Chiefly Thoughts

Fellow Arrowmen,

The traditions of the Order of the Arrow are deeply rooted in service. Think back to the night of your Ordeal ceremony. You may recall Meteu giving the legend of the Lenni Lenape and saying, “In a great and honored order, into which can be admitted only those who their own interests can forget in serving others.” In my mind there are two kinds of service we perform as Arrowmen. The first is called “self service,” which we perform when we clean up a campsite that we used, go to units to promote our lodge, etc. We also perform the second kind, “selfless service,” when we cut trails, build buildings, and teach Cub Scouts new skills. The exact definition of selfless service is service performed without any expectation of reward for the person for whom we preformed it. Even with all this service being given, I often hear some talking about the OA as a “Do Nothing”, or “False Service” organization. Hearing these detractors talk about the organization I love like this deeply upsets me.

But it also takes me back to the summer of 2007. I was on an Order of the Arrow work crew in the Boundary Waters of the Northern Tier high adventure base. I was repairing a badly damaged Canadian portage that canoeers use to get from one lake to another. After seven days of the hardest work I had ever done, the work foreman posed a question. He asked “When we are done with this portage should we make a sign that reads ‘Made by OA?’” He wanted us to truly think about our answer before we gave it. After about thirty minutes of silent pondering, we decided against it. If we were to make a sign, it would not have be selfless service. Even if no one ever recognized the work we had done, we would know what was done, and that was most important.

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LOOKING BACK ON THE BANQUET

The year 2008 was one of many successes and accomplishments, all of which were honored at the Quelqueshoe Lodge Recognition Banquet. The banquet had a tremendous turnout, including all three SR-1A Section Officers: Brett Chapman, Section Chief, Matt Roser, Section Vice-Chief, and Daniel Wygoda, Section Secretary. Also in attendance were the two-term SR-1 Section Chief and National OA Website Youth Coordinator Thomas Lambert and 2008 Chilantakoba Lodge Chief Dwayne Fontenette. Arrowmen and guests were treated to a wonderful dinner prepared by Lodge Adviser and cook extraordinaire Donn E. Dees. Following dinner, Pam Dartez was presented with the Woodbadge neckerchief, leather woggle, and Woodbadge beads. Next, 2008 Lodge Chief Scott Hendricks delivered the ‘State of the Lodge Address.’ Then, Brett Chapman, the 2007 Quelqueshoe Lodge Chief, spoke about the tremendous opportunities available to each Arrowman on the national level, especially NOAC 2009. He commended our lodge on a job well done, and the award presentations followed.

The OA Founders 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. It is with great excitement that we recognize the 2008 Founders Award recipients: Pam Dartez and Taylor O’Quain. Each has served Quelqueshoe Lodge in many vital ways and will continue to do so in the future.

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. That is why we are proud to recognize Kodey Kershaw and Hunter Guidry as the 2008 Arrowmen of the Year. Their work with the Dance Team has been spectacular and much needed. With their continued service, we can continue to improve.

Following the award presentations, the 2008 Lodge Officers were recognized. Shortly thereafter, the 2009 Lodge Officers took the oath of office, signaling the start of their term.

The night of festivities was concluded by the 2009 Lodge Chief Daniel Wygoda’s Chiefly Thoughts. He promised a rededication to service, more efficient lodge organization, and many other important things. Surely, 2009 will be an exciting year. Are you ready?
**ADVISER’S MINUTE**

Fellow Arrowmen,

I want to congratulate each of the award-winning Arrowmen and all the 2009 Lodge Officers. I have been very impressed with the scope of leadership on the committees and in the Lodge. The combination of young and experience OA members should help our Lodge continue to reach towards our goals. It should also give us a lot of experienced leaders over the next few years. We had a great turnout at the Lodge Leadership Development (LLD), and it proved to be one of the best ever presented. I am confident that everyone in attendance paid attention and is now ready to spend the time to do their duties to the best of their abilities. Quelqueshoe Lodge has been blessed with many fine youth leaders over the years and this group has all the qualities and qualifications to have been able to work with any of the very best.

