Amangamek-Wipit Lodge #470
2006 Annual Report

"History is a vast early warning system."
--Norman Cousins

“Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it.”
--George Santayana

January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

Kevin D. Nichols
Lodge Chief

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Lodge Officers

2005-2006 Lodge Officers		*2006-2007 Lodge Officers*	
Lodge Chief	Patrick W. Rooney *Old Dominion*	***Lodge Chief***	Kevin D. Nichols *Patriot*
Lodge Vice Chief	Benito O. Perez *Western Shore*	***Lodge Vice Chief***	James G. Harris *Appalachian Trail*
Lodge Secretary	James G. Harris *Appalachian Trail*	***Lodge Secretary***	Jonathan D. Recco *Western Shore*
Lodge Treasurer	Stephen L. McConnell, Jr. *Occoquan*	***Lodge Treasurer***	Karl Leswing *George Mason*
Area Chiefs		***Area Chiefs***	
DC/MD South *	Christian R. Zelenka *Enterprise*	***DC/PG ****	Christian R. Zelenka *Enterprise*
MD Central	Alexander Owen *Great Falls*	***MD Central***	Justin A. Sayre *Paint Branch*
MD North	Zackary Sickman *Black Hill*	***MD North***	Jason H. Boulter *Black Hill*
VA South *	Timothy D. Jackson *Aquia*	***MD/VA South ****	Timothy D. Jackson *Aquia*
VA Central *	Jon R. Mayer *Old Dominion*	***VA Central ****	Matthew P. Glazer *George Mason*
VA West *	Collin N. Brittle *Piedmont*	***VA West ****	Scott E. Yarbrough *Goose Creek*

*Note – Service Areas were changed in June 2006

Area	***Chapters***	***Area***	***Chapters***
DC/PG	Benjamin Banneker Enterprise Horizon Indian Creek Tayac	***MD/VA South***	Aquia Mattaponi Occoquan Western Shore Zekiah
MD Central	Crossroad Great Falls Paint Branch Rock Creek	***VA Central***	Chain Bridge Colonial George Mason Old Dominion Patriot
MD North	Appalachian Trail Black Hill Catoctin Mountain Forest Oak	***VA West***	Bull Run Goose Creek Piedmont Powhatan Sully

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Commitment to Outdoor Program

OA MEMBERS ON COUNCIL CAMP STAFF

Members of the Order of the Arrow served on the camp staffs for both Goshen Scout Reservation and Camp William B. Snyder in 2006.

CAMPING PROMOTION

Area	Troops Visited for Camp Promotions Presentations
DC/PG 1 of 5 Chapters reporting	2
MD Central 3 of 4 Chapters reporting	20
MD North 3 of 4 Chapter reporting	18
MD/VA South 4 of 5 Chapters reporting	54
VA Central 4 of 5 Chapters reporting	61
VA West 4 of 5 Chapters reporting	5
Lodge Totals 19 of 28 Chapters reporting	160

FOCUS FOR 2007

For 2007 it is the lodge's goal to provide the resources to the chapters so that they may have everything they need to offer camping promotions presentations to all troops in their Districts. It is then up to the chapters to take advantage of this opportunity and give spectacular camping promotion presentations to all troops that would like one.

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Dedicated Service

WEBELOS TRANSITION

Area	Arrow of Light Ceremonies	Cross over Ceremonies
DC/PG 0 of 5 Chapters reporting	0	0
MD Central 1 of 4 Chapters reporting	14	0
MD North 4 of 4 Chapter reporting	10	9
MD/VA South 4 of 5 Chapters reporting	11	3
VA Central 4 of 5 Chapters reporting	1	27
VA West 3 of 5 Chapters reporting	18	12
Lodge Totals 16 of 28 Chapters reporting	54	51

COMMUNITY SERVICE SPOT LIGHT PROJECT

Chapter: Sully
Chief: Michael Perry
Adviser: Brad Bailey

In mid-October Sully chapter assisted the Friends of Chantilly Library Semi-Annual Book Sale. This was the first year that Sully Chapter was asked to assist in this project. In the past the library had asked units to support this effort, but unfortunately many of the unit's youth were too small to carry the large boxes of books. Because of this, scout support was almost nixed until the chapter stepped in and offered to help and promised to have capable youth for the box lifting/moving and the organization of the books for the sale. Because of Sully chapter's assistance the Chantilly Library was able to move over 400+ boxes of books and raise hundreds of dollars for the library.

