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NOAC 2018: What to Expect

Lodge Calendar

Lodge Meeting

February 11, 2:30 p.m.
BRMC Scout Office

Pre-Spring Ordeal

Workdays

March 3 & March 10
Claytor Lake Aquatics Base

Spring Ordeal (NEW!)

March 23-25
Claytor Lake Aquatics Base

SR-7A Ceremonies Weekend

April 6-8
Camp T. Brady Saunders
Maidens, VA

Lodge Meeting

April 8, 2:30 p.m.
BRMC Scout Office

2018 SR-7A Conclave

April 27-29
Camp Rock Enon
Gore, VA

Lodge Meeting

May 13, 2:30 p.m.
BRMC Scout Office

Changing of the Guard

Tutelo welcomes new Lodge Chief, Adviser, and Staff Adviser

For the first time since 2005, the entire makeup of Tutelo Lodge's "Key 3" (Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser, and Lodge Staff Adviser) has changed hands.

John Nimmo of Roanoke was elected Lodge Chief in the fall and took the oath of office from outgoing Chief Edward Blount at the Winter Banquet. Nimmo was Lodge Secretary in 2014, and has served as Mingo Chapter Chief and as Chairman of the Inductions and Communications Committees, amongst other roles. He became an Eagle Scout in 2016 and a Vigil Honor member of the lodge in 2017.

Steve Adkins of Ringgold has stepped in to fill the large



Chris Dempsey begins his second assignment as Tutelo Lodge Staff Adviser since 2011. (Nimmo and Adkins pictured on page 2.)

shoes left by outgoing Lodge Adviser Kevin Reedy. Most recently Steve served as the Induction Committee Adviser. He is an Eagle Scout, Silver

Beaver recipient, and Vigil Honor member.

Chris Dempsey has taken over the duties of Lodge Staff Adviser from Ken Lyons, who has served admirably in the role over three tours since 1997 (his most recent stint began in 2014). Chris is a veteran member of the BRMC Staff where he works as New River District Director. An Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member, Chris previously served as Staff Adviser from 2011 to 2013.

Please take a moment to welcome these Arrowmen into their new roles for 2018, and to thank the outgoing Key 3 for their exemplary service. It's going to be a great year!

Spring Ordeal Moved to March

Tutelo Lodge is excited to announce that its 2018 Spring Ordeal is being moved from May to March 23-25 and will be held at Claytor Lake Aquatics Base.

The primary reason for this is to give Scouts who were called out during the fall camporee season the opportunity to take their Ordeal prior to Conclave. Participation in Conclave is proven to be instrumental in building excitement and interest in the OA for new Arrowmen, and is an important part of membership retention and development of future



Cabins will be available for lodge members at the Spring Ordeal.

lodge leaders. Candidates will be notified about Conclave prior to the Ordeal, and they will be given an opportunity to register for Conclave at Claytor Lake. Other lodges in the section, including Shenshawpotoo, Nawakwa,

and Blue Heron, have Ordeals in March and have found them to be useful in boosting Conclave participation and getting a head start on service for the year.

Because this is the first Ordeal to be held at Claytor Lake in some time, a couple preparatory work days have been tentatively scheduled for March 3 and 10. Keep an eye out for emails, web site updates, and social media posts about these workdays. Also, be sure to spread the word to Scoutmasters in your district that the first Ordeal date has moved to March!

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Chiefly Speaking

I'm very excited to start this new year off in Tutelo! The EC did a lot of work and bonded well over the Executive Committee Retreat, coming up with many of new ways to help our lodge succeed in the best way possible. Thank you to all who attended and gave us ideas on how to make this year a great year for our Lodge. While we were at the Retreat, we scouted out Claytor Lake for the new upcoming Spring Ordeal that will be taking place there in



March of this year, and we are very excited to perform lots of

service there and to have a great time fellowshiping with all of our brothers who attend. I hope that this year we can come together and have a great year of service and brotherhood with the help of our amazing Executive Committee, and from all you brothers at home.

John Nimmo
Lodge Chief

Adviser's Minute

2018 is off to a great start. The 7th annual EC Retreat was this past weekend and though frigid, the weather cooperated much better than last year. Attendance was excellent; every chapter chief and all but 2 committee chairs were in attendance.

The bulk of the weekend was spent analyzing what Tutelo does well and looking for any areas where we might improve, then planning the upcoming year based on those insights. Your lodge leadership left with some solid plans to make 2018 a banner year. Remember, there are a lot of new people in positions they haven't served in before so don't hesitate to ask questions. While they are trying to figure out the best way to fulfill their position, your input and questions can be a big help in guiding them.

This will be a busy year with not only Conclave, NOAC, and



our normal functions to accomplish, but also a few new events and twists to tradition.

