

**Southern Region Section 7A
Council of Chiefs, October 3, 2010
Camp Brady T Saunders, Heart of VA Council**



Officers in attendance

Preston Marquis, Section Chief Presiding
Thomas Johnson, Section Vice-Chief
Ben Webster, Section Secretary

Meeting open with Order of the Arrow Obligation

Lodge Reports

Nawakwa { We had our fall service weekend and did ordeal and brotherhood events. We qualified for national QL and fall fellowship is coming up. Day of service will be coming up soon. }

Tutelo

My Brothers of SR7A,

Tutelo has been incredibly busy since we last met together at Conclave. Since then we have held our 3 seasonal Functions and I am very proud to say we have been busy breaking some records. At the Summer Function many people are busy preparing for camp or getting over the thrill of Conclave but you could never tell by our attendance. We set a record of largest attendance, and largest of those to take their Brotherhood at this particular function, and had a huge turnout for members taking their ordeal as well and was quite impressed with all that happened this weekend. Even more astounding we carried our Tutelo Pride to the most recent Fall Function and set the record of having candidates take their Ordeal, most members seal their membership in the OA by taking their Brotherhood, and largest overall attendance at any function in Tutelo history! These numbers show that our conversion rate will be even higher than 2009's which after going to NOAC last year found out was a national record itself, meaning we will be pushing our own bar up even further having very well over 60% conversion rate. At the same Fall Function we tapped 9 of our Brothers for the Vigil Honor which I am very proud and humbled to say that I was one of them. At this function we went over our Quality Lodge form and determined we have met every requirement minus needing a little over 70 dues to be paid now. We also reviewed the service committed in the past year including a new climbing wall building complete with class rooms, estimated at a value of \$65,000, all new handicraft worth over \$100,000 and various other projects conducted at our three camps. We plan on holding our traditional One Day of Service next month only this year at Radford University in honor of their 100 year anniversary as is Scouting's. So far we have had 4 out of 8 of our Chapters complete "The 161 Challenge" a competition to obtain 161 hours of service in their chapter as a chapter not scouting related. Next week we will be holding our Fall Fellowship where we will be offering 15 different training sessions, 5 of which are all new to the Lodge, holding our Chapter competitions with dozens of games and activities to get new members excited about the OA, and we will be holding our Lodge Officer Elections. We are also coming up with our contingent number

we plan to take to the 6W/Jefferson Trail Crew, NLS hosted in our back yard at Claytor Lake, and plan on having some of our members attend Summer Corps this summer. Then to wrap up the year we will be having our Winter Banquet this December 12th Lastly going back to the Fall Function we recently had, I am mostly proud to say we raised over \$2600 for a fellow Brother and past Chapter Advisor who was diagnosed with stomach cancer. He is a very good and devoted friend of Tutelo and I'm sure he as well as we would appreciate your thoughts and prayers for a fellow member of SR-7A.

Shenandoah

The Lodge has had a great start to the New Year so far. We achieved 100% CE/LIE this past spring for the Eighth consecutive year. We also received Quality Lodge status for the past year. This year we have all we need for Quality Lodge except Brotherhood conversion. We are holding a brotherhood day at Camp to get from 28% to 30%. We had a very successful summer, with June and August Inductions, and our OA Everyday Program at Camp went well. At August Inductions, we held our lodge elections at Camp Shenandoah. We have set goals for the Lodge this year that is easily obtained. We are making a push to reach out to the newer members of the lodge to use theft enthusiasm. We are planning an awesome year here at Shenandoah Lodge 258!

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We were able to hold call outs every Friday of summer camp for 6 consecutive weeks, a total of about 200 people were tapped out. The membership numbers as of Oct. 1 are 451 youth, and 292 adults. We have 161 ordeal members, 226 brotherhood and 136 Vigil. }

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{ We have held several induction weekends recently, our Fellowship is on Oct. 29-31, 2010, and the Holiday Banquet is Dec 4. Our day of service is finalized and all done }

