



The RedBird Newsletter



TaTsu Hwa #138 Indian Nations Council Tulsa, Ok.
December 2006

Lodge Banquet

On January 6th Ta Tsu Hwa will be holding its annual awards and recognition banquet. Arrowmen honored by their peers 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.

The banquet will be held at Garnett Church of Christ, 12000 E. 31st St, Tulsa. Doors will open at 5:00pm and the Vigil Callout ceremony will begin at 8:30pm. Come join



Centennial Bird

us in fellowship and to honor your fellow Arrowmen for their outstanding service. This also will be your first opportunity to purchase our Lodge's new Centennial Bird.

This will be a very exciting night so make sure that you reserve your tickets now. Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased by December 31, 2006. An order form is on our website www.tatsuwaha.org. Tickets will NOT be available at the door.

Cub World Work Day

Congratulations to those Arrowmen from our Lodge who provided Cheerful Service to the Cub Scout Camping Program as was set forth in the Order of the Arrow's Strategic Plan. On November 11, 2006 the following showed up to help.

Matt Calderwood
Al Davis
Mike Henry
Christopher Jackman
Lyle Johnson
Joshua Kuykendall

Steve Kuykendall
Kenny Latham
Charles E. Mader
Ken Miles
John Pojman
Monty Thames

Dustin Thames
Jim Von Holten
Kevin Von Holten
David Waters
Lynn Whetsell
Jordon Whetsell

Since the Spring Ordeal will not be held at Zink next year, it is important that as many Arrowmen as possible show up on March 24, 2007 to help the Lodge set up and get Cub World ready for the Cub Scout camping season at Zink Ranch. Please mark your calendars for this day and join us from 8:00 till noon. Lunch will be provided. Troops are welcome to participate as well.

Section 3 Conclave

The Conclave for Section 3 will be held at Camp Simpson on April 27-29. Mark your calendars for this date. Watch our website www.tatsuhwa.org for future information.

What is an Elangomat?

"Elangomat" means "Friend". An Elangomat is someone who guides OA Candidates through their ordeal, as well as, assists Ordeal Members during their Brotherhood day. Elangomats are an important part of the Order of the Arrow as they set the example for those going through the Ordeal by guiding and befriending those Candidates during some of the most trying times of the ordeal?

Why is it important to take the Elangomat training?

It is important to take the training and become an Elangomat for various reasons. The most obvious reason is because Elangomats are important in the OA. When not enough people become Elangomats, an Ordeal becomes understaffed and less efficient. When there are enough Elangomats to fully run an Ordeal, it becomes more enjoyable for all involved, including the Candidates. Another reason to take the training is that it gives you some good tips on how to become a good leader. And on top of all this, you get a cool bird!

Elangomats Needed



If you are an Ordeal member who is not yet eligible for Brotherhood, or are already a Brotherhood member this is your chance to serve. We will need Arrowmen to serve as Elangomats (Youth) and Clan Advisers (Adult) for the upcoming Ordeals. It is a great opportunity to assist in bringing new members into Scouting's Honor Society and to receive Ta Tsu Hwa's famed "Silver Bird".

There will be an Elangomat and Clan Adviser Training on March 4, 2007. It will be held at Berean Baptist Church, 2111 S. Darlington, in Tulsa from 2:00 till 5:00. For more information contact Chris Miller at 302-0486 or christopher.miller@student.oc.edu.

TULSA (T-TOWN) TRADE-O-REE

Are you interested in Scout Patches and other Scouting memorabilia? On March 9-10, 2007 at the Econo Lodge, 11620 E. Skelly Drive, in Tulsa you can find a large Convention Center Room full of not only local, but regional and national Scouting memorabilia and history.

The admission is **FREE** and each Scout and Scouter attending in uniform will receive a **FREE** patch.

The hours are, March 9th (1pm to midnight) and March 10th (9am till 5pm.) For more information visit our web page at www.tatsuhwa.org or contact Larry Trook @ 918 636-5480 or Mike Cale @ 918 272-3181.

RedBird Contest

Congratulations to the winners of the contest in the last issue of our newsletter, "The RedBird"!! The answer to the question is Camp Fred Darby and will be the camp this year's Early Bird is commemorating. Don't forget to pay your OA Dues by 12/1/06.

