

LODGE BANQUET SCHEDULED FOR SNYDER

The 2008 Lodge Banquet for Amangamek-Wipit Lodge will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2008, at Camp William B. Snyder near Haymarket, VA from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This annual event is expected to attract Arrowmen and their families and friends from around the lodge, from Fredericksburg to Frederick and from Goose Creek and Piedmont to Southern Maryland. Everyone who is anyone in the OA locally will want to be there.

What will happen? Well, there will be food, of course, (a brunch) and the cost is only \$20 per person. There will be a speaker (what else do you have banquets for?) and there will be competition for displays between chapters and fun and fellowship and recognition. All newly inducted Vigil Honor members will be recognized individually and there will be a presentation of the Founder's Award to a limited number of our most dedicated Arrowmen.

Also to be presented are the Honor Chapter awards for

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ATTENTION ALL ARROWMEN

From the people who brought you the January 2007 Lodge Banquet (widely considered the best Lodge Banquet since the Redskins last won a Superbowl)... Get ready for the next totally awesome event!!!

The 2008 Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Fellowship

On March 7-9, 2008, The Maryland-Central Area will host the Lodge Fellowship at Camp William B. Snyder. Let me warn all you Arrowmen now...This isn't your everyday Lodge Fellowship! This year's event will have so many activities, competitions, and prizes you'll have Girl Scouts trying to join OA! With chances to win prizes just by standing in line to get meals or washing your hands at the right time, who in their right mind would want to miss the 2008 Lodge Fellowship?

This year, we'll offer Arrowmen of all ages more events that they can imagine! Of course we'll have the traditional ceremonies competitions, but you can count on us to have a little something for everyone! In the morning we'll have valuable roundtable discussions on the Order of the Arrow and how to improve our chapters where you can get answers from the experts! In the afternoon we'll have the always fun VA vs. MD football game, not to mention both old and new Chapter Sports Competitions to be named as we

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Chief's Letter:



My Brothers,

As another year draws to a close has become clear to me how very special Amangamek-Wipit Lodge 470 truly is. One of the most rewarding things of being your chief is the ability to see the principles of our Order being put into action. Every time I visit an ordeal or an Area

Leadership Development, I see the servant leaders of tomorrow. This has caused me to reflect on my own experiences as an arrowman, and I realize that without the Order of the Arrow and most importantly the fellowship of the members of the Lodge I would not be the person I am today.

As I have recalled my experiences in the Order, now it is time for us to recall all the great things that we have accomplished over the last year. I must say we have done some amazing things, whether it is Sully Chapter helping out their local library, or the entire lodge supporting the council's Scouting For Food campaign, on every level we have done some very amazing things.

Now, as of the writing of this letter we have not attained our goal of 30% brotherhood, however we are very close and we have improved remarkably over the past few years. I must thank each and every Area and Chapter for making sure to extend the brotherhood opportunity to as many eligible candidates as possible. All the individuals who spent their time calling brotherhood candidates, mailing them letters, and doing everything in their power to get candidates to convert must also be commended. I would also like to point out that none of this would have been possible if we hadn't been pushing this all year long and that starts with the leadership of Kevin Nichols whom I must also thank for his hard work. Finally I would like to

thank Mr. Ives for helping both the chapters and myself keep on track in obtaining every last brotherhood candidate.

Finally, I look forward to seeing everyone at the lodge Banquet on January 12 at 10am at Camp William B. Snyder. This will be a great opportunity to meet your fellow arrowmen and we will also have the 2007 National Chief and the 2007 Southern Region Chief in attendance, along with many other honored guests. Most importantly as we reflect on the wonderful year of 2007 it is now time to begin planning the year 2008. I encourage every chapter to come up with a plan on how they are going to reach their goals for the year and start working toward upholding Amangamek-Wipit's legacy of excellence.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Jeffery A. Morrow II
Lodge Chief



CALENDAR 2007-2008

Dec 18	Area Exec Committee Meetings
Jan 12	Lodge Banquet
Jan 15	Lodge Exec. Committee Meeting
Feb 19	Lodge Advisors Meeting
Mar 7-9	Lodge Fellowship
Apr 15	Lodge Exec. Committee Meeting
May 16-18	NE-4C Section Conclave
May 20	Lodge Advisors Meeting
Jun 6-8	OA Council Camp Service Weekend
June 14	Lodge Leader Development Conference
Jun 21-27	OA Arrow Corps—Goshen

