

# ***Duck Calls***

## **Wahunsenakah Lodge 333**

### **March 2024 Issue**



#### **Special Announcements From the Communications Committee**

Brothers,

Here is the March 2024 Issue of the Duck Calls. This is only the second issue since bringing it back and the team and I have worked super hard to share this with you all. We hope you like it and if you want your information in the newsletter next time send us an email and we are happy to work with you!

Brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service,  
Emma Recupero  
Communications Youth Chairman



#### **Lodge Committee News**



#### **Trading Post**

**James Hunter; Joe Hutchins**

Winter Service Weekend went really well. We sold over \$900 worth of products. The new mugs that we were selling went over well. The 20 ounce handles sold better. The yellow mugs and the olive green sold the best. We are still looking for new ideas for items to sell, as well as looking for a place to buy webbed belts.

-Joe Hutchins

## History Committee

Robert Locke

Have you seen the Silver Arrow with the Deer Head Guard is the question seventy (70) plus years later from when the first nine (9) members of Chanco Lodge #483 sealed their membership in the Order of the Arrow becoming Brotherhood members. ----->

<----- Here is a newly acquired item.

Lodge Need List(s)  
483

<https://www.patchvault.org/users/rml01pv/collections/lodge-333-chanco-needs-list>

463

<https://www.patchvault.org/users/rml01pv/collections/lodge-333-kecoug-htan-needs-list>

333

<https://www.patchvault.org/users/rml01pv/collections/lodge-333-wahuns-enakah-333-needs-list>

History Budget:

Recovery: \$8,293.21

General: \$2,307.50

History Total: \$10,600.71



Caldwell #6 Stag Head  
Used by Lodge 17, 49 &  
Chanco 483



## Elangomat

Nick Dempsey; Jennifer McPeters

62 candidates completed their Ordeal at Winter Service, led by 11 Elangomats. Candidates completed service in preparation for Conclave such as laying mulch for a trail, cleaning ditches, raking leaves, and moving tables. 5 people completed their red sashes: David Cuthbertson, Hunter Cotton, William Falkenstein, William Goerger, and Dylan Stone. If you're interested in being an Elangomat, please email Nick at [dempseynick31@gmail.com](mailto:dempseynick31@gmail.com)!

Nick Dempsey



## **Nimat**

**Ryan Maddox; Bob Casey**

If interested in being a Nimat  
contact Ryan Maddox  
([ryan.russell.maddox@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.russell.maddox@gmail.com)).

## **Service**

**Michael O'Flynn; Mike O'Flynn & Ken  
Casey**



Brothers,

The Service team would like to thank everyone that assisted with the Winter Service weekend. A lot was accomplished to include working on the tent platforms in site 9, cleaning of all the ditches in Camp Lions all the way up to the cabins and creating a new trail from the trading post to showers in site 9. Thanks to all the Brotherhood members that assisted with setting up the white tent in preparation for CONCLAVE. After everyone that left a group stayed behind and cleaned the rafters inside the dining hall.

On another note, new rules have been put in place by Tidewater Council on vehicles inside of Camp Lions. If you have noticed that the gate will be closed and is controlled by remote. From here on out NO vehicles will be allowed inside of Camp Lions with the exception of the Camp Medic and necessary Service vehicles (these vehicles will also have to meet new requirements and rules). The lodge has gone to camp passes and will be issued by the Service team (Trading Post, Engraving trailer, and ceremonies vehicle when necessary) kitchen will be discussed later. You will no longer be able to drive to your campsite to drop off/pick up your gear. There are carts at the main parking lot for your use. The gate will remain closed. This will be enforced.

Also, by talking to Tidewater council they are allowing us to use the radios in the Burton building. These radios are regulated by the FCC (and they are listening to the radio traffic). This past service weekend was the first time that we have been able to use these. A training course will be made, and the users of these radios will have to complete the training for use. I will be administering the class the Friday night of each service weekend. We will be able to use these radios when they are available. Some service weekends we may not have access to the radios.





One last thing to go over is on cleanup by the chapters on Sundays. It is the responsibility of the Chapter Chief and Advisor that the area assigned is cleaned and in better shape than when we arrived. Each area will be checked by a service team member before releasing each Chapter. Several areas were not cleaned and left in a mess. More to come on a way to fix this. If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Thank you to everyone for the hard work done and many good comments were made by Blue Heron and Tidewater Council on the work completed.

