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Fall Ordeal

September 7-9

Camp Powhatan

Fall Fellowship

October 12-14

Camp Powhatan

Winter Banquet

December 8

W.E. Skelton 4-H Center

Wirtz, VA



Edward Carl "Ed" Hamilton

Roanoke, VA

3/10/1951 - 6/9/2018

Richard "Rick" Wimmer

Hardy, VA

10/14/1965 - 7/23/2018

## Tutelo ROCKS NOAC 2018 @ Indiana!

Lodge scores in Ceremonies, American Indian Activities, Sports, and Fun!

This summer, Tutelo Lodge loaded up vans, cars, trucks, and pack mules to travel over five hundred miles to Indiana University at Bloomington for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). A delegation of twenty Tutelo participants and eight staffers from Tutelo (see names on page 5) joined almost 7,000 Arrowmen from across the country and beyond for this incredible experience.

There was something at NOAC for everyone, including training, patch trading, sporting events, shows, ceremonial evaluations, American Indian activities, exhibits and displays, and a campus-wide game called "Seek" that used electronic armbands to link up with other participants and check in to



*Tutelo's NOAC contingent gathered in front of the Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall at Indiana University for this quick group photo.*

sites and events, all of which earned points in the game.

Both Pre-Ordeal ceremonial teams that represented the lodge gave outstanding presentations. Members of one team earned an Honor medal and members of the other team became one of

only three teams nationwide to achieve Exemplar Gold status. Riley Millward also received an Honor medal for the Vigil ceremony. Teresa Bystrek won third place in the Women's 5k race, and in the true spirit of brotherhood,

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## NOAC Ceremonies Exemplar Program



*Tutelo's Exemplar Ceremonies Team in their regalia. (Left to right) Jacob Roberts, Benjamin Marden, Sam Bystrek, Riley Millward.*

By Sam Bystrek

The ceremonies exemplar program is a system of evaluations created to increase your understanding of the ceremonies in the Order of the Arrow. The program gives the four ceremonial team members structured critiques on the basis of improving their ceremonial quality. Our team was Riley Millward as Nutiket, Ben Marden as Meteu, Jacob Roberts as Allowat Sakima,

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# Chiefly Speaking

Hello Brothers, I am writing right after unpacking from NOAC and I am here to tell you that it was an absolutely amazing experience! Tutelo brought 20 members up to Indiana University from July 30th to August 4th and we had so much fun participating in ceremonies, training sessions, shows, and lots of other exciting activities that were at NOAC. I hope we can have many, many more members of the lodge come in 2020 as NOAC will be held at Michigan State, where the centennial NOAC was held, as it has a lot more space for us Arrowmen to have a fantastic time fellowshiping with our brothers from across the country. I would also like to congratulate our ceremonies

teams, one of which honored in the pre-ordeal ceremony, and the other one that was one of three teams in the nation to receive the exemplar rating also for the pre-ordeal ceremony! We all greatly appreciate the wonderful work you guys in ceremonies put in for our lodge! Next, I want to talk about our upcoming functions that will be happening in the fall. In a little bit more than a month, our lodge will finally come back together to hold our fall ordeal, and I am super excited to induct a ton of new Arrowmen into our order! We will be doing tons of service up at Camp Powhattan, and it will be an amazing time of service and fellowship for all brothers that attend. Also,



coming up is our fall fellowship, which is gearing up to be one of the coolest fellowships we've had in a while, and you definitely won't want to miss all the amazing festivities that the activities committee is planning to make the weekend super fun for every Arrowman that is there!

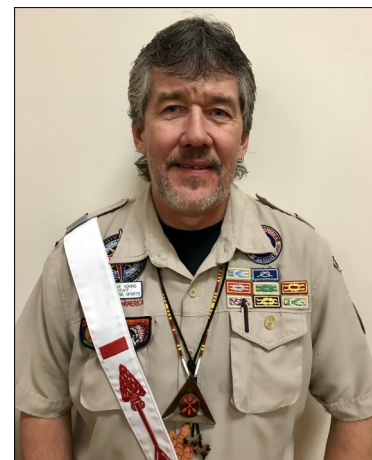
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# Adviser's Minute

As Scouting's National Honor Society, our purpose is to:

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.
- 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.
- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.
- Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Fall is the time of year for the lodge to reflect, and make sure we are completing a year encompassing all of the above. I trust our youth leaders have had a busy summer either working at one of our camps, preparing and attending NOAC, or planning a "new season" for their chapters (taking care of number one and three above). I hope part of that preparation has been giving thought to a couple of the ways we have discussed to assist in the second purpose listed above; a council camporee held at the



reservation, and creating a "Best camporee EVER" binder that can be used by each district to promote camping at the district level.

