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DON'T FORGET THE CARILLON SERVICE PROJECT AT 5:00 PM ON DECEMBER 22 & 23!

PLEASE BRING A SMALL FLASHLIGHT WITH YOU.



A Reflection on three years as Editor-in-Chief **Thomas Howard says "Good-bye" to *The Tom-Tom***

More than three years ago, I stood in the campfire ring on the shore of Lake Dillon, the morning after I had been inducted into the Order. Scott Street stood up and gave a pitch for the Publications Committee that caught my attention. I found him afterwards, and he asked me two questions. First: "How do you spell Nawakwa?" Second: "Can you hold your hands steady for five seconds to take a picture?" I told him I could do both of those things, and he told me I was the new chairman. Wait a second. Chairman? What?

Well, it turns out that a job that I was all but thrust into has been one of the most enjoyable in my Scouting career. Being the Editor-in-Chief of *The Tom-Tom* has taught me a lot about journalism and the OA (not to mention that little bit of extra credit in English class). Most of you will remember my coverage of the Order's involvement in the 2005 National Jamboree, the 85th Lodge Anniversary, the new Council Scout Executive Brad Nesheim, the Nawakwa-hosted 2005 Section

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Leadership in Service Award

Application Deadline for 2007 Award is January 31st

The National Office of the Order of the Arrow created the Leadership in Service Award to honor those Arrowmen who provide cheerful service to the council's camps and to the community. Three separate awards can be earned for service performed in each of 2005, 2006, and 2007.

To see more information on the Leadership in Service Award (including the official order form), please visit <http://www.nawakwa.org/>. If you attended at least one Service Weekend and participated in Scouting for Food or the Carillon Service Project in 2007, then you have qualified for this award.





Chief's Bonnet

My Brothers:

Another year has ended with another great Fellowship. Thanks to all Brothers who have served cheerfully throughout the year. I hope to see you all at the Carillon Service Project and at the Service Weekends out at camp in 2008. Also, don't forget to send in your application for the Leadership in Service Award—2007 is the last year of this highly-coveted national award.



Yours in Service,
Will Swingle

Adviser's Minute



Brethren,

Congratulations! You have qualified for National Quality Lodge for the 30th connective year. This is an accomplishment worthy of celebration. A positive attitude and the Nawakwa Brotherhood of Cheerful Service make all things possible.

The Carillon service project is 5:00 PM December 22nd and 5:00 PM December 23rd at Byrd Park in Richmond. This annual event is our opportunity to give cheerful service to our community. You are the key ingredient in the annual



Christmas Pageant. You hold and change the sets for each act of the pageant. This is done outside in partial darkness, so please dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. This project is a great way to complete your requirements for this years Leadership in Service Award.

Be sure to register to attend SR-7A Conclave 2008 at Camp Shenandoah. It will be a great adventure filled with fellowship, training and fun. Complete and return the registration form (on the web site) without delay. We will travel to the conclave by chapters.

ArrowCorps5 at George Washington and Jefferson National Park is filling fast. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to give cheerful service and have fun at the same time. Do not miss out on this golden opportunity to be part of this great national program. Complete the application from the website and return it NOW!

The Order is a thing of the spirit and of the individual... you determine its worth or value in your life. Be mindful of the trust and confidence bestowed upon you by those who chose you. "He alone is worthy to wear the Arrow who will continue faithfully to serve his fellows." You are Nawakwa!

May the Peace and Joy of this Holiday Season be yours today and throughout the coming year.

In W.W.W.,
Mack Ruffin

LOST ITEMS FROM SEPTEMBER SERVICE WEEKEND

Missing: a blue nylon bag was taken from a nail on the latrine from Overstreet Campsite #15 at the OA Fall Service Weekend. It contained personal camping equipment such as coffee pot, aluminum plates, etc. Some of this was military issue and has special personal meaning and value. Please contact Paul Kohler at 804-744-3653 to return.

Chapter Reports

Monacan Chapter #60

We (now) meet at the Saint John's Lutheran Church (as of September) in Farmville. It is held on the Third Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM and ends around 8:30PM. This is open to any member in the chapter.

