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JUNE INDUCTIONS SWIFTLY APPROACHING

BY PETE Event Chairman

Mark your calendars for the weekend of June 12-14 for the June Inductions to be held at Camp Shenandoah. Arrowmen should plan on arriving at the June Inductions Friday evening between 5-8 PM. Departure from camp on Sunday at approximately 11 AM.

Good fun and fellowship is planned alongside cheerful service to camp and inducting new Brothers to our order!

All current Ordeal members of Shenandoah Lodge are encouraged to seal their membership in the OA by attaining Brotherhood at the June Inductions. Each chapter has a goal of 5 members to attain Brotherhood, so make plans to come on out to the June Inductions.

For the work projects be sure to bring the necessary supplies to help put the final touches on preparing camp for the summer.

Work Project list

- Re-roof Nature Lodge
- Electrical wiring work at the **Trading Post**
- 3. Carpentry work for new shower stalls in Fix campsite
- 4. Repair existing Fix campsite shower stall
- Add shelves to outside walk-in 6. Hammer
- Re-connect plumbing around camp
- Remove 3 trees from upper water tank area
- Remove 2 trees from rifle range
- Remove old Stewart latrine
- 10. Weed eat/mow
- 11. Clean out dam spillover area

What to bring

- 1. Work gloves/eye protection/ long sleeve shirts/pants
- 2. Chain saws
- 3. Weed eaters (with heavy duty blades)
- 4. Air compressor/roofing guns
- Circular saw
- 7. Measuring tape
- 8. Carpenter Square
- 9. Roofing stapler
- 10. Cordless drills
- 11. Shingle cutter
- 12. Box cutter
- 13. Levels

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Pow Wow with the Chief



PETE ECHOLS
Lodge Chief

Dear Brothers,

Since Winter Banquet, the Lodge has planned and successfully executed a Spring Fellowship weekend at the GW/Jeff National site of ArrowCorps5 near Covington. Under the leadership of event chairman, Zach , and his Adviser Alex Wiatt, the

weekend went well, despite the cold/rainy weather and we completed nearly half a mile of trail! Special thanks to Wayne Swisher for cooking.

Thanks to each of the chapters for their leadership in completing 100% Camping Promotions/Unit Visitations again! CP/UE chairman Eric did a great job leading the lodge in this endeavor. The Chapter Chiefs and Vice Chapter Chiefs have successfully their purpose of electing new members to our Lodge.

With a jubilant contingent, Shenandoah Lodge once again secured the coveted Spirit Award at Conclave under the leadership of Adam and his Adviser Robert Clemmer.

Brian and LeeAnna

Tyler represented the Lodge well
as Conclave Activites CVC and Adviser. Both leaders rose to the chal-

lenge of planning all the Conclave competitions...no small task. Thanks!

Looking ahead, the Lodge will be sending a contingent of 27 Arrowmen to NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference) this summer at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. NOAC will be held on August 1-6, 2009 and our Lodge will be traveling via train. Martin is the contingent chairman for this trip, under the supervision of Adviser Tom Greenwood. An event of these epic proportions should not be missed!

Yours in WWW,

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Pete Lodge Chief



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CONCLAVE ACTIVITIES LED BY SHENANDOAH LODGE

BY BRIAN

Conclave Vice Chief of Activities

Shenandoah Lodge fulfilled the responsibility of running the activities at Conclave 2009. There were 5 activities: 5k run/walk, Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, Fire Building, and Tug -of-War.

We have a great set of rules written up with some changes from last year that cut down on confusion during the activities. Some changes include unlimited substitutions for youth (under 21) in Ultimate Frisbee and Volleyball, and no cleats or substitutions allowed in Tug-of-War.

