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DON'T FORGET THE
SUMMER SERVICE WEEKEND

MAY 30 – JUNE 1

PLEASE BRING WORK GLOVES WITH YOU.



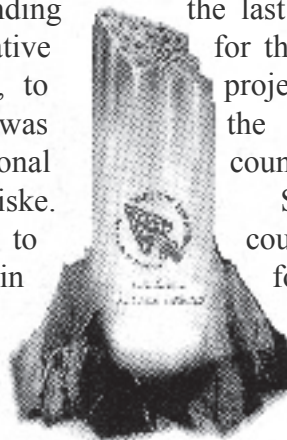
Nawakwa Lodge #3 Receives One of Eight National Service Awards

Only Eight Lodges Can Receive This Honor Each Year

Administered by the recognitions subcommittee of the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow, the National Service Award was established in 1999 to recognize that lodges in each region that have performed outstanding service, both in a qualitative and quantitative sense, to their council. The award was developed by past national vice chief, Ryan Miske. Awards are presented to two outstanding lodges in each region annually.

To be considered for the National Service Award, a lodge must be certified as a National Quality Lodge the year in which the National Service Award Petition is submitted. The National Service Award petition requires lodges to submit information on current lodge membership (the size of a lodge is a factor when considering the magnitude of the

service it has provided), a detailed description of the largest and most meaningful service project the lodge has completed for its council, and a record of all service performed by the lodge for the council since the last recharter process. Service for this award is defined as any project that has directly benefited the Scouting program in the council.



Some of the activities that counted towards this award for Nawakwa include the annual Carillon Service Project, the three annual OA Service Weekends at the Heart of Virginia Scout Reservation, Dance Team exhibitions, and various chapter service projects (including Arrow of Light ceremonies). Congratulations Nawakwa on exemplifying the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. Let's do it again this year! 🦋

Scooter McDaniel
Staff Writer



Chief's Bonnet

My Fellow Brothers:

This past year serving as your Lodge Chief has been a great experience. Each of you has helped this lodge grow in a great way making Nawakwa a National Quality Lodge once again.

Did you hear? Nawakwa was recently awarded the National Service Award for its extensive service performed cheerfully in 2007.

This award is only given to two lodges per region each year for the service that they provide to the communities served by their council, so congratulations Nawakwa.



I would like to thank everyone that has helped me this past year, Mack, Razz, Mr. Givler, Scott, and many others. Thank you also to Tommy Sharpe for all of your help these past years as our Service Chairman.

Again thanks to everyone, and I wish you all a wonderful Scouting career.

Your fellow Arrowman,
Will Swingle

Adviser's Minute



Brethren,

Congratulations! Nawakwa Lodge has been selected, by the recognitions subcommittee of the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow, as one of two Lodges in the Southern Region to receive the 2007 National Service Award. It will be presented to our council at the BSA National Meeting during the regional luncheon in San Diego.

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Your many hours of cheerful service to our council have been noted. A special OA salute to each of you. You have given life in action to the brotherhood of cheerful service.



The Summer OA Service Weekend is one of our most important and busiest events. We must set up summer camp, conduct a meaningful ordeal experience for our ordeal candidates, provide a proper brother experience for our

Brotherhood candidates, hold lodge elections, conduct our Lodge Officer Training Conference, and enjoy the outstanding food, fun and fellowship of a Nawakwa weekend. We need your participation to make it a success.

There will also be a welcome/orientation meeting for all members who are attending their first service weekend as a member of Nawakwa Lodge (see related article on page 5 for more details). Our goal is to help you feel at home and become involved with your Lodge.

Thanks for all that you are doing for Scouting and The Order. Your positive attitude and active leadership define Nawakwa Lodge.

In W.W.W.,
Mack Ruffin

Summer OA Service Weekend Campsite Assignments

<u>Site</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Newlon #4	8	McLaughlin #13	60 & 70
Frise #5	4 & 5	Saunders #14	7
Turner #6	19	Overstreet #15	2 & 3



W. Scott Street, IV

Nawakwa's Will Swingle Elected 2008–09 Section Chief

Current Nawakwa Lodge Chief Will Swingle (center) was elected by the lodges of Section SR7A at Conclave to serve as their Section Chief for the coming year. Elected as Section Vice Chief was Chris Nicholas (left) of Tutelo Lodge. Martin Clemmer (right) of Shenandoah Lodge was re-elected as Section Secretary. After a brief swearing-in ceremony at the Council of Chiefs meeting at the end of Conclave, Will took lead of the Section and will lead and represent its lodges through the end of the 2009 Conclave at Wahunsenekah Lodge's Bayport Scout Reservation.

