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A reminder that this newsletter is meant to accompany this month's LEC Meeting Minutes. Read the minutes or watch the summary video at <http://wahunsenakah.org/lec> !

Proud of your chapter's new Eagle Scout? Want to share his success with the Duck Call? Have your Chapter Chief reach out to the Communications Team with a message from YOUR chapter!



Rechristening of the Duck Call – An Introduction to New Publications

EDITORIAL | CRAIN

You are holding the first Duck Call Newsletter the Lodge has published in over a year. The new leadership of Wahunsenakah Lodge focuses on broadening our horizons of communication and tradition. Thus, from the ashes, I hereby rechristen the Duck Call Newsletter back under the control of the Lodge Communications Committee. What you are holding is merely one part of the “new deal” that is the Duck Call.

- Every service weekend, a physical newsletter (like this) will be released during Saturday Dinner. **These are meant to accompany this month's Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) Minutes.** With this, the Lodge will be more informed on issues concerning the Lodge come time for the Sunday Lodge Business Meeting and entertained by submissions from your chapters.
- At the beginning of every month, a blog post will be posted on the front page of <http://wahunsenakah.org> – the Lodge's website. This will report any information you need to know and allow you to keep up with the Lodge happenings.

I invite your Chapter to share any news or stories they may have with the Lodge Communications Committee for posting in either the event or monthly publication of Duck Call. Any Chapter Chief can send articles about their Chapter, associated units, or individual achievements of their members (of course, given the information relates to Scouting) to the Communications Chairman – myself, Evan Crain – at evan.c.crain@gmail.com.

I do look forward to continuing the Duck Call with your guidance. Do enjoy your meal, and I hope to see you tomorrow at the Lodge Business Meeting!

- Evan Crain, Lodge Secretary and Communications Chairman



Must See Information for New Ordeal Members!

DUCK CALL EXCLUSIVE | CRAIN

You have been elected by your unit to become a member of the Order of the Arrow and Wahunsenakah Lodge. Your unit made the right choice, as your completion of the Ordeal proved that the Spirit of the Arrow lives inside of you. Here are some tips to get you involved with the Order right away:

- Get to know your Chapter and attend monthly chapter meetings. Your Chapter is the equivalent of your unit or a patrol in your unit. You are automatically a member of one of five chapters, depending on the three letters on the back of your Ordeal Arrow and/or the location of your unit.
 - The Kecoughtan Chapter encompasses the Monitor Merrimac District, including the Newport News/Hampton Area. The Kecoughtan Chapter meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at the First United Church of Christ in Hampton.
 - The Nansemond Chapter encompasses the Colonial Trail District, including Surry, Isle of Wight, and Suffolk - including all towns adjacent or annexed. The Nansemond Chapter meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at Oakland Christian Church in Chuckatuck.
 - The Nottoway Chapter encompasses the Siouan Rivers District, including the Franklin/Emporia Area. The Nottoway Chapter meets on the third Sunday of the month at 5:00pm at the Troop 17 Scout Hut on Fountain Street in Franklin.
 - The Piankatank Chapter encompasses the First Colony District, including the James City/Williamsburg Area. The Piankatank Chapter meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at the Williamsburg United Methodist Church in Williamsburg.
 - The Wicomico Chapter encompasses the Chesapeake Bay District, including the York County/Gloucester Area. The Wicomico Chapter meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church in Yorktown.
- Learn to use the tools you will receive tomorrow during your New Ordeal Breakfast. *The Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the First Year Arrowman Award (FYAA) requirements will provide you with a guide to earn your Brotherhood – your seal of membership to the Order – in a timely and rewarding manner.
- Realize that the back-breaking work that was the Ordeal is over. Your time of trial is over – and now is the time for celebration and dedication. Do enjoy the benefits of membership, but remember that the Order is the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. You will be asked to serve your community again – but this time we'll listen to you work and give you a few snack breaks!

If you ever need any help in advancing or navigating in the Order of the Arrow, ask around! Your Chapter Chief, your Ordeal Elangomat, and the Nimat Committee all have experience with enabling new members – just like you – to have fun in the Order.

- Evan Crain, Lodge Secretary and Communications Chairman

A Scout is Reverent. Please attend the Chapel Service tomorrow morning at 9:00 AM for a service directed by the Wahunsenakah Chapel Committee.

