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80 Years of Lodge 161 in 2019

Tutelo Lodge was formed in 1973 as a result of the merger of Powhatan Lodge 456 and Koo Koo Ku Hoo Lodge 161, which began as Ne-Pah-Win Lodge 161 in 1939. Since 2019 marks the 80th birthday of Lodge 161, we thought we'd share an abridged excerpt from Tutelo's history book (available for sale at the lodge Trading Post).

On June 30, 1939, five Scouts and Scouters were tapped for membership in the OA at Camp Tye Brook's Friday night campfire. (Tye Brook in Nelson County was operated by Piedmont Area Council, which was headquartered in



Jack Walker was Ne-Pah-Win's

Lynchburg. The next week, on Friday July, 7, Ne-Pah-Win Lodge 161 was chartered. Eight additional Scouts were tapped that night.

The group of thirteen candidates took their Ordeal at Camp Tye Brook on the weekend of July 7-9 and executed several key service projects, the most significant being the construction of the ceremonial grounds, a "flat area hewn out of the side of a mountain [hill]." Individual projects included reforestation activities and adding handrails to the foot bridges in camp.

An organizational meeting was held during the weekend, and officers were elected. The first lodge chief was John Key "Jack" Walker, Jr., and Maynard Duvall was the

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Lodge Calendar

Lodge Meeting

March 10, 2:30 p.m.

Council Office, Roanoke, VA

Lodge Meeting

April 14, 2:30 p.m.

Council Office, Roanoke, VA

SR-7A Ceremonies Weekend

April 5-7

Heart of Virginia Scout Res.
Maidens, VA

SR-7A Conclave

April 26-28

Heart of Virginia Scout Res.
Maidens, VA

Spring Ordeal

May 10-12

Camp Ottari

Summer Ordeal

May 31-June 2

Camp Powhatan

Lodge to Help Staff Family Cub Camp @ Powhatan

Tutelo Arrowmen (especially youth or young adults) are needed for staffing (running activity stations) at the Spring Family Cub Camp at Camp Powhatan on May 3-5. If you are interested, please contact Crystal Karriker at crystal.karriker@wythek12.org.

This is a great opportunity to show the Cubs what being an Arrowman is all about, and by running the stations, it will free their parents up to enjoy the weekend and explore camp. The majority of Scouts come straight from Cub Packs, so we need these young boys and girls to see what lies in store for them when they



bridge into their Scouts BSA troops in the next few years. Contact Crystal and sign up to help staff the Family Cub Camp today!

Function Registration Changes

Tutelo's administrative team is working hard to make strides towards improving your function registration and dues payment experience. You'll notice that the registration form on page 6 is a bit simpler than in previous years. That's thanks to the Lodge Executive Committee voting in January to make a few key changes. First, all eligible lodge members may take their Brotherhood at no charge (other than the function fee) beginning in 2019. Previously, members who were inducted

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Conclave

Chiefly Speaking

2019 is off to a great start for Tutelo Lodge. At the 8th annual Executive Committee Retreat, the committee chairs had a chance to get to know each other as well as work with their advisers. During breakout sessions, they came up with fun, new ideas for the lodge that will hopefully also increase member retention.

The main idea we developed together was to change the way we approach Saturday nights. In the past, Saturday nights were filled with games, fun, and fellowship. However, since the ceremonies have

moved up in the day, that leaves downtime for new members in the evening to wander around or leave the weekend early. To solve this, we are going to have a new member party to celebrate the member's completion of their ordeal or brotherhood. We will also have the party at the dining hall so there is less temptation for members to go to their campsites.

My biggest hope is that the EC as well as the whole lodge will truly come together and show that we believe in what the Admonition teaches us. I am



looking forward to this year and seeing that great Tutelo spirit return in everything we do. Who do you know?

Sam Bystrek, Lodge Chief

Adviser's Minute

Most all of us love our traditions. Whether it's a Christmas tradition, vacation tradition, or even a scouting tradition. We get comfort from going somewhere or doing something familiar. For me, one is crossing that first bridge into Powhatan. It can be fun and exciting going to other reservations and staying at other camps, but nothing quite compares to the comfort and familiarity of heading to an event at "home". Some traditions keep people coming back. Some traditions are rooted in a solid principal or idea that doesn't need to be changed. But some might just have become a "tradition" because they are easy (or we are lazy).

