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Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Arrowmen,

Congratulations to our four new Arrowmen who successfully completed their Ordeal in April and our brother who completed his Brotherhood conversion. Your brothers and I welcome you into our lodge. I would like to thank all who helped make it an enjoyable and productive weekend. A great deal of service was done to benefit our council camp. I would like to extend a special thanks to the Lodge Executive Committee and all their advisers for their hard work and dedication.

Our lodge will soon be leaving our current Southern Region Section Two (SR-2) to be part of a new section, SR-1A. We will be saying goodbye to many friends and familiar faces, but we will make many more acquaintances within our new section. On the weekend of July 25-27, Southern Region Section Two will hold our last Conclave together before the realignment of the regions. I encourage each member to attend this Conclave. Everyone involved is giving their all to make this the best Conclave ever! I hope to see you there. Registration details can be found inside this issue.

Lastly, don’t forget to come out and support the lodge at the Ice Cream Social each Thursday night at summer camp!

Yours in Service,
Scott Hendricks
Quelqueshoe Lodge Chief

UPCOMING EVENTS

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6:00 P.M.

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LEC Meeting
Calcasieu Area Council Office
2:00 P.M.

July 25 - 27
SR-2 Conclave
Baylor University
Waco, TX
$60 Weekend Fee
NEW SERVICES FOR ARROWMEN

Quelqueshoe Online has undergone some renovations in the past few weeks. I’m very excited to announce a great many new features for the members of Quelqueshoe Lodge to take full advantage of.

Online Membership Update
One of the most important aspects of the lodge program is being able to contact the membership. Now, if you change your street address, phone number, e-mail, or if you simply want to ensure we have updated contact information, you can quickly and easily fill out the membership update on www.quelqueshoe.org. We will immediately get your information, and you will get an e-mail confirmation thanking you for your submission. To access this page, simply click on ‘Membership Update’ on the navigation bar of the lodge website.

Online Event Registration
The next exciting feature available to you is online event registration. We always ask that Arrowmen register for an event to give those in charge of planning a reasonable estimate on attendance. Now, if you cannot find time to visit or call the Calcasieu Area Council Office, you can log on to Quelqueshoe Online and register for an upcoming event. This page is titled ‘Event Registration’ and is also on the navigation bar of the lodge website. Registration is now open for the Summer Fellowship on the weekend of August 22-24.

Unit Election Request
Before any Scout is inducted into the Order of the Arrow, they must first be elected. This is the job of the unit elections team. Troops are allowed one unit election per year. We now offer the ability to request a unit election team to visit your troop meeting and hold an election. All that is required is for you to tell us who, when, and where, and we will arrange the visit. This form is available on the ‘Files/Forms’ page of the website.

Ceremony/Dance Team Request
Undoubtedly you have seen a performance by the Ceremony and Dance Teams of our lodge. Like all areas of the lodge, we strive to make them more available to you, the lodge members. You can now request that the Ceremony and/or Dance Team perform for your unit. The Ceremony Team offers the Call-Out, Arrow of Light, Weblos Crossover, and Eagle Scout Ceremonies to the individual units, and the Dance Team offers the Belt, Animal, Little Antelope, Hoop, and Eagle Dances and hopes to soon add the prestigious Buffalo Dance to that list. This request form is also available on the ‘Files/Forms’ page of the lodge website.

Subscribe to E-mail Updates
As many of you know, the ‘Screaming Eagle’ is published quarterly. Periodic e-mails will be sent out to all who subscribe to this service on topics such as lodge news, upcoming event, service opportunities, and much more. To sign up for the lodge mailing list, fill out your name and e-mail in the left margin of the Quelqueshoe Online home page.

Arrowman’s Corner
All Arrowmen will now have a chance to have their voices heard at any time. Quelqueshoe Online now features the ‘Arrowman’s Corner’ where anyone can
Adviser’s Minute

Well it appears we are off to a great start in 2008. With the Spring Ordeal behind us, we are looking forward to Conclave in the summer. If you have ever considered going, this would be a good year to do so. Please register early; details of how to register are located in this issue. I also have a challenge for you my brothers; I challenge you to have at least 50 people from Quelqueshoe attend this year. How can we do that you say? It’s very easy, just tell your fellow brothers you want them to attend and make sure they too sign up. We can do it; most things are possible if you really try. See you around!

WWW,
Dean D. Day
Lodge Adviser

Spring Ordeal Review

The first Ordeal of 2008 has come and gone, and it was a great one. Admittedly, the turnout was not quite as large as what the lodge hoped for, but those who attended were an extremely dedicated group. Camp Edgewood features newly renovated cabins in a few campsites. Arrowmen worked to clean and paint these new structures to complete the new look campsites. Camp Ranger Roland Lejeune showed his appreciation when he said, “I want to thank everyone for this weekend. You guys really came through for the camp.” He was not alone on this point. Having witnessed many induction weekends, I must say that this was one of the best. Everyone enjoyed great food and fun in addition to the service they provided to Camp Edgewood. Following the Ordeal Ceremony on Saturday night, the new Arrowmen were treated to a classic episode of King of the Hill titled “Order of the Straight Arrow,” a comedic take on our brotherhood. All involved would agree that this was a special weekend, with more soon to come.

