

# Duck Calls

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## Editorial: Elevate Your Lodge by Elevating Yourself

This weekend is a weekend of change for Wahunsenakah Lodge.

For the past two years, I have seen great leaders step into the shoes of giants from when I first joined the lodge in 2014. In these shoes, they stepped and crushed problems with lodge morale, need for community service, and individuality in the lodge.

But as the young fruit ripens, so the old fruit begins to rot. This will be my last publication to you, Wahunsenakah – this old fruit needs to move on. This weekend, I challenge you to partake in the elections. Here’s how you can make a positive impact on not only the lodge, but your personal success:

- Declare your Candidacy: Collect 25 signatures from your brothers and deliver them to an LEC member to declare your candidacy for either Lodge Chief, First Vice Chief, Second Vice Chiefs of Program or Admin, Lodge Secretary, or Lodge Treasurer. Complete this task by Saturday night dinner.
- Vote: After dinner on Saturday night, meet up with your chapter to vote! Whether you’re new and recognize your hard-working elangomat, dedicated ceremonialist, or another brother you noticed working as you were, you still can make an informed voting decision! Give your chapter chief your input
- Committees! : Not feeling up for Lodge Chief? No worries – take a less stressful position and, say, help park a few cars and run food stands in Council Events, write the newsletter or a few articles in Communications.

You are needed and are important. Meet this charge.

- 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! *JTE-compatible*.



## Advisor's Minute with Mr. Morris

Welcome to our Spring Service Weekend! I hope that everyone is enjoying our Spring weather now that we have had a bit of a break from wintry weather that just did not want to go away. The last time we were together was Winter Service which was a HUGE success!! It was the most attended event in over 2 years!

Conclave was another success for Wahunsenakah - we ended up 30% over our participate goal and had 3 more members than the host lodge. Great job!!

I would like to thank everyone who assisted at Highland Games, we had great comments on the Call Out and AIA Dancers at the campfire program! The next council event will be November 9 – 11 and it will be a NEW theme that will replace Pumpkin Chunkin—Expedition Endview 1853 we still need members to serve on staff for this council event ....if your unit is not participating please consider attending. You get free food and a patch!! If you are interested see Bill Johnson and sign up.

With elections happening this weekend I would like to recognize our Chief and his Leadership Team for the outstanding job they have done this past year!! I look forward to working with the next team and I am excited to see where they will take the lodge.

Lastly I want to welcome our newest members! There are lots of opportunities ahead that you can all take advantage...make sure to sign up for a committee and learn everything you can about our lodge and the Order!

Please start thinking of individuals who you believe are worthy of Vigil Honor members, Founder's Award & Silver Duck Awards and submit early.

- Russell Morris, Jr, Wahunsenakah Lodge Adviser

## Conclave 2018: Irish Ducks Migrate North for Rock Enon Conclave!

I hope all of you that attended had a great time at Camp Rock Enon for Conclave 2018! Here's a recap six cool things that went on:

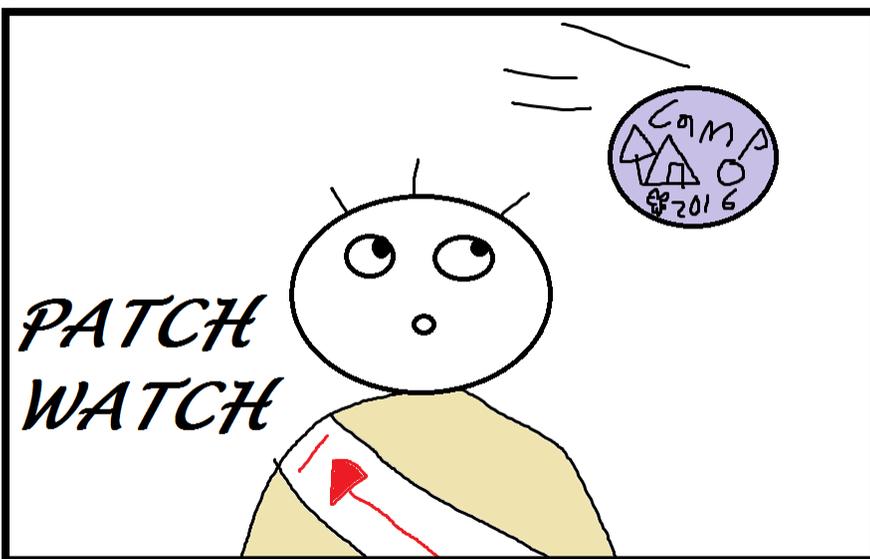
1. **Unit Election Evaluations** – The Nansemond Chapter sent their team, Joey Pendleton and Tom “Papa Smurf” Liakos (who both also evaluated on the judge panel), to be evaluated at Conclave. Both Nansemond and the Lodge Unit Elections Committee are awaiting official feedback from the evaluators, but met a positive response and got some good feedback while there.