Chapter Picnic

On Sunday August 12th, we held the Chapter Picnic at Twin Lakes State Park. Cody J. (Grillmaster) chaired the event and Bill J. helped Advise it. All attended had a real good time, fellowship, a filling meal and ended with award winning cobbler. During

the event we held the yearly elections. The 2007 – 2008 Chapter Officers are:

- Matt C. – Chief
- Jimmy A. – Vice Chief
- Karl W. – Secretary

Also we had a few special guests. They were Lodge Chief Will S. and his Dad, along with Kevin. Kevin is an American Indian from the Richmond Area who came and blessed the meal using a Native American Blessing and later spoke to us about how the local tribes lived many years ago and how both the tribes and the area changed over the years from around 1500 to now. He ended telling us about his regalia and showed us a few native dances which he does at Local, Nation and World-wide Pow-wows.

Special Event

On Wednesday, August 15 a few members attended a special event. That event was a presentation titled Native American in Amelia County. It was hosted by the Amelia County Historic Society. It was about the Tribes in Amelia County and the State with a strong amount about the "Monacan Tribe". Topics included were an Introduction, Pre-Historic Background, Historic Background, Histrography and History of Native Americans in Amelia and the Piedmont Region of Virginia. The presentation included many photos, maps, and charts. At the end they had many displays of items found in the area.

Fall Fellowship

At this year's Fall Fellowship we had 13 "Spirit-full" members attend throughout the weekend. During the weekend it was fun from the time you checked in. On Saturday was training in the morning and games, food, music and fun in the afternoon. The chapter competed in Soccer and Ultimate Frisbee. Every one did their best, and were all team players. Then in the evening was the Annual Banquet. At the Banquet – from our chapter Bill J. was publicly recognized for receiving the Vigil Honor and Hosea for being a recipient of the Founders Award. Also as a Chapter we have won this year's Spirit Award. After the Banquet was the rededication. Out of the rededication crew, Casey H. and Zach D. from the Chapter were key members. After the rededication it was time to enjoy more fellowship, enjoy snakes or watch a movie with later made no one transformed. Overall, it was a great weekend and next year is starting to be planned for a greater weekend. So make plans to attend next year's Fall Fellowship along with the 2008 Service Weekends. If you have any ideas, let Matt C. know early to share with the planning committee.

Carillon Service Project

December 22 & 23 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM

We need help on both evenings, so please plan to attend and give your support. This is the Lodge's only annual community service project, so please help us get a great turnout. The Carillon is located at Byrd Park in Richmond. Please **dress warmly**, bring a **small flashlight**, and plan to **arrive early** for training and possible assistance with crowd control. If you have any questions, please call Mack Ruffin at 804-262-1834.

2008 Lodge Dues are Due TODAY!!!

If you have not yet paid your 2008 Lodge Dues of \$10, then please do so TODAY!. Dues forms can be found on the lodge web site at <http://www.Nawakwa.org/> or at the Council Service Center. Please check your mailing label to see if your dues are current...if 2008 or later appears on your label, then your dues are current...if 2007 or before appears, then your need to pay your dues immediately. Those who don't pay by the end of the year will likely cease to receive mailings from the Lodge.

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All chapters are encouraged to submit reports to The Tom-Tom prior to the submission deadline for each issue. Ask your Chapter Chief to do so at your next Chapter Mtg.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following Arrowmen who became members of the Order by completing their Ordeal in September. These new brothers are eligible for Brotherhood after 10 months of membership has been attained (Fall Service Weekend, September 5-7, 2008).



