



The RedBird Newsletter



Ta Tsu Hwa #138 Indian Nations Council Tulsa, Ok.
September 2011

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Get Ready for Fall Ordeal!

Fall Ordeal will be held from September 30-October 2, 2011 at Camp Garland. All the Ordeal candidates tapped out this summer need to come and complete their Ordeal! For all Ordeal members eligible for Brotherhood, this is a great opportunity to seal your membership in the order and become Brotherhood members!!

Ordeal Candidates: Meals, Ordeal sash, flap, handbook, dues
Early Bird Fee \$35.00 (if paid by 9/17/ 2011)
Event Fee \$45.00 (if paid 9/18-9/24/2011)
Late Fee \$55.00 (if paid after 9/24/2011)

MEMBER : Meals only
Early Bird Fee \$15.00 (if paid by 9/17/ 2011)
Event Fee \$25.00 (if paid 9/18-9/24/2011)
Late Fee \$35.00 (if paid after 9/24/2011)

BROTHERHOOD CANDIDATES: Meals, Brotherhood sash, flap
Early Bird Fee \$30.00 (if paid by 9/17/ 2011)
Event Fee \$40.00 (if paid 9/18-9/24/2011)
Late Fee \$50.00 (if paid after 9/24/2011)

All Attendees should arrive in Class A uniforms. Ordeal Candidates need to arrive Friday night, September 30. For Friday night, the candidates will need a sleeping bag, a ground cloth, a water bottle, flashlight and work clothes. For Saturday night, they will need standard camping gear, **including a tent.**

Go online at <http://www.tatsuhwa.org/> and check out the Summer 2011 edition of the **RedBird**. It is full of pictures from 2011 Conclave, SummitCorps and Indian Summer. Don't forget to participate in the Caption Contest!!

As a special incentive to our Ordeal members who want to seal their Brotherhood, but do not want to spend the weekend, they can register for the **Brotherhood Ceremony Only Fee of just \$20**. This fee does not include any meals, nor does it include a flap. The fee only covers the cost of the sash. To complete the Brotherhood using this option, Ordeal members must be at the camp by 12:30 on Saturday October 1st.

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Chiefly Speaking



My Brothers

I would like to thank Josh Gleaves (Sac & Fox Chapter Chief) for putting on a great Fall Fellowship. We had twelve people seal their membership in the order by becoming Brotherhood members and I would like to congratulate them on their accomplishment. I hope everyone who attended Fall Fellowship had a great time at the QUEST events and learning about how the lodge works.

As many of you know we will be running the concessions stand at the Fall Festival of Scouting I ask that all of you please come out and support your chapter.

Soon we will be having our annual Fall Ordeal. This will be the first opportunity for those who were called out at summer camp to be received into our lodge. Please make sure that they not only feel welcome but also feel like they are a part of our brotherhood. Please come and support your lodge as well as our Ordeal members by serving as a Elangomat or Clan Advisor. Fall Ordeal is also another chance to become a Brotherhood member as well as learn more about the order. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Remember NOAC is just around the corner it is a great opportunity to have fun and fellowship. If you are interested in being a member of the Ta Tsu Hwa Lodge contingent please contact me as soon as possible, space is limited so we need to know if you are interested. We will also require a \$100 deposit.

Yours in Brotherhood
James Michael Britt
Lodge Chief
Ta Tsu Hwa Lodge #138
(My friends call me Bear)

ATTENTION ORDEAL MEMBERS

Seal Your Membership in the Brotherhood!!!

If it has been 10 months since you completed the Ordeal ceremony, we ask that you now seal your membership and become a Brotherhood Member.

Any Ordeal Member who completed their ordeal in 2010 or earlier is eligible to become Brotherhood. We urge you to think back on why you first accepted membership into the Order of the Arrow and now make the commitment to seal your

membership and pledge yourself to a life of cheerful service to your fellow man. Information regarding completing your Brotherhood can be found in your OA Handbook and also through the "Jumpstart" link on our website www.tatsuhwa.org.

Fall Ordeal is a great opportunity to seal your membership. Camp Garland is less than an hour from Tulsa, and if you can't commit the entire day, consider the brotherhood ceremony only option. The Lodge needs you!! Register today!!

