

THE FLYING EAGLE



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ORDER OF THE ARROW

Wa-Hi-Nasa Defends Quest Trophy 2000 Section Conclave

by Michael Mendenhall

The Section Conclave, aside from NOAC, is one of the largest gatherings of OA members that our lodge attends. The Conclave includes scouts from every lodge in the SR-6N section; Lodges 62, 111, 184, 201, 230, 235, 480, and 558 all had members present. This year the conclave was held at Camp Davy Crockett, with Sequoyah Lodge #184 serving as host.

Amidst the spirit of cheerful brotherhood at the conclave, there was also an underlying tone of competition. Every year at conclave, an award is given to the lodge performing best in a large series of competitions. Evaluating lodges on both long-term projects such as newsletters and publications, along with athletic competitions held at the conclave itself, the Quest for the Golden Arrow trophy is one of the most prestigious awards that a lodge can receive. Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge began the event with a special place in the competitions, as defending champion of the three-foot high golden travelling trophy which we had won at the 1999 conclave. Focused on maintaining our place, we arrived at the conclave determined to be victorious.

The conclave itself offered more activities than any one person could enjoy. Between the athletic competitions of the Quest, the American Indian Events programs, the ceremony team competitions, and the "county fair", there were few scouts who could find nothing to do. Training sessions were offered by each lodge, allowing everyone to share ideas on topics from designing a

lodge web page to running a lodge fellowship. Everyone was given ample opportunity to learn from their fellow scouts and spread their experience.

After a full day of brotherhood, fun, and rivalry, the conclave drew to an end with a massive ceremony. As everyone gathered around a stage with a huge projection screen made specially for this event, the sun set as thousands of scouts enjoyed skits, music, and dancing. The next morning, it was time at last for the winner of the Quest to be announced. First, awards were given in each of the individual categories. Although our lodge was not the best in the athletic competitions, we performed well and received some valuable Quest competition points. However, our abilities were clearly shown as we received multiple high awards for our publications, but other lodges had performed well also, and it was not evident during the individual event presentations which lodge had accumulated the most points. Finally, as everyone sat in anticipation, it came time to announce the overall winner of the Quest for the Golden Arrow. A deep silence fell over the amphitheatre as the last few seconds dragged slowly by. Every ear was perked and hearts pounded as the announcement was made: Wa-Hi-Nasa is the victor!! Congratulations arrowman on a team performance that once again earned us top honors. But we didn't stop there. Once again, Wa-Hi-Nasa walked off with the Josh Sain Best All Around Lodge Award. Next year, we will be hosting the conclave at Camp Boxwell; and again, we will come in force to retain our spot on top of the heap. 🏹

Scottish Fest Fall Fellowship 2000

Just think about it. Where else in the world can one hear bag pipes, earn merit badges, and watch outdoor movies, all with a Scottish theme. That's right this year's Fall Fellowship has a Scottish theme, and yes, we will have an OA event with people in kilts. If you want to eat Scottish food or compete in a triathlon or other athletic or ceremony competitions, this kilt-wearing event is for you. No, you do not have to wear a kilt but we do not promise others won't. As in the past this Fall Fellowship will be a lot of fun, and even though Sean Connery, the Loch Ness Monster and the Bay City Rollers are not currently scheduled to attend the event, all of your mates in the lodge will be there. However, this event cannot be put together without help. If you desire to be on staff, we need you. You may volunteer to help with food, training, shows, or the trading post by contacting Brian Rappold at (931) 645-8665. The cost for this event filled with fun and fellowship is \$20 before August 23rd and \$25 thereafter and should be submitted to the scout office with the enclosed form. Even Gold Card members need to register for the event but not pay. Also remember, attendance at this event is required for your Year of Service Award flap, which will be presented in a special ceremony at the fellowship. 🏹



Vigil Search

Calling all Vigil members!

As you know, each year in our lodge planbook, we post a complete list of arrowmen who have received the Vigil Honor in Wa-Hi-Nasa lodge. However, we have many Vigil Honor members who received this honor from another lodge before transferring their membership to Wa-Hi-Nasa. Well, we would also like to recognize those Vigil members in the planbook, so we are conducting a Vigil Search! If you fall into this category, please complete the enclosed form and send it in to Clay Capp. 🏹



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You Can Go To NOAC Spots Still Available

by Jim Cheatham

In just a few days, over 6,800 arrowmen from across this great nation will journey to the University of Tennessee to participate in the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Thanks to hard work by some of our lodge members, Wa-Hi-Nasa has obtained some additional slots, and a very few slots are still available