**Roundtable**

January 13, 2022

1. **Council Update /Hector U**
   * Charter Renewal – As a District, we are doing quite well.  GMD is one of the few Districts that have all their units starting recharter.  While the majority of units have completed their submission of the electronic roster, Annual Charter Agreement (ACA) and payment, there are about 10 that are still in the process. If your unit hasn’t completed your charter renewal, please do this immediately.  You can provide the paper items to your Unit Commissioner or the District Commissioner.
   * “On-Hold” – The units that have submitted their roster, ACA and payment are then listed as “on-hold” and awaiting the Registrar’s review.  If there is no issue, the unit is rechartered.  As of 1/11/22 we had three units that have been rechartered until 12/31/22.
   * Defectives Report - If there is an issue found when the Registrar reviews your unit’s package, that issue is listed on a “Defective” report that is provided to the District Commissioner.  We will work with the unit to resolve the paperwork or funding issue.  The vast majority of issues found are either missing YPT certificates or have insufficient funds (typically due to new youth or adults being added to your roster without payment, thus the funds are removed from your unit’s account leaving insufficient funds for the charter renewal).
   * New District Commissioner – I have been the GM District Commissioner for my three-year term.  I am pleased to announce that Council has approved Russell Pittman to be the next GM District Commissioner.

1. **Big Rock – Open Discussion /Rus P**

In the November and December Roundtable meetings, we discussed how to improve our meetings.  There was mention of moving the Big Rock portion of the meeting back to an open discussion where individuals could ask questions or present a current challenge and then the group would try to provide some feedback (wisdom?) to assist. Before the meeting, an email was sent out requesting potential topics.  Issues presented:

Program:

* + Cub Scout Adult Participation – *How do I get parents to volunteer?*
  + Set expectations when they join the unit.  Let them know that parents are needed to make the program successful.
  + Get them on the team before you give them a job with a heavy lift.  You can get them on the Committee.
  + Offer/require them to shadow the current person in a position.
  + Have a Position Description/FAQ document that lets them know the duties so they know what they would actually have to do.
  + Break jobs down to smaller duties.  Spread the work around.
  + The HOW – Meet with them face-to-face, explain the need of the unit, how you feel their skills could be of service and make the ask. Have a list of duties/Position Description so they would know what the job entails. If they say no, that is alright.  Ask them if they could do something else (e.g., plan a campout, be an assistant) or if this is a bad time, would they be open to you checking back at a specific later date.
  + Recruiting event in Spring – *Does anyone else do a spring recruitment?  Do you hold a special event or invite to a unit meeting? Can we use the Geofencing for recruiting during the Spring?*
  + Our unit recruits through a JSN in February.  We have an open house
  + Our unit recruits in May/June just before summer camp.
  + Recruit anytime through word of mouth.  The best recruiter is a cub scout/scout.  They should tell their friends at school/church/etc. about the event they just did – Campout, Rain Gutter Regatta, Pinewood Derby, events at Snyder, etc. and ask if they would like to visit the unit.
  + The DE is checking on the use of Geofencing for 2022 recruiting.  NCAC pays for this, and GM District used it successfully in the fall.
  + Cub Campouts – *What has been your best location for a cub campout?*
  + Lake Fairfax is great.  Close and easy to setup.  They also have co-located sites if you have a large Pack or want to spread out.
  + Camp Snyder – it has activities that can keep the kids busy.
  + Be sure to review the [Certified Camping Areas for Pack Overnighters](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2021/11/BalooSites.pdf).  These are the approved campout locations for Packs.

Administrative:

* + Recharter “on-hold” – *What does that mean, when will I get updates, will we lose access like last year?*
  + Last year, our unit lost Key 3 access to my.scouting.org and IA for a month and a half and I believe it was due to not being rechartered by February.  What can we expect this year?
  + On Hold means it is with the Registrar.  It is awaiting processing (the person is processing 1000 units) and they may find an issue once the Charter is further reviewed.  So far, only a few of the GM District units have been processed with 12/31/22 charters.  However, if you have submitted your roster, Annual Charter Agreement and payment, you have done all you can do.  If we do call you about a problem, please act quickly to get the needed information.
  + Merit Badge Counselors – *Lost several counselors last year due to the switch to the new system.  How to get them reregistered?  Paperwork seems to get lost when we send it in.*
  + Great point.  As we all know paper and/or email has the risk of lost items.  If the person is not currently registered with the District (e.g., MBC, district commissioner, etc.) or the Council, then they should register online (after their YPT is current).  Since there is no cost for MBCs, this should process very quickly.  The link for online registration is:  <https://my.scouting.org/online-registration/65db9d1b-cedd-4900-a5ce-1c637b6aaf9e/applicant-type>.  Once the MB Dean approves their electronic application it goes immediately into the system.  Be sure to also provide (via email or paper) the Merit Badge Counselor Information Form listing the badges the counselor is applying to teach and providing a justification of his/her qualifications.
  + System issues – *I have had issues with my.scouting.org and Scoutbook and the recharter system in IA.  Is there a better way than email to resolve?*
  + This is something we have heard from a few others.  Will have to check with Council to see if there are process improvements underway or under consideration.
  + Charter Renewal – *Still have some adults that haven’t turned in their paperwork (Incomplete App, CBC, or YPT).  How do you get them to do this timely?  We are late on our Charter Renewal.*
  + As your unit has already missed the deadline for submission, this is of great concern.  If the position that the person occupies is not required to submit the charter renewal package (e.g., committee member, assistant XXX, etc.), we recommend dropping them and submitting the package.  You can always add them back in later.  If they are in a required position, talk to them (on phone or in-person) and let them know they are putting the unit at risk.  Ask how you can help them complete the paperwork.  Ask them for a specific time when you will have it.

Other:

* *Any update on the UMC units?*
* We haven’t received any new information.  The UMC charters are extended until March 31, 2022, and these units should continue all activities.  The units are free to transmit their rosters and provide payment, if they wish, but do not need to worry about the Annual Charter Agreement until we get closer to March.

1. **Program / Matt B**
   * Current 2022 GM Calendar
   * January 29, 2022 – Life to Eagle Seminar
   * March 5, 2022 – GM Merit Badge Day
   * March 14, 2022 – PI Day
   * March 19, 2022 – GM Pinewood Derby
   * April 14, 2022 – GM District COH
   * April 29 to May 1, 2022 – GM Spring Camporee
   * May 1 to May 15, 2022 – GM Hike-O-Ree
   * May 14, 2022 – Jamboree on the Trail
   * May 30, 2022 – Flags In
   * STEM /Andrew M
   * NCAC Akela Chess Classic Tournament
   * Hosted by NCAC STEM, hosted at NCAC HQ in Bethesda, MD
   * 5 Feb – Cubs Tournament; 12 Feb – Scouts Tournament
   * Sign up at [www.ncacbsa.org/stem](http://www.ncacbsa.org/stem)
   * Pi Day! – March 14
   * Open to all – Cubs, Scouts, and parents
   * Will provide activities to do at home or in small groups
   * Some specific activities tied to advancement
   * Welding & Composite Materials MB Sessions
   * Hosted by Building Momentum in Alexandria, VA
   * 23 April and 21 May
   * Sign up at [www.ncacbsa.org/stem](http://www.ncacbsa.org/stem)
   * 2022 GM Pinewood Derby
   * Race Day is March 19, 2022
   * All Packs wanting to participate in the 2022 Pinewood Derby MUST hold their Pack Pinewood Derbies by March 10, 2022.
   * One unit winner from each age bracket (Lions, Tigers, Wolves, etc.) regardless of gender.
   * Pack winners must register (and pay) on Council website. $15.00 per entry. No money collected at door on day of race. Must register by 3/17/22.
   * Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-52774>
   * Race will be held at Fairfax Presbyterian in Fairfax.
   * For questions, contact Chip McCaslin at [chipmccaslin@gmail.com](mailto:chipmccaslin@gmail.com)
   * District Court of Honor
   * To recognize adults who served/are serving at the unit level.
   * Two types of awards:
   * Unit Commissioner’s Unit Scouter Award – Limited to one (1) per unit
   * Unit Appreciation Award – Maximum 8 per unit.
   * Please provide a sentence or two describing the individual’s service.
   * Submit Unit Commissioner’s Unit Scouter Award to Unit Commissioner.
   * Unit Appreciate Award to [gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com](mailto:gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com)
   * Must have all submissions by no later than March 11, 2022.
   * Will confer awards at District COH/April Roundtable.
   * George Mason Hike-O-Ree
   * 2nd Annual GM Hike-O-Ree on weekends of May 7 and May 14 – 5/6/22 to 5/15/22.
   * Open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturing Scouts), families and friends.
   * Any age, any place, and any appropriate grouping – just keep track of how far you hiked.
   * Register on Council website (registration opening in early 2022). $5.00 for a patch.
   * Challenge – District Scouts, Scouters and families hike 2,022 miles.
   * Total the miles for each unit and notify Matt Burns at [Burnsmj509@gmail.com](mailto:Burnsmj509@gmail.com). We’ll see how big a total we reach.
   * Civic and Related Activities of Interest to Scouts
   * Dyke Marsh Sunday Morning Bird Walks – 8:00 a.m. on Sundays at Dyke Marsh in Alexandria
   * Huntley Meadows Monday Morning Bird Walk at 7:00 a.m. in Alexandria
   * Sully Historic Site Tours – Recurring weekly on Sunday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
   * Winter Waterfowl Hike – Jan 14 and Feb 11, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Riverbend Park in Great Falls, VA.
   * Drawing and Learning About Animal Tracks & Signs, 1/15/22 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM, Hidden Oaks Nature Center in Annadale
   * Family Fun – Bedrock to Garden Bed – 1/15/22 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 at Green Spring Gardens and Horticultural Center, Alexandria, VA.
   * Beginning Wood Carving – 1/16/22, 2/6/22 and 2/20/22, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill in Great Falls
   * Nature Explorers Virtual Club – Winter – Eight sessions from 1/17 to 3/9 at 10 a.m. on Mondays and 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, Huntley Meadows Park in Alexandria, VA.
   * Wildlife Walk at Huntley Meadows – 1/17 and 2/8/22 at Huntley Meadows Park in Alexandria
   * Friday Night Sky Watching – The Turner Farm in Great Falls at 8:30 p.m.