Fall Festival Service Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011

Attention All Arrowmen!! On Saturday, September 17, 2011, the Indian Nations Council will be holding its Fall Festival of Scouting at the Jack Graves Scout Reservation, located on 101st Street, East of 193rd Ave. (county Line Road) in Broken Arrow.

TA Tsu Hwa Lodge will be providing support for the concessions booth, which is a huge task, because this event draws more than 5000 visitors. Every

Time	Chapter
9 AM to 11 AM	Sac & Fox
10 AM to Noon	Sequoyah
11 AM to 1 PM	Neosho
Noon to 2 PM	Oka Tuli
1 PM to 3 PM	Twin Arrows
2 PM to Close	Eagle

Chapter has been scheduled to operate a shift. Contact your Chapter Chief to let him know when you can work. We need all hands on deck to help make this a great event!



Nov. 5th Cub World Service Day and Brotherhood

One way our Lodge supports the Order of the Arrow's Strategic Plan is by providing Cheerful Service at Cub World. The Cub World session will be coming to an end this year and the tents need to be taken down and folded for storage through the winter months.

On Saturday, November 5th 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. 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!)

Ordeal members!!!! If it has been more than 10 months since you completed your Ordeal, take this opportunity to seal your Brotherhood!! This event provides an opportunity to complete your Brotherhood in an afternoon!! Registration forms have not yet been posted, but look for them on our website www.tatsuhwa.org. Register early to get the early bird fee!!!



NOAC, the National Order of the Arrow Conference, is a gathering of Arrowmen from all over the nation to train, Compete, dance, and just have fun. It is a gathering

of Arrowmen like no other, where every aspect of the Order of the Arrow is highlighted.

In 2012, NOAC will be held at Michigan State University, in East Lansing, MI. Ta Tsu HWA will be going, and we want to go in force! The goal of a contingent of 40 members has been set at Fall Fellowship LEC. If you are interested in going and reserving a spot with the contingent, you can make a deposit of \$100 at the scout office. The NOAC fee is estimated at ~\$400, which includes dorm housing and meals for the week.

Watch the Redbird for more details, or go to the Nation Order of the Arrow Website at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/> and look under National Events.

Project 2013

National Jamboree 2012 Project 2013 is recruiting 700 Arrowmen to serve on the Order of the Arrow staff at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree at The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. Project 2013 will be comprised of three groups including the Jamboree Trek Guides, Day of Service Guides, and the OA Service Corps. All three groups will support a variety of new and traditional activities at the jamboree site.

This will be the largest OA Service Corps contingent in history and the Order is looking for the best Arrowmen in the organization to join Project 2013. Sign up for Project 2013 at <http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/jambo2013/>.



Recognize Your Fellow Arrowmen

Nominations Due October 1st

It is the 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.



If you know of a worthy candidate, fill in an application and turn it in. Don't let someone worthy be missed. We need YOU to tell us who needs to be recognized, but in the spirit of unselfish service, you cannot submit yourself for recognition. Nominations forms can be found at the Scout Service Center or on our web site

REDBIRD QUESTIONS?

Here is an opportunity to answer 2, count'em, 2 questions and be bathed in glory and patches. So far, no one has answered the question from the Summer 2011 issue (which is stuffed with tons of pictures of Conclave, SummitCorps, and Indian Summer) which you can view online at <http://www.tatsuhwa.org/pdf/redbird/Red%20Bird%20Aug%202011.pdf>

From the Summer 2011 issue of the RedBird, the question is: In the pre-Ordeal ceremony, Kitchinet shoots an arrow, and then issues a challenge. What does the arrow represent?

For question #2, think back to your Ordeal ceremony, and the words which were spoken. The September 2011 RedBird question is: In the Ordeal ceremony, which principle explained to you the meaning of the tests of the Ordeal which you had just completed?

Unless you want to miss out on free patches, email your answers to RedBird138@cox.net. This contest is open to only youth members. The first 5 correct answers will receive TaTsuHwa Centennial flap, a \$10 value. The last winners were Cooper and Conner Sullivan, Koty Harshfield, and Jacob Jester. I got to keep one patch for ME!!



