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DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE 2006 SECTION SR-7A CONCLAVE TO BE HOSTED BY SHENSHAWPOTOO LODGE FROM APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> TO 30<sup>TH</sup>!

THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>. A LATE FEE APPLIES FOR REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>!

REGISTRATION FORMS MAY BE FOUND AT WWW.NAWAKWA.ORG IN THE "ANNOUNCEMENTS" SECTION OR AT THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER.

## *Policy Update Affects Us All*

*National OA Operations Update Addresses Induction Sequence*

Periodically, the National Office of the Order of the Arrow publishes changes and clarifications to policies and procedures through *Operations Update* memos. The following comes from one of the most recent updates.

### **OPERATIONS UPDATE 05-5**

"The induction sequence in the Order of the Arrow begins with a Scout's election and ends with him becoming a Brotherhood member of the Order. Because this sequence is at the heart of the Order, it is essential that each lodge manage the induction of its own members through each step. If parts of the induction sequence occur without the home lodge's permission or knowledge, management of the process will cease to exist.

#### **Elections**

Elections are only to be held in troops and teams. Lodges are encouraged to complete all unit elections prior to their troops/teams going to summer camp. This ensures that the maximum number of troop/team members can be present to vote in the election. All elections must be conducted by the OA lodge of the council in which the troop or team is chartered. No unit may visit outside its council and hold an OA election under the auspices of an OA lodge of another council.

#### **Call-Outs**

Call-outs should be conducted by the OA lodge of the council in which the troop or team is chartered. It is possible for a visiting troop or team to have their elected candidates called-out at an out-of-council summer camp if the lodge serving the camp is willing to conduct the call-out. The unit leader must present a letter from the home lodge chief and lodge adviser requesting the call-out and identifying the members to be called out. A signed copy of the home lodge's unit election report must accompany this request. Following the unit's return, the home lodge chief and lodge adviser must receive confirmation of the call-out.

#### **Ordeals**

Newly elected candidates for membership in the Order must complete the Ordeal and be inducted into the Order by the lodge that serves the council in which the unit is chartered. This allows the candidates to bond with their contemporaries as they go through the Ordeal and creates a positive leadership environment in which they can progress. Out-of-council Ordeals are not permitted.

#### **Brotherhoods**

Brotherhood membership can only be conferred by the OA lodge of the council in which the Arrowman's unit is chartered."

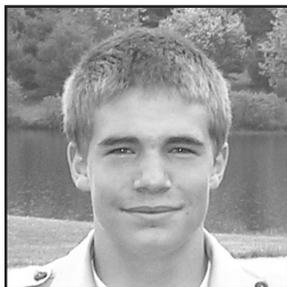


# Chief's Bonnet

My Fellow Arrowmen:

I hope each of you had a happy holiday season, and for us students, a lovely winter break. First, I would like to thank all of those who participated in the Carillon service project. Next, I would like to thank those who took time out of their busy Sunday to attend the Lodge Executive Committee meeting to prepare for the Spring Ordeal in March.

Ordeal members, if you have been in the Order for at least 10 months, please attend the Spring Ordeal and seal your membership by earning Brotherhood. Remember that if you are reading this then you are already a member and you are entitled to attend the ordeal weekend as a member. YOU have been through your one and ONLY Ordeal. So, I challenge you to learn more about the Order and why we do what we do.



Conclave 2006 is looking to be a good one. I hope each of you has considered attending this event—hundreds of other Arrowmen like yourself will be there. Not only do you get really great training, but you also get to whoop on other lodges in the games. Seriously, Conclave will be worth it, so register today (registration form is available at <http://www.nawakwa.org/>).

Well, I hope to see you all at the upcoming Ordeal. I know the Summer Ordeal in June is a long way away, but all those interested in running for office need to start thinking about it and letting Mr. Ruffin know as soon as possible.

Yours in Service,  
Joe Orr

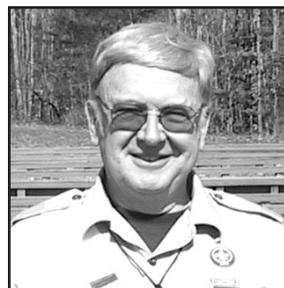
# Adviser's Minute



Brethren,

Are you registered to attend Conclave at Camp Rock Enon? Did you submit your Leadership in Service Award application? Are you an Ordeal Member who is eligible for Brotherhood? All of the information and more about each of these questions is available on the Nawakwa web site [[www.nawakwa.org](http://www.nawakwa.org/)].

If you are an Ordeal Member and have been a member of the Order for ten months or more NOW IS THE TIME TO SEAL YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE BROTHERHOOD CEREMONY. It is not another Ordeal! The *OA Handbook* or



web site [[jumpstart.oa-bsa.org](http://jumpstart.oa-bsa.org/)] provides all the basic information you will need. We, your Nawakwa brothers, stand ready and willing to help you take this great and important next step on your OA trail. Each Brotherhood and Vigil Honor member is challenged to sponsor at least one Brotherhood candidate this year.

Lodge Elections will be held at the Summer Ordeal [June 2-4] on Saturday after lunch. If you are interested in running for office, please bring the following to the Spring Ordeal in March:

- Your picture for *The Tom-Tom*. If you do not have one, a photographer from *The Tom-Tom* will take one for you.
- An article/letter about your qualifications for office and your plan for the next Nawakwa year to be published in *The Tom-Tom*.
- Parent/Guardian written permission slip for you to run for office.