Submissions for publication in the *Shark's Tooth* are encouraged. Deadlines for submission are listed on the Lodge Calendar. Send copy and/or camera-ready photos with captions to: Timothy Wing, 7416 Reservation Drive, Springfield, VA 22153, e-mail: wipitsecretary@gmail.com or to Ken Davis, 6320 Phyllis Lane, Alexandria, VA 22312, e-mail: daviskenjared@aol.com, phone: 703-941-9018.



Imagine 5,000 Arrowmen over 5 weeks at 5 different national forests conducting the largest service project ever. In 2008, ArrowCorp5 will do just that. ArrowCorp5 is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for you to experience the ideals of our order at its finest. ArrowCorp5 consists of five project sites spread across the nation over a period of five weeks. Together they result in the largest single service project that the Boy Scouts has ever undertaken. Along with the large service projects that will be done, each site will have special recreational activities and exclusive team-building programs unique to the geographical area. The five sites are:

Mark Twain National Forest (June 7-14) in beautiful Missouri is in dire need of cedar tree removal to restore their once gorgeous native grass areas. The Bateman area near Springfield offers tons of excellent fly-fishing as well as horse-back riding and canoeing activities.

Manti-La Sal National Forest (June 14-21) in Utah is near the Green River and a dinosaur quarry/museum where we will be rafting and taking tours. We will be serving the environment by removing Tamarisk, a highly invasive species in the region that has been detrimental to the environment in recent years.

The white-water rafting and kayaking will be hard to beat in the stunning **George Washington and Jefferson National Forests** (June 21-28) in Virginia. There we will be constructing a 7 mile multi-user trail that will be used heavily to grant a larger access to the Forests. This is the closest site to Amangamek-Wipit Lodge, and it will be headed out of Goshen Scout Reservation, so sign up early to ensure you get a spot.

The **Shasta-Trinity National Forest** (July 12-19) will offer a wide-range of activities including climbing Mount Shasta, a 14,162 foot peak in northern California. There will also be mountain biking and fishing. The project will include much-needed trail maintenance on some of the 1,400 miles of trail in the forest as well as camping improvements.

To wrap up the summer, we will be visiting the **Bridger-Teton National Forests** (July 26-August 2) to do major camping improvements and train building. While there, whitewater rafting and canoeing will be just a few of the many opportunities for rec-

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VIRGINIA WEST ALDC

On the 18th of November, the Virginia West Area had our annual ALDC. The training was held at the Trinity Presbyterian church in Herndon from 3pm to 6pm. Attendance was up this year with over 20 youth in attendance. Great presentations were made from four of the chapters on topics ranging from: Building a Ceremonies Team, running a Chapter Meeting, Webelos to Scouting, and Arrow Corps Five. This event was a great success for the Area with many new or-deal and brotherhood members attending in addition to their chapter officers. We encourage all of the youth in the area to attend the training, even if they are not chapter officers, as it helps to show them the inner workings of the area and chapters.

Among the presentations made at the ALDC, one Chapter went above and beyond what was asked of them by the area, and created their own new presentation. The Webelos to Scouting presentation made its debut at the ALDC, and with a great reception. This presentation is aimed at second year Webelos scouts to keep them interested in scouting by giving them an idea of what Boy Scouting offers. We look forward to sharing this presentation with the rest of the lodge once finishing touches are made.

Many thanks to all of the Chapters who presented, and to Powhatan Chapter for hosting this event.

Jimmy Callen
Virginia-West Area Chief



Members recite the Obligation at the recent Black Hill Fall Ordeal

NEW FORMS AND PROCESS TO BE USED FOR 2008 ELECTIONS

The election season is approaching. There are three news forms that will be posted on the Lodge Web Page for Chapters to use for Unit elections and Adult Recommendations for Units and Districts.

The Unit Youth election Form is a MS Word document that unit leaders can download to complete prior to the arrival of the Chapter Election Team. Please encourage your units to utilize the form. This will help to assure you have the complete information about the candidates for election.

