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Spring Ordeal Snowed Out

## Lodge Calendar

Summer Ordeal

June 1-3

Camp Ottari

National OA Conference

July 30 - August 4

Indiana University

Bloomington, IN

Fall Ordeal

September 7-9

Camp Powhatan

Fall Fellowship

October 12-14

Camp Powhatan

SCOUTING'S  
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## Camp Rock Enon '18: What a Conclave!

Tutelo wins Quest for the Golden Arrow for Fourth Year in a Row

On the weekend of April 27-29, Arrowmen from across Virginia and beyond converged on Camp Rock Enon for the 2018 SR-7A Conclave. With 945 in attendance, this was the largest OA event ever to be held at the camp.

The weather was mild, and participants only had to dodge mud created by heavy rains earlier in the week. Tutelo felt right at home in its campsite, which was as rocky as any at Ottari or Powhatan.



Sam Bystrek (left) and John Nimmo (right) celebrate Tutelo's achievement of the SR-7A Quest for the Golden Arrow and Southern Region We Support Camping Award.

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## OA Announces New Membership Policies

From OA-BSA.org:

On May 23, 2018, the National Order of the Arrow Committee approved some exciting updates to the Order of the Arrow program.

Beginning February 1, 2019, unit elections will be permitted in Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scout units. The new Order of the Arrow membership requirements are as follows:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Have experienced 15 nights of camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the

election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.

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## Clay Appointed Supreme Chief of the Fire

From ScoutingWire.org:

Congratulations to George D. Clay II, who will serve as Scout executive of Blue Ridge Mountains Council in Roanoke, Virginia, effective June 1, 2018.

George began his Scouting

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# Chiefly Speaking

I am super excited for summer ordeal and performing our first lodge function of the year! Because of poor weather conditions we did have to cancel spring ordeal, so because of that we are putting a lot of effort into making summer ordeal a great experience for everyone!

Our activities committee is ready to put on a great time for all you brothers that are coming and we are very

excited to have a lot of fun with you guys there. So if you were signed up for the spring function and are able to come to the summer ordeal please, please go register! Also, we would love to see you all at our EC meetings that usually are held on the second Sunday of every month that we don't have a function, and we would love your participation. I would love to see you all soon at the summer ordeal!



John Nimmo  
Lodge Chief

# Adviser's Minute

**Elevate:** raise or lift (something) up to a higher position or raise to a more important or impressive level.

The theme for Conclave should always be the theme for our Lodge and Chapters. And this applies in a couple of different ways.

First we should always be seeking ways to elevate the Lodge, that is raise it to a more impressive level through membership growth, brotherhood conversions, event attendance, and service hours performed. Just like you build a structure from the foundation up, we need to look at our Chapters as our foundation and strengthen those to achieve our Lodge goals. Elevating service hours, event attendance, and brotherhood conversions all require elevating membership.

I realize that current numbers may be "slightly" skewed due to computer systems, but a disturbing trend has been occurring over the last several years regarding membership. In 2014 we had 827 dues paying members, in 2015 and

2016 we were right at 750, last year we dropped to 601 and so far this year, we only "show" 225. In 2014 we had 242 brotherhood conversion candidates and converted 84 of those. So far this year only 45 are eligible. I realize numbers aren't always an accurate measure of what's accomplished, but these are some troubling trends. I would like to think we are still accomplishing as much as we did in past years and our membership is as strong as it was (maybe we just aren't as focused and diligent about collecting dues?) I challenge each chapter to seek ways to increase participation, attract new members, and especially get credit for the members you have by getting their dues paid. No matter how involved a brother is and how many events he supports, National only recognizes the number you have that have paid their dues.

The other way we elevate our Lodge was mentioned at the last EC meeting. You are part of a service organization loaded with humble servants.



Seldom do any "brag" about what they do. BUT that doesn't mean they shouldn't be recognized. I will do my best to always recognize those I see living out the admonition and I hope you will too. Though seldom expected, a pat on the back goes a long way toward encouraging continued work and encouraging others to participate. Scouting in general needs positive PR and when you share service examples of your brothers, you give them a well-deserved pat on the back AND provide some positive PR for the order and scouting.

Let's work on elevating our Lodge, starting at the chapter foundation and building up.

Steve Adkins  
Lodge Adviser



# Clay Appointed Supreme Chief

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career as a district executive at Buckskin Council in Charleston, West Virginia. He moved on to become a senior district executive, Exploring director, finance director, field director, and assistant Scout executive in Buckskin Council.