Benjamin David Aaron	T534	Zachary George Davis.....	T6516	Devin Blake Long	T203
Kyle Hamilton Adam	T531	Alexander Gerardo de Gala.....	T842	Colin Andrew Macauley.....	T751
Nicholas Ryan Adkins.....	T184	James Edwin Dickens	T890	Shea Matthew Martin.....	T184
Eric Hunter Ahles.....	T890	Robert Connor Dodson.....	T862	Marcus Clay Massok	T340
David Hall Allen	T772	Dylan Scott Douglas	T741	Ted Justin-Lloyd Matthews	T534
Ryan Christopher Ambrose	T801	Douglas Donald Dunn, IV	T840	Ly' David Mitchell McQueen	T411
Dixon Alexander Ames	T770	Cole Patrick Dwyre	T815	Bruce Porter McRoberts.....	T710
Matthew Robert Amos	T6596	Adam Matthew Dyke	T822	Patryck Jay Michalik	T912
Frank Philip Anderson	T829	Daniel Louis Eacho.....	T876	Steven Cole Morgan.....	T751
Vincent Parker Arcuri.....	T842	Kevin Glenn Eason, Sr.	T874	Joshua Hester Neergaard	T521
Cathy Ball	T303	Kyle Philip Easton.....	T890	Andrew Jeffrey Nelson	T860
Darius Trevin Banks	T7538	Matthew David Elliott.....	T521	Derek Scott Nelson.....	T860
Marsalis Devin Banks	T7538	Chance Douglas Emory.....	T845	William Asa Newcomb, IV.....	T7430
Andrew David Barth.....	T822	Graham Lincoln Evans	T737	Robert Joseph Newsome	T876
Bruce Drexel Batson.....	T917	Robert Christopher Ferguson, Jr.	T505	Thomas James Newsome	T876
Eric Anders Benson.....	T400	Howard Higgins Fishburne	T800	John (Jay) Richards Nicholson.....	T505
Ryan Anthony Betancourt.....	T810	Christopher Jordan Fleet.....	T544	Mason Andrew Norsworthy.....	T340
Daniel Oliver Bradshaw	T838	Matthew Douglas Frazier.....	T303	Lucas Christian Olson	T706
Christopher Darnell Brew	T205	Hunter Trey Geren.....	T886	Gregory Wayne Palmore	T250
James Andrew Brodie.....	T534	Paul Anthony Gomes.....	T890	Zachary Chandler Palmore.....	T250
Thomas Alfred Broe.....	T917	Travis Reynolds Gortney	T531	Rahan Nikhil Parekh.....	T829
Fernando Courtland Brown	T509	Terrence LeMarr Graves, Sr.	T822	Charlotte Sims Pemberton	T789
Stuart Baylis Brown	T400	Keith O'Neal Gray.....	T6535	Jonathan Hyomin Penney	T886
Jonathan William Bunting.....	T184	Colin Neal Greatwood	T829	Benjamin Ray Pryor.....	T521
Andrew Gordon Burcham.....	T720	Austin George Gulasky.....	T531	John Logan Ragsdale.....	T340
Jeremy Lee Butcher	T303	Jonathan Edward Hald	T842	Jackson Scott Ramser.....	T505
Ian David Carle.....	T854	Casey James Hamilton.....	T6504	Curtis Lee Richardson	T760
James Andrew Carleton, Jr.....	T400	Raymond Estel Hamilton	T6504	Scott Morgan Riley	T876
Janet Robin Chandler.....	T503	Zachary Joseph Hardy	T822	Francis William Ronnau, IV	T876
Philip Andrew Christie.....	T799	Patrick Thomas Harrell	T202	Graham Forrest Roper	T521
Marion Jackson Colgate, Jr.	T7430	William Troy Harrison, Jr.....	T534	Cody Edward Rosser.....	T741
Anthony Brian Conte	T443	Shawn Michael Herrington	T876	James William Saunders	T523
Joseph August Conte	T443	Carson Nunneley Hogge	T418	Joseph Alexander Sawyer	T340
Brandon Thomas Cross.....	T7454	Christian Alexander Hogge.....	T810	Kenneth William Scaplehorn	T521
Herman Clare Davis	T876	Corey Alexander Hresan	T883	Matthew Baylor Schneck	T900
		Jacob Charles Hurd.....	T521	Ben Arthur Shaw, Jr.	T876
		John Daniel Jenkins, Jr.....	T503	John Robert Shumar	T900
		Joshua Taylor Johnson.....	T877	David Lee Simmons	T772
		Samuel Gregory Johnson.....	T555	Jonathan Tyler Sprouse.....	T562
		Laurence Aaron Jones.....	T523	James Duncan Stallings.....	T806
		Robert Adrian Jones	T184	James Jeffery Stallings.....	T806
		Paul Ward Kohler, II.....	T498	Michael Hamilton Stewart.....	T801
		Michael Robert Kremer.....	T503	Timothy Nathan Talmage.....	T829
		Jan Carlton LaRiviere	T886	Jacob Marchant Tignor	T883
		Travis Jackson Lawrence	T822	Benjamin Allen Turner	T531
		Jonathan Lewis.....	T531	William Landrum Tyson, Jr.	T400

