



# The RedBird Newsletter



TaTsu Hwa #138 Indian Nations Council Tulsa, Ok.  
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## Great Changes for Ta Tsu Hwa Lodge Ahead

*Good news, our Lodge is going to increase in size. There were over 250 Scouts and Scouters called out this summer to our brotherhood. We will have that many more Arrowmen to help strengthening its ties to the values that the organization was founded upon: brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service for the fortification of the lodge's ties to our council, and to provide expanded leadership development and service opportunities to the youth of Scouting*

*Our Fall Ordeal will be held at Camp Garland on October 5 through October 7, 2007. This is an important time for our Lodge. First we will be receiving new Ordeal Members. And secondly, 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. The other requirements can be found in your OA Handbook or in the "JumpStart" link on our website, [www.tatsuhwa.org](http://www.tatsuhwa.org).*

## 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/>. or contact our Lodge Adviser B. Dale Southerland at 437-2273.*

# New Silver Bird

The Lodge needs Arrowmen to serve as Elangomats and Clan Advisers for the



upcoming Fall Ordeal on October 5-7, 2007 at Camp Garland. Don't miss this great

opportunity to assist in bringing new members into Scouting's Honor Society and receive Ta Tsu Hwa's "Silver Bird". At this upcoming Ordeal a new edition "Silver Bird" will be given

to the Elangomats and Clan Advisers.

If you are an Ordeal member who is not eligible for Brotherhood yet or a Brotherhood member this is your chance to serve. There will be an Elangomat and Clan Adviser Training on September 16, 2007. It will be held at Berean Baptist Church, 2111 S. Darlington at 2:00pm. For more information contact Cody Hunt at 918-687-3669 or [backpacker\\_627@yahoo.com](mailto:backpacker_627@yahoo.com) or contact Chris Miller at 918-916-1305.

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## Recognize Your Fellow Arrowmen

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



Our Lodge bestows the **Golden Arrow Award** on deserving Arrowmen. 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](http://www.tatsuhwa.org)

## Coming Attractions

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 Founder's Award Nomination Deadline	
October 5-7	Fall Ordeal & Lodge Officer Elections	Garland Scout Reservation
November 3	Cub World Workday (8:00am - 12:00 noon) <u>Brotherhood Day</u>	Zink Scout Ranch
November 4	Vigil Selection Committee	Berean Baptist Church h @ 3:00 pm
December 3	Lodge Re-Charter Early Bird Deadline	Scout Service Center
January 5, 2008	Lodge Leadership Development	Garnet Church of Christ
January 5, 2008	Lodge Banquet	Garnett Church of Christ

## Cub World Service Day

*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 11<sup>th</sup> 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!)*



*Our Lodge will be assisting our Council at the annual Fall Festival. We will be helping in the Trading Post and also cooking hot dogs at the event. It will be held at Camp Russell, Saturday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. We will need Arrowmen help from 10:00 to 4:00pm. For more information contact Dale Southerland at 437-2273.*

# Chapter and Lodge Elections

*It is that time of year again. In the next few months we will be electing both Chapter and Lodge leadership. This is your opportunity to choose your leadership for 2008! Who is it going to be?*



*The choice is yours! It is also a great chance for use the leadership skills you have been developing and seek an office in Scouting's Honor Society.*

*At your chapter meeting in the next few months the elections will be held so please be sure to attend those meetings and let your voice be heard. At the upcoming Ordeal, that will be held at Garland Scout Reservation on Oct. 5-7, the Lodge Officers election will be held so plan on being there too. If you are interested in running for a Lodge Officer position, please visit our website for the form or contact our Lodge Adviser Dale Southerland and 437-2273*

## RedBird Question

*Unfortunately there were no winners of the RedBird Question in the last issue.*

*The question was "What is the symbolic meaning of the arrow brought by Allowat Sakima to the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony? The correct answer, which could have been found in the Brotherhood game on the "Jumpstart" link on our website and also the national site was "The Individual Arrowman".*

*This issue's question is: In the Ordeal ceremony, what is the symbolism of holding onto the rope?*

