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Lodge Meeting

December 10th, 4:00 p.m.
Smith Mtn. Lake 4-H Center

Winter Banquet

December 10th, 6:00 p.m.
Smith Mtn. Lake 4-H Center
775 Hermitage Road
Wirtz, VA 24184

Lodge Executive Committee Retreat

January 6 - 8, 2017
Claytor Lake Aquatics Base

Lodge Meeting

February 12th, 2:30 p.m.
Council Service Center

Lodge Meeting

March 12th, 2:30 p.m.
Council Service Center

Lodge Meeting

April 9th, 2:30 p.m.
Council Service Center

Conclave 2017

April 28 - 30
Pipsico Scout Reservation
Spring Grove, VA

Fall Fellowship a Success!

Tutelo welcomes new Vigil members, elects 2017 lodge executive officers

In October, Tutelo Lodge held a fantastic Fall Fellowship at Camp Powhatan. Friday night, Arrowmen were lashed (okay, slightly dampened) by the remnants of Hurricane Matthew. Fifteen Tutelo brothers completed their Vigil, including Warren Crandall, Jacob DeJarnette, Hunter Jobe, Tom Baker, Chris Matthews, Nathan Roakes, Steve Adkins, Bobby Burleson, Fred Millward, Marybeth Chaconas, Mark Warren, Billy Joe Chandler, Charles Moore, and Kevin Centers.

The rainy weather held attendance down, and made it difficult for some chapters to field teams for the inter-



Fifteen Tutelo brothers kept their Vigil at the Fall Fellowship.

chapter competitions on Saturday. In the true spirit of brotherhood, though, several chapters combined teams so that everyone could participate. Sunday morning, lodge elections were held. The following Tutelo Arrowmen

were selected by their peers to serve in 2017: Lodge Chief: Edward Blount, Vice Chief of Chapters: J. D. Castleman, Vice Chief of Committees: Tom Baker, Secretary: Takoda Cashion, Treasurer: Austin Dickerson. Congratulations!

End 2016 in Style at the Winter Banquet

Event returns to Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center on December 10th

Those who attended the lodge's Winter Banquet last year can attest to the great food and fellowship at the Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center in Wirtz. Winter Banquet Chairman Austin Dickerson has a great program planned.

The lodge will be installing its 2017 officers and recognizing those who helped make 2016 a success. The Founders and George D. Carr Awards will be bestowed as well. Also, don't forget about great door prizes and the year-in-review photo montage!

Because many of you were hard at work during Conclave and didn't get to see the museum featuring local OA and camp artifacts, the History Committee will be setting up a smaller version at the banquet.

To register for the Winter Banquet, visit tutelo161.org or complete and submit the form on page 6. If you're a gold card/annual pass holder, please call the council office at 540-265-0656 to confirm your attendance.

We'll see you there!



A mini version of the Conclave museum will be one of many features of this year's banquet.

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Chiefly Speaking

Brothers,

Our year is coming to a close, but we are also hard at work preparing for next year. A lot is in store for Tutelo!

This year we have gotten a lot accomplished between all the service hours we've provided and the new innovative ways to grow our lodge. Thank you to all the lodge leaders who participated in our strategy session back in August where we talk about some of the exciting initiatives and programs that we discovered



at NEXT. We are definitely preparing to launch ourselves into the next century of the Order of The Arrow, and we will definitely be looking for new innovative ways to serve

the members of our lodge, chapters, communities, and especially our units.

I would like to extend my congratulations to those Arrowmen who were elected to serve as lodge officers in 2017, especially Lodge Chief-elect Edward Blount. Our officers set the example for the lodge, and we look forward to you leading us through a great year!

Jacob DeJarnette
Lodge Chief

Adviser's Minute

Wow, what a quick summer!!

I hope everyone had a great summer. First, summer camp was awesome and our OA program was great as usual, and the numbers of brotherhood conversions being turned in look very good. This helped our conversion rate for the year.

Our numbers are looking good for the year with membership and service hours. This will make our Journey to Excellence (JTE) scores look good this year for the lodge.