Our Spring Ordeal will be much earlier this year and be at Claytor Lake for a change. It will be fun to change things up a little, but will require extra planning, an additional work day, and a little patience on everyone's part.

Also, this year Tutelo will be assisting the Council with the Cub Scout Family Camping

events to be held the 1st and 3rd weekends in May at the reservation. This is a great way for our lodge to not only provide cheerful service and introduce many new families and young scouts to the OA, it also helps us fulfill one of the four purposes of the OA; "Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp".

Chapter Chiefs remember strong chapters make a strong lodge. Look at who might have failed to pay dues in 2017 and invite them back and promote, promote, promote Conclave... the more we have attending the better the chance we can retain the Golden Arrow.

Who do you know?

Steve Adkins
Lodge Adviser

SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Awards Presented at Winter Banquet

Despite wintry weather, the lodge had a great turnout at the Winter Banquet at the Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center on December 9.

Jacob DeJarnette and Don Clark received the Founders Award, which is a nationally-sanctioned award that recognizes those who have given outstanding service at the lodge level. Tim Ramsay received the George D. Carr Award, which honors one adult each year who has



68 Founders Awards have been bestowed by Tutelo Lodge since the award's introduction in 1981.

significantly contributed to the development of youth leadership during the preceding year. The award is

named after Tutelo's first Lodge Adviser.

The following members earned the First Year Arrowman Award for 2017: R.J. Bandrimer, Teresa Bystrek, Erik Covington, Hunter French, Jr., Aaron Kirby, Shane McClafferty, A.J. McCoy, Sterling McIntyre, Aidan Melvin, Will Moses, Jacob Slusser, Daniel Wagner, and Tim Wagner. See the sidebar on page 5 for more info on the award.

It's Time to Register for Conclave!

By Gabe Plichta

Are YOU ready for Conclave 2018? I sure am! Some might say, "Of course you are Gabe, you're a Section Officer, it's kinda your job." Nay, nay, I say. My love for Conclave stems from the countless opportunities and events that are offered at Conclave. Believe it or not, I was a First-Year Arrowman myself (I know, that was a long time ago, but it did happen), and I too was reluctant as to what Conclave was the first time I went. It was the 2015 one, and that's a story for another time. However, I never forgot how much fun I had, and what Conclave had to offer. It's where I started the road to ceremonies, and where I met many new people who I grew to call my Brothers (Riley Millward has a story about that). I then went to the 2016 Conclave, which was held at Camp Powhatan, and I served as a Conclave Vice Chief, or CVC for the Section, running the Museum. After going as a participant, then the following year staffing, changed how I



Over 1,100 Arrowmen from Virginia and beyond participated in Conclave 2017 at Pipsico Scout Reservation. There, many got to meet race car driver Maddy Ryan (above).

viewed the OA. It was no longer a once-a-month meeting or a camping trip (with lots of work, I might add), it was a way to meet new people and network. I then served again as the Museum CVC in 2017, and that museum was one of the best yet, and that same year, I won a Section Office.

Enough about me though, I'm here to tell you of all the great stuff that's to come this year. While the details are being finalized, I'll give you a taste on

what's to come. First, we have all kinds of people from around the area who will be showcasing what the DC-VA-WV area has to offer, at the EXPO. We will also have trainers from all over the Section and nation come and give us high-caliber trainings on pretty much everything OA related. Huge Lodge v. Lodge games will also happen, with Tutelo fighting to keep the Golden Arrow with us! Good food, fellowship, and service is

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Chapter & Committee News

Koo Koo Ku Hoo Chapter

The Koo Koo Ku Hoo Chapter is ready to kick off the new year with new officers. Back in November the following brothers were elected to serve the chapter: Benjamin Marden, Chapter Chief; Nathan Booth, Vice Chapter Chief; and Nathan Karnes, Secretary.

If you haven't met your new chapter officers come out to our next chapter meeting held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Heritage United Methodist Church, 582 Leesville Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502. Meetings are held in the Family Life Center behind the main church building and begin at 7 p.m.

On another note; at the annual Kookmas Party held on December 14th, Bill Penn and Nathan Roakes were presented with the "Spirit of the Owl" award. Created in 2009, this award is similar in nature to Tutelo Lodge's George D. Carr Award.

Moneton Chapter

We had a productive time at the recent Lodge Leadership Retreat. Special thanks to previous Chapter Chief Warren Crandall, for your advice and support.

We have some new ideas for our chapter meetings in hopes to increase member participation and interest such as having some food items (like pizza) and games before or after (like Ultimate Frisbee). We are also looking into doing a fundraiser such as a car wash, merit badge college, or making lunch at an event. I hope everyone has a great year!

Communications Committee

Thanks to everyone for getting articles in on time for this issue. We have three more issues for 2018, and will soon be posting a publications schedule to the web site. We are continuing to add content to the web site, and are working on building our social media followers.