Andrew Sheffey Van Horn T835	Kyle Mason Cox T891	Cody Lee Norman T842
Erich Rogers von Hitritz T562	Tyler Matthew Custer T176	Kenneth Wayne Norman T842
Brian Gregory Webb T500	Codey Allen Daul T184	James Fallon Penney T886
Jesse Kenan White T400	Warren Geon Davis, Jr. T706	Aaron Joshua Perry T562
William Sutton White T400	Dustin David Desch T799	Aaron Patrick Perry T562
Joshua Hamilton Whitten T7430	Andrew John Dickens T890	Donald William Piacentini T555
Charles Hamilton Williamson T400	Christopher Edwin Dickens T890	Dylan Reed Piacentini T555
Aaron Mitchell Wilson T250	Mark Maurice Dimmick T842	William Sean T. Piacentini T555
Royce Woodson Woolfolk T443	Jeremiah Quinn Ellis T250	Justin Tyler Prosser T501
Braden Taylor Wright T840	Michael Patrick Ellis T250	Edward Joseph Rack T544
James Lawrence Young, III T544	William Buchanan England, Jr. T252	Claude Randall Ramey, Jr. T880
	Robert Christopher Ferguson, Sr. T505	Cameron Dowling Rose T521
	Matthew Thomas Formosa T534	Nicholas Joseph Roussos T862
	Owen Whitney Gallogly T436	Brenden Sage Sardelis T835
	Brandon Michael Goodwyn T178	Michael Kenneth Scaplehorn T521
	Terrence LeMarr Graves, Jr. T822	Arlene Umi Seelie-Bullock T900
	Benjamin Joseph Hancock T523	J. Ryan Smith T854
	Seth Whitaker Harrison T822	John Randolph Smith, III T418
	Daniel Aaron Hess T503	Patrizia Maria Smith T912
	David William Hess T503	Stephen Patrick A. Smith T400
	Ian Samuel Hines T835	Samuel Ascoli Stevenson T806
	Robert John Hlasny T883	Stephen Benjamin Taylor T840
	Paul Ward Kohler, Sr. T498	Stephen Vance Turner, Jr. T531
	Jonathan Christopher Lee T737	Karl William Westerhoff T6516
	Thomas Carter Lee, Jr. T737	Treyvon Avery Whitlock T880
	Kenneth Frank Linderman T799	Adam Ross Willis T176
	Thomas David Nixon T710	Cabell Francis Willis T400

Congratulations to the following Arrowmen who became Brotherhood members at the Fall Service Weekend in September.



Ryan Andrew Akens T720
James Peter Anema, Jr. T6516
David Marc Aquart T178
Jacob Barron Barnes T880
Christopher Andrew Beaudet T900
Randy Gordon Burcham T720
Alex Brian Clarke T880

2008 Conclave: April 25–27 at Camp Shenandoah

Conclave 2008 will be hosted by Shenandoah Lodge #258 at Camp Shenandoah in Swoope, Virginia. The dates are April 25 through April 27, 2008. The lodge registration fee is \$40.00. Transportation will be coordinated by chapters.

A conclave is where the lodges of the section (Section SR-7A consists of 6 Virginia lodges) get together for training, competition, and fellowship. Of course, the Saturday night block party is a feast that shouldn't be missed. Conclave also gives OA members the opportunity to visit the different camps across the state.

In order to register, please complete the registration form found at www.Nawakwa.org and return it to the council office by March 14th. In order to pre-order any of the souvenir items (whether or not you plan to attend the event), please do so on the registration form (available at www.Nawakwa.org) and return it with your payment by January 28th.