I am looking forward to a very good and rewarding year in 2009, and I hope all of you will join me.

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Donn E. Dees
Lodge Adviser

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**Quelqueshoe Crossword**

**The Brotherhood Most Wanted List**

1. CAMPBELL FLYNT
2. MATT WALKER
3. NICHOLAS CALDARERA
4. JOE DEES
5. JACOB WILLIS
6. WILLIAM SYCK
7. JOSH ANDERS
8. JONATHAN BRANKLINE
9. ETHAN BYRD
10. MATTEW LAFLEUR

**WANTED**

Next Opportunity:
March 13 – 6:00 P.M.
2009 VIGIL HONOR CLASS

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to the lodge, council, and Scouting. The Vigil Honor was established in 1915 when OA Founder, E. Umer Goodman, became the first Vigil Honor member.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition is reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office.

Membership cannot be won by a person’s conscious endeavor. It comes as recognition of unselfish leadership in service. This fact is given careful consideration in the selection of candidates for membership.

Those Arrowmen bestowed with this honor are:

Daniel Wygoda            Segachtek       Ardent One
Randall Unson            Lilchipin Gentgeen   Diligent Dancer
Pam Dartez               Ohsittam Anatschiton Believer Who Cares
Brandon Hart             Photasu Witawemotpanni  Beloved One Who Aides

Introducing OA Canadian Odyssey

Many of you have heard of the three main OA High Adventure opportunities available to Arrowmen: OA Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch, OA Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base, and OA Wilderness Voyage at the Charles L. Sommers High Adventure Base. Well, beginning in 2009, there is another tremendous opportunity at your feet. The OA is now offering you the chance to join Arrowmen from across the country in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the pristine US-Canadian Boundary Waters. The program is called the Order of the Arrow Canadian Odyssey (OACO) and is based out of the Don Rogert Canoe Base in Atikokan, Ontario.

Under the direction of the Quetico Provincial Park, experienced Northern Tier staff members with strong OA backgrounds will lead participants on a two-week voyage into majestic Canadian wilderness. The program is a fourteen-day experience inspired by the traditions of the French and Canadian Voyageurs who ventured the northern wilderness during the 1700-1800s. In the spirit of these adventurers, Arrowmen will embark on a voyage that is twofold. One week focuses on portage trail and campsite maintenance within the Quetico. The remaining expedition is spent on a canoeing adventure that is planned and chosen by the participants. OACO is a journey that challenges Scouts physically, mentally, and spiritually. Portage trail work is tough and serious. The worksite experience is full of long, strenuous days requiring a great deal of physical effort. Participants are expected to work with great diligence as the tasks being accomplished are designed to benefit generations of Scouts and non-Scouts in the Quetico wilderness. In addition to mastering portage trail maintenance techniques, Scouts will strengthen their leadership skills, learn advanced wilderness and Leave No Trace camping skills, learn wilderness safety techniques, participate in many motivational activities, and receive special OA instruction. The requirements

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On April 1, 1931, Chief Scout Executive James E. West organizationally restructured the National Boy Scouts of America, naming E. Umer Goodman national program director of the BSA. Under his leadership, the Cub Scouting and Exploring programs were established, as well as the publication of the Boy Scout Handbook, Handbook for Scoutmasters, and Scout Field Book.
I’m There
NOAC

JUMBLE

Unscramble these five Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form five ordinary words.

LOAERD

IRCSREV

OTEBORHDOR

KWNIMIADCNHET

KTKCHEIN

What type of dance should you not perform when camping?

Got Dance?!?

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

The National Order of the Arrow Conference ("NOAC") is one of the finest events in which an Arrowman can participate. He will spend a week immersed in an environment focused on the best that Scouting and the Order of the Arrow has to offer. The Conference provides top-notch training, exciting activities, and outstanding shows.

