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The Drumbeat is the official newsletter of Blue Heron Lodge. It is mailed on an approximately quarterly basis to members of the Lodge whose dues are paid. The Drumbeat is also available on the Lodge website @ <http://www.tidewaterbsa.com/blueheron>

A Message from Your Blue Heron Lodge Chief

My Brothers,

We have started this year in a great manner and I hope we continue in the same way. This spring we will be hosting the SR-7A Conclave the weekend of April 27-29. There are still opportunities to work on the staff or be on the delegation, feel free to contact me and I will put you in touch with the necessary persons. I look forward to a continuing year of great successes.

WWW,

Jerry Kane

Ordeal Members – Are you ready to Continue your Journey?

Now that you have been an ordeal member for 10 months and have continued to provide service and leadership to your troop, you should consider completing your induction into the OA. You can do this by pledging to support the work of our great Order by becoming a brotherhood member of the Lodge at the March Ordeal. All you need to do is have 10 months service in your troop as an Ordeal member, be familiar enough with the Obligation and song to recite them in a group setting, know the admonition, and have some basic knowledge of the ordeal ceremony and its principle characters. Even if you are somewhat hesitant, take the opportunity to join us on the Brotherhood hike on Saturday afternoon at the March Ordeal. This is your opportunity to make a difference by increasing your knowledge, service and leadership in the lodge.

Cost is \$15 for the sash. You can prepay on the lodge event registration form. Bring a pen or pencil, a pocket knife, class A uniform, your ordeal sash and a walking stick that you are not attached to.

Don't miss this chance to continue on your journey as you seek the true meaning of cheerful service. See you on the Brotherhood hike.

The Adviser's Minute

The winter is the busiest time of the year for the Lodge with several endeavors running concurrently. Freez-o-ree is successfully behind us, but now we are working on unit elections, the March ordeal, the Conclave, and camping promotions. We really need every Arrowman involved and taking a major part in making all these efforts succeed. This requires a lot of energy and time. If we can spread this time out among many active members, then our collective energy will be high and our success will be noteworthy. The key is to get everyone involved at the Chapter level, on committees, and at the events.

Camping promotion is vital to the Council in that it plays a direct part in the chain of events from the numbers of Cubs to the number of Scouts to the number of registered Scouters to the amount of money received by the Council to the numbers at Pipsico summer camp. Scout participation at Pack Blue and Gold dinners, at Arrow of Light ceremonies, and at Bridging Over ceremonies has a major impact on the number of Cubs actually continuing into Boy Scouts. It also greatly influences the number of these new scouts that go to summer camp. It is well documented that if a new scout goes to summer camp, he will continue in scouting for 3 years. So our part in camping promotions is critical.

The Lodge Chief has made camping promotions a primary goal. He wishes to focus on Cubs and more particularly on Weblos. This is not meant to be a side issue assigned to a chairman or a small committee. It requires all members to participate. Talk to the Cub Pack that is near you and ask if your troop or the OA can assist them. Be enthusiastic and talk about your fun times at camp. Wear some Indian regalia if you can. Encourage them to join a scout troop and to attend Pipsico. You can make a very big difference.

George Coker

Powhatan Chapter Chief Honored

Eagle Scout Calvin Whealton has earned first place in a Virginia statewide competition sponsored by The Sons of The American Revolution. Requirements included earning Law, Genealogy, and American Heritage merit badges. They considered his involvement in scouting, religion, and community activities. He was also required to submit an essay on an aspect of the Revolutionary war.

Calvin was recognized for his achievement in Richmond, VA. On the 17th of February 2007 .

Good job Calvin the lodge and I **congratulate** you on your great achievement.

John Matroni

Powhatan Chapter Adviser

2007 Lodge Calendar

The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meets each Month on the 4th Wednesday of the month. The meeting is at the Council Service Center and begins at 7:30 PM.