The next two forms are Adobe Acrobat documents that can be completed on line and printed by Unit Committee Chairman or District Committee Chairman (or their designee) and submitted to the Chapter adviser for processing. For the 2007-2008 election season, these are the approved forms for submitting adult recommendations for induction in to the Order of the Arrow. Please let your Units and District Committees know that they must use these forms.

Recommendations for adult OA selection must be submitted promptly to the Lodge Staff Adviser. When recommendations are submitted, please e-mail both the Lodge Adviser and the Staff Adviser. It is the goal of the Lodge Adult Selection Committee to respond to all submissions in as timely a manner as possible. Because the Chapters begin to hold ordeals as early as late March or early April; it is anticipated that all adult recommendation will be submitted by March 1st

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CROSSROADS BROTHERHOOD CONVERSIONS

By Mike Spahn

In the past few years it has been difficult to convert members into brothers. We have had to host many brotherhood ceremonies to keep up with the increase of members in the chapter. The best way to convert members is through communication. In order to convert members we would call and email, and call and email, until the eligible members showed up for the ceremonies. A good way our clans get many candidates to come is through troop OA representatives. If the troops cooperate with the OA then many members stay involved with the OA program. Communication is the key to having a successful OA chapter. It also helps to have a small cadre or small group of ceremonialists who know the brotherhood ceremony. Last year we had over eight brotherhood ceremonies. Again brotherhood helps to crystallize the principles of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service to help scouts become more aware of their current and future responsibilities throughout life.

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those chapters who have reached towards the upper levels of high standards of OA work in the last year. Lodge Chief Jeff Morrow and his officers will be deeply involved in this gala annual event and it will be a great time to see OA members who you have not seen in a while.

The Chairman for the event is Stephen Knight and his adviser is Preston Simms. Registration forms should be returned to the council office no later than December 31, 2007, or a phone call made to Ms. Margee Eagan at: 301-214-9197 to check on the possibility of attending.

The registration form for the banquet is on page 7 of this edition of the *Shark's Tooth*, or it can be found on the council web site under "Camping" and "Order of the Arrow" at:
<http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org>.

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reation in both the Bridger and Teton national Forests.

All of these sites offer Arrowmen a wide array of recreational opportunities while serving our National Forests. There will also be unique shows and team-building programs at each of the sites.

If you are interested in being a squad leader there are still slots open, and you can also register for that starting September 15th. Being a squad leader will allow you to lead a group of Arrowmen in their week long service project.

Registration will start September 15th, and each site only costs \$250.00 for adults and youth alike. It is the order's goal to involve 1,000 Arrowmen at each of the sites, or 5,000 Arrowmen total. This will be an amazing experience and we encourage you to participate.

Arrowmen who are interested in ArrowCorp5 should go to: <http://www.event.oa-bsa.org> for more information. For more promotional information please contact your Lodge Chief. Remember it is our goal to send at least 50 people to Arrow Corps 5 from Amangamek-Wipit Lodge.

CROSSROADS DISTRICT BUDDY HIKE – FALL 2007

By Jimmy Coffman

On Sunday, November 18, 2007, the Crossroads District Order of the Arrow members helped register scouts so they could participate in the District Buddy Hike. After registering over 150 scouts and adults, the participants left College Gardens Elementary School in Rockville and headed off to Lake Frank for their buddy hike. The cub scouts were accompanied on the hike by their Boy Scout "buddies."

We lucked out with the weather. It was not too hot or too cold for a Sunday hike. The participants hiked around Lake Frank. The hike lasted about two hours. When the scouts returned from the hike, the Order of the Arrow served them delicious hot chocolate and everyone talked about the hike.

The scouts had many comments about their hike. One scout said the hike was "fun" and another said it was "long". A third scout said that it was "cool". One adult added that "it was a big lake, it was cold, and there were huge trees." Hopefully everyone had a fun time and will return for the next hike.

