Chiefly Speaking

My Brothers,

I want to start by thanking everyone who attended the banquet on January 5th. What a night! The year 2008 offers great opportunities for all Arrowmen. I have already started planning the year ahead and have several short term goals to achieve our long term vision. I hope to increase membership, promote camps and activities hosted by the council, and better serve the individual units with an effective OA Troop/Team Representative Program. Through these actions, we should be in position to achieve the ultimate goal, National Quality Lodge, again in 2008.

As Allowat Sakima says in the Ordeal ceremony, “Brothers, we challenge you: Strengthen the ties of brotherhood. Build upon the fire of cheerfulness. Ease the burdens from the shoulders of your fellow Scouts.”

The majority of the lodge leadership for the coming year is in place, but a few positions remain open. The Fellowship, Service, and Scoutreach committees are still in need of chairmen, as well as numerous committee member positions. Who better than you to answer the call of the lodge? If no answer comes to mind, contact Vice Chief of Program Joel Dees for more information.

I want to mention the first event on the calendar. The Spring Ordeal is coming up in early April. Ordeals are not restricted to candidates. There will be comfortable sleeping arrangements and plenty to eat, so come out and have a good time. I look forward to working alongside you for the betterment of our lodge.

Yours in Service,
Scott Hendricks
Quelqueshoe Lodge Chief

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Camp Edgewood
1:00 P.M.

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The year 2007 was one of great successes and achievements, which were honored at the Quelqueshoe Lodge Recognition Banquet. Arrowmen and guests were treated to a wonderful dinner. Following dinner, 2007 Lodge Adviser Ernest Maggiore was presented with the Woodbadge neckerchief, leather woggle, and Woodbadge beads. Next, 2007 Lodge Chief Brett Chapman delivered the ‘State of the Lodge Address.’ Then, Michael Pandya, the Section Vice Chief of SR-2, commended our lodge in an inspiring speech. The award presentations ensued.

The OA Founder’s Award was first introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, following the death of E. Urner Goodman. The award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. It is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrated to fellow Arrowmen that he memorializes in his everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founder Dr. Goodman and co-founder Carroll A. Edson. An Arrowman may only receive the award once in his lifetime, making this award incredibly prestigious. We are proud to announce Joel Dees and Ernest Maggiore as the recipients of the Founder’s Award. Joel Dees was inducted into the OA in 2003, achieved his Brotherhood in 2004, and received the Vigil Honor at the banquet this year. He served as the Lodge Adviser in 2006 and 2007 and represented Quelqueshoe Lodge on the Calcasieu Area Council’s Executive Committee in those years.

Each year, as the lodge conducts its activities, there are Arrowmen who provide service and leadership without being asked or expecting reward. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed. For this reason we’re proud to recognize Brett Chapman and Brandon Hart as the Outstanding Arrowmen of the Year. Brett Chapman was inducted into the OA in 2003, achieved his Brotherhood in 2004, and received the Vigil Honor is 2007. He served as the Vice Chief of Indian Affairs in 2005 and 2006 and as Lodge Chief in 2007. Brandon Hart was inducted into the OA in 1988 and achieved his Brotherhood in 2002. He served as the Staff Adviser in 2006 and 2007 and will fulfill the same duty in 2008. He is also the Senior District Executive of Calcasieu Area Council.

The night was capped off with 2008 Lodge Chief Scott Hendricks’ first ‘Chiefly Speaking’, in which he promised great things to come for Quelqueshoe Lodge. Look for 2008 to be a year to remember.
2008 Officers and Advisers

Youth Officers
Lodge Chief - Scott Hendricks
Vice Chief of Program - Joel Dees
Vice Chief of Inductions - Daniel Wygoda
Vice Chief of Indian Affairs - David Day
Vice Chief of Communications - B.J. Warden
Vice Chief of Finance - Shay Hollie

Adult Advisers
Lodge Adviser - Dean Day
Associate Adviser of Program - Pam Dartez
Associate Adviser of Inductions - Frank Williams
Associate Adviser of Indian Affairs - TBA
Associate Adviser of Communications - TBA
Associate Adviser of Finance - Jody Cole
Staff Adviser - Brandon Hart

National Quality Lodge

Quelqueshoe Lodge is a National Quality Lodge for the year 2007! Let me say it again. Quelqueshoe Lodge is a National Quality Lodge! The National Order of the Arrow Committee developed the National Quality Lodge (NQL) program to provide lodges with a set of goals that should be met annually to ensure that the purpose of the OA as set forth by founder E. Urner Goodman is being fulfilled. Requirements for NQL range in topics of service, camping promotion, and leadership training. On our way to achieving NQL, the lodge developed a “Where to Go Camping” Book, available upon request, that won the award for Best Camping Promotion at the 2007 SR-2 Conclave. The lodge also contributed over 500 hours of service to both the scouting and non-scouting community. The achievement of NQL is one that deserves to be recognized and strived for in the years to come. We are confident that this achievement will once again be met in 2008.

