

Duck Calls Newsletter

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Brotherhood and Family

It's that time of the year again where our families meet together, eat a lot of turkey, and shop until our wallets are empty. You could say that our families enjoyed a Conclave together – a meeting of a family in brotherhood and fellowship. Even the feast was there!

What we must consider is the parallels our family has to our Lodge. Instead of the casual "Order of the Arrow member" title, we are instead given the title of "Brother". This illustrates a deeper bond that we Brothers have to each other, beyond that of a simple friendship.

So here's to a continuance of our Brotherhood as we review November and see the bold display of Brotherhood we showed at Fellowship and Pumpkin Chunking.

Be sure to view the complete version of the minutes afterwards at <http://wahunsenakah.org/lec>

- Evan Crain, Lodge Secretary and Communications Chairman



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Want your message in the next Duck Calls Newsletter? Proud of your new Eagle Scout or want to share information about that chapter day of service? Tell your Chapter Chief to send us info!

Battle of the Birds and Fall Fellowship

It all came down to Tug of War. With Blue Heron's heaviest guys on one side versus Wahunsenakah's brave challengers, it became clear that Blue Heron had the upper hand in this game. Despite Wahunsenakah's victory in Volleyball and Lodge Ball, Blue Heron's solid wins in Gaga Ball, Ultimate Frisbee, and Tug of War crowned them the victors of the Battle of the Birds.

Better luck next time at Conclave!



After the battle, however, the Blue Heron and Wahunsenakah guys took part in an excellent display of Brotherhood during the rest of the weekend.

The Wahunsenakah and Blue Heron kitchen crews worked together to produce excellent meals for the weekend. Both trading posts were open and selling freely to all members. After the intra-Lodge games, members of both lodges ate alongside each other, played games together, and played each other's games during the Friday Night Carnival.

All in all, it was a very successful weekend.

- Evan Crain, Lodge Secretary and Communications Chairman

Sign up for Lodge events! Head to the Scout Office at 11834 Canon Blvd., Suite L, Newport News, VA 23606 with a Event Form at our website (<http://wahunsenakah.org/forms.html>) to go!

Budget Time!

How does the Lodge operate? Why do we pay dues, for events, and get a free red sash for being a seasoned Elangomat? The answer is money and the Lodge Budget.

Since the Colonial Virginia Council (CVC) recently started sharing financial information with us via the Treasurer's Report and increasing communications between the Council and Lodge, the LEC was tasked with creating and approving a budget for 2017 using real estimates and figures.

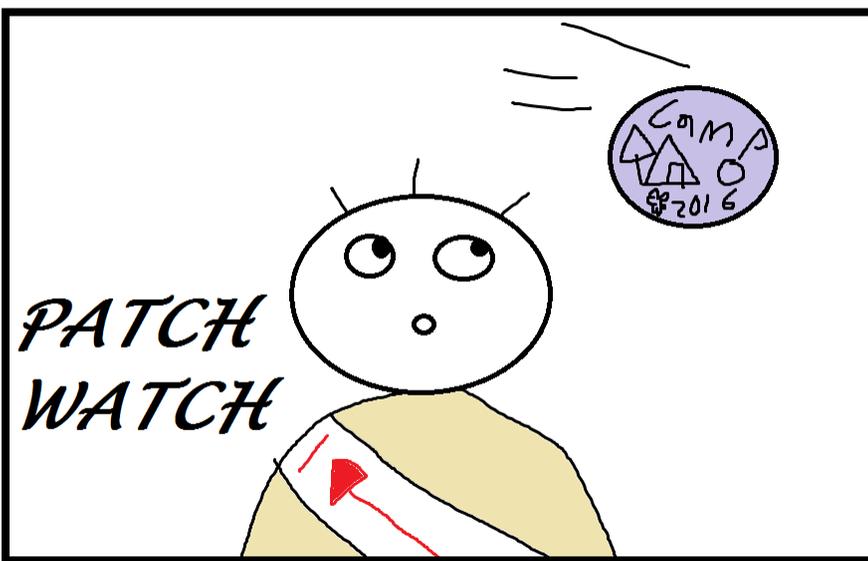
Income, that is membership dues and event fees, are used to pay for everything the Lodge offers. Expenses, such as the cost of service weekends, how much the Kitchen committee is given to spend on those cool aprons, and a Ceremonies trailer detract from the Lodge's income. As a nonprofit organization, the Lodge seeks to break even between income and expenses.

Following a new policy from CVC, all Lodge transactions – whether budget items or not – must be first authorized by the Treasurer Team. This way, we can better record what money gets spent and how to better improve our budget for next year.

The LEC recently approved the 2017 Budget, and will be available on the website shortly after press time.

- Evan Crain, Lodge Secretary and Communications Chairman

Patch Watch: Holiday Banquet



All Arrowmen who attend the 2016 Holiday Banquet, hosted by the Kecoughtan Chapter, will receive the 2016 Holiday Banquet patch. This is the last component of the 2016 Event Patch set, following the 20th Anniversary arrow patches given throughout the year at service weekends.

Starting next Winter Service Weekend, the 2017 Series flaps will start to become available.

Insignia Design is looking for designs for the 2017 Conclave. The theme is Duck Dynasty and Ducks. The design will be voted on in January.

- Evan Crain, Lodge Secretary and Communications Chairman

Duck Calls Message Board

There are still several open youth chairman and adult advisor positions in the LEC! Check out the website for a list of open positions. Inquire with any LEC officer for details.

Do read the minutes! With the LEC minutes, you can better understand some happenings of the Lodge that didn't happen to make it into this newsletter. Check it out at <http://wahunsenakah.org/>

This newsletter is very broad, and doesn't really focus on any one chapter. Want some information from your chapter in the newsletter? Contact me at evan.c.crain@gmail.com with submissions.

HOLIDAY BANQUET

- Guest Speaker
- Awards
- Good food!

Don't forget to come enjoy the feast of the season on December 3rd!