GOAT 2008



Even with all the activity of ArrowCorp5, the Goshen Order of the Arrow Trail Crew 2008 – better known as GOAT 2008 – will be running this summer. For those of you who do not know about GOAT Crew and what it is about, it is a two week program held at Goshen Scout Reservation. In the first week, the crew performs trail maintenance and other projects around the reservation. These tasks can include trail refurbishing, bridge construction, trail marking, etc. During this first week scouts go through the C.O.P.E. experience to build team cohesion. The second week consists of the Lenhok'sin High Adventure program based out of Camp Baird. Crews choose the outposts they would like to go to and decide any other activities, such as climbing the various peaks around Goshen Scout Reservation, they would like to do.

This year, GOAT Crew 2008 will be held 29 June through 13 July. The registration form is included in this issue of the *Sharktooth* and the completed form should be sent in to the council offices. For those looking for a different experience than ArrowCorp5, come on out and try GOAT Crew 2008. It's a great time and you'll provide a valuable service to the Goshen Scout Reservation.

GOAT Crew 2008 is an amazing opportunity for scouts to enjoy high adventure trips. The two weeks only cost \$125. One week of Lenhok'sin alone costs well over \$300, so GOAT Crew 2008 is a phenomenal deal. Be in good physical shape as the work done is strenuous. For more information, look up GOAT Crew on the National Capital Area Council website.

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get closer to March. There will be special awards for attending certain discussions and roundtables. Tons of unique and rare patches to be auctioned off, sold, and given out to Arrowmen in attendance!

Other activities will include a banquet style dinner followed by Games and Skits performed by your very own Lodge Officers! With movies, a patch auction, and other activities late into the night, you better believe that the 2008 Lodge Fellowship will be remembered as the best fellowship in years!

AREA NEWS

VIRGINIA WEST

The Virginia West Area held its annual Fall Fellowship at Verdun Adventure Bound on November 2-4, with four of the five Chapters in attendance.

The weather was perfect in Rixeville, Virginia, as the candidates and members arrived. Registration was fast and smooth thanks to Mr. Groover and Mrs. Horn's efforts. Over forty ordeal candidates braved the cold as it dipped down to around 30 degrees Friday night. In the morning they awoke to the sweet smell of French toast being cooked inside of the Blue Ridge Seafood mobile kitchen. They were dismayed when they reached the kitchen and saw the sign "Scant food for Cheerful Service" and a cup of juice with a hardboiled egg sitting on the table right beside. The Ordeal candidates worked diligently on the service projects, while inside, the Brotherhood candidates studied for their discussion throughout the day. After two Ordeal ceremonies, the new members raced back to the main building to feast, but were met at the door by several Vigil members including the Area Chief, who asked them a variety of questions about the ceremony they just witnessed. After passing through the challenge at the door, the members were awestruck as they saw not only the usual feast, but just past the spaghetti were three bushels of freshly cooked Maryland Blue Crab. The Virginia West Area would like to thank Mark Donovan for his generous donation of three bushels of delicious crab.

For the newly inducted ordeal members, a new challenge faced them, how many crabs could you eat before you were full. Sean Scales and Abe Biller set the new Area record for eating the most crabs as they had over 30 crabs each. While they were buried in their crabs, several other members were huddled around a table in the back room where the never ending game of Risk continued. Many members of the ceremonies teams and brotherhood candidates could be seen in this room throughout the day taking a break from studying.

After dinner, the 15 Brotherhood candidates started their walk, and had the privilege of watching a stellar performance from the Brotherhood Ceremonies team. After shutting off the movie, it was time for sleep and with daylight saving time ending, everyone received a much needed extra hour of sleep. Cleanup took a little over an hour, and then everyone was on their way home, with sash in hand.

Special thanks to Blue Ridge Seafood for supporting our event with their mobile kitchen. Thanks also goes to the Chapters who supported the event with their ceremonies teams. We couldn't have done this without you.

Jimmy Callen
Virginia-West Area Chief

MARYLAND-CENTRAL

The Maryland-Central Area held a joint Fall Ordeal on October 12-14 at the Hallwood Retreat Center in Comus, MD. Leaders from the Crossroads, Great Falls, Paint Branch, and Rock Creek chapters came together to put on a great Ordeal with over 30 registered Ordeal Candidates. With around 10 Brotherhood conversions, the Area did a good job promoting the successful event! Several projects were completed at the retreat center, including the clearing of fallen trees and splitting the logs for firewood. The new arrowmen also helped to cleared many trails that have fallen into disuse over the past few years.

