



The RedBird Newsletter



TaTsu Hwa #138 Indian Nations Council Tulsa, Ok.
May 2005

"Voted Section 3's Best Newsletter"

2005 Section 3 Conclave

TaTsuHwa Lodge hosted the 2005 Conclave at Hale Scout Reservation.



Over 750 Arrowmen from Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma attended. The weather proved to be ideal for an outstanding weekend of fellowship, training

and competition.

Mason Robbins, the Host Lodge CVC, and Dr. John Gastorf, the Conclave Advisor, did an exceptional job in putting together and hosting the Conclave. Dr. Gastorf comments following the conclave stated that he was proud to be a member of a LODGE with such a remarkable group of people who have caught the higher vision of "cheerful service". The consistent comment throughout the Conclave was that the

host lodge staff members were always ready to be of assistance to others, usually without having to be asked.

Our Lodge and our Arrowmen were honored with several awards. Don Bennett won 1st place in ceremony competition, Cody Robbins won 1st place in the Photo Competition, Mason Robbins took 1st place in Camp Promotions and our Redbird Newsletter took 1st place. Ben Carlson was reelected as the Section Vice Chief and also was awarded the Section Award of Merit.

Ta Tsu Hwa Dancers made an outstanding showing. First Place honors went to Johnny Barkley in Fancy Dance and Kevin VanHolten in Grass Dance. Second Place honors went to Davey Blansett in Fancy Dance and Andrew Kast in Traditional Dance.

Accomplishing our Purpose

Many thanks to those units, Scouts and Arrowmen who took advantage of a weekend of Cheerful Service, fun and fellowship at the Hale Scout Reservation. Our Lodge provides this weekend to help accomplish the OA's Purpose, to promote camping, maintain the camping traditions and spirit and to

provide Cheerful Service. Those Troops that gave their time were: 1,4,007,22,80,89,123,188,202,238,499,507,520,642,646,935,977,999, 2000 and 2002. Don't see your Troop listed? When your Troop does it planning why not schedule your May campout at Hale?

OA High Adventure

Opportunities

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.

Trail Crew

Philmont

The OA 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.

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

Philbreak

Philmont

Philmont Scout Ranch is offering you an opportunity to join other Scouts in giving meaningful service, the formation of lasting friendship, and development of your leadership skills in the beautiful mountains of Philmont Scout Ranch. Under the direction of experienced Philmont staff members, you will take part in a weeklong service-based program.

Visit www.aa-bsa.org/programs for more information

Attention all Arrowmen

As summer approaches and many scouting adventures will also begin. Summer Camps, Philmont Treks and Jamboree to name some of the bigger events. Let us not forget about our OA events. September 10th & 11th is our Fall Fellowship and Brotherhood Day. It will be a weekend of fun and fellowship. More importantly it will an opportunity for

you Ordeal Members to seal your commitment in the OA to become Brotherhood Members. Unit elections have been completed for this year and we will have many new brothers called out this summer. Sealing your membership in BSA's Honor Society will show the scouts in your unit that their votes cast for you were deserved.

Leadership in Service Award (2005-2007)

In recognition of the Order of the Arrow's heritage of service, the National Order of the Arrow Committee created a new three-year Leadership in Service Program which was announced at the 2004 NOAC. The Order strives to strengthen Scouting's



foundation of service by further fostering in Arrowmen the ethic of servant leadership. By promoting and rewarding service that benefits the Boy Scouts of America's outdoor program, and the communities in which Scouts reside, the Order will be acting to support Scouting at the most important level.

The timeline for the Leadership in Service Award is a graduated system that encourages Arrowmen to continue their service from year to year. Requirements for the award can be met during the calendar years of 2005, 2006, and 2007. Service from a previous year cannot be carried over to meet the next year's requirements. Arrowmen of all ages may earn the First Year award in 2005, 2006 or 2007, the Second Year in 2006 or 2007, and the Third Year Award in 2007 only.

The Arrowman's Scoutmaster, Lodge Chief and Lodge Advisers may sign off

"We, as Arrowmen, have the great privilege of pointing the way to other people . . . it's the way to happiness in life. It's the way of cheerful service."

- E. Urner Goodman

signatures for the requirements of this award. Arrowmen should contact their lodge to obtain sign-off forms. Completed forms should be returned to the lodge. The awards will be presented by the lodge at an appropriate occasion.