March 23-25	March Ordeal
March 28	LEC
April 25	LEC
April 27-30	Conclave
May 19	Beaver Day
May 23	LEC
June 27	LEC
August 17-19	August Ordeal
October 26-28	Fall Fellowship
December 8	Holiday Banquet



CONCLAVE 2007

Hosted by Blue Heron Lodge 349
April 27-29, 2007

Pipsico Scout Reservation

Registration & Preorder Form

for Blue Heron members and Blue Heron Pre-orders



DEADLINES: Preorders: Mar. 27
Forms must be in Registration (no late fee): Mar. 27
the Service Center Registration Cutoff: April 6
by this date

Mail to: Tidewater Council BSA
1032 Heatherwood Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Complete ALL information. Please print or type:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____ Lodge: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Honor (circle one): O B V

Cell Phone No.: _____ Unit: _____ Email: _____

Number of Conclaves Previously Attended: _____ Will attend Vigil Breakfast (Circle one): Yes No

Name (as you wish it to appear on your nametag): _____

FEES Conclave Registration Fee (if paid by March 27, 2007) **\$30.00**
Late Fee (if you register after March 27) additional \$15 \$
No registrations accepted after April 6, 2007. NO WALK-ONS.

PREORDER ITEMS (Preorder deadline is March 27, 2007)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
Blue Heron Delegate Flap Patch (limit 6)	_____	@ \$3.00 ea.	\$ _____
Blue Heron Host Flap Patch (limit 6)	_____	@ \$3.00 ea.	\$ _____
Conclave T-shirt (circle: S M L XL)	_____	@ \$10.00 ea.	\$ _____
Conclave T-shirt (circle: XXL XXXL)	_____	@ \$12.00 ea.	\$ _____

PREORDER TOTAL: \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make checks to "Tidewater Council, BSA" In memo line "Cam # 900098"

SPECIAL NEEDS: Any Arrowman that will require special needs at Conclave (i.e. Diet, Accommodations, Routine Medication, Transportation, etc), please check box at left and explain on back.

Class I/II/III Personal Health and Medical Form must be attached or submitted prior to Conclave.

I plan to be part of the Blue Heron **Delegation.**

I would like to work on the Conclave **Staff** of the Blue Heron Lodge.

Jokes

Two kids are camping in the mountains
when all of the sudden a bear jumps out at them.
One kid starts lacing up his sneakers,
"What are you doing?!" he says.
"You can't outrun that bear!" "You're right,"
he says, "I only have to outrun you."

Nick Brilvitch



**Remember you can add jokes by e-mailing
them to gr8legobldr@yahoo.com or by
giving them to Crandall, Drumbeat
chairman.**

**THIS IS NEW AND I'M ADDING IT TO
ENLARGE THE AMOUNT OF
READERS AND TO MAKE IT MORE
ENJOYABLE**

**REMEMBER TO JOIN
CONCLAVE STAFF
IMMEDIATELY**

Membership Cards

If you paid your 2007 dues prior to February 14,
2007, your membership card should be included in
this Drumbeat.

If there is no membership card, please get your dues
paid pronto.

BLUE HERON LODGE # 349 2007 EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

(FOR DUES PAID MEMBERS ONLY)

***** PLEASE PRINT *****

NAME					UNIT #	
ADDRESS					[] YOUTH [] ADULT	
CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE					[] MALE [] FEMALE	
PHONE ()		E-MAIL			DATE OF BIRTH	
CHAPTER: [] ALBEMARLE [] CAPE HENRY [] CHOWANOC [] ELIZABETH RIVER [] KEMPSVILLE [] MERRIMAC [] POWHATAN						
DATE OF HONOR, IF KNOWN (MONTH/DAY/YEAR)		ORDEAL		BROTHERHOOD		VIGIL
MEDICAL, PHYSICAL, OR DIET RESTRICTIONS: (SEE GUIDE FOR SAFE SCOUTING FOR REQUIREMENT.)						
CLASS I/II/III PERSONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL SUMMARY IS: ATTACHED [], OR FILED W/LODGE [] (ALL MEDICATIONS BROUGHT TO AN EVENT MUST BE IN ORIGINAL CONTAINERS OR WITH DUPLICATE LABELS.)						
EVENT	DATES (2007)	CAM#	COST	LAST DAY WITHOUT LATE FEE	AMOUNT IF PAID AFTER EARLY BIRD DATE	AMOUNT PAID
ORDEAL #1	MARCH 23-25	900090	\$12.00	SATURDAY, MARCH 17	\$ 15.00	\$
ORDEAL #2	AUGUST 17-19	900100	\$12.00	SATURDAY, AUGUST 11	\$ 15.00	\$
FELLOWSHIP	OCTOBER 26-28	900097	\$16.00	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20	\$ 20.00	\$
BANQUET	DECEMBER 8	900101	\$12.00	MONDAY, DECEMBER 3	\$ 15.00	\$
BROTHERHOOD FEE (PAID WHEN SEEKING BROTHERHOOD HONOR)		900089	\$15.00	N/A	\$15.00	\$
					TOTAL INCLUDED	\$

