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Lodge Meeting

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

Lodge Meeting

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

SR-7A Conclave 2017

April 28 - 30
Pipsico Scout Reservation
Spring Grove, VA

Spring Ordeal

May 12-14
Camp Ottari

Summer Ordeal

June 2-4
Camp Powhatan

Fall Ordeal

September 8-10
Camp Powhatan

Fall Fellowship

October 13-15
Camp Powhatan

Winter Banquet

December 9
Location TBA

Lodge Gives Thanks @ Winter Banquet

Tutelo recognizes servant leaders, installs 2017 lodge officers

On December 10th, Tutelo Arrowmen converged on the Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center in Wirtz for the lodge's annual Winter Banquet.

After a meal of delicious, hearty, and plentiful food, the Winter Banquet Committee kicked off the program with multiple door prize drawings and a lively game of Tutelo Jeopardy, during which chapter chiefs mined the collective knowledge of their chapter members to answer obscure questions about OA and lodge history.

Brent Reutter and Tim Ramsey were honored with the Founder's Award, and Fred Millward was the recipient of



These four Tutelo brothers were recognized at the Winter Banquet for earning the First Year Arrowman Award.

the George D. Carr Award. Four Committees (Activities, Ceremonies, Elangomat, and History) earned the Strong Committee designation, and the Strongest Committee honor went to the Communications Committee.

Lappilenin and Mingo Chapters earned Strong Chapter, with Koo Koo Ku Hoo receiving recognition as the Strongest Chapter. Sam Bystrek and Taylor McKinnis

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It's Time to Register for Conclave!

Celebrate SR-7A's 20th anniversary at Pipsico Scout Reservation

Tutelo Lodge worked very hard to host the 2016 Conclave at Camp Powhatan, and now it's our turn to relax and enjoy the hospitality of Blue Heron Lodge 349 at Pipsico Scout Reservation!

On the weekend of April 28-30, more than 150 Tutelo Arrowmen will join brothers from around Virginia for the SR-7A Conclave. The weekend will feature training, sports, games, American Indian activities, gatherings (including FireFest and a section birthday party), ceremonies training and evaluation, an Expo



featuring awesome exhibits and activities, and much more!

Veteran Arrowmen will enjoy the Vigil Rededication ceremony, while new members will have the opportunity to participate in the exclusive New Ordeal Luncheon with a special guest speaker.

If you're an OA Troop Representative or adviser, there will be a Troop Representative Summit where you can learn how to be a key player in strengthening your troop through use of the OA program. It will also be a great chance to share ideas and best practices from your own unit!

Tutelo Lodge will be in the running to win the Lodge of the Year Award, Quest for the Golden Arrow, and Spirit Award, but we need you to register and participate in this

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Chiefly Speaking

Brothers,

My name is Edward Blount and I have the honor of serving as your 2017 Lodge Chief. I am also an Eagle Scout from troop 374 located in Danville. My goal as lodge chief is to turn the Lodge's focus away from the Executive Committee and towards improving the individual's experience.

The Executive Committee showed their dedication to the lodge by holding the annual Retreat in a snow storm, so how will you show your dedication? Well, the best way is to become involved at your local chapter meetings. Your chapter might have the ability to serve the community as well as your Scouting district,



but the only one who can make that happen is you. So make sure you get involved, so you and your brothers can show your "devotion to the welfare of others."

The lodge couldn't be more excited about Conclave. This year, we have a "Lumberjacks" theme, since we're the lodge of southwest Virginia. Make

sure you register at conclave.sr7a.org by March 28 before the late fee is applied.

I am looking forward to a great year! Who do you know?

Edward Blount
Lodge Chief

SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Adviser's Minute

Well, we finished up another year and completed a lot of service. Way to go Tutelo! We also started the New Year off running with a busy schedule.

We held the sixth annual weekend-long executive committee training retreat. Although the weather did not cooperate at all, this event was well-attended and all of the comments have been very positive. I think everyone left the weekend with a much better idea of what their roles and responsibilities are for the positions. The chapter chiefs and their advisers, and the committee chairs with their advisers, discussed many ideas and set goals for their respective groups. We also discussed the goals and initiatives that the key three selected for the lodge this year and everyone seemed very



excited to get started on those. The 8-inch snowfall was both beautiful and fun.