Leadership in Service Award Criteria

Arrowmen must complete the following requirements each year in which they earn the award:

- Give 8 hours of service participating in a lodge, chapter, or council service project benefiting a local council camp (lodge induction weekends do count). Service may be split over two or more events.*
- Give 6 hours of service doing a community service project
- planned and run by the lodge or chapter.**

*Working as camp staff does not fulfill the council service requirement.

**Lodges are encouraged to use the OA's Lodge Guide to Community Service to aid them in planning community service projects.

Section 3 Vice Chief



Ben Carlson,
Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster
from Troop 238 in Claremore, was re-
elected the
SR-3 Section Vice Chief

Chiefly Speaking

I would like to start out by saying Thank You to every Arrowman who made the



S-3 conclave successful. The Section could not stop praising how good of a job we did. I was very proud because of each and every one of you,

giving your all, to your brothers, that made it the best. To those who worked for the Blackbirds, good job.....you got them. To those who are not Blackbird fans and still did everything for your brothers, there is all ways eBay. I would like to congratulate the dance ceremony and competition teams for giving your all and representing our lodge to the best of your abilities. You made us proud.

Now we must look at the biggest task before us, which is Brotherhood conversion. All of us need to work together to make sure we meet our goal this year. The LEC has approved

holding Brotherhood ceremonies during summer camp. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact me. Between me, Mr. Pojman, and Mr. Martin, one of us is going down to camp Hale each Friday to help with the ceremonies. So lets now work together to attain "Quality Lodge" designation and show the rest of S-3 that we are the best.

Robert Kennedy once said, "It is not enough to understand, or to see clearly. The future will be shaped in the area of human activity, by those willing to commit their minds and their bodies to the task." We know what needs to be done and we know what to do so Ta Tsu Hwa lets roll up our sleeves and go to it. Until we speak again.

*Yours in Brotherhood,
Mason Robbins, Chapter Chief*

Lodge Leadership Development Conference

*December 3, 2005 is the **Lodge Leadership Development Conference**. This is an outstanding day of training for*



all Lodge and Chapter officers

We will cover several administrative areas such as Unit Election procedures,

those Arrowmen, both youth and adult, desiring to learn more about the OA and leadership qualities. This is required for

Ordeal and event planning, Chapter programs, etc. Ceremonies, the Brotherhood program, and other topics of interest will also be offered as well as sessions on How to be a More Effective Leader, How to Have a Quality Troop Program, Camping Promotion, Where to Go Camping, and other areas of interest. In addition, there will be Team Building Games, fun, food, and fellowship.

A special temporary patch will available to recognize participants and staff that are trained at Lodge Leadership Development training courses



ORDER OF THE ARROW

TA TSU HWA LODGE #138



2005-2006 Calendar**

May 20-22	OA Service Weekend	Hale Scout Reservation
August 28	Lodge Fellowship Planning Meeting	Berean Baptist Church @ 3:00pm
September 10-11	Lodge Fellowship & Brotherhood Day	Camp Fred Darby
September 24	Fall Festival of Scouting	Camp Russell
September 30 - October 2	Fall Ordeal & Lodge Officer Elections	Garland Scout Reservation
October 1	Golden Arrow, Vigil, and Founder Award Nomination Deadline	
October 30	Vigil Selection Committee	Berean Baptist Church @ 3:00pm
November 12	Cub World Workday (8:00am 12:00 noon)	Zink Scout Ranch
December 1	Lodge Re-Charter Early Bird Deadline	Scout Service Center
December 3	Lodge Leadership Development Conference	Berean Baptist Church
January 2, 2006	Lodge Membership Elections Begin	
January 7, 2006	Lodge Banquet	Garnett Rd. Church of Christ
March 5, 2006	Ordeal & Vigil Weekend Planning Meeting Elangomat Training	Kirk of the Hills Church @3:00pm Kirk of the Hills Church 2:00-5:00
March 24-26, 2006	Spring Ordeal	Zink Scout Ranch
April 1-2, 2006	Vigil Weekend	Camp Garland

****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 Web Site 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.

What would you like to see in our Newsletter? If you have any suggestions or comments, send them to us at: RedBird138@cox.net.



