



LODGE HISTORY BOOK PROJECT

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100th Anniversary of the
Order of the Arrow.

BLUE HERON LODGE HISTORY

1946 - 2015



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BLUE HERON LODGE HISTORY

INTRODUCTION

“During the summer of 1946, Mr. Norman Jones and Mr. Gordon Linsey were visiting Pennsylvania. While there, they had an opportunity to observe a program being carried out by the Scouts of that area. This program was the Order of the Arrow, and on returning to Norfolk, mentioned to the Commissioner Staff of the Order’s work. The Commissioners wholeheartedly approved a recommendation that was sent to the Council Camping and Activities Committee to adopt the Order of the Arrow in the Tidewater Council. In the fall of 1946, a ceremonial team from Octoraro Lodge in Pennsylvania came down to Camp Darden at Sedley, Virginia, and inducted the first nucleus of Blue Heron members.”

The above story is the one of the first stories about the Blue Heron Lodge #349 told by the “Bearded Indian,” Mike Scott, to each new member as they await their ordeal ceremony. This is their first introduction to the stories of those Scouts who went before them, and of the possibilities before them as Order of the Arrow members.

Thanks to the diligence of the many members in the past, the Blue Heron Lodge has multiple large books, small books, and filing cabinets filled with pictures, newsletters, minutes, etc. It is an ongoing project to continue to gather, preserve and present the history of the Lodge. One of our ongoing projects is to digitize this history so that it will be easier to access and to ensure preservation for future generations.

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, this summary of the Blue Heron history is presented to the Lodge History Book Project.

For a more extensive overview of the Blue Heron History scan the following:



Who’s so fine? 349!

BASIC BLUE HERON LODGE

Council: The fifth oldest, Tidewater serves southeastern Virginia and north-eastern North Carolina.

Established: October 1946, eight original members inducted at Camp Darden at Sedley, Virginia.

Totem: Originally in 1947 a “white baby blue heron” was selected because of the large number of blue herons found at Camp Darden. In 1954 a mature Blue Heron with a fish in its mouth, standing in a lake was chosen to reflect the maturing of the lodge.

Current Chapters: Albemarle, Cape Henry, Elizabeth River, Merrimac, Powhatan, Princess Anne

Newsletter: Currently “The Drumbeat.” The first lodge newsletter, unnamed, was published in 1948.



BLUE HERON LODGE FIRSTS

September 1946 The Lodge first eight Ordeal Members were inducted at Camp Darden at Sedley, VA. Octoraro Lodge #22, Chester County Council performs the ceremony. The Ordeal members were J. Gordon Lindsay, Sr., Norman Jones, Lester Sherrick, Robert Taylor, William Henry Gallup, A. G. Buckwalter, H. Wayne Everett. These members and the 31 others who were inducted at ordeals from the first one to the first lodge-run ordeal in 1947 are considered as the original Charter members.

August 1947 The Lodge first self-run ordeal was held August 15, 1947 at Camp Darden for 48 candidates. Projects for this two day event were a new council ring, erecting a Quonset hut and ground beautifications. Cost for attendance was \$2.00 which covered four meals. Each new member signed the Charter on the back, establishing a custom which continued for many years.

April 1948 "The Assistant Chief reports the successful initiation of eight colored candidates into the Ordeal Honor at Panther Landing..." In same "synopsis" the first Lodge neckerchief was announced as available for \$1.00. At that time the determination was made that the only place the lodge totem could be worn was on the neckerchief.

May 1948 First Lodge Brotherhood honors were conferred on Joe Baker, A.G. Buckwalter, George Hite Jr., Jesse Ricks, R. F. Taylor, Eric Wall, and Harold V. Pace.

September 1948 Blue Heron Lodge sends its first five delegates to the National Convention of the Order of the Arrow. The \$3.00 registration fee was paid for by the lodge. The attendees paid their own travel expenses plus \$7.00 for the balance of their convention fees. Dick Griffith, Lodge secretary was the delegate chairman. It was at this convention that the idea for the first Virginia Conclave was conceived.

Late 1948 The lodge "whipped" together its first newsletter. It lists seven districts, including East Albermarle which has membership of 3. Total for the lodge is 104. The largest was Norfolk at 46. Powhatan Chapter has 33 members.

April 1949 From the proposed changes to the by-laws, "Powhatan Chapter (colored) shall function as a unit with the right to draw its own By-laws contingent with the By-laws of the parent lodge. All ties and business shall be handled by through the Supreme Chief of the Fire." At the same time, the Lodge moves from districts to chapters for organization.

December 1949 Eight new brotherhood members were inducted into the Powhatan Chapter.

April 1950 Powhatan Chapter Representative Charles "Chuck" Meads attends the Area III Meet at Broadcreek Scout Reservation Baltimore District with 11 other Lodge delegates. He becomes the first Lodge member to be awarded Vigil honors.

1953 Paul Scarborough, 1951-1952 Lodge Chief, becomes the first Area III-C Chief.

1954 The Lodge elects its first youth lodge chief, Samuel “Bucky” E Salver. Prior to this time adults held the Lodge officer positions. Also the Supreme Chief of the Fire, Harold V. Pace would pull select names from a hat to fill the executive positions. The first Lodge pocket flap is introduced. It is the first fully embroidered OA lodge pocket flap.

1964 The Lodge becomes truly “boy-lead.” The by-laws are amended to take away the vote from the adults.

1973 Tom Webb, 1969-1970 Lodge Chief, becomes the first SE-1 Section Chief, after serving as the last Area III-C Chief. He also becomes the first Lodge member awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

1975 Bruce Sanders, 1971-1973 Lodge Chief, becomes the first Southeast Region Chief.

August 1981 The Lodge introduces the first special Lodge Jamboree flap, nicknamed the “flying mosquito.”