Along with the impressive turnout for new brotherhood and ordeal members, Chris Davis and Zach Brown kept their vigil and served cheerfully on the Ordeal Staff during the weekend. Ordeal attendees received a special area patch designed by the Maryland-Central Area Chief Justin Sayre. The weekend was another example of how the Maryland-Central Area is maintaining their tradition of excellence and keeping fun and fellowship fundamental in all it does.

Justin Sayre



Forest Oak members take a break while providing cheerful service at Scouting for Food.

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge #470 Lodge Annual Banquet



When: Saturday, January 12, 2008; 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM; Registration starts at 9:00 AM.

Where: Camp William Snyder Dining Hall, 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket Virginia, 20169
Directions at: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/6409_directions_to_camp_william_b_snyder.cfm

Cost: \$20.00 per person (Registration is **due by the 31st of December**)
After December 31st call Ms. Margee Eagan (301) 214-9197 to determine feasibility of attending.

Menu: A brunch menu is planned. Please indicate any special dietary needs or food sensitivities in the margin at the bottom of the form.

Contacts: Chairman: Stephen Knight phyxeous06@yahoo.com 727-366-6559
Adviser: Preston Simms simmspe@cox.net 703-446-1962

Notes: Program advertisements are being solicited now. If you are not contacted and would like to place an ad in the program, please contact the Event Chairman or his Adviser by December 1st.

Mail the Below Form (with payment) to:
Order of the Arrow
Boy Scouts of America
9190 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814- 3897

Deadline: December 31, 2007

Refund Policy: If you register for this event, but do not attend, you may request a refund. This request must be in writing and be received by Dec. 31, 2007. Any request received after that date will not be honored.

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Detach Here & Mail to above address

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Lodge Annual Banquet (January 12, 2008) Reservation Form

Name: _____ OA Member? Y / N

Address: _____ OA Chapter: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Payment Included \$20.00 **(One registration per form, please)**

Make Check payable to: Boy Scouts of America – NCAC
Memo: Cost Center 1-271-415-00

Credit Card: Visa _____ MasterCard _____ AMEX _____ Discover _____
Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Special Needs: _____

AMANGAMEK WIPIT LODGE 470 FUNDRAISER NOAC 2006 SETS

Amangamek Wipit Lodge has for sale 10 different two piece patch sets for NOAC. The price for the 10 complete sets are \$75.00 plus \$4.05 for shipping. Individual sets are also available for \$10.00 each plus \$2.00 for shipping.

Please mark which sets or Complete sets you are ordering

- 2004 Basketball Champ set
- CIA set Central Intelligence Agency
- DIA set Defense Intelligence Agency
- FBI set Federal Bureau of Investigation
- NSA set National Security Agency

- ARMY set
- NAVY set
- Air Force set
- Marines set
- Coast Guard set
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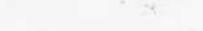
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 NCAC c/o Pete James 8591 Breeden Avenue Manassas, VA
 20110

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CHAPTER NEWS

Forest Oak Chapter

The Forest Oak Chapter has had a very successful fall. Arrowmen assisted our District at Popcorn distribution, Scouting for Food and the Fall Camporee. We also held our Fall Ordeal on Nov. 2-4th.

Four new 'Ordeal' members were inducted, but more importantly thirteen members achieved 'Brotherhood' honor. This brought our Chapter's Brotherhood conversion rate for 2007 to 100%, an accomplishment of which we are very proud. It took the cooperation and efforts of many of our Arrowmen, and in token of this they have received a pair of silver 'Turtle' beads to wear on their necklaces.

Although we are confident that this feat has rarely if ever been achieved before, we now know that it is possible, and will make it our goal every year. And, as we challenge ourselves, we also challenge all Chapters in our Lodge to do likewise. "It is not an easy task...", but we would be happy to help any who ask.

Looking ahead, we will be assisting at our District's 'Webelos to Scout Transition' program in December. And of course we will see you all at the banquet in January.

