

TORCHBEARER

Tutelo Lodge # 161

Order of the Arrow



A Word From Our Lodge Advisor....

I have seen the arrow! On second thought, I should say that I have seen the Spirit of the Order of the Arrow. Not only is it alive and well, it is thriving! If you were at the new Claytor Lake Aquatics Base for the Spring Ordeal, then you probably witnessed the same spirit that I saw. If you were not able to make it, then reading the rest of this message may give you glimpse of the power that exists in the words..

Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui

Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service abounded at Claytor Lake. Compared to our normal Ordeal weekends, we were faced with a long uphill battle. We are accustomed to staying in a mature camp and working through a series of small services requests. At times, one chapter or another will take on a large and challenging project, but the rest of the weekend is quite comfortable. However, when E. Urner Goodman envisioned the Order, he had something more challenging in mind. Each member of the Order once experienced an Ordeal trial. During the Ordeal, we all ate only scant food and performed a day of labor. These were symbolic statements that when our help was needed, we would be ready to serve... even if it meant that our personal comfort would be challenged.

At Claytor Lake, our comfort was certainly challenged. There had never been a ceremony conducted at that camp, so there was no ceremony ring. There was no comfortable pattern of where to gather the Ordeal candidates, where to hold the ceremonies, and where to sleep. In fact, sleeping was a challenge for almost all of us. The participant cabins were not ready for occupancy, though some of them saw a bit of use. Most of the best ground of the camp was in the middle of the construction zone. Tents were crammed together on ever plot of land that was reasonably level. The trading post was assembled outside on the porch. The kitchen was far from ready, but the kitchen crew worked a near miracle in order to prepare hot meals for us all. Everyone pitched in to take a challenging environment and turn it into a working Ordeal. Oh, there were a few grumbles, but the overriding spirit was one of brotherhood and cheerfulness. Mr. Goodman would have been quite proud of his vision in action.

As we enter the summer camp season, there are many opportunities for each of you to further the spirit of the Order. Each week of summer camp will need many volunteers. The Friday night ceremonies always need OA brothers to server as paddlers and torchbearers. Please step forward and volunteer. The weekly brotherhood ceremony will need torchbearers, as well. In addition, there will be an OA cracker barrel during the week. Please consider volunteering to help with setup and cleanup. Yet another opportunity for service can be found in your own troop's service project. If your troop will be conducting a service project at summer camp, you should be stepping forward to lead the way. As an Arrowman, it is your obligation to do so. If your troop has not planned to do service work, then you should prepare to organize them and lead them on the way. The camps and all the other campers need your help and your shining example.

The Spirit of the Arrow is alive and well. If you have allowed the flames of the Council Fire to dwindle inside you, now is the time to fan them back into a fantastic blaze. Let's make 2008 a fantastic summer at the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation... or wherever your summer travels may take you.

Yours in Brotherhood,

-- Jim Nicholas

Tutelo Lodge Adviser

A Word From Drew

My Brothers,



As we approach the midpoint for our year, I look back and wonder where the time went. This year is absolutely flying by. However, although it has flown by, that does not mean that it has all been smooth sailing. In April Tutelo traveled north to Camp Shenandoah with a contingent of over 160 Tutelo arrowman, with hopes of asserting our section dominance. With the first 3 events for the golden arrow completed, we had fallen short without a victory in any of them; at this point it looked as if Tutelo lodge would have to kiss goodbye any hopes of winning the golden arrow. A challenge had been laid at the feet of our contingent; we would have to beat Shenandoah Lodge in every one of the remaining 3 events to even have a shot at winning, and the odds were not in our favor. This challenge was answered and in possibly the greatest comeback in SR7a Conclave history, Tutelo put its name on the golden arrow for the 11th time.

Our troubles did not stop there, in May Tutelo held it's Spring Ordeal at the new Claytor Lake Adventure Base. This became yet another challenge because of the unfinished facilities, and the lack of usable space for camping and activities. But once again Tutelo showed that they could make it happen. Despite a few late meals and lack of quality camping sights we managed to pull each other through the weekend, and truly define Cheerful service.

So far this year I have seen Tutelo laugh in the face of adversity. I am convinced that together there is no obstacle that Tutelo cannot overcome. In the midst of this adversity we already have half of the needed brotherhood conversions for quality lodge. At the Winter Banquet this year I offered the challenge to reach 50% rate of Brotherhood conversions for 2008, and we are well on our way. It may seem that the lodge is not very active in the months between the Summer and Fall Ordeals, but on the contrary, every week at Camp Powhatan and Ottari, Tutelo Lodge will be at work. So this summer when your troop is at camp, see what you can do to be part of this experience. As we Journey into the second half of our Lodge year, I doubt that there is anything that can shake my faith in Tutelo Lodge, as I said earlier there is nothing that we cannot overcome.

