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Fellow Arrowmen,

Congratulations to the Quelqueshoe Lodge Dance Team on their excellent performance, bringing home first place in Group Dance. I would also like to thank all the adults who went with the lodge to the 2008 SR-2 Conclave. Quelqueshoe could not have made the trip without them. For those Arrowmen who were unable to attend the last ever Conclave of Southern Region Section Two, you missed an amazing weekend of fun, learning, and fellowship. The total participation was 812, the largest ever in SR-2’s eight years.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the upcoming Summer Fellowship on August 22-24. This will be an excellent chance for eligible members to achieve their Brotherhood. Please register online at the ‘Event Registration’ page of quelqueshoe.org.

As we move into our new section, SR-1A, we look forward to a great many things. The six lodge chiefs will be holding a Council of Chiefs meeting shortly to elect our Section Chief and Section Secretary, as both offices are empty due to the Section Realignment. As Kichkinet says in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony, “We will let the spirit fill us with the gladness of a dawning, of a springtime, of beginning.” Though we will be leaving many brothers, friends, and acquaintances behind, we will make many more in the future, for our journey is just beginning.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Scott Hendricks
Quelqueshoe Lodge Chief

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 22-24
Summer Fellowship
Camp Edgewood
$15 Weekend Fee

September 14
LEC Meeting
Calcasieu Area Council Office
2:00 P.M.

October 26
LEC Meeting
Camp Edgewood
10:00 A.M.

November 16
LEC Meeting
Camp Edgewood
1:00 P.M.

November 22-26
Winter Camp
Camp Edgewood
Our Broken Arrow

The Calcasieu Area Council, Quelqueshoe Lodge 166, and Scouting as a whole have lost a tremendous influence. Phillip Daniel Houston passed away on Thursday, June 5th, of natural causes. Mr. Dan served the OA and Scouting for decades and left a lasting impression on thousands of Scouts.

Mr. Dan was born on July 19, 1937, to Oliver C. Houston and Lucille Parent Houston. He was born in New Orleans and lived most of his life in Lake Charles. He worked as a mechanic for Cities Service and retired after 33 years of service. Mr. Dan devoted countless hours of service to Scouting in his 30 years as a Scoutmaster and beyond. He was a Vigil Honor member of our lodge. He was awarded the Outstanding Arrowman of the Year Award and Founder’s Award in 1988 and 1989, respectively.

Anyone who spent a considerable amount of time with him will have a story to tell you. Joel Dees remembers one day in particular. One day, the Cushman would not start after Brownsea. Mr. Dan proceeded to grab a hammer and give the engine a few good hits. As if nothing had happened, he got inside and turned the key. It cranked right up, and off he went.

His jokes, spirit, and love of Scouting were second to none. The example he set in his daily life is one we can only hope to be so lucky to achieve.

He played different roles to different people: husband, father, friend, mentor. The fact remains that we are all better people for having known him, and will not soon find anyone to replace him. It is an honor to be associated with him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. His influence will last forever.

Dan Houston
July 19, 1937 - June 5, 2008

Peace, my Brothers of the Arrow,
Of this Lodge and humble tribe.
Bear with me this obligation
To our Brother gone before us
On the trail of fulfillment.

He who camped and served among us,
He who always stood beside us,
Now has left his earthly trail
For the trail of his Maker.

Let us, in our hearts and minds,
Remember he who was our Brother
On Earth. Forever in spirit
Brother Dan will be among us.
**Conclave Report**