Sully Chapter

Sully Chapter had an eventful fall season supporting the local community. Although their semi-annual support for the Friends of Chantilly Regional Library Book Sale conflicted with the camporee this fall, Arrowmen who remained in town put in as many as 8 hours service each on Saturday, October 20, and several Arrowmen even showed up from the camporee on Sunday the 21st to volunteer a few hours of labor. Saturday morning was spent moving boxes of donated, used books, and Saturday afternoon and Sunday was spent arranging them in preparation of the upcoming book sale. April 26 - 27, 2008 are the dates for the spring sale prep, and we anticipate an even larger turn out then. The Chantilly Regional Library event coordinator expressed his appreciation to the Sully OA Chapter and is looking forward to our continued support.

This fall's Scouting For Food was also hugely successful. The Sully Chapter manned the Scouting for Food drop-off point on Saturday, November 10 (8am - 5pm), where they unloaded and sorted goods

collected by local troops and packs for the Chantilly Western Fairfax Christian Ministries Food Pantry. This year's drive was so successful, at a time when the pantry was at its barest, and resulted in an overflow of goods, so much that an additional separate storage location was needed.

This finishes up many to qualify for the final year of the Leadership in Service Award. Sully Chapter aims for continued Cheerful Service as exemplified in the following passage:

*They who first themselves had offered,
For the service of their Brethren,
To the places most respected
By the chieftain were promoted:
For, said he, who serves his fellows
Is, of all his fellows, greatest!*

David & Andrew Lynch
Community Service Committee Co-Chair

Black Hill Chapter

The Black Hill chapter has been busy this fall with the usual events and activities. We had several Arrowmen come out and help with the first popcorn distribution for Montgomery county. It sure felt like we moved thousands of boxes of popcorn by the time we finished! We're looking forward to helping with the second distribution on December 1. After popcorn distribution, the chapter was preparing for the joint Forest Oak/Black Hill Fall Ordeal. Even though it was a small Ordeal for us with only 5 new Ordeal members and 4 members converting to Brotherhood, it was still a great weekend. There was a lot of good work done by members and candidates alike to help out the Potomac Izaak Walton League. The next weekend, the chapter helped out with the Scouting for Food collection at the Germantown Safeway. We unloaded and sorted almost 10,000 pounds of food that went to the Capital Area Food Bank and the Germantown Manna Food Bank. All total, the district collected almost 15,000 pounds of food during the drive. Finally, since the Cub Scout theme for November was Native America, Marshall Betz - one of the long time ceremonialists for Black Hill - performed as Allowat Sakima for Pack 76 and told a couple of outstanding stories to the pack. The event went great

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and the Pack was very impressed with the stories and the help the OA could bring to their Pack meeting.

Crossroads Chapter

From the last article, we left off with the Ordeal coming up. Well on that Ordeal, we inducted 8 new members, and converted 4 Arrowmen to brotherhood. It was a successful weekend with great weather and had a lot of work done. From my standpoint, it was a very successful ordeal, being the first Maryland Central Area Ordeal. Our Area Chief, Justin Sayre designed and gave us very wonderful patches to commemorate the event. The patch had each chapter written around a central circle that had the area's motto "a tradition of Excellence" written on it.

Then we had the camporee. We helped with parking, and more importantly, we converted 2 more brotherhood candidates. So that made the weekend a great success. I would have liked to have had a better turnout, but oh well, sometimes you got to take what you get. Then after that, we had the buddy hike. There was an AMAZING turnout. When I got there at about 2:00, there were easily 150 Cub and Boy Scouts there. They headed out to go on a 4.5 mile hike around Lake Frank. When they left, we made Hot Chocolate for them when they came back. We had a few arrowmen go on the hike, and they came back in 2 groups. The second group came about a half an hour to an hour later than the first group. But hey it was a great turnout anyway. While we were waiting for the second group to get back, Mr. Spahn turned the radio on to listen to the game of the week: Washington @ Dallas. The Redskins had just scored a touchdown when the rest of the hikers came back, and we were right back to work, ladling hot chocolate into foam cups and handing them to the tired and probably cold hikers. We almost used up 30 quarts of hot chocolate, which the hikers were probably very thankful for. So overall the Buddy Hike was a great success.

