

THE DRUMBEAT

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Upcoming Events/ Important Dates

SR-7A Conclave: April 26-28

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APRIL 26-28, 2013

**Pipsico Scout Reservation
Spring Grove, VA**



Brothers,

We are DAYS from the 2013 Conclave. After hours of hard work, Pipsico is ready for this truly amazing event. We have over 1000 Arrowmen from all over Virginia coming to our Conclave. Let's make this the best one yet.

This Drumbeat is coming to you in an email attachment. This is why; this Drumbeat is specifically about Conclave. That is all that's in here. Conclave. We are also converting the Drumbeats from printed to electronic. Now we can get you the latest info about Blue Heron Lodge quicker than ever!

Now I don't want to steal the focus off of Conclave, so I have one last thing to say, "WHO'S SO FINE"!!

WWW,
Brendan Switts
Drumbeat Chairman

-A Note from the Conclave 2013 Host Lodge Chairman-



Brothers,

There are only a few days until Conclave 2013. Over 350 Blue Heron Arrowmen have signed up, and over 1000 from all of the six lodges in Section SR-7A !

You guys ROCK! Blue Heron has the biggest contingent at the biggest Section SR-7A Conclave in history and it's going to be great.

On Friday night, we will have games to play at a block party and Brotherhood and Ordeal members will have the honor of previewing the new Brotherhood Ceremony.

On Saturday, there will activities, games, ceremonies, and a huge service project, that we can all participate in.

Saturday night, we will have an awesome show with a great band, and we will select our 2013 Section Officers.

I will see you there!

Yours In Brotherhood,
Kevin Röetz
Conclave Host Lodge Chairman
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-A Message from the Delegation Chairman-



Brothers,

I am Chase Neese, the Conclave 2013 Blue Heron Delegation Chairman. Conclave is just around the corner. At SR-7A Conclaves, Arrowmen from across Virginia and northeast North Carolina come to the camp of one of the six lodges in our section for a weekend to compete in sports and spirit competitions, and also make new friends and promote brotherhood. What is the best part? This year we, Blue Heron Lodge, are hosting it at our very own Pipsico Scout Reservation.

For the spirit competitions, every lodge picks a "theme". This year our spirit theme will be "Heron Games", a take-off from the movie "The Hunger Games". We encourage you to dress as one of the characters from that movie, but if that doesn't suit you, we have a special lodge delegation "Heron Games" t-shirt that supports the theme. The sports events this year will include Lodge Ball, Tug o' War, Volleyball, Fire Building, and a Frozen T-Shirt contest.

I hope to see all of you there. I personally can say that conclaves are seriously fun and are worth going to. If you've not signed up yet, you can still register by showing up at camp as a walk-on. The walk-on registration fee is \$80 per person.

WWW,
Chase Neese
Conclave 2013 Blue Heron Delegation Chairman

- Conclave 2013 Host Lodge Adviser's Report-



Blue Heron Arrowmen,

We have the honor of hosting a great event at Pipsico. We will have Arrowmen from all over the Section to share ideas and interests. It will be a great party! Below are some of the opportunities.

On Friday night, we have the honor of previewing the new Brotherhood Ceremony available to all Brotherhood and Vigil members. Want to know more about The Order of the Arrow and how it can help your unit? Want to know how we, as a lodge, can better serve our units who selected us? Want to know what adults do in the OA? Conclave will have opportunities for all of that.

For commissioners, the Area Commissioner will be holding a gathering Saturday afternoon to discuss the role of a commissioner. You want to be part of the OA dance team? We will have American Indian Activities featuring dancers and drummers. They will not only be having competitions but will also be providing training. Were you impressed by your ceremonial teams? Saturday, you can watch and learn more about the ceremony you went through.

And don't forget about the May Ordeal (May 17-19). You can find registration forms here: <http://blueheronlodge.org/forms/>

Yours In Brotherhood,
Erich Roetz
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CONCLAVE 2013 SCHEDULE**FRIDAY, APRIL 26**

3:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Registration
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Light Dinner
7:00 pm	Conclave Carnival
8:00 pm	Conclave Kickoff
8:30 pm	Demonstration of new Brotherhood Ceremony
9:45 pm	Crackerbarrel
10:15 pm	Council of Chiefs Meeting
11:00 pm	Taps

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

6:00 am	Vigil Honor Rededication
6:30 am	Vigil Honor Breakfast
7:00 am	Breakfast #1
7:30 am	Breakfast #2
8:00 am	Breakfast #3
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Chapter Leadership Summit
8:45 am	Flag Raising Ceremony
9:00 am	Conclave Service Project Begins
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Training Sessions
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Ceremonies Training
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	AIA Training
11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Ceremonies Evaluations
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	VIA Luncheon
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Activities
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	AIA Competitions
2:00 pm	Commissioner Gathering
4:00 pm	Conclave Service Project Ends
4:45 pm	Section Officer Candidate Forum
5:00 pm	Dinner #1
5:30 pm	Dinner #2
6:00 pm	Dinner #3
6:45 pm	Flag Retreat Ceremony
7:00 pm	Section Officer Elections
7:30 pm	Show
9:15 pm	The Big Feast
9:45 pm	Patch Auction
11:00 pm	Taps

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

7:00 am	Lodge and Staff Adviser Breakfast
7:00 am	Breakfast #1
7:30 am	Breakfast #2
8:00 am	Breakfast #3
8:45 am	Chapel Service
9:30 am	Council of Chiefs meeting
10:00 am	Depart