In WWW,

Drew Morris

2008 Lodge Chief

Lodge Committee Chairman and Advisors

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Service	Zach B.	Kevin Reedy
Elangomat	Johhny R.	Brandon O'Dell
Inductions	Marcus Y.	Dennis Ratliff
Vigil Selections	George R.	Pat Costa, Larry Howell
Historian	Craig T.	Pat Costa



Committee and Chapter News

Rawenok Chapter

Rawenok Chapter had a huge presence at Conclave and at our last Chapter meeting. We are negotiating with a manufacturer for our new Tutelo hats that we hope to have available at the next function. These hats will be the latest in moisture wicking technology, and the envy of all arrowman.

In WWW,

Thomas J., Rawenok Chapter Chief

Inductions

The inductions committee had an awesome induction of 32 new members at the Claytor Function. We were feeling our way with the new facility, and there were some challenges (anyone thirsty?), but everything turned out well thanks to all the hard work of the 6 Elangomats, torchbearers, the candidates, and our committee.

Marcus Y., Inductions Chair

Trading Post

Cheerful Service got you parched and hungry? Stop by the Trading Post at the next function and spend those hard earned dollars on cool drinks, good snacks, and the latest OA Patches and Memorabilia at the best prices on the Reservation.

Mark J., Trading Post Chairman

Indian Affairs

Our committee has been most active to date. We are thrilled to have completed the first ceremonies at Claytor Lake, with Will M., Matt A., Thomas J., and Stephen B. the first ceremonialists ever on the new property. At Conclave, Tutelo placed second and third in the Pre-Ordeal, and third in Brotherhood. Matt A. swept the Vigil ceremony. As always, we encourage new ceremonialists to try out at a function. Please contact me by email or catch me at a function and we'll get you started.

Will M., Indian Affairs Chairman

Conclave

Did you know that 161 Tutelo Lodge Members attended Conclave at Camp Shenandoah? We enjoyed healthy competition, hearty meals, and good fellowship with our brothers from the five other lodges. Our own Chris Nicholas was elected Section vice Chief, and we are looking for big things from him this year. Plans are in the works for the next Conclave in 2009!

Marcus Y, Conclave Vice-Chief of Training

Saura Chapter

In our Chapter we cooked at the gold rush and attended the spring camporee. At conclave we had several brothers place in competitions.

Jeremy J., Chapter Chief

Ask Allowat

Q: Dear Allowat,

Last month while I was at Conclave I watched plethoras of politicking engulf the section. What's up with that, and why should I care?

Allowat says: A famous politician once said that "all politics are local." You grow in the Order of the Arrow by being active in the section and attending Conclave. You grow in the section by being active at the Lodge level. You grow in the Lodge by being active in your Chapter, or by joining a committee. You grow in your Chapter by attending Chapter meetings, and taking what you learn back to your troop. You grow in your committees by asking what you can do to help, and then doing it. By doing all this, you will see the way.

Hey fellow Kooks,

Spring Ordeal was a blast!! We had 35-40 Kooks in attendance and we got a lot of work accomplished. Kook worked on the dock area all day Saturday, adding steps and landings down to the boat docks. Special thanks to our honorary Kook member, former Lodge Advisor, Dave Rutherford, for working with us all day on the project, we had a GREAT time.

Congratulations to the Kooks that took their Ordeal and the four members who took their Brotherhood. Don't forget, we have another chance to get together and provide service at our upcoming Summer Ordeal on June 13-15. Kook chapter is also going to be having a chapter cook-out for our August chapter meeting. It will be a great chance for fun and fellowship. I will see you all soon.

Yours in Brotherhood, Gavin D.

Tutelo In the Section

Have you Heard that Tutelo has a brother at the section level? If you were able to attend Conclave at camp Shenandoah, you know that Chris Nicholas was elected Section Vice Chief. The Responsibility of the Vice Chief is to handle all business in regards to the lodge, and serve as the Section Chief if the Current one is unable to serve his position. Chris says "I'm very happy , that I will get a chance to greater serve my lodge, as well as helping my section."



Can you figure this out?

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A Fresh Start..

My grandfather and I attended Conclave at Camp Shenandoah this past weekend. Great fun. Food and entertainment was great. The training and activities were very fun. My favorite part was the Block Party on Saturday night. I had a lot of fun and hope to go again next year.

Cody W. S.

Parker tells all



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The Feast



Grunt Entertains the troops



Conclave training session



When it mattered most, Tutelo Pulled Through!



New 161 totem



Matt Allen enjoys a late night pep talk



NEW KITCHEN AT CLAYTOR!



Indian dancing competitions at conclave



“What a long strange trip its been”



Drew Leads a meal-time grace



First Year Arrowman Awards!



Tons of work to be done!!



New Smudge Pots!!



Ordeal Ceremony



Congratulations to new Brothers



Eric Ward during the Ordeal Ceremony!



Executive Committee



There was tons of work to be done!

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