Conclave Activities Staff were provided with official tshirts and the events at Conclave went quite well. Awards for each event were given and Shenandoah Lodge earned first place in the 5k Run/Walk (go Adam !), third place in Volleyball, and third place in Ultimate Frisbee. The Golden Arrow Award went to Tutelo Lodge. Countless hearts were touched in SR-7A when an impromptu marching band was formed by members of Shenandoah Lodge and soothed the souls for a surprise half-time performance at the Ultimate Frisbee field.

LODGE CALENDAR

Jun. 12-14, 2009 June Inductions

Camp Shenandoah

Swoope, VA

Jun. 14, 2009 LEC Meeting

Camp Shenandoah Approximately 11 am

Jul. 18, 2009 LEC Meeting

Camp Shenandoah

12:00 pm

Aug. 14-16, 2009 August Inductions

Camp Shenandoah

Swoope, VA

Sep. 18-20, 2009 Lodge Retreat and Lead-

ership Conference

Location: TBA

CONCLAVE SPIRIT AWARD

DR SUESS THEME BRINGS SUCCESS!

BY ADAM

Conclave Spirit Chairman

Shenandoah Lodge went to Jamaica. Jamaica, Virginia, that is, for the always spectacular SR-7A Conclave the weekend of April 24-26 at Wahunsenakah Lodge's Bayport Scout Reservation. Our Lodge chose for its spirit theme to be Dr. Seuss.

All Arrowmen who attended got into Conclave Spirit by dressing up like their favorite character from one of Dr. Seuss' famous books. We had Thing 1 and Thing 2, a Cat in the Hat, Fox in Socks, and the Bowman of Yowman among many others. The Lodge sat down for a special

reading of the Cat in the Hat in front of the dining hall. All of these efforts combined to bring the Sprit award back to Shenandoah Lodge for the sixth consecutive year.

The Lodge chose a Dr. Suess related feast item and handed out Swedish fish (*One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*) and bottled waters and teas.



FOUNDER'S AWARD PRESENTED

BY MARTIN

Conclave Vice Chief of Activities

On January 3, 2009 at the Winter Banquet, the Founder's Award presentation was the highlight of the event. The Founder's Award is the most prestigious award a lodge can hand out to its members. The Founder's Award is reserved for those who demonstrate that they personify the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner These Arrowmen Goodman. truly live by the high ordeals of the Order of the Arrow in their daily lives. The youth recipient this year was Zach

and the adult recipient has not



Zach 2008 Founder's Award recipient

been presented yet.

Congratulations to Zach for all of his hard work, leadership, and dedication to the Lodge and Scouting.

A vigil member and Eagle

Scout from Troop 54, Zach has served the Lodge in many positions over the years including Lodge Chief 2007-08, which included the Lodge hosting Conclave at Camp Shenandoah and successfully winning the Golden Arrow and Spirit Award.

Zach also held the position of Vigil Nominating Chairman, been a Chapter Chief for the Saponi Lodge, and also served as Lodge Vice Chief of Activities. He is a familiar face at all Lodge Events, and he has served on the Staff at Camp Shenandoah for many years.

Thank you very much Zach for all that you do for this Lodge!

LODGE RUNS CUB SCOUT EVENTS AT CAMPOREE

BY RYAN

Lodge Vice Chief of Activities

April 17-19, the Stonewall Jackson Area Council held a Council Camporee at James Madison's Montpelier. The location was especially appropriate this year, as the theme was "Living the Bill of Rights." It was an action packed weekend full of activities for all Scouts, including live interpreters, military demonstrations, reenactors, bb-guns, archery, a paintball obstacle course, and more.

The Order of the Arrow ran the Cub Scout Events at the Camporee. We had 17 stations with crafts, displays, and activities for the Cub Scouts to do that also helped them fulfill rank requirements for advancement.

Arrowmen came out to help from all over the Lodge to run the events. Thanks to everyone for helping and representing the Lodge well. The Lodge has received a lot of positive feedback regarding how well these events were carried out by Council leadership, Cub Scout Leaders, and parents. Special thanks to Mike White for serving as the Adviser for the event, without his support the weekend would have not been so smooth.