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Chapter Reports

Karakona Chapter 19 Report

Chapter 19 hosted the Crater District Merit Badge weekend on April 18–20 at Camp Finley Albright. The Chapter Arrowmen conducted the opening ceremony, directed the parking of the cars, built and participated in the closing campfire and call-out ceremony, and set up the areas for the merit badge stations. Over 400 Scouts earned merit badges during the weekend. Good work Arrowmen!

On May 5th the Chapter promoted attending Boy Scout Summer Camp at Brady Saunders and Cub Resident Camp by hosting the monthly Roundtable for the District. Dickie Coffey, the Scout Camp Director, and Marcus Ragland, the Cub Camp Director, were invited to attend. A meal was prepared and served to all in attendance by the Chapter Arrowmen. The Chapter is planning to sponsor a Roundtable specifically for Camp Promotion in December of each year going forward and hopes this will assist in increasing participation at our local camps.

Terryll Brunson
 Chapter Vice Chief of Programs

Monacan Chapter 60 Report

We are currently meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM until around 8:30 PM at Saint John's Lutheran Church in Farmville.

Chapter 60 Picnic

The 2008 Chapter Picnic is being planned. The date, time, and location are not yet set, but as soon as all the information is planned, a flyer will be mailed to all chapter members (sometime in June) with details on the event (tentatively scheduled for sometime in August). This will be the time we will hold the 2008–2009 Chapter Officer Elections. Also, the picnic will be a good time to meet or reunite with fellow members and have some good fellowship.

Tom Smith
 Chapter Adviser

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following Arrowmen who became members of the Order by completing their Ordeal in March. These new brothers are eligible for Brotherhood after 10 months of membership has been attained (Spring Service Weekend, March 13-15, 2009).



Rami Aboulhosn	T715
Quentin Thomas Alcorn	T400
Christopher Shahan Anderson	T829
Justin Edward Arnold	T303
Jack David Baker	T737
David Anthony Billion	T763
Joshua David Billion	T763
Jacob Carter Boon	T891
Steven Roy Bowles	T736
Alfred Curtis Broe	T917
David Newton Brown	T737
Richard Lawrence Bunnell	T222
Joshua Corbin Cawthorn	T303
Oscar Jangaitt Chow	T715
Richard Warren Coley, III	T512
Samuel Philip Conners	T720
Timothy Adam Croxton	T222
J. E. Bennett Dickerson	T500
Nick Doukas	T900
Michael Thomas Drash	T747
Samuel Myrick Elliott	T418
Michael Joseph Fischer	T891
Charles Edwin Frise	T512
Bryan Allen Frise, Sr.	T512
Michael Alexander Fuller	T815
Keith David Gastrock	T500
James Russell Gathright, Jr.	T509
Charles Carey Gibbens	T443
Thomas William Gorewich	T829
Dustin Parker Greve	T760
Joshua Alexander Hayden	T891
Stephen Christopher Hutchinson	T737
David Tyler Hutchison	T715
John Venable Irby	T418
John Arch Irvin	T418

Wayne Joseph Jones	T862
Brandon Joshua Keithly	T728
Eric Michael Kencel	T815
Michael Austin Kessinger	T876
Yusuf Ali Khan	T737
Myron Lamont Kidd	T6535
Jacob Joseph Lang	T737
Thomas Earl Larose	T837
David Barth Lennon	T806
Marcia Johnson Lewis	T499
Zachary Randolph Love	T832
Brendan R. Lutz	T715
Robert William Lyles, III	T862
Colin Ellis Mackey	T737
Jordan Christopher Mason	T500
Evan Archer McCray	T710
Bryce John Melton	T800
Stephen Belland Metcalf	T503
Robert Bruce Miller	T829
Andrew White Monroe	T860
Brenton Jacob Moore	T303
Stanard Clifton Parcell	T521
Robert Thomas Parker, Jr.	T845
Ryan Arthur Phaup	T700
Tyler Allan Phaup	T700
Alexander David Prestia	T736
James Alexander Ray	T715
Samuel Ballard Richardson	T715
William Joseph Riddell	T760
David Evan Sale	T706
Matthew Team Simmons	T523
Alexander Logan Smith	T505
William Ernon Smith, Jr.	T505
Austin William Strader	T837
Ian Thomas Szabo	T715
Joshua Thomas Warren	T715
Jason Michael Weaver	T715
Joshua Roman Weaver	T728
Christian James Wheeler	T736
James Russell Wheeler	T736
John Adrian Wilhelm, Jr.	T880
Robert Harrison Willcox	T837
Troy Allen Wilson	T835
Gregory Lloyd Woody	T869