The Fall Ordeal was great! We got a ton of service done (almost 2,800 hours), inducted a bunch of new ordeal members (104), had 19 brothers seal their membership with Brotherhood conversion, and had almost 280 in attendance. We then tapped 16 new Vigil candidates.

Then came the Fall Fellowship. This was a great time had by all who attended, which was



about 153. We had 15 brothers keep the Vigil, and would like to welcome them to the Vigil Honor. This was a great Vigil Class for 2016. We then elected the new 2017 officers for Tutelo Lodge. I look forward to working with this great group of young men. I am confident that next year will be rewarding. Thanks to all who helped make this weekend a success.

I hope everyone had a summer and fall filled with memories they will never forget.

Ok, enough talking about past events. The year end is drawing near and we have a

few things to do to finish. Service hours are doing good with 10,442. We need just a few more to get JTE Gold. If your chapter has done service that has not been recorded please let us know. If you can work in a community service day try to work it in. Our membership members are just a little short, so try to get anyone who has not paid for this year to pay up. You should also be looking ahead to the Winter Banquet where we will be recognizing some of our brothers who have worked hard this year and installing our new officers for next year.

In closing, I ask that we all take a look at our goals for this year and work on getting them completed so we can make this year another great year for Tutelo Lodge!

Kevin Reedy
Lodge Adviser

Goodman's 1949 Roanoke Visit

Students of Tutelo Lodge history know that the OA didn't come to Roanoke until 1951 (it had been established in Lynchburg in 1939). This being known, why do we have a photo of two of the Order's top leaders attending an event in Roanoke in 1949?

After some research, it has been determined that this photo, recently found at a Lynchburg yard sale, depicts

H. Lloyd Nelson (center) receiving the Silver Antelope award for his service to the region at the Region 3 annual meeting at the Hotel Roanoke on November 11, 1949. The award was presented by Dr. J. M. T. Fenney, Jr. (center left) with OA Founder and BSA National Director of Program Dr. E. Urner Goodman (center right) looking on.

Nelson was inducted into the Order at Treasure Island in 1919, and served as the National OA Committee Chairman from 1949 until his untimely death in 1955.

Four other Scouters received the Silver Antelope that night, including M. A. Smythe, president of National Business College in Roanoke, who was honored for his work bringing Scouting to boys in rural areas.



Above: National OA Chairman H. Lloyd Nelson (center) receives the Silver Antelope from Dr. J. M. T. Fenney, Jr. (center left) with support from OA Founder E. Urner Goodman (center right).

Tell the World why you #ChooseOA

As a member of the Order of the Arrow, you chose to be a part of an organization greater than yourself; an organization whose mission is to instill the values of selfless service and devotion to others in the minds of every boy who joins the Scouting program. Sensing your dedication to these values, your fellow Scouts called you to take part in something

beyond yourself. That call, in part, requires you to spread the message of the Order of the Arrow to those Scouts and Scouters who have not yet had the opportunity to join the OA, and to choose to be a part of the movement beyond simply completing your Ordeal.

The Order of the Arrow has always valued the preservation of tradition. In many ways, it is

that tradition which makes the Order of the Arrow such a valuable program. The traditions which we hold so close tell us to be cheerful, even in arduous labor. They tell us to be mindful of the needs of others, and to place those needs before our own. These traditions help to build the tightest bonds of brotherhood

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Tutelo Lodge members can now pay lodge dues, purchase annual passes, and register for individual functions online at www.Tutelo161.org!

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Chapter & Committee News

Koo Koo Ku Hoo Chapter

The Koo Koo Ku Hoo Chapter has had a fantastic year of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. This year, we have logged over 800 hours of service, proudly taken home the Golden Spigot after our victory at the Fall Fellowship, and welcomed nearly 50 new members. Looking to get involved? Youth or adult, we need someone with your skill set. Whether you find your calling in threading steel pipe or in running down the control points of an orienteering course, we need you to make a difference in the community. To all Order of the Arrow members of the Piedmont District, you are cordially invited to join us at 7:00 PM on Thursday, November 10, at Heritage United Methodist Church, 582 Leesville Road, Lynchburg, 24502. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Lappilennin Chapter

At the Fall Ordeal, we had five new Arrowmen join us and had one Arrowman take his Brotherhood. At the Fall Fellowship, we had one Arrowman get their Vigil as well. It was awesome for our chapter to team up with Moneton Chapter for the competitions. With our combined efforts we did very well and came close to winning the Golden Spigot. On August 21st, we had a small service project at Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Sydnorsville and plan to do another one soon.

