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## Spring Training Extravaganza

Michael Moore, with training staff, host the Spring Training Extravaganza on March 3

As Wa-Hi-Nasa starts its year off, we soon experience the joy of a Spring Training Event. This Spring Training Event, at Lebanon High School on March 3, will be better than all the rest. Arrowman will be able to participate in training varying from leadership classes, to Conclave games, even learning how to be on your own drum team. Special opportunities for Ordeal members include a Brotherhood Review, required for your Brotherhood and a Meaning of the Ordeal Class, lead by Wa-Hi-Nasa's own Andrew Bontempi. All and all, it is worth your \$21 to come to the great addition to Wa-Hi-Nasa's training extravaganzas. I anticipate seeing you at this wonderful opportunity of your young life.



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## Awards Galore

Nearly 200 Arrowman brave the frigid cold to attend Winter Banquet

On December 2, 2006, nearly 200 arrowmen, and their guest for the evening, attended Wa-Hi-Nasa's annual Winter Banquet. This year's Winter Banquet was put together by Jeremy Sledge, who proved that it was the most wonderful time of the year. With banquet hosts Jeff Finley and Tyler Stein, guests were informed of the collective Who's Who in the lodge. Arrowmen were presented awards based on their service, their excellence, and their beneficiary volunteer work that help lay down the foundation of our lodge for the years to come. This event also bore witness to the Vigil class of 2006 and the farewell of 2005-2006 Lodge Chief, Jeff Finley. However, on a more positive note, the guest were also shown the 2007 officers for the Wa-Hi-Nasa lodge. Throughout the evening, guests dined on dishes from Nashville's own Nick's Little Italy, which, conveniently enough, served Italian style food. The evening closed with the presentation of the Founders' Award to Franklin Curtis, Will Gentry, and Gary Mueller, who, through their many years of dedication, have help our lodge substantially at each event. Special thanks go out to all arrowmen who helped make this night a special one like every year as we gathered and reflected on the year gone by at the event we all know as the Winter Banquet.

Submitted by Matt Cooksey, Lodge Secretary

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# 2005-2006 Chief's Farewell Address



## Why Do We Do This Stuff Anyways?

A few weeks before the Fall Fellowship, Vice Chief of Activities, Corey Guisinger, and I visited a troop to talk to its members about coming to Fall Fellowship. We had an interesting conversation with one arrowman who had become inactive. His main question was, "Why come to the Fall Fellowship?" As we talked with him more, his question became bigger which was, "Why even do stuff with the Order of the Arrow?" I think that the easiest thing for us to do would be to accuse this brother of not being faithful to the obligation of the Order of the Arrow, and to tell him to take the patch off of his uniform and burn it along with his sash because he was not worthy to wear it. While this was heat of

the fire burning within me as I heard him speak, I started asking questions. How is it that the Order of the Arrow, and the Wa-Hi-Nasa lodge mean so much to me, and yet it means so little to this brother? Why DO we do this stuff anyways? Over the past month or so, I've been thinking about the purpose of the Order of the Arrow, and, consequently, asking more questions. Is this what our lodge is about? As a lodge, are we striving to complete these purposes?

Earlier last year, I made a set of goals. Within these goals were elaborate schemes for the year, and the means by which I thought our lodge would improve and obtain Quality Lodge. I had my sights set so high on this grand prestige that I had completely lost sight of why we exist. Let's get our bearings straight: Our lodge exists to carry out the purpose of the Order of the Arrow. To any new member who has just been inducted, it probably looked a lot more like our purpose was to obtain Quality Lodge, and to have fun events. I doubt that many new members actually care whether we get Quality Lodge or not. As for fun, in this day and age, an arrowman can go just about anywhere to have fun. So right off the bat, we have sent the message that the Order of the Arrow exists to hand out an award to a lodge because it did a good job putting on some fun events. This concept of the Order of the Arrow sounds pretty much meaningless, doesn't it? Just as we have immediately dismissed this concept of the Order of the Arrow as foolishness, so have the new inductees who hear this message. Anyone who has stayed involved in the lodge knows that it's much more than that. So that gave birth to the questions, "What is the purpose of the Order of the Arrow?" and, "Why does it mean so much to these people?"