Parker Henry and **Stefon Irby**, both from Eagle Chapter, were the first to answer correctly. An Honorable Mention goes to **Wyatt Justice** from Sac & Fox Chapter.

This issue's question: Due to NOAC being moved ahead to coincide with OA's Anniversary, What is the National OA event that will be taking place in 2008 instead of NOAC?

The first 5 Youth Arrowmen who email us a RedBird138@cox.net will receive a prize.

Congratulations New Brotherhood Members

The following Arrowmen, who were chosen by their fellow Scouts as worthy of belonging to Scouting Honor Society, have sealed their membership in Order of the Arrow in 2006.

<u>Eagle Chapter</u>		<u>Sequoyah Chapter</u>		<u>Twin Arrows Chapter</u>	
Troop 1	Gavin Wells	Troop 80	Jarrod Harris	Troop 7	Travis Kimble
Troop 8	David Anderson	Troop 83	Gary Bedford	Troop 7	Cody Molton
Troop 8	Craig Bell	Troop 95	Anthony Floyd	Troop 149	Chris Jackman
Troop 8	Eli Brown	Troop 99	Charles Sparks	Troop 646	Travis Beller
Troop 8	Tanner Bunch	Troop 99	Dillon Sparks	Troop 646	Kenneth Elliott
Troop 8	Joseph Daniel	Troop 199	Tommy Moses	Troop 646	Samuel Elliott
Troop 8	Taylor Johnson	Troop 199	Shelley Stringer	Troop 646	Kyle Greene
Troop 8	Jason Proffitt	Troop 199	Stephen Tesson	Troop 646	Randall Marrs
Troop 8	Bradley Seibert	Troop 238	Daniel Johnson	Troop 903	Alex Drews
Troop 20	Parker Childers	Troop 2002	William Borton	Troop 903	Richard Ewing
Troop 20	Drew Craig	Troop 2002	Chase Forester	Troop 903	Jacob Niles
Troop 26	David F. Carlock	Troop 2002	Alex Weddington	Troop 909	Raymond Byrd
Troop 26	Daniel Holloman	Troop 2002	Carl Weddington	Troop 909	Andrew Gray
Troop 26	Brett Jones	Troop 2005	Jerry Loyd	Troop 920	Jayson Burscough
Troop 26	Bogdan Kaczmarek			Troop 920	Joe Huser
Troop 26	Elliott Korb			Troop 920	Joseph Schnetzer
Troop 26	Daniel Rusco			Troop 920	Zac Schnetzer
Troop 81	Auston Fields	<u>Sac & Fox Chapter</u>		Troop 930	Bruce Gumtow
Troop 81	Daniel Fields	Troop 178	Garrison Infield	Troop 935	J.D. Anderson
Troop 81	Tom Liotta	Troop 224	Cary Mans	Troop 935	Rob Dale
Troop 81	Steve Neal	Troop 225	Kevin Mozarko	Troop 935	Caleb Forbes
Troop 185	Conner Murphy	Troop 298	Gary Holcomb	Troop 935	D.J. Gilbert
Troop 185	Rocky Tarrant	Troop 298	Christian Pike	Troop 935	Ian Phillips
Troop 222	Daniel Bisett	Troop 520	Brad Arnold	Troop 935	Devin Phillips
Troop 222	Ian Dunning	<u>Oka Tuli Chapter</u>		Troop 935	Kevin Phillips
Troop 241	Nick Berghall	Troop 2	Ross Campbell	Troop 975	Blake Beckham
Troop 241	Charles Masek	Troop 2	Matt Dunlay	Troop 975	Cash Billups
Troop 241	Joe Masek	Troop 417	Robert Herring	Troop 975	Greg Curran
Troop 241	Duncan Staggs	Troop 441	Jefferson Billos	Troop 999	Chase Purdom
Troop 241	Gavin Stewart	Troop 441	Tyler Mason		
Troop 241	Sean Stewart	Troop 441	Joshua Meyer		
Troop 313	Chris Byrd	Troop 449	Cooper Sullivan	<u>Neosho Chapter</u>	
Troop 313	Toby Decker	Troop 473	Jonathon Hairod	Troop 603	William Greuel
Troop 945	Clark Ellis	Troop 473	Gregory Hairod	Troop 603	Cody Jaynes
		Troop 499	Thomas Curtis	Troop 743	Simon Manning

Ordeal Members

Will your name be on this list next year???





