

# Duck Calls



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## Chiefly Speaking with First Vice Chief Henry Harris

Welcome to our annual Holiday Banquet! On behalf of the LEC, I would like to thank you for attending and enjoying the festivities with us this evening. We are here to celebrate the holidays, to look back on Wahunsenakah Lodge in 2017, and to begin looking into what 2018 has to offer.

This past year, Wahunsenakah held three service weekends where brothers came together and cheerfully served at Pipsico Scout Reservation and in the Surry community at Camp Chanco, Claremont, and Chippokes Plantation to name a few. Each weekend, we inducted new, eager brothers into our Order and continued our growth as a lodge.

We attended SR-7A 2017 Conclave!! Of course we included our lodge theme of Duck Dynasty! That's right – quack those duck calls and praise the mighty King Duck!

Afterwards, we blasted off with Blue Heron Lodge in chapter games and a bottle rocket competition – next year we will be the victors!

There are plans to accomplish more great things this coming year! We are planning new Friday Night surprises, more community service, and even a Lodge Leadership Development Conference! All in all, Wahunsenakah Brothers have a lot to watch out for this coming year. I hope to see everyone with us along for the ride!

DUCK DUCK MIGHTY DUCK! WWW,

Henry Harris, First Vice Chief



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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! *JTE-compatible*.



### **Advisor's Minute: From the Lodge Advisor**

Welcome all Arrowmen, Family and Guest to our annual Winter Banquet! And to all of you who were unable to attend we miss you.

What a great year we had! We provided over 1900 hours of service through our Cheerful Service at Camp Pipsico and the surrounding communities of Spring Grove VA!! The Elangomat committee continues to provide a welcoming program to our new members and the Vice Chief of Programs continues to develop FUN activities at our Service Weekends.

As I am writing this we are only 21 members from achieving positive membership growth for 2017 (something we have not done in a few years) hopefully the Chief will announce that we hit this goal tonight. These are just a few stand out achievements that I wanted to call out.

As we approach this year's Holiday Season be sure to take quality time to reflect, unwind and recharge so we come repaired to maintain the momentum into 2018!

Be Safe and Happy Holidays!!

- Russell Morris Jr

### **Nansemond Chapter and Troop 16 show Cheerful Service at Mayflower Marathon 2017!**

Ten members from Nansemond Chapter performed "Cheerful Service" at the Mayflower Marathon held at Peninsula Town Center.

For a period of 3 hours, these Arrowmen assisted donors that brought food to the collection point by emptying the donor vehicles, carrying the food stuffs, weighing it and recording it, and separating it by item, cans, boxes, and frozen. When donor traffic was slow, they assisted the Peninsula Food Bank Staff by moving boxes and pallets as needed. All was done while "preserving a Cheerful Spirit".

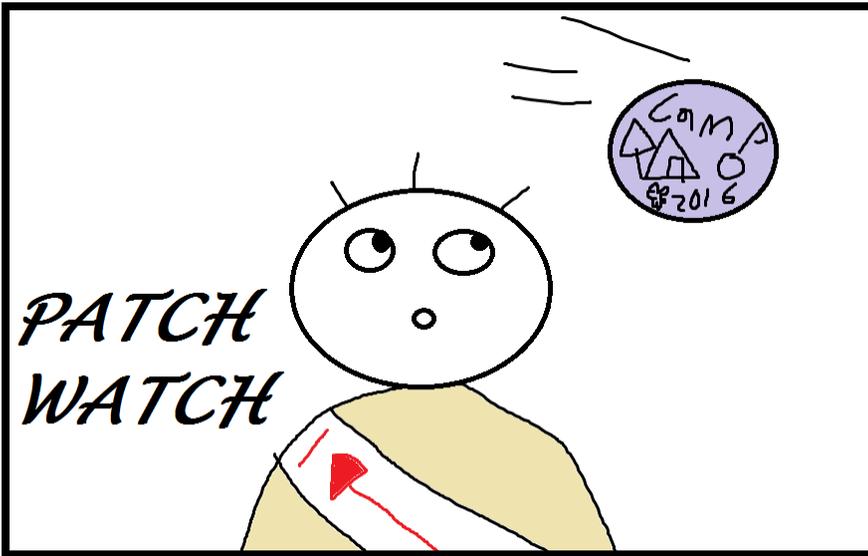
This year enough donations were collected to provide 196,000 meals to those who live right here in our community.

We were grateful for the sunny skies and seasonable temps we enjoyed throughout this 3-day food collection marathon. We appreciate the loyalty you've shown throughout the years to the Foodbank, the Mayflower Marathon and in turn, the people we serve.

- Tony Stewart (Wahunsenakah leader) and Maria Quigley (Virginia Peninsula Foodbank Coordinator)



## Patch Watch: Why Are You Reading This?! Hurry!



As you read this, the OA Trading Post (here during the event!) is selling exclusive NOAC fundraiser patches! Only 150 of the second black-border NOAC busses will be here this weekend for \$15 each – if you're not in line to get them now, you'd better run! I'll wait until you get there.

You're in line? Perfect! While you're here, don't forget about Mr. Richards' wooden NOAC flaps – a Wahunsenakah bus flap carved with laser cut wood for \$30 each or \$10 for the first flap for contingent members. And, as always, don't forget to grab your Holiday Banquet patch (included with registration)!

## #NOAC2018 at Indiana University!



Brothers from across the nation are preparing to attend Scouting's second largest event in America, and the largest for only Order of the Arrow members – NOAC!

Visit <http://noac2018.org> for all information!

The highlights:

NOAC will be held from July 30 – August 4, 2018, at Indiana

University, Bloomington, IN. To go, go to <http://wahunsenakah.org/resources> and complete the registration form **if you are a youth 20 years old and under**. Registration requires a \$100 deposit and additional cost depends on the success of Lodge fundraising efforts. Register today – there were two available slots open a month ago and plenty of priority space on the waiting list for additional slots!



## Going into 2018

<del>December Lodge Executive Committee Meeting</del>	<b>NO LEC IN DECEMBER! Don't come tomorrow!</b>
January Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	January 14, 2018 at Denbigh Christian Academy (DCA)
SR-7A February Council of Chiefs	February 2-4, 2018; Location TBA
February Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	February 11, 2018 at DCA
SR-7A Conclave Merch. Pre-Order Deadline	February 28, 2018
March Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	March 11, 2018 at DCA
Winter Service Weekend	March 23-25, 2018 at Pipsico Scout Reservation Camp Lions

Lodge Executive Committee Meetings are open to all membership and are held at Denbigh Christian Academy

## What's Next?

Wahunsenakah is strong as a Lodge going into 2018! In tune with our Lodge Goals, we are preparing to spice up our communications, inner-chapter relations, and lodge program. We have made strides so far with the Gaga Tournament at Summer Service Weekend, my committee's dedication to having a 100% Duck Calls coverage this year at all lodge events, and encouraging the chapters to participate together in events like the Mayflower Marathon and the Wicomico ceremonies campout.

We are not finished though! Music raves, sports, (successful) food stands, and more await in 2018! Let's show the nation that Wahunsenakah is the best in 2018!

Until then, be ready! Happy Holidays and enjoy the break!

- Evan Crain, Communications Chairman and Lodge Secretary