



The RedBird Newsletter



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Quest For Quality Chapters and Lodge

Congratulations, Oka Tuli Chapter! They have attained Quality Chapter. You might wonder why your Chapter hasn't reached that status. You might also think that there is nothing I can do about it or it is too late to do. But there is something that every Arrowman, individually, can do now!

All the Chapters have met all but one simple requirement to attain the status of a Quality Chapter. That is having their Ordeal members to seal their membership in our Order by completing their Brotherhood, which is not a difficult process to complete. Here is how each Arrowman can help. Almost all of us know Brothers in our Order who are Ordeal members, not only the Brotherhood and Vigil members, but also those who just went through their Ordeal this year. Contact them about

completing their Brotherhood to seal their membership in Scouting's Honor Society to which their fellow Scouts felt they were worthy to be a member. If by chance the Ordeal member has not yet met the time requirement they should encourage the Arrowman to seek his Brotherhood as soon as he is able to.

In order that TaTsuHwa Lodge attain he Quality Lodge distinction we must induct 30% of the eligible Ordeal membership into the Brotherhood. The only item holding our Lodge back is the lack of Brotherhood conversion numbers.

BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS NEEDED	
Eagle	29
Neosho	6
Oka Tuli	+6
Sequoyah	3
Sac and Fox	6
Twin Arrows	27

Attention All Ordeal Members

On December 10th there will be two opportunities for Brotherhood for all those eligible. They will be held at Camp Loughridge. The first opportunity will be at 9:00am and the second at 12:30pm. The cost will be \$20. A registration form is available on the web site, www.tatsuhwa.org. Don't miss this last chance opportunity!

Lodge Banquet in January

On January 7th Ta Tsu Hwa will be holding its annual awards and recognition banquet. Arrowmen will be presented with the Golden Arrow Award, the Founder's Award as well as other honors. The Vigil Callout will also be held that night. This will be a very exciting night so make sure that you



reserve your tickets now. Tickets are \$12. An order form is on our website www.tatsuwaha.org. The ceremony will be held at Garnet Church of Christ. Doors will open at 5:00pm and the Vigil Callout ceremony will begin at 8:15pm. Come honor your fellow Arrowmen for their outstanding service.

National Order of the Arrow Conference

July 29, 2006 – August 3, 2006
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

The Lodge NOAC Contingent is being formed. Be a part of the gathering of OA members from across the nation. Competitions, Games, Training and Great Shows are only a small part of the fun and experience of NOAC. Registration will be on a first come basis. The number of adults will be based upon the number of youth participants (1:2). The final cost of



participation will be determined in the near future. At this time we are figuring between \$375 and \$400. However, an initial deposit of \$100.00 will reserve your spot. We will have a monthly easy payment plan as in the past, with monthly payments due Sept 31, Oct 31, and Nov 31.

Updates and details will be placed on the website www.tatsuhwa.org as they become available

Section S3 Conclave

Our S3 Section Conclave will be held at Slippery Falls Scout Reservation April 21-23, 2006. So mark your calendars and plan on experiencing an outstanding weekend.



Once every year, representatives of

Lodges in the Section to come together for a

fun and exciting weekend to share in fellowship, skills, training and the mutual improvement through the exchange of ideas.

There will be approximately 800 –900 Arrowmen from Oklahoma, Texas, and Arkansas attending to experience the Conclave.

Mark your calendars!

What would you like to see in our Newsletter? The next issue will be February 2006. If you have any suggestions or comments, send them to us at: RedBird138@cox.net

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Lodge Information



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Chapter Information

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>MEETINGS</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Eagle</u> Chief Neil Rapp (296-5644) Adviser - Monty Thames (743-9338)</p>	1st Thurs 7:00:pm	Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church 4102 E. 61st Tulsa, Ok.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEOSHO</u> Chief William Casey (473-3359) Adviser – Kenny Davis (458-9132)</p>	2nd Sat 2:00 pm	Camp Darby Tahlequah, Ok.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OKA TULI</u> Chief Chris Miller (423-1932) Adviser - Chris Taylor (423-1932)</p>	2nd Thurs 6:30 pm	Lakewood Christian Church McAlester, Ok.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SAC & FOX</u> Chief Jordan Whetsell (291-1304) Adviser – Lynn Whetsell (291-1304)</p>	1st Thurs 7:00 pm	Epworth United Methodist Church 4811 S. 25th W Ave. Tulsa, Ok.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SEQUOYAH</u> Chief Jordan Gerben (371-9993) Adviser – Andy Goodell (396-0993) Associate Adviser – Scott Tandy (341-9218)</p>	1st Thurs 6:30 pm	First United Methodist Church 1615 N. Hwy 88 Claremore, Ok.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TWIN ARROWS</u> Chief Zach Kuhn (267-1185) Adviser - Chris Thoma (622-2481) Associate Adviser- Mark Bruski (252-1299)</p>	3rd Thurs 7:00 pm	LDS Church 1701 N Hickory Broken Arrow, Ok