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



John Hundley Adams	T7430
Cyril Rolling Allen, IV	T912
Sabine Danisevskis Allen	T912
Daniel Monroe Andrews, Jr.	T837
Joel Ryan Austin	T897
Mark Edward Bernas	T815
Robert Joseph Bungarden	T815
William Nickolas Bungarden	T815
James Joseph Clark	T837
Jacob Daniel Crenshaw	T7538
Daniel Clayton de Nijs	T763
Eric Paul de Nijs	T763
James Caleb Denson	T879
Joshua Taylor Dimmick	T842
Cameron Lloyd Dunnavant	T772
Randall Joseph Ferrance	T503
Samuel John Friday	T235
Bruce Gorman Gibbens	T443
Austin Harold Goyne	T715
Christopher Bailey Hancock	T523
Brian H. Hatcher	T776
Adam Charles Horn	T837
Charles Lee Horn, Jr.	T837
Zachary Wayne James	T869
Christopher William Jewell	T777
Samuel Demetry Jones	T799
August Daniel Kahsar	T891
Michael James Kencel	T815
Benjamin Thomas Larson	T891
Benjamin James Lawton	T777
Matthew Christopher Lennon	T806
Garrett Michael Mannion	T715
Sean Patrick McConkie	T255
Daniel John McGrath	T235
Frank Stockell McNeilly, Jr.	P815
Alexander Bryson Nagy	T837
Conner James O'Keefe	T763

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Brian Daniel Oliver.....	T777
Jeffery Ramsey, Jr.....	T912
James Edwin Ray.....	T715
Patrick Lynn Robbins.....	T7542
James A. T. Ruml.....	T444
Nathan Scott Saxman.....	T891
Kevin Patrick Sharp.....	T891
Jonathan Christian South.....	T772
Ian Arrington Talbot.....	T879
Louis Alexander Wallace.....	T912
Richard Linwood Walton, III.....	T436
Adam Francis Robert White.....	T886

Advisers: Please Report Service Hours

All Nawakwa Lodge committee and chapter advisers are reminded that they are to report to Lodge Adviser Mack Ruffin a tally of all service hours recorded by their chapter/committee members on chapter/committee sponsored service projects. Please report these hours immediately after the service event (or monthly if the service project is ongoing).



This patch will be awarded to all who attend the LLDC on June 1st (at the Service Weekend, until about 3 PM).

New Districts Created!

This spring, the Executive Board of the Heart of Virginia Council approved the mergers of several of its districts. Northern Neck District #2 and Rappahannock District #3 have merged to form Northern Neck/Rappahannock District #23 to be served by Senior District Executive Phillip Mumford. Weyanoke District #60 and Meherrin District #70 have merged to form Weyanoke/Meherrin District #67 to be served by District Executive Geoff Angle. As of press time, there has been no decision between the new districts' Key 3 members and Lodge Adviser Mack Ruffin as to whether or not the respective chapters will merge as well.

New Member Orientation Program

Calling all new Ordeal members. Now that you have completed your ordeal, where do you go from here?

On Friday evening May 30th at 8:00 PM, during the Summer OA Service Weekend, the Lodge Training Committee will hold an orientation session for new Ordeal members (less than one year membership), for those interested in attaining Brotherhood membership, and for all those interested in becoming a more active part of Nawakwa Lodge. We will provide information and answer all questions you may have on the OA, the path to brotherhood membership, and the various Lodge events. These include troop-level, chapter level, and lodge level activities. The focus of the session, will be on explaining the various opportunities for participation in the OA service activities.

We will provide general information on the OA, the path to brotherhood membership, and the various events that one can participate in such as Service Weekends, Fall Fellowship, and Conclave. Our primary focus will be on explaining the various opportunities for participation in local OA service activities. These include troop-level, chapter level, and lodge level activities.

Please refer to the schedule for the location on Friday night, and plan to arrive in time for this 8:00 pm program. If successful, this may become a regular event. We look forward to seeing you.

Kevin Fetty
Training Committee Chairman.

Super Saturday will be June 7th at Camp

All adult leaders and Venture Crew Presidents are reminded to register to attend the third annual Super Saturday program planning and trade show event. Once again, this event will be held at the Heart of Virginia Scout Reservation. A highlight of this year's event will be the unveiling of new web-based resources for tracking advancement. Please visit www.ScoutingVirginia.org for more details.

