



THE SPIRIT OF

Unali'Yi Lodge 236

Fall Fellowship
Special - 2023
Published Jan. 1st

SERVING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY IN THE COASTAL CAROLINA COUNCIL



2023 Fall Fellowship

This past weekend was a very eventful Fall Fellowship. We started Friday night with our annual family seafood feast and oyster roast. Following the seafood feast, we recognized and honored our lodge brothers, who served unselfishly during the Vigil Dedication and Callout Ceremony. Saturday, we had informative training and fun activities throughout the day. Wrapping things up that night with our Lodge Recognition Banquet, where we recognized the accomplishments of our Lodge and the Arrowmen who have gone above and beyond. We also recognized our Founder's recipients, Drew Barton and Nick Spalding. Following the banquet, we had our annual patch auction with auctioneers Quinn Dennie and Reilly McMurray. During Fall Fellowship, youth members interested in running for office submitted signed petitions for the office they were seeking, which included Lodge Chief candidates Falyn Hudson and Mike McCready, VC of Program candidate Tyler Fish, VC of Administration candidate Ayden Hudson, Secretary—no One, and Treasurer candidate AJ Stevenson.



Vigil Dedication

During the National Order of the Arrow Conference, members of our Lodge attended the National Eternal Flame Ceremony, where some of our fellow Arrowmen who we lost this year were recognized and honored during the show at NOAC. After the show, our youth contingent decided that we wanted to incorporate parts of the National Eternal Flame ceremony into our Lodge's story, history, and dedication. This year, we dedicated our Vigil Ceremony to brothers Jerry W. Bertsch, Johnathan "Joe" Perry, and Wilmer "Bill" Shirey. We remembered the legacy of servant leadership, each of them left to us. Arrowmen were invited to participate in the ceremony by having the opportunity to add their light to the memorial, symbolizing a commitment to continue with courage when leading a life of cheerful service.



Vigil Callout

After our dedication ceremony, we conducted our annual Vigil Callout Ceremony. This year we recognized brothers Thomas Serviss, Odell Waters, Dora Bendetti, Mathew Hart, Jullian McMillin, Don Johnson, David Wilber, for the distinguished contributions they have made beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position, office, the Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, and their camp, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish service.



Vigil Recipients

Thomas Serviss

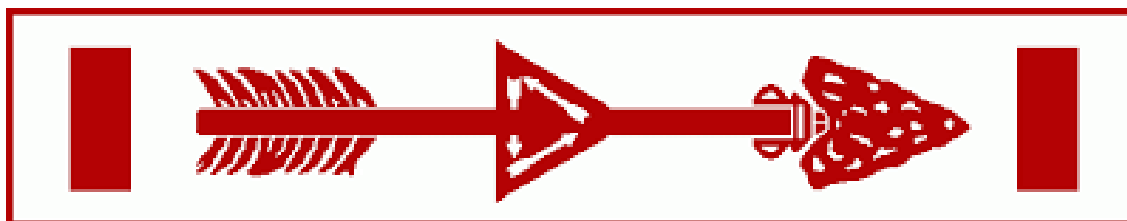
Thomas Serviss joined scouting as a cub scout in 2011, he earned his arrow of light in 2016 and bridged into a local scout unit. In his troop he held numerous leadership positions including OA Troop Representative. He was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in the spring of 2018, and sealed his membership the following year. He has served on summer camp staff for 5 years, serving as Woodsman staff and Scout Craft Director, earning Staff Member of the Week and the Bohicket Award. He is currently a student at Clemson University. He attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2022. He is an Eagle Scout of Troop 396. He has served as Santeee Lodge Lodge Chief for 2 terms and last year became a member of Unali'yi Lodge. He is currently serving as the Food Service Chairman.

Odell Waters

Odell Waters joined scouting in 1972 with Troop 466. While in the troop he earned the Life Scout. This scout attended Camp HNW as a scout and spent a year on Staff. While in his troop, he was inducted into Unali'Yi Lodge and, in 1975, and sealed his Brotherhood. After high school, this young man volunteered to serve his country in the United States Army. While in the Army, he proudly served in Desert Storm and Desert Shield. He was awarded various medals in the Army for his excellent conduct and service to our country. His combined service of active and reserve duty totaled 26 years. This scouter retired with the rank of Staff Sergeant. Upon returning to Charleston, he became employed by the City of Charleston Building and Maintenance Department. From there, he served as a supervisor and worked for 25 years. He is married with two sons and a daughter and proudly serves as a member and trustee for New Hope Baptist Church. In the Lodge, this scouter has been responsible for many of the behind-the-scenes plumbing and maintenance work completed at camp Hon Non Wah. When not working in the camp, he can be found sharing his knowledge of patch collecting seeking opportunities to teach younger scouts about patch trading.

