



Shenandoah Lodge 258

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serving the Stonewall Jackson Area Council
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2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Council Annual Business Meeting
November 20, 2008

Highlights of 2008

- Achieved Quality Lodge status for the year.
- 124 new Ordeal members.
- 68 new Brotherhood.
- 8 new Vigil members.
- \$1,500 contributed to the Friends of Scouting campaign.
- \$1,000 contributed to the council Endowment Fund.
- 3,146 man-hours of service to Camp Shenandoah. At \$6.55/ hour this equals a contribution of \$20,606.30 to the SJAC.
- 399 man-hours contributed to community service projects.
- Over 60% (31 of 49) of Camp Shenandoah staffers were Arrowmen.
- 100% of troops in SJAC received a CP/UE visit.
- 19 lodge members participated in ArrowCorps5, a national service project conducted at 5 US Forests.
- Successfully hosted the 2008 SR-7A Conclave at Camp Shenandoah attended by 767 arrowmen.

“Our intent is to:

*Serve and support Scouting
Develop leaders of character
Promote outdoor adventure
Be an active, honored brotherhood.”*

– OA National Strategic Plan 2008-2012

Shenandoah Lodge 258 of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council has just completed another great and exciting year. As Scouting’s National Honor Society, Shenandoah Lodge is again prepared to provide leadership and service to this council. Over the past year the Shenandoah Lodge has accomplished the following:

- The year started off on January 5 with the Winter Banquet hosted by the Saponi chapter at Crozet Baptist Church. Under the leadership of Brian McEldowney and Chip Hunsberger, the night went off without a hitch with 142 Arrowmen and their families in attendance. Zach Hunsberger, who was Lodge Chief at that time, gave the annual State of the Lodge Address. Following speeches and awards, the Lodge heard from guest speaker, George Whitewolf. Mr. Whitewolf is a Monacan elder and friend of Shenandoah Lodge who has constructed

nearly all of the lodge's authentic regalia. Lodge Chief Zach Hunsberger received the James E. West award for the lodge's continued contributions to the Council Endowment Fund. Finally the evening ended with Arrowmen Martin Clemmer and Tom Greenwood receiving the highest lodge honor, the Founders Award.

➤ The weekend of March 14-16, the Lodge hosted its annual Spring Fellowship at Camp Shenandoah. This year, many of our projects revolved around preparing camp for the upcoming SR-7A Conclave. With a movie theme to get Arrowmen ready for Conclave, all had a great time combining work and fun. Over 50 Arrowmen attended this function.

➤ Conclave Work Days were held on April 12 and April 19 at Camp Shenandoah and were attended by over 100 Arrowmen.

➤ April 25-27 held the SR-7A Conclave hosted by Shenandoah Lodge at Camp Shenandoah. The weekend capped nearly a year of preparation by Conclave Chairman Robert Clemmer and Conclave Adviser Shane Eppard and their staff. The lodge not only hosted the Conclave but was an active participant. After years of falling short, the lodge captured a share (along with Tutelo Lodge) of the coveted Golden Arrow (the award for sporting excellence) and won the Spirit Award outright for the sixth consecutive year, making Shenandoah Lodge the first lodge to capture both awards in the same year. This was accomplished while hosting the event, a testament to the lodge's enthusiasm and spirit. Along with excellence in the sporting competitions, the lodge placed in many ceremonies events as well. During the weekend, Shenandoah member Martin Clemmer was re-elected Section Secretary.

➤ At the beginning and end of the summer, Shenandoah Lodge held its annual June and August Inductions. During these two events (plus Conclave Work Days) a total of 3,146 hours of service were given to Camp Shenandoah and the Stonewall Jackson Area Council. Notable service projects from these events include: installation of carpeting on the docks, installation of a backstop at the archery range, general camp setup and takedown for the summer camp season, building of latrine panels, outrigger repair, and general landscaping and mulching. Also during these events, 124 new members were inducted into the lodge, 68 Arrowmen sealed their membership in Shenandoah Lodge by earning Brotherhood, and 6 Arrowmen, Zach Bartosik, Brian McEldowney, Pete Echols, Don Ellis, Ralph Hoal, and Jack Taylor, received the Vigil honor (the highest honor bestowed upon an Arrowman). Elections for new lodge officers

were also held during the August Inductions and the following new officers were elected:

Lodge Chief:	Pete Echols
Vice Chief of Committees:	Chris Brantley
Vice Chief of Activities:	Ryan Loomis
Lodge Secretary:	Kevin Zeithaml
Lodge Treasurer:	Andrew Gibson

During summer camp, under the leadership of Lodge Chief Zach Hunsberger, Shenandoah Lodge continued to host the OA Every Day program. This program entails promoting OA and distributing “care-package” buckets (filled with extras such as soap, duct tape, bug spray, rope, etc.) to Scoutmasters on Sunday. Review for Brotherhood questioning was held on Monday, while actual Brotherhood questioning was held on Tuesday, followed by a complete Brotherhood Ceremony. Wednesday is the night where a tap-out ceremony is performed for the parent’s night campfire. On Thursdays, a Medicine Bowl (ice cream social) is held. New Brotherhood recognition happens on Friday night at the closing campfire, and promotion of OA events happens on Saturday.

The summer of 2008 featured ArrowCorps5, a national program in which the Order of the Arrow attempted to send 5,000 arrowmen to 5 National Forests for 5 weeks to provide service. Shenandoah Lodge sent lodge members to two of the National Forest sites including George Washington/Jefferson in Virginia and Bridger Teton in Wyoming. A total of 12 lodge members participated in the GW/Jeff site and 5 lodge members participated while 2 more served as staff at the Bridger Teton site. Also during the summer, Ryan Loomis participated in the OA Ocean Adventure program.

During the weekend of September 19-21, the Lodge hosted its annual Lodge Retreat Leadership Conference at Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center located in Fishersville. Arrowmen enjoyed an Olympics themed weekend filled with training, fellowship, and Olympic events. The weekend was a huge success with a good blend of fun and leadership development.

The weekend of November 7-9, Shenandoah Lodge sent 6 delegates to National Leadership Seminar hosted by the Southern Region and held at Camp Bethel in Fincastle, Virginia. Representing the lodge and receiving NLS training were Chris Brantley, Andrew Gibson, Ryan Loomis, Kevin

Zeithaml, Chip Hunsberger, and Lewis Kingston.

- On November 8, Achewon Allohak chapter hosted the annual One Day of Service at Glen Maury Park in Buena Vista. Chapter Chief, Ned Bellivue and Chapter Adviser Tom Greenwood directed their chapter in carrying out this service event which was attended by 57 arrowmen from across the lodge. New playground equipment was installed at two local playgrounds. The park is home to an old caboose, which was repainted, making a noticeable difference. A lot of trail work was performed to make the park's hiking and cross-country trails more accessible.
- The next Lodge activity will be the Winter Banquet, scheduled for January 3, 2009 and hosted by Monocan Chapter.

Along with these events and activities, Shenandoah Lodge has been busy with many other projects. The lodge again reached its goal of 100% Camping Promotions and Unit Elections visitations for the entire council. The lodge contributed \$1,500 to the council's Friends of Scouting drive and \$1,000 to the council endowment fund. In addition to the annual gift to the endowment fund, Shenandoah Lodge continued its "Foundations for the Future" campaign to benefit the council endowment fund. This campaign involves artwork of Camp Shenandoah being sold as well as patches and commemorative coins. To date the cost of all merchandise has been covered by campaign proceeds and close to an additional \$10,000 has been raised for the council endowment fund. 2008 has been an outstanding year and Shenandoah Lodge is again prepared to serve and assist the council next year and for years to come.

