



The RedBird Newsletter



TaTsu Hwa #138 Indian Nations Council Tulsa, Ok.

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Fall Fellowship

So you think OA Weekends are just for giving Cheerful Service? Fall Fellowship weekend is for Fun and Fellowship. It is also the chance for you Ordeal members to seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow. So mark your calendars and tell all your brother Arrowmen to mark theirs also for a fun and exciting weekend. Join us at Camp Darby on Saturday Sept. 9th and 10th.

Flyers and signup forms can be found at the Reynolds Scout Resource Center or can be found on our website at www.tatsuhwa.org.

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Fall Ordeal

Our Fall Ordeal will be held at Camp Garland on October 6th through October 8, 2006. This is an important time for our Lodge. First we will be receiving new Ordeal Members. It is another opportunity for the existing Ordeal members with at least 10 months of membership and who have completed the other requirements for Brotherhood, to seal their membership in Scouting's Honor Society.

At this Ordeal we will also be electing our new Lodge Officers. So it is important that all Arrowmen should attend.

National Order of the Arrow Conference



It's official; the largest group of Arrowmen ever assembled from all over the United States and a few foreign countries arrived on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan for the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). For the first time in history every Lodge in the Order of the Arrow was represented as

8,003 Arrowmen assembled for five days of fellowship, fun, learning, shows, and competitions. Forty-two Ta Tsu Hwa Arrowmen took part under the leadership of Lodge Chief, Kevin Aitken, and Contingent Adviser, Dr. John Gastorf.

NOAC is the 2nd largest national program event put on by the Boy Scouts of America. Second only to the National Jamboree, NOAC has been described as the "National Jamboree" for the OA. There are many different aspects to NOAC and so many events and activities going on that it is impossible to participate in every event in one year. Each year events are added and changed so you could go to every NOAC and still do new things each time. The main activities at NOAC include training, ceremonies evaluation, American Indian events, shows, competitions, and Founders' Day. No matter if you are a new Arrowman or one of many years, NOAC has something for every one of all backgrounds and all ages. It is definitely one of Scouting's most unique and entertaining training events.

Davey Blansett placed in the top 10 and Johnny Barkley placed in the top 20 of the Fancy Dance competition. It was an honor to the Lodge to see Davey perform on stage at Tuesday night's Native American Show. Others participating in the Native American Dance competition were: Andrew Kast (Grass Dance), Kevin Von Holten (Grass Dance), Brett Goodell (Straight Dance), and Jordan Gerber (Straight Dance).

On a more serious note, Al Davis and Jim Ericson stood guard daily on one of the very few fans on campus as they traded patches in the dorm lobby. Breathlessly each night at the arena shows Chris Thoma awaited a surprise appearance of the Muppets, only to have his hopes dashed. This did not, however, keep the captive audience on the return bus trip from hearing all about his beloved Miss Piggy, Hermit, and company. It was a good thing the Lodge was not flying, or Lodge Chief, Kevin Aitken, and First Vice Chief, Chris Miller, would still be trying to clear security after making such a haul at Founder's Day. I think they collected everything, including the proverbial kitchen sink, as they set a record of visiting each and every booth at Founder's Day. Rumor has it that Kevin was trying to outfit his dorm room at OBU this Fall with Founder's Day items.

As a tired but happy group left the MSU campus on Thursday, the battle cry for the next NOAC was "Onward to a cooler climate at Indiana University in 2009 or bust." We hope to see you there with us as assemble once again for the National Order of the Arrow Convention.

Recognize Your Fellow Arrowmen

*It is time of the year to show appreciation for those Arrowmen for their service. Nominations for the Golden Arrow, Vigil Honor and the Founders Award are **due October 1st**. Don't let these Arrowmen go unrecognized.*

*The **Golden Arrow Award** is bestowed on deserving Arrowmen by our Lodge. The requirement is simply outstanding or noteworthy service to the OA at the Chapter or Lodge level.*

*The **Vigil Honor** is a highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to the lodge, council and Scouting. It dates back to 1915, when founder E.*



Urner Goodman became the first Vigil Honor member. The Vigil Honor is mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of

exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond their immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting or their scout camp. The Arrowman must have been a Brotherhood member for a period of two years or more.