Dance & Drum Committee

The Dance and Drum committee has had a great month. We had a very productive session at the Lodge Leadership Retreat where we evaluated past issues and developed goals for the future. I believe we have a great plan to rebuild the program. One goal for this year is to make regalia that will be adjustable to fit most people so that anyone who would like to dance can. We have some of the materials and we are working on getting the rest. We are also looking at constructing a new drum in the near future. Our adult adviser, Arvid Englund, has agreed to offer multiple different bead classes.

Anyone interested in learning about or helping out with dance, drumming, or beadwork should please contact Erik Covington (info to the left).

History Committee

The History Committee is gearing up for a great year. We are looking forward to having displays at most functions and updating the history website. We are also very excited for our lodge's 45th anniversary this year. We hope that 2018 is

an awesome year for history and Tutelo.

Inductions Committee

Brotherhood. Cheerfulness. Service. These three pillars are the foundations of our Order, tenants with which we strive to fill our lives—and tenants with which our lives are, at times, utterly devoid. The asymptotic journey to a life of these virtues lies within is one on which we all trek, but it is only with the help of each other that we can refrain from straying from this path.

This principle is central to the foundations of an effective team. None of us, as individuals, can hope to accomplish the vast array of tasks set before us. However, pooling our efforts allows for accomplishments previously only possible in the most fanciful of dreams. This synergistic effect allows us to truly realize that the answer to all of our troubles and strife lies within us, and simultaneously, in the world all around us. This lesson, though discernable to many, is one to which many people seldom listen.

I need your help, as you may have gathered from the course of my message, on the Inductions team; we need torchbearers, waterbearers, function staff, and people who are just generally willing to lend a helping hand. But more importantly, your brothers need your help. I exhort you: listen to these promptings all around you, seize the opportunities that arrive before you, and serve your brothers. Through these

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things, I hope that you can arrive at a greater truth and find your calling.

If you find that this call reaches you, heed my words and contact the Inductions committee at inductions@tutelo161.org. Please, my brothers, listen to these admonitions; listen and remember.

National Events Promotion Committee

NEP is excited for a great year at Conclave and NOAC 2018! Registration for Conclave is still open, and we need to fill many spots! Our goal is 150 members, so let's go further than that number! It will not be one to miss! As of 1/12/18, we also have a few spots still open for youth to go to NOAC this year! Please email nationalevents@tutelo161.org to learn how to register. This is one event that no one will want to miss.

Vigil Honor Committee

The Vigil Honor Committee started the year off strong by attending the EC retreat. The Vigil nomination form will be available at the Spring Ordeal. We're looking forward to seeing you at Conclave and the upcoming functions.



Peluso Elected National Chief

At the National Planning Meeting in Dallas just after Christmas, SR-7A Section Chief Anthony Peluso became the first National Order of the Arrow Chief from a Virginia-based lodge.

Anthony hails from Virginia Beach, VA. He is an Eagle Scout, and Vigil Honor member of Blue Heron Lodge. Previously, Anthony served as section chief for SR-7A, and is a recipient of the Founder's Award. Anthony is an economics major at Virginia Tech and plans to attend law school following his graduation. He enjoys intramural sports, singing and fantasy football. A fun fact about Anthony is that he once ate ten hamburgers in one



sitting.

Anthony says, "Ever since first getting involved in the Order of the Arrow in 2014, the OA has made the single biggest impact on my life of any organization I've ever been involved with. Now in 2018, I've been given the opportunity to help change the lives of Arrowmen throughout the country. I couldn't be more excited for the year to come, and the incredible people I'll get to share it with."

Conclave

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always a highpoint, as well as the great shows, which will be re-vamping Friday's shows, and adding new games for Lodge Officers to compete in.

We have a problem, though. At the time of this writing, there are only 7% (including me) of our lodge's goal of 150 registered for Conclave.

So, I'm putting this out to each and every Arrowmen: let's beat this number. Even though we're not hosting, and it's only a few over one hundred and fifty, this is a call to arms. Though Camp Rock Enon is 3 hours away, it's an event that you won't want to miss. It's such a momentous event, that it's too good to be stubborn about. Sure, Conclave



is every year, but it may be the year you miss something great. Seth Greiling and I are excited to show you what we've been working on for months. Let's show them how great Tutelo is, and why we deserve Lodge of the Year.

To register for Conclave, visit conclave.sr7a.org

To keep track of Tutelo Lodge's registration goal progress, visit sr7a.org/conclave/goals/

First Year Arrowman Award



Arrowmen who complete the following requirements are eligible to receive the First Year Arrowman Award, which is a restricted-issue lodge totem pin worn on the standard-issue lodge flap.