Moneton Chapter

Moneton has been having a stupendous year! We received thirteen new brothers at the Fall Ordeal, who are becoming very active in the Order. Three brothers became Vigil Honor Members during the Fall Fellowship. We are looking forward to our annual MOAC (Moneton Order of the Arrow Conference) in which we will have a great time bonding in brotherhood and cheerfulness. We look forward to seeing all of you at the winter banquet!

History Committee

Since the last report, our committee has been busy processing several large and generous donations of paperwork by current and former lodge members, namely James Potter and Brian Maddox. Papers related to Powhatan or Tutelo Lodges were sent to the Roanoke Public Library. Items related to Koo Koo Ku Hoo Lodge were deposited at Jones Memorial Library in Lynchburg. Items not of local significance were transferred to the National OA Archives or Nawakwa, Shenandoah, Shenshawpotoo, and Blue Heron Lodges.

Communications Committee

We have been working steadily to refine the lodge's new web site at tutelo161.org, and welcome feedback on content and functionality.

The next Torchbearer is scheduled to go out in the second half of January. Article submissions are due to communications@tutelo161.org no later than January 2, 2017.

Dance & Drum Committee

The Dance & Drum Committee is excited to announce a gathering of all lodge members (youth and adult) interested in Native American dance, singing, and clothing. This event will be held on Saturday, November 26th from Noon to 5:00 p.m. at the home of Chris and Tara Bryant at 2357 Old Cifax Road, Goode, VA 24556.

Trading Post Committee

Thank you, Tutelo, for another great year. This was one of the best years I've seen for the trading post to date, and that's thanks to you guys and your bottomless pockets. Thank you especially to Frank Hannabass, my advisor, and everyone who served as Trading Post staff this year. Don't count us out yet, as we will be set up with a small selection at the upcoming Winter Banquet. We hope to see everyone there to close out a great year.

Star City Trade-O-Ree

The 26th Annual Star City Trade-O-Ree will be held on December 2-3 at the Quality Inn Roanoke Airport at 6626 Thirlane Road, NW, Roanoke, VA 24019. The event is free and open to the public on Friday, December 2nd from 3:00 - 11:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For information on renting tables, etc., contact Frank Hannabass at pack1776@yahoo.com or 540-892-9400.

Ask the National Chairman



Every month, National OA Chairman Mike Hoffman (and his predecessor Ray Capp) read and answer questions submitted by Arrowmen from across the nation. If you have a question, you may submit it to chairman@oa-bsa.org.

Unit Elections in Venturing Crews

Q. I am currently a Boy Scout and Brotherhood member of the OA. My troop is starting a Venturing crew so that the older Scouts can stay in Scouting longer. Most of the members that are joining are from troops all around our area in New Jersey. They all are at least First Class rank, but most are Eagle Scouts. Some of them are eligible to become members of our Order, but their troops either are not active or do not hold OA elections. My council has said that Venturing crews are not eligible to have elections. This is mainly because most crews have members who aren't eligible because they were never a part of the Boy Scout program but everyone in our crew will be Scouts. Is there any way that we can hold an election in our Venturing crew for them so that we can try to elect them or is there any other option to try to elect them?

A. Your question is one that I am asked regularly. Thanks for asking so we can clarify what is possible in this situation. The Boy Scout program developed an honor society (the OA) to encourage Scout retention, expand program and promote leadership development. However, the Venturing program, thus far, has not. It is a national policy of both the Venturing program and the Order of the Arrow that OA elections are not permitted in Venturing crews.

One way many Scouts have found to address this rule is to stay registered and active in their original troop as well as their crew and qualify for election in the Boy Scout program. Once elected as a Boy Scout, they can focus their energies on their Venturing role, if that is their preference. The BSA allows youth and adults to be registered in more than one unit and pay just one annual registration fee. This is known as a multiple registration, and can save at least \$24/year. That is how I solved that same issue in my own troop.