January 1986 The Lodge sponsors the first Freeze-O-Ree for the Tidewater Council. Prior to this time they were held at the Chapter level.

July 1996 Judy Weissner becomes the first female Lodge member to receive Vigil honors, Meechgalhukquot Woukus Geliechamen, “Red Haired Foxy Stitcher.”

December 2012 Preston Marquis, 2007-2009 Lodge Chief, is the first Lodge member elected to a national office, becoming National Vice Chief.

BLUE HERON LODGE DISCONTINUED DISTRICTS/CHAPTERS

From 1946 to 1949 the Blue Heron Lodge used districts to define the different areas which members were assigned to, with the exception of the Powhatan Chapter which was established in 1948. In 1949, the by-laws indicate the chapter method was now going to be used. Due to changes in council borders and National policies some districts/chapters were combined or renamed. The following are gone, but not forgotten:

Districts:

East Albermarle
West Albermarle
Norfolk
Southside
Tanners Creek
Portsmouth
Princess Anne

Chapters:

Chesapeake
Chowanoc
Gosport
Kempsville
Nottoway
PAVAB
Portsmouth
Ski-Co-Ak
West Albemarle

This list may be incomplete since each old newsletter or minute seems to reveal another missing chapter or district. As they are found, they will be added.

BLUE HERON LODGE TOTEM

Originally in 1947 a “white baby blue heron” was selected because of the large number of blue herons found at Camp Darden. In 1954 a mature Blue Heron with a fish in its mouth, standing in a lake was chosen to reflect the maturing of the lodge. To date the heron has not been allowed to swallow the fish, a point which has been often noted over the years in “The Drumbeat.”



Baby Blue Heron



The mature Blue Heron as it is currently represented on the Lodge Flap.

BLUE HERON LODGE ATTRACTS NATIONAL ATTENTION

The Blue Heron Lodge has on multiple occasions attracted attention on the National level.

- 1) First fully embroidered Order of Arrow lodge flap, 1954 becoming a highly sought after collectible.
- 2) In 1961 becomes one of the first lodges to incorporate the chapter system. Previously they were divided into districts except for Powhatan Chapter which was established in 1948.
- 3) Finance and construct Ben Juren Memorial Shelter, completed 1967
- 4) Finance and construct Harold Pace Shelter, completed 1971
- 5) Finance and construct Brian Gregson Center completed 1996. Largest single service project to Scouting ever accomplished by an OA lodge. Built in honor of 1991-1992 Lodge Chief who was lost in a January 1993 surfing accident. In April of 1996 the National Bulletins cover story was about the Gregson Center. They called the project the single largest service project to Scouting ever accomplished by an Order of the Arrow Lodge. The figure for the construction had risen to a \$105,000.00 at the time of construction. The Grand Opening and Dedication for the Center was held at the Fall Fellowship with the Museum now in place.



Brian Gregson Center



Harold Pace Shelter



Ben Juren Memorial Shelter as it appeared in 1976

The following is an excerpt from the Second Issue 1972 Order of the Arrow Bulletin:

80 years old and still a tremendous attraction at the Order's biennial conferences, presented the first camping awards named for him and Distinguished Service and Red Arrow awards.

The next Order of the Arrow conference will be held at the University of California in Santa Barbara in 1973. In the meantime, the explosion set off in Illinois will make the Order more relevant to the needs of Scouting.

Several Arrowmen will be giving national service at the two national jamborees next year. Thirty-six were elected at the conference to work on jamboree committees.

For the rest of the Arrowmen, the conference theme will be translated into reality back home—in their councils, their troops and posts, and their communities. Those who attended will remember the colorful sights and sounds of the conference. But its long-range significance will linger far longer as lodges and individual Arrowmen aim high . . . and serve all.

*Note: Reprinted from
Scouting magazine Mar.-Apr. 1972*

Tip on Attendance

Programs that are worked out only by adults for the benefit of youth are not well conceived. Even though such programs have the commendable intent of helping youth, they are usually not successful. Equally as important, as the program itself, is the involvement of youth in originating and planning it.

There are, of course, some benefits derived from any program designed by adults for youth. However, most of these programs are looked upon by youth as regimented activities. It is, therefore, important to remember that personal involvement is motivated and inspired by active participation in the initial planning.

Blue Heron Arrowmen Double the Impossible

In the fall of 1971, Blue Heron Lodge of the Tidewater Council gathered to celebrate its 25th anniversary and to dedicate a grand program shelter, completing a 15-year project. In 1956, "Uncle Ben" Juren, lodge lay adviser, and Harold V. Pace, Scout executive, conceived the idea of a special savings account

for a building at camp. Funds were to be derived from OA concession stands provided as a service at council and district events.

After much planning, preparation, and fund-raising, the first phase was completed in 1963. In 1967 the completed shelter at Camp Kiwanis, Pipsico Scout Reservation was dedicated in honor of "Uncle Ben" Juren, past lodge lay adviser, who had passed away in 1957 while serving the lodge as lay adviser.

In the mid-1960's, Pipsico Scout Reservation expanded with a second camp—Camp Lions. The necessity for a shelter was equally eminent, so the lodge *doubled its impossible task* by assuming the construction of a *twin shelter!!* Under the leadership of Bruce Sanders, lodge chief, and "Uncle Chuck" Stein, lodge lay adviser, and the direction of Garry Vaughn, Phase II building committee chairman, and his adviser, John C. Barnes, the second shelter was completed and dedicated to Harold V. Pace, past council Scout executive at the 1971 Lodge Fall Fellowship.