With the realignment of the sections, 2008 was the last year that the 14 lodges that comprise Southern Region Section Two would come together at Conclave. Quelqueshoe Lodge undoubtedly left a mark on this Conclave. With a strong contingent of 38 Arrowmen, including 29 youth and 9 adults, our lodge was a spirited group. On Friday night, Quelqueshoe Lodge was recognized, along with three other lodges, for its achievement of National Quality Lodge for 2007. Arrowmen attended a variety of learning sessions Saturday morning before the afternoon activities. After lunch our Arrowmen competed in numerous competitions. The Quelqueshoe Lodge Dance Team competed in Group Dance, performing the Animal Dance and Belt Dance. The Dance Team won first place in the Group Dance competition. Next, David Day competed with Netopalis Sipo Schipinachk Lodge in the Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies, placing second in Pre-Ordeal. Scott Hendricks placed third in the Vigil Honor ceremony competition. Lastly, the lodge “Where to Go Camping” Book took first place in Best Camp Promotion for the second consecutive year. The book is available online at quelqueshoe.org. Next April we will be attending the SR-1A Conclave at Warren A. Hood Scout Reservation in Jackson, Mississippi. With another strong contingent, we can match and even exceed the accomplishments of this Conclave. Quelqueshoe Lodge hopes to have at least 50 Arrowmen in attendance in 2009. Look for details in the coming issues of the ‘Screaming Eagle.’

**ADVISER’S MINUTE**

Fellow Arrowmen,

I would like to acknowledge the accomplishments of our youth Arrowmen and introduce myself as your new Lodge Adviser.

It is my privilege to be associated with such a quality group of individuals as yourselves. This quality was very evident last weekend at the 2008 SR-2 Conclave. Although our dance team was young, they mustered up the courage and determination to compete in the largest section conclave SR-2 has ever had, boasting over 800 Arrowmen in attendance. They competed against other teams from all over our section and won first place in Group Dance. They repaired costumes and practiced right up until competition. These Arrowmen had already won the prize before they stepped on the floor. They had given their all to prepare. At the conclusion of their performance, the standing ovation they received from the audience only solidified their accomplishments.

Our lodge also took first place in Camp Promotion, second place in the Brotherhood Ceremony, and third place in the Vigil Honor Ceremony. Our contingent of 38 Arrowmen had a wonderful time participating in all the activities at the last SR-2 Conclave. We are looking forward to our move into the new SR-1A, where we will be reunited with most of the Louisiana lodges.

This summer the spirit of our Arrowmen has been great. They planned and accomplished an Ordeal in Lake Arthur. These Scouts illustrated how great our young men could be at Conclave. The LEC of our lodge has begun planning ways to improve communication between the lodge and the units and the council itself. They have one of the best attitudes of service I have seen in many years.

I look forward to working with the fine young men and adults throughout the council. This lodge and you Arrowmen have such potential to offer leadership and service to the council.

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Donn E. Dees
Lodge Adviser
Arrowmen in Action

(Above) The Quelqueshoe Lodge Dance Team performs Belt Dance in the Group Dance competition at the 2008 SR-2 Conclave on July 26th at Baylor University.


(Above) Lodge Adviser Donn E. Dees enjoys our lunch at a Mexican restaurant on the way home from Conclave.

(Left) Poplar Bluff District of Mark Twain National Forest. ArrowCorps5 began with Arrowmen clearing 134 acres by cutting down 249,000 Eastern Red Cedar trees on one of the glades. The glade has been renamed “Arrowman Glade” in honor of the service provided by the Order of the Arrow.
“Awake, my friends. You are now starting on a long and toilsome journey.” These are the first words we hear as an Ordeal candidate. The “journey” Nutiket references is not complete after obtaining Ordeal membership. Allowat Sakima, the mighty chief, confirms this by saying, “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! When you have done these things, you will again find yourself before me, prepared to see the full meaning of the Arrow.” If it has been 10 months since your induction into Ordeal membership, you are now eligible to seal your membership in the Order by becoming a Brotherhood member. In continuing your journey, you must have a desire to further your knowledge of our customs and traditions. All that is required is that you complete the Challenges of Brotherhood Membership found on page 55 of your OA Handbook or at http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org. The next Brotherhood opportunity is August 23rd at the Summer Fellowship. For more information, contact Daniel Wygoda at dwygoda@quelqueshoe.org or (337) 513-7379.

On the weekend of July 11-13, the second Ordeal of 2008 was held. The Spring Ordeal took place in Lake Arthur, LA. The different venue provided a change of pace with a newfound excitement and energy. The 25 Arrowmen in attendance provided needed service to Shady Shores RV Park, and in return, they allowed us to use their beautiful campground. A total of ten Scouts were inducted, as well as two Ordeal members completing their Brotherhood. Six of the ten new members attended Conclave just two weeks later. As always, there was food and fellowship. For dinner on Saturday, we enjoyed delicious fried turkey and a variety of cheesecake for dessert. Overall, this was a good experience. In the future, more Ordeals may take place away from Camp Edgewood.