A council camporee held at the reservation will be a great way to cut camporee costs to the districts and to get scouts and leaders who may not attend any of our reservations summer programs back to the

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# NOAC Ceremonies Honor Program

By Aidan Melvin

To start I would like to thank my parents, David Payne, Teresa Bystrek, Gary Harvey, Dennis Ratliff, Fred Millward also every ceremonialist on the honor and exemplar teams. The NOAC honor ceremony program works like this you and your four man ceremonies team will walk into a room and there will be roughly two evaluators. You will do your introduction and when the evaluators are ready you may commence your ceremony in the ring that you set up. At the end you will be presented with your medals if the team earns them. The NOAC ceremonies experience has been amazing and I had a excellent time. The honor



*Tutelo's Honor Ceremonies Team with their medals. (Left to right) Zach McKenzie, Andrew Abernathy, Aidan Melvin, and Jacob Slusser.*

team put in countless hours of work developing our principles and team skills so we can give the best ceremony for our evaluators at NOAC and the candidates at our lodge Ordeals. The overall goal of the honor program is a honor medal in the Pre-Ordeal and

brotherhood ceremonies. The honor team only honored in Pre-Ordeal. Everyone in Tutelo had an amazing time at NOAC we are all looking forward to NOAC 2020!

## NOAC 2018

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Chaz Nickens joined brothers from a Georgia lodge and helped them win the Ultimate Frisbee championship. A number of Tutelo Arrowmen participated in other events such as the Spartan Race, a 1.5-mile course dotted with obstacles ranging from 4-6 ft. walls to 200-pound log rolls. Also, Erik Covington placed in the top 25 for Northern Traditional Dance.

NOAC is always an exciting and inspirational event that gets lodge members charged up for the work ahead at our local lodge and camps. Don't be surprised if you see contingent members bringing in new ideas or acting with a renewed sense of purpose. The next NOAC will be in 2020 at Michigan State University!



*Chief Nimmo was VERY excited about the confetti at the Closing Show*



*Tutelo Arrowmen pose with Southern Region Chief Zach Callicutt*

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# Chapter & Committee News

## Koo Koo Ku Hoo Chapter

Wow, where has the summer gone? For me, I was busy working at Camp Powhatan as well as preparing to represent Tutelo Lodge at NOAC in Bloomington, IN. By the time you read this, summer camp will be just a memory for the many scouts and scouters who attend one of our camps. NOAC will also be just a memory and I hope I can report on some great accomplishment by our ceremonial teams in the next edition of the Torchbearer. All of us ceremonialists have put in many hours of service in preparing to represent TUTELO!

Upon our return from Indiana it will be time for us to get geared up for the Lodges biggest function, the Fall Ordeal. I challenge each of you my brothers to mentally prepare yourself as we "open our lodge" to accept new members which were called out over the summer.

## Moneton Chapter

Moneton Chapter has been busy preparing for NOAC. Erik Covington will be representing the chapter at NOAC and will be competing in Northern Traditional Dance.

Hope everyone has had a great summer of scouting. Our next chapter meeting will be on the 14th of August at Central United Methodist in Radford starting at 7:30pm. Hope to see you there. It would be great to have a good turnout. Bring your favorite junk food to share at our legendary junk food party! If you need a ride or can provide

a ride, let me know and maybe we can get some carpools set up each month. Any question for Moneton chapter please contact Erik Covington at moneton@tutelo161.org or call at 540-200-9916.

## Wil Kip Jo Chapter

The Wil Kip Jo chapter has been working hard this year. Our ceremonies team is getting ready to go to NOAC to be evaluated in the Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremony. Come prepared to buy a T-shirt because if you buy one your name will be entered into a drawing to pie me in the face at Fall Fellowship. They are also preparing to do ceremonies at the Fall Ordeal. We are still discussing when to schedule the Claytor Lake work weekend and the Pizza Hut fundraiser. We are also preparing for the Quest for the Golden Spigot.