The Brotherhood
Most Wanted List

1. JAMES WINFORD JR.
2. MATT WALKER
3. NICHOLAS CALDARERA
4. JOE DEES
5. ANTHONY MERRIAM
6. JACOB WILLIS
7. WILLIAM SYCK
8. JOSH ANDERS
9. JONATHAN BRANKLINE
10. LOGAN LEGER

Next Opportunity:
April 5 - 6:00 P.M.
Quelqueshoe Lodge Staff Adviser Brandon Hart (left) receives the award for Adult Outstanding Arrowman of the Year.

(Above) 2007 Lodge Adviser Ernest Maggiore is presented with his Woodbadge neckerchief, leather woggle, and Woodbadge beads. Left to right: Patrick Stanley, Ernest Maggiore, Lee McSpadden, Kevin Brewer, Jody Cole.

(Above) 2007 Lodge Adviser Ernest Maggiore recognizes Vice Chief of Program Daniel Wygoda and Associate Adviser of Program Pam Dartez for a great year.

2007 Quelqueshoe Lodge Chief Brett Chapman (right) speaks at the Annual Lodge Banquet on January 5th.
“From the beginning it has been our hope that the Order would serve a useful purpose in causing the Scout Promise and Law to spring into action, especially in the Scout camps in all parts of our nation. We are still dedicated to this high purpose.”

-E. Urner Goodman, Founder of the Order of the Arrow
Spring Ordeal

The first Ordeal of 2008 is fast approaching and with it, the first opportunity for Arrowmen from our lodge to give service to the council camp. The Spring Ordeal will be the weekend of April 4th, 5th, and 6th. The event costs will be as follows: $35 for Ordeal candidates, $25 for Brotherhood candidates, and $15 for members. There will be a special emphasis on the role of the elangomat in the coming year. The elangomat is the Arrowman who serves as a guide for candidates as they complete the induction process. Performing the role of elangomat is one of the simplest but most vital services one can provide, and we encourage any who are interested to attend the Spring Ordeal. There will also be a Brotherhood Ceremony at 6:00 P.M. Please review the Brotherhood requirements on page 55 of the OA Handbook and arrive at least one hour early with a Brotherhood plaque. The Brotherhood plaque is simply a piece of wood with the brotherhood arrow carved, burned, painted etc. on the board. For those who only attend the Brotherhood Ceremony, the fee is $15, which includes the sash and lodge flap.

Any Arrowmen interested in serving as an elangomat, please contact Vice Chief of Inductions Daniel Wygoda at dwygoda@gmail.com.

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The Legend Lives On...

Be An Elangomat
The Early Years of the Order of the Arrow

Del Loder, OA National Bulletin

When E. Urner Goodman and Carroll Edson were assigned senior staff positions at Treasure Island Scout Camp, they already had the idea to form a camp honor society to recognize outstanding Scouts who did their best to follow the Scout Oath and Law in their everyday lives.

Every Friday night for five weeks during the summer of 1915, they inducted the Scouts who had been elected by their troops for this honor. By the end of that camp season, 25 Scouts had been selected and inducted. In 1916, these Scouts decided to call themselves Unami Lodge.

From 1915 to 1918, Unami was the only lodge, and word of it spread quickly through the Scouting community, up and down the Delaware Valley. Other Scout camps were interested in starting similar programs. By 1921, nine lodges were conducting inductions in the pattern established at Treasure Island.

At the 1922 National Scout Executive Conference near Asheville, North Carolina, some members expressed concern over camp fraternities and secret organizations. A resolution was presented “that camp fraternities be discouraged in connection with Boy Scout camps.” Goodman spoke at length on the issue, pointing out that such camp societies could “further emphasize the Scouting principles and ideals in the life of boys.” The resolution was approved by a narrow vote. After the vote, the Chief Scout Executive called members of the Wimachtendi-enk together in private and asked them not to push the expansion. “Let it grow, if it will, on its own merits and not through a promotional effort on your own part,” he said.

The growth of new lodges was slow. In the early years, they were formed at each Scout camp, creating multiple lodges within a council. There were 13 active lodges in 1925, 37 in 1930, and 45 in 1935. After 20 years, the Order of the Arrow reached the Pacific Coast with a charter issued to the Canalino Lodge of Mission Council, Santa Barbara, California. Since then, the Order of the Arrow has expanded to more than 300 lodges in every corner of the country and beyond.
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