Patch Watch – Limited Edition and Limited Time Patches!

LEC – TRADING POST AND INSIGNIA DESIGN | CRAIN

The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) recently passed motions during the August and September LEC to sell once exclusive patches, for a limited time, through the Lodge’s OA Trading Post. Additionally, the Lodge is searching for a Conclave and Jamboree theme.

The Wahunsenakah Lodge 20th Anniversary Flap, 2015 Bayport Conclave service day flaps and ovals, and 2016 Lodge Journey to Excellence (Silver) pins will be on sale starting this weekend in limited quantities. **All patches and pins listed above are currently under a limit of one item per person until the Winter Service Weekend in March.**

The Wahunsenakah Lodge 20th Anniversary Flap was available for pre-order through the first half of 2016, and celebrates – obviously – the 20th Anniversary of the Lodge’s existence. The Trading Post had 45 patches available at press time.

The 2015 Bayport Conclave service day flap was earned by serving fourteen hours during the Spring of 2015 performing service and otherwise preparing Bayport Scout Reservation to host Conclave in 2015. Conclave is an annual gathering of the Nawakwa, Tutelo, Shenandoah, Shenshawpotoo, Blue Heron, and Wahunsenakah Lodges from across Section SR-7A, which makes up most of Virginia and a little bit of West Virginia and North Carolina. An oval patch was available for seven hours from a non-OA member. The Trading Post had 20 of these patches available at press time, and purchase of these patches is restricted to members who had earned this patch during 2015 until the Winter Service Weekend.

Wahunsenakah Lodge succeeded in earning the Silver Journey to Excellence Award in 2015. There were almost one hundred of these pins available at press time. All may purchase this pin at a limit of one per person.

The LEC, the Trading Post Committee, and the Insignia Design Committees ensured that all members have a fair shot at getting their hands on these one of a kind patches. Check in with your OA Trading Post for availability and to buy!

- Evan Crain, Lodge Secretary and Communications Chairman

Duck Call Survey: The Lodge is interested in expanding how it communicates with its membership in whatever form is currently popular. What social media platforms do you use these days?

Share your answers with the Lodge Communications Chairman at evan.c.crain@gmail.com !

Captain’s Log. Stardate 9081.6. We are celebrating 50 years of our interstellar mission to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and civilization, and to boldly go where no man has gone before.
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BREAKING NEWS: Lodge Treasurer Position is Up For Election!

LEC | CRAIN

After missing three consecutive Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meeting, Keagan DeLong has resigned his position in the LEC as per the Lodge Rules.

An election will be held Saturday, September 17, for this position. Any youth may run if they can receive 15 signatures from their Lodge brothers and deliver them to any LEC member.

- Evan Crain, Lodge Secretary and Communications Chairman

The Year Ahead – Register for service weekends using the form in your New Member Packet!

October 1	Council of Chiefs	Pipisco Camp Lions
October 2	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	(1) Denbigh Christian Academy. 1233 Shields Road Newport News, VA: 5-6PM
October 21 - 23	Joint Fall Fellowship with Blue Heron Lodge	Pipsico Camp Lions
October 21	Vigil Weekend	Pipisco Camp Lions
November 13	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	(1) 5-6PM
<i>November 18-20</i>	<i>Lodge Leadership Development Conference</i>	<i>Location TBD</i>
December 3	Holiday Banquet – Hosted by the Kecoughtan Chapter	Location TBD

(**BOLD** items satisfy requirements for the FYAA! *Italic* for Honor Member!)

Duck Call Message Board -----

<p>Christmas. Romans. Zombies. These are all themes that Wahunsenakah Lodge organized behind in spirit for CONCLAVE! Do you have a crazy and unique theme to bring to Conclave? Tell your Chapter Chief to present YOUR theme at the next LEC!</p>
<p>Want to become a part of the Wahunsenakah Lodge Leadership? Visit http://wahunsenakah.org for information on open committee youth and advisor chair positions! We have positions for new and experienced members alike.</p>
<p>The Communications Team wants YOU to design a fancy cover art for next service weekend’s Duck Call Newsletter! All Scouting-related designs are welcome! Submit your designs to evan.c.crain@gmail.com !</p>