You will also need to meet with Bill Givler and me at the Ordeal to discuss your plan for the 2006–2007 lodge year. This is a very easy and simple process. It is our hope that we will have at least two candidates for each office. If you are not interested in running for office, please encourage the Brother who, in your opinion, would be the best one for the job. The offices to be filled are Lodge Chief, Vice-Chief Administration, Vice-Chief Program, and Secretary/Treasurer. Your active participation determines your lodge's future.

In W.W.W.,  
Mack Ruffin

### Spring (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 2005 Carillon Christmas Pageant Service Project. With another large turn-out this past year, our annual community service project for the Richmond area was definitely a success. If you were unable to attend last year, plan to help us out this year on December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 2006 Lodge Dues are Due TODAY!!!

If you have not yet paid your 2006 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 2006 or later appears on your label, then your dues are current...if 2005 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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## Chapter Notes

### Witchindin Chapter 8

Chapter 8 meetings are the fourth Thursday of every month at Hopewell United Methodist church at 7:30 p.m.

The Chapter invites all its members to help out with the district dinner on March 22 and the District Pinewood Derbies on February 18 and the 25. The chapter is also working on Junior Leader Training to be held May 19–21 at Camp Brady Saunders.

The chapter will also be having elections for Chapter Chief and Vice Chief in June due to the fact that the current Chapter Chief (Vince Milone) is stepping down. If any members have questions, please contact the Chapter Chief or Chapter Adviser (David Estes).

### Monacan Chapter 60

We hold our Monthly Chapter Meeting on the Third Tuesday of the month, at the same time as the Weyanoke District Roundtable, at the Wesley Foundation in Farmville. It is open to all members, especially youth and OA Troop Reps.

On January 20–22, Monacan Chapter 60 hosted its third annual Klondike Derby at Sailor's Creek Battlefield State Park. This year we had 90 Scouts, 36 Adults, 10 Troops from 4 Districts, 13 sleds, and 13 of the 17 staff members were OA Members. A special thanks goes to Hosea, *Chapter Chief*, and all the members who helped run a station and/or were part of the 6 months of planning. We also want to take our hats off to Ben, Sam, Jim, and others from the lodge's Dance Team for running the Tomahawk-Throwing Station and wrapping up the campfire with a skit and song combo. Thanks again to all who participated, the Troops that attended and the staff. This event is not possible without you, and we look forward to seeing you, and those who missed it, next year.

During our April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will hold our annual chapter officers elections. That is for Chapter Chief, Vice Chief, and Secretary. Also during the Summer Ordeal the Lodge Officer elections will be held. These two events are important for youth members to be present. Your vote does count. Also, plan to attend the leadership training on Sunday of the Summer Ordeal.

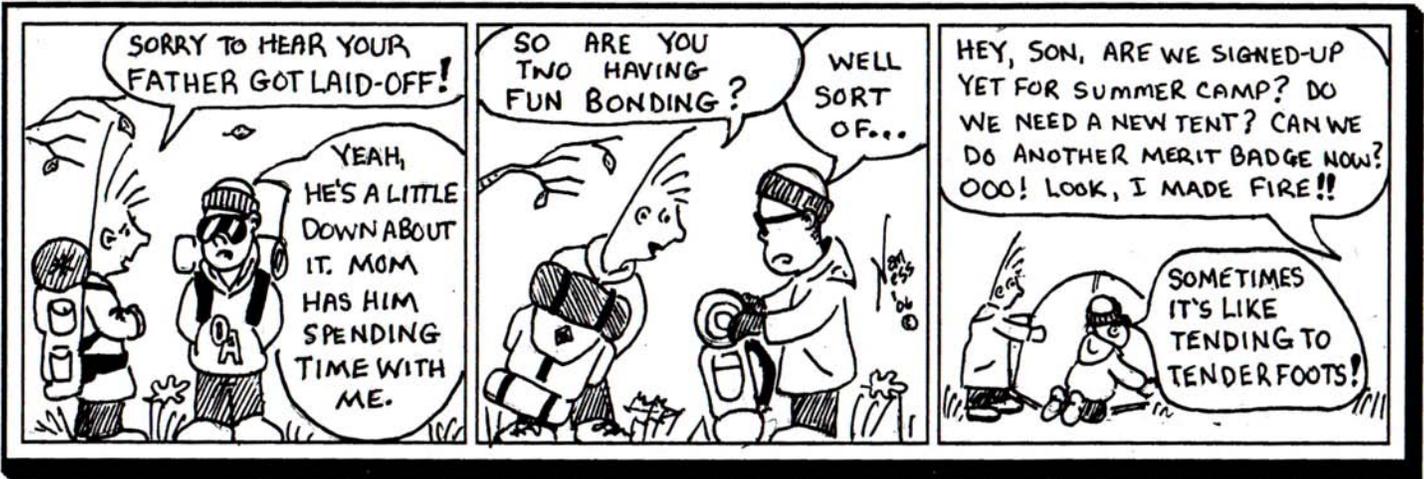
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### Sons of Uncas

By Randy VanNess



The deadline for submissions to the next issue of the *Tom-Tom* is March 27<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

June 2-4.....Summer Ordeal  
Camp T. Brady Saunders  
*Lodge Officer Elections & Lodge Officer Training Conference*

March 17-19.....Spring Ordeal  
Camp T. Brady Saunders

July 29-Aug 3..... Nat'l OA Conference  
Michigan State University

April 28-30 .....SR-7A Conclave  
Camp Rock Enon

Sept 8-10 .....Fall Ordeal  
Camp T. Brady Saunders

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