and I'll see you in September!

Yours in the Order,
Matt Beach

Adviser's Minute



Brethren,

Congratulations to each Lodge and Chapter election candidate. Nawakwa is better prepared for the future because of your active leadership. Kyle Konrad and his officers did an outstanding job leading us into our 85th year of cheerful service. A special OA salute to Kyle, Matt, Preston, and Andrew for their cheerful leadership in service to Nawakwa Lodge. We now pledge our support to Matt Beach, Harrison Hankins, Everett Jones, and Will Swingle as we look forward to their leadership in the coming year.

The Summer Ordeal [Sep. 10-12] is again a time for us to make a major push for Brotherhood Candidates. We need 70 to insure qualification for National Quality Lodge status this year. If you are an Ordeal Member with 10 months or



more of service, you are eligible to seal your membership in the Order by becoming a Brother Member. Remember it is not another ordeal. It is an opportunity to learn more about yourself and the Order.

There are many opportunities for your active involvement in the coming year. We celebrate our 85th birthday this Fall Fellowship and host the SR-7A Conclave in April; plus we will have three ordeals and lots of cheerful service projects. The Order is what you make it and Nawakwa will become what you will it to be. Your membership is much more than a flap on your shirt and a membership card in your wallet. It is a way of life.

In W.W.W.,
Mack Ruffin

The Past Twenty Years—An Anniversary Reflection

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." In continuation of this series, we asked Scott Street, former Lodge Chief and Ceremonial Team member, to reflect on his experiences since being inducted exactly 20 years ago. 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. —Thomas Howard, Editor

I was inducted into the Order of the Arrow at Camp T. Brady Saunders in August of 1984. Much of my Ordeal was spent spreading gravel and completing other tasks along the road across the (then new) dam, but the most impressive parts of the weekend were the ceremonies. When reflecting upon my Ordeal weekend, I realize that the Order today is still essentially the same Order that I joined twenty years ago; although much has changed in the last score of years.

I still remember my Tap-out Ceremony when Scoutcraft Director Joe Koch came up behind me at the old campfire area on the shore of Lake Olga. He grabbed me, pulled me up, dragged me down to the front where the ominous-looking Indians asked me if I was prepared to join the Order of the Arrow. Upon my positive reply, my shoulder was tapped three times to signify the three parts of the Scout Oath and then one and two times to signify the twelve points of the Scout Law. Today, we have a Call-out Ceremony that is much the same; although it is missing the physical contact and abuse aspect—not a great loss, in my mind.

Ordeal weekends are run pretty much the same now as they were twenty years ago, but the way we do ceremonies has changed a bunch. First of all, we would never have done a ceremony in daylight; of course, we didn't have five ceremonies to conduct, either. Furthermore, the actors all KNOW their lines, and this is a great improvement. Also, the costumes have changed from being bright and colorful to being of a more subdued and authentic nature. Another change—and I think this was a great loss—is that the actors are no longer permitted to wear face paint. I still remember the scary-looking Meteu (Malcom Gaines) faces made up entirely and exclusively in black and white. I also remember an Allowat Sakima (Troy Barnett) who had a beautifully artistic scene of an Indian Chief standing on a cliff overlooking his tribe's village in the valley. These uses of face paint were truly appropriate to the

characters and added a sense of mystique and awe to the proceedings that I don't believe is as strong today. Unfortunately, we are now forbidden to use make-up in order to be politically correct and so as not to offend the very few Native American Indians who protested.

Of course, despite these changes and those in other areas of the Lodge and Order, the underlying principles and programs remain as strong and beneficial as they ever were. In contrast to the changes, many things are still the same today as they were when I joined the Lodge: we participate in the Carillon Service Project, Ordeals are run safely and professionally, Executive Committee meetings at the Council Office run too long, patches are collected and traded, Bill Givler takes credit for the weather, Mack Ruffin is the Lodge Adviser, and Bob Tucker still cooks our food (but thank goodness he's improved his skills and learned a few new recipes...two words: Tucker cheese).