*Email your answers to [RedBird138@cox.net](mailto:RedBird138@cox.net). The first 3 youth Arrowmen to submit the correct answer will receive the newest edition Centennial Bird.*

## Adviser Minute

*My brothers in the Order, one of my goals is to bring some fun into our arduous labor. For the first time, we will have had 2 movies at the Fall Fellowship, and are planning on a movie on Saturday night at the Fall Ordeal after the Lodge elections.*

*The Order of the Arrow National Conservation Leadership Seminar was recently attended by our Lodge Chief, Chris Miller, Mickey Wilson, a past Lodge Adviser, and myself. This was a very informative seminar. We not only got valuable information on the Arrow Corp 5 program for next summer, but also were presented with the Order of the Arrow Strategic Plan for 2008 to 2012.*

*We are putting together a lot of information on the Arrow Corp 5 program and will have it available at all Lodge functions. We will also have the information available at the Scout Resource Center in the very near future. The Arrow Corp 5 program is a great way to help in the conservation of millions of acres of our national forest. If you want immediate information, go to the National Order of the Arrow website at [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org).*

*Have A Super Fantastic Day!!*

*Dale Southerland  
Lodge Adviser*



## Chiefly Speaking

*Greetings My Fellow Arrowmen,*



*Well Labor Day came and went, and with it summer is officially over. School is back in session. I due hope that school and work is going great for everyone.*

*The Lodge has tons of events for you to attend to get your mind off things. We recently had our Fall Fellowship Weekend and it was a blast, if you did not attend you missed a great time to go canoeing and even beading with your fellow lodge brothers, so plan on attending next year.*

*This past August Dale Southerland, Lodge Advisor, Mickey Wilson, and I traveled to the University of Indiana in Bloomington for the National Conservation and Leadership Summit. At the Summit we developed a 5 year strategic plan for the Lodge that coincided with the New National Order of the Arrow Strategic Plan. I look forward to the challenges that our plan will require us to take head on, and the new thinking it will develop in us as a Lodge. This fall several*

*items will be brought up to “finish the foundation” on which this plan will stand. The plan will then be implemented and “rolled” out at the 2008 Lodge Banquet this January.*

*This is a great growing time for our lodge, a time that we can be proud of, especially since 2008 is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Mother Lodge Yaqui. So, let us fellowship and think back to the memories we have made so far and the fun times that have been had. I always remember staying up late in the dinning hall at various events, listening to the Older Men tell of their OA stories, and how it truly made the OA an honor society in my heart. Now as we prepare to welcome new members this fall at Ordeal, let us share the fellowship, fun and stories that we have all collected over the past 70 years, so that they truly have a part in our Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.*

*Yours in Fellowship and Service  
Chris Miller  
Lodge Chief*

## Words from the Secretary

*Conclave this year was held at Camp Simpson, in Bromide, OK the weekend of April 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. 625*



*Arrowmen from Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma attended Conclave this year. Our lodge was the largest in attendance with 63 Arrowmen.*

*Although we didn't win the coveted Golden Arrow we still placed in a variety of events. In Quest events we placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Archery and 1<sup>st</sup> in the OA knowledge quiz. Our Ceremony Team won the Pre-Ordeal Honor Merit and the Brotherhood Honor Merit. They were also the Pre-Ordeal Honor Team. Lodge member John Gastorf received special recognition with the Section Award of Merit. Lodge members Chris Miller, Ken Martin, Lyle Johnson, John Pojman, Cody Robbins,*

*and myself all served on staff at Conclave this year.*

*If you didn't go you missed out on a lot of informative classes, fun activities and great fellowship with fellow Arrowmen. There were a lot of patches and different items sold at the trading post. We also heard some good music and watched some pretty good movies. A special treat was the screening of Johnny Scout, Agent DoubleOA7. So if you didn't go to the 2007 Conclave this year you missed out on all of the fun. Plan on attending the 2008 Section 3 Conclave that will be held at Will Rogers Scout Reservation, near Cleveland, Okla. next April.*

*Cody Jaynes  
Lodge Secretary*