Note: Tickets may be required or there may be charges for these activities.  We recommend checking the event website in advance.

* + Advancement Topics
    - BSA COVID Advancement Exceptions
    - Any requirements earned are earned – and must be counted toward advancement including after 3/1/22.
    - Examples of COVID Advancement Exceptions (see [COVID-19 FAQ | Boy Scouts of America (scouting.org)](https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/))
    - Swimming – Second- and First-Class requirements deferred up to Life ranks.
    - Camping – Up to three nights of virtual camping per month allowed.
    - Effective February 28, 2022, these exceptions expire.  As of March 1, 2022, youth must complete all original rank and merit badge requirements as published by the BSA.
    - Citizenship in Society Merit Badge – Required as of 7/1/22
    - New BSA Software for Councils – Issues impacting units – Procedural Changes Coming Soon
    - Temporary delays in ESRA verification
    - Council working on new verification procedures.  Expect approval soon and delegation of verification to District Eagle Representatives. Provide your DER with a Scout’s individual history report from Scoutbook, a third-party software program or BSA;s Internet Advancement 2.0 to assist in their review.
    - Units will send ONLY ESRA electronically to Bethesda after Eagle Board of Review
    - George Mason’s Advancement Chair sent all unit leaders and Committee Chairs a message on 01/14/22 with the new procedures. Anyone with questions should contact Matt Burns.

Question:  *Sending the ESRA by email is insecure and it does contain Personally Identifiable Information about a minor.  Why cannot NCAC us a secure file exchange such as BOX or DropBox?*  The District Advancement Chair forwarded this recommendation to the Council Advancement Chair and NCAC program director on 01/14/22.

Question:  *The new Merit Badge (Citizen in Society) will soon be required.  Will it be in addition to the 21 MB for eagle or replace one?*  Great question.  There are currently 21 MB required for Eagle.  Of these MBs, 13 are required and eight are electives.  The Citizenship in Society MB will be a required MB bringing the total required to 14 and the number of elective MBs needed from eight to seven. The total needed is still 21 MB (although most scouts have many more).