"Part of being a person is about helping others."
--Seth Caplan

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Leadership Development

LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Held in conjunction with Council Key Scouter Conference on June 17, 2006

Track	*Topics*
Lodge	***9 Youth*** Organization of the Lodge Importance of Communicating Calendar Planning Brotherhood
Chapter	***38 Youth*** How to achieve Honor Chapter Brotherhood
Train the Trainer	***13 Youth*** How to plan an Area Leadership Development (ALD) Teaching Skills

AREA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

September 2006 – November 2006

Service Area	*Topics*	*Service Area*	*Topics*
DC/PG	***4 Youth*** Induction Process Increasing Brotherhood Conversion Induction Principles Chapter Management Order of the Arrow Organization Problem Solving	**VA Central**	***13 Youth*** Chapter Officers TOAR Program Communications Inductions Increasing Brotherhood Conversion Ordeals
MD Central	***8 Youth*** TOAR Program Brotherhood Conversion Leadership	**MD/VA South**	***7 Youth*** The Chapter Brotherhood Conversion Quality Chapter
MD North	**17 Youth** TOAR Program Increasing Brotherhood Conversion Lodge 5 Year Strategic Plan	**VA West**	**16 Youth** Conducting Call Outs Increasing Brotherhood Conversion Unit Elections Trail To Brotherhood

NOTE – 125 Arrowmen participated in the LLD or ALD training

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Membership Retention

	2005	2006
Ordeal Members	2,471	2,448
Brotherhood Members	1,795	1,803
Vigil Members	422	462
Total Membership	4,688	4,713
Ordeal to Brotherhood Conversion	297 (15.7%)	340 (18.3%)

*Fast Fact – 1 out of 39 of all 2006 registered members of the Order of the Arrow are from Amangamek Wipit Lodge #470

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Quality Lodge Performance

LODGE STRENGTHS

"The lodge conducted one or more Lodge leadership Development (LLD) … to train lodge and chapter officers, lodge and chapter committee chairman, and their advisers."

- To increase the numbers of Arrowmen attending the Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) the lodge has scheduled this annual training to coincide with the annual council Key Scouter training and implemented Area Leadership Development (ALD) to reach more chapter Arrowmen.

"The lodge completed service projects for the council camp, or service center, and a council-approved community service project."

- The lodge is committed to supporting the council camps and continues organize and annual weekend to bring Arrowmen to the camps for service each June.

"The lodge contributed cash, materials, or both, to the council in an amount equal to at lest $2.00 per lodge member."

- This is one of our greatest strengths, whether it is on the chapter, area, or lodge level, there is an abundance of support to the council from Arrowmen in both financial or materials.

"The lodge Key 3 met at least six times during the year to discuss the progress of the lodge."

- The lodge Key 3 meets at regularly scheduled times to plan the upcoming lodge executive committee meetings and activities of the lodge.

"Within the last two years, two youth attended a National Leadership Seminar (NLS) and completed their contracts, and one adult attended a national Lodge Adviser training Seminar (NLATS) and completed the required discussion with the Scout Executive."

- In 2006, the lodge had 8 youth and 4 adults attend NLS and one adult NLATS.

"The lodge produced and distributed a minimum of four newsletters to its members and contributed articles to the council's newsletter or website. Lodge websites conform to the council's website policies."

- In 2006, the lodge produced and distributed five issues of the *Sharks' Tooth* to all registered members and submitted articles for the Council's *Scouting Digest*.

"One youth member attended a national OA high adventure program. A minimum of three youth and two adult members attended the section conclave. At least five members attended the NOAC 2006 as lodge contingent members."

- In 2006 two Arrowman participated in OA trail Crew and OA Wilderness Voyage, over 50 Arrowmen attended the NE-4C Section Conclave and a lodge contingent of 75 Arrowmen participated in NOAC.

LODGE WEAKNESSES

“The lodge experienced positive growth in its membership”

- While the lodge has realized a positive growth in membership, it needs to work on retaining the large number of Arrowmen inducted each year.

“The lodge inducted a minimum of 30% of its eligible Ordeal members in to the Brotherhood.”

- This area has been a difficult one for the lodge. It is the only reason the lodge has not qualified for *Quality Lodge* for the last two years. We will work towards improving this in 2007.

“The lodge leadership actively participated in the development and implementation of the council’s plan for the promotion of the council camping, high adventure, and other outdoor programs. …“

- While some chapters give/offer camping promotion presentations to all troops in their District, many chapters have not taken advantage of this opportunity to promote council camping, high adventure, and other outdoor programs.

“The lodge provided manpower, resources, and /or program assistance in support of the Scout council’s Cub Scout Outdoor program and Webelos transition to Boy Scouts.”

- While some chapters are actively engaged in supporting the Cub Scout program in their districts, the lodge needs to increase this support.

