

# THE FLYING EAGLE



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## Scottish Fest! This is Your Fall Fellowship on Bagpipes

Fall Fellowship is fast approaching, so do not miss your chance to have a blast. The event designed for just your sheer enjoyment of being a member of Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge will be held September 8-10 at Camp Boxwell.

To the tune of bagpipes, we will run the Ironman Triathlon, toss the Caber, and experience the finest in Scottish living. We will be offering the Camping, Indian Lore, and Emergency Preparedness merit badges, multiple training sessions in administration, ceremonies, Native American Events, and a cornucopia, a plethora even, of games and events. The adults will not be left out of the competitions as there will be a Dutch oven cooking contest Saturday morning, judged by numerous celebrities. Bring your own food; we have the Dutch ovens.

Remember, Chapter and Lodge Advisers and



Chairmen, bring your food for the potluck/movie Friday night. Is there anything better in our Order than Friday night at the Fall Fellowship?

And have you been striving all year to earn the coveted "Year of Service" Award? Well, attendance at the Fall Fellowship is required to earn it. In fact, this will be the culmination of the "Year of Service" award with the ceremony to recognize those who have served. Oh, did we mention that you'll get a ghost flap if you earn this award? Not the same as last year's! No! A new red ghost flap. And those who earn the flap will have the opportunity to buy others.

Registration for this event is \$25 and should be sent into the scout office with the enclosed form. Staff costs the same but the benefits are greater, so if you want to, come out and work. See all of you September 8th! And don't forget your kilt! 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿

## Wa-Hi-Nasa Reigns at NOAC

How was the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), you ask? Oh, pretty good. The Native American Events were impressive with the best in the nation strutting their stuff. There was competition of all sorts between the 300+ lodges represented. Did we mention that Wa-Hi-Nasa won the Southern Region OA Jeopardy game and proceeded to place second in the nation? Well, there was also training provided by the most knowledgeable arrowmen in the country. Did we mention that many of these trainers were from Wa-Hi-Nasa? And then there were the wonderful nightly



Wa-Hi-Nasa Contingent members at UT's Thompson Boling Arena

shows in the massive Thompson Boling Arena. There was judging of every lodge newsletter in the nation. Did we mention that the *Flying Eagle* was granted the National Honor Newsletter Award? Then there was patch trading every where you went. The fraternizing and brotherhood with arrowmen from all over

the country was terrific! There was dorm living with pizza parties and cafeteria eating. Not to mention it was held right here in Tennessee July 29-August 3 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. OK, we take it back. NOAC was not pretty good. It was Fantastic! 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿



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## 2000 Middle Tennessee Council Jamboree OA Service Corps Gears Up to Pitch In

On October 13–15, all the boy scouts and cub scouts in the Middle Tennessee Council will gather in Spring Hill at the Saturn property for the event known as the Council Jamboree. There will be thousands of scouts in attendance, so you can imagine the work involved in so much fun. So who will do so much work so that so many can have so much fun? Well, it's none other than the OA Service Corps! We will help with set up and take down, trading post, registration, food preparation, and more. The organizer of this operation is Service Committee Chairman Tyler Belew and his trusty Adviser Kent Galyon. They are diligently working to put together the crew required for this undertaking, and are looking for a few good (arrow)men. OK, so what we're trying to say is...HELP! The enclosed flyer has all the details on how you can volunteer to provide the cheerful service which is the principle of this order of ours, and be sure to wear your sash 🏹

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Fellow Arrowmen of Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge,

A great thanks is owed to our lodge brothers who worked during the Fall Ordeal to fulfill our commitment of service to the Middle Tennessee Council. Your work helped induct 131 members and complete all of our camp improvement projects of the summer.

But the service of the year is not over. Please help us continue to aid the council by being in the OA service Corps on October 13-15 at the Council Jamboree. Call up our council service chairman Tyler Belew or his adviser Kent Galyon if you would like to be a part of the completion of this "The Year of Service".

I would like to invite you all to this year's Fall Fellowship at Boxwell from September 8-10. It is the only event of the year for our service organization which exists solely for the purpose of fun. This year's Fall Fellowship has a Scottish Highland games theme and will feature games such as the Caber toss and grab the kilt. So, round up your buddies and come out for the weekend; it will be a great time. Chapter chiefs, encourage your members to attend and share in the fellowship of the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge.

We all should be proud to be in this lodge. At this year's NOAC, our OA jeopardy team won the Southern Region Championship, and the *Flying Eagle* you're holding scored the National Honor Newsletter Award, the highest possible recognition. A lot of arrowmen have worked very hard to propel Wa-Hi-Nasa to the lofty spot it occupies today. To all of these people is owed gratitude, and I thank them.