Our Newest Arrowmen
Victor Arrington  Troop 25
Devan Corbello  Troop 25
Alex Ezell  Troop 25
Daniel Linn  Troop 30
Chayden Cormier  Troop 65
Josh Evans  Troop 65
Bryce Fontenot  Troop 65
Hunter Guidry  Troop 65
Melvin LeDoux  Troop 65
Kolby Heid  Troop 124

Our Newest Brotherhood Members
Adam LeDoux  Troop 65
Russ Sonnier  Troop 65

“The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the outdoors rather than the indoors. It was born in an island wilderness. It needs the sun and rain, the woods and the plains, the waters and the starlit sky.

-E. Umer Goodman, Founder of the Order of the Arrow
For the best climbing in DeQuincy...

Come to the Summer Fellowship
August 22 - 24

NOAC 2009

The National Order of the Arrow Committee recently announced that the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is scheduled for August 1 - 6, 2009, at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. This will mark the 10th time that NOAC has been held at Indiana University. Please be sure to add this date to your calendar.

NOAC is a gathering of all OA lodges across the nation. In 2006, more than 8,000 Arrowmen gathered at Michigan State University for a weeklong conference that featured superb training, intense competitions, great shows, and fellowship. Look for more information in the coming months.

NESA Reaching Out

The National Eagle Scout Association recently updated its website at http://www.nesa.org. The site features NESA membership applications, resources, and a portal to help Eagle Scouts stay connected with the Scouting community.

“We want to find and contact every living Eagle Scout and register his achievements,” said NESA director Bill Steele. “This effort will culminate in Roll Call - The National Eagle Scout Registry—a publication that will capture the tradition, history, and honor of our nation’s Eagle Scouts and will be available only to bona fide Eagle Scouts.” Steele added that only Eagle Scouts who agree to be listed and who are adults will be included in the directory.

If an Eagle Scout does not receive a correspondence from Roll Call publisher Harris Connect Inc. of Chesapeake, Virginia, they can call 1-866-753-3506 to update their information and order the book.
National Chief Delivers Report to the Nation

Robert Mason, OA National Bulletin

As a longstanding tradition, the Boy Scouts of America sends a delegation to Washington, D.C. every Spring to deliver the BSA’s Report to the Nation. This invitation, first extended to the BSA in 1910 by President William Howard Taft, initially allowed BSA representatives to meet with leaders in our nation’s capital to discuss the successes and highlights of the Scouting organization. In 2008, this special weeklong visitation continued with a report to President George W. Bush.

The delegation this year included eight Scouts from across the country. Among the delegation were three Honor Medal recipients, two Boy Scouts, the National Venturing President and Sea Scout Boatswains Mate, and the Order of the Arrow’s 2008 National Chief, Jake Wellman.

Much of the trip involves presentations to leaders in different governmental departments such as the CIA and Arlington National Cemetery, both majority and minority leaders of the House of Representatives and Senate, the Speaker of the House, and of course, President George W. Bush.

This was Jake’s first trip to Washington D.C., and he was in awe of this whirlwind experience. One of his favorite parts of the trip was getting to visit the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. “The brotherhood exemplified by the Midshipmen reflects the same attitude that we can exhibit as an Order,” Jake said.

Throughout the week, the delegation visited the Pentagon, CIA, Capitol building, Supreme Court, Washington Monument, and White House.

On the last day of their excursion, the presented the Report to the Nation to President Bush in the Oval Office. Following numerous security clearances, a long waiting period, and a brief reception, the delegation entered the Oval Office, and President Bush sat down with the group to discuss the BSA’s potential for service to America.

Jake commented afterward that the trip opened his eyes to the “realization that the leaders of our country share the same values that we strive to teach through Scouting.”

More information about the BSA Report to the Nation, including photos, daily logs, and previous reports can be found at http://www.bsartn2007.org.
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