Ken Casey

Service Advisor

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## Ceremonies

**Charlotte Goodwin & Logan Garwood; Matt Singletary & Kathy Watts**

The ceremonies team had a great time at the Winter Service Weekend. For the first time in almost two years, we had two script-less ceremonies. The requirements for the coveted black sash are currently under review, and will be published at a later date.

Next up for us is attending the Section Induction and Ceremonies Summit where we will learn how to conduct greater ceremonies and our ceremonies team will be evaluated so we can earn points for the Lodge of the Year Award.

If you are interested in learning more about the ceremonies committee please reach out to us.

Co-Ceremony Chairs:

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Logan Garwood

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### Co-Ceremony Advisers:

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Matt Singletary

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### **Registrar**

**Laura Nelson-Rodgers & Bobby Williams**



If you did not attend Winter Service Weekend and you are attending Conclave. Please drop off your A and B medical form to the Scout Office. Register for Conclave and Spring Service Weekend. When you attend events, please remember to sign-in and sign-out. The registrar team is looking for youth members, if you are interested contact Laura Nelson-Rodgers, [OALodge333@gmail.com](mailto:OALodge333@gmail.com).

Laura Nelson-Rodgers

### **Kitchen**

**Joey Pendleton; Andy Pendleton**

The kitchen had a great winter service weekend all thanks to the youth and adults who helped us out. We have a newly designed purple apron coming at spring service so be sure to look out for that. There has also been a change to the Friday night dining schedule which will now include a dinner from 6-8 instead of a Cracker Barrel. This dinner will be for all new candidates and brothers as a way to make these new candidates feel more welcome to our lodge. For any further questions or comments please feel free to contact Joey Pendleton or Andy Pendleton.



### **Vigil Selection**

**Aidan Wells; Dave Turner**

The date for the Vigil selection and Founders Award will be Saturday August 10th at St. Stephens Episcopal Church on Hidden Blvd. This is the same location as our monthly LEC.

Dave Turner



## Upcoming Events



### Lodge Events

- April LEC: April 14 @ 5pm
- Spring Service Weekend: May 10-12
- June LEC: June 9 @ 5pm
- July LEC: July 14 @ 5pm
- Vigil Selection: August 10
- August LEC: August 11 @ 5pm
- Summer Service Weekend: September 20-22
- Fall Fellowship: October 18-20
- November LEC: November 10 @ 5pm
- Winter Banquet: December 14

### Section Events

- E9 Conclave: April 26-28, 2024 @ 5pm-10am

### National Events

- NOAC 2024: July 29-August 3 @ University of Colorado Boulder



## Lodge Chief Minute



Good Morning Wahunsenakah!! We had an amazing start to the year with a weekend full of service, fun, and fellowship! I am so proud of us and excited for the upcoming year. We had an outstanding Winter Service Weekend, with 216 arrowmen out there having fun, giving back to the camp, and finding new motivation to bring back to their units. If you have any feedback or thoughts about our past Service Weekend or other events, please email me, I want to hear your opinions.

Looking forward, we are less than 30 days away from CONCLAVE, and I am so excited to all of you out there; but

remember, the late fee begins April 1st so don't pay more, pay now! I want as many arrowmen as possible to be able to experience this event so please, tell your unit mates, your friends, your family, your cat, I want to show everyone the greatness of our lodge and of our organization. We are currently 76% toward our goal, so we are almost there! We need to finish strong and bring as many people as we can to CONCLAVE!!! And who knows, if we reach our goal, Ruger might just shave his beard. As a reminder our theme is Vikings so bring your spirit wear, show up and show out, I can't wait to charge in on our long boats to this year's CONCLAVE, at Pipsico Scout Reservation, so remember to sign up!

I am so excited to see our newsletter back and running, it was always something I looked forward to reading when I was a new ordeal member. If you want to help bring the duck calls together and bring it into the future, please reach out to the communications committee. We are always in need of more help so if you are interested in serving the lodge, growing your communication and leadership skills, or if you just want to help please reach out to me, any of my officers, or the committee chairs. I am proud of what we have accomplished over the past year and I cannot wait to see the lodge continue to grow and change as we blaze new trails.

