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DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE 2005 SECTION SR-7A CONCLAVE TO BE HOSTED BY NAWAKWA LODGE FROM APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> TO MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>!

THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>. A LATE FEE APPLIES FOR REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE.

REGISTRATION FORMS MAY BE FOUND AT [WWW.NAWAKWA.ORG](http://WWW.NAWAKWA.ORG) IN THE "ANNOUNCEMENTS" SECTION OR AT THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER.

## Conclave is Shaping Up!

*Annual Gathering of Virginia Lodges to be hosted by Nawakwa*

Nawakwa Lodge will host the 2005 Statewide Conclave of Arrowmen from each of the Order of the Arrow lodges in Virginia on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and May 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. This will be a fantastic opportunity for Nawakwa members to meet other Brothers from across the state for a very memorable weekend. There will be Indian dancing, ceremonial competitions, sports competitions, training opportunities, patch trading, great food, and a spectacular rock band and show during this fun-filled weekend. If you have never been to a Conclave or if you have been to many, then this weekend at Camp T. Brady Saunders AND the Cub Adventure Camp (YES, we will be using both camps as we expect at least 800 Arrowmen) will be the Conclave of the decade. Your registration should already be in, but if it is not, get registered today!!!!

As the Host Lodge, Nawakwa will get our two camps ready for this influx of Arrowmen, and it will take all of us working together

in Cheerful Service to get the job done. Because we need a lot of tents set up, tarps put up, cots moved, tipis put up, and a hundred other odd jobs done, we have decided to call for special Saturday Service days on the two weekends prior to the Conclave. We need EVERYONE in the Lodge to come to camp on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM to help us get ready for the Conclave. The Lodge will provide a great lunch on both Saturdays for all members. We cannot emphasize enough how important it is for each of us to help out during this special time. Please do not let the other Brother do it; please find time to come and help out during these Service Saturdays! We will meet at the dining hall at the Cub Adventure Camp at 9:00 AM sharp. We are all counting on YOU!!!! 🦋

*Joe Orr  
Conclave Youth Chairman*

*Roy Page  
Conclave Adult Advisor*



# Chief's Bonnet

My Brothers:

I would like first to wish you a happy new year. At the January Lodge Executive Committee Meeting, your lodge leadership worked hard to get this year to start off right. The most important thing we all need to be thinking about is the Conclave in April. We have a lot of work to do to get ready for this event, and its going to take every one of us to put everything we've got into it in the months leading up to the Conclave. If you haven't already signed up to be a participant for the event and help your lodge make a challenge to win the Section Conclave spirit award, then do so today. The spirit committee is working hard to make us be so wild and crazy they would have no choice but to give the spirit award to us. Those who want to be on staff should contact Joe Orr or Roy Page to see what you can do to help.

Conclave it just one thing we are doing this year. This ordeal, I'm planning on having a meeting with your chapter chiefs. In this meeting we will be discussing how we as a lodge can work with your chapters to be able to work better for you the members of the lodge. So contact your chapter's chief and tell them how you think this lodge can be better.

Finally, I hope to see you all at the Winter Ordeal, March 18-20, where we will be working hard to get the camp ready for Conclave. Always remember what this Order is: the "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service."

Yours in Service,  
Matt Beach



# Adviser's Minute



Brethren,

The New Year brings to each of us many challenges or opportunities for cheerful service. The March Ordeal will challenge us in two ways. First and most important are the normal requirements of an ordeal weekend. Our ordeal and



brotherhood candidates must receive that unique opportunity to experience all the richness and warmth of brotherhood and cheerful service. Each of us should remember that the ordeal weekend and its ceremonies should not be taken lightly. It is one of those once-in-a-lifetime experiences for our candidates.