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2. **American Indian Affairs** – Wahunsenakah’s lone youth dancer, Garrison Champigny, showed off his skills in the dancing ring and won a few competitions! AIA is often a Nawakwa stronghold, but many different lodges – including Wahunsenakah – prevailed this weekend.
3. **Catapults!** – At 4:30pm, just before dinner, Wahunsenakah brothers challenged the Shenandoah and Nawakwa teams in an all-out spirit-off. Brothers launched, using a pioneering-style catapult, rubber duckies, Irish coins, and green beads into crowds of sleepyheads and red-wearing cardinals. Despite it all, Shenandoah walked home with the Spirit Award.
4. **A Scout is Reverent** – Wahunsenakah’s Chapel Committee goes sectional by delivering chaplains aides, Biblesticks, and pocket bibles – the same from Winter Service 2018 – to the chapelgoers at Conclave. The remaining supplies were donated to the local church camp, which was also the Conclave Service Project site this year.
5. **Root Beer and Nuts!** – Irish-style cashew nuts were Wahunsenakah’s treat to the section for The Big Feast. Every serving was contained by a neat Wahunsenakah “luck of the duck” cup. Do you still have yours? More importantly, do you miss the root beer?
6. **Elevate Chapter Leaders** – Returning from last year’s Conclave, long-time chapter leadership coach and former chapter advisor of the Kiskiack Chapter (now merged into the Kecoughtan Chapter) David Singletary once again shared knowledge from his advising ventures with past and present Wahunsenakah leaders to the section. “No more than 18 minutes of business – we’re here to have fun!”

## Patch Watch: NOAC Contingent Holds, New Pre-Orders and Bordered Busses!



One perk of being in the NOAC contingent is being ahead of the loop when it comes to these new NOAC goodies. However, Mr. Richards can only hold these rare patches from other brothers for so long! **If you’re in the NOAC contingent and did not collect your Conclave-edition bus and wooden patches from Mr. Richards at Conclave, get them before 3pm Saturday or else they go on sale!**

Keep looking for new wooden and classic fabric stock this weekend, especially for this weekend’s colored border bus patch! This is the last service weekend before NOAC, so stock up at the OA Trading Post now!



## Election Day! Vote for 2018-2019 Lodge Leadership!

Office	Officer	Advisor
Lodge Chief	OPEN	Russell Morris, Jr and Zach Oman
First Vice Chief	OPEN	Russell Morris, Jr and Zach Oman
Second Vice Chief of Program	OPEN	Matthew Auth
Second Vice Chief of Admin.	OPEN	Walt Schmincke
Lodge Secretary	OPEN	Dana Reid
Lodge Treasurer	OPEN	Wesley Goodman
Kecoughtan Chapter	OPEN	Gini Fabian
Nansemond Chapter	OPEN	Brian Champigny
Nottoway Chapter	OPEN	Joe Belmonte
Piankatank Chapter	OPEN	Mark Phinney
Wicomico Chapter	OPEN	Joseph Hutchins

Every year, these positions are once again up for grabs by any brother of the Lodge who meets eligibility requirements. The April LEC shows that most of the current LEC do not wish to remain in their current position or are leaving the LEC entirely. This is your chance to seize something big and introduce your new ideas to the Lodge!

Detailed instructions will not be repeated – see the editorial on Page 1 on how to run.

Rest assured, new leaders – Wahunsenakah has a fine team of dedicated adult advisors that will help you succeed in your position, and most of the old leaders aren’t leaving the lodge – so you can reach out to them at your chapter meeting or service weekend for help!

## The Year Ahead

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	June 10, no LEC in July
Lodge Leadership Development	June 16 ( <i>Mandatory for 2018-2019 Lodge officers</i> )
<b>National Order of the Arrow Conference</b>	<b>July 30 – August 4</b>
Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	August 12
Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	September 9
<b>Summer Service Weekend</b>	September 21 - 23

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

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