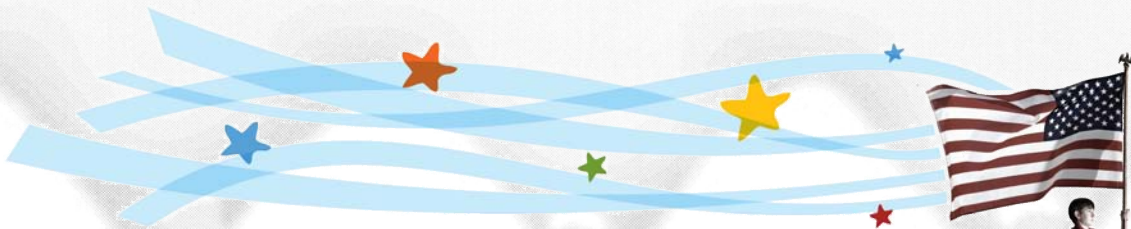


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## Will Swingle Elected National Vice Chief

Congratulations to Nawakwa Lodge's Will Swingle who was elected to be the Order of the Arrow's 2010 National Vice Chief. Will, who is a past Nawakwa Lodge Chief and Section SR7A Chief (two terms), is the first Nawakwa brother to serve as a national officer. It was my honor to interview him with some questions about his journey to national office.

Q: First would you mind giving me some background information; for example your home troop and where you go to school?

A: I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 521 out of Atlee, Virginia, and I am a Freshman at Christopher Newport University

Q: How did you become National Vice Chief? What was the process that led you to being elected?

A: I was Section Chief for Section SR-7A for two years, and as Section Chief I was able to go to the National Planning Meeting in Dallas where the National Chief, Vice Chief, and Region Chiefs are elected. There I ran for National Vice Chief.

Q: Who is the National Chief?

A: The National Chief is Brad Lichota of Chippewa Lodge #29 at the Great Lakes Council in Michigan.

Q: What are your duties as Vice Chief?

A: As Vice Chief I serve on the National Committee and will be responsible for going to National Leadership Seminars and also to National Planning and Steering Committee meetings

Q: What activities will you be doing over the course of the year?

A: Over the course of the year I will be attending numerous National Leadership Seminars, Conclaves, and Lodge Events. Also, I am going to be attending OA Tail Crew at Philmont and OA Canadian Odyssey at Northern Tier.

The next time you see Will, be sure to congratulate him on this wonderful opportunity. 🦋

Brian Walter  
Editor-in-Chief





# Chief's Bonnet

My Fellow Brothers:

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and the New Year is going well for you so far. We have an exciting new year of brotherhood and cheerful service ahead of us, and I am excited for it to begin.

First and foremost, I would like to extend congratulations on behalf of Nawakwa Lodge to Will Swingle, our fellow Nawakwa brother and former Lodge Chief, on his election as the 2010 Order of the Arrow National Vice Chief. He is the first Nawakwa brother to serve in a National office, and he is well deserving of this honor. Congratulations again Will, and good luck during your term!

I would also like to thank everyone who helped out with the Carillon Service Project, as it was a great success for all involved. It is an important part of our Lodge's annual cheerful service, so again, thank you all for helping.

Looking forward in the New Year, we have a calendar packed with Lodge activities. First, the March Service Weekend will be March 19-21. Next, brothers from our Lodge will be travelling to the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest to complete trail work not finished during Arrowcorps5 during the weekend of April 9-11. We are hoping to have 100 Arrowmen in attendance at this event, so please go online to [www.nawakwa.org](http://www.nawakwa.org) for more information and to get your registration forms. Finally, the 2010 SR-7A Conclave, hosted by Tutelo Lodge at Camp Powhatan in Hiwassee, Virginia will be taking place April 23-25. Please go to the lodge website to sign up for this event.



As you can see, our calendar is very full, and turnout is essential to ensure each event is a success. Make sure to make every effort to be in attendance, and I will see you at the Service Weekend in March!

Your fellow Arrowman,  
Owen Gallogly

# Adviser's Minute



Brethren,

Congratulations to Will Swingle 2010 National Vice Chief. We look forward to his leadership in service on the national level. He will bring honor to The Order, Nawakwa, and himself. Our best wishes and support go with Will.