At this point, I could just copy and paste the official "Purpose of the Order of the Arrow" in. But, this being my last *Chiefly Speaking* article, I figure I'll take the time to really get my point across, because I may never have another chance to. I've looked at the purpose, and chosen three main points to elaborate upon.

**Living Out the Spirit of the Order:** There definitely is a Spirit of the Order. I think that it has something to do with recognition that there is something higher than just us. There is an Oath we have taken, and law that we live by, a common goal that we are striving for. We are in the Order because we have been faithful to the Oath and Law, and our peers have taken notice of it. This doesn't mean that we are better than others who are not members, it just means that people have seen the scouting spirit in us, and that they look up to us. We should wear our flap and sash with this in mind: We are leaders.

**Preserving Camping Traditions:** I worked at Boxwell this past summer. I think that one of the mystical things about that place and about a lot of the things that we do there is that there is so much tradition behind it. I think about those who have gone before us, labored for the camp, and screamed jumping off of the dock. Summer camp is what lit my fire for scouting, and I want fifth graders to feel that fire like I do. That's why we need to visit troops and convince new scouts that they need to come to camp. That's why it's important to be a leader at camp and on staff. That's why it's so important to give back to Boxwell by laboring for her.

**Creating a Legacy of Service:** This ties in well with the other two. It is important to give back to our camp and our council because we know how much it means to us and we know how much we have benefited from the institution of scouting. At this stage of the game, it's not just about having fun, it's about doing things because you care, with brothers that you care about. I would be lying if I said that it wasn't fun, but that's just a nice kick back. Whether you are having fun or not, you are doing it because you care, because it's fulfilling, and because you know that you are called to something higher.

That is why I do this Order of the Arrow stuff, and that's why I wanted to be Lodge Chief. For you readers who seek to be the next generation of lodge leadership, be it because of those reasons.

Yours In Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service,  
Jeff Finley  
2005-2006 Lodge Chief

## Chiefly Speaking

Greetings Arrowmen,

The new year is upon us, and I know that this year will be a remarkable year in the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge. My staff and I have been diligently working to make sure that this year's events are better than previous occurrences in the past. In this, my first *Chiefly Speaking*, I would like to tell you all about what to expect in the upcoming year.

Vice-Chief of Training, Michael Moore, has set up our annual Spring Training Event, which is to be held on March 3. The event will be staged at Lebanon High School, home of the Lebanon Blue Devils. Under his direction, classes will be taught including a principles of the Ordeal session and Conclave competitions throughout the day. It promises to be a great time to reunite with arrowmen that you might not have seen since the winter, while still learning great skills handy for your scouting and everyday life.



The following month, specifically April 20-22, is the annual Section SR-N Conclave. At Conclave, lodges in our section get together for a weekend of games, inter-lodge competitions, and everybody's favorite pastime, patch trading. Arrowman from all around the Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, and Arkansas area will come to Camp Buck Toms, in Rockwood, TN. Camp Buck Toms is only three hours away this year from Nashville, and, for some arrowmen, even less! Although Wa-Hi-Nasa has not finished first in a few years, it may be the year in which we can pull ourselves out of the slump.

Vice-Chief of Service Jeff Weber, previous Planbook and AIE chairman, will be putting on the lodge's annual Spring and Fall Ordeals in June and in August. Even though all of us have completed our first ordeal, Jeff promises that there will be plenty to do for those attending members who come out during those weekends. As always, you have the option to become an Elangomat, who travels as a guide with the candidates for the weekend. These Elangomats can have lasting life impacts on arrowmen, and you could be that person who helps bring another candidate closer to our Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. However, Jeff Weber also promises to have many other options for other arrowmen that attend this event, including participation on a ceremonies team, a service crew, or kitchen staff. This summer we will continue to hold the Wednesday night cracker-barrels at the Howard B. Olson Lodge during summer camp at Boxwell, so make sure to stop by when your troop is at summer camp.