This was a great opportunity for us to not only cheerfully serve the council and run a fun-filled program for the Cub Scouts, but to build relationships with the future Lodge membership.

CP/UE 2009

BY ERIC

CP/UE Chairman

This year Shenandoah Lodge achieved again 100% contact for Camping Promotions/Unit Elections. Congratulations to Achewon Allohak for being the first Chapter to complete all their visitations.

When you are visiting a troop remember to seek out any Arrowmen and inform them about upcoming events. If you are interested in helping out with CP/UE next year, be sure to contact Eric at

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talk to your Vice-Chapter Chief and they can be able to put you on a visitation team.

2009 WINTER BANQUET A HUGE SUCCESS

BY LOUIS
Monocan Chapter Chief

This year's Winter Banquet was held at Pano's Restaurant on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009. Monocan Chapter hosted this year's banquet in Harrisonburg, which 111 Arrowmen attended. The food was delicious, and enjoyed by all. Instead of a guest speaker past Lodge chiefs spoke about their memories of Mike White while he served as their Lodge adviser. Pete Echols also gave the State of the Lodge Address. The Founder's Award was presented to Zach Hunsberger, and unfortunately the adult recipient was unable to be present. We would like to thank all that came.



Lodge members enjoy Banquet



Monocan Chapter Chief Louis planned the banquet



Patrick and Louis at check-in



111 Arrowmen attended the 2009 Banquet

CEREMONIES, DANCE, AND DRUM TEAMS ROCK ON!

Spring is a busy time for the Ceremonies, Dance, and Drum Teams of Shenandoah Lodge. Training is under way at Camp Shenandoah – training sessions were held at Camp Shenandoah from March through Conclave. Lunch was provided and all Brothers were invited to join! We are always looking to add members to our ranks in all three areas.

The Ceremonies Team conducted a Brotherhood Ceremony at Spring Trail Crew on Saturday March 14, near the ArrowCorps5 site outside Covington, Va.

Training was back on March 22 at Camp Shenandoah (12-4), and we'll be tuning up Indian-

style Dancers for Conclave.

April 17-19 was the Council Camporee at Montpelier, and the Ceremony Team held the big Call-Out Ceremony for all Candidates elected in this year's CP/UE visits. That was followed next week by the SR-7A Conclave at Bayport Scout Reservation – the statewide competition for Ceremonies, Dancers, and Drummers.

You can look for us at the June and August Inductions to join the team! Contact Nick Franz, Ceremonies Chairman at: Buckeyefranz@comcast.net and Adviser Dave Pratt at: thepratts563@aol.com and 434-244-0195.

NOAC 2009

BY MARTIN
NOAC Contingent Chairman

The countdown continues as NOAC 2009 approaches. The lodge is preparing its contingent for the epic trip to the campus if Indiana University. We have 27 signed up to go with the Shenandoah contingent. We are planning to have a founder's day booth, ceremony teams competing on the national circuit, and we are striving to attain the spirit award for the second time. If there are any questions contact Martin

> or

Tom Greenwood (540) 862-1312 <



Council Camporee 2009 at James Madison's Montpelier



Did you earn Ordeal in 2008 or earlier? Then it's time to

SELLOW men who have been Ordeal at least 10 months can earn their Brotherhood and seal their membership in the Order at the Spring Fellow ship. Make the commitment to become a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow. "Let us wait no longer before we begin our journey."

LODGE TO CONDUCT CONCLAVE PLEDGE DRIVE

BY KEVIN

Lodge Secretary

Conclave 2010 is not as far away as one might think. Although Shenandoah Lodge does not carry the burden of hosting the event next year, we still need to put a lot time into planning for Conclave. It is for this reason that Shenandoah Lodge has come up with the 2010 Conclave Pledge Drive. The Pledge is designed to help Shenandoah Lodge have a record-breaking contingent attend Conclave. We hope to have at least 50 Arrowmen pledge to attend Conclave by the August Inductions. This should be easy to do since this camp is fairly close to the bulk of our Council membership.

