# **Duck Calls**



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# **Chiefly Speaking: From the Lodge Chief**

It has been a terrific year for Wahunsenakah!

Since May of last year, we have reestablished our communication and our website. We are now selling items in the Trading Post. We had one of the best Conclave attendance other than when we hosted it two years ago. Our unit election numbers are improving. We are having more candidates go through their Ordeal since 2012. We have a true budget and a monthly update on the money of the lodge. The engraving team is back and running again. Participation in the LEC meetings and service weekends is improving. And, most of all, we have done more community service than ever before.

We couldn't have done this without all of our brothers in the Lodge. This Lodge doesn't succeed with me, or the LEC, or the next upcoming LEC. It comes from all of our brothers. Only the Lodge as a whole can either make this a very successful lodge or crash and burn. This is a very strong lodge and I believe many good things will happen in the upcoming years.

With that being said, it has been an honor serving as the 2016-2017 Lodge Chief and I couldn't thank all of you enough for all the hard work we as a lodge put together this past year. But we must continue what we have been doing and keep adding new and creative ways to better Wahunsenakah.

- Josh Clow, Wahunsenakah Lodge Chief 2016-2017

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*.



### "Duck Duck Mighty Duck!" Resounds at the SR-7A Conclave!

Just a few weeks ago, brothers from across the state – or rather Section SR-7A – converged upon Pipsico Scout Reservation from April 28-30 to "Fuel the Reaction" and to celebrate the Section's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Friday night, organized chaos was brought about by the dearth of one member of this year's Wide Game trading card set – the fabled 2013 card. Each card represented a year Section SR-7A, of which Wahunsenakah Lodge is a member of, held a Conclave – an annual gathering of Lodges. One scout who held a full set of this saught-after card completed the game within a minute of a crowd of arrowmen rushing to trade with him.

The next day was even more of a cooperative adventure. Many arrowmen attended training sessions, taught by the best trainers across the Lodges and even the Regional and National chiefs themselves — who remained present throughout the Conclave. At the same time, arrowmen completed the service project — the Potato Drop — so fast that it was done within two hours! The EXPO, featuring beekeepers, law enforcement, free giveaways, and even blacksmithing was a real blast! No really — ask a friend who went there and he'll tell you!

Resident DJ "Shaggy" returned this year to run FireFest, the Saturday night show featuring intense competition amongst the Lodge Chiefs, including Josh himself, in Minute to Win It challenges. After the show, a live concert from his band Kaboombox was held outside of the dining hall.

Wahunsenakah Lodge sends its congratulations to Returning Section Chief Anthony Peluso, Section Vice Chief Seth Greiling, and Section Secretary Gabriel Plichta for seizing their positions at Conclave! We also congratulate Tutelo Lodge

161 for winning the Quest for the Golden Arrow, the sports and skills competition held throughout Conclave, Shenandoah Lodge for winning the Spirit Award with the theme "Nintendo", and Tutelo again for winning Lodge of the Year. Rest assured that Wahunsenakah will earn all these awards next year at the 2018 Conclave: "Elevate"!

- Evan Crain, Lodge Secretary and Communications Chairman





Name	Officer	<b>Email</b> ▼	
<b>Executive Committee</b>			
Lodge Chief	OPEN	OPEN	Vote for your candidates for
1st Vice Chief	OPEN	OPEN	these positions after Saturday
2nd Vice Chief of Admin	OPEN	OPEN	dinner! If you're reading this
2nd Vice Chief of Program	OPEN	OPEN	early enough, talk to an LEC
Secretary	OPEN	OPEN	member about whether or
Treasurer	OPEN	OPEN	not its too late to run.
Chapter Chiefs			
Kecoughtan	OPEN	OPEN	
Nansemond	OPEN	OPEN	For these positions, run for
Nottoway	OPEN	OPEN	Chapter Office during your
Piankatank	OPEN	OPEN	Chapter Meeting!
Wicomico	OPEN	OPEN	
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Council Support	OPEN	OPEN	
Engraving	OPEN	OPEN	For these positions, talk to an
Elangomat	Colin Hall	creatorcollin@gmail.com	LEC member (old or newly
Health and Safety	OPEN	OPEN	elected) about it!
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Training	Forrest South	fsout002@odu.edu	
Unit Elections	OPEN	OPEN	

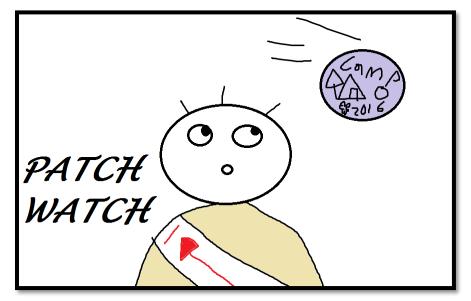
## **EXCLUSIVE: 2017 Pre-Election Lodge Elections Coverage**

Throughout the past few months we have been asking who you would like to see become the next Lodge Chief, one of three Vice Chiefs, Secretary, and Treasurer of Wahunsenakah Lodge through the 2017-2018 year. On Saturday Night, the 20<sup>th</sup>, you will vote for the best candidate. Nominated so far are the following:

For Lodge Chief, Daniel Gnieski and Noah South. For First Vice Chief, Henry Harris. For Secretary, Evan Crain. For Treasurer, Will Newton.

Throughout the weekend, some of your brothers may have amassed a petition with 25 signatures given to the LEC before the deadline and are also in the bidding for these positions. I can't predict the future though, so I don't know who.

### Patch Watch: Pre-order the 2017 Jambo Patch!



Be quick! This weekend is the LAST weekend to pre-order the 2017 National Jamboree patch from the OA Trading Post!

Head over there now to pre-order one for only \$5 (plus \$5 shipping, if selected). Details at the OA Trading Post.

- Evan Crain, Lodge Secretary and Communications Chairman

### The Year Ahead

Lodge Officer Training at Pipsico SR	June 9 – June 11, 2017	
Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	June 11, 2017 at 9:00am	
Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	August 13, 2017 at 5:00pm	
Another one ^	September 10, 2017 at 5:00pm	
Summer Service Weekend at Camp Idlewyld (TBD)	September 15-17, 2017	

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

### **Duck Calls Message Board**

**Communications Committee:** We're always looking for new content and to hear from you! Submit articles, pictures, and graphics for this newsletter to <a href="mailto:evan.c.crain@gmail.com">evan.c.crain@gmail.com</a> for it to be published in the next one! We're also looking for chapter chairmen from the Nottoway, Nansemond, and Piankatank Chapters; If you like all the cool stuff Communications has been doing, email me using the address above to join the team.

**Kecoughtan Chapter:** Kecoughtan Chapter planned and directed the Winter Banquet this past December. As a reward for their hard work and dedication, our Chapter leadership planned a fun activity that allowed all of the Arrowmen of Kecoughtan to have a great time in a work free environment! We put together a portion of our chapter funds and planned a day at the trampoline park Rebounderz! The boys spent time jumping on trampolines, playing arcade games, and eating pizza all free of cost to them. We like to make sure our boys know they are appreciated and that everyone deserves a thanks!

**Ceremonies Committee:** If you want to be part of the ceremonies team and have lots of fun planning and executing our lodge ceremonies, then come talk to Gary Cassell or Alex King. We would love to get more people because many of our guys are older and going off to college.

Submit your Chapter or Committee's message to the Communications Committee before Wednesday, September 13, to be in the next newsletter!