Blue Heron

It is a pleasure for me to give the Blue Heron Lodge October 2010 status report. Throughout this year Blue Heron Lodge has made many great strides towards both short term and long term goals. We have completed 3 of our 6 annual Lodge events with very positive results. At the 2 Ordeals conducted this year we inducted 212 brothers of the 251 elected. This year we offered Brotherhood Walks/Ceremonies as well as call outs for troops at our council summer camp and which helped bring the current total of this year's Brotherhood count to 76 people with an induction rate of 45%. This percentage is well over what we achieved this year and we still have one more opportunity at our Fall Fellowship at the end this month. This summer 3 Arrowmen from our lodge attended OAHA bases and all had a very rewarding time and all are now helping with the promotion of this program. This year being the 100th anniversary of scouting our council is holding a massive event called Scout Fest 100. We have been given the chance to serve at this event in two ways. We will be setting up an informational booth to promote our program to both Boy Scout and Cub Scouts. This will also give us a chance to help raise the active number of members in the Lodge and to help create a face for our program. We have also formed a Service Corps, much like that of this year's Jamboree. We intend on

showing just how active and hardworking we are in running this event. As the year comes to an end we only have 3 more events, all of them being fin events. Fall Fellowship in October where we will train, have inter-chapter competitions and elect our 2010-2011 Lodge Office. The other 2, Holiday Banquet and LLDC, will be held in December. It has been an honor to represent Blue Heron Lodge as their Lodge Chief this year and after all we have done this year we plan on raising our goals higher in 2011.

Conclave presentation

- Motion made to approve by conclave chairman to approve the conclave proposal
 - Motion seconded
 - Motion adopted

- Motion made by Chris Bonnelly to approve the Conclave patch
 - Motion Seconded by Joe Keppenhau
 - 1 Opposed and motion is adopted

Conclave Vice Chief reports

Activities: The first drafts of the rules for activities are finished. Longer events will start earlier to avoid cutting into dinner, and shorter events will be later in the day .

AIA:

Program Plan

- Dance Competitions- Traditional, Fancy, Grass, Old Style, and Straight.
- Games- Tomahawk Throwing, Ancient Lacrosse, Ring toss.
- Training- We will be offering 3 cells of training that will be concurrent with the classes being offered with the Training CVC. We will be offering a class on How to Judge Dancing, and the participants from that class will be judging the dance that afternoon alongside qualified judges. We will also be offering on crafting and dancing.
- Midway Area- A place for crafters to set up their outfits, and pull out supplies to craft things.

Location- By the lake and admin building, in the giant field. We will be creating a dance circle with a 45 foot radius. The benches from the Boy Scout Dining Hall will be used to create the circumference of the circle. This will save approximately 500 dollars that would have been usually used for straw bales. We will also have several tipis set up, a craft station, and games.

Rain Plan- The Boy Scout Dining Hall will be the location of the dance competition in the case of inclement weather.

We will be contacting drum and singing groups within the next week. Live music is our largest priority at the moment.

“Make and Take” stations are another possibility we are looking into.

If anyone can bring their supplies, outfits, our knowledge that would be great. The more stuff that we have at the “Indian Village”, the greater the experience will be.

We will need every lodge to submit a judge, they do not need to be well trained, and we will be offering training in the morning to prepare them.

The goal of the AIA program this year will be to offer a complete program that scout of all kinds (not just dancers), can enjoy

Training: There will be 5 training sessions running about 30-45 minutes.

Camp promotion/High Adventure: All lodges will be contacted about appointing a representative.

Inductions and Ceremony evaluations

In order to better the quality of ceremonies in the section, this committee will be focusing on ways to increase the amount of discussion between judges and ceremony teams.

Below is a list of ideas that have been brainstormed in order to meet this goal.

Ways to increase the conversation between ceremonialists:

- Provide ceremony judges more time to work with a ceremony team after performing.
- Allow peer ceremonialists to give feedback.
- Recruit more experienced out-of-section judges.
- Offer ceremonialists training sessions that focus on more advanced topics.
- Hold a ceremonialist lunch to facilitate conversation between ceremonialists.
- Stagger activities, ceremony competitions, and training throughout the entire day.
- Hold workshops that focus on one principle.
- Count watching a ceremony (including the review) as a training session.
- Hold training sessions for ceremony advisors.

Recommended Changes:

The committee proposes a schedule change to the 2011 Conclave such that ceremony teams have more time to compete. Preferably, each ceremony team would have at least 45 minutes for review and feedback after their performance. These competitions would begin immediately following breakfast and run as long as needed, resuming after lunch if needed. Ceremonialists and their advisors will be encouraged to watch other teams perform so that they may also have the opportunity to provide feedback to the ceremony teams as well. Attending several ceremonies gives ceremonialists the opportunity to learn from their peers as well as the judges. Watching or participating in several ceremonies would be equivalent to attending training sessions. It should be noted that watching other teams perform will be more beneficial to other ceremony teams than attending general ceremony training sessions. An interesting side effect to this schedule is that it will be easier for ceremonialists to participate in afternoon activities.