Pipsico Scout Reservation Blue Heron Lodge

	<i>Ben Juren Memorial</i>	<i>Harold V. Pace Building</i>
Phase 1 (Steel frame and roof)	1963	1967
Phase 2 (Concrete floor)	1965	1968
Phase 3 (Brick wall and fireplace)	1967	1971

The two giant shelters each have a dining capacity of 350 and cost approximately \$15,000. All financing was accomplished by Blue Heron Lodge above and beyond regular service to the council (including a quarter of a million OA work hours at Pipsico Scout Reservation since 1958). The two big shelters fulfill not only a great mission, but also stand in testament to OA service beyond the call of duty.



BLUE HERON PATCHES/FLAPS/OTHER COLLECTABLES

In accordance to "OA Images, The Internet Guide to Order of the Arrow Insignia," there are at least 500 patches/flaps issued by the Lodge. The possibility exists there may be a few more out there then that since in the early years, they were not tracked as closely as they are now. In addition to the flaps, there are at least 104 coffee mugs based on what are on display in the Blue Heron Museum. Not to mention the hats, scarves, pins, slides and other memorabilia which have been produced since 1946. This makes for a very rich field for the collectors, and makes for an interesting few hours for the casual viewer. As part of this submission, only a very small number will be highlighted.



The first Blue Heron totem was white because a blue heron is white instead of blue until it three or four years old. This patch was designed with the intention to redesign in the future.



In 1954 our present totem was adopted, which is a mature blue heron with a fish in its mouth, and is standing on the edge of a lake.



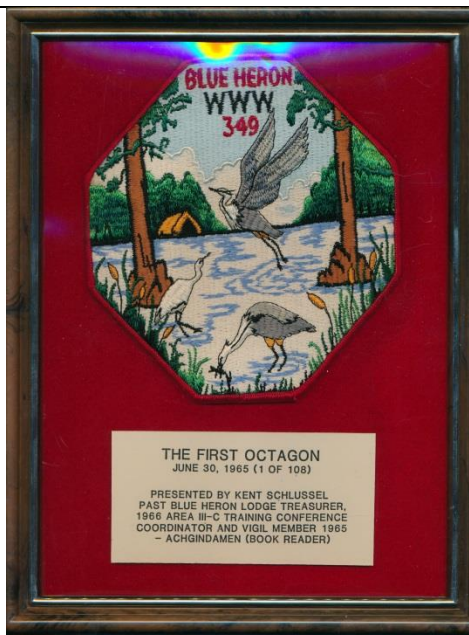
The first Blue Heron scarf circa 1948



1954 The first fully embroidered lodge flap featured a grey heron. Unfortunately the museum doesn't have one of these flaps. The flap above is the second version of the flap.



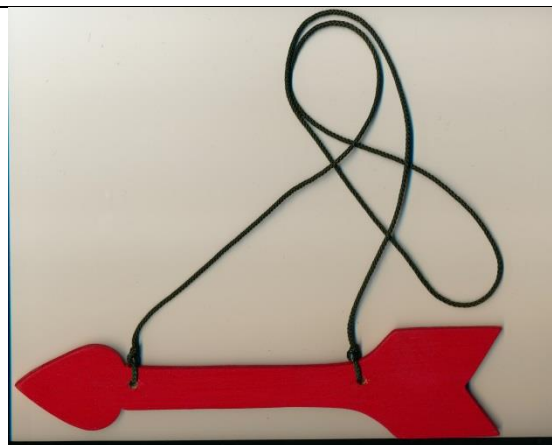
1964 Fall Fellowship patch, reflects lodge strong interest in Native American dance at that time.



Sometimes errors occur when flaps are made; one of the best known for the Blue Heron Lodge is the Purple Water Flap. A highly collectable item, it has been counterfeited.



1977-1978 Plaster Blue Heron neckerchief slide



The wooden arrow worn by candidates prior to and during their ordeal.



1986 And Blue Heron celebrates 40 years.



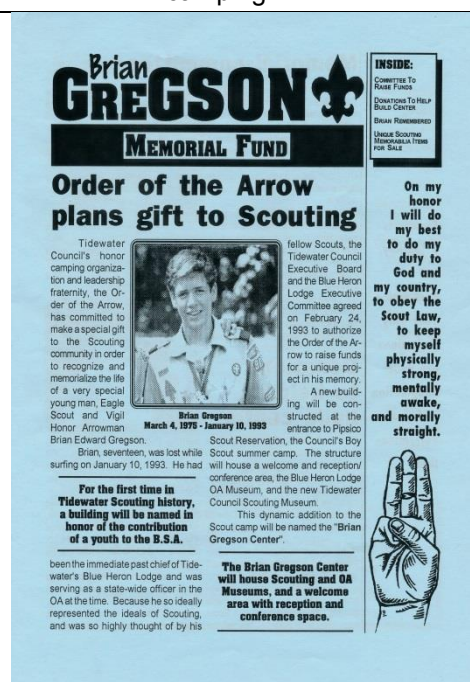
For some members a membership card is just not enough to prove they are part of the Blue Heron Lodge.



For several years the lodge sponsored winter camping events at Pipsico Scout Reservation to encourage troops to engage in cold weather camping.