Order of the Arrow TaTsuHwa Lodge #138 2007 Calendar*



January 1	Lodge Membership Elections Begin	
January 6	Lodge Banquet	Garnett Rd. Church of Christ
March 4	Ordeal & Vigil Weekend Planning Meeting Elangomat Training	Berean Baptist Church @3:00pm Berean Baptist Church 2:00-5:00
March 9-10	T Town Tradeoree	Econo Lodge 11620 E. Skelly Drive
March 16-18	Spring Ordeal	Hale Scout Reservation
March 24	Cub World Workday (8:00am to 12:00 noon)	Zink Scout Ranch
March 31st - April 1	Vigil Weekend	Camp Garland
April 23	Lodge Membership Elections End	
April 27-29	Section 3 Conclave	Camp Simpson
May 1	All Chapter Advisers <u>Must</u> Have Election Forms Turned In To Lodge	
May 7	Hale Work Weekend Planning Meeting	Berean Baptist Church @ 3:00 pm
May 18-20	OA Service Weekend	Hale Scout Reservation
August 26	Lodge Fellowship Planning Meeting	Berean Baptist Church @3:00pm
September 8-9	Lodge Fellowship & Brotherhood Day	Camp Fred Darby
September 16	Ordeal Planning Meeting	Berean Baptist Church @3:00pm
September 29	Fall Festival of Scouting	Camp Russell
October 1	Golden Arrow, Vigil, and Founders Award Nomination Deadline	
October 5-7	Fall Ordeal & Lodge Officer Elections	Garland Scout Reservation
November 3	Cub World Workday	Zink Scout Ranch
November 4	Vigil Selection Committee	Berean Baptist Church @ 3:00 pm
December 3	Lodge Re-Charter Early Bird Deadline	Scout Service Center
December 8	Lodge Leadership Development Conference	Berean Baptist Church

***NOTE:** This is suitable for posting on Troop bulletin boards, refrigerators 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.

Lodge Information



Lodge Chief	Chris Miller	302-0486
First Vice Chief	Anthony Floyd	371-1741
Second Vice Chief	Paul Grant	342-4186
Secretary	Daniel Johnson	343-1741
Treasurer	Cody James	478-8283
Lodge Adviser	Dale Southerland	437-2273
Lodge Staff Advisor	Lloyd Hasty	743-6125

Chapter Information

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>MEETINGS</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Eagle</u></p> <p>Chief Stefon Irby (605-0445)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adviser - Don Williams (492-8283)</p> <p>Associate Adviser – Monty Thames (743-9338)</p>	<p>2nd Thurs 6:30:pm</p>	<p>Christ United Methodist Church. 35th and Harvard Tulsa, Ok</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEOSHO</u></p> <p>Chief Cody Hunt (687-3669)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adviser – Kenny Davis (458-9132)</p>	<p>2nd Thurs 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Muskogee LDS Church Muskogee, Ok.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OKA TULI</u></p> <p>Chief Jacob Coulter (918 426-0761)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adviser - Steve Lance (423-1631 x116)</p>	<p>2nd Thurs 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Lakewood Christian Church McAlester, Ok.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SAC & FOX</u></p> <p>Chief Kevin Von Holton (827-5051)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adviser – Lynn Whetsell (291-1304)</p>	<p>1st Thurs 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Epworth United Methodist Church 4811 S. 25th W Ave. Tulsa, Ok.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SEQUOYAH</u></p> <p>Chief Jordan Gerben (371-9993)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adviser – Andy Goodell (396-0993)</p> <p>Associate Adviser – Scott Tandy (341-9218)</p>	<p>1st Thurs 6:30 pm</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church 1615 N. Hwy 88 Claremore, Ok.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TWIN ARROWS</u></p> <p>Chief J.D. Anderson (451-6768)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adviser - Mark Bruski (252-1299)</p> <p>Associate Adviser – Bob Kimble (366-7706)</p>	<p>3rd Thurs 7:00 pm</p>	<p>LDS Church 1701 N Hickory Broken Arrow, Ok</p>