FOR YOUTH MEMBERS ONLY: MY SON HAS PERMISSION TO ATTEND THE EVENTS MARKED ABOVE. I AM AWARE AND APPROVE OF HIS TRANSPORTATION AND CAMPING ARRANGEMENTS. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CONTACT _____ AT _____
() _____

NAME

RELATION

TELEPHONE NUMBER

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

NOTE: LATE FEE DEADLINES WILL BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED BY COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER PERSONNEL. THEY CANNOT GIVE EXCEPTIONS, SO PLEASE DON'T ASK. ALL OTHER QUESTIONS SHOULD GO TO THE EVENT CHAIRMAN OR ADVISER. GET MORE INFO AT YOUR CHAPTER MEETING OR SEE THE LODGE WEB PAGE <http://www.tidewaterbsa.com/blueheron> OR THE DRUMBEAT FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE EVENT AND CONTACTS.

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "TIDEWATER COUNCIL, BSA". SEND PAYMENT AND THIS FORM TO:

TIDEWATER COUNCIL, BSA
1032 HEATHERWOOD DRIVE
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23455

The Ordeal is Coming

We hope to have over 100 candidates at the march Ordeal.

We would like to see over 150 members there to participate in the induction and the service day. The Lodge will be setting up the sites for summer camp and making preparations for the Conclave. Fill out the events form to register for the March 23-25 Ordeal.

Date and Location of Chapter meetings

Albemarle: Pasquotank Village (Elizabeth City) 1st Tuesday 7:00 at Pasquotank Ruritan Club.
Roanoke Village (Kill Devil Hills) 2nd Tuesday 7:00 at American Legion Building.

Cape Henry: 1st Tuesday 7:30 at Holy Family Church on Great Neck Road

Chowanoc: 2nd Tuesday 7:30 at Salem Middle School on Lynnhaven Parkway.

Elizabeth River: 1st Thursday 7:30 at Great Bridge UMC on Stadium Drive.

Kempsville: 1st Tuesday 7:00 at St. Andrews UMC on Princess Anne Road

Merrimac: 1st Monday 7:30 at St. Andrews UMC on Portsmouth Blvd.

Powhatan: 1st Wednesday 7:30 at Wesley Memorial UMC on East Little Creek Road.

Chapter Reports

Brothers,

I invite you to attend our Cape Henry Chapter meetings that are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Church of the Holy Family at the intersection of First Colonial Road and Great Neck Road. This year, we plan to increase our Chapter meetings by 100% - so, we need to pass the word to be at our scheduled meetings. We are recruiting for providing staff workers from the Chapter for the Conclave in April. Not to forget - we will be announcing a Chapter Service Project for 2007. Lastly, we want to improve communications among the chapter arrowmen.

Our chapter officers are: Tyler Austria, VC of Admin; Logan Russo, VC of Program; Matt Rennie, VC for Inductions and Sean McGill, Secretary.

Ian Gibson

Cape Henry Chapter Chief

Brothers,

I invite you to attend our Powhatan Chapter meetings, which are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church's Scout hall at 288 East Little Creek Road. The hall is located under the I-64 bypass.

The Powhatan Chapter planning meetings are held on alternating third Wednesdays of the month. The next one will be in March. They are at the same place and time as the normal chapter meetings and offer Arrowmen a chance to voice their opinions, help with chapter administration, and plan upcoming events and meetings.

Powhatan Chapter has established the following themes for its upcoming meetings: March, forestry; April, leadership; May, cooking; June, backpacking; August, water games; September, athletics; October, nominations for chapter offices; November, chapter elections; and December, chapter banquet. All meetings are planned so that Arrowmen can bring an activity back to their Troop. Food, fellowship, and updates on lodge activities are included at each meeting.

It was decided that Powhatan Chapter is going to give out awards to Arrowmen who complete the following requirements: attend 6 meetings, be a team member at 2 unit elections, give 1 camping promotion, attend 1 chapter community service project, and attend 1 ordeal or workday at camp. The Award that will be presented is a large plaster cast of an Indian chief's head.

The 2007 Powhatan Chapter officers are: Jon Sciance, Vice Chief of Administration; Kevin Beggs, Vice Chief of Program; Joe Kippenhan, Vice Chief of Inductions; and Devon Phenuief, Secretary.

Calvin Whealton

Powhatan Chapter Chief