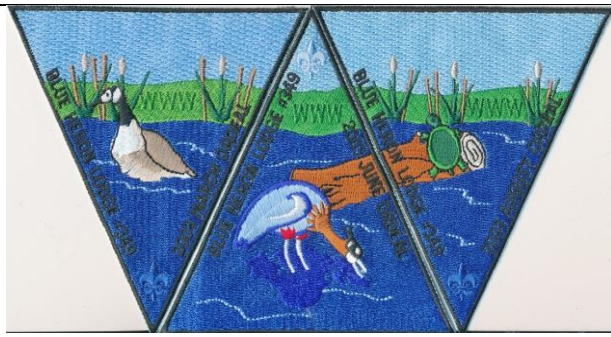
To raise money for the Gregson Center, as well as the Ben Juren, and Harold Pace shelters, multiple patches and other items featuring the lodge totem have been sold. This hat is from 1996, which is when the Center opened.



1996 flap in honor of 1991-1992 lodge chief Brian Gregson an avid surfer. Multiple patches and other items were sold, donations gathered to raise over \$105,000 to build the Brian Gregson Center.



Some of the lodge chapters have issued collectable flaps. This chapter is now Princess Anne. Other known chapter flaps are from Albemarle, Elizabeth River, and Merrimac.



The entire 2003 Blue Heron ordeal patches with nods to our mother lodge, Octoraro Lodge goose totem and the first lodge, Unami turtle totem.



The heron really begins to flex its muscle after all those years of eating fish.



One of the 104 coffee cups on display at the Blue Heron Museum, located in the Brian Gregson Center.



Not all museum items are relics. This drum is still used at Blue Heron ceremonies.



While the Gregson Center was a gift to the Pipsico Scout Reservation, the Lodge continues to maintain it.



As the Lodge has done so many times before, it has once again turned to the sale of patches to fund this endeavor. These 2014 patches come in two sizes.

In the early days, the totem of the Blue Heron was not to be worn on anything except for the Lodge neckerchiefs which each member was allowed to purchase one of. There is a story on the National OA website which indicates, "At a NOAC in the 1950s the members of Blue Heron Lodge, Virginia Beach, Virginia touted their stunning diamond shaped badge on their lodge neckerchiefs and indicated that they had a "no trade" restriction. Stories circulated throughout the conference that one might be had for 50 badges. A group of "traders" pooled their flaps together and obtained an example. Then, this group ceremoniously burned the patch in front of the Blue Heron Lodge members to protest the restriction." Two issues with this story, one the Lodge was home-based in Norfolk, VA and two, the post NOAC report from this time frame mentions that the delegate chairman noticed that a number of the neckerchiefs were changing hands, and hoped "that they were only being traded for and that no money had been exchanged." Scouttrader.org article, "The History of Patch Trading," states this event occurred at the 1961 NOAC and that it was twenty patches. To date no records in the Blue Heron Lodge archives substantiate these claims.

BLUE HERON LODGE IN PHOTOS SINCE 1946

Since the initial ceremony in 1946 someone has been there with a camera or cell phone to record many of the moments of Blue Heron Lodge history. Here are a few:



Blue Heron Lodge First Ordeal October 1946. Octoraro Lodge #22 performs the ceremony at Camp Darden.



First Lodge self-run ordeal August 1947 at Camp Darden.



Blue Heron Lodge Indian Dance 1950's



10th Anniversary Celebration at Camp Darden



1961 VIGIL TEAM



Pipsico Scout Reservation 1971 Work Day



1987 Lodge ordeal Ceremonial Ring and Team



Judy Weissner & Jeff Irving, former Lodge Advisor, in front of the largest Lodge back patch created by them.



Brian Gregson, 1991 - 1992 Lodge Chief, and John Boggs 1990 - 1991 Lodge Chief. Boggs was also the last Section 8 Chief and Gregson the last Section 8 Secretary.



March 2003 Ordeal, ordeal candidates wear wooden arrows, and the elangomat wears a blue ribbon shirt.

