



# Shenandoah Lodge 258

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## 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

Council Annual Business Meeting  
November 17, 2005

Shenandoah Lodge of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council 763 had a successful and productive year during 2005. The lodge aims to continue its tradition of excellence during the coming year as we strive to continue to provide Leadership, Service, and Financial Support to the Stonewall Jackson Area Council during 2006. The following is a highlight of the lodge's accomplishments over the past year:

- Shenandoah Lodge began 2005 with our annual Winter Banquet on January 5 at the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. Our Monocan Chapter hosted the event that featured State Senator Emmett Hanger as the guest speaker. The lodge was also honored to have Southern Region Chief Bradley Long in attendance. The Winter Banquet served as the capstone to our successful 60th Anniversary celebration and all 111 in attendance received a commemorative hatpin and goblet. Lodge Chief Matt Phillippi was presented James E. West Fellowship recognition items by Supreme Chief of the Fire Harold Tate for the lodge's support of the council endowment fund. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Founder's Award, the highest award that the lodge can bestow, to Justin Swisher and Cathy Miles.
- On March 18-20, the lodge held its annual Spring Fellowship at Camp Shenandoah. During the morning, trees were planted on the 'new' property at Camp and the afternoon held competitions, fellowship, and Conclave preparations. A total of 52 Arrowmen attended this function.
- The weekend of April 29 through May 1 held the SR-7A Conclave at Camp T. Brady Saunders. Shenandoah Lodge sent a delegation of 82

arrowmen, our largest in recent memory. The lodge experienced much success during Conclave with our ceremony team competing and placing in the Pre-Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil ceremony competitions. The lodge participated in several events including volleyball, where we were awarded second place. The lodge's spirit theme for the weekend was Robin Hood and we prevailed, in the spirit competition, winning the Spirit Award for the third consecutive year. At the block party, our feast item was baked pretzels, the most popular food there. During the weekend, Shenandoah member Robert Clemmer was elected Section Vice Chief.

Our summer Inductions were held in June and August and from both events, we inducted over 100 new Ordeal members. Our Brotherhood conversion, after the August Inductions, was 34%, easily meeting the Quality Lodge requirement. Nearly 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. During the August Inductions, Chris Bartley, Robert Clemmer, Kevin VanPelt, Mike Brantley, and Don Knically 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:	Martin
Vice Chief of Committees:	Sandon
Vice Chief of Activities:	Kevin
Lodge Secretary:	Kurt
Lodge Treasurer:	Zach

During the summer camping season, the lodge was active at Camp Shenandoah by adding a new program to the summer camp experience that we called OA Every Day. The aim of this program was to have an OA activity occur every single day during the week of summer camp. On Sunday, buckets were given to every Scoutmaster in camp. These buckets contained several items to make the summer camp experience more enjoyable for the Scoutmasters. Monday was when the lodge helped prepare Brotherhood candidates for questioning. During Tuesday, the Brotherhood candidates were questioned and a Brotherhood ceremony was held. Wednesday was the traditional OA Call Out ceremony where Ordeal candidates were recognized. On Thursday evening, we held an OA gathering for all arrowmen in camp, called the Medicine Bowl, where food, fellowship, and games were offered. Friday, the lodge recognized

its new Brotherhood members at the evening campfire. Finally, on Saturday, lodge activities were promoted as campers departed.

- On July 16, the lodge sent a contingent of 19 Arrowmen to the Order of the Arrow's 90th anniversary celebration held at Camp Treasure Island.
- During September 16-18, the lodge hosted its annual Lodge Retreat & Leadership Conference, at the Virginia Pentecostal Camp and Conference Center (former Augusta Military Academy) in Fort Defiance, Virginia. There were a total of 51 Arrowmen in attendance and the weekend was focused on training and making plans for the coming lodge year. The weekend featured a Double Dare theme where there were several games which were extremely entertaining.
- On November 5, Shenandoah Lodge participated in the Southern Region's One Day of Service program by providing service to the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Fishersville. The event was hosted by our Nagatamen Chapter and over the course of seven hours, improvements were made to beautify the area. Arrowmen cleared brush from a large bank by a lake to create access for hiking, fishing, and boating. The lake's two islands contained a large amount of brush that was cleared to make picnic areas. Additional trails were carved through a wooded area, also for hiking purposes. Since natural erosion control was in place, the previously installed artificial erosion control was removed as it was no longer needed. Representatives from all four of the lodge's chapters participated in this event for a turnout of 63 Arrowmen, our largest participation in One Day of Service to date.
- The next Lodge activity will be the Winter Banquet, scheduled for January 7, 2006 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. Additionally, the lodge sponsored two \$500 scholarships to assist local Scouts attend the National Jamboree at Fort A. P. Hill. The lodge has had a very successful year and is eagerly anticipating more of the same for 2006.