Next, we have a busy spring ahead so let's not lose the momentum. On February 4, we had 6 youth and 3 adults attend the Section Leadership Summit and Council of Chiefs at Camp T. Brady Saunders. This was a great event and everyone learned a lot.

Conclave is coming up and the spring and summer

functions will be here before you know it. So, let's stay focused and have a lot of fun.

One last thing as I said Conclave at Camp Lyons on the Pipsico Scout Reservation is coming. Please do not miss the opportunity to go to this event. I need every chapter to promote Conclave in your chapter meetings. We want every OA member to know and to experience this awesome event that is held every April. We are a little behind this year on registration for Conclave so we need everyone's help to reach our goal of 155. This is a special event as it is the 20th birthday for our Section. You will want to be there!

Kevin Reedy
Lodge Adviser

Be a Tutelo Communicator!

Do you like photography, videography, writing, graphic and web design, or interviewing people? If so, you might be a great fit for Tutelo's Communications Committee!

During recent strategic planning sessions, lodge leaders have emphasized the importance of communicating with our current, past, and future members about our goals, activities, and accomplishments. The Torchbearer is just one of many communication tools available to the lodge. Our committee also manages the lodge web site

(www.tutelo161.org) and social media accounts (including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram).

We are seeking youth and adults who have skill (or who would like to learn) in visual communications to join our team. In 2017, we're going to be needing folks to help with content creation (taking photos, videos, and writing articles) as well as Arrowmen who can do graphic design and web site work.

If you're interested in getting involved, email us at communications@tutelo161.org.



Six Tips for Taking Better Photos

Whether you're taking photographs for the lodge, your troop, or family, these tips from *Boys' Life Magazine* will help your pictures really stand out!

Try some odd angles

Everyone is used to seeing the world standing on his own two feet. Try looking at the world from down low or from a little higher than eye level or even higher. Look around for a vantage point different from what everyone else is seeing.

Use the rule of thirds

One classic method for composing a shot is called the "rule of thirds." When looking through a viewfinder or at the display screen, think of the picture divided into squares like tic-tac-toe. Instead of positioning your subject in the center, place the important parts of the picture at or near the intersections of the lines. The good stuff will fall into one of the "thirds" of the

frame. In an action picture, having the flow of the activity move from one of these intersections to another makes for a more dynamic shot.



Turn the camera on its side

Sometimes a vertical picture is better organized and stands out from typical horizontal photos. This is also called "portrait mode" since it's often used for pictures of people, but it can be effective with shots of landscapes, sports or almost anything.

Get closer

If it's safe, get closer to the action or subject. Try getting in even closer for a "detail" shot to better tell your story.

Adjust the shutter speed

How do you capture the idea of motion? If your camera lets you adjust the shutter speed, try using a slow setting while following the action. It might take several tries, but a cool effect called a "pan shot" can result in your subject being crisp while the background is blurry, making a "still photo" look not so still.

How slow is slow? It depends on the action. It might take a shutter speed as slow as 1/10th of a second to pan a bicyclist, but one as fast as 1/125th of a second or faster to keep up with a racecar.

Experiment!

Take lots of pictures and try lots of different approaches. When you see a photo somewhere that you like, pick it apart to see what the photographer did to make that picture get your attention. The only unbreakable rule with photography? Have fun!

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Chapter & Committee News

Moneton Chapter

Moneton has started the year off strong. We have started to set up Advisors and Chairman for our Committees. We are getting a Ceremonies Team together for Ceremonies Weekend and Functions.

Wil Kip Jo Chapter

Wil Kip Jo Chapter is planning for a successful year. Our goals for the chapter are to Increase membership from troops in our district by getting a new election script and to get members to go to more functions. I believe with our brothers and help from my adviser Rodney Roberts, we will get these done.

History Committee

At the Winter Banquet, the History Committee assembled a large display of memorabilia from Tutelo, Powhatan, and Koo Koo Ku Hoo Lodges as well as our council's camps. The committee is currently recruiting members and creating our 2017 work plan.