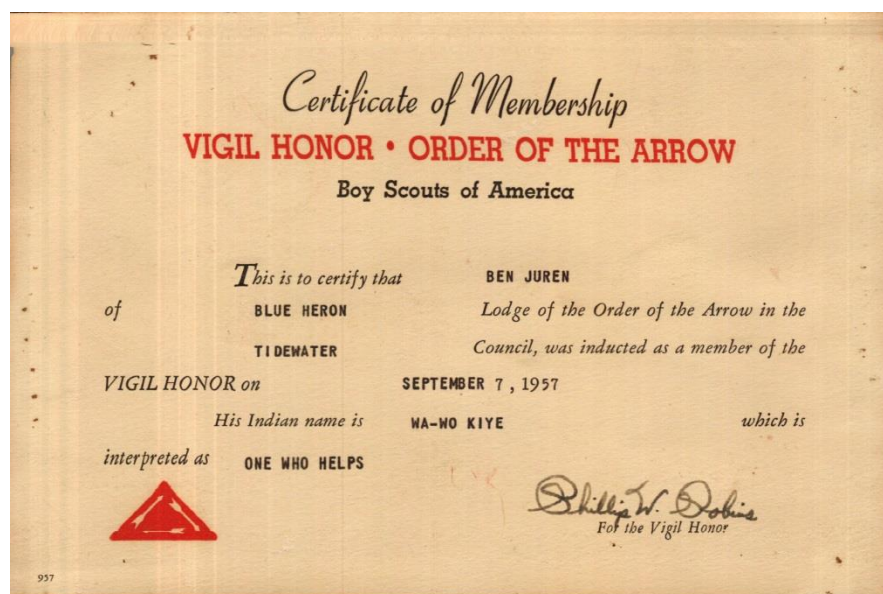


March Ordeal 2015 First Clan Selfie



NOTABLE MEMBERS PAST AND PRESENT

- 1) **Harold Pace** Supreme Chief of the Fire, 1947- 1969, previously established the third branch of TIPIISA, The Order of the Red Lodge, a camping honor society in 1938 at the Central Florida Council. This was a Scouting honor society like the OA, before the BSA officially accepted the OA. Vigil Honor 1951 "Chief," Area III-C professional advisor 1953-1955.
- 2) **Ben Lewis Juren** Scoutmaster Troop 204 1955-1958, Organized Norfolk Troop 3, 1953, Tidewater Council Camping promotions 1953-1957, first Tidewater Scoutmaster to attend Wood Badge, Vigil Honor 1957, "One who helps," Lodge Lay Advisor 1957 to 1958, End of trail July 12, 1958. Epitaph, "Always to be remembered as one who helped."
- 3) **Brian Gregson**, Vigil Honor 1991 Chesimu Lekhiket "Little Brother Editor," Lodge Chief 1991-1992, Section SE-8 Secretary 1992-1993, End of trail January 10, 1993
- 4) **Preston Marquis**, Lodge Chief 2007-2009, Vigil Honor 2010 Pakantschien Chesimus "Young Accomplished One," Section SR-7A Chief 2010-2012, 2012 National Vice Chief, 100th Anniversary National Youth Chairman 2012-2015
- 5) **Taylor Bobrow**, Lodge Operations Vice Chief 2010, Lodge Chief 2011, Vigil Honor 2011 Gegeyumhet Langomuwinaxin "Chief with Big Smile," Section SR-7A Vice Chief 2012-2013, Section SR-7A Chief 2013, 2014 National Vice Chief



BLUE HERON LODGE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD HONOREES

The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) was created in 1940 to honor those who rendered service to the Order beyond the lodge level. The award is presented to Arrowmen, youth and adult, who have rendered distinguished and outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, regional, or national basis. The award is presented at National Order of the Arrow Conferences. Since the time the first awards were presented, less than 1000 Distinguished Service Awards have been awarded.

The award is a sterling silver arrowhead bearing an arrow pointing up and to the wearer's right. The award is suspended from a white neck-ribbon on which red arrows are embroidered. A white square knot embroidered on red cloth is available for uniform wear and a silver arrowhead lapel pin is available for civilian wear.

Six Blue Heron Arrowmen have received the DSA. In 2015 an extremely rare event occurred when three members from our council were selected to receive this award at the same time.

1973 Thomas Webb
1977 Bruce Saunders
1990 D. W. "Si" Simons
2015 Taylor Bobrow
2015 Noel Falcon
2015 Preston Marquis

Distinguished Service Award 1973



Thomas J. Webb

Blue Heron Lodge Chief 1969-1970

Vigil Honor 1969 "The Collector"

Interim Lodge Chief 1970

Lodge Newsletter "Drumbeat" Editor 1970

Last Section III-C Chief 1972

Blue Heron Lodge Historian 1973

First Section SE-1 Chief 1973

National OA Chairman Bicentennial Committee 1974

Advisor National Order of the Arrow Bulletin 1975

Thomas Webb was the first Blue Heron Lodge member to be awarded the Distinguished Service Award. When you look over his many positions held, it would seem rather easy to figure out how he earned this prestigious honor. However, a resume of positions and honors doesn't necessarily tell the whole story about a person. After serving as the lodge chief for two years, Webb moved back to Alexandria, Virginia. However, when Lodge Chief Tommy Carawan had to resign in 1970 due to other commitments, Webb took up the head dress of the lodge chief once again. He helped identify a new lodge chief and trained him for the position within three months. His commitment to service to the OA was evident as he continued to serve the lodge, Sections III-C and Section SE-1, and at the national level as well.

This award continues to be a source of pride for him. As of this writing, Webb serves as the Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President of CMS Energy Corporation and Consumers Energy Company. Listed on his biography is his Distinguished Service Award.

Distinguished Service Award 1977



Bruce A. Sanders

Lodge Newsletter "Drumbeat" Editor 1971

Vigil Honor 1971 Lilchpin "Diligent One"

Blue Heron Lodge Chief 1971-1973

Section SE-1 Vice Chief 1973

Section SE-1 Chief April – December 1974

First Southeast Region Chief 1974-1976

National OA Committee 1998-2008

NOAC/National Jamboree Show Staffs 1989-2010

The 1970's was an extremely successful decade for the Blue Heron Lodge, and Bruce Sanders was a major contributor to that success. Certainly he enhanced the reputation of the lodge by his service to the region and at the national level. However, he was instrumental in two major construction projects the lodge did in support of Pipsico Scout Reservation. As Lodge Chief his leadership lead to the completion of the Harold V. Pace shelter, an accomplishment that was noted in the Order Arrow Bulletin. Then from 1993 – 1996 he was considered to be "the creator and prime mover for the Gregson Center effort." This major gift was recognized in the April – June 1996 National Bulletin.

Bruce Sanders, now Executive Vice President of Elauwit Networks as of this writing, continues to demonstrate the commitment to service that marks Arrowmen. He has served as regional president and national board member for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America, has been local board president for a metro Big Brothers/Big Sisters agency, and been president of a local Rotary International Club.