Lodge Officer Candidate Forum

Lodge Chief Candidate

Brothers, it's that time of year again!

My name is Thomas Howard and I want to be your Lodge Chief. Most of you probably know me by now, but if you don't you've probably seen me performing a ceremony, announcing something loudly at a chapel service, or flying down the "slip and slide of serious injury or near death." I've been your Vice Chief of Administration for the past two years, and it's time now for me to serve all of you on the next level.

I'm confident that I have the skills and experience to help you make Nawakwa a better lodge. The lodge chief serves to link the lodge's members to its structure, and as Chief, I will use my wide range of experiences to help everyone take the best advantage of everything the lodge has to offer. My time on the Ceremonial Team, as the Publications Chairman, at NOAC, and as SPL at World Jamboree give me the broad perspective of Scouting that a lodge chief needs. I also have quite a bit of experience representing the lodge at the Section's Council of Chiefs meetings.

My program will continue to have an emphasis on communication. I understand that members of Nawakwa Lodge must be informed to stay active, and I will continue to strengthen our communication with our members through the Tom-Tom and the newly revised website. The new website has wonderful potential, but it must be refined and promoted in order for it to become our Lodge's defining resource.

And hey, I look good in a bonnet! Who can say no to that?

I hope that you will see me as your best candidate. I greatly appreciate your support.

At press time, no other letters were received.



Thomas Howard

Aho Nawakwa Native American Indian Dance Team

Somewhere around Noon on Friday, March 28, 2008, the Jeep was packed with one set of tipi poles, two tipis, and having to use using the extension Tray to carry enough gear for three for the weekend, the expedition begins. Arriving out at Brady Saunders the old poles were removed from the pole trailer and replaced with the master set from the Jeep, the Tray was emptied and tied to the trailer. A few additional supplies pulled out of the Red Trailer and all the overflow items were tied to the pole trailer. With hardly enough room for Baylor and Max to sit comfortably the Expedition really begins, heading to the Bell Bottoms Farm all the way out in Buckingham County.

The directions are good, the sleepy Team members awake from the ride to the rolling piedmont hills and open fields, where some are freshly plowed. As we cross Bell Bottom Creek, the woods part to old farm buildings and open fields. We take to the field on our left and work our way around the edge of the field. We find the secluded spot on the upper field, and begin to set up camp. With the sun low on the horizon, we walk into the surrounding woods and start selecting the young growth Tulip Poplars who are straight and tall, and only as thick in circumference as the distance around using a measure with the thumb and forefingers. Satisfied with our selection we head out of the woods and proceed to the fields on the other side of the farm.

Here we meet up with the newly formed High Adventure Venture Crew 6535, out for a Wilderness Survival Weekend. They had to make their shelters for the evening out of the timber and leaves found in the woods. As for crafting, I was only able to sew on one bead when dinner grace was called. After a hot hearty meal provided by the cooks of Crew 6535, with our contributions, we headed back to our tipi for the evening. We closed up the flaps, expecting a little wind and rain during the wee hours of the Morning. The next morning we awoke to the urges of the morning, and proceed back to the other field to receive our combined breakfast with the Crew and hear of collapsed huts and midnight calls.

We return to the secluded field, gather our gloves and warm up the chain saw, and start dropping our marked trees. Within an hour all the selected trees and a few others had been hauled out of the surrounding woods. The machetes came out to lop off the few branches. It was at this time when we discovered that it is a bit too early in the season to peel the bark off the trees, a real disappointment. We then set each new pole in the Trailer cradles and used the Trailer as our workbench, tying the top of the tree to the trailer, and proceeded to shave the bark off to allow the pole to dry relatively quickly. Additional help of Jeff and Mr Stalling arrived by Noon. With this new help we established a rotation of cutting positions, the rope man, the highly criticized position, the tired position, the log turner, and the so called resting position. Resting position gets to shave the end of the pole, carry away the shaved log, and feed a new log in position, all before getting a drink of water. That was the easy position. By 6 pm, the last of 42 poles were shaved. We selected four of the straightest poles and trimmed to a length of 30 feet to use as lift poles. The remaining were aligned at the tip, and cut to 25 feet in length. Two happened to be shorter than that, and were chosen to become Smoke Flap poles and cut to 22 feet. We were all done by 7:00, after having tied all the new poles to the trailer. The Stalling's headed home early as Jeff had been nursing a cold all day.