*The **Founder's Award** is presented as recognition to those who have given outstanding service to the Lodge and who have demonstrated to their fellow Arrowmen that they memorialize in their every day life the spirit of achievement as described by the founder of the Order of the Arrow, E. Urner Goodman.*



Nominations forms can be found at the Scout Service Center or on our web site www.tatsuhwa.org

It's Election Time!

Your Chapters will be holding elections in the next couple months. Now is the time to have some input in your chapter. But not only is your input important, why not show your leadership! Run for an office in your



chapter and use those skills. Not only is your input important at the Chapter level but also at this Fall Ordeal we will be electing the Lodge Officers for 2007. (See the website for officer petition form www.tatwahwa.org

Arrowman!!!

This is your Lodge, Do you part in assuring Ta Tsu Hwa has the best leadership to guide us through 2007!!!

OA Service Weekend

One of the purposes of the OA, Scouting's Honor Society, is to promote camping and it's traditions. In Our Lodge has sponsored a weekend in May to help prepare our summer camp, Hale Scout Reservation, so hundreds of Scouts and Scouters can experience and enjoy an outdoor program. Many thanks go out to the following 27 units who helped to make that possible.

Eagle Chapter	Troops 22, 103, 123
Neosho Chapter	Troops 608, 794
Oka Tuli Chapter	Troops 2, 479
Sac & Fox Chapter	Troops 28, 21, 225, 520
Sequoyah Chapter	Troops 80, 95, 238, 301, 2002
Twin Arrows Chapter	Troops 4, 7, 23 117 149 154, 646, 903, 920, 935, 977



Lodge Leadership Development Conference

December 2, 2006 is the **Lodge Leadership Development Conference**.



This is an outstanding day of training for those Arrowmen, both youth and adult, desiring to learn more about the OA and leadership qualities. This is

required for all Lodge and Chapter officers

We will cover several administrative areas such as Unit Election procedures, 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. For more information check our webpage www.tatsuhwa.org.



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 a 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/>.

Early Bird Registration Flap

Our LEC (Lodge Executive Committee) has approved a new series of flaps for our Early Bird Registration. Each year the Flap will be commemorating one of the current Indian Nations camps.

The first patch in the series is for a camp whose history suggests the Mound Dwellers first inhabited the region between 500 and 1500 A.D. A Spanish Explorer Onate led an exploration party in the vicinity in 1595. French trappers visited the region in 1726 and found an abundance of game for hunting. There was also a Civil war battle fought near the site. A local outing group had originally used the area for activities but they later disbanded. Following that the BSA purchased the land.

Do you know which Camp it is? A prize will be awarded to the first 10 youth Arrowmen who email us, Redbird138@cox.net with the correct camp. Watch our website, www.tatsuhwa.org, for the answer, winners and the patch!



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

Tents to Come Down

The OA National Committee had identified some strategic points for our Order. One of the points in the commitment of the Order of the Arrow's commitment and support of the Cub scout program. Our Lodge, in following, the OA's national plan is supporting that plan by providing service to the Councils Cub Program by providing Cheerful Service at Cub World. The Cub World session will be coming to an end this year and the tents will be taken down for the winter months.

This November our Lodge will be continuing our support of the Cub Scout Program and will be taking on that task. We will need all Arrowmen to assist. So on Saturday, November 11th plan to be at Cub World from 8: till noon to assist your Lodge and the Cub Program. The more Brothers of Cheerful Service present, the merrier, (and the quicker we will be done!)