Our Newest Arrowmen

Brian Blakley
Troop 91
Aaron Cole
Troop 84
Laine Hart
Calcasieu Area Council
Ben Pruitt
Troop 33

Our Newest Brotherhood Member

Dylan Todd
Troop 107

**New Services For Arrowmen cont’d**

go and post questions or comments that can be answered by other lodge members. We will also feature a monthly ‘Chat with the Chief’ session where Arrowmen will have a chance to voice their concerns or ask questions of the chief and some vice chiefs. We hope this service will provide you with an opportunity to have questions answered promptly and thoroughly. This service can be accessed by clicking the ‘Arrowman’s Corner’ page of Quelqueshoe Online.

All of these services are provided with you, the Arrowman, in mind. Please take advantage of these whenever possible.

“**I want to thank everyone for this weekend. You guys really came through for the camp.”**

- Roland Lejeune, Camp Ranger

**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. **Matthew LaFleur**

**WANTED**

Next Opportunity: June 12, 19 – 9:00 P.M.
Arrowmen in Action

(Left) Arrowmen Colby Broussard and Tyler Maples (front) and Rodney Broussard (back) help clean the impromptu kitchen while the Mess Hall is being renovated.

(Above) Closing moments of the Ordeal Ceremony on April 5th. Left to right: Aaron Cole, Ben Pruitt, Brian Blakley, Laine Hart, Brett Chapman.

(Above) New Arrowmen receive the OA Handclasp and Admonition from Allowat Sakima, the Mighty Chief, and their Ordeal sash from Nutiket, the Guard, at the Spring Ordeal.

(Above) New Arrowman Laine Hart (CAC) after the Ordeal Ceremony on April 5th.

(Left) Lodge Adviser Dean Day on April 5th. Arrowmen provided a face lift for the new Camp Edgewood cabins.
There is a new change coming in the organization of the Order of the Arrow nationwide. The country is currently divided into four regions, which are further subdivided into several sections each. As of June 1st, the lines are being redrawn to correspond with the divisions used by the National BSA Office. This means that our lodge will be leaving SR-2 and moving to SR-1A. Like the Lodge Chief mentioned, this means we will be leaving friends for the unfamiliar. It will not take long, however, before these Arrowmen are equally good friends. The new SR-1A will contain six lodges: Quelqueshoe (Calcasieu Area Council, Lake Charles, LA), Co- manche (Louisiana Purchase Council, Monroe, LA), Atchafalaya (Evangeline Area Council, Lafayette, LA), Quinipissa (Istrouma Area Council, Baton Rouge, LA), Chilantakoba (Southeast Louisiana Council, Metairie, LA), and Sebooney Okasucca (Andrew Jackson Council, Jackson, MS). This reorganization will not affect the 2008 SR-2 Conclave in any way. New details can be found in the article below.

SR-2 Conclave Registration Open

Registration for Conclave is online in 2008. The process is simple. First, you must go to the SR-2 website at www.sr-2.org and click on the ‘My SR-2’ tab on the navigation bar. My SR-2 is a new program that requires an account for all Arrowmen of SR-2, and in return, offers the convenience of online registration for section events. Click the ‘Enroll Now’ button and fill in the required information to start your ‘My SR-2’ account. Once you have an account you will have the option to register for Conclave. Once you access this page, you must fill out the required information. At this time you will also have the opportunity to reserve any items you may want to purchase from the Conclave Trading Post, including patches, t-shirts, and much more. When the process is complete, you will be given a total cost for the weekend, with any trading post items added to the $60 weekend fee. You will need to print the form you have just completed and submit it to the Calcasieu Area Council Office, along with the required payment. At this time, you will be confirmed as a participant and will be added to the lodge roster. If any problems or questions arise, do not hesitate to contact the Lodge Chief for help. With your support, we can meet the Lodge Adviser’s goal of 50 Arrowmen.

“The Order of the Arrow is a ‘thing of the spirit’ rather than of mechanics. Organization, operational procedure, and paraphernalia are necessary in any large and growing movement, but they are not what count in the end. The things of the spirit count:

Brotherhood – in a day when there is too much hatred at home and abroad.
Cheerfulness – in a day when the pessimists have the floor.
Service – in a day when millions are interested only in getting or grasping rather than giving.

These are of the spirit, blessed of God, the great Divine Spirit.”

– E. Urner Goodman, Founder of the Order of the Arrow
70th Anniversary Patch Contest

The year 2009 marks the 70th anniversary of Quelqueshoe Lodge. The lodge was originally chartered in November of 1939, and to honor this occasion, the lodge is holding a 70th anniversary patch contest. This competition is open to any and all Arrowmen. The rules are simple. The anniversary patch must be a pocket flap. It must have ‘Quelqueshoe Lodge’ and ‘70th Anniversary’ somewhere on the flap. We would also like to see the year in some form. Everything else is up to you. We will be taking submissions until August 31st. Hopefully, this gives ample time to any members who wish to try their hand at patch designing. The winner will be announced in mid-September, and the anniversary patch will be available for purchase at the Annual Lodge Banquet. All entries should be sent to Daniel Wygoda, whose contact information is posted on page 1. The race starts now. Good luck to all.