Distinguished Service Award 1990



D. W. "Si" Simons

Vigil Honor 1966 "Deep Water Man"

NOAC Adult Training Vice Chairman 1974

Blue Heron Lodge Advisor 1976-1981

Section SE-8 Advisor 1984-1990

Silver Beaver Award 1985

Founders Award 1990

Blue Heron Lodge Advisor 1990-1993

Involved in multiple major lodge service projects for Pipsico from 1975-2008

In days past the measure of a man's life was the number of inches that his obituary ran. Today it is the digital footprint they leave. Donald William "Si" Simmons, AKA CAPT Donald W. Simmons CAPT/USN/RET, AKA "Si" would probably have been surprised to know the size of his footprint. It would be impossible to list all of his services to Boy Scouts. For example he was cowriter of the 1984 Boy Scout Ceremonies Handbook and volunteered for multiple National Jamborees in the Whittling tent. Pipsico Scout Reservation continues to use multiple building which he had a direct hand in and will for many years. However, the greatest measure of any Scouter is the impact they have on individuals. From Matthew Kerns, Eagle Scout, "He was a good man who delivered my Eagle Charge and exemplified the characteristics of an Eagle Scout better than anyone I know."

Gone home October 24, 2008.

Distinguished Service Awardees 2015

Taylor Bobrow

Noel Falcon

Preston Marquis



BLUE HERON LODGE CHIEFS 1946 - 2015

1946 – 1947 A. G. Buckwater	1985 – 1986 Robbie McGhee
1948 – 1949 Vincent Redavid	1986 – 1987 David Shapiro
1949 – 1950 Lewis Binford	1987 Linwood Phelps
1950 – 1951 Jesse Ricks	1987 – 1988 Linwood Phelps
1951 – 1952 Paul Scarborough	1988 – 1989 Ron Ehlers
1952 – 1953 John G Hart	1989 – 1990 Barry Waldman
1954 - 1955 Samuel “Bucky” E Salver	1990 – 1991 Jonathan Boggs
1955 – 1956 Bobby Brown	1991 – 1992 Brian Gregson
1956 – 1957 Frank McAfee	1992 – 1993 Gerald Winfree, Jr.
1957 – 1958 Jim Oglesby	1993 – 1994 Gerald Winfree, Jr.
1958 Bernard Hobson	1994 – 1995 Ike Tucker
1958 – 1959 Haskell Wilkie O’Brien	1995 – 1996 Tim Parker
1959 – 1960 Wallace Sawyer	1996 – 1997 Matt Tucker
1960 – 1961 John “Skip” Spence	1997 – 1998 Troy Valos
1961 – 1962 Nat Wiggington	1998 – 1999 Chad Wacker
1962 – 1963 Nat Wiggington	1999 – 2000 Kyle Olcott
1963 – 1964 James Minor	2000 – 2001 Chad Wacker
1964 – 1965 Dave Singletary	2001 – 2002 Mike McCaughan
1965 – 1966 Rick Underdown	2002 – 2003 Wes Sherman
1966 – 1967 Tom Hughes	2003 – 2004 Wesley Parker
1967 – 1968 Bill Tyree	2004 – 2005 J.C. Acosta
1968 – 1969 Rich Crawford	2005 – 2006 Zachary Gregory
1969 – 1970 Tom Webb	2006 – 2007 Jerry Kane
1970 – 1971 Tom Carawan	2007 – 2008 Preston Marquis
1971 Tom Webb	2008 – 2009 Preston Marquis
1971 Bruce Sanders	2009 – 2010 Joe Kippenhan
1971 – 1972 Bruce Sanders	2010 – 2011 Taylor Bobrow
1972 – 1973 Bruce Sanders	2011 – 2012 A.J. Kelly
1974 – 1975 Steve Miley	2012 – 2013 A.J. Kelly
1976 – 1977 Nick Anoia	2013 – 2014 Brendan Kane
1977 – 1978 John Turack	2014 – 2015 Anthony Peluso
1979 – 1980 Mike Fay	
1981 – 1982 Dave Skipper	
1983 Robbie Stewart	
1983 – 1984 Timothy Cherry	
1984 – 1985 G. Ray Phelps, Jr.	



Linwood Phelps, Lodge Chief 1987-1988



Brendan Kane, Lodge Chief 2013-2014



Anthony Peluso, Lodge Chief 2014-2015

BLUE HERON LODGE SECTION, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL OFFICERS

National Officers



Patch above commemorated Preston Marquis, 2012 National Vice Chief

Patch below commemorated Taylor Bobrow, 2014 National Vice Chief



Preston Marquis (right) was Blue Heron's first national vice chief in 2012. Taylor Bobrow (left) was elected to the same office two years later.

Regional Officers

Bruce Sanders in 1975, Distinguished Service Awardee 1977, was the first Southeast Region Chief.

Section Officers

To date eighteen Blue Heron Lodge members have served as Area or Section Chief. The following Arrowmen have held section office:

1953-54 Area III-C Chief Paul Scarborough
1954-55 Area III-C Chief John Hart, III
1957-58 Area III-C Vice Chief Bobby Brown
1958-59 Area III-C Vice Chief James Oglesby