Secondly, we must insure that all our camp service projects are completed. Tents and tarps need to be set up so that camp will be ready for camping and hosting the SR-7A Conclave. We will rehearse many of the conclave host lodge responsibilities. We will even have the opportunity to test some of the conclave menu. We need and appreciate everyone's help and active cheerful service to insure that both Nawakwa and our camps are ready to host the best SR-7A Conclave possible.

The Nawakwa brethren of cheerful service face a great opportunity in hosting this conclave. We must all work and pull together for success. It does not matter if you are a staff member, a delegate, or not even coming to the conclave; everyone's cheerful service is important and valuable. Hosting a great conclave will prepare and improve Nawakwa for W.W.W. in the years ahead. If you have not registered to attend the conclave, I encourage you to do so immediately. Registration forms are available on our website. I hope to see you at our Winter Ordeal and the SR-7A Conclave!

In W.W.W.,  
Mack Ruffin

### Winter (March) Ordeal Campsite Assignments

| Site      | Chapter | Site           | Chapter |
|-----------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Newlon #4 | 19      | McLaughlin #13 | 4 & 5   |
| Frise #5  | 60 & 70 | Saunders #14   | 8       |
| Turner #6 | 2 & 3   | Overstreet #15 | 7       |

## Thank you Nawakwa Brothers!

Thanks to all of the Nawakwa Brothers who helped move sets and assisted with crowd control at the 2004 Carillon Christmas Pageant Service Project. With one of the largest turn-outs in years, our annual community service project for the Richmond area was definitely a success. If you were unable to attend this year, plan to help us out this year on December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 2005 Lodge Dues are Due TODAY!!!

If you have not yet paid your 2005 Lodge Dues of \$10, then please do so TODAY! Dues forms can be found on the lodge web site at <http://www.Nawakwa.org/dues.pdf> or at the Council Service Center. Please check your mailing label to see if your dues are current...if 2005 or later appears on your label, then your dues are current...if 2004 or before appears, then your need to pay your dues immediately. Those who don't pay immediately will cease to receive mailings from the Lodge, including *The Tom-Tom*.

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### Subscribing

Individuals who are not current members of Nawakwa Lodge may subscribe to the *Tom-Tom* for an annual fee of \$10. Mail your address to the council office (see return address above the mailing label) with a check made out to "OA/BSA." Members receive copies as a part of their yearly dues paid. This service is provided as an effort to keep our brothers who may have moved away in touch with the activities of Nawakwa Lodge.

## New SR-7A Chief

A couple of months ago our section chief, Bradley Long, went to the Southern Region Conference in Georgia. At this meeting Bradley ran for the Southern Region Chief, and won. For the past few months our section, SR-7A, has been without a section chief. At the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Chiefs, Wesley Parker was elected to fill this position. Wesley is an Eagle Scout of Troop 62 of the Tidewater Council. In March of 2000 Wesley went through his Ordeal. Wesley is a Vigil Honor member of the Blue Heron Lodge. Wesley has done many things in his Scouting career such as attending the 2001 National Jamboree, Philmont Scout Ranch twice (once as a crew leader), NOAC 2004, and the 2004 Southern Region NLS. Wesley was the waterfront director at Camp Pipsico and has worked there many years.



Wesley's main goal is to better unify the section with more assistance programs and better the communication between the lodges in the section. He would like for as many people as possible to go to the upcoming conclave. He says that there will be two national officers attending, and they will teach a training session. Wesley would like to thank all the chiefs who voted for him. And for those who didn't, he hopes that he will gain your confidence and make section SR-7A reach its full potential. Wesley would also like to say "To all Scouts, remember that this organization allows you to grow mentally, physically, and spiritually. So do your best to help this organization to prosper." 🦋

Will Swingle  
 Lodge Secretary/Treasurer



## Dance Team Crafting Weekend, Jan 28<sup>th</sup>–30<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Despite the worry about the approaching weather, seven Dance Team members came to the Crafting Weekend on January 28-30 and had a productive weekend.