* + District Life to Eagle Seminar
  + Saturday, January 29, 2022, from 1pm – 4pm (Virtual)
  + 38 have signed up already
  + Register, by January 27, 2022, at:<https://scoutingevent.com/082-52778>
  + Any questions contact Jack Lundin at 703-938-0369.
  + 2022 District Merit Badge Event
  + March 5th, 2022, at Fairfax Presbyterian Church in Fairfax.
  + Registration opened on December 23, 2021
  + Encourage Scouts to get merit badge books, read requirements and start tackling “pre-work” in January 2022.
  + Adults needed to help staff merit badge classes and comply with YPT requirements.
  + Will need to meet NCAC, Virginia and Fairfax Presbyterian COVID protocols.  Policy coming soon to unit POCs.
  + Be prepared for possible changes.
  + Feedback to John Drisco at [gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com](mailto:gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com)
  + Spring 2022 District Camporee
    - District will hold its next Camporee on April 29 – May 1, 2022.
    - Location and Theme – Camp Rock Enon, Gore, VA with a Shooting Sports Theme
  + Need unit volunteers to help run the event
  + Leader Guide will be available on the registration site a few weeks ahead of the event.
  + Camporee Director Andrew Zaso, (703) 434-2907 - [AndrewZaso@gmail.com](mailto:AndrewZaso@gmail.com)
  + Future Camporees
  + George Mason Fall 2022 Camporee – October 21 – 23, 2022 – Theme/Site TBD
  + George Mason Spring 2023 Camporee – May 5 – 7, 2023 – Theme/Site TBD
  + GM High Adventure
  + **NCAC High Adventure Committee (HAC)** [**updates and announcements**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/)
    - 2022 National High Adventure Base slots still available; 2023 registrations underway now (began 12 January).  Unified registration site: <https://www.scouting.org/outdooradventures/open4adventure/>
    - 2022 Lenhok’sin James River Canoe Trek (provisional and unit) spaces available for the 17-23 July expedition
    - 2022 Philmont Camperships deadline extended into January
    - Philmont Preparedness Seminars (virtual)
    - High Adventure Source Book, Volumes I and II
    - Wilderness First Aid vendor list updated (minimum 1 adult per crew)
    - New BSA Adventure Planning Resource: The Adventure Plan (TAP)        <https://tap.scouting.org/>
    - Contact Joe Knecht at [knechtjoe@yahoo.com](mailto:knechtjoe@yahoo.com) if you have questions regarding high adventure planning or resources.
  + Training /Roy D
  + **Unit Training** – For position-specific training at your unit, contact Roy De Lauder at [**EagleScout.Roy@cox.net**](mailto:eaglescoutroy@cox.net)or go to Training Opportunities page on GM Web Site.
  + **Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills –** [**03/05/22 Huntingtown, MD**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-53132)
  + **IOLS/BALOO –** 2/19, 2/26 in Cheltenham, MD.  Campout on 3/19/22-3/20/22. [**https://scoutingevent.com/082-PAXIOLSSPRING2022**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-PAXIOLSSPRING2022)
  + **BALOO –** [**03/26/22 Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-PWDBALOOMarch2022)
  + **University of Scouting -** [**02/26/22 – Alexandria, VA**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/the-university-of-scouting/)
  + **Wilderness First Aid**
  + [**02/12/22 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-53087)
  + [**03/12/22 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-53087)
  + [**04/09/22 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-53087)
  + Woodbadge /Roy D
  + BSA’s ultimate leadership training for ALL adult leaders
  + Applicable to every program:  Cubs, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts
  + Applicable to every level: unit, district, or council level
  + An exciting & inspiring course that infuses your units with fun & meaning
  + Leaders develop real-world, hands-on skills to ensure our youth are getting everything they are promised from the program
  + Spring Course - [04/29/22–05/01/22 & 05/13/22 05/15/22 at Camp Snyder](about:blank) (33% full)
  + Fall Course - [09/09/22–09/11/22 & 10/08/22–10/09/22 – Camp Snyder](about:blank) (Reg will open at the end of April 2022)
  + Invasive Species (Vine) Webinar – 1/19/22 @7:30pm
  + Join the tree rescuers: Learn how to spot and report trees that are being killed by invasive non-native vines. Help educate your community and save our trees. Open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturing Scouts).