In 2000, George was promoted to director of field

service of Twin Rivers Council in Albany, New York. In May of 2003, he became Scout executive of Chippewa Valley Council in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. After four years of achieving Quality Council, George was promoted to Scout executive of W. D. Boyce Council in Peoria, Illinois, where he has successfully achieved 10 consecutive years as a Gold

Journey to Excellence council.

By virtue of his appointment as Scout executive of Blue Ridge Mountains Council, George becomes Tutelo Lodge's new supreme chief of the fire.

George enjoys golf, cycling, snow skiing, and spending time with his wife, Nanette, and two daughters: Alexandra, 13, and Brooke, 10.

## Conclave 2018

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In addition to its contingent of 106 Arrowmen, Tutelo also brought as guests a delegation from the BRMC Venturing Officers Association, who ran an activity booth at Saturday afternoon's Conclave Expo.

Tutelo took home the Quest for the Golden Arrow trophy for the fourth year in a row (it was won or tied nineteen out of twenty-one SR-7A Conclaves). The Wil-Kip-Jo and Koo Koo Ku Hoo Chapter ceremony teams achieve "honor team" status in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony, as did the Koo Koo Ku Hoo team for the Brotherhood ceremony. Jacob DeJarnette achieved honor status for the Vigil ceremony. Erik Covington and Shane McClafferty won 2nd and 3rd place, respectively, in Northern Traditional Dance.

Gable Plichta was re-elected as section secretary (he is the first Tutelo Arrowman to serve in this role more than one term). Scott Smith stepped down from his eight-year tour as associate section adviser (he will continue to serve on the Southern Region OA

Committee, to which he was appointed in January).

Other Tutelo Arrowmen who served in key roles for this year's Conclave include AIA Adviser Arvid Englund and Ceremonies Adviser Gary Harvey. The lodge leadership would like to thank everyone who promoted Conclave, drove a carload of Scouts, prepared food for the Big Feast, served on a sports, unit elections, or Quest team, danced in the pow wow, or helped in any other way. Without the support of all our lodge members, successfully participating in Conclave would not be possible. Also, here's another shoutout to the Tutelo Chainsaw Crew who spent three days at Camp Rock Enon in March and helped our brothers in Shenshawpotoo Lodge 276 clear dozens of dead trees at in advance of Conclave.

Next year, we turn our attention to the Heart of Virginia Scout Reservation in Maidens, Virginia, where we will join Nawakwa Lodge 3 in celebrating 100 years of the Order of the Arrow in Virginia!



Harry Montoro adds finishing touches to a Tutelo totem carved on a log stool at Camp Rock Enon. These stools will be located outside the trading post and used by relaxing campers for years to come.



Erik Covington won 2nd place in Northern Traditional Dance.

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# Chapter & Committee News

## Koo Koo Ku Hoo Chapter

We've had an awesome year so far in the Koo Koo Ku Hoo chapter. We did the presentation of colors at the Piedmont District Merit Badge College in February. Such a large number of Scouts showed up that we were never short of an OA member to participate in flag presentations! We had a Day of Service at the Appomattox Court House and our work was very helpful and greatly appreciated. Conclave was a huge success and we had a great turnout. We had a wonderful time of food, fun, and fellowship. If you couldn't make it, you missed out on an excellent way to ELEVATE your experience in OA. Please give consideration to joining us next year. Our ceremonies team is preparing for NOAC.

## Communications Committee

We will soon be working on the third Torchbearer of the year. Submissions are due no later than July 24th. To view the submission deadline calendar, go to "Member Resources" on the lodge web site, and select "Communications & Torchbearer." We continue to add content and functionality to the lodge web site. If your chapter or committee has anything that you would like added or updated, please let us know, and we'll be happy to work with you.

## History Committee

We are working hard to prepare a display for the summer ordeal. We are also working on updating and

expanding the history section of the lodge website.

## Inductions Committee

During your induction into the Order of the Arrow, Allowat Sakima reminded you that you were selected by your peers as being surest, sharpest, and truest of your fellows. He symbolized your distinction and the virtues identified within you by others with a single arrow drawn from a quiver, chosen for its attributes that grant it an advantage over the many others. You are the arrow, undoubtedly, but do not think that you are alone. Scouting is a team effort. Though the world may seem harsh at times and your path may seem dark and lonely, you are not alone. Though a single arrow may be suitable for some tasks, its fit is not universal. A single arrow can easily break under sufficient stress, but a bundle of arrows is much less likely to give way under pressure.

You belong not only in your chapter and in your unit but in this Lodge. I understand that the seas of unfamiliar faces can seem daunting and discouraging at times, but we desperately need you to lead both now and in the days to come. Now, we need torchbearers, waterbearers, function staff, and people who are just generally willing to lend a helping hand. Tomorrow, we need leaders.