Lodge Leadership

Lodge Chief	Mason Robbins	h) 834-3659
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Second Vice Chief	Nash Thames	h) 743-9338
Secretary	Zach Avery	h) 307-0370
Treasurer	P.C. Hance	h) 627-4496
Lodge Adviser	Ken Martin	h) 299-8991 w) 523-2215
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Lodge Staff Advisor	Lloyd Hasty	w) 743-6125

Chapter Information

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>MEETINGS</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BOKCHITO</u></p> <p>Chief - Austin Younger (427-1752) Adviser – Sheldon Aylesworth (962-5696)</p>	<p>4th Thurs 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Panama First Baptist Church Panama, Ok</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>EAGLE</u></p> <p>Chief - Don Bennett (299-7477) Adviser - Monty Thames (743-9338)</p>	<p>1st Thurs 7:00:PM</p>	<p>Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church 4102 E. 61st Tulsa, Ok.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEOSHO</u></p> <p>Chief - William Casey (473-3359) Adviser – Kenny Davis (458-9132)</p>	<p>2nd Thurs 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Church of Christ Fort Gibson</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OKA TULI</u></p> <p>Chief - Chris Miller (423-1932) Adviser - Chris Taylor (423-1932)</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 - Jordan Whetsell (291-1304) Adviser - Ray Blansett (322-3303)</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 - Warren Chatwin (274-1351) Adviser - Mike Cale (272-3181) Associate Adviser - Tom Harris (274-7118)</p>	<p>2nd 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 - Shane Bruski (252-1299) Adviser - Chris Thoma (622-2481) Associate Adviser- Mark Bruski (252-1299)</p>	<p>3rd Thurs 7:00 PM</p>	<p>LDS Church 1701 N Hickory Broken Arrow, Ok</p>

Adviser's Minute

I hope everyone has a great time at Summer Camp. We elected over 250 youth and 50 adults into the Order of the Arrow this spring. Most of them will go through the call-out at Camp Hale where I am sure our OA Camp Representatives, Michael Greuel, Matt Rom, and the Call-out Ceremony Team will do a great job of keeping things lined out in camp.



I know what you are thinking, and you are absolutely right. With over 300 people elected that mean a HUGE Fall Ordeal. We will need as many as possible to go through their Brotherhood at the Fall Fellowship, September 10 – 11. Don't let a ballgame, band, or other activity on Friday night, stop you from attending. Show up by 2:00 pm on Saturday and you can still go through the Brotherhood. New Brotherhood members and Arrowmen then need to plan on helping with the Fall Ordeal. We need Elangomats, Clan Advisers, general workers, and very importantly, Ceremony Team members to be at the Fall Ordeal, September 30 - October 2. The Fall Ordeal certainly provides us a challenge, but I have every confidence that the Arrowmen of Ta Tsu Hwa will rise to the occasion and meet this "...weighty responsibility." Remember, for those just elected this is their first experience with the Order of the Arrow. Let's make it a memorable one, not a forgettable one.

We will be electing new Lodge Officers at the Fall Ordeal. Those wishing to run should fill out a "Lodge Office Candidacy Petition Form" before the Ordeal. Forms are available at the Fall

Fellowship, on the Lodge web site www.tatsuhwa.org, or on request from the Lodge Adviser (299-8891h, 523-2215w, or e-mail kmartin@callidus.com.

Once again, I want to thank you for making the Section 3R Conclave a great event. We received a great number of compliments on our Camp and the graciousness and support of our Lodge for the Conclave event.

Just as last year, we will not be holding the Spring Ordeal at Camp Hale. We will be setting up Zink Cub World as part of our commitment and support of the Cub Scout Program, one of the strategic points established by the OA National Committee. This means we will have only one opportunity to get Camp Hale ready for summer camp. To get the camp ready and clean it up, it is very critical that we have a large turnout and commitment from Units to participate in the Work Weekend. Come down and get your campsite ready for Summer Camp.

As you plan your Unit program for next year, please remember the Spring Ordeal for 2006 will be March 24-26, at Zink Scout Ranch. Also, please consider the Work Weekend for your May campout on 2006. Tents and food are provided, so all you have to provide is transportation. The event is open to both OA Members and non-members, with every attendee receiving a special patch, which can only be earned by those attending and working the Work Weekend. Please put this on your calendar now.

*Ken Martin,
Lodge Adviser*