



Shenandoah Lodge 258

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serving the Stonewall Jackson Area Council
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2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Council Annual Business Meeting
November 19, 2009

Highlights of 2009

- Achieved Quality Lodge status for the year.
- 111 new Ordeal members inducted.
- 65 arrowmen sealed their membership by earning Brotherhood.
- 6 new Vigil members recognized.
- \$1,500 contributed to the Friends of Scouting campaign.
- \$1,000 contributed to the council Endowment Fund.
- 2,513 man-hours of service to Camp Shenandoah. At \$7.25 per hour this equals a contribution of \$18,219.30 to the SJAC.
- 332 man-hours contributed to community service projects.
- Over 60% (28 of 46) of staffers at Camp Shenandoah were OA members.
- 100% of troops in SJAC received a CP/UE visit.
- 27 delegates and 2 staffers attended NOAC.

The Mission of the Order of the Arrow: The mission of the Order of the Arrow is to fulfill its purpose as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

Shenandoah Lodge of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council 763 has had a successful and productive year during 2009. The lodge aims to continue to provide Leadership, Service, and Financial Support to the Stonewall Jackson Area Council during 2010. The lodge's accomplishments over the past twelve months include:

- The 2009 Winter Banquet kicked off a new year for Shenandoah Lodge. Held at Pano's Restaurant in Harrisonburg on January 3, a total of 111 Arrowmen, friends, and family met to celebrate the previous year's accomplishments. A dinner buffet was followed by a program which featured many past Shenandoah Lodge Chiefs paying tribute to the many years of service as Lodge Adviser of Mike White. Lodge Chief Pete Echols was presented James E. West Fellowship recognition items by Supreme Chief of the Fire Don Ellis for the lodge's support of the council endowment fund. Zach Hunsberger was presented the Founder's Award, the highest award that the lodge can bestow. The hosting chapter, Monocan, under the direction of Chapter Chief Louis Penrod and Chapter Adviser R.C. Hartman did an excellent job and set the bar high for future Banquets.

On March 13-15, the lodge held its “Spring Fellowship”. This year, however, the Lodge went to the George Washington National Forest near Covington to do additional trail work that was unable to be completed by the ArrowCorps⁵ National Service project. Approximately 35 Arrowmen attended the weekend and several hundred feet of trail was completed despite the extremely wet weather. Additionally, the Lodge carried a memorable Brotherhood ceremony to a bowl-like natural amphitheater area complete with the mystique of fog and mist to add to the scene.

The weekend of April 24-26, Shenandoah Lodge took a contingent of 35 Arrowmen to Conclave 2009 at Bayport Scout Reservation in Jamaica, VA. The SR-7A Conclave was hosted by Wahunsenekah Lodge and our lodge experienced much success, winning the coveted Spirit Award for the sixth consecutive time with our Dr. Suess theme. The lodge ceremony team received much praise for their efforts receiving 2nd place in Brotherhood ceremony and Martin Clemmer was honored 2nd place in the Vigil Ceremony competition. . Conclave Vice Chief Brian McEldowney and his Adviser led the Section efforts in the sports activities and the Lodge contingent, although not large, did well in the 5K Race, Ultimate Frisbee, and Volley competitions. During the weekend, Shenandoah member Pete Echols was elected Section Vice Chief.

Our summer Inductions were held in June and August and from both events, we inducted a total of 111 new Ordeal members. Over 2,000 cumulative man-hours of service were given to Camp Shenandoah during these events as the facility was prepared for the summer camping season and then closed down for the winter during our June and August Inductions, respectively. A significant change was implemented to the schedule of the weekend. The Lodge introduced a “Chans” program which is designed to improve the experience for newly inducted Ordeal members; the Ordeal Ceremony was before dinner and another major change was the addition of a round robin type orientation to bring new life to introducing new members to the Lodge. During the August Inductions Peter Reijmers, Andrew Gibson, Ryan Loomis, Jay Fox, Lewis Kingston, and Steve Hammond were recognized with the Vigil Honor, the Order’s highest honor. Elections for new lodge officers were also held during the August Inductions and the following new officers were elected:

Lodge Chief:	Kevin Zeithaml
Vice Chief of Committees:	Andrew Gibson
Vice Chief of Activities:	Eric Nissen
Lodge Secretary:	Seth Bartosik
Lodge Treasurer:	Travis Tyler

Formally launched for the summer of 2005, OA Every Day was back for 2009. The purpose of the program is for an OA-sponsored activity to occur daily during summer camp. This year, on Sunday evening, welcome buckets were distributed to incoming Scoutmasters to ensure their stay at camp was enjoyable. Monday and Tuesday provided Shenandoah Arrowmen the opportunity to earn Brotherhood. Wednesday was

the traditional call-out ceremony where new candidates are recognized. Thursday was the Medicine Bowl which was revamped for 2009 with an all-you-can-eat ice cream sundae bar and new games. New Brotherhood members were recognized on Friday night.

➤ The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) was held July 31 through August 7 at Indiana University. Shenandoah Lodge sent a delegation of 27 Arrowmen under the guidance of NOAC chairman Martin Clemmer and his Adviser Tom Greenwood. The lodge also sent two members on staff: Scott Hooper and Mike White. While at NOAC, the lodge ceremony team competed in the pre-Ordeal Ceremony competition and had an overall outstanding experience.

➤ The annual Lodge Retreat & Leadership Conference was held September 18-20 at the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Fishersville and was attended by 45 Arrowmen. Well-planned training sessions took place and offered valuable information and leadership skills to those participating. The weekend featured great food provided by WWRC and the competitions for Arrowmen were centered around the Disney/Pixar theme. The Lodge members were able to take advantage of the pool and gym facilities at WWRC. The weekend was a large success with a good blend of fun and leadership development. Newly elected Lodge Chief Kevin Zeithaml and Vice Chief of Activities Eric Nissen did an excellent job of organizing the training and activities for the weekend.

➤ On November 14 at The Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton, Shenandoah Lodge participated in the Southern Region's One Day of Service program. The Frontier Culture Museum offers many programs to teach about various aspects of frontier life both here in America and in other parts of the world. With an attendance of 42 arrowmen, over 250 man-hours of work was performed at various locations around the museum property. Lodge members dug holes and built hundreds of feet of various period-style split rail fences, cleaned gutters from buildings, and helped install a new roof in the new African village. One Day of Service was a huge success thanks to Nagatamen Chapter under the leadership of Chapter Chief Brandon Sheets and Chapter Advisers Robert Clemmer and Dan Smith.

➤ The next Lodge activity will be the Winter Banquet, scheduled for January 2, 2010 and hosted by the Achewon Allohak Chapter.

➤ In addition to these activities, the lodge, once again, achieved 100% Camping Promotions/Unit Elections visitations for every troop in the council. The lodge continued its financial support of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council with a \$1,500 gift to the Friends of Scouting drive and a \$1,000 contribution to the council's endowment fund. The lodge has had a very successful year and is eagerly anticipating more of the same for 2010.