2008 SR-7A CONCLAVE

TEST THE BOW OF BROTHERHOOD

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Vigil Honor

The following youth were awarded the Vigil Honor at the 2007 Fall Fellowship. Below their names are their new Lenni Lenape names with English translations.

JIMMIE LEE BULLOCK, JR
WITSCHINDIN NIMAT
HELPFUL BROTHER

WILLIAM B. EGGLESTON, III
WULAPTOEN TAKACHSIN
WELL-SPOKEN LEADER

NICHOLAS ANDREW HARMAN
GELACKELENDAM GUNAQUOT
FUNNY TALL ONE

CHRIS MICHAEL KEITHLY
KLAMACHPIN MITSUAGAN
QUIET DESTROYER OF FOOD

THOMAS HAYDEN SHARPE
AMANGI TAKACHSIN NIMAT
BIG LEADER OF NEW BROTHERS

THOMAS MARSHALL SHUMAR
WITSCHINDIN ACHGEKETUM
HELPFUL TRAINER OF BROTHERS

BENJAMIN MICHAEL TYLER
AGASK ELACHTONIKET
GREEN SEEKER



Chris Leech

The 2007 class of Vigil Honor members for Nawakwa Lodge #3

The following adults were awarded the Vigil Honor at the 2007 Fall Fellowship. Below their names are their new Lenni Lenape names with English translations.

BRENDA LYNN KAPELEWSKI
NIMAT KIKEN
BROTHER HEALER

GARFIELD MCCLINTON PARKER
ACHGEKETUM
HE WHO TEACHES

SANDRA FULLER SPICKNALL
WITSCHINDIN GUNACHGIHAT GUNTSCH
HELPFUL PRESERVER OF TIME

JOHN CARLOS CAMEJO
MAWAT MANACHEWAGAN
ONE CUTTER OF WOOD

JOHN DOUGLAS ELLWOOD
ACHOWALOGEN NETOPALIS
HARD WORKING WARRIOR

VICTOR THOMAS BILL JENKINS
TAKACHSIN WULIHAN
LEADER WHO DOES GOOD FOR OTHERS

NORMAN DONNAN WARD
GUNAQUOT ACHPAMSIN
TALL HIKER

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Conclave, the 2006 NOAC, and many more interesting events for our lodge. It's been an honor and a privilege to write from the thick of things in such an exciting time for the scouting and the OA. Being able to tell arrowmen about the experiences that I've had, or others have written about holds a special place in my heart.

But as always, we must move onward and upward, and you in Lodge decided that it was time for me to serve you on a higher level as Lodge Vice Chief of

Administration, which I welcome with open arms. Thank you to my adviser, Scott Street, and to my Assistant Editor and successor, Owen Gallogly, as well as to all of you in Nawakwa Lodge, especially the ones that have submitted articles or photographs to be published. Thank you for the good times covering the news. 🐾

*Thomas L. Howard, III
Former Editor-in-Chief*

Founder's Award



The nationally recognized Founder's Award was created and presented at NOAC in 1981 as a means to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Uner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

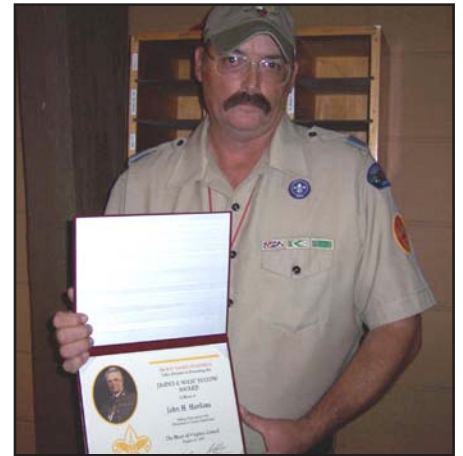


Chris Leech

The 2007 Founder's Award recipients are (left to right) Hosea L. Jones, William G. Swingle, and James E. Tadlock.