On Friday night we arrived and spread out our blankets and displayed our Regalia. Without any prompting, we all sat down and began to work on our projects. Many questions were asked, and we answered them all. Then we got to see the new video on how to dance and drum. The group finally crashed after one o'clock in the morning, and the moon was still shining as the cloud cover came in.

On Saturday morning, everyone rolled out of bed and grabbed a great breakfast, and then they picked up where they left off on the crafting table. Bead looms were out, peyote stitch was tried, breastplates were assembled, bells were fastened, leather was cut and sewn with sinew, and bustles were taken apart and rearranged. Some could call this a lazy morning, but I see it as being very productive. By noon, the second and third projects were underway, and even the deer toes had been trimmed and placed in the pot to begin the boiling process. The group watched the new videos again and began to dress in their regalia.

One set of concerned parents showed up and painted a drastic picture of the upcoming weather. We encouraged them to stop and stay long enough to watch the boys dance. This gave us a chance to critique their outfits and dance moves, make adjustments, and then dance some more. The older boys paired up with the newer, younger members, who closely followed their moves and directed changes in their footsteps and postures. Belts were handed out,

some buttons were fastened, and they danced again. Finally the parents suggested a move and they gathered their equipment, personals, and regalia, and headed home. The remaining found their way back to the crafting tables and continued to craft. More concerned parents arrived, but this time they were convinced that we were in a safe area and permitted us to remain.

The evening's stew was nearly ready, and the deer toes had yet to be worked on. It was a unique experience for the new team members when they got a whiff of the aroma as the pot lid was removed. A short time later the bottom of the pot was reached and all that was left was to remove the remains, coming inside and warming up, and then sitting down to the stew. The final projects were finished, and the remaining group retired for the evening. Outside, the ice layer continued to accumulate, but we were very comfortable in the bunk beds.

On Sunday morning, very few stirred, and I was able to make a cup of coffee and complete two projects, all the while carefully putting away my regalia in its container before anyone woke up. This time, bodies were forced to wake at nine and were directed to put away their regalia and secure the building.

It always takes longer to put the stuff away, and as the sun came out we had a new challenge of how to pack all that stuff and two new passengers into one vehicle. As the remaining group headed home, the roads were clear with the sun shining again. 🐾

*Jim Richards*  
Dance Team Adviser

## An Open Letter To All Ordeal Members...

Brothers! My name is Jimmy Rogers and I am your Brotherhood Committee Chairman. It is my duty to encourage Ordeal members to return a year (technically ten months) after they take their Ordeal and seal their membership in the Brotherhood. I must also try to create a quality Brotherhood experience. Do you know any members who are already past due for their Brotherhood Conversion? Are you, yourself, eligible but unsure of what Brotherhood is all about?

Well, look no further...here is a little primer about the Brotherhood program:

First, if you were recently inducted as a member of the OA, then you should have received a letter with some information about the OA for both yourself and your parents. Next, you will receive another letter some months later inviting you to take upon yourself the challenges of Brotherhood. After arriving at the Ordeal weekend (which is not another Ordeal for you, as you are now a full member), you will check-in and go to the Brotherhood meeting, usually held around 8:30 PM up at the dining hall. All of your questions will be answered at this meeting, and you'll be all set for the completion of Brotherhood.

Now here's a little "survival kit" for all members, old and new, taking on the challenges of Brotherhood:

- your OA handbook
- your full Scout uniform with Ordeal sash (if you have somehow lost your sash, come anyway, and we'll take care of you)
- paper and pencil to write your Brotherhood letter (unless you want to write it ahead of time...all of the details are in the handbook)
- work gloves and a cheerful spirit to help out with a work project

You also should try to memorize as much as you can of the Obligation, OA Song, and symbolism of the ceremonies in order to prepare yourself for the challenges of Brotherhood.