Congratulations to the following 21 members who earned ALL THREE Arrowmen Service Awards:

Richard Brett.....	Adult Vigil.....	T760
Rowland Creamer.....	Adult Brotherhood.....	T562
Frances Crutchfield.....	Adult Vigil.....	Council
George Crutchfield.....	Adult Vigil.....	Council
David DeJan.....	Adult Vigil.....	T512
Lowell Flickinger.....	Adult Vigil.....	T900
Bill Givler.....	Adult Vigil.....	Council
Donnie Gladfelter.....	Adult Vigil.....	District 7
Dick Guilmar.....	Adult Vigil.....	District 8
John Hickman.....	Adult Vigil.....	T780
Chris Leech.....	Adult Vigil.....	T772
Bob Rasmussen.....	Adult Vigil.....	Council
Jim Richards.....	Adult Vigil.....	District 8
Nick Richards.....	Youth Vigil.....	T806
Mack Ruffin.....	Adult Vigil.....	Council
Karren Streagle.....	Adult Vigil.....	District 7
Tim Streagle.....	Adult Vigil.....	Council
Scott Street.....	Adult Vigil.....	Council
Tim Swingle Sr.....	Adult Vigil.....	T521
Monte West.....	Adult Vigil.....	District 5
Everett Winn.....	Adult Vigil.....	T544

2004 SR-7A Conclave: A Nawakwa Member's Perspective

On the 23rd of April, members of Nawakwa Lodge #3 headed west. They were in search of a place called Camp Powhatan, BSA. It is in Pulaski County. When they arrived after facing a few rain drops, they were welcomed to the Section SR-7A Conclave. During their time of stay, it was all learning, having great fellowship, and prime patch trading with other members from all across Virginia.

On Friday, it was fun from the start. First, we went to the camp site, checked in, and set up our sleeping areas. Tents were already up, so that made it quicker to go over to the carnival to have some food and fun. During the carnival, members could do many events including getting in a small ball-cage and playing "human bowling", pretending to be a bug hitting a windshield on the "sticky wall", or simply getting one's heart pumping through the "obstacle course." It was fun for all ages.

After a short night and a small downpour came Saturday morning. It was 7:00 and time to rise. Since we had the second serving time for our meals, we had a chance to get everyone lined up for the day's events, training classes, and we even had time for chapter meetings. After breakfast was a flag-raising ceremony, then we headed out for training. During the morning was the training, then lunch was served to all lodges at once. The afternoon was spent on lodge competitions, games, trading, hiking, and helping carve and paint Nawakwa's totem pole. It was not until just before dinner at the flag-lowering ceremony that

we all saw each other together again.

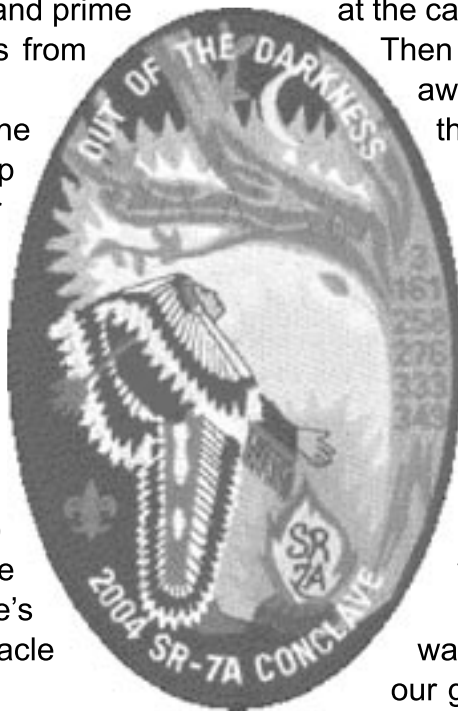
When it was our group's time for dinner, we showed our spirit with noise makers. This earned us a spot at the front of the serving line. After dinner was the show. During the show, our very own John Hankins told a story about the time he was on staff at the camp, and there were some mishaps.

Then there was the presentation of the awards, and Nawakwa got many this year. After the awards was the slide show, followed by a time of reflection. This time was very moving...emotional, not physical. It focused on the theme of the Conclave—"Out of the Darkness." After the show closed, it was time for patch trading and The Feast. Also, if you had the urge to smash an old car, you could do just that. Following the festivities was another short night.

On Sunday morning, there was a foggy mist about. We all packed our gear and headed over to breakfast.

After breakfast was a flag-raising ceremony followed by a chapel service. After the service, the Section Elections were held. Following the elections, we headed back to camp to gather our gear. Once we were all loaded up, we started heading back east to home. On the way back, our crew stopped in Bedford for lunch. There we met members from two other lodges, and it was like Conclave 2004-and-a-half. This conclave is something that all who participated will most likely not forget. 🦋

*Tom Smith
Chapter 60 Adviser*



Congratulations

Congratulations to the following Arrowmen who became members of the Order by completing the Spring Ordeal in May. These new brothers are eligible for Brotherhood after 10 months of membership has been attained (Winter Ordeal, March 18-20, 2005).