1960-61 Area III-C Chief Bill Smith
 1962-63 Area III-C Chief Skip Spence
 1965-66 Area III-C Vice Chief Bill Williams
 1966-67 Area III-C Chief Pete Dunavant
 1968-69 Area III-C Chief Thomas Hughes
 1972 Area III-C Chief Tom Webb*,
 1973 SE-1 Section Chief Tom Webb
 1973-74 SE-1 Vice Chief Bruce Sanders
 1974-75 SE-1 Section Chief Bruce Sanders
 1976-77 SE-1 Section Chief Dale McCann
 1977-78 SE-1 Vice Chief Phillip Parish
 1982-83 SE-8 Secretary Gary Brinn
 1983-84 SE-8 Section Chief Jerry Pifer
 1984-85 SE-8 Section Chief Jerry Pifer
 1985-86 SE-8 Secretary William A. Thompson, III
 1987-88 SE-8 Section Chief David Shapiro
 1989-90 SE-8 Section Chief Linwood Phelps
 1991-92 SE-8 Secretary Johnathan Boggs
 1992-93 SE-8 Section Chief Johnathan Boggs
 1992-93 SE-8 Secretary Brian Gregson
 1994-95 SR-7 Vice Chief of Recognition Gerald Winfree
 1995-96 SR-7 Vice Chief of Training Ike Tucker
 1996-97 SR-7 Vice Chief of Training Ike Tucker
 2001-02 SR-7A Secretary Matthew Goff
 2004-05 SR-7A Secretary Peter Anoia
 2005 SR-7A Section Chief Wesley Parker**
 2005-06 SR-7A Secretary Mike Clasing
 2010-11 SR-7A Section Chief Preston Marquis
 2011-12 SR-7A Section Chief Preston Marquis
 2012-13 SR-7A Vice Chief Taylor Bobrow
 2012-13 SR-7A Secretary A.J. Kelly
 2013 SR-7A Section Chief Taylor Bobrow
 2013 SR-7A Vice Chief A.J. Kelly
 2014 SR-7A Section Chief A.J. Kelly***
 2014 SR-7A Secretary Andrew Sorenson****
 2014-15 SR-7A Chief Andrew Sorenson
 2014-15 SR-7A Vice Chief Kevin Lee
 2015-16 SR7A Chief Andrew Sorenson

Section officers are generally elected at Conclave in April and serve until the following April.

* [The Virginia Section Officers Association](#) says Tom Webb was elected in April 1973 and served until December 1973. [Our own history](#) says he was elected in April 1972.

** Wesley Parker was appointed in January 2005 to fill the remainder of the term of Bradley Long of Tutelo when Long was elected Region Chief

*** A.J. Kelly took office in February 2014 filling the remainder of Taylor Bobrow's term when he was elected National Vice Chief

**** Andrew Sorenson took office in February 2014 to fill the remainder of the term of Aaron Stewart of Wahunsenakah when Stewart was elected Section Vice Chief to replace A.J. Kelly.

Adult Section Advisers

1953 – 1955 Area III-C Adviser Horace Coleman

1984 – 1990 SE-8 Section Adviser D. W. "Si" Simons

1999 – 2005 SR-7A Section Adviser David Beedie

Section professional advisor

1953-1955 Area III-C Harold Pace



A J Kelley Section SR-7A 2014 Section Chief



THE TIES THAT BIND BLUE HERON LODGE

Our *Mother Lodge* is Octoraro #22, Chester County Council. Its totem is a flying goose. They are also often represented by a horseshoe for their Horseshoe Scout Reservation. The ties which were established on September 7, 1946 when members of this lodge came to Camp Darden to induct the first Blue Heron Lodge members into the Order of the Arrow are still cherished to this day. Members from Blue Heron Lodge travel each year to Pennsylvania to attend the Octoraro Fall Fellowship and Octoraro members participate in the Blue Heron Fall Fellowship. It is customary when Octoraro's name is mentioned at our gatherings for someone to yell, "To the Mother Lodge" with others responding "The Mother Lodge."

We had two *Daughter Lodges*, Kecoughtan #463, Peninsula Council, established in 1951. It's totem was an acorn. The other was Chanco #483, Old Dominion Area Council which was established in 1952. They used two totems, a chiefs head and a deer head. These two lodges were merged in 1996 to become Wahunsenakah, #333, Colonial Virginia Council.

The reflections of these ties can be seen with the mother and daughter lodges totems being incorporated into some of the Blue Heron Lodge anniversary patches.



CAMPS SUPPORTED BY BLUE HERON LODGE

The Blue Heron Lodge has supported four Boy Scout camps since its creation in 1946. Three are no longer are owned by the Tidewater Council.

Darden Scout Reservation (1946-1960) Located in Sedley, Virginia this camp was the first home of the Lodge. During our stay there, the Lodge provided many hours of service which included building the campfire circle, erecting Quonset huts and other buildings which served the campers. During 1957, the use and improvements to Camp Darden and Lake Constance were significant. But as places to camp in the council became used more and more it was clear that the space at Darden was inadequate. On November 11, 1957 the Tidewater Council Executive Board unanimously voted to acquire the Pipsico property in Surry County. This new 916 acre site on the James River was used in conjunction with Darden until 1961 when the camp was deeded to the Girl Scouts of America as Governor Darden and his wife had wished. Due to the lack of facilities in Lions, many ordeals were partly held in both camps where the service and arduous labor was provided to Lions and the ceremonies were conducted in Darden. This happened several times until the proper facilities were available at Pipsico.

Camp Panther Landing (1946 – 1957) Located in Moyock, NC this camp was for black Scouts in accordance to BSA policies at the time. For many youth from Portsmouth and Norfolk this was their only opportunity to earn the Swimming merit badge which would allow them to earn Eagle Scout. This short lived camp was a “best memory” for many Scouts, including Odie Mercer Gay, Jr. who passed at the age of 90 in 2014; his experiences there earned several lines in his obituary. This camp was sold in January 1958 to help finance Pipsico Scout Reservation.