Remember, Brotherhood is a program that is crucial to every Arrowman, from the newest Ordeal member, to the most seasoned Vigil Honor member. **Our program is not a test**, but instead it is a form of rededication to the Order that I hope will enrich your understanding of our customs and traditions. Thanks for reading this article, and may you all remember the ties of Brotherhood that bind us all together. 🐾

*Jimmy Rogers*  
Brotherhood Chairman

# National OA Adventure Programs

## Arrowmen Cheerfully Serving The Environment Through High Adventure

### National OA Philmont Trail Crew

<http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/tcrew/>



The Order of the Arrow is offering you an opportunity to join other Arrowmen in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the trails of Philmont Scout Ranch. Under the direction of the Philmont Conservation Department, experienced Philmont staff members with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on the two week trail crew and trek.

The program is a 14 day experience. The first week focuses on trail construction and maintenance under the guidance of Philmont trail crew foremen. The second week is a seven day backpacking trek that is designed by the participants. The program is not simply building trail and hiking though, the OA Trail Crew is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically, and spiritually.

### National OA Ocean Adventure

<http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/ocean/>



The Order of the Arrow, in cooperation with the Florida Sea Base is offering you an opportunity to cheerfully serve the greatest ecosystem on our planet; the ocean. Under the direction of the National Marine Sanctuary and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), experienced Florida Sea Base staff with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on a two week scuba diving adventure in the beautiful waters of the Florida Keys.

The program is a 13 day experience in which participants will have the opportunity to explore and serve the undersea world. One-half of the Ocean Adventure program will be PADI SCUBA training and certification, which will be held at the Florida Sea Base. The remaining portion of the program will focus on rendering cheerful service to the ocean marine life and coral reefs of the Florida Keys.

### National OA Northern Tier Wilderness Adventure

<http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/ntvoy/>



The National Order of the Arrow is offering you an opportunity to join Arrowmen from across the country in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the pristine US/Canadian Boundary Waters. Under the direction of the United States Forest Service, experienced Charles L. Sommers staff members with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on a two week voyage into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW).

The program is a 14 day experience inspired by the traditions of the French and Canadian Voyageurs who ventured the northern wilderness during the 1700-1800's. Traveling thousands of miles by water and portage, these Voyageurs were hired to haul goods and furs to trade with Native Americans and Europeans. In the spirit of these adventurers, Arrowmen will embark on a voyage that is twofold. One-half of the OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage focuses on portage trail and campsite maintenance within the Boundary Waters. The remaining expedition is spent on a canoeing adventure that is planned and chosen by the participants in the program. In other words, each crew plans their own voyage! However, the program is not simply portage trail work, camping, and canoeing. The OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically, and spiritually.

### Special OA High Adventure Patch Available

<http://www.oa-bsa.org/annc/g04/oa-hadv-patch.htm>

A special limited-edition patch is now available for Arrowmen who attend both the OA Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier in Ely, Minnesota, and the OA Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimmaron, New Mexico. Eligible members may apply to receive on free patch and may order one additional patch for \$5. In order to receive your patch(es), complete and submit the order form that is available from the National Order of the Arrow website at the above link.





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Sons of Uncas

By Randy VanNess



The deadline for submissions to the next issue of the *Tom-Tom* is March 28<sup>th</sup>. Please send your submissions to the Council Office (return address, below) or to [TheTom-Tom@Nawakwa.org](mailto:TheTom-Tom@Nawakwa.org).



THE LOOKOUT

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| March 18-20 ..... | Winter Ordeal                 | April 29-May 1 .....     | SR-7A Conclave   |
|                   | Camp T. Brady Saunders        |                          | Heart of VA Scout Reservation  |
| April 16 .....    | Conclave Set-up Work Day      | May 13-15.....           | Spring Ordeal  |
|                   | Heart of VA Scout Reservation |                          | Camp T. Brady Saunders   |
|                   |                               |                          | <i>Lodge Officer Elections &amp; Lodge Officer Training Conference</i> |

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