Scouts who attend NOAC get a chance to meet and interact with other Scouts from across the country, and to work with great adult advisers. The Conference, held on the campus of a major university, provides a safe and healthy environment for a young man to learn about leadership, brotherhood, and service, in an atmosphere of fun and excitement.
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Online OA Museum Website Established

Tony Steinhardt, OA National Bulletin

Many thanks to the Order of the Arrow National Committee for investing in the software necessary to share our history. The Subcommittee for History and Preservation has been hard at work developing a digital archive and virtual museum to chronicle the national program. The site will serve as a repository for historical items of our Order including videos, audio, patches, three-dimensional items, and photos.

This new resource will allow OA history to be used in new and exciting ways and be shared at lodge, section, and national events, so young Arrowmen can learn more about our history. There are several hundred items to view at www.museum.oa-bsa.org. Artifacts are being added monthly.

Beyond the digital archive, we are also acquiring gifts for a physical repository to document the OA national program: our founders and national leadership; national committee meeting minutes; documents from national planning meetings; national bulletins; personal letters; NOAC artifacts from shows, training, ceremony, and Native American events; National Jamboree Service Corps; patches; neckerchiefs; national officer speeches and final reports; DSA documentation; and photographs.

The National Committee has the legal tools necessary to accept donations of documents and items important to preserve the Order’s past. Recent gifts include NOAC Pageant scripts from 1952 and 1961, personal letters of correspondence from E. Urner Goodman, a 1965 Distinguished Service Award, and OA Trail Crew final reports.

Please contact Tony Steinhardt at tsteinhardt@RATIOarchitects.com or Ray Capp at rcapp@conduitcorporation.com if you have items you wish to donate to the OA National Archive. Those who donate will receive recognition, as well as the proper documentation of your gift.
Those who frequent the National OA Website may have noticed a big change in the site’s design and navigation. However, this is not the first time we’ve had a change like this. Let’s do a brief review of the past 10 years!

The www.oa-bsa.org domain name originated as the 1998 NOAC website beginning in the Fall of 1997. The site’s purpose was to provide information about the conference to participants and also provide a first hand look at the conference itself. The original youth chairman was Doug Kupec advised by Joe Glenski. In 1998, following the national conference, the site was recognized by the National OA Committee as the official National OA Website. The original design only lasted for a few months while the official site was being prepared. The new design, launched in January of 1999, featured a simple navigation menu with nine choices, a custom header graphic in multiple font sizes and colors, and all of the latest information available on OA policy. This site featured a cutting edge design with regards to the technology available in 1999.

During the next two years, the site was improved. These improvements included upgrading the navigation menu, changing the header graphic, and realigning some of the site’s features. This revised site bolstered more content areas and an easily accessible search engine (located on the home page), as well as a two column feature story section to allow for maximum information in the space available.

The end of 2001 brought the most drastic redesign to date. Sage Lichtenwalner, the site’s Youth Coordinator, tackled this site’s structure, design, and features in a way never though of. The new design was the first to include cascading style sheets, allowing for uniformed links with rollover effects, etc. The site also included “PDAs” which offered quick access to documents and other featured content.

In 2008, as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the official National OA Website, we are pleased to present you a redesigned website. The new design includes flash animation on the homepage, a multicolored menu on the left, and a redesigned navigation menu with drop down features. We are committed to maintaining the highest standard of quality and will continue to refine the site’s design to keep pace with current technology.

If you have suggestions for the design improvement, changes to the navigation menus, or want to make general comments on the site, please e-mail webmaster@oa-bsa.org.
Upcoming Events

February 27 - March 1
National Leadership Seminar
Camp Starke
Conroe, TX

March 12 - 14
Spring Fellowship
Camp Edgewood
$15 Weekend Fee

March 15
LEC Meeting
Calcasieu Area Council Office
1:00 P.M.

April 5
LEC Meeting
Calcasieu Area Council Office
1:00 P.M.

April 24 - 26
2009 SR-1A Conclave
2009 SR-1A Conclave
Warren A. Hood Scout Res.

August 1 - 6
National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)
Indiana University
1:00 P.M.

$35 Weekend Fee
Camp Edgewood
Spring Fellowship
March 12 - 14

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