To earn the award, complete all 3 of these requirements:

1. Attend at least one function in the year following your Ordeal
2. Attain Brotherhood at the first opportunity
3. Participate actively in your troop/team

Complete 3 of the following:

1. Join a committee
2. Attend two chapter meetings
3. Attend two lodge meetings
4. Take part in One Day of Service
5. Take part in conducting a unit election
6. Take part in a camp promotions presentation
7. Be an Elangomat

For more info, visit www.tutelo161.org/first-year-arrowman-award/

TUTEL LODGE

2018 Function Registration & Dues Form

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date received at BRMC Office: _____ Amount Received: \$ _____

☐ 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) _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

BIRTHDATE _____ / _____ / _____ DATE(S) OF HONORS (MM/DD/YYYY) _____
MONTH DAY YEAR ORDEAL BROTHERHOOD VIGIL

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 2018 ANNUAL PASS!

SAVE MONEY! INCLUDES ALL FUNCTIONS & 2018 DUES!

ANNUAL PASS FEE For current members only (not Ordeal Candidates). Must be paid by 4/30/18	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	2018 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!	EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT Council Office must <i>receive</i> by 5pm this day:	AMOUNT PAID
				2016 or before	2017 or later			
Spring Ordeal	March 23-25	\$20.00	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$0.00		3/16/18 -\$5.00	
Summer Ordeal	June 1-3	\$20.00	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$0.00		5/25/18 -\$5.00	
Fall Ordeal	Sept. 7-9	\$20.00	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$0.00		8/31/18 -\$5.00	
Fall Fellowship	Oct. 12-14	\$20.00					10/5/18 -\$5.00	
Winter Banquet	Dec. 8	\$30.00					11/30/18 -\$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 - 2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES

DUES MUST BE CURRENT TO ATTEND EVENTS & WEAR LODGE FLAP

2018 dues are \$15.00 (If you took [or are taking] your Ordeal in 2018, your dues are paid through the end of the year)

STEP #5 - PAYMENT INFORMATION

REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT OFFICE PRIOR TO FUNCTION

SELECT PAYMENT METHOD:	TOTAL (add all subtotals above)	
<input type="checkbox"/> CASH Hand-deliver to Council Office at 2131 Valley View Blvd, NW in Roanoke or bring to function (do not mail cash)	<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 Fax to 540-265-0659 or mail to Council Office (Must be <i>received</i> by date above to get early discount) Card # _____ Exp. _____ / _____ Name on Card: _____ Security Code # _____

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" (field) 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

NOAC 2018: What to Expect

With a return to Indiana University, new conference programs and the introduction of remote delegates, this NOAC has the potential to be one of the Order of the Arrow's best national events.

There will be several conference-wide changes this year:

- Medical Form Submissions:** Unlike 2015, there will not be a pre-submission system for medical forms. Instead, participants and staff will bring physical copies.
- Region Gatherings:** Replacing the Hodag, four region gatherings will be held Thursday night at the conference, the only night that does not have a show. The 2018 region chiefs will collaborate with the Activities & Recreation Committee to provide vision, content and program ideas for the events.
- Relaxed Uniform Policy:** This year, field uniforms will be required only at the opening, recognition and theme shows.
- Sustainability Committee:** New this year, the sustainability committee will sit underneath Logistics

with its respective region chief acting as its youth lead. The committee is aiming to reduce the environmental impact of the national event and promote sustainability in its programs.

Engagement: First implemented at NEXT: A New Century, the Engagement Committee is new to NOAC and will be responsible for all that impacts the delegate and staff experience. Under this committee, there will be an introduction of an online orientation completed via video and not during the



check in process.

The conference management team is made up of the conference chairman, the deputy conference chairmen, the national director, the associate national director, the

national officers and the region chiefs. 2018 National Chief Anthony Peluso and National Vice Chief Michael Kipp will oversee scheduling and facilities, while the region chiefs have been assigned conference deputy positions. Northeast Region Chief Justin St. Louis will oversee messaging, Southern Region Chief Zach Callicutt will oversee program, Central Region Chief Will Coots will oversee logistics and and Western Region Chief Jorden Jefferis will oversee finance.

Section chiefs were assigned to program and messaging committees. They include Activities & Recreation (ARC), Adventure Central, American

Indian Activities (AIA), Communications, Conference Festival, Engagement, Inductions & Ceremonial Events (ICE), Shows, Special Events and Training. Each committee elected a conference vice chief (CVC) to lead their planning.

There are additional committees for Administrative Services, Financial Services, Legacy Center, National OA Endowment, Medical, Security, Service Corps, Sustainability, Technology and Trading Post. None of these have youth assigned to them.

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In early January, the youth and adult leadership of the lodge gathered at Claytor Lake Aquatics Base for the annual planning retreat. The Arrowmen shared the facility with an REI wilderness medicine class, and both groups braved record low temperatures over the weekend.