National Chief and Vice Chief Elected

Robert Mason, OA National Bulletin

Each December, section chiefs from across the nation gather in Dallas for the Order of the Arrow National Planning Meeting. During the three-day conference, the Order’s top leaders plan the national program of emphasis and elect new national officers.

Jake Wellman was elected the 2008 National Chief. Jake is a two-term chief of Section W-5A, an area that encompasses much of Colorado and New Mexico. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member from Yah-Tah-Hey-Si-Kess Lodge of the Great Southwest Council.

An alumni of the OA Wilderness Voyage, OA Trail Crew, and OA Ocean Adventure, Jake also has served on staff for the National Scout Jamboree and National OA Conference, and on the NCLS staff as vice chief of events. He is a senior at Cibola High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and in his spare time enjoys running, reading, and rooting for University of New Mexico sports teams.

On ArrowCorps®, Jake notes that “this event is the greatest one our organization has ever undertaken, and in that spirit I want to direct the OA to be as service-conscious as possible in 2008."

Ben Stilwill was elected the 2008 National Vice Chief at this year’s planning meeting. Ben grew up in Okemos, Michigan, and spent two terms as Section C-2B chief. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Member of Gabe-Shi-Win-Gi-Ji-Kens Lodge of the Chief Okemos Council.

National Chief Jake Wellman, left, and National Vice Chief Ben Stilwill, right, after their election to national office.

Ben has attended OA Wilderness Voyage, OA Trail Crew, NLS, and the 2005 National Scout Jamboree. He also served on staff at NOAC 2006 and was selected as 2007 NCLS vice chief of gatherings.

Ben is a freshman at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, with plans to major in economics and mathematics. Outside of Scouting, Ben enjoys tennis, playing piano, and skiing.

When asked about his vision for this year, Ben replied, “I hope to help make ArrowCorps® a huge success and have an influence on a lot of Arrowmen everywhere.”
Dowe and Sullivan Were Committed to the OA

Ken Davis, OA National Bulletin

On November 14, 2007, the Order of the Arrow lost two of its stalwarts within hours of each other. John Dowe of Montgomery, Alabama, and Charles Sullivan of Durham, North Carolina, had both served the OA for decades at all levels and left a lasting impression on thousands of Scouts.

John Joseph Dowe, 96, served on the National Order of the Arrow Committee from 1959 to 1995. A quintessential Southern gentleman, he was a graduate of the University of Alabama and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps for three years during World War II. Dowe was well-known for his manners and his ability to make everyone feel important and valuable. Dowe’s contributions to the Order were widespread and covered some 60 years. He was an area leader and section adviser for many years in Alabama and is credited with forming several lodges in the former Region 5. He received the Vigil Honor, Founder’s Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Silver Beaver Award.

Throughout his life, Dowe was an active member of St. Peter’s Catholic Church in downtown Montgomery. As Scoutmaster of the church’s troop for more than 20 years, Dowe set the example for youth by earning the Eagle Scout Award in the early 1950s when adults could earn it to show the way for their Scouts.

As a result of his dedication to the Catholic faith, Dowe was knighted as a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory by Pope Pius XII. Dowe also was recognized in the community as President of the Montgomery Community Concern Association and recipient of the Montgomery Exchange Club’s Book of Golden Deeds Award.

Charles Sullivan, 87, was raised in western North Carolina and spent his entire life as a devoted proponent of Scouting. He earned a degree in forestry and ecology from North Carolina State University before enjoying a tenured career as a travelling salesman.

Sullivan was legendary in Scouting circles for telling fantastic stories and threatening to “reel in” any adults who were too serious about the rules. One of his most famous schemes in the OA—always told with a straight face—detailed that lodges should use a Vigil “raffle” to increase participation and allow both adults and boys to earn the Vigil Honor sooner if the worked hard, contributed money to the lodge, or did community service. Another of his schemes, aimed at improving advancement in Scouting, would allow one month per year where a boy could earn a merit badge and get any second one “for free.” Clearly these methods never panned out, but Sullivan’s rapt audience continued to relish his stories.

Sullivan always said that Scouting needs to be fun for youth to stay long enough to benefit from it. While serving as lodge adviser of Occoneechee Lodge in Raleigh, North Carolina, he began to round up a group of fellows who he turned into the lodge cook crew. It was not long before this crowd was the standard cook crew for the Southeast Region subcamp at many jamborees. Visitors could always count on a great meal and a lot of guff and fun in his cook shack.

Charley Sullivan had always tried to have fun in Scouting and keep those around him laughing and smiling. He was a recipient of the Vigil Honor, Founder’s Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope Awards. His personal example and caring nature were refreshing and truly unmatched.

John Dowe and Charley Sullivan were two extraordinary Arrowmen. We are all better people for having known them, and we will not soon find anyone to replace them. If they are typical of Scouting and America, then those whom they influenced will ensure that the next generation of Arrowmen will be people of great character, dedicated to serving others.
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