For those troops in your council that are not holding elections, I recommend working with your local lodge leadership to make sure personal contact is made with the unit leadership so that elections can be scheduled for early in 2017.

When do OA Troop Reps wear sashes?

Q. I read the rules regarding when it is appropriate to wear the OA sash to troop meetings.

My question is: If the Scout is serving as the OA troop representative should they wear the sash, or is this where the policy points to only during elections? If he is identifying himself as an Arrowman and as the OA's representative within the unit, should this Scout be wearing his sash?

Thank you for the clarification and for your service.

A: I would say that a OA troop rep would not wear the sash at all times at troop meetings or campouts. He has a position patch (and hopefully lodge flap) to signify those duties. The sash would be worn by the OA troop rep in his troop while he is conducting his OA duties. This includes a unit election, speaking at the court of honor to tell parents about the OA, giving the report on the OA activity in which he participated, or attending the patrol leaders' council while they plan the calendar and he is responsible for having the troop avoid conflicts with longstanding OA events.





Tutelo Lodge #161

2016 Function Form

MAIL TO: Blue Ridge Mountains Council – BSA

P.O. Box 7606, Roanoke, VA 24019-0606

Fax: 540-265-0659 Email: tutelo161.membership@gmail.com

ONLY 1 PERSON PER FORM

When faxing or mailing: if you are paying for multiple people by Credit Card/check, note ALL names that are being paid for.

We are in the process of converting to LodgeMaster.

You can help by completing ALL the information asked for below on each form you complete.

Except for signatures, PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

NAME: _____

LAST FIRST MIDDLE

BSA ID NO. (REQUIRED) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY ST ZIP

PHONE: _____

HOME CELL

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

EMERGENCY _____

CONTACT: NAME PHONE NO. _____

BIRTHDAY: _____

If under 18, the below PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS must be completed

TROOP /CREW/PACK #: _____ Troop Rep: ☐ YES ☐ NO

(^ Circle one ^)

CHAPTER: ☐ Koo Koo Ku Hoo ☐ Mingo ☐ Moneton
☐ Lappilennin ☐ Tuscarora ☐ Wil Kip Jo

Date(s) of Honor(s) (month/date/year)	Ordeal	Brotherhood	Vigil
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Functions start at 7 p.m. on Friday and end 11 a.m. Sunday. ORDEAL CANDIDATES need the following gear: Work clothes, work gloves, water bottle, sleeping bag, ground cloth Friday night; Tent and Full Class A Uniforms for Saturday night

PARTICIPANTS REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE:

PARENTAL & MEDICAL RELEASE: This form must be signed below by the youth's parent/guardian to be eligible to attend.

Parent/guardian Name: _____ Insurance Carrier: _____

Emergency Phone No(s): _____ Policy Number: _____

MEDICAL, PHYSICAL OR ALLERGIES:

Please note that we may NOT be able to address all food allergies by providing special foods; If you need to discuss special arrangements with the kitchen crew ONLY AS IT PERTAINS TO FOOD ALLERGIES, please do so IN ADVANCE by contacting Ed Hamilton at echamilton@carilionclinic.org.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION...Please read carefully. I hereby authorize my above named child to attend the following Tutelo Lodge #161 functions:

(CHECK APPROPRIATE ONE): ☐ SPRING ORDEAL (OTTARI) ☐ SUMMER ORDEAL (POWHATAN) ☐ FALL ORDEAL (POWHATAN) ☐ FALL FELLOWSHIP (POWHATAN)

And give my permission for his full participation in this OA/BSA event. In the event of illness or accident going to or from or during this event, I request that treatment be instituted without delay as judgment of medical personnel dictates. In the case of an emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the Order of the Arrow leadership to render proper treatment which may include hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery and injection of medications.

TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP DESIGNATION: (CHECK APPROPRIATE ONE):

_____ Parent/legal guardian will participate in this event.

_____ The following Scouter (adult) has agreed to act as temporary guardian for my son to, from and during this event:

PRINTED NAME OF TEMPORARY GUARDIAN: _____ Phone No.: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

YOUTH AGREEMENT: I agree to obey the rules and regulations provided by the BSA and the Blue Ridge Mountains Council. I also understand I will be responsible to the OA leadership and, if applicable, also to the above named Temporary Guardian during this event and the trip to and from the event.