I hope to see all of you at the Fall Fellowship and the Council Jamboree.

In Service,

*Clay T. Capp*  
Clay Capp  
2000 Lodge Chief

## Patch Search! Lodge Looks for Historic Piece

The Executive Committee has tabbed Garrett Palmer with the daunting task of trying to secure the first patch ever issued by this lodge for the lodge collection.

The patch pictured here was issued in the 1940's, and is rarely seen these days. If you or anyone you know owns this patch, please contact Garrett Palmer at (931) 657-5712. 🏹



#111 R1 • Our First Lodge Patch

## Fall Ordeal Cleaning Up Our Act

By Michael Mendenhall

Friday, August 11, 2000, was the beginning of one of the most important events held in the OA. While one of the smallest lodge events as measured by the number of members in attendance, this gathering has had an undeniable impact on every arrowman since the order began. The Ordeal, by ceremony and cheerful service, inducts the best members of the scout organization into a new life under the obligation of the Order of the Arrow.

The Ordeal is the time when a lodge usually provides the greatest amount of service at a single time, and Wa-Hi-Nasa has not been an exception from this by this year's Fall Ordeal. The 16 crews, working all throughout the hot day under their vows of silence and scant food, have rendered service all across Camp Boxwell. Candidates were involved both in building and tearing down during their day of labor, and proved successful at both. Along with the routine fall duty of folding the tents in Camp Stahlman, crews also cleaned immense amounts of garbage left around the reservation. During the afternoon, 3 crews managed to collect an entire trailer load of trashbags, while others removed hundreds of pounds of scrap metal. The windows of the Howard B. Olson Lodge, along with those of the Stahlman dining hall, are now quite a bit more transparent after a much needed cleaning. While under assault by the odors of a well-ripened toilet, a few brave crews also cleaned the grounds at Cubworld, while others cleared brush for the parking lot expansion. Along with the tents and trash, the candidates managed to remove all of the charred debris from the burned stage by the Stahlman conservation yard.

While many crews were involved in operations of tearing down and removal, others helped in construction and setup. Fifty tents and one hundred cots were moved to facilitate the woodbadge training area, and the wooden flaps in the OA lodge were repaired and remounted so as to decrease resemblance to framed holes in the ceiling. Overall, the Ordeal has certainly contributed in many ways to help add to the "summer camp experience" for many years of scouting yet to come.

Not only did the new members help their camp, but it is hoped that they also were able to improve themselves. The lodge now proudly accepts 131 new members into our brotherhood of cheerful service. With help from our excellent ceremonies teams, advisers, chairmen, ordeal masters, other workers, and especially the elangomats, Fall Ordeal 2000 has helped to continue the Wa-Hi-Nasa tradition of serving both members and scouting as a whole. 🏹

## ADVISER'S CORNER

My Dear Brothers in Wa-Hi-Nasa,

Having just returned from the National Order of the Arrow Conference, one of the things which really floored me was a question asked by one of the very youngest members of our contingent; "Mr. Capp, what makes us think our lodge is so great?"

Let me tell you what I told him over in Knoxville, and what I feel in my heart as I write to you, tonight. I have been in the Order of the Arrow for over 30 years. During that time I have served in four lodges, worked for thousands of hours alongside everyone from Johnny Arrowman through members of the National Order of the Arrow Committee, hired two National Chiefs and a National Vice Chief to help me with my work, and helped spread the OA into the Pacific Rim. And yet, over all of those years, in lodges far flung across our continent and abroad, I have never experienced the concentration of talent, commitment, and accomplishment that is the trademark of Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge.

Every lodge wants to feel special. But there is no knowledgeable person who does not recognize ours as one of the predominant programs in the country. For example:

- Our training programs have become the model for how the National Order of the Arrow is now telling lodges to accomplish their training.
- Our people run the backbone of the OA's communications arm, *The National Bulletin*, with innovation and success.
- Other lodges consistently ask us to send them our *Wheel* which indicates that our operations guide is among the best.
- We have had two men in recent memory to serve as Southern Region Chief and eleven to be Section Chief.
- We have supplied the Section Adviser for our eight or nine neighboring lodges for the past thirty years.
- With 1,300 arrowmen, we have one of the largest lodges in the nation.
- Josh Sain, the 1997 National Vice Chief hailed from the great Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge, which he loved.
- Recently our lodge has again won the distinction as Best All Around Lodge in the Section.
- We have 9 men who have received the Orders' highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award. With only 600 ever granted in the past 60 years, our lodge has received many times more than our expected share. We also have several Silver Beaver recipients and 3 Silver Antelopes.
- Our publications scored in the top 10 at the last two NOACs in national competition.
- Our chief and our immediate past chief were both asked by the National Committee to teach classes at NOAC; one on Fall Fellowship, the other on Brotherhood Conversion (our conversion rate is regularly double that of national averages). We are among the best of the best in both areas.
- Our OA Jeopardy team won first place in the Southern Region tournament and secured 2nd place in the nation.
- We were the first contributors of \$25,000 to the Council's 1999-2000 Capital Campaign in addition to producing and funding a 1st class camp promotion video.
- Our lodge has been honored to have a member on the National Committee for over 25 years.
- Our lodge sends more youth to NLS than any other lodge in the section proving that we truly believe in developing and training our youth, while also providing 5-6 staff members as well.
- But possibly the most incredible single statement you can make about our lodge is that we held a simple pizza party late one night at NOAC in Knoxville, and 3 national chiefs, 2 national vice chiefs, our region chief and six or eight sitting section chiefs showed up to enjoy the evening with the lodge they have all adopted.