The premise behind the Pledge Drive is that any Arrowman interested in attending the 2010 Conclave will sign his or her name on a Pledge form included in this issue of Smoke Signals. Forms will also be available at Chapter meetings and all Lodge events. By signing your name you are pledging yourself as being interested in and highly considering attending Conclave 2010.

The next SR-7A Conclave will be hosted at Camp Powhatan by Tutelo Lodge, on April 23-25, 2010. Mark your calendars now for this exciting weekend.

If you are interested in attending Conclave, please be sure to turn in your Pledge Form to Kevin , any Lodge Officer or return the form via mail to the SJAC Service Center at the address listed below. Don't miss out on all the fun and excitement that a statewide gathering of Arrowmen has to offer.

Shenandoah Lodge Conclave 2010 Pledge Form

Name of Arrowman:
Signature of Arrowman planning to attend Conclave:
Email address:
Phone numbers:

April 23-25, 2010

Camp Powhatan (Blue Ridge Mountains Council camp near Radford, VA)

Easy return options:

- Email this information to Kevin Zeithaml (Lodge Secretary) at kcz1993@gmail.com
- 2. Tear off or print this portion and return to SJAC OA, PO Box 813, Waynesboro, VA 22980
- 3. Bring the completed form to any Lodge Officer at any Lodge event

Please note this does NOT register you for Conclave, it just shows your interest and commitment to attend Conclave! By signing this pledge form I indicate I am interested in Conclave and hope to be able to attend Conclave 2010!

Hope to se you there!

OA EVERY DAY RETURNS TO CAMP SHENANDOAH

BY PETEShenandoah Lodge Chief

Summer camp is quickly approaching meaning that the OA's involvement with summer camp will soon commence. One of the biggest ways Shenandoah Lodge makes its presence known is through the OA Every Day program. This summer will be the sixth year in which the Lodge has OA Every Day at Camp Shenandoah.

Essentially, OA Every Day holds some OA event each day of the week through the Boy Scout Resident summer camp program.

On Sunday, Scoutmasters are welcomed to camp by the Lodge by the camp chief and will be given care packages containing some comforts of home such as: toilet paper, hooded poncho, bug spray, and a trash bag. On Monday, the OA will host Brotherhood review by going over all of the Brotherhood questions. Tuesday, the actual Brotherhood questioning takes place along with a Brotherhood ceremony Tuesday evening at the ceremony grounds. At the Wednesday evening campfire program, a call out ceremony will be held.

Thursday, the lodge hosts a Medicine Bowl in which ice cream sundaes are part of the plan for the Medicine Bowl. We won't forget the maraschino cherries!

Along with all Arrowmen being recognized at the Friday evening campfire, the Lodge plans on performing service work Friday afternoon in and around Camp Shenandoah. While Troops are preparing to leave on Saturday, the Lodge will have information available about National OA program opportunities such as Philmont Trail Crew.

CHANS PROGRAM TO BE INTRODUCED AT INDUCTIONS

BY RYAN

Lodge Vice Chief of Activities

The Lodge Executive Committee voted unanimously at the May 2009 LEC meeting to implement some minor changes to the June and August 2009 Induction schedule. Chans (which is Lenape for elder brother) will be formed to aid in the training of new Ordeal members.

The idea behind the program is to help our new Ordeal members to better learn and understand the Induction they just went through. Added to teaching components of JumpStart will be where the Chans come in as the sessions will be broken up into a round robin type training with games to be played that show that the OA is not all about

work! These training sessions and games will be held just after dinner on Saturday vs. prior schedules featuring JumpStart after the Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies after dark.

Another key feature of this schedule adaptation is that the Ordeal ceremony will be held before dinner on Saturday.