Christopher Keith Ancarrow.....	T700
Joseph Richard Appleby.....	T829
Matthew Stillman Barclay.....	T705
Alex Nathan Bear.....	T763
John Boyd.....	T893
Michael Andrew Brady.....	T772
Ruth Srednicki Burk.....	T777
Shawn Patrick Button.....	T860
Chadwick Wayne Chalkley.....	T822
Robert Mason Child.....	T715
Jeannette Glaspie Claytor.....	T891
Nathaniel Lloyd Cook.....	T777
Paul Travis Cottrell.....	T823
Schuyler Adrian Cox.....	T700
Matthew David Cross.....	T720
Susan Osborne Dawson.....	T823
Victor Levi Dawson.....	T823
Jefferson Laird DeHoff.....	T806
Paul Eric deNijs.....	T763
Malcolm Brian Dickerson.....	T700
Garrett Martin Digney.....	T894
David Ryan Dougherty.....	T704
Bruce Carl Dubee.....	T700
Nelson Everett Eck.....	T700
Lee Sawyer Fields.....	T860
Scott Allen Fincham.....	T720
Robert Christopher Fletcher.....	T860
Henry Matthew Gizzi.....	T776
Lance Antonio Gonzalez.....	T826
Daniel Colcord Gordon.....	T760
David Edward Hanifer.....	T880
Dennis Earl Harbin Jr.....	T704
Jordan Christian Harless.....	T772
Kenneth Andrew Harrill.....	T728
Dylan Thomas Hartless.....	T715

Peter John Hastings.....	T845
Adam Russel Henderson.....	T860
Tim Michael Herber.....	T777
Colin Thomas Hess.....	T806
John Kenneth Holder.....	T860
Jared Michael Horrigan.....	T751
Thomas Landon Howard III.....	T436
Bryan Huntington Hubbard.....	T806
William Armistead Hudnall.....	T535
Daniel Martin Hughes.....	T860
Malachi Andrew Hughes.....	T826
Samuel Kincaid Hurt.....	T735
David Michael Imburg.....	T417
Schuyler Montague Ingram.....	T860
Steven Taylor Johnson.....	T800
Hoyt Dempsey Jones.....	T6516
Brenda Lynn Kapelewski.....	D7
Chris Michael Keithly.....	T728
Kenneth Arthur Keithly.....	T728
Chase Andrew Kiddy.....	T924
Bernard Christopher Kiernan.....	T776
Robert Clark Lindsay.....	T829
Jason Michael Lippman.....	T443
James David Lovato II.....	T533
Jared Lee Madison.....	T202
Joseph Samuel Murdock.....	T800
David Mendel Nelson.....	T806
William James Norman.....	T535
Ravin Perry.....	T811
Stephen Alexander Phillips.....	T806
Raymond Adrian Praught.....	T715
Andrew Clark Purvis.....	T832
Howard Douglas Ray.....	T202
Luther Noah Ray.....	T202
Jared William Rhodes.....	T826
David Edward Roop.....	T720
Justin Shane Rust.....	T6540
Jeff Earl Shaffer.....	T835
Philip Norman Shahan Jr.....	T202
James Arthur Shields.....	T705
Douglas Jacob Simon.....	T800
Peter Chapman Skinker.....	T860
Blake Elliot Smith.....	T202
George Perry Smith.....	T829
Gerard Anthony Smith.....	T6596
Sandra Spicknall.....	T747

Michael Edmond Steeves.....	T799
Adam Christian Stroop.....	T544
Michael Sebastian Szadaj.....	T704
Daniel Tompkins Thorpe.....	T700
John Norman Turner.....	T860
Benjamin Thaddeus Vaughan.....	T772
Angel Luis Velazquez Sr.....	T912
Gareth Reiley Wakeman.....	T829
William Bradley Walker.....	T747
Eric Jeffrey Werner.....	T860
Benjamin Brock Wilkes.....	T829
Jon Patrick Wilson.....	T924
Sean Patrick Wilson.....	T924
Brent Angus Wood.....	T880
Ben David Woolf.....	T776
Evan Thomas Yandle.....	T924

Congratulations to the following Arrowmen who became Brotherhood members at the Spring Ordeal in May.