Wise leaders often challenge traditions. Not necessarily because they want to change them, but to encourage thoughtful analysis about why that tradition exists, and whether it merits continuing.

Time has a way of changing things (often slowly and unnoticed) and evaluating whether or not we need to change so we can keep accomplishing our goals is wise. Then when you choose to continue a tradition, everyone feels good about it, and new members understand why it exists.

The lodge EC has started 2019 doing a few things very differently. I think you will all find these changes don't affect any traditions and definitely empower your lodge for greatness. Working together, your treasurer and his adviser have created a slew of new documents and procedures that puts you as the lodge membership squarely in the middle of controlling and understanding lodge finances.

Membership along with our Admin and Communications adviser have simplified our function form and are well on their way to reestablishing on-



line registration. Activities is already working on ideas for functions and soliciting vendors for the expo at Fall Fellowship. Those are just a few, but all in all, our EC is off to a great start, preserving traditions and making subtle changes where they make sense and improve lodge activities.

I encourage you as lodge members to never hold back an idea that you think will help. Sometimes we might decide not to change, but the discussion will likely lead to better understanding of our traditions and often to other ideas for improvement.

Steve Adkins, Lodge Adviser

Associate Lodge Advisers Appointed

The Order of the Arrow's *Guide for Officers and Advisers* says "Optionally, with prior approval from the Scout executive, the lodge ... adviser may appoint an associate lodge adviser ... annually to help fulfill the mission of the lodge... at the lodge level more than one position may be appropriate, depending on the size of the lodge and the duties assigned. If too many associates are appointed, they could interfere and cause confusion for the youth who are trying to lead. Service in any of these positions should not be considered an automatic pathway to the ... lodge adviser role."

With the Chief of the Fire's approval, we are pleased to announce **Christina Powell**, **Gary Harvey**, and **Scott Smith** as Associate Lodge Advisers.



Associate Lodge Adviser of New Member Engagement

Drawing upon her experiences in an OA and Scouting family and serving as a Venturing adviser, **Christina Powell** is well-positioned to help strengthen the lodge's efforts to welcome and engage all new members. In particular, she will work closely with the Inductions, Membership, and First Year Arrowman Committees to

help new members understand their role in the lodge and how they can become involved to be active Arrowmen. She will be the adult "go to" person for new members.

Associate Lodge Adviser of Finance

Gary Harvey will work primarily with the Treasurer and Staff Adviser. For several months he has been working on a budget spreadsheet that our youth treasurer can understand and maintain. To that end, our goal is for each committee to establish an annual budget, be able to understand it, reconcile it, and always know where they stand financially, so Gary will be engaging with each EC Committee Adviser to help

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New Membership Policies Begin Feb. 1

Last year, the National Order of the Arrow Committee approved a change to the OA's membership policy, permitting unit elections in Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout units. These changes will take effect on February 1, 2019.

Over the next few months, lodge and unit leadership will likely be approached about these new changes. In order to secure a smooth transition into this new era, it is imperative that any information shared be accurate. Above all else, this is in the interest of ensuring that all of the BSA's members are able to take advantage of all of the opportunities available to them.

The membership information page on the national website is an excellent resource to both refresh your memory and share with others who have any questions about these changes. Make sure to pay close attention to the "Requirements" and "News and

Updates" sections.

You can access the membership information page by clicking "Membership Info" on the home page or at oabsa.org/about/membership.



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Chapter & Committee News

Koo Koo Ku Hoo Chapter

Koo Koo Ku Hoo chapter has had a great end of the year and we hope to have an even better beginning of this new year. During our annual Kookmas party we elected our new executive committee for 2019. Our leadership for this year includes Bradley Wiggs serving as Vice Chief, Nathan Booth as Secretary, and Chris Bruhnson as Chapter Chief. We look forward to kicking off the new year during our next meeting on February 14th, starting at 7:00 pm at Heritage United Methodist Church. The church is located on 582 Leesville Rd, in Lynchburg Va. I hope to see you there!

Mingo Chapter

We are looking forward to a successful and amazing year. I'm hoping to improve upon such a great year last year and to exponentially improve attendance. I also am looking forward to hopefully winning the Golden Spigot again.