Ceremonies Committee

The Ceremonies Committee is excited have an amazing year in 2017! We are working hard towards our goals of getting two ceremonies teams per chapter, and our goal of having ceremonies liaison from each chapter. Also, the SR-7A Ceremonies Weekend will be held April 7-9. We encourage all ceremonialists and anyone who is interested in ceremonies to attend. There will be trainings, evaluations, and lots of other helpful things. For more information, visit ceremoniesweekend.sr7a.org



Communications Committee

The next Torchbearer is scheduled to go out in July. Article submissions are due to communications atutelo161.org no later than June 15, 2017.

Vigil Committee

In addition to those brothers who became Vigil Honor members back in October, we would like to congratulate Aaron Burleson for completing his Vigil during the evening of December 30th. Thanks to Riley Millward, Jacob DeJarnette, Warren Crandall, James Crandall, Jeffery Smith, Rodney Roberts, Kevin Reedy, Mike Holcomb, Eric Blevins, and Logan Blevins for helping to make this happen!

It's Time to Pay 2017 Dues!

You've probably heard the phrase "once and Arrowman, always an Arrowman." That is certainly true, but there's more to it than that. Once inducted into the Order of the Arrow, a Scout or Scouter is always considered a member of the Order of the Arrow as long as he/she is a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

All OA members are entitled to wear the OA sash and the Universal Arrow Ribbon on the right pocket of the BSA field uniform.



However, lodge dues must be current in order to enjoy the benefits of lodge membership, which include the privilege of wearing the lodge flap on the BSA field uniform, receiving the Torchbearer and other lodge publications, and attending lodge events including Ordeal weekends, fellowships, banquets, conclaves, and regional/

national events as part of Tutelo Lodge's contingent.

Tutelo Lodge dues for 2017 are \$15.00, and may be paid in person at the Council Office in Roanoke, by mail using the enclosed form, or online at <http://tutelo161.org/committees/membership/>.

If you have questions about your membership status, please reach out to the Membership Committee by emailing them at membership@tutelo161.org.

Scenes from the Winter Banquet

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were thanked for designing the 2016 Conclave flap and 2016 function flap set (respectively), and four brothers received recognition for earning the First Year Arrowman Award (for more information on this award, contact the First Year Arrowman Committee).

Warren Crandall and David Rutherford were presented with framed patch sets in appreciation for their leadership with Conclave, and outgoing Lodge Chief Jacob DeJarnette also received a framed patch set.

Those who served as lodge officers, chapter chiefs, committee chairmen, or advisers in 2016 reach received a stainless steel tumbler with the lodge totem as a "thank you" for all the hard work that they put into making the lodge programs a success. 2016 was a great year for Tutelo, but 2017 is going to be even better!



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2017 Function Registration & Dues Form

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☐ WALK-IN (paid at function) Amount Received w/Late Fee: \$ _____

STEP #1 - TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

ONLY ONE PERSON PER FORM -- PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME _____ BSA ID # (REQUIRED) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

BIRTHDATE _____ / _____ / _____ DATE(S) OF HONORS (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

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

☐ TROOP ☐ PACK ☐ CREW UNIT # _____ ARE YOU AN OA TROOP REPRESENTATIVE? ☐ YES ☐ NO

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE: _____

STEP #2 - CONSIDER A 2017 ANNUAL PASS!

SAVE MONEY! INCLUDES ALL FUNCTIONS & 2017 DUES!

ANNUAL PASS FEE For current members only (not Ordeal Candidates). Must be paid by 4/30/17	BROTHERHOOD FEE If taking Brotherhood, please add this candidate fee. I took my Ordeal in . . .		AMOUNT PAID
	2016 or before	2017 or later	
\$85.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	

STEP #3 - FUNCTION REGISTRATION

YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER & PAY DUES ONLINE AT TUTELO161.ORG