There are no changes to the Brotherhood questioning or times.

The Lodge Executive Committee would like to thank Scott Hooper for researching this concept and preparing a base outline from which this program has been adopted.

We hope that by implementing the Chans program, we hope to provide insight to new Ordeal members that the OA is about fun along with service and the break the gap between the Ordeal and future events and encourage new members to return to OA functions in the near future. This will not only encourage activity in the Lodge but hopefully keep more members involved in Scouting to return service to their home units!

The LEC is excited about the potential of the Chans program for encouraging our new Ordeal members to remain active in Shenandoah Lodge and Scouting. If you have any questions about the program, contact Lodge Chief Pete or Ryan at the June or August Inductions for more information about this new and dynamic program.

Conclave 2009 Pictures!



ECHOLS ELECTED AS SECTION SR-7A VICE CHIEF 2009-10

BY BRAD

Publications Chairman

Congratulations to Lodge Chief Pete for newly being elected to the position of Section SR-7A Vice Chief! Pete was elected during the Section elections that were scheduled just prior to the show on Saturday evening, April 25 at Conclave. Pete ran against two candidates from other Lodges and gave gave a campaign speech to all the Conclave attendees with a platform of helping the host Lodge to plan and successfully execute the upcoming Conclave.

Pete is an Eagle Scout from Troop 84, Calvary United Methodist Church, located in Stuarts Draft. Pete has worked on camp staff at Camp Shenandoah for three years and will be working there this summer as Scoutcraft Director. He is currently a senior at Stuarts Draft High School and plans on attending Old Dominion University in the fall, majoring in music education.

Prior to serving as Lodge Chief, Pete has served as Nagatamen Chapter Secretary, Nagatamen Chapter Chief, and Lodge Vice Chief of Activities, He has also served as chair of various committees including Conclave Spirit Committee Chairman and Conclave Facilities Chairman in 2008 when Shenandoah Lodge last hosted Conclave.

Pete earned the Spirit of the Arrow award at the 2008 Winter Banquet and the James E. West Award at the 2009 Winter Banquet. Pete is a Vigil member of Shenandoah Lodge (class of 2008). In Pete's spare time he enjoys spelunking, curling, marble collecting, and yodeling.

Pete is very excited to begin his duties as Section Vice Chief, and is looking forward to helping be a part of planning the upcoming Conclave. Good luck to Pete in fulfilling his duties of Section Vice Chief. We know he'll make Shenandoah Lodge proud!

CHAPTER REPORTS

Achewon Allohak

Chapter Chief: Ned Chapter Adviser: Tom Greenwood (540) 862-1312 tag474@aol.com

Chapter Meetings: 7:00 pm on first Thursday of the month **Location:** Sharon Senior Center in Lexington

At our monthly chapter meetings, we have discussed GW/Jefferson Trail Crew and of course Conclave. We also talked about NOAC and the Council Camporee. We meet on Thursdays at Roundtable night at the Sharon Senior Center; please contact Ned Belliveau or Tom Greenwood if you need a ride.

- Ned , Chapter Chief

Monocan

Chapter Chief: Louis

Chapter Adviser: RC Hartman (540) 435-9326 acerusty@aol.com

Chapter Meetings: 6:30 pm on second Tuesday of the month **Location**: First Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg

Monocan chapter has been planning our CP/ UE's and planning fun meeting places after CP/ UE's are done. At our May meeting we planned a pizza party if we complete CP/UE's on time.

- Louis , Chapter Chief

Nagatamen

Chapter Chief: Nick Chapter Adviser: Robert Clemmer (540) 292-2355 rjclemmer@yahoo.com

Chapter Meetings: 7:00 pm on first Tuesday of the month **Location**: Fishersville United Methodist Church

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Attend your chapter meeting.