Gregory Neal Adams.....	T562
Jeremy Lee Adams.....	T562
Craig Warren Robert Buckner.....	T912
Fletcher Reid Cypert.....	T826
Christopher John Diming.....	T860
Paul Andrew Diming.....	T860
Taylor Adams Harless.....	T772
Michael David Hester Jr.....	T842
Daniel Earl Hubbard.....	T806
Forrest Tell Jones.....	T912
Christopher Michael Rick.....	T747
Michael Paul Rick.....	T747
Aaron Lujan Smith.....	T912
Patrick W. Smith.....	T202
Randall W. Smith.....	T202
Joseph Matthias Stallings.....	T202
Michael Joseph Thomas.....	T860
Christina Ericson Vernon.....	T175
Jeffrey Paul Vlk.....	T842
David Kyle Whitlock.....	T835
Daniel Clarke Yates.....	T436
William E. Yates.....	T436

Ceremony Teams Win Big at 2004 Conclave

The Nawakwa Lodge Ceremonial Team had a BIG weekend at the SR-7A Conclave, hosted by Tutelo Lodge at Camp Powhatan. Brandon Ray served as the Conclave Vice-Chief of Ceremonies, and handled all the arrangements for the competition including inviting Amangamek-Wipit members to judge the ceremonies.

In Preordeal competition, the Red Team, consisting of Jake Scanlon, Brandon Ray, Andrew Pridgen and Matt Beach took the First Place Team trophy. In addition, Jake won First Place as Allowat Sakima, Andrew was Second as Kichkinet, Brandon took First as Meteu, and Matt was First as Nutiket.

The White Team, made up of Brooks Child, Andrew Kapelewski, Curtis Pilgrim and Harrison Hankins won Second Place Team. Brooks tied for Third as Allowat, Curtis took Second as Meteu, and Harrison won Second as Nutiket.

In the Brotherhood competition, the Team won Second place, and Jake took Second as Allowat, Matt won Third as Meteu, Andrew Pridgen won First as Nutiket, and Andrew Kapelewski took Second as Kichkinet.

Andrew Pridgen is the Team's Chairman, and spent a tremendous amount of time arranging rehearsals and communicating amongst the members to set up teams and make sure all our arrangements were made as we prepared for this event.

All in all, it was a grand weekend at Powhatan, and now we start the preparations for NOAC 2004! 🍷

Tray Murphy
Ceremonies Adviser

Sons of Uncas is Growing

The comic strip, *Sons of Uncas*, a staple in Nawakwa's *Tom-Tom* for over a decade, is now expanding its' readership. The feature has been excepted into two other lodge newsletters. Tuckahoe Lodge in Pennsylvania added it last fall, and Occoneechee Lodge in North Carolina just picked it up this summer for publication.

Randy Van Ness, Nawakwa Lodge's Cartoonist, takes samples of his work with him when he takes his troop to different summer camps. There he makes a connection with the local lodge and sells them on the idea of having a comic strip in their newsletter. "Most of my story lines are universal," stated Van Ness, "the cartoon can be used just about anywhere with minor editing."

The only requirements that Van Ness insists on for printing his work that the title, *Sons of Uncas* remain, and any changes to art or editorial content must be cleared with him first. "Oh, and I like to have my name spelled correctly!" Van Ness added. At this time there is no cost to the lodges who carry the cartoon.

The idea of a strip cartoon was first batted around by then Publications Advisor, Doc Holladay and Van Ness back in late 1989. "At the time I was just doing block cartoons and illustrations for the *Tom-Tom*. The strip idea fascinated me. The title comes right from OA lore, and it describes all of us lodge brothers as sons of the noble Uncas." To create his characters for the strip, Van Ness turned to some of his cartoonist idols like Bill Mauldin, Charles Schultz, Berkeley Breathed and Bill Watterson. "I have admired not only their art, but their ability to impart wit and humor in a three or four block strip. I try to do the same thing with my work." 🍷

Sandy Beaches
Staff Writer



W. Scott Street, IV

Frances Crutchfield assists this year's Lodge Officer Training Conference by setting an example—a bad example. Nearly 20 of Nawakwa's current and future leaders attended the training conference on Sunday after the Spring Ordeal.

Found Items: Please Claim!

Watch found in bathroom at Camp Office during Ordeal in May

Dark grey slacks (40x29 ?) folded neatly on a bunk at Conclave

If either of these may belong to you, please contact Mack Ruffin right away (262-1834, mackandpat@comcast.net).

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Sons of Uncas

By Randy VanNess



The deadline for submissions to the next issue of the *Tom-Tom* is October 30th. Please send your submissions to the Council Office (return address, below) or to TheTom-Tom@Nawakwa.org.



THE LOOKOUT

October 15-17..... Fall Fellowship
Camp T. Brady Saunders

September 10-12..... Summer Ordeal
Camp T. Brady Saunders

October 29-31.... Nat'l Leadership Sem.
Cub Adventure Camp

October 2..... Council of Chiefs
Heart of Virginia Scout Reservation

December 22 & 23..... Carillon Project
Byrd Park, Richmond

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