James E. West Fellowship

James E. West was the first Chief Scout Executive and served in that position for more than three decades. The West Fellowship award is available for gifts of one-thousand dollars or more to the Council Endowment Fund. This is one of the best ways to ensure that the Heart of Virginia Council can continue to offer outstanding programs and grow to meet the needs of the youth and communities that it serves. Nawakwa Lodge #3 gave its first James E. West Fellowship in 1999. The 2007 recipient of the James E. West Fellowship is John H. Hankins.



W. Scott Street, IV

John Hankins displays his new award.

2007 Chapter Awards

Camp Promotions:

Unit Elections:

Chapter Olympics:

Chapter Spirit Award:

Chicacoan Chapter #2

Pamunkey Chapter #7

Nagatamen Chapter #5

Monacan Chapter #60

Honoring Our Retiring Staff Adviser Bill Givler

Bill Givler will retire from his professional Scouting position in early 2008. He was honored at the Banquet by John Hankins (via several true? stories) and other members of Nawakwa Lodge #3. Bill has served this council for over 30 years, so there was lots to say about Bill.

Frances Crutchfield wrote a poem and designed a flap. Scott Street found an old photo of Bill lying in the daisies from the archives of *The Tom-Tom* and had it framed for "The Bear." Even Bob Tucker got involved by presenting Bill with a lifetime meal card so that he can return whenever he wants for that great Nawakwa food.

At the end of the program, Mack Ruffin presented Bill and his wife Julie with a gift certificate for a nice dinner at a local restaurant. Bill thanked us all and, of course, took credit for the nice weather.



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ODE TO BILL GIVLER by Frances Crutchfield

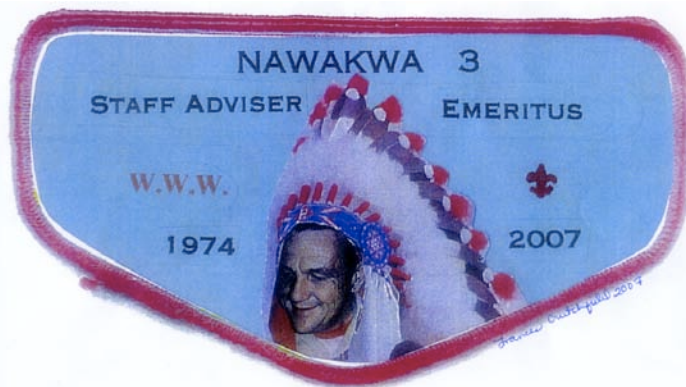
Bill Givler loves his "Feather Folk."
He's teased OA for years,
As its revered Staff Adviser,
Whose well-deserved retirement nears.

He takes credit for the weather.
We thank him for this morning's wet,
For the farmers and the forests
Were as dry as they could get,
And for the afternoon sunshine,
We'll be forever in his debt.

We've teased him mercilessly, too,
And we do not apologize,
But we wanted so to find a way
His memory to immortalize.

Thus we found a fancy headdress
And a picture of his face,
And we planned this recognition
In a very perfect place.

We didn't build anything new at camp,
Or place a marker on a map.
We designed something everyone will want:
THE WILLIAM GIVLER FLAP!



Bill...thanks for all of the years of cheerful service to your Nawakwa brothers! Don't be a stranger!!

Jim Richards steps down as Dance Team Adviser

Aho Brothers of Nawakwa Lodge #3,

I received my Ordeal status as a youth back in the late 60's in the Wagon Lodge #6 in the Westmorland-Fayette Council of Pennsylvania. I went to all of the Ordeal Weekends I could to support Camp Conestoga.

My family moved into the Tidewater Area, and I became a Brotherhood member of the Blue Heron Lodge #349 in the very early 70's. I served as summer Camp Staff for three years at Camp Pipsico as the director of the Camp Craft Area, specializing as the Pioneering Instructor. I was very active in this lodge, and the active Merrimack Chapter asked me to be the Chapter Chief, I had to decline as I was off to College in Richmond.

I came to Nawakwa Lodge #3; back in 1996, before the 97 National Jamboree was being held. My son had crossed over from Webelos Cub Scouts into Troop 806, now Troop 2806. I noticed very early on that there was very little interest in the OA from this unit. I began my effort to change this inactivity after my first (comeback) Ordeal, where I had to ask what the pass codes were. I served on the Ceremonial Ring preparation group for three years until my son was tapped out and became an Ordeal Member.