WWW,

Joshua Cox

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Wahunsenakah Lodge Chief



## **Lodge Advisor Minute**



Brothers,

We are off to an incredible start to 2024! Bravo Zulu to all the committee chairs, advisors and team members who prepared for and ran an excellent Winter Service Weekend. Despite a little wet weather on Saturday, everyone accomplished substantial work to prepare Pipsico and Blue Heron Lodge for Conclave 2024 the weekend of 26-28 April 2024. Speaking of CONCLAVE (...CONCLAVE...), we are at approximately 72% of our goal as I write this note. This means we need at least 61 more members to sign up. If you have not already done so, please sign up at [2024 E9 Conclave Registration](#) under Wahunsenakah Lodge #333. If you have not seen Section Chief (and

Wahunsenakah's Past-Lodge Chief) Ruger Jennings announcement that he will shave his beard on the stage at Conclave if the Section meets the 900-person registration goal, you can see it at: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1144594536534198>. Ruger



shaving his beard will be worth the price of admission - let's help him achieve this goal. We are looking forward to a great Spring Service Weekend 10-12 May at Pipsico. Please sign up and welcome the next round of Ordeal candidates and new Brotherhood members. We will also be wrapping up some service projects that will help Pipsico transition from the Conclave experience and prepare Pipsico for their Summer Camp season. To preview coming attractions, Kitchen Crew will be serving Friday night dinner for all participants including new Ordeal candidates. Dinner hours are 6-8pm with the serving line closing at 7:30pm.

Lodge Officer elections will be held on Saturday afternoon during the Spring Service Weekend. If you are interested in running, or want to nominate a member to serve, send the name and position to Chief Joshua Cox and me (Jeff Westling) no later than when we depart camp from Conclave on Sunday, 28 April. Josh and I will be accepting nominations at Conclave as well. Members who want to run for office after that date, will need to have a petition with 25 voting members' signatures (under the age of 21) prior to the election on Saturday, 11 May. All positions are open: Lodge Chief, 1 st Vice Chief, 2 nd Vice Chief of Administration, 2 nd Vice Chief of Programs, Secretary and Treasurer.

We also need your support in identifying and nominating our Lodge's Vigil Honor candidates for the Vigil Class of 2024. All members who have more than 2-years as a Brotherhood member as of 10 August 2024 are eligible for consideration. If you believe any youth (under 21) or adults (21 and over) are worthy of this highest honor that the youth members can bestow on our fellow Arrowmen, please consider submitting a Vigil nomination form to Mr. Dave Turner and Mr. Russell Morris as soon as possible. The Vigil Nomination form can be found at: General Forms <http://wahunsenakah.org>.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all our currently serving Lodge and Chapter Officers, Committee Chairs, Committee members, and advisers for all your ongoing efforts to keep our Lodge and Chapters running on all cylinders. If you have not already done so, please join me in extending a warm welcome to Brian Rabidou, our Lodge Staff Adviser who joined Lodge Key 3



in January. We are less than three months into this current year, and we are already making great progress towards our LEC's goals this year. It is an honor and pleasure to serve our Scouting program with you.

Duck, Duck, MIGHT DUCK!

WWW,

Jeff Westling

Lodge Adviser, Wahunsenakah Lodge #333



## Section Chief Announcement



Hello, Arrowmen of Wahunsenakah Lodge,

I want to invite you to sign up for the 2024 Section E9 Conclave at Pipsico Scout Reservation and be a part of the great Wahunsenakah Lodge Contingent. Conclave is the premier OA in Virginia, where over 900 Arrowmen will be coming together for a weekend of fun and fellowship. Conclave is a weekend packed full of programs including but not limited to an expo, training, shows, inter-lodge competitions and so much more. After I had gone through my Ordeal back in March 2019, I attended Conclave at T Brady Saunders as a member of the Wahunsenakah contingent. That weekend made me fall in love with the OA because of how much of an amazing time I had at Conclave, my favorite part of Conclave that year was the patch trading and the shows. I know that this year's Conclave will be one to remember and that it will be an absolute blast. I cannot wait to see all of you out at Conclave from April 26-28 at Pipsico Scout Reservation.

Yours in Service,

Ruger Jennings

Section E9 Chief



## Committee Openings



- Communications: Youth needed
- Chapel: Youth Needed
- American Indians Activities: Youth Needed
- Ceremonies: Youth Needed

- Registrar: Youth Needed
- Trading Post: Youth Needed