OA High Adventure Opportunities

ARROWCORPS5 A HIGHER ADVENTURE

The Order of the Arrow has had a long-standing interest in coordinating a national service project, utilizing the infrastructure and leadership established over many years of success at the Boy Scouts of America's high adventure bases. Working closely together, the United States Forest Service and the OA have chosen five project sites, spread across America, that will be the focus of our combined efforts. ArrowCorps5 (pronounced Arrow Corps Five) will provide an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each participant to set an example of leadership in service to those who treasure our national forests. For more information visit <http://www.event.oa-bsa.org/>.

Trail Crew **Philmont**

The OA is offering you an opportunity to join other Arrowmen in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the trails of Philmont Scout Ranch. Under the direction of the Philmont Conservation Department, experienced Philmont staff members with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on the two week trail crew and trek.

Ocean Adventure **Florida Sea Base**

The OA, in cooperation with the Florida Sea Base is offering you an opportunity to cheerfully serve the greatest ecosystem on our planet; the ocean. Under the direction of the National Marine Sanctuary and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), experienced Florida Sea Base staff with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on a two week scuba diving adventure in the beautiful waters of the Florida Keys.



Wilderness Voyage **Northern Tier**

The OA is offering you an opportunity to join Arrowmen from across the country in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the pristine US/Canadian Boundary Waters. Under the direction of the United States Forest Service, experienced Charles L. Sommers staff members with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on a two week voyage into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness

What would you like to see in our Newsletter? The next issue will be February 2007. If you have any suggestions or comments, send them to us at: RedBird138@cox.net.

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Patrick "Bob" Hays, Editor In Chief

Chiefly Speaking

My Fellow Arrowman,

Well I hope this fall season has been great for you. As the new Lodge Chief I would like to extend to you a special invitation to the Annual Lodge Banquet at Church on January 7th. After dinner awards will be presented and we will have the Vigil Callout, it will be a great time to fellowship with other Arrowmen. The tickets are \$12 each; please fill out the order form located at www.tatsuhwa.org. For all you first year Arrowmen I want you to realize all the possibilities that our lodge and the order as a whole for you accomplish.



When I first became an Arrowman I never would have realized that one day I would become Lodge Chief of this awesome lodge, but here I am today your elected leader, and I want you to

realize that the same thing can happen to you, and it has been one awesome experience, the people I have met are incredible and they are family to me, and that is the coolest thing about our lodge, is that you have made it into one big family, of brothers and sisters in unselfish and cheerful service.

I encourage you to “seal” your membership in the lodge by becoming a brotherhood member after a period of ten months after you induction into the Order. For all you ordeal members that are eligible to become brotherhood, I ask that you please seal your membership in the lodge at the next brotherhood ceremony. I look forward to getting to know all of you during my term, and working with each and every one of you.

Yours in Brotherhood

Chris Miller
Lodge Chief

Adviser's Minute

I hope everyone had a great year. We elected over 353 youth and 100 adults into the Order of the Arrow. We had 136 adults and youths go through the Ordeal at Camp Garland. I would like to thank Kevin Aitken and all the officers for a great 2006 year.

I had a great two year as your Advisor and I hope that you will support Dale Southerland as you have me. We have three new

Chapter Advisors for next year. I would like to think all the Elangomats, Clan Advisers, general workers, and very importantly, Ceremony Team members for all the help you gave to me in my two years as Lodge Advisor. Let's make next year a memorable one, not a forgettable one.

Ken Martin
Lodge Adviser

Lodge Smoker

Our Lodge now has it's own smoker to help feed hungry Arrowmen while they are providing Cheerful Service.

Arrowmen Michael and Kendall Gruell were instrumental in the building of the smoker. They are also members of the FFA class that built it. The funding for the smoker was provided by the proceeds from the T-Town's Trade-o-Ree which was under the direction of Mike Cale and Larry Trook. So please keep that in mind and support the upcoming **T-Town Trade-O-Ree** on March 9-10! Arrowman Charlie Mader, employees of Vermeer Great Plains, Inc., and David Lynch donated additional work and material.