I exhort you: listen to the promptings around you, seize the opportunities that arrive before you, and serve your brothers. Through these things, I hope that you can arrive at a deep and true

fulfillment from a life spent in devotion to others.

If you find that you are willing to take the plunge into a new, broad world, contact us at [inductions@tutelo161.org](mailto:inductions@tutelo161.org); we will help you along every step of the way. Please, my brothers, serve each other cheerfully and inspire those around you. Only through you and others like you can they be guided to find the arrow.

## Trading Post Committee

Although cancellation of the March function means we missed a chance to sell lots of hoodies and knit caps, we had strong sales at Conclave, and are almost out of Conclave t-shirts and flaps. If you want these stop by early at the Ottari Ordeal, they won't last long. We also now have the NOAC 2 piece trader set for sale, and are taking suggestions for new items.

## Winter Banquet Committee

The Winter Banquet Committee has been taking lots of pictures to get prepared for our event. We hope this years banquet can be just good as the last one. Although, it will be very hard to follow up the little incident with the video from Tom. Regardless, we will do our best. If anyone has any pictures from lodge or chapter events that you would like to have featured in the banquet, you can upload them to the dropbox on the lodge website or send them to me at [winterbanquet@tutelo161.org](mailto:winterbanquet@tutelo161.org). To find the DropBox link, go to [tutelo161.org](http://tutelo161.org), click on "Member Resources," then on "Share your Tutelo photos!"

# Membership Policies

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- At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, hold the Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher, and following approval by the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor or Sea Scout Skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.

Adults (age 21 or older) who meet the camping requirements may be selected following nomination to and approval by the lodge adult selection committee.

Our commitment to our unchanging mission and purpose remains steadfast, and we are excited to welcome others who share that

commitment by extending membership in Scouting's National Honor Society to participants of all older youth programs. We look forward to having female members in 2019 and know that, like all of our OA members, they will serve as role models and inspirations to others – both within the Boy Scouts of America and beyond.

We anticipate that you may have some questions. Please be sure to read the FAQ section below. We will have more information at the National Order of the Arrow Conference, and we will continue to release additional information as it becomes available in order to assist our lodges with implementation.

We look forward to sharing

what the OA has to offer with more young people and appreciate your support of this exciting new direction.

## Questions & Answers

**Q.** Will camping be counted retroactively for those currently in Venturing and Sea Scouts?

**Yes.** Camping that has taken place within the two years immediately prior to the election will be counted beginning February 1, 2019. This camping must have taken place while an individual was registered with the BSA as a program participant and must be while participating with a BSA Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship.

**Q.** Can I be elected into the OA if I am over the age of 18?

**Yes.** As long as you are under the age of 21 at the time the election is held. If you are over 21, you will need to go through the adult selection process.

**Q.** Will there be any opportunities for Venturers to learn more about the OA and Venturing?

**Yes.** We will provide high-level information and the opportunity to gather feedback from youth Venturing participants at VenturingFest 2018.

**Q.** When will the OA literature be updated to reflect these changes?

**We are planning that all literature will be updated by Summer of 2019.**

# 108 Years of Change in the BSA

1910

Boy Scouts of America Founded

1912

Sea Scouting Established

1915

Order of the Arrow Founded

1930

Cub Scouts Established

1935

Senior Scouts/Exploring Established

1959

Exploring Re-Launched

Mid 1960s

Scouting is Desegregated

1971

Female Youth allowed to become Explorers

1988

Adult Female Leaders eligible for membership in OA







1998

Venturing (a co-ed Scouting program) Established

2019

All-Female Scout Troops allowed. All qualified youth Scouts, Sea Scouts, and Venturers Eligible for election to the OA



SCOUT ME IN™	
Old	New
<b>Cub Scouting</b>  - Boys only - Ages 5-10	<b>Cub Scouting</b>  - Boys and girls* (separate dens) - Ages 5-10 - Starting 6/11/18
<b>Boy Scouting</b>  - Boys only - Ages 11-17	<b>Scouts BSA</b>  - Boys and girls* (separate troops) - Ages 11-17 - Starting 2/1/19
<b>Varsity Scouting</b>  - Boys only - Ages 14-18	<b>Discontinued</b>
<b>Venturing</b>  - All boys, all girls or co-ed - Ages 14-20	<b>Venturing</b>  - All boys, all girls or co-ed - Ages 14-20

\*Chartered organizations have the choice whether they will include girl dens and/or troops.