Have you registered for the next three major Lodge events? The registration forms/procedures are on our website [ [www.nawakwa.org](http://www.nawakwa.org) ]. They are easy to complete and will insure that you can bring new life to Nawakwa Lodge #3 and the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

Our Spring OA Service Weekend and Ordeal is March 19-21. It will be a very busy weekend but filled with fun and fellowship. We need Brotherhood candidates as well as Ordeal candidates. You are our salesman and can make good attendance a reality. We will also train and prepare for the GW/Jeff National Forest Trail Project. The deadline to register for this Service Weekend is March 10. Do not wait... register now!

GW/Jeff National Forest Trail Project is April 9-11. We need 100 Arrowmen 14 years and older to insure completion of our project. This is your opportunity for good fellowship helping Nawakwa build a legacy of cheerful service. Please register as soon as possible. Remember you will receive a special limited GW/Jeff lodge flap patch for participation.

SR-7A Conclave at Camp Powhatan is April 21-23. The registration form, trading post order form and health form can be completed on line and printed off for mailing with your payment to the Council Office. The registration deadline is March 5th (a late fee is imposed for registrations received March 6-24). I recommend that you register now to ensure that you will be part of the great fun and fellowship of an outstanding Conclave.

Do not hesitate; this is your opportunity to be part of an exciting spring in The Order. "He alone is worthy to wear the Arrow who will continue faithfully to serve his fellow man."

In W.W.W.,  
Mack Ruffin

### Spring OA Service Weekend Campsite Assignments

Site	Chapter	Site	Chapter
Newlon #4	19	McLaughlin #13	5
Frise #5	28	Saunders #14	18
Turner #6	23 & 4	Overstreet #15	7

### LEC Increases Dues & Registration Fees by \$5

It was approved at the past Lodge Executive Committee to increase the yearly dues of members from \$10 to \$15, event registration fees from \$15 to \$20, and Saturday-only registration fees from \$10 to \$15 (but a function patch is now included). With declining event attendance and declining trading post sales the lodge has been losing money for the past year. Bob Rasmussen, Secretary/Treasurer Adviser has this to say:

“After a thorough analysis of Nawakwa Lodge’s financial situation for the past few years, a decision was made to raise fees in all categories. We as a lodge have continued to lose money each year due to a number of reasons which include food costs rising, national supply costs rising, normal administrative (postage/printing) costs rising, and trading post sales declining. However, the one outstanding issue is attendance at our events. Without members attending, we will continue to lose money. On an average, if the lodge does not have participation of 350-400 at an event, we lose the ability to break even. It is never an easy decision to increase prices, but it has been many years since we last did. Our fees are still in line with other lodges.”

Those who have already paid dues for this year will not be immediately affected by this increase nor will those who have paid for future years; they will pay the new amount when their membership is up for renewal. If you have not paid your dues for 2010 (“2009” appears on your mailing label), they are now \$15 and are due by March 10th.

Brian Walter  
Editor-in-Chief

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### December Vigils



Mack Ruffin

**JOHN RANDOLPH SMITH III**  
*TSCHITGUSSIN NETOPALIS*  
SILENT WARRIOR

**TIMOTHY JAMES PARCELL**  
*NIMET ACHGEKETUM*  
BROTHER TEACHER

### Trading Post Sale!

At the Spring Service Weekend, all **lodge flaps** in stock (excluding current 2010 issues) will be **\$2.50 each or five for \$10**. This is a great time to stock up if you are going to the Jamboree. Also, all **function patches** issued before 2010 will be just **50¢ each**. There are no restrictions.

### Join Ceremonial Team

Are you interested in the ceremonies performed at each service weekend? Would you like to help make those ceremonies happen? If so, the Nawakwa Lodge Ceremonial Team would like to talk to you! The Ceremonial Team is a group of dedicated Arrowmen who enjoy putting on the best performances possible. They have earned honors at Section Conclaves and National Conferences. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Ceremonial Team at [CeremonialTeam@Nawakwa.org](mailto:CeremonialTeam@Nawakwa.org). Thank you, and we hope to hear from you!

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**Sons of Uncas**

**By Randy VanNess**



The deadline for submissions to the next issue of the *Tom-Tom* is March 26<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**

March 19-21.....Spring Service Wknd  
Camp T. Brady Saunders

April 9-11.....National Forest Project  
Washington/Jefferson National Forests  
*Registration form is online at [nawakwa.org](http://nawakwa.org)*

April 23-25 .....SR-7A Conclave  
Camp Powhatan  
*See [nawakwa.org](http://nawakwa.org) for info on how to complete online registration*

May 21-23..... Summer Service 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)*

June 5.....Scout Bash 100  
Kings Dominion

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