## Communications Committee

The Communications Committee's work never stops, and we are already gearing up for the fourth and final Torchbearer of the year. **Articles are due October 15th.** We're also looking for youth and adults to join our team! If you have skill in graphic design, writing, photography, or web sites (WordPress), let us know!

## Dance & Drum Committee

Tutelo dance and drum has had a good summer. We met this July for dance and drum practice. We have also been getting ready for NOAC, practicing, and preparing the regalia. Erik Covington will be

competing in Northern Traditional dance at NOAC. We have also been building our loaner regalia for the lodge so that way anyone who wants to dance can. We hope to see you all at NOAC. If you have any questions for Tutelo dance and drums please contact Erik Covington at dance@tutelo161.org or call at 540-200-9916.



*Dance & Drum Committee  
Chairman Erik Covington (right)  
and Adviser Arvid Englund at  
NOAC.*

## Dining Services Committee

The Kitchen Crew and Dining Services look forward to taking you to Flavortown, BSA during our two remaining functions this year. As always, your appetites are your passports, so please come prepared. Help is always welcome, and I am constantly on the hunt for servers. Feel more than free to show up at any point during the day to help out and see how much fun we really have.

## History Committee

The History Committee continues to collect the history of Tutelo Lodge. Along with that we are also looking

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# Chapter & Committee News

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for pictures, info and items related to Koo Koo Ku Hoo Lodge, Powhatan Lodge and Blue Ridge Mountains Council and the camps.

Compiling the history of something can be never-ending and is like working a puzzle. Just when you think you have all of the pieces, suddenly someone brings forth a missing piece. There is always something historical to find and you may have a piece that is the key to the puzzle. Take a look at things you may have that you would be willing to share. While we do not have the ability to house and care for the objects, we can certainly scan the items or take pictures so that others can have a sense of what we have done.

If you like history and/or working puzzles, come join the History Committee. We can always use your help. Even if you decide not to join, continue to look for pieces of the puzzle and share them with us so we can share them with others.

## Inductions Committee

I hope that you have all enjoyed a tranquil, restful summer at camp or on vacation. I wanted to take some time to inform you all of some of the opportunities for activity within the Lodge in the coming months.

To those of you who recently became Ordeal members of the Order of the Arrow, congratulations! I hope that your journey here is a long and meaningful one. I know that your induction weekend was jam-packed full of service,

learning, and fellowship, so I wanted to make a few resources known to you all. The first, available at [jumpstart.oa-bsa.org](http://jumpstart.oa-bsa.org), is a website maintained by the National

Committee that allows you to develop a deeper understanding of the history, structure, and function of the Order of the Arrow. I'd encourage all of you to take some time and look through the resources there. Your OA Handbook is also a great resource for learning more about Scouting's Honor Society.

Feel free to reach out to [Inductions@Tutelo161.org](mailto:Inductions@Tutelo161.org) with any questions.

For those of you who became Ordeal members more than 10 months ago, please visit [tutelo161.org/event/fall-ordeal/](http://tutelo161.org/event/fall-ordeal/) for details about our next function and to register to attend as a Brotherhood Candidate. This would entail a weekend of fun times, good food, fellowship opportunities, and service to our Council. More importantly, however, it would allow you to take the next step along the road to understanding what it means to live life as a servant to those around you.

The Fall Ordeal is open to all members, however; even if you are not a Brotherhood-eligible member, many of the same opportunities for fun and fellowship will be available, like our heartstopping Moneton-inspired Junk Food Party to satisfy your late-night cravings for a couple of sodas, a candy bar, or saltier snacks. I can't wait to see you all there

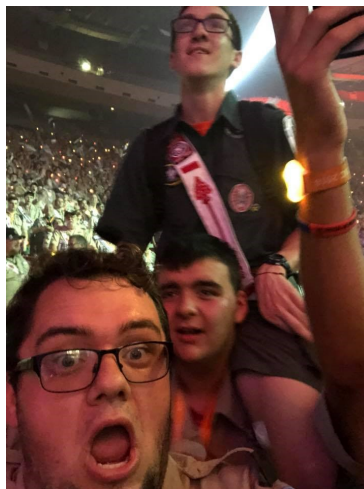
enjoying all of the great things that Tutelo has to offer.

Finally, there are youth leadership roles that need filling on the Inductions Team;

whether you can help out for five minutes on a Friday night at a Function or with preparing for the entire event, I would love any help that I could get. If you are looking for your place in Tutelo Lodge or if you're interested in helping out, please contact me with the email address listed above.