At that 1999 Fall Fellowship I was taking my son around to the different activities looking for an activity that would interest him. I came upon the Dance Team hunkered down under the Handicraft shelter, with their regalia spread about the few tables. They sat in the back talking amongst themselves. I tried to ask them a few specific questions about their regalia. I was never able to catch anyone's interest to try and explain their regalia pieces. We left the area looking at a dozen dumb Indians.

The next year's Fall Fellowship, my son and I were still looking for an activity of interest. The Dance Team had moved to the open Gillwell parade field. They had plenty of loud music, and a few youth dressed in regalia dancing, the rest were sitting in chairs under a tarp. I again asked those under the tarp to describe a few of the spread out pieces of regalia. They shouted back, "It's Indian Stuff". I was moving on with my son, when another youth Dancer heard the answer, and came by my side. He began to answer my questions, all of my detailed questions. As we moved well out of reach of the renegades, he asked me if I could spend some time with the dance team, as they needed an active adult leader. This youth was Brian Capuano. He left the group the next year when he aged out. He has remained in limited contact since that time.

I needed some time to study the group and to become a part of the group. Of this group, I never received the chance to become an active part of its actions. Many aging lodge adults blew comments in my direction, of what a fool I was to become a part of this group. I spent many a cold night in Koch Lodge freezing my buns off. This is where the group met in secret, not to craft, but to socialize. They took long walks to collect firewood, but to return hours later only to bring back a few sticks and a lot of goofy laughter. I saw very early on that the group needed new growth and tried to promote methods of recruitment. I was told by this group that they would recruit the way they always did, and they did not need any stupid adult suggestions. I counseled with many of the senior leaders of Nawakwa, searching for methods to reach out to this group. After a year of this abuse, and a group that dwindled down to about three or four members, it was time to shut down its current operations and let idle the negative attitude of this group.

I asked for time the following year to stand before the new Ordeal Candidates to ask them to choose an area to become an active part of the lodge. The following Ordeal, five Ordeal members came forward at the Friday night cracker barrel, where I poured my heart and soul into describing the plight of the Native American Indians. The next morning I pulled out all of Nick's and my regalia and began to introduce these youth to the regalia pieces. I thought that I had lost contact with the group as they were not asking any questions and seemed to be spellbound.

We had lunch together, and afterward I began to teach them how to dance. We took all of the pieces of regalia that I had and outfitted all of the new dancers. We ate dinner together in our regalia, and proceeded to walk to the Dance Ring. One of the new dancers asked what was expected, and I replied that there was no expectation; you could only improve over nothing. They danced the same intertribal twice that evening and received a great round of applause each time.

That was many moons ago. I just finished the Heart of Virginia Council Encampment 2007. I had a staff of 43 people, youth and adults, to operate the Indian Village and Wild Tomahawk Plateau. Twenty tomahawk stands were operating, and the Indian Village had five tipis up that were used to house the activity staff. We even had the ladies present to dance about the ring. We were dancing about in a small ring with a dance arbor sunshade, and they danced on Friday night and on Saturday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Thousands of spirit bags and necklaces of crow beads were available to be made. All comments received were positive and good.

These reflect a great time, many accomplishments, and a welcomed group of active youth. I will even note that of all the youth that have been on the Dance Team, some 16 are active Eagle Scouts with many more that have become Eagle Scouts and have gone on to further education opportunities. I do not claim to have gotten them to reach for their Eagle, but I do accept that I provided them with an active interest to keep them on their Scouting path. Many of these youth would have gone on to other not so good interests had they not had this opportunity. I am glad that I could be there to expose them to how to play with gooey animal parts, turn leather goods into regalia pieces, craft many hand items into articles of art, and use a sewing machine to turn yards of cotton calico cloth into period pieces of clothing. A personal reward was that of nearly 20 Dance Team members attending and competing at Conclave 2007 at Pipsico Scout Reservation and just last week having the youth team accepting the AIA responsibilities of Conclave 2008 to be held at Camp Shenandoah up in Swoope, Virginia.