Another aspect of this schedule would be to hold a boxed lunch at the ceremony rings in order to facilitate more discussion between ceremonialists. Ceremonialists could be grouped by the principle they perform in order make discussion about their respective

parts valuable. Furthermore, this lunch would give a chance for ceremonialists to expand and discuss further the recommendations made by the judges.

One final change is to develop training sessions for adult advisors. Part of having a strong ceremony team is having a strong advisor to guide them. Furthermore, an experienced advisor can help ensure the teams are performing the ceremony correctly and properly address the needs of the candidates.

The focus of these changes is to facilitate the flow of knowledge between the ceremony teams and judges. A key part of this is to bring in judges from other sections. Judges from other sections will have encountered many different interpretations of the ceremonies. These variations in understanding will give ceremonialists a chance to understand the ceremony from a different standpoint and open up new understandings and approaches to the ceremonies. Judges who think differently inherently produce a dialogue about the meaning of ceremonies that is incredibly beneficial to ceremonialists.

Shows: We are looking at a staff of 40 people and have a budget of \$2500. Our script is still under development. It will be about how the decision of one man can change the opinion of many others.

Special Events:

Report handed in

Discussion by Ceremonies CVC

- A. In the past arrowmen must commit all day to ceremonies and cannot participate in the rest of conclave.
 - a. Training Chairman states that it would cause problems in the schedule especially because of distance
 - b. Conclave Adviser wants to make sure that every arrowmen can have all the opportunities available but the service lodge will do everything possible to help.
- B. Vote called by section chief to continue to look at options.
 - a. No opposed

Pending section business

GW/Jeff Service project

We will be camping at Matthew's Field in Clifton Forge, Virginia. Food will be prepared by Dennis Radar and his crew. The facilities at Matthew's Field will have flush toilets and sinks. Some tools will be provided but advised to bring some with your OA Lodge (Shovels, mattock, garden rakes, gloves, hard hats)

Friday there will be classes held as OA members arrive to teach them on trail building. These classes will be continuous so we will not waste our valuable time on Saturday and Sunday and we will all know the proper way to build the trail. There will also be a "heavy" cracker Barrel on Friday.

Saturday there will be lunch on the trail. Water will be available all day long. A medical officer will be available all day. The trail worksite is 15-20 miles from the campsite.

2010-2011 Section Budget

- A. Motion made by Mike Lewis to approve budget
 - a. Seconded by Kevin Zeithamel
 - b. Motion adopted

ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Section Officer Travel & Registration National Meeting Region Gathering Lodge Visitations	\$2500
Section Secretary Website Maintenance Correspondence	\$100
Postage	\$50
OAEvent annual maintenance fee	\$100
Febuary COC Expenses	\$390
October COC Expenses	\$490
Recognitions	\$150
Miscellaneous	\$20
TOTAL	\$3800

Section Newsletter

- A. Section newsletter- motion made by my Mike Lewis to name it “The Fire”
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Motion Adopted

Lodge Visitation Rotation

- A. Motion made by Chris Bonilli to approve lodge visitation rotation
 - a. Motion Seconded
 - b. Motion Adopted

Event Reminders

GW/Jeff Project October, 15-17, 2010
NLS/NLATS November 5-7, 2010
February COC February 5,2011
Conclave April 29-May 1, 2011
SummitCorps July 3-30, 2011
Indian Summer August 1-6, 2011

Weekend wrap-up

Very beneficial and we are further along than normal

Section Chief's Minute- Preston Marquis

It is time to put what we did this weekend into action. Over the next few months put these ideas into use. We are much further along on planning Conclave this year, but keep the enthusiasm going. It takes each of us to push the message that this will be an excellent event. If you have not done so, send in your registration for GW/Jeff, Shenandoah has done an excellent job planning it. Thank you all for coming and I look forward to seeing you

Section Advisers Minute- Mike White

We have accomplished much more than we have in the past thanks to the hard work of every one. We have highlighted many excellent activities this year, GW/Jeff, NLS/NLATS, Indian Summer, and SummitCorps. I also need projected Conclave numbers from lodges. Thanks to Nawakwa for all the hospitality.

Section Staff Adviser- Bill Givler

I am always impressed by our young adult leaders in the OA. For all of the adult advisers, thank you for what you do for OA and Scouting.

Adjournment- OA Song