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Recognition / Awards

VIGIL HONOR

A total of eighty-three members, representing all twenty-eight chapters, were selected for the Vigil Honor. This consisted of 42 youth and 41 adults

FOUNDER'S AWARD

Youth

James D. Brackney	Old Dominion
Andrew P. Galvan	Sully

Adult

Philip E. Graham	Occoquan
John W. Merchant	Patriot

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Jared P. Davis	Old Dominion

SILVER BEAVER AWARD RECIPEINTS

G. Freeman Dockett	Tayac
John M. Garrison	Mattaponi
James R. Ingram	Benjamin Banneker
Ginger C. McClure	George Mason
John W. Merchant	Patriot
Christopher C. Murray, III	Rock Creek
Cong T. Nguyen	Old Dominion
Jane M. Redding	Appalachian Trail
John R. Rephlo	Old Dominion
Terry L. Springer	Black Hill
Theodore F. Tempel	Powhatan

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National Program Highlights

NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE

Amangamek Wipit was represented at NOAC by a seventy-five member contingent (49 youth and 26 adults) and 15 members serving on staff (6 youth and 9 adults).

NATIONAL OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

Order of the Arrow Trail Crew - Philmont Scout Ranch

James G. Harris	Appalachian Trail
James B. Lowe	Paint Branch

Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage - Charles L. Summers Canoe Base

James B. Lowe	Paint Branch
Michael P. Phan	Black Hill

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR (NLS)

Youth

Alexander B. Everett	Western Shore
Karl Leswing	George Mason
James M. McKinney, II	Western Shore
Jeffrey A. Morrow, II	Old Dominion
Kevin D. Nichols	Patriot
Michael R. Perry	Sully
James D. Recco	Western Shore
Jonathan D. Recco	Western Shore

Adults

W. Russell Bonner	Western Shore
Jacob A. Culver	Western Shore
William P. Rooney	Old Dominion
Adrian G. Simmons	Indian Creek

Staff

Patrick W. Rooney	Old Dominion

NATIONAL LODGE ADVISER TRAINING SEMINAR (NLATS)

James C. Hardter	Black Hill

Staff

VADM J. Dan McCarthy	Sully

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Impact on Council Programs

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

The lodge gives two dollars for every registered member to the council Friends of Scouting fund.

ENDOWMENT SUPPORT

The lodge did not give any money to the endowment fund this year, but we are working on changing that for 2007

ORDER OF THE ARROW GRANTS

The lodge received an OA Service Grant in 2005, so one was not possible in 2006.

SERVICE TO CAMPS AND COMMUNITY

Area	Service Hours	# Of Volunteers	Service in Monetary Terms
DC/PG 0 of 5 Chapters reporting	0	0	$0.00
MD Central 1 of 4 Chapters reporting	317	40	$1,949.55
MD North 4 of 4 Chapter reporting	1,575	137	$12,592.50
MD/VA South 4 of 5 Chapters reporting	3,866.5	416	$21,015.48
VA Central 4 of 5 Chapters reporting	3,551	331	$18,287.65
VA West 3 of 5 Chapters reporting	2,750	102	$14,162.50
Lodge Totals 16 of 28 Chapters reporting	**12,059.5**	**1,026**	**$68,010.38**

Monetary Terms based on minimum wage: D.C. - $7.00/hr; Maryland - $6.15/hr; Virginia - $5.15/hr

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Annual Quality Chapter Reports

2005

17 of 28 Chapters reporting

Honor Chapters **5**

Black Hill
Forest Oak
Old Dominion
Western Shore
Zekiah

Merit Chapters **3**

Enterprise
Goose Creek
Patriot

Standard Chapters **4**

Aquia
George Mason
Powhatan
Rock Creek

Chapters Reporting but not Qualifying **5**

Benjamin Banneker
Indian Creek
Paint Branch
Piedmont
Tayac

Chapters not Reporting **11**

Appalachian Trail
Bull Run
Catoctin Mountain
Chain Bridge
Colonial
Crossroads
Great Falls
Horizon
Mattaponi
Occoquan
Sully

2006

21 of 28 Chapters reporting

Honor Chapters **8**

Black Hill
Chain Bridge
Crossroads
Forest Oak
George Mason
Old Dominion
Western Shore
Zekiah

Merit Chapters **5**

Enterprise
Goose Creek
Mattaponi
Patriot
Powhatan

Standard Chapters **3**

Paint Branch
Sully
Colonial

Chapters Reporting but not Qualifying **5**

Catoctin Mountain
Occoquan
Piedmont
Rock Creek
Great Falls

Chapters not Reporting **7**

Appalachian Trail
Aquia
Benjamin Banneker
Bull Run
Horizon
Indian Creek
Tayac

Mission of the Lodge

"The mission of the lodge is to achieve the purpose of the Order of the arrow as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America in the council through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults."