

TORCHBEARER



TUTELO LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2009

ERIC W. (CENTER) LODGE CHIEF
MARCYS Y. (V/C—CHAPTERS) WILL M. (V/C-COMMITTEES)



From the Desk of the Lodge Advisor

My Brothers,

We are now in a period of transition and change. We have a new President in the White House, and there are vast changes across our nation. The transition from one president to another is a huge task, but it is not entirely different from what we face every year in our lodge. Each year, we elect new leadership, and this year is no different.

I would like to congratulate our new slate of officers on their success during the elections, and on their transition. Now the real challenge begins. Eric Ward is off and running hard as the new Lodge Chief, and he will need your support. There is a great wealth of talent within the membership of Tutelo Lodge. I urge you to motivate yourself and others, as we rally our talents around the projects that will make Eric's visions for the lodge become realities.

In any time of transition, one of the most important things that can occur is the writing of a detailed transition plan. With the creation of the new ScoutReach Support committee, there are now 30 youth positions on the Lodge Executive Committee. Each of these individuals will learn and grown over the year. As we meet the goals we set for ourselves, we should also take the time to write down what we learn and pass it to the person who will transition into that role in 2010.

You will gain great knowledge because of the experiences of this year. When you first took a new role for the year, it was strange and different. You may spend the first half of the year just figuring things out. By the end of the year, things will be much clearer and easier to manage. Then it will be time to write out a road map for the next guy. If all of our new LEC members begin the year with a better road map, then we have a much greater chance to race to places that this lodge has never been before.

Let's work together to jump-start 2009!

Jim Nicholas



A Word from Eric

Brothers,

It is hard to believe. After years of reading The Torchbearer, I am actually the one writing this message. 2008 was a landmark year for Tutelo Lodge. With an exceptional Chief, an outstanding EC, and an amazing supporting cast, many tasks were accomplished, and Fellowship abounded throughout our Lodge. It is now our responsibility to build on this success and make 2009 the BEST year that we have ever had!

What an exciting year for Tutelo Lodge ahead of us! In April, we head to Jamaica, Virginia and the Bayport Scout Reservation for the annual SR-7A Conclave. Of course we will strive for victory in the Quest for the Golden Arrow, which we have achieved now for 11 straight years. Tutelo Lodge holds the CVC position of Special Events, in which we will excel. My challenge to the Lodge is to take 175 brothers to Conclave. Last year Tutelo took 161 people (seriously) to Conclave. We are planning a semi-surprise for everyone to show our Tutelo Pride.

In Spring, Function season will once again be upon us on the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation. The Committees are well underway, and you will not want to miss these functions. Springtime on the Reservation is absolutely gorgeous and our first two functions are outstanding opportunities to catch up with your friends and better the Camps before Summer Camp season begins. Speaking of Summer Camp, Tutelo will once again be crucial to our Camps, and I challenge you all to participate and show Tutelo to the other Lodges who are fortunate enough to see us in action. In August, Tutelo will send a contingent to Bloomington Indiana for a week at NOAC where we will meet Arrowmen from all over the country, compete in a multitude of events, and learn some of the newest ideas for the Order.

In September, our traditionally largest function, the Fall Ordeal, will be held at Camp Powhatan, and believe me, you will not want to miss this at all. October will be our Fall Fellowship, which is a great time for everybody, and promises innovative training, athletic competitions, plenty of food, and Lodge elections.

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Catawba Chapter

Catawba is up and running this year, with plans to assist at the Klondike Derby. We are also getting ready for Conclave.

Philip G.

The Tuscarora Chapter has been busy lately. Johnny R. was elected chapter chief. Johnny loves the OA and he is very eager to aid the lodge to make it AMAZING!!!! The Chapter would like to congratulate all new vigil members, and our own Eric Ward for being elected lodge chief, as well as all our brothers for their new positions on the lodge EC.

In Brotherhood,

Johnny R

THE CHAPTERS!

RAWENOK

Our chapter is looking forward to participating in the April 4, 2009 trail work that past Chapter Chief Thomas J. is putting together with Christopher Nicholas. We just concluded the Klondike Derby where we sold snack, and provided cheerful service to all who asked. And we are gearing up for Conclave!

Andrew H.

2009 FUNCTIONS!!!

2009 Tutelo Lodge Calendar

Conclave	April 24-26
Spring Ordeal	May 15-17
Summer Ordeal	June 5-7
Fall Ordeal	September 11-13
Fall Fellowship	October 9-11
Winter Banquet	December 12

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AND ATTEND FUNCTIONS!**

NOAC 2009 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

This summer, Order of the Arrow members from around the country have the unique opportunity to get together at the National Order of the Arrow Conference ("NOAC"). Over 7,000 Arrowmen will come together to have fun, learn new things, and celebrate the best the OA has to offer. This six-day adventure is unlike any other event in Scouting, and only OA members can participate. The 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference will take place at Indiana University, which has a distinguished history of providing a beautiful campus and tremendous facility to National Conferences. The conference will begin on August 1 and conclude on August 6, 2009. The cost to attend is \$550, which is \$50.00 more than what was previously published. If you have questions, contact Roy Creasy at Roy.Creasy@gmail.com.

John Johnson, Thomas Johnson, and Chip Johnson at Fall Fellowship.



SR-7A 2009 CONCLAVE

Hosted by Wahunsenakah Lodge

April 24-26, 2009

Bayport Scout Reservation

SIGN UP NOW!!!!

FORMS—WWW.TUTELO161.ORG

BE PART OF THE TEAM THAT BRINGS HOME THE GOLDEN ARROW

Words From our Committees

INDIAN AFFAIRS

Indian affairs is off to a great year, and our ceremonies are well in hand. This year we also are putting together Drum/Dance teams that practice regularly in connection with EC meetings.

In Brotherhood,

Thomas J., Chairman, Indian Affairs

INDUCTIONS COMMITTEE

The inductions committee is planning for a great year. If you want to be a part of the future of our lodge, sign up to help!

Mark J., Chairman, Inductions

2008 WINTER BANQUET

Many thanks to Andrew H. and crew for a wonderful Winter Banquet! Check out the pictures on line at www.tutelo161.org

HOLD THE DATE!

On April 4, 2009, Tutelo will continue the trail work started in Arrow Corps V last year.

Be a part of Tutelo in action, and sign up to help complete the trail work started last year.

There are plenty of spots available.

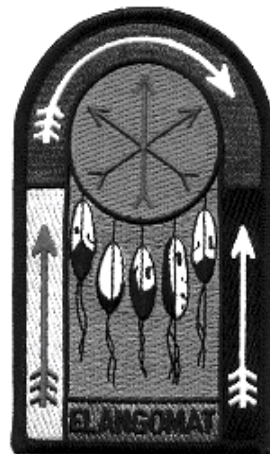
If you are interested in helping, contact Thomas J at lovetoboulder@gmail.com



Immediate Past Chief Drew Morris is awarded the Founder's Award at the Winter Banquet by Matt Allen.

A CALL FOR ARTICLES

Do you have talent? What type of talent? Tell somebody about what you are doing in the Order of the Arrow. The Publications Committee wants you! Tell us what is going on with your committee or chapter. Send your articles to John Johnson at jjohnson@faplawfirm.com



Committee and Chapter Information

Committees are groups of arrowmen that join together to accomplish a certain task much more efficiently than it could be done by one person. All arrowmen are encouraged to join at least one committee, but you can be in as many as you wish.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
Indian Affairs	Thomas J.	Nick Frye
Membership	Gavin D.	Steve Isom
Activities	Todd E.	John Otey
Publications	Brian F.	John Johnson
Website	Vacant	Pat Costa
Service	Zac Barksdale	Kevin Reedy
Vigil Selections	George R.	Larry Howell
Inductions	Mark J.	
Elangomat	Addison H.	Brandon O'Dell
Winter Banquet	Vacant	Jim Nicholas
Trading Post	Adam N.	Bill Irvin
Historian	Vacant	Stephen Warren
Concalve CVC	Addison H.	Pat Costa

Chapter Information

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Chapter Chief</u>	<u>Chapter Advisor</u>
Rawenok	Andrew H.	Kevin Berger
Catawba	Philip G.	George Holland
Koo Koo Ku Hoo	Mike L.	Gary Harvey
Moneton	Ben W.	David Hillis
Saura	Cody. D	Kenneth Draper
Wil Kip Jo		Kevin Reedy
V-Da-Li		Dave Myers
Tuscarora	Johnny R.	John Reutter





KooKooKuHoo Chapter represented Tutelo Lodge at the National D-Day Memorial for the 2008 One Day of Service. Those attending were Mike L. - Chapter Chief, Pipes F., Gavin D., Matt H., William A., Drew L., Gabe L., and Gary Harvey- Advisor, Mike Ryan, Mary Hooker, John Sites, and Maggie (the dog), and also attending, Blane A., a future Arrowman. We provided cheerful service by clearing high weeds behind the Visitor's Center and installing mulch in many of the memorial's planting beds. Stay tuned for more info on 2009 One Day of Service.

How Many of these things did Ken Lyons Buy?



Which one is Littlefoot? Which one is Bigfoot?

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So how does this thing work?

I don't know—you figure it out.

(Continued from pg. 2) For everyone who is reading this, opportunities abound all year long. There are so many ways to get involved, starting with becoming an OA Troop Representative and being active in your own Chapter. If you are an OA Troop Rep, or an Adult Leader in your Troop, the next month or two is about the time that you need to contact your Chapter Chief to schedule your annual OA Troop Visitation. I am excited to be part of something so special, and I hope that you will share these memorable experiences with me. Join me my Brothers in our quest for excellence in 2009!

In Cheerful Service,

Eric

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