  + Participation in the Tree Rescuer project will meet the requirement for conservation hours and several BSA conservation awards.
  + Register at - <https://bit.ly/3flsIss> or [here](https://ncacbsa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkc-qspzwuG9DZE1skApoUPv8JCIB4uWN5?fbclid=IwAR2Y4qUrW4QGgWaIvNPcAuD1OfelDcBZ0QwsUIL_Gt0Fu8K1LbFhV6sPvks).
  + Other details - [*https://www.facebook.com/events/347492930170297/*](https://www.facebook.com/events/347492930170297/)
  + **Fairfax County Park Authority Invasive Management Area (IMA) program** - The program's main goal is habitat restoration and tree preservation through the removal of non-native invasive species. There are roughly 60 IMA sites throughout Fairfax County dealing with various invasive species. To find out more information about IMA and sign up for future workdays visit their webpage: [https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/invasive-management-area](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/invasive-management-area" \t "_blank).
  + Shooting Sports /Brian S
  + Requests for Shooting Events – Lead Time! (Contact [brian.summers@verizon.net](mailto:brian.summers@verizon.net))
  + 50+ scouts - 6mos
  + Less than 50 scouts - 3mos
  + Shooting on private land?
  + Requirements need to be followed
  + Permissions/protocols to be followed
  + Shooting Sports [web page](https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/)
  + Shooting Sports Instructor Classes:
  + [Rifle/Shotgun](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/rifle-shotgun-training/)
  + [Archery](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/archery-training/) (Virtual classes available)
  + The Shooting Sports Committee members will assist with the George Mason District Camporee.  If you have individuals with instructor (shotgun, rifle or archery) or Range Safety certifications, please ask them to consider volunteering.
  + COPE and Climbing /John L
    - Don’t forget the District’s various COPE and Climbing Opportunities!
    - Where CUB Scouts learn about teamwork by playing Games with a Purpose
    - Scouts learn how to lead their peers while playing these games.
    - Don’t forget the District’s various COPE and Climbing Opportunities!
    - COPE Game Day (2/13/22 – Sunday) – Camp Snyder from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
  + Level 1 & Level 2 training in COPE & Climbing programs need to be coordinated with COPE & Climbing committee chair: Tony Waisanen ([ncac.cope@gmail.com](mailto:ncac.cope@gmail.com))
    - Interested in obtaining a deck of COFFFEE & TEA game cards, E-mail [JohnLesko57@gmail.com](mailto:JohnLesko57@gmail.com)
  + Merit Badges /Margee E
  + Every merit badge counselor needs to be on the District Charter. The time for action is NOW!
  + The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-082gm23) works for all Scouters who do not already hold another District position.
  + New Merit Badge Counselors must complete online merit badge counselor training, in addition to YPT, after November 1, 2021. Existing merit badge counselors have until 12/31/22 to complete training.
  + Be sure the counselor uses his/her legal name – no nicknames.
  + Merit Badge Counselors, or the unit Dean/Leader, also need to scan and send Margee the Merit Badge Counselor Information Form listing the badges the counselor is applying to teach and providing a justification of his/her qualifications.
  + Youth Protection Training is the essential first step. Don’t hit “send” on the application without it!
  + Have established a mail group for Unit MB Deans.  If you have one assigned, email Margee to have them added to the list
  + Contact Margee if you have questions at [GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com](mailto:GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com).
  + Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Award /Matt B
  + Recognizes a noteworthy Eagle Scout Service Project.
  + Deadline is January 21, 2022
  + Anyone can make a nomination. [ADAMS-NATIONAL-EAGLE-SCOUT-SERVICE-PROJECT-OF-THE-YEAR-NOMINATION-FORM.pdf (nesa.org)](http://nesa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/ADAMS-NATIONAL-EAGLE-SCOUT-SERVICE-PROJECT-OF-THE-YEAR-NOMINATION-FORM.pdf)
  + Scout must sign application to document their “consent.”
  + Also needs an electronic copy of the project workbook.
  + Some nominations include video.
  + Winners can receive:
  + $500 at the Council level.
  + $500 at the Regional (Northeast) level.
  + $2,500 for National winner.