Saponi

Chapter Chief: Eric Chapter Adviser: Chip Hunsberger (434) 589-3062 william_hunsberger@dom.com

Chapter Meetings: 7:00 pm on second Wednesday of the month **Location**: Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville

The Saponi Chapter worked hard to try to get as many people as we can to get their Brotherhood at Spring Fellowship this year. It is a rare opportunity to earn your brotherhood outside of Camp Shenandoah and everyone should take full advantage. We are also working hard on CP/UE and trying to meet our goal of 100%. I strongly encourage everyone to sign up for all the upcoming activities, and I hope to see everyone at our next Chapter meetings.

- Eric , Chapter Chief



Lodge Adviser's Minute



SHANE EPPARD Lodge Adviser

Dear Brothers,

2009 is already off to a great start and I look forward to seeing each of you at the June Inductions. I am excited to have taken on the new role in the Lodge

Lodge Adviser and I am thankful for the legacy left by past Lodge Adviser

Mike White. The Lodge is dynamic, committed, and enthusiastic in its support of Scouting in the Stonewall Jackson Area Council and Camp Shenandoah. I challenge each Arrowman in Shenandoah Lodge

to look for ways to become a better member of the Lodge, Council, and unit.

I am pleased with the work our Lodge has done so far in 2009. Camping Promotions/Unit Elections have been completed and the Lodge has achieved 100% CP/UE again. Anyone that is a part of the elections teams is well aware of the fact that this is no easy accomplishment. It takes a lot of work and organization to contact and visit each Troop in SJAC. Congratulations to Eric (Saponi Chapter Chief and CP/UE Chairman) for organizing this for the Lodge. 128 candidates were elected by the units of the council so we look forward to a busy Inductions season.

On April 18, 2009 at the Council Camporee at James Madison's Montpelier, the Lodge was asked to organize and run the Cub Scout events for the camporee. Under the leadership of

and his Adviser Mike White, the Lodge represented itself quite well. The program was wellrun, the weather was outstanding; this gave the Lodge the chance to show the Cub Scouts (who will be future Arrowmen) a glimpse of what the OA is about.

The weekend after the Camporee, the Lodge attended Conclave. The Lodge was able to bring the Spirit Award back to Shenandoah Lodge. Spirit Chairman Adam

> his Adviser Robert Clemmer along with Feast Chair-

> > man Kevin

played key roles for the Lodge's efforts to Spirit the Award back. Thanks also to Brian

and his Adviser LeeAnna Tyler for serving the Section as Conclave Vice Chief of Ac-

tivities and Adviser. That is no easy job but the preparation and organization really paid off during Conclave.

I am also excited to see what we have in store with the Chans Program being implemented at the June Inductions. The LEC voted unanimously to adopt the plan. The goal of this plan is to get new Ordeal Members to better understand their Ordeal and reinforce the idea that the OA is a fun and rewarding experi-

See you at the June Inductions!

Yours in Brotherhood,

7. Shave Eppar

Shane Eppard Lodge Adviser



Arrow Line

Congratulations:

On February 9, the Stonewall Jackson Area Council recognized two Scouters with the Silver Beaver Award, Steve Hammond and Mike Penrod. This honor is given for distinguished service to youth. Congratulations and thank you to these two Arrowmen!

Planbook:

The 2009 Lodge Planbook was distributed at the Winter Banquet via CD format. Extra copies are available at the council service center for those unable to attend the Banquet.

Quality Lodge Pins:

Shenandoah Lodge achieved Quality Lodge status for 2008. Quality Lodge Pins have been ordered and they will be available for purchase at the Lodge Trading Post soon. Congratulations to Shenandoah Lodge!

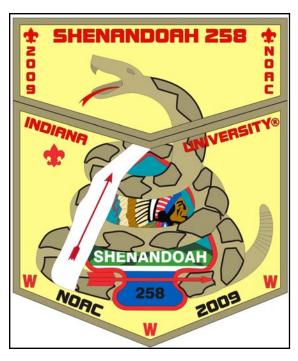
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