EVENT	2017 DATES	PARTICIPANT FEE Current members not seeking Brotherhood	ORDEAL FEE If taking Ordeal, pay <i>ONLY</i> this fee*	BROTHERHOOD FEE Includes function participant fee. I took my Ordeal in...		WILL YOU BE AN ELANGOMAT? Elangomats are free! Thank you for serving!	WALK-ON FEE	AMOUNT PAID
				2016 or before	2017 or later			
Spring Ordeal	May 12-14	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$0.00		\$5.00	
Summer Ordeal	June 2-4	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$0.00		\$5.00	
Fall Ordeal	Sept. 8-10	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$0.00		\$5.00	
Fall Fellowship	Oct. 13-15	\$15.00					\$5.00	
Winter Banquet	Dec. 9	\$25.00					\$5.00	

*Your Ordeal fee includes food and materials for your Ordeal weekend, your dues for the upcoming year, and your future Brotherhood fee. Subtotal

STEP #4 - 2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES

DUES MUST BE CURRENT TO ATTEND EVENTS & WEAR LODGE FLAP

2017 dues are \$15.00 (If you took your Ordeal in 2017, your dues are paid through the end of the year)	
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STEP #5 - PAYMENT INFORMATION

REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT OFFICE PRIOR TO FUNCTION

SELECT PAYMENT METHOD:	TOTAL (add all subtotals above)
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<input type="checkbox"/> CASH Hand-deliver to Council Office at 2131 Valley View Blvd, NW in Roanoke or bring to function w/walk-on fee	<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK Make checks payable to "BSA" and mail to Blue Ridge Mountains Council, P.O. Box 7606, Roanoke, VA 24019	<input type="checkbox"/> CREDIT CARD Mail or fax to 540-265-0659 Card # _____ Exp. _____ / _____ Name on Card: _____ Security Code # _____
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BE SURE TO VISIT WWW.TUTELO161.ORG FOR INFORMATION & UPDATES!

ORDEAL CANDIDATES: Report to the camp dining hall (or other designated location) to check in Friday evening. Please stay through breakfast and the lodge meeting Sunday morning. Gear needed: work clothes and gloves, water bottle, sleeping bag, ground cloth (for Friday night), tent and class A uniform (for Saturday night).

BROTHERHOOD CANDIDATES: For more information on how to prepare for your Brotherhood experience, visit the lodge web site.

EVENT INFORMATION: For additional information on events, including times and directions, visit www.tutelo161.org

SR-7A Section Leadership Summit

SR-7A held its Section Leadership Summit the weekend of February 3-5, 2017, offering a unique "Train the Trainer" program and rolling out the national Link program to nearly eighty participants (Tutelo sent six youth and three adults).

The section leadership designed the program to provide training experience to the youth in its member lodges and also prepare Conclave trainers for their role at the end of April. The event was based out of the Cub Adventure Camp at the Heart of Virginia Scout Reservation, but training sessions on Saturday were held at the nearby Goochland High School in order to give up-and-



SR-7A Section Chief Anthony Peluso (left) and 2015 National Vice Chief Donnie Stephens (right) lead a training session at Goochland High School.

coming trainers a better feel for insightful commentary on the how to present topics in a role JTE plays in improving our classroom setting. The section treated

all participants to an evening of bowling on Saturday night, and capped the weekend off with the Council of Chiefs meeting on Sunday morning.

Conclave!

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event!

The lodge's spirit theme for this year will be lumberjacks, so be sure to get your flannel shirts, blue jeans, and beards ready! The Trading Post Committee will be selling embroidered Tutelo Lodge stocking caps for \$10 to add to the fun!

Registration for Conclave is only \$40 and includes a patch, goodie bag, and meals during the event. However, a late fee kicks in on March 28th, so be sure to register before then! If you need help getting to Conclave, most local chapters will be organizing carpools, so check with your chapter chief or adviser. For more information on Conclave or to register, visit conclave.sr7a.org or tutelo161.org.



Above: More than a thousand Arrowman gather for the Friday night Conclave kick-off gathering at the 2016 SR-7A Conclave at Camp Powhatan. Below: OA High Adventure activities at Conclave include a Polar Bear Swim first thing Saturday morning!



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SPRING GROVE, VA

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- QUEST FOR THE GOLDEN ARROW
- TRAINING, FELLOWSHIP, & FIREFEST!
- GAMES, ACTIVITIES, AND THE EXPO!
- LEARN ABOUT NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE
- OA TROOP REPRESENTATIVE SUMMIT