Dora Bendetti

Dora Bendetti joined scouting in 2019. They have served as the Historian, Librarian, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. They completed their Ordeal in the fall of 2020 and sealed their membership in the spring of 2021 by accepting the challenges of brotherhood. They actively give back through their church by serving at soup kitchens and helping with Operation Christmas Child. She also was a student representative on the Ashley Ridge PTSA board and a member of Future Business Leaders of America. They attended the National Youth Leadership Training in 2019 and served on Summer Camp Staff and Winter Camp Staff for the 2021 and 2022 camp seasons as a handicraft instructor and woodsman instructor and on the OA SWAT Service Corp at winter camp. While serving on Summer Camp Staff, they were awarded Staff Member of the Week. She is a graduate of Ashley Ridge High School and is currently a freshman at the University of South Carolina. She has served as Elangomat Chair, Secretary, and is currently serving as the Vice Chief of Administration.



“Friends, the ones who chose you need you. Who among you now is ready? Who will go upon this journey? You must choose.” - Allowat Sakima

Vigil Recipients (cont.)

Mathew Hart

Mathew Hart joined Scouting in 2013 as a tiger, earned the arrow of light in 2018, and bridged to a local troop. He has held the positions of Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Scribe, Historian, Librarian, and Quartermaster. In Fall 2020, they completed the induction into the Order of the Arrow and sealed their membership the following year. He is a life scout and has his sights set on completing his Eagle Project early next year. He has served on summer camp staff for two years and winter camp staff for two years. Outside of Scouting, he has been a member of the Bishop England HS Drama Club, the Nativity School Beta Club, and an altar server at the Church of the Nativity for over eight years. In the lodge, he has served on the Kiawah chapter election team and has been a member of the ceremonies team for the last three years playing the part of Kitchkinet. He currently serves as the Lodge Ceremony Chairman.

Julian McMillin

Julian McMillin started his scouting journey as a cub scout, where he earned his Arrow of Light and later crossed over into a local Boy Scout Troop. He has served as OA Troop Representative, Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2016 and sealed his membership in the Order by accepting the brotherhood honor the following year. He earned his Eagle Scout and stayed active in his troop through college serving as an Assistant Scoutmaster. He has served on Winter Camp and Summer Camp staff for multiple summers as a member of the Kitchen, Ecology, and Bohicket Towne Staff. Two years ago, he served as the Vice Chief of Program and has served as the Brotherhood chairman. During the 2023 Conclave, he served as the Dining Tent and Food Service Chairman.

Don Johnson

Don Johnson started his journey in scouting as a youth scout, where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He is a United States Army Veteran having served our country in the early 1980s. He is a very active member of his church, serving as an associate pastor. He currently serves as the Council Chaplain, Unit Commissioner, District Vice Chair, and Assistant Council Commissioner for Sea Scouts. He was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 1981 in Kecoughtan Lodge, and he completed his brotherhood with Unali'yi Lodge in 1997. He graduated from Liberty College, earning his bachelor's in religion. He is now a doctorate candidate working towards his Doctor of Theology. He intends to go to NOAC 2024 with our lodge. He married his wife and best friend, Laura, in 1993. He has served as Secretary Advisor and Trading Post staff for the 2003 Dixie Fellowship. He is currently serving as our Treasurer advisor.

David Wilber

David Wilber joined Scouting as a cub, earned his arrow of light in 2016, and bridged to a local troop. While in the troop, I held the positions of Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. In Fall 2019, they completed the induction into the Order of the Arrow and sealed their membership two years later. He attended Philmont Scout Ranch in 2019 and will attend Seabase in 2024. He has completed two high-adventure hiking trips to the Grand Canyon: a Rim to River trek and a Rim to Rim to Rim trek. He has spent the last two summers working as Quartermaster for BSA Camp NoBeBoSco in Blairstown, NJ. In 2021 he attained Scoutings highest rank of Eagle Scout. Since joining the lodge, they were quick to volunteer and help wherever needed. He has spent the last two years serving as the Maui Inali Chapter Chief.



Chiefly Speaking

As we close out the end of the year, I could not be happier and more proud of what our Lodge has been able to accomplish, which we all saw at the Annual Recognition Banquet. As we look back on yet another Fall Fellowship, I would like to thank my fellow Lodge Officers for all the planning they put into this to make it the best function it could be. I would like to say a big congratulations to all of the new Vigil Honor Members, Founders Award Recipients, everyone who earned the Service Award, and all the units who were awarded with the Unit of Excellence Award. As we look back on what our Lodge and the members have been able to achieve over the past year, I hope we let it inspire us to continue to cheerfully serve the Lodge, fellow Arrowmen, the Council, and Camp. Over the past year, we were able to score a perfect score, 28/30 on PMP. The officers and I could not have achieved this alone, and we could not have done this without all of you. I would like to say a big thanks to the members of the LEC, Advisors, and my fellow Arrowmen for all the help and support you have put in and will continue to put in to have great functions like this one. I am beyond blessed to be serving as the Unali'Yi Lodge Chief and I cannot wait to see what the future of our Lodge has in store. See y'all at Spring Ordeal! Chief out

"For he who serves his fellow's, is of all his fellow's greatest"

Fall Fellowship Banquet

Following all of the fun and festivities on Saturday, we started to wrap things up with our Annual Lodge Recognition Banquet. After the opening of the banquet, we honored this year's Founder's Award recipients. After that, we had an invocation, and just like all the other banquets, our Vigil Honor Members served the general lodge with an outstanding dinner. This year, we had brisket, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, and for dessert we had peach cobbler. Following dinner, the Lodge Chief gave the lodge year in review. Shortly after, we recognized all of the arrowmen who have gone above and beyond in cheerfully serving our Lodge. These awards included the Service Award, Unit of Excellence Award, our new Brotherhood Members, a special recognition of three of our advisors stepping down from their positions: James Barton, Gary Hensley, Craig Whitfield, and we recognized the Vigil Class of 2023. Congratulations and job well done for all the hard work.



Founder's Award

Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award recognizes Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates that they personify the spirit of selfless service, as advocated by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson. This year, we recognized Brothers Drew Barton and Nick Spaulding for their dedication and commitment to the Order of the Arrow. Each has played an integral part in the success of our lodge. Congratulations to both on receiving this high honor.

"Things of the spirit are what count: brotherhood – in a day when there is too much hatred at home and abroad; cheerfulness – in a day when the pessimists have the floor and cynics are popular; service – in a day when millions are interested in getting or grasping, rather than giving" -E. Urner Goodman



Upcoming Events

2024 Spring Fellowship

I hope y'all are getting ready for one of our more fun events of the year. At Spring Fellowship we get the opportunity to elect the next set of Lodge Officers, the options being:

- Lodge Chief candidates Falyn Hudson and Mike McCready,
- VC of Program candidate Tyler Fish,
- VC of Administration candidate Ayden Hudson
- Secretary - No One
- Treasurer candidate AJ Stevenson

At this event, we will also be preparing for Conclave 2024 at Belk Scout Camp hosted by Catawba Lodge #459. Everything from sing practice to quest games we have a lot in store for the arrowmen who smartly decide to attend!

Conclave 2024

Conclave 2024 is being hosted by Catawba Lodge #459 at Belk Scout Camp in Midland, NC. We are hoping to take a very large contingent. we now have the chance to push the wave of enthusiasm from hosting Conclave in 2023 and winning Lodge of the Year in 2023 as well. Our contingent leader, Quinn Dennie is looking forward to working with you all at Spring Fellowship to make decisions on who will participate in what quest games at Conclave 2024.

See you there!

Advisors Minute

2023 has been an excellent year for the lodge. I want to take a moment to thank everyone in the lodge for their hard work. Everyone has played an integral part in the success of the lodge. As we close out the year, let us take the time to reflect and think about the opportunities that lie ahead for each of us. The best is yet to come!

- Wayne Barfield

“The Best is Yet to Come.” -
James Barton



Winter Camp Sign up

Winter Camp 2023 is right around the corner on the shores of the Bohicket. Camp Ho Non Wah offers the best food, the best sunrises, and the best staff around. Winter camp offers lots of Merit Badges and other afternoon activities that you usually won't find during our summer camp.

For anyone who is interested in attending Winter Camp as a participant, please visit the Camp HNW Website at www.campHNW.com

Those interested in joining staff for Winter camp can email James Barton at director@camphnw.com



The Spirit of Unali'Yi Lodge 236

9297 Medical Plaza Dr,
North Charleston, SC 29406
Phone: 843-763-0305
www.site236.com

Do you have a story, article, photo that you would like to share with our Lodge? The Spirit of Unali'Yi Staff is looking for submission for the next newsletter. Please submit these to the Lodge Chief at chief@site236.com by November 15th.



Patch Highlight



This patch is known as the F1a or the first flap. It was one of the first patches made by Unali' Yi Lodge and it was the first official lodge flap of Unali' Yi