Order of the Arrow TaTsuHwa Lodge #138 2006 Calendar**



January 2	Lodge Membership Elections Begin	
January 7	Lodge Banquet	Garnett Rd. Church of Christ
March 5	Ordeal & Vigil Weekend Planning Mtg Elangomat Training	Berean Baptist Church @ 3:00pm Berean Baptist Church 2:00-5:00
March 24-26	Spring Ordeal #1	Zink Scout Ranch
April 1-2	Vigil Weekend	Camp Garland
April 21-23	Section 3A Conclave	Slippery Falls Scout Reservation
April 24	Lodge Membership Elections End	Election Forms to Unit Elec. Chair.
April 30	Hale Work Weekend Planning Meeting	Berean Baptist Church @ 3:00 pm
May 1	All Chapter Advisers <u>Must</u> Have Election Forms Turned In To Lodge	
May 5-7	Spring Ordeal #2	Hale Scout Reservation
May 19-21	OA Service Weekend	Hale Scout Reservation
July 28 - Aug 3	NOAC	Michigan State University
August 28	Lodge Fellowship Planning Meeting	Berean Baptist Church @3:00pm
September 9-10	Lodge Fellowship & Brotherhood Day	Camp Fred Darby
September 17	Ordeal Planning Meeting	Berean Baptist Church @3:00pm
September 30	Fall Festival of Scouting	Camp Russell
October 1	Golden Arrow, Vigil, Founder Nominations Due	
October 6-8	Fall Ordeal & Officer Elections	Camp Garland
November 5	Vigil Selection Meeting	Berean Baptist Church @ 3:00pm
November 11	Cub World Work Day	Zink Scout Ranch
December 2	Lodge Leadership Development Conference	Berean Baptist Church

****NOTE:** *This is suitable for posting on refrigerators, Troop bulletin boards and any other conspicuous places which are visible to Arrowmen.*

Although we try to set the program and calendar for the Order of the Arrow Events two years out, occasionally Council dates may dictate a change. Please visit our Lodge website at www.tatsuhwa.org for the latest information. We will post any changes immediately as they may occur. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Arrowmen:

This has been an exciting year so far, from the LLDC last year to where we are right now. I want to thank you for making it that way. Without your help none of this would have been possible. Thank you for a great year.

In January we had our Lodge Banquet. That was a fun time with good food and good entertainment with the Red Bird Jazz Combo band. Then after dinner we had the pleasure of watching our fellow brothers awarded for their service to our lodge the year before. As it was Mr. Atwood's last year we thanked him for his service and welcomed in our current Lodge Advisor Ken Martin. We also awarded the Golden Arrow award and Founders Awards. Then after all the awards we had our Vigil Callout Ceremony where many others as well as myself were called out for the Vigil Honor. We also installed our new Lodge Officers.

In the spring we had our Spring Ordeal in March where we inducted many new candidates into our lodge as Ordeal members. This last year we elected 300 candidates to become a part of our lodge. At our Spring Ordeal at Zink Scout Ranch we had lots of fun and we got lots of maintenance done for the camp. We had one illness but that was taken care of and the candidate is now one of our brothers

Next thing in our busy spring was the 2005 Section Conclave where our lodge was the host lodge. We had to prepare camp Hale for our visitors from all across the section. Thank you for your help on the Conclave workdays. It was very much appreciated. After we got it all set up, we had our Conclave where we participated in all of the quest events. Thanks to our runner, who ran the arrow, we placed in the top ten of that run. Then we tried our hardest in stickball, but it seemed like nothing would work for us. In volleyball we did pretty well until one quest conflicted with the other. The other quest that conflicted with the volleyball was the root beer chug contest. Our team of three chugged their root beer so fast and ran as hard as their dizzy heads could let them to finish in third place. Congratulations gentlemen! We also competed in many of the ceremonies and did very well. Thank you those who participated in the ceremonies. That night we had our powwow where we watched all the dancers dance. It was a fun time to be with everyone from across our section.

At the end of September we had our Fall Ordeal,

where more of those 300 elected candidates were inducted into our lodge. We had plenty of projects for the candidates to work on. Even though we had to scrape together some Elangomats for the clans we got it taken care of. The candidates worked hard on all of their projects and proved that they were worthy of membership in our lodge. When the last Ordeal Ceremony was over we went to the dining hall for dinner, which is always good and never leaves anyone hungry. That is a good thing for most of our new Ordeal members who hadn't eaten much all day but went to bed with their bellies full. Before they went to bed we had our lodge elections, where you voted on our current lodge leadership and our new member orientation. New member orientation gave our new members the information they need to continue to provide service with the lodge. The Ordeal weekend went very well, although one of our members lost something very valuable to him. Other than that it was a great weekend.

Recently we had our Cub World Work Day where some of our members went to Zink Scout Ranch and helped winterize the camp. We had a big lunch then had our Brotherhood afternoon where 18 ordeal members became Brotherhood members. In the past our lodge has only needed Brotherhood conversion to become a Quality Lodge. I hope that this year we will be a Quality Lodge and not just meet the minimal requirements.

Throughout the year we had many other meetings and trainings in order to plan out how each event would work. We had Elangomat training sessions where members in our lodge learned how to be Elangomats to serve our lodge. They will now be able to work on our Elangomat Service Award, which no one has achieved yet, so work hard for it. Our Ordeals were a success in many ways partly due to our Elangomat training. Thank you for your service!

As the year continues do not look at the past and wish things were like they were when we have so many new things coming up. You make them a success, so get active and be a part of our Lodge's success. Our future is far more important than our past. Although we need to know our roots, we must follow our vision of the future. I expect this next year to be one of the most successful years Ta Tsu Hwa has ever had, with NOAC and other opportunities to get involved. You made this last year a success. Keep up the good work!



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