Camp Sherando – (1955?-1958?) “The Lodge also works closely with Camp Sherando, our Council mountain camp.” The preceding was quoted from the April 1957 Area III – C Order of the Arrow Manual of its Lodges. No further details available at this time.

Pipsico Scout Reservation (1958 – present) Located in Surrey, VA this camp has had many hours devoted to it by the Lodge. Since its inception in 1958, the lodge has helped build the campsites at Lions, Kiwanis, and Rotary. There have been three major building projects funded and constructed by the Lodge, the Ben Juren Shelter in Kiwanis, the Harold V. Pace Shelter in Lions and the Brian Gregson Center located at the entrance to the Scout reservation. In addition, the Lodge has built the Blue Heron Bowl, the pump house, added new windows and air conditioning to the dining hall. In 1988 the Lodge spent over \$12,000.00 on the camp, including the rebuilding the Chapel, building the Fire Ring, new flag poles, installing a sound system for the new Dining Hall, running power and water to the Fire Ring and reworking the Harold V. Pace O.A. Shelter, as well as working under the leadership of John Barnes on the new tent platforms. When hurricanes have blown through the area, the Lodge has been there to clean-up and rebuild. The Lodge continues to support the Scout reservation as it currently is working to refurbish the Gregson Center and other projects as needed by the Tidewater Council.

BLUE HERON LODGE – SILVER HERON AWARD

The Silver Heron Award is presented annually to one distinguished member of Blue Heron Lodge. In addition to a commemorative plaque, a donation is made in the recipient's name to Tidewater Council's endowment fund and the recipient is presented with the James E. West Fellowship award.

The James E. West Fellowship award is available for gifts of \$1,000 and up in cash or marketable securities to a council endowment fund. The gift must be in addition to — and not replace or diminish — the donor's annual Friends of Scouting support. Many individuals and corporations make these gifts either on behalf of someone else — such as in honor of an Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver recipient, a retirement, a special accomplishment, or anniversary — or in memory of a special individual. If an institution is truly "the lengthened shadow of one man," it is more than fitting that the BSA honor James E. West's significant contributions to scouting in such a significant way.

Blue Heron Lodge annually donates a gift in the name of one recipient and presents him or her with the James E. West award. (In 2003, two awards were presented. The Silver Heron Award was created in 2011. Prior to 2011, recipients noted below received only the James E. West Fellowship. In 2011 and subsequent years, recipients were presented with both the Silver Heron and West awards.)

1999	David Davies
2000	Kermit Wood
2001	Lucy J. Tucker
2002	Bill Stine
2003	Terry Tucker
2003	Wes Sherman
2004	Carter Wright
2005	Thomas C. Brown
2006	Clarence Harrison
2007	Bill Weissner
2008	Doug Frydenlund
2009	Ed Hotel
2010	Joe Maniscalco
2011	Taylor Bobrow
2012	Michael Paul Wilkinson
2013	Sheldon Greiling Brendan Kane
2014	Stephen Greiling Ron Misfeldt

FOUNDER'S AWARD- BLUE HERON RECIPIENTS



In 1981, the national committee established a new award to memorialize founder Goodman and cofounder Edson, in response to frequent requests from lodges. The Vigil Honor, once a very rare award, was now given much more frequently. With the growth of the Order over the years, many youths chosen for the Vigil Honor continued service in the Order as adults, with adults being inducted as well. Even though the ration of Vigil members remained at two percent annually, lodges continued to look for additional ways to recognize exceptional service carried out over an extended period of time.

With the death of E. Urner Goodman, the national committee decided that the time was right to reinforce the values first established by the founders. They created the Founder's Award. It was to be available for a maximum of one Arrowmen for every 500 in a lodge annually. This low number limits the award to those truly deserving.

Blue Heron is permitted to present up to two awards annually. (Each lodge is guaranteed at least two awards without regard to total membership.) If multiple awards are presented, at least one must be a youth and Blue Heron has usually presented the Founder's Award to one youth and one adult each year.

Year	Youth	Adult (* unless otherwise noted)
1986	Nicholas M. Cordovana, III	H. Wayne Everett
1987	Robert S. McGhee	John C. Barnes, Sr.
1988	Linwood Phelps	Bill West
1989	<i>None Awarded</i>	
1990	Ronald Ehlers	D. W. "Si" Simons
1991	William Hutchings	Curtis Gibbs
1992	Robert Loftin	Jeff Irving

1993	Steven R. Crawford	Bill Thompson
1994	Tony Babb, Jr.	John Matroni
1995 *	Ike Tucker	Tim Parker
1996	Ben McGinnis	Mike Coley
1997	David Torbert	Mike Scott
1998	Troy Valos	Dave Beedie
1999	Andrew Trent	Al Crawford
2000	Chad Wacker	G. W. Detterman
2001 *	Kyle Olcott	Danny Hansen
2002 *	Matthew Goff	Adam Hillard
2003	Wilfred McNeil	Bill Stine
2004	Michael Clasing	Terry Tucker
2005	Andrew Linke	Dale Ward
2006	Wesley Parker	Dennis Stewart
2007 *	Jerry Kane	Calvin Whealton
2008	Sean Gibson	George Coker
2009 *	Joseph Kippenhan	Ian Gibson
2010	Taylor Bobrow	Marie Kane
2011	Preston Marquis	Ed Hotel
2012	Brendan Kane	Renee Wert
2013	A.J. Kelly	Robbie Henderson
2014	Kevin Lee	Jeff Bobrow

* The award was presented to two youths in 1995, 2001, 2002, 2007, and 2009

ORIGINAL BLUE HERON CHARTER