## Winter Banquet Committee

We are very excited for all of the photo opportunities that we will have at NOAC and the upcoming functions for the year. We plan on taking a lot of pictures so that we can bring you all the best presentation that we can make. We would also like to feature pictures from you all, so be sure to send us any OA related pictures at [winterbanquet@tutelo161.org](mailto:winterbanquet@tutelo161.org) or at the DropBox link on the lodge website under "Member Resources." I also ask that all chapters bring me 3 scouting related items to give away as door prizes at the banquet. I look forward to seeing you all at the next function!



More NOAC hijinx.

# Tutelo's 2018 NOAC Contingent

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Sam Bystrek

Teresa Bystrek

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J.D. Castleman

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Hunter French 3

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Gabe Plichta

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# TUTEL LODGE

## 2018 Function Registration & Dues Form

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CASH Hand-deliver to Council Office at 2131 Valley View Blvd, NW in Roanoke or bring to function (do not mail cash)

☐ CHECK Make checks payable to "BSA" and mail to Blue Ridge Mountains Council, P.O. Box 7606, Roanoke, VA 24019

☐ CREDIT CARD Fax to 540-265-0659 or mail to Council Office (Must be *received* 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)

# Policy Update: Official Arrow of Light and Crossover Ceremonies

[www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org): The National Order of the Arrow Committee after months of collaborative work with ceremonialists and lodge leadership representatives announces the following policy change. This policy change will apply to ALL Order of the Arrow lodges and chapters.



We know that lodges and chapters are frequently asked to perform Arrow of Light and crossover ceremonies for Cub Scout packs, which is an appropriate service in support of our packs. That said, we have had many complaints surrounding these ceremonies

from various American Indian tribes due to the manner in which they are conducted as well as the inconsistent nature in which they are performed.

Beginning January 1, 2019 lodges and chapters that are asked to conduct Arrow of Light or crossover ceremonies for Cub Scout packs will only be permitted to conduct them using the new approved official ceremonies which can be found in the OA Inductions

Portal. These ceremonies are to be conducted in a Scout uniform and are no longer permitted to be done in American Indian regalia.

We appreciate your adherence to this new policy. For more information, including text of the new ceremonies, please visit <https://oa-bsa.org/article/official-arrow-light-and-crossover-ceremonies>

American Indian regalia is permitted for all OA ceremonies except Crossover and Arrow of Light ceremonies.

## Exemplar

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and myself as Kichkinet. We were fortunate enough to be able to represent Tutelo at the National Order of the Arrow Conference. The exemplar program started with the team recording a video of our ceremony and sending it to the national level. After a few months, we received an evaluation sheet explaining what we did right, what we did wrong, and how we can improve the ceremony. After many weekend practices and self practice, we were ready to head to NOAC. At the conference, we were a little out of our comfort zone when we had to present our ceremony on a stage. However, we were able to pull through and be awarded with the Gold Exemplar status.

This was definitely an incredible experience!

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reservation and reacquainted with BRSR. It's also a way for our lodge to show off our capabilities, and to give the unacquainted a small taste of what an OA function is; thereby promoting both the reservation and the Order. A "Best Camporee Ever" is a way we can share between districts those themes or ideas that YOUTH enjoy and offer new twists on the typical scout skills camporees. It's a way for each chapter to promote camping for years to come since it can be a living document that changes as new ideas come up.

Fall is also a good time for adults to reengage. To better utilize the many skills our adults have, and to get more projects accomplished at the camps, we will be adding new "CREWS" to our list. Be looking

for an email soon so you can plug in based on your career or hobby skills. Along with the Chainsaw Crew, Kitchen Crew, and Weed-whacker crew, we'll be looking for folks to join: Carpentry Crew, Painting Crew, Plumbing Crew, Electrical Crew, etc. With those in place, and a solid set of projects from the rangers, crew leaders and crews can even schedule to work on small projects at times other than functions.

Finally, be looking for a somewhat different Fall Fellowship. As much fun as some of the former training sessions have been, we are looking at a whole new concept for the morning sessions. Something we're sure everyone will want to attend.

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## 2018 Dues Are, Well, Due.

Take a look at your mailing label. If it says "2017," we haven't received your lodge dues for this year, and this will be your last printed Torchbearer.

Lodge dues are only \$15, and can be paid online, by mail, or in person at the Scout Office 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.

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.