Order of the Arrow TaTsuHwa Lodge #138 2011 Calendar

September 17	Early Fall Ordeal Fee Ends	
September-17	Fall Festival of Scouting (NOTE DATE CHANGE!)	Jack Graves Scout Reservation
September-18	Ordeal Planning Meeting	Berean Baptist Church @ 3 PM
September-24	Regular Fall Ordeal Fee Ends	
Sept 30-Oct 2	Fall Ordeal & Lodge Officer Elections	Camp Garland
October-1	Golden Arrow, Vigil, and Founder's Award Nomination	Deadline
October-22	Cub World Brotherhood Early Bird Fee Ends	
October-29	Cub World Brotherhood Regular Fee Ends	
November-5	Cub World Workday (8:00am – 12:00 noon) and Brotherhood Day	Zink Scout Ranch
November-6	Vigil Selection Committee	Berean Baptist Church -Youth Mtg at 2 PM
December-1	Lodge Re-Charter Early Bird DEADLINE!	Reynolds Scout Resource Center
December-3	LLDC	Reynolds Scout Resource Center

2012 Calendar

January 1	Lodge Membership Elections Begin	
January 7	Lodge Banquet	
March 9-10	Tulsa Trade-o-ree	Econolodge 11th & I-44
March 10	Early Bird Vigil Weekend Fees Ends	
March 17	Regular Vigil Weekend Fees Ends	
March 18	Planning for Ordeal and Vigil	Berean Baptist Church
March 24	Cub World Service Day	Zink Scout Ranch
March 24-25	Vigil Weekend	Zink Scout Ranch
March 31	Early Bird Ordeal Fees Ends	
April 7	Regular Ordeal Fees Ends	
April 13-15	Spring Ordeal	Scout Reservation
April 27-29	Section 8 Conclave	Blass Scout Reservation
May 1	End of Elections	
May 18-20	Hale Scout Reservation Service Weekend	Hale Scout Reservation
July 30-Aug 4	National Order of the Arrow Conference	East Lansing, MI
August 11	Early Bird Fellowship Fees Ends	
August 18	Regular Fellowship Fees Ends	
August 19	Fellowship & Ordeal Planning	Berean Baptist Church
August 25-26	Lodge Fellowship	TBD
Sept 15	Early Bird Fall Ordeal Fees Ends	
Sept 22	Fall Festival of Scouting	Camp Russell
Sept 22	Regular Fall Ordeal Fees End	
Sept 28-30	Fall Ordeal & Lodge Elections	Camp Garland
Oct 1	Award Nominations due Golden Arrow, Vigil & Founders	
November 3	Cub World Service Day	Zink Scout Ranch
November 3	Brotherhood Day	Zink Scout Ranch
November 4	Vigil Elections	Berean Baptist Church
December 3	Early Bird Registrations due	
December 3	Lodge Leadership Development Conference	Scout Resource Center

Chapter Information and News

Eagle Chapter

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7:00 pm 1st Thursday of the month

Neosho Chapter

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Adviser: Belinda Jaynes (918) 478-8283 janebelinda@yahoo.com
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Meeting Location: LDS Church Muskogee
6:30pm 2nd Thursday of the month
Chapter Website: <http://oa.neoshodistrict.org/>

Oka Tuli Chapter

Chief: Conner Sullivan 918-490-1646
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918-617-0988 (w)
Meeting Location: First Presbyterian Church McAlester
6:00pm 4th Thursday of the month

Sac and Fox Chapter

Chief: Josh Gleaves 918-245-0876
Adviser: Bill Rochester 918-227-0812 (h)
918-445-5160 (w)
Meeting Location: Epworth Methodist Church 35th and Harvard
7:00pm 3rd Thursday of the month

Sequoyah Chapter

Chief: Luke Morrison 918-342-2175
Adviser: Charles Sparks 918-274-9551 (h) cjasparks@sbcglobal.net
918-588-6127 (w)
AssocAdv: Steve Morrison 342-2175
Meeting Location: First United Methodist Church Claremore
7:00pm 2nd Thursday of the month

Twin Arrows Chapter

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Adviser: Phil Bettinger 918-355-9237 (h)
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Meeting Location: LDS Church Broken Arrow
7:00pm 3rd Thursday of the month

Fall Fellowship at Mabee Scout Reservation

Fall Fellowship was a great success!! This was an awesome weekend where the Arrowmen from Ta Tsu Hwa were able to relax and enjoy a beautiful, sunny weekend in the great outdoors. .

Arrowmen who attended were able to play quest games, enjoy a water hike, test their knowledge of

merit badges, learn about the customs and traditions of the order, visit with the attendees of the World Jamboree, watch a movie, or even trade a few patches.

In addition to the fun and fellowship, we were also

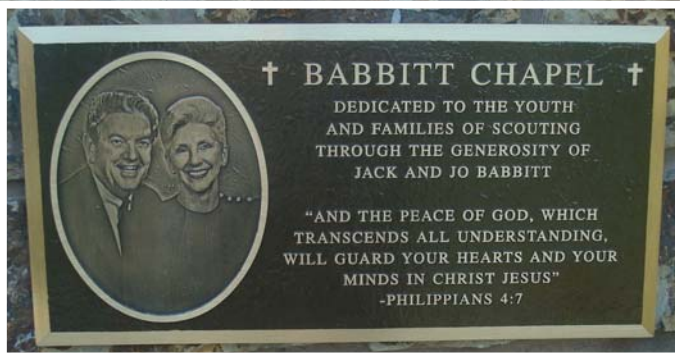
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honored to be able to help twelve Ordeal members seal their membership in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. Congratulations to our new Brotherhood Members!!!

A bonus for the weekend was the dedication ceremony of all the new facilities at the camp. The dedication ceremony recognized some of the major contributors that made the improvements to the Mabee Scout Reservation possible. Dedications were made of the Mabee Scout Reservation, Siegfried Hall, Judy Smith Flag Plaza, Podpechan Park, and the Babbit Chapel. Thank you to everyone who contributed, because the improvements that have been made using these funds not only honor the past, but will benefit all the Scouters in Indian Nations Council in the future.

Siegfried Hall : (Top) A view of the covered back porch
(Middle) Siegfried Hall Sign
(Bottom) Front view of Siegfried Hall



The Babbitt Chapel overlooking the valley below and dedication plaque. Kern Parman (left) and Tristan Lewis (right) during the Sunday Chapel Service



The Judy Smith Eagle Scout Class of 2008 Flag Plaza and commemorative plaque



The huge activity field of Podpechan Park, with the Judy Smith Flag Plaza in the background. The park also has a covered pavilion in the trees on the edge of the field



The Donors cutting the ribbon to dedicate the Mabee Scout Reservation



Election Time!

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 the rest of 2011 and 2012! Who is it going to be? The choice is yours!

This is also a great chance for use the leadership skills you have been developing and seek an office in Scouting's Honor Society. What better way to live the life of cheerful service, but to serve as an officer of the Lodge or your Chapter?

In the next few months the elections will be held at



your chapter meetings, so please be sure to attend and let your voice be heard. Run for office and help to shape the future of your Chapter.

Lodge Officers election will be held at the upcoming Fall Ordeal at Mabee Scout Reservation on Sept. 30-Oct. 2. If you are interested in running for a Lodge Officer position, please visit our website for the website for officer petition form www.tatsuhwa.org

This is YOUR Lodge! YOU make us a success. We need YOU to represent the Lodge and help shape it's future.

Advisor's Minute

Brothers,

Schools are back in session and the summer fun has come to an end. I want to thank those Arrowmen who attended our Fall Fellowship and were able to be a part of the dedication of the Mabee Scout Reservation.

Our Fall Ordeal is just a few weeks away. Over 250 people were elected into our Order this year so it should be a big one. For all of you who have at least 10 months as an Ordeal member I encourage you to come and seal your membership.

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be next summer. It is OA's premier event and BSA's second largest event. It is being held at Michigan State University next summer. This is an awesome 6 day conference focusing on top notch training sessions, cool recreational opportunities, attending evening shows full of theatrics and special effects. This is an experience you don't want to miss.



Yours in Cheerful Service,

John Pojman
Lodge Adviser