Moneton Chapter

Moneton Chapter had a great turnout for Winter Banquet. The food was great! Our last few meetings have been very productive setting goals for this year which include increasing membership, improving communication, and being involved in more service projects. Our chapter looks to have a good turn out at Conclave as well. Also, Moneton has a new Remind system for communication and announcements. That said, we look forward to the new year. Our next meeting will be at Central United Methodist Church in Radford



Mingo Chapter members enjoy pizza at their January meeting.

on Tuesday, January 12th at 7:30 PM. Please contact Foster Williams with any questions or for the remind link.

Ceremonies Committee

The SR-7A Ceremonies Weekend will be April 5-7 at the Cub Adventure Camp on the Heart of Virginia Scout Reservation in Maidens, VA (Goochland County). This is an amazing experience for anyone involved in ceremonies whether you are a ceremonialist, adviser, or someone who just wants to learn more about the ceremonies. Also, something new to Ceremonies Weekend this year is an added inductions training program. There will be trainings ranging from troop elections and Elangomat training to torchbearer instruction. I hope to see you there!

Communications Committee

Articles are due April 15th for the next Torchbearer. Remember, providing articles is part of the strong chapter and committee awards. We are looking to expand our team this year. If you have skill (or would like to learn about) graphic design, content writing, photography, web sites, app development, or

social media please contact committee chair Michael Kyle.

Dance & Drum Committee

We had a fantastic 2018! We sent a dancer to NOAC. He placed in the top 30 in Northern Traditional Dancing. We had a powwow at the Fall Ordeal and we ran three classes at Fall Fellowship, both were well received and attended. To top the year off we won "Strongest Committee". For 2019, we hope to top last year by building the first ever Tutelo Lodge Drum, but to attain this very expensive and lofty goal we will need to fundraise. We have decided to create a commemorative patch. It will be available by preorder only for \$10 per patch with 100% of the profits going to drum construction. If there are any remaining funds, it will be used to build Lodge Dance Team Regalia.

The SR-7B AIA Seminar in North Carolina is the weekend of February 22-24. This event is \$25.00 for the weekend. We will stay in cabins. Contact me if you're interested in going, as we will be carpooling from Lynchburg.

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Service Committee

Last year was a pretty successful year and I'm hoping to improve upon that. I am looking forward to Conclave, the spring Ordeal, cub camping weekend and much more. If you are interested in helping out at the cub camping weekend please email me.

Trading Post Committee

The TP has had a good year so far we have gone to the ec retreat and we had a small TP open there. We also made some goals for this year those include finding a couple more people to help out in the trading post, try to sell more merchandise, and to do as much for the lodge as we possibly can. Also we will have fleece jackets if anyone preordered one at the next lodge meeting.

Associate Advisers

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each create a committee budget. Gary has agreed to track this "system" the first year to help the youth treasurer and staff adviser tweak it and make it simple and understandable. Gary will also be coordinating with Chapter and Committee leaders as well to assist them with tracking and reporting their financial interactions with the Lodge's overall structure

Associate Lodge Adviser of Admin and Communications

Scott Smith will continue to advise the Communications

Committee Chair, guiding the preparation of the lodge newsletter, website, and social media presence, as well as helping promote participation in lodge events and activities. He will also advise the Lodge Secretary in fulfilling his duties of recording lodge meetings and archiving meeting minutes. In addition, Scott will interface with the Associate Advisers of Finance and New Member Engagement, and (among others) the Membership, National Events & Promotions, and Trading Post Committees to streamline administrative processes, internal and external

messaging, and consistent application of the lodge's branding guidelines.

Special thanks to each of these brothers for stepping up to help our youth lead the lodge next year. We have exceptional youth leaders in Tutelo and they deserve the exceptional support these associate advisers will bring.



Conclave

HEART of VIRGINIA SCOUT RESERVATION Maidens, VA

April 26-28
2019

Service

Competition

American Indian Activities

Training

FireFest

Register before Feb 1st for a chance to win a **Supreme hatchet or amazon gift card!**

*Must register on or before 2/1/2019

Tutelo Arrowmen Needed For Camp Staff

Take a look at any staff photo from the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation, and you'll see that Tutelo Arrowmen have been the lifeblood of camp staff since the beginning.

Working on camp staff is a great personal experience: you'll learn leadership, independence, teaching and communication skills, you'll make some spending cash, and more importantly, you'll make friends for life. Most former camp staff members agree that it was the most memorable and impactful part of their Scouting career.