The theme for this year's Fall Fellowship will be settled around the High Adventure program, and who better to lead it than Philmont staff member and Vice-Chief of Activities, Nate Danielson. Nate has some ideas about importing 17 thousand tons of dirt to build a replica of the Tooth of Time in the Parnell Activity Field. The Tooth of Time, located within the Philmont Scout Ranch, will tower above all the other areas in the Boxwell field. With Nate's direction, and Boxwell's sprawling grounds, this Fall Fellowship should help you get all the High Adventure activities you could want for a day.

Soon, after all other events, will come the Winter Banquet. Although the date has been set for this prestigious night of awards, being December 1, the location is yet to be determined. However, with this excellent staff of the lodge this year, it shall promise to be an excellent evening as usual. This year will also bear witness to Wa-Hi-Nasa's fifth annual Winter Camp. Every year this event has been held at Boxwell Scout Reservation, and this year will be no exception. Trey McClain, in his first chairmanship within the lodge, will be the youth director in charge of this event. He promises, with experience as a Evening Program director from the 2006 Winter Camp, a better Winter Camp than all years before.

However, my promises are lifeless without cooperation from you, the Wa-Hi-Nasa lodge Arrowman (Do not worry though, for your job is quite a simple one without need of stress). Your task is this: spread the word about events and opportunities in the lodge. Tell members you know of in your troop about the Spring Training Event coming up in March. Tell members within your chapter about opportunities for them to participate at an ordeal, whether it ends up for them being an Elangomat or being a ceremonialist. When meeting new arrowmen, tell them of the opportunities that they can experience within the Wa-Hi-Nasa lodge and as a member of the Order of the Arrow. It is our job as arrowmen to be a **Brotherhood of Cheerful Service**, so get to know your fellow arrowmen through a kind word or so. With all this being said, I hope that you and I will be able to strengthen the bonds of Brotherhood this year as we continue to be the great Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge 111.

Yours in Service,

Tyler Stein  
2007 Lodge Chief

## Adviser's Corner



### A WARPED WHEEL

I am sure that at one time or another, every arrowman has ridden a bicycle. As you know, the smoothness of the ride is dependant on the shape of the wheels and how the shape of the wheel is perfectly rounded. If for any reason the wheel is off balance, the ride will not be as smooth.

If you loosen five or six adjoining spokes on a bicycle wheel, it will warp out of shape so that it no longer makes a true circle. Soon after this occurs, you're going to experience a bumpy ride.

An arrowman's character is something like a bike wheel. The spokes are a series of guidelines that we follow in the Lodge as well as Scouting. These guidelines are meant to help us through the year to stay straight and true. Some of these guidelines are based on the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

As arrowmen, we are recognized, as one who exemplifies the Scout Oath and Scout Law in our daily lives. If you get loose and sloppy on any point of the Scout Law, the result will be the same as loosening the spokes on a bike wheel. This not only affects you personally but also has an impact on our Lodge. Your personality as well

as the Lodge's will be warped and out of shape.

One way to stay true to yourself and the Lodge is to see that your observance of the Scout Oath and Scout Law are always foremost in your mind. When doubts creep in and you're tempted to violate the Scout Oath or one of the points of the Scout Law, think about the warped, out of shape bike wheel and remember that you can help to make a difference. Resolve to live up to the ideals of scouting which you have been recognized for.

As a member of the Lodge we are all spokes in the wheel that make the Lodge move. It is up to each one of us to determine if the ride will be smooth or bumpy. I look forward to working together to experience a fun and successful year.

Yours in Service,

Robert Guisinger  
2007 Lodge Adviser



*Remember these familiar faces? Yes, this was the Tug-Of-War team of 2005. Wa-Hi-Nasa was remembered in 2006 for breaking the rope in the fierceness of the competition. With your help, you can help break the rope again.*

## Conclave, Camp Buck Toms, Promises to be Turning Point

Jake Jones anticipates a Quest Victory in Rockwood, TN

Dear Brothers:

It's Conclave Time yet again! Section SR-6N will soon come together on April 20-22 at Camp Buck Toms to experience the fun and high-paced action of a Conclave. Wa-Hi-Nasa lodge has a great opportunity and long-stored momentum to win the Quest for the Golden Arrow this year, having not won the competition in several years. Quest, being the award for the lodge who competes best during Conclave, is decided upon factors submitted in publications, like the *Flying Eagle*, ceremonies competitions, and of course, the famous Conclave games! Some games are rumored to include a fruit-cake eating relay, root beer chug, blind tent pitch, and the notorious Tug-of-War. Last year, Wa-Hi-Nasa was remembered for breaking the rope during the Tug-of-War due to our humongous arms in the heat of the moment. Nevertheless, Conclave has more events than one Arrowman can possibly take in a single weekend. Before the games even commence, training, as chaired by Wa-Hi-Nasa's own Jeff Finley, will be held. Classes will vary from AIE training, ceremonial training, even learning how to become a better chapter chief. Apart from training, Conclave also features High Adventure courses, rifle and shotgun ranges, and many other activities that one arrowman cannot absorb within one day. This year, Conclave is located a mere three and a half hours from the Nashville scout office, and even shorter for members in the Machtagen and Black Fox chapters. Besides being much closer than last year, it only costs \$25 to go to Conclave if paid by the early-bird deadline. If not paid by the deadline of March 25, you will only have to pay an additional \$10. However, both of those prices are not covered by a Gold Card that you might have purchased over the past year. Either way, I will hope that you will be an addition to the hundreds of arrowmen that will be at the Conclave this year.

Jake Jones  
Conclave Chairman

# Awards Galore (Continued)

## Chapter Awards

<b>Excellence in AIE</b>	Nendawen-Natchez Trace
<b>Excellence in Ceremonies</b>	Cherokee-Cherokee
<b>Service to the Lodge</b>	Black Fox-Black Fox
<b>Service to Scouting</b>	Walton Trail
<b>Highest Brotherhood Percentage</b>	Kitan-Duck River
<b>Standard Chapters</b>	Elk River-Elk River Machtagen-Upper Cumberland Wulihan-Nashboro
<b>Honor Chapters</b>	Allogan-Highland Rim Anawaha-Cogioba Nendawen-Natchez Trace Wdee-Trail of Tears Wewoapisak-Hemitage Witschindin-Dan Beard

## Individual Awards

<b>Excellence in Ceremonies</b>	Kyle Duckworth
<b>Tom Parker Memorial Award for Excellence In Camp Promotion</b>	Scott House
<b>Unsung Arrowman</b>	BJ Matheney
<b>Josh Sain Memorial Award</b>	Matt Cooksey Roy Dishman Tom Moore Kathy Ross Tyler Stein
<b>Flying Eagle</b>	Shawn Barnes Franklin Curtis Steve Miller Steve Probst
<b>Founders' Award</b>	Franklin Curtis Will Gentry Dr. Gary Mueller



*In addition to all the awards given at the Winter Banquet, quests also got to meet the 2007 Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Officers (at left).*

## Chapter News

### Cherokee

Cherokee just celebrated the re-election of chapter chief, Jake Jones, and Zach Rice as Vice-Chief in early November. Cherokee also wished to extend its thanks and congratulations to newest Vigil Honor member Mel Shoaf for his amazing effort to support the Order of the Arrow and scouting in general. They also wished to thank the Cherokee ceremonies teams that helped win Excellence in Ceremonies.

Submitted by Matt Cooksey,  
Cherokee Secretary

### Nashboro

Nashboro would like to celebrate its newest Vigil member, Roderick McDaniel, Section Chief. Nashboro held chapter elections on October 7, 2006, Kelaus J. Gresham will return as Chapter Chief and Christian Morris will be the Vice Chapter Chief for 2007.

Submitted by Kelaus J. Gresham  
Nashboro Chapter Chief

## OA Trivia

### **Last Flying Eagle's Answer:**

Woodrow Wilson was the president during 1915, when the Order of the Arrow was first founded.

**Question:** Every year, a National Lodge Chief and National Lodge Vice-Chief are elected by the national council of chiefs. Sean Murray was elected for this year as the National Chief. Who, in that case, was elected as the National Vice-Chief? Find out in the March Flying Eagle.

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