All exhausted, we headed over to the Venture Crew side for our combined warm dinner, of home cooked Chili and Brunswick stew. We were even treated to a fresh batch of Sassafras Tea collected by the scavenging crew. Our Dancers dressed for the evening campfire and talked about their regalia. They even put on the amazing skit of Ya-Pu-Cha, but this was after replacing the Regalia with warmer evening clothes. They told many stories about the campfire that evening, but after a closing word to the venture crew to stand up, and make a suggestion of where they as youth would like to go on their outings, the tired team retired to the tipi. At 4:24 in the morning I awoke to the sound of sleeting on the tipi, and discovered that my ground mattress had slipped out again. No problem, just Roll over and catch another 40 winks. Breakfast at 8:00 am, the tipi is down by 10:00 am. Catch the Crew service and say our good-byes. A long and slow ride back to Brady Saunders, reshuffle the Pole Trailer back into position, Tie the master set to the Jeep and head back to Home. Untie the Poles, and place in the holding tree out in back of the house.

Much Thanks, to the property owner Mr. Spears, for allowing us access onto his farm and surrounding woods. We thank you for your fine selection of 10 year old Tulip Popular. Family: Magnoliaceae Genus: Liriodendron (ly-ree-oh-DEN-dron) Species: tulipifera (too-lip-EE-fer-uh)

Much thanks to the Venture Crew 6535, for a warm welcome and preparing all of our meals.

Much Thanks to Mr. Hinds for making the event happen. Austin, I hope you stayed warm and dry in your Debris Hut

Dance Team, you had better thank those that spent several hours preparing the slender tipi poles when you are at Conclave 2008. May our tipi's stand up to westerly winds and driving snow storms with all smoke curling out of the top of the tipi.

Jim Richards
Native American Dance Team

Awards from SR7A Conclave 2008

Hosted by Shenandoah Lodge #258 at Camp Shenandoah April 25-27 in Swoope, Va

Publications

Newsletter

- 1st Nawakwa
- 2nd Shenandoah

Website

- 1st Nawakwa
- 2nd Shenandoah

Ceremonies

Pre-Ordeal

- 1st Nawakwa (Honor)
- 2nd Tutelo B (Honor)
- 3rd Tutelo A (Merit)
- 4th Wahunsenakah (Achievement)

Brotherhood

- 1st Shenandoah (Honor)
- 2nd Nawakwa (Honor)
- 3rd Shenshawpotoo (Merit)
- 4th Tutelo (Merit)

Vigil Honor

- 1st Matt Allen, Tutelo (Honor)

Dance

Fancy Dance

- 1st Will Floyd, Nawakwa

Grass Dance

- 1st Cody Allen, Tutelo
- 2nd Caleb Denson, Nawakwa
- 3rd Keenan France, Tutelo

Old Style

- 1st John Struble, Nawakwa
- 2nd Sam Osterhout, Nawakwa
- 2nd Max Minter, Nawakwa
- 3rd Jeff Stallings, Nawakwa

Traditional

- 1st Will Swingle, Nawakwa
- 2nd Jeremy Jones, Tutelo
- 3rd Scott Zerrull, Shenshawpotoo

Straight Dance

- 1st Alex Mayes, Nawakwa



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Nawakwa Lodge's Championship Volleyball Team (Trophy, below)

Quest for the Golden Arrow

Fire Building

- 1st Shenandoah
- 2nd Nawakwa

5K Race

- 1st Shenandoah
- 2nd Tutelo

Volleyball

- 1st Nawakwa
- 2nd Shenandoah

Ultimate Frisbee

- 1st Tutelo
- 2nd Blue Heron

Tug of War

- 1st Tutelo
- 2nd Shenandoah

OA Jeopardy

- 1st Blue Heron
- 2nd Tutelo

Overall Golden Arrow

- 1st Shenandoah
- 1st Tutelo

Spirit Award

- 1st Shenandoah



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Sons of Uncas

By Randy VanNess



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



THE LOOKOUT

May 30–June 1 Summer Serv Wknd
Camp T. Brady Saunders

*Lodge Officer Elections & Lodge Leadership Development Course
All youth leaders & adult advisers are invited to attend (ends at 3 PM)*

Sept 5–7 Fall Service Wknd
Camp T. Brady Saunders

Oct 10–12 Fall Fellowship & Banquet
Camp T. Brady Saunders

Dec 22 & 23 Carillon Project
Byrd Park, Richmond

Aug 1–6, 2009 Nat'l OA Conference
Indiana University

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