YOUTH SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

RCVD @ BRMC OFFICE:

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

DATE RCVD: _____ Amt RCVD: \$ _____

☐ PAID AT FUNCTION: WALK-IN:
Function Fee +\$5 late fee Amt RCVD: _____

DUES MUST BE CURRENT TO ATTEND LODGE EVENTS

☐ 2016 Dues\$10

☐ 2016 Tutelo Annual Pass.....\$80

(Includes all Functions, Patches & Dues. Must be paid by April 30)

☐ Ordeal Candidate PAY ONLY\$35

(Includes Candidate fee, Current Years Dues & Function Fee)

☐ Brotherhood Candidate\$30

(Includes Candidate fee and Function Fee; LATE FEES APPLY)

If ATTENDING Check the A box next to the function

If ELANGOMAT Check the E box next to the function [No Fee]

A	E	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spring Ordeal.....May 13-15\$15

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Summer Ordeal.....June 3-5\$15
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fall OrdealSept. 9-11\$15
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fall Fellowship (NO Ordeal) Oct. 7-9\$15
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Winter Banquet.....Dec. 10\$25
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LATE FEE / PAID AT DOOR.....\$5.00
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	TOTAL ENCLOSED\$
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SELECT YOUR PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card:

Card #: _____

Name on Card: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Card Information NOT kept on file

♦Function forms must be in the council office prior to the function
OR there is a \$5.00 Walk-in/Late Fee at the door.

♦If you bought Gold Card and will be taking your Brotherhood,
there is an additional Brotherhood/function fee of \$15.

#ChooseOA

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that the Boy Scouts of America has ever seen.

When immersed in the experiences of our brotherhood, it becomes easy to forget that those who chose you need you. Even so, while many lodges across the nation enjoy a healthy brotherhood conversion rate, many more struggle to meet Journey to Excellence standards. This is not because the state of our brotherhood is weak. On the contrary, membership retention levels for the OA are higher than those of the BSA at large. However, simply remaining part of our brotherhood isn't enough.

Now, more than ever, it is time that we as Arrowmen show the world why we chose to participate in this brotherhood. It is time to show Scouting what it means to live a life of servant leadership, of unselfish service and of devotion to one's brothers. This is why, over the last several months, the National Order of the Arrow Committee has worked to compile a bank of resources to aid in accomplishing this goal.

Some of the resources that have been developed include:

OA Unit Election Materials

In the annual JTE report for 2015, many units reported that the OA unit election is the least desirable OA experience. To help ensure that OA unit elections are a great experience, the #ChooseOA team has put together a new presentation complete with a

cheat sheet on how to more successfully conduct the OA unit election. This is the first interaction that many new Scouts and Scouters will ever have with the Order of the Arrow; let's make it a great one!

#ChooseOA Brochure

Many parents, unit leaders and professional Scouters who are not OA members report having very little knowledge on what the OA is; we've developed something to help them understand. The #ChooseOA tri-fold brochure will serve as a tool for lodges to take to unit elections, new member orientations, and other OA events to spread the message. We've also included a blank page that lodges can customize to talk specifically about their program.

Information Booth

Resources for an OA information booth at non-OA events have been developed, and are ready to go to your next council camporee or district roundtable.

These resources, among others, debuted at NEXT: A New Century, this past August in Bloomington, IN. Following their debut, they are now immediately available on the national OA website at <http://oa-bsa.org/chooseoa/>.

Remember, those who chose you need you! It's time to tell the world why you decided to #ChooseOA, and encourage those around you to do the same!

#Choose OA

The friends and connections

I made in the Order of the Arrow was what kept me involved long after my induction. After my experiences with **OA High Adventure**, I found myself with friends in every state. **I always had someone to turn to** even as far as Alaska and as close as the town over from me. I always found it very easy to **connect** with other Arrowmen because we all **shared the same values and principles."**

- Tyler Bond

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