It's also great for the Scouts at camp: they need strong role models like you to teach them about Scouting and life skills. You may not remember every Scout who attended camp the year(s) you worked, but they ALL remember YOU.

Don't miss out on this incredible experience! If you'll be 16 or over by the summer, apply to work on reservation staff this summer by completing this online form: <https://bit.ly/2CURcq>



TUTEL LODGE

2019 Function Registration & Dues Form

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

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

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

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

ONLY ONE PERSON PER FORM -- PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PARTICIPANT'S NAME _____ BSA ID # (REQUIRED) _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

PRIMARY PHONE _____ EMAIL _____ GENDER ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

BIRTHDATE _____ / _____ / _____ HONOR LEVEL ☐ Ordeal ☐ Brotherhood ☐ Vigil
MONTH DAY YEAR NOT APPLICABLE FOR ORDEAL CANDIDATES

CHAPTER/DISTRICT ☐ Koo Koo Ku Hoo/Piedmont ☐ Lappilennin/Patrick Henry ☐ Mingo/Great Valley ☐ Moneton/New River ☐ Tuscarora/Dan River ☐ Wil Kip Jo/Mtn Empire

☐ TROOP ☐ PACK ☐ CREW UNIT # _____ ARE YOU AN OA TROOP REP? ☐ YES ☐ NO FOOD ALLERGIES: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME _____ EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE _____

2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES

DUES MUST BE CURRENT TO ATTEND EVENTS & WEAR LODGE FLAP

2019 dues are \$15.00 (If you took [or are taking] your Ordeal in 2019, your dues for this calendar year are included in your Ordeal Fee)

OR CONSIDER A 2019 ANNUAL PASS!

SAVE MONEY! INCLUDES ALL FUNCTIONS & 2019 DUES!

ANNUAL PASS FEE \$85.00 Pay ahead and save! The Annual Pass includes all 5 functions plus 2019 dues for \$15 less than if paid separately. You'll be pre-registered for all events at the early bird price (an additional \$25 savings) and you get all 5 function patches at the Spring Ordeal! Please RSVP for Winter Banquet by calling Scout Office. **For current members only (not Ordeal Candidates).** Must be paid by 4/30/19. Enter \$85 to right and skip to "Payment Info" below.

FUNCTION REGISTRATION

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

		PARTICIPANT FEE For current members only	ORDEAL FEE If taking Ordeal, pay ONLY this fee*	TAKING YOUR BROTHERHOOD? Check if you will have been an Ordeal member for 10 months and wish to seal your membership in the OA. More info at tutelo161.org/brotherhood	EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT Council Office must receive by 5pm this day:	AMOUNT PAID
Spring Ordeal	May 10-12	\$20.00	\$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/3/19 -\$5.00	
Summer Ordeal	May 31 - Jun 2	\$20.00	\$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	5/24/19 -\$5.00	
Fall Ordeal	Sept. 6 - 8	\$20.00	\$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/30/19 -\$5.00	
Fall Fellowship	Oct. 11 -13	\$20.00			10/4/19 -\$5.00	
Winter Banquet	Dec. 14	\$30.00			12/6/19 -\$5.00	
*Your Ordeal fee includes meals and materials for your Ordeal, your dues for the current calendar year, and future Brotherhood materials						Subtotal

PAYMENT INFORMATION

MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DATE/TIME ABOVE TO GET EARLY DISCOUNT

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 BRMC, 2131 Valley View Blvd, NW, Roanoke, VA 24014 ☐ CREDIT CARD Fax to 540-265-0659 or mail to Council Office 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 for Friday night and Saturday: work clothes and gloves, water bottle, sleeping bag, and ground cloth (pack these items separately from other gear). For Saturday night, bring toiletries, towel, change of clothing, flashlight, tent, "class A" (field) uniform, and money for the Trading Post. For more info, visit tutelo161.org/ordeal

BROTHERHOOD CANDIDATES: For more information on how to prepare for your Brotherhood experience, visit tutelo161.org/brotherhood

MEDICAL FORMS: ALL participants must bring a completed BSA Medical Form (Part A & B only) to each function. Forms may be downloaded from tutelo161.org/docs