"We may not be their lodge of induction," I said to the young scout, "but we are surely their lodge of choice." This has never been more true than right this very minute. "Wow", he said as he took another bite of pizza.



Ray Capp • 2000 Lodge Adviser



## Year of Service Award Get Your Ghost Flap



When Dr. Goodman founded this Order of the Arrow he dreamt of an organization based on service. When the lodge officers met before Winter Banquet last year, they declared this year as the "Year of Service" along with this declaration came on opportunity to earn a special lodge flap. This solid red flap with a white arrow shows everyone that the wearer served his lodge greatly in the year 2000. In order for one to obtain this award he must meet several requirements, which are outlined in the insert. The upcoming event of Fall Fellowship is a must for the award. This year's theme is a Scottish one. I hope to see you there. 🍷

## Chapter News

### Machtagen Chapter

Our chapter has been very busy lately. We have performed two Eagle Ceremonies in the past month, one of which was outside our district. We have four new ordeal members: Tim Mercer, Josh Mercer, Tim Thackston, and Chris Carver. We would like to welcome them into our chapter. We also would like to congratulate our new brotherhood members: David Epley, Dane Cooper, Kyle Goolsby, Harrison Ford, and Matt Thomas. There are plans to start a new ceremonies team. If you are interested in serving on the team, call Blake Edmondson at (931) 432-4640 or Bill Hildebrand at (931) 526-8243. We would like to thank the following chapter members for serving on staff at the Fall Ordeal: Blake Edmondson, Clint Ford, Patrick Van Deven, Doug Matthews, Bill and William Hildebrand, Matt Thomas, and Larry Edmondson. Thanks for helping guys!

### Wewoapisak Chapter

Our chapter put on its first annual picnic this year. Thanks to all who attended. On another note, the chapter has performed Native American Event service projects at the Wilson County Fair. Finally congratulations to the new ordeal members that went through the Fall Ordeal.

### Witschindin Chapter

Our next chapter meeting will be held at the Council Jamboree in October. We have had good attendance at lodge events, so lets keep that up. Matt Clothier, our Chapter Chief, was the OA Summer Camp Rep. We are looking for interested members to start a ceremonies team. If interested call Matt Clothier at (615) 331-3339 or his adviser Steve Reynolds at (615) 367-9746.

### Wulalowe Chapter

Members just returned from NOAC in Knoxville and are truly in the spirit! We are forming a ceremony team for next year's ordeals. We are also still going strong on the "Trail of Tears" Historic Trails Award scheduled for October 20-22. Upcoming chapter meetings are September 3 and October 1 at 2:00 pm at Camp Tubb. Additional ceremony team practice sessions will be scheduled and announced accordingly. 🍷

## Troop Reps Needed Communications! Communications! Communications!

Communication is the key to success in the lodge. Without communication everything crumbles. Nobody knows when, where or what time anything occurs. And if no one knows, no one shows up. This is the beauty of the Order of the Arrow Troop Representative. The responsibilities of this position consist of relaying information to the OA members in your troop and attending the Patrol Leaders Council to try to avoid scheduling conflicts between troop and lodge events. The OA Troop Rep. is a relatively new position, but when properly utilized it can make a big difference in the service our lodge can provide to the council and districts. Does your troop have one? If not, then how about helping us out and getting one selected for your troop. It is the responsibility of the Scoutmaster to appoint a Troop Rep. for his unit. Make it easy on him and volunteer to do the job! 🦅

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## Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge • 2000 Calendar

September 8 – 10, 2000	Fall Fellowship Boxwell Reservation
October 13 – 15, 2000	Council Jamboree Spring Hill, TN
December 2, 2000	Winter Banquet
March 16 – 18, 2001	O.A. University Smyrna, TN

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