Chapter Contact Information

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>MEETINGS</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>EAGLE</u></p> <p>Chief <i>Stefon Irby (744-8241 c) 402-6681)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adviser - <i>Monty Thames (743-9338)</i></p>	<p>2nd Thurs 6:30:pm</p>	<p><i>Christ United Methodist Church 35th & S. Harvard Tulsa, Ok.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEOSHO</u></p> <p>Chief <i>William Casey (473-3359)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adviser – <i>Kenny Davis (458-9132)</i></p>	<p>2nd Sat 2:00 pm</p>	<p><i>LDS Church Muskogee, Ok.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OKA TULI</u></p> <p>Chief <i>Chris Miller (302-0486)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adviser - <i>Chris Taylor (423-1932)</i></p>	<p>2nd Thurs 6:30 pm</p>	<p><i>Lakewood Christian Church McAlester, Ok.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SAC & FOX</u></p> <p>Chief <i>Jordan Whetsell (291-1304)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adviser – <i>Lynn Whetsell (291-1304)</i></p>	<p>3rd Thurs 7:00 pm</p>	<p><i>Epworth United Methodist Church 4811 S. 25th W Ave. Tulsa, Ok.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SEQUOYAH</u></p> <p>Chief <i>Jordan Gerber (371-9993)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adviser – <i>Andy Goodell (396-0933)</i> Associate Adviser – <i>Scott Tandy (231-6392)</i></p>	<p>3rd Thurs 7:00 pm</p>	<p><i>First United Methodist Church 1615 N. Hwy 88 Claremore, Ok.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TWIN ARROWS</u></p> <p>Chief <i>Zach Kuhn (267-1185)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adviser - <i>Mark Bruski (252-1299)</i></p>	<p>3rd Thurs 7:00 pm</p>	<p><i>LDS Church 1701 N Hickory Broken Arrow, Ok</i></p>

Coming Attractions Ta Tsu Haw Lodge #138

September 9-10	Lodge Fellowship & Brotherhood Day	Camp Fred Darby
September 17	Ordeal Planning Meeting	Berean Baptist Church @3:00pm
September 23	Fall Festival of Scouting	Camp Russell
October 1	Golden Arrow, Vigil, Founder Nominations Due	Reynolds Scout Resource Center
October 6-8	Fall Ordeal & Officer Elections	Camp Garland
November 4	Vigil Selection Meeting	Berean Baptist Church @ 3:00pm
November 11	Cub World Work Day	Zink Scout Ranch
December 1	OA REGISTRATION DUE	Reynolds Scout Resource Center
December 2	Lodge Leadership Development Conference	Berean Baptist Church

ADVISER'S MINUTE

I hope everyone had a great time at Summer Camp. We elected over 400 youth and 100 adults into the Order of the Arrow in the Spring. Most of them went through the call-out at Camp Hale and our OA Representatives, Kevin Aitken and the Call-out Ceremony Team did a great job of keeping things lined out in camp. We also did Brotherhood at summer camp and I wanted to thank all the people that help.



I know what you are thinking, and you are absolutely right. With over 500 people elected that means a HUGE fall Ordeal. We need Elangomats, Clan Advisers, general workers, and very importantly, Ceremony Team members to be at the Fall Ordeal, October 6 to 8. Elangomats training is set up for September 17. The large number expected at the 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, or 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).

Next year Conclave is April 27-29, 2007 at Camp Simpson. NOAC was a great event for all that attended.

We had Camp Hale Work Weekend and it was a great event. I would like to thank Mike Cale and his team for making the event a great weekend.

Upcoming events: Cub World Workday / Brotherhood on November 11, 2006, Lodge Leadership Development Conference December 2, 2006, Nomination for Vigil, Golden Arrow, Founders Nomination from October 1, 2006, Lodge Re-Charter Early Bird December 1, 2006, Lodge Banquet January 6, 2007 and Spring Ordeal will be March 16-18, 2007, at Hale Scout Ranch.

If I can be of service to you or your unit, or if you have questions that can't be answered by your Chapter Adviser, please feel free to call me, Ken Martin Lodge Adviser [299-8991] or Lloyd Hasty, Staff Adviser [743-6125] at any time

Ken Martin, Lodge Adviser