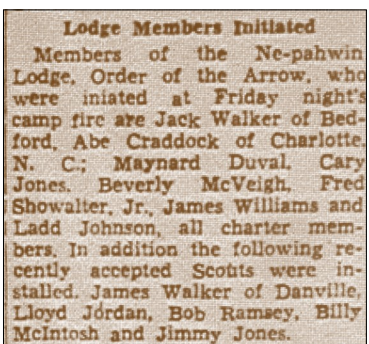
EVENT INFORMATION: For additional information on events, including times and directions, visit www.tutelo161.org

80 Years of Lodge 161

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scribe. Additional members of the initial Executive Committee included Scout Executive Homer F. Cotey, Field Director Spotswood Foster, Jr., and Council Camping Committee Chairman Max Guggenheimer. Foster served as Tye Brook's camp director, and likely performed the functions of today's staff (professional) adviser for Ne-Pah-Win Lodge.

That November, the lodge members gathered at Camp Tye Brook for their annual meeting, where they elected a new slate of officers for the upcoming year. Maynard Melvin Duvall of Sea Scout Ship *Paxton* in Lynchburg was elected lodge chief, Fred Showalter, Jr. was elected scribe, and James Williams was elected treasurer. Lloyd Jordan became the custodian, which was likely the equivalent of today's lodge adviser.



At this meeting, the lodge decided that its mission would include tracking on an annual basis civic service projects and hours performed by Scouts of the Piedmont Area Council. A committee was charged with developing this program, including an award that would be presented to Scouts completing a certain amount of community service. The



Members of Ne-Pah-Win Lodge's ceremonial team at the 1950 pow wow on Treasure Island. The neckerchief slide that commemorated the event is shown to the upper left.

members also planned to mark the end of the lodge's first year with a winter weekend at Tye Brook and the construction of a camp gateway.

Activity waned during the mid-1940s due several factors including World War II. The lodge was in its infancy, and the majority of its members were young men in high school and college who fit the target age group for military service. In fact, more than half of the lodge's charter members served in the armed forces during the war. For example, Jack Walker and Maynard Duvall, the lodge's first and second chiefs, respectively both served in the U.S. Army. Even Field Executive S. C. Foster resigned from his Scouting position to join the war effort. Lodge activities did not halt completely during the war years; at least one tapout ceremony was held at a 1944 camporee on Holiday Lake.

The opening of Camp Monocan in the summer of 1948 brought a renewed vigor to the lodge's program.

Tapouts were held during both weeks of the camp's inaugural season. A number of camp staff members were inducted during the first two summers at Monocan, and all took active roles in the lodge's operation.

In October 1950, the lodge hosted a local pow wow on YMCA Island (also known as Treasure Island) on the James River in Lynchburg. There, approximately forty Arrowmen learned about Native American culture and conducted an Ordeal. While the lodge had been in existence for just over a decade, the scarce red and white leatherette neckerchief slide commemorating the pow wow is the only documented item for uniform wear produced by Ne-Pah-Win.

Around 1952 the lodge, being "dissatisfied with the meaning of the lodge name [sleeping Indian]," opted to change the organization's moniker to Koo Koo Ku Hoo, representing the owl, or "wise old bird of the forest." The owl with outspread wings was chosen as the lodge's new totem.

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Registration Streamlining

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working hard to develop a functional, easy, reliable system for dues payment, will notice that the BSA Part A from www.tutelo161.org/docs/GB Medical Form is now attached. Tutelo has been behind in requiring this form for all function participants, but it will be required beginning at the 2019 Spring Ordeal. Don't worry, this isn't the medical form that requires a physical; it can be completed quickly at home and signed by a parent or guardian. Enforcement of this policy will be somewhat soft as the lodge members get used to the requirement, but it is truly in place to help all lodge members, the lodge medical team, and function leadership in case of an emergency.

Once online registration is up and running, the Trading Post Committee will be working with the admin team to launch an online trading post with select lodge items available. Stay tuned for this later in 2019.

Online Trading Post

Lodge members and Ordeal candidates downloading the

Medical Forms Required

the lodge leadership is

function registration form

At the Lodge's annual Winter Banquet on December 8, 2018 at the Skelton 4-H Center, Tutelo Lodge presented its highest awards in recognition of members' contributions to the OA in our council.

Riley Millward and Winfred "Wimpy" Bousman received the Founder's Award for outstanding service to the lodge.

Scott Smith was presented with the George D. Carr Award for his contributions to developing youth leadership.

Congratulations Riley, Wimpy, and Scott!

Lodge Awards Bestowed