Next on the calendar, the Christmas Party! I am about to start planning this, so be on the lookout for info on the event. If you want to help, just give me a call. Hope you all have a great holiday season!!

Contact information. The clan assignments are as follows:

- North Clan: Troops 89, 264, 433, 759, and 1323, Brendan Allison Ph: 301 260 7950
- Central Clan: Troops 457, 492, 1492, and 781, Pat Dillon Ph: 301 924 3675
- South Clan: Troops 220, 763, 757, and 1071, Jim Coffman Ph: 301 460 9390

My phone number is 301-929-8047, and if you need anything, feel free to call me or preferably your clan chief.

Ryan Rankin Chapter Chief Crossroads.

Old Dominion Chapter

Our Fall Ordeal at Camp William B. Snyder was an unqualified success. What started out on Friday with heavy rain cleared up to be a great weekend. Twenty Ordeal Candidates, supported by dedicated 20 Staff and OA members, successfully completed their induction "without flinching." The greatest take-away of the weekend was that all enjoyed a rewarding experience of service, fellowship and fun.

Twenty-two Arrowmen (16 Youth and 6 Adults accounting for over 100 service hours) answered the call to provide cheerful service supporting the Scouting For Food campaign. Starting with the first delivery just after 9:00 AM our combined team proceeded to receive, weigh-in, sort and store over 10.5 tons of food collected by 25 units in the greater Springfield area.

Colonial Chapter

Colonial Chapter is holding its second annual Winter Fellowship on January 26-27 at the Fort Belvoir Scout Hut. It will be a weekend filled with fun, games, and fellowship, planned and run by the Colonial Chapter Executive Committee. In addition to fun activities, a brotherhood discussion, walk, and ceremony will be held for all eligible Arrowmen. This is being marketed as a Conversion opportunity for LDS Arrowmen who have to miss late Saturday night ceremonies. On Saturday evening, a Dutch oven feast is being prepared by the Chapter's adults. Colonial Chapter hopes these two years of fellowships establish a lasting tradition within the Colonial Chapter

Ben Geier

ODDS AND ENDS

Chapters should identify their **Vigil Nomination Chairman and Adviser** immediately and provide their names and contact information to The Vigil Selection Adviser, Ken Davis. The Area Advisers, in consultation with their Chapter Advisers should also begin to identify at least one or two possible candidates for the Lodge Vigil Selection Committee. The Chairman of the Lodge Vigil Selection Committee will be announced by the Lodge Chief at the December 11th meeting.

The **2008 Section Conclave** will be here sooner than you think. The dates for the “Broad Creek Shootout” are May 16–18, 2008. We need to maximize our lodge’s participation at the 2008 conclave. Space will be limited, so begin to promote the event to your members now. A registration form will be available soon on the Lodge Web Page.

Amangamek-Wipit will be the **service lodge for the 2009 conclave** (May 15–17, 2009). Lodge Chief, Jeff Morrow, is looking for interested Arrowmen to take on leadership roles for the 2009 conclave. Please have any interested youth contact Jeff about their interest in being a part of the leadership team for the event (wipit.chief@gmail.com).

Former Old Dominion Chapter Adviser Randy Mayer has agreed to become the **Virginia Central Adviser**. Congratulations to Randy

ARROWCORPS5



ArrowCorps5 is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Arrowmen to participate in the largest service project in the history of the OA. The Lodge will be providing support for the George Washington & Thomas Jefferson Forest Project (June 21st – 28, 2008) that will be based at Goshen Scout Reservation. We will need to provide commissioner and trading post staff for camps Olmstead, PMI and Ross. We are looking for at least five commissioners and three trading post staff per camp for a total of twenty-one volunteers. Interested lodge members should contact Lodge Adviser, Perry Ives, (pnivescpm@juno.com) if they are interested in being part of the lodge support staff. Lodge members who want to be a participant at any of the five projects around the country should submit their interest on the special Amangamek-Wipit Participation Registration Form immediately (the form will be posted on the Lodge Web Page). Additional information about ArrowCorps5 can be found at: <http://event.oa-bsa.org/>.

