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Chip's Corner

By Nick Hill

Hey guys, it's been awhile. I've been pretty busy lately; you know raiding garbage cans and the like. Back in March, I went to the fellowship over at Resolute. It was a wild time you could say: we were gonna ride tanks, but Uncle Ben was a big fat liar. We still got to see a sweet Hum-V and the nice Marines

showed us quite the array of weapons. I was trying to coerce them into executing an organized hit on Uncle Ben, but the Marines politely replied, "No dice," and that was the end of that idea.

After the fellowship, I moseyed on over back to my burrow, emerging every once in awhile to lighten

my coat and eat. I'm pretty excited for the upcoming ordeal. A whole new bunch of Arrowmen to join me in my final crusade against Uncle Ben. Let's just keep that on the DL, if you know what I mean. Well that's all for now. Until next time

~Chip

Officer Elections by Max Resnick

Spring Ordeal is here, and with that comes the officer elections. Last year, very few people ran for a spot on the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC). I was the only person who ran for the Vice Chief of Viking District. That is good, yet bad. The good thing is that I won, but the bad thing is that it shows how many people from Viking District in the lodge really care about what is happening in the lodge. And being on

the LEC is not bad; Arrowmen should want to be on it. Being on the LEC might not count as a leadership position for Eagle, but it is more fun than any of the troop leadership positions. It requires work and responsibility, but it also pays off in many ways. One of the benefits is that the LEC members get to make all the decisions regarding what happens in the lodge and at lodge events. If you don't like tanks, instead of going to ride

them during the fellowship you could choose to go to that one place you always wanted to go to with other Boy Scouts. I have had a lot of fun being the Vice Chief of Viking District and I have no regrets about running. Actually, I plan to run again. So I highly recommend running for a position on the LEC: Vice Chief, Secretary, Treasurer or Chief. I am hoping to see a bunch of people run for each position on the LEC this year.

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Chief's Corner by Ben Gemski

This year has been a learning experience for me. I can truly say that as Lodge Chief, I have made memories that will last a lifetime. It is a lot of hard work and long hours, but extremely worth it. From the annual banquet to the LLD it has been an amazing and fun-filled ride. My most memorable experience this year, apart from ceremonies, was the annual banquet. I was proud to stand up there and look at all of the Arrowmen in attendance with their parents who are able to juggle their busy

schedules and make it to lodge events. It was just great to see the amount of dedication on behalf of the Arrowmen and parents to provide fun and service to the Boy Scout program. Another memorable experience was being able to visit another lodge during their Ordeal. Andrew and I were invited down to visit Tulpe Lodge, which is part of the Annawon Council. It was great to see how another successful lodge runs things and what works for them and what doesn't. We were even invited to come back

later in the evening for a Vigil ceremony. Talking with the chief and his LEC made me prouder than ever, knowing that I was part of an organization so strong, and magnificent. I am sure that 2007 will be a grand and superior year for our lodge. As a last bit of advice to all of the youth of the lodge, I beseech you please become as active as you possibly can, I am glad that I became more active in my earlier years of service to the lodge.

"Pressure makes Diamonds"-
General George S. Patton

Trading Post by Cameron Piper

The trading post has some exciting things coming out soon. We have new Chippanyonk Lodge belt buckles that include a raccoon, (our lodge totem). Let's just say that they look amazing! We have a good amount of new

patches coming our way as well. Make sure to check out our Online Trading Post on chippanyonk.org. The Trading post is located on the home page of the site and has T-shirts, hats, mugs, stickers, and even wall clocks! Please feel free to contact me,

treasurer@chippanyonk.org, if you have any new suggestions for items in the trading post.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Cameron Piper



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Advisor's Corner

By Andrew Taft

I have written articles for "The Yonk" before.

When I was the Ceremonies Chairman, I used to write "Chip's Corner," which detailed the recent activities of everyone's favorite totem, Chip the raccoon. As Lodge Chief, I had to write an article for each edition of "The Yonk," which I appropriately titled "Chief's Corner." The difference between those articles and this article is that this time I am writing as the new Lodge Adviser. This is my chance to introduce myself as the lodge's top adult leader.

My career with Chippanyonk Lodge started in September of 2000 when I completed my Ordeal at Nobscot. From there I immediately joined the Ceremonies Team, which Nick Hill now refers to as the "C-Team." I played a part in every Ordeal ceremony, including two years as the Ceremonies Chairman, until I was elected Lodge Chief in 2003. I served in that capacity until 2004, and I was the Vigil Selection Committee Chairman while I was the Immediate Past Chief and into the end of my time as a youth member. Last year, I

became the Ceremonies Adviser, and I am now the Adviser to the lodge. This could be a difficult task. After all, our lodge has approximately 300 members, we run four weekend events, we are active at Camp Resolute during the summer, and we help out at various district and council events. Fortunately for me, we have a great youth leadership for this lodge. The LEC puts in a lot of work to ensure that we have great events, and I can't remember a better chief than Ben has been during this past year. His hard work and dedication are a great example for any up-and-coming youth leader in the lodge.

I'm very excited for this year, since we have some great new programs for the lodge. What I'm most excited about is the Dirty Sash Program happening at summer camp. Arrowmen will have the opportunity to do service on Wednesday afternoons during camp, and they'll get a cool T-shirt for participating. If an Arrowman comes over to Scoutcraft (which I am the director for again this year) after

participating in the Dirty Sash Program, I might have something special to give away. If you want to know what you can get, you'll have to participate in this great event.

Our big year-long promotion is the "Brotherhood 59" challenge. Our goal for Brotherhood conversions this year is 59, which would set a record for this lodge for one year. If we make that goal then the lodge will host a huge party that will be exclusive for Arrowmen. We can guarantee that the party will be one that will be remembered for a long time. If you know anyone who has been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months and still isn't Brotherhood, then get them to convert, so that we can all enjoy a huge party!

Not surprisingly, my first article as Lodge Adviser is long, and you can expect my future articles to be of a similar length. I can always find ways to fill my space. Thank you for your time, and I hope to see you at Summer Camp!



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