The organization's name is NOT changing:



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA™



# 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](http://www.tutelo161.org)

# An Arrowman's Profile: David Briscoe

Dr. David Briscoe grew up in Mars Hill, North Carolina, a small agrarian community 18 miles north of Asheville. He joined the Boy Scouts in 1965, earned Eagle Scout in 1968, and became a member of Tsali Lodge 134 in 1968. He was the first African American inductee and Vigil Honor member in that lodge which had existed for thirty years, at a time where segregation still dominated the South. He earned Brotherhood in 1969, and the Vigil Honor in 1973. What follows is Dr. Briscoe's Scout story as told in own words.

"I helped organize my first troop. I was fourteen years old. It's an interesting story, because in 1963, I was bussed from Mars Hill to the city schools in Asheville. I went to a one-room schoolhouse for six years. When you went to the sixth grade you had to be bussed to the city for the seventh and eighth grade junior high, and then once you got to the ninth grade you went to the Stevens High School. That's a major high school in Asheville. Junior high for seventh and eighth grade was (segregated) black. So let me tell what happened to me. I'll never forget when we had library period. Here I was in the seventh grade. I went to the library and there was a rack over there with magazines. And there was a Boys' Life. And I looked at that Boys' Life and I nearly went crazy. The Boy Scout Handbook had Scout hiking; man I lost my mind. I was just so enthralled with all that.

But there was no black troop in Mars Hill, but there was a white troop...102, in Mars Hill.



Segregation was de jure at that time by law. I knew all these white kids but we didn't mix when it came to going to school and Scouting activities.

So a year and a half went by and my buddies and me pretended to be Scouts. We pretended to be Scouts, unofficially. There was a black kid in Asheville that was part of troop 154. Okay, he brought an old battered handbook to class one day. He brought it to class and I was looking at it and I said, 'I need to buy this book from you. I said, how much do you want for it?' He said, 'A dollar.' Had I known that I could have gone up to the Scout shop I could have bought a brand new one for a dollar. So I bought it. I saved my lunch money. Lunch was 25 cents a day.

I skipped lunch. I bought the Scout Handbook. They had a section in the first few pages that said that if you lived in a community that there was no Scout troop, you could organize a Lone Scout patrol or a neighborhood patrol. So I wrote to Edgar Wolfe at the national office who was in-charge of rural relationships. I still have the letter.

He sent me a letter back, he

wrote 'Master David Briscoe, you live in an area under the leadership of Ken Drupiewski the Scout Executive of the Daniel Boone Council.' So in two weeks the district executive named Frank Gay came to visit my uncle. My uncle was a big community leader. And we got the Scout troop started. My uncle was my Scoutmaster.

I passed my Tenderfoot requirements in front of the whole troop. And I'll never forget my uncle said, 'Which of you boys will be my first Eagle Scout?' I raised my hand. I was scared. I raised my hand. I did become that Eagle Scout. So my dad was involved, my brother's were involved. Later my brother was my Scoutmaster when I earned my Eagle."

Dr. Briscoe has received many honors and has provided a lifetime of service to the Order, Scouting and the community. He received the Founders Award in 1991 and the OA Distinguished Service Award in 1992. Dr. Briscoe served on the National Committee from 1993 to 2003. He received the Silver Beaver in 1981, the Silver Antelope in 1996, the Silver Buffalo in 2005, and was conferred the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award in 2008. Dr. Briscoe has served and continues to serve on many national Scout committees.

Dr. Briscoe is presently a Professor of Sociology at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock where he has taught such courses as Introduction to Sociology, Family Violence, Family Sociology, Experiences of Black Americans, and Social Problems.

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# Spring Ordeal Cancelled Due to Heavy Snowfall

The Blue Ridge Scout Reservation received over a foot of snow, and fallen trees blocked many roads in the area. Tutelo Lodge decided this year to try moving its Spring Ordeal to just before the Conclave registration deadline. At least three other lodges in our section, including Shenshawpotoo, which also has a camp in the mountains, does this with great success. However, the experiment had to be called off a few days before the scheduled March 23-25 function due to forecasted winter weather. The decision to cancel the event was sound: by the end of the weekend, over 84,000 customers in the New River Valley were without power. In an effort to boost Conclave attendance (and, in turn, to help build enthusiasm about the OA for new members), Tutelo Lodge decided this year to try moving its Spring Ordeal to just before the Conclave registration deadline. At least three other lodges in our section, including Shenshawpotoo, which also has a camp in the mountains, does this with great success. However, the experiment had to be called off a few days before the scheduled March 23-25 function due to forecasted winter weather. The decision to cancel the event was sound: by the end of the weekend, over 84,000 customers in the New River Valley were without power.

Lodge leadership will evaluate this year's Spring Ordeal attempt and will decide whether to try again in 2019 or go back to the traditional May Ordeal in June.