With these rewards came many trying times, from the early renegades to the current communications with the youth and other adults. I am tired of incomplete promises, hours of setting up and lonely hours of takedown. I have seen many smiles on Cub Scout faces, as well as upset Scouters because they feel the music was too loud or the dancing took longer than the allotted time. I have stepped on one or two toes along the chosen path, and I am sorry for those that cannot see my vision.

As I drive away from the now empty field of the Encampment, I hope that a bottle of cola can keep me awake on my trip home to the other side of town. I am completely exhausted. As I was tossing a few short pieces of wood leftover from the event, I asked someone to take on the duties as adviser of the Nawakwa Lodge Dance Team. I made a promise—if the youth asked, I would do my best to be present at any activity. I just need to get away from the demands of orchestrating and leading this group of youth. I realize that any change creates reactions, and many times these are not good for the ongoing accomplishments of the group.

After 46 years of Scouting, 25 of those as a Scouting veteran, I announce my retirement from the Nawakwa Lodge #3 Native American Indian Dance Team. I wish the ongoing team effort many years of growth and success in the spotlight. Now, I think that I have some outstanding beadwork to complete. 🍷

Jim Richards
Eagles Soar Higher
Linchen Petauchsin (to the west wind, to live until now)
Amangi Tuney Wachtschu (Big Bearded Mountain Man)
Adviser of the Nawakwa Lodge #3 Native American Indian Dance Team

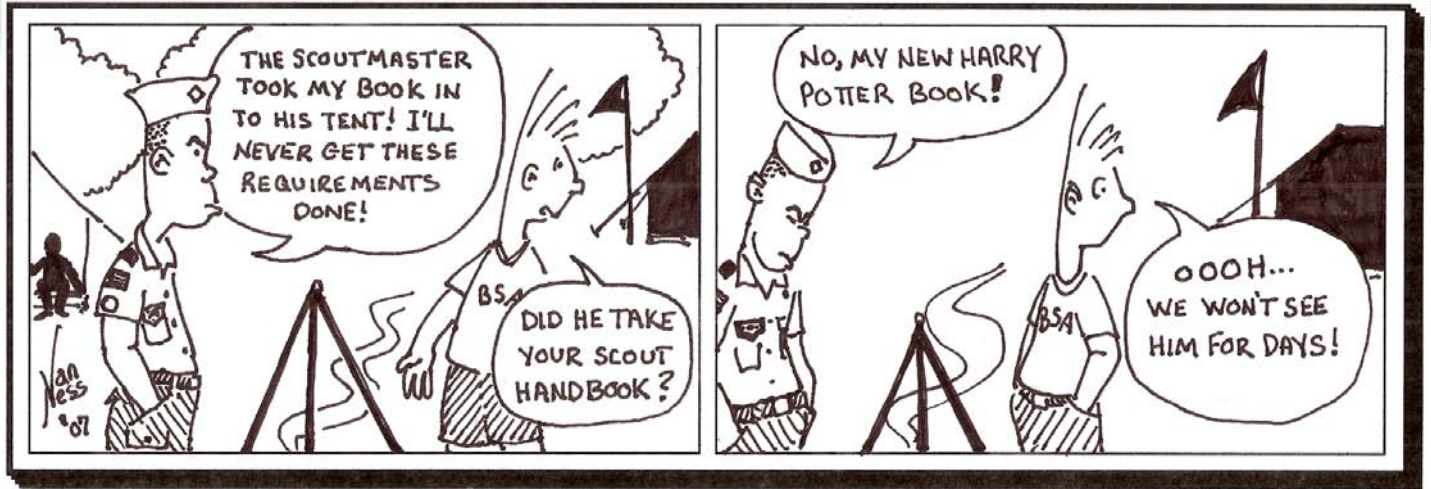
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Sons of Uncas

By Randy VanNess



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February 2 Council of Chiefs
Fishersville, VA

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

March 14-16..... OA Service Weekend
Camp T. Brady Saunders

January 13..... Exec. Comm. Meeting
2:00 PM at Council Service Center

April 25-27 SR-7A Conclave
Camp Shenandoah

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