1. **Order of the Arrow (OA) /Brian S Jr.**

* Meeting – Had a great meeting tonight.  Many Troop representatives made for a great discussion.
* Elections – Elections run from November 1, 2021, through May 30, 2022. However, we would like to complete elections by the end of March to allow people to attend the GM Spring Ordeal.  Additional information:
  + 2-Year Rule – Scouts who were elected last year but did not attend the ordeal are still considered candidates and should NOT be placed on the voting ballot.
  + Virtual camping will no longer towards required camping nights for OA eligibility effective January 1, 2022.
  + Any virtual camping nights completed before January 1, 2022, will count towards OA eligibility this election cycle.
  + Assigned Sister Troops:

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* Ordeal – Spring Ordeal will be April 29 – May 1.  If your candidates cannot make the GM Ordeal, we can provide information on Ordeals in other districts.

1. **Other Announcements**

* Troop 1539 Join Scouting Night (February 8, 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the Vienna Community Center) - Scouts will give a presentation of some of normal activities and demonstrate some scout skills.  We'll also talk about leadership, ranks, advancement, and merit badges in Scouts BSA which will fulfill Requirement #2 of the Arrow of Light Scouting Adventure.   We will also have current parents from our troop in attendance for you or any of your scouts' parents to meet and talk about the troop.  For more information, click here:  <https://sites.google.com/view/join-troop-1539/home>
* Swim Test – Have a request from a scout to take his swim test as soon as possible (may be holding up advancement).  If anyone has a swim test coming up or has a Swimming MB Counselor that would be willing to complete the requirement at a local pool, please let me know ([ruspittman@gmail.com](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com))
* Volunteer – Have a scouter grandfather (with 25 years of scouting experience) that is now available to assist a Troop with light duties (e.g., Board of Review).  Located in the Thoreau MS area.  Let me know ([ruspittman@gmail.com](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com)) and I will put you in contact.
* Thanks to Hector – Thank to you Hector for serving as the District Commissioner for the last three years.  Also, for your willingness to stay on as a Unit Commissioner and to assist on completing the Charter Renewal for 2022.  I appreciate all you have done, and we have learned a lot from you.
* New Roundtable Commissioner – Brian Summers has agreed to become the new Roundtable Commissioner starting in March 2022.  Thanks Brian!

1. **District Executive Minute /Jose C**
   * Friends of Scouting – We have many of the FOS presentations already scheduled.  If your unit hasn’t provided a date yet, please email as soon as possible.  We need to wrap-up the schedule by the end of the month.
   * ScoutNet – This system, used by the professional staff, has been retired as of January 1.  The new system is being rolled out, but currently only a few individuals have access. This could delay our response to some of the information requests we get from you.
   * Weather Closing – NCAC offices are following the OPM for closings. If you plan to come to Bethesda during inclement weather, please check the OPM web site or call ahead to make sure the offices are open.
   * COVID – We all want our scouts/leaders/parents to be safe during this time.  Please continue to use masks, social distancing and staying home if you feel unwell.  We will get through this together.
   * Thanks – The Council Executive commended our District on the great work you all have done.  Wanted to pass that on.
2. **District Chair /John K**

* George Mason Scouting – Great Roundtable attendance in-person and on-line tonight.  Membership is up by 300 cubs/scouts from last year.  We lost no units in the recharter and are looking to add new units this year.
* Friends of Scouting – Our first scheduled presentation is on Wednesday and have 24 more scheduled.  Hector has volunteered to be the Family FOS Chair.  You will hear more about that later.
* Year ahead – I’m looking forward to a great Camporee.  Keep up the good work you all do.

1. **District Commissioner Minute /Hector U**

* Thank You – Thanks to everyone in the District, Commissioners and Roundtable.  Everything comes in a cycle, and I have had three years as the District Commissioner. I leave the position with Rus – you are in good hands.  Hopefully, he has a more stable environment than we did.
* Great job – Council takes notice of how George Mason District is performing because of you all – Cubmasters/Scoutmasters, uniformed adults and families.  The unit level is where scouting is run.

1. **Minutes and Slides** – Will be available on the [GMD Web Site](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/roundtable/) (District Resources, Roundtable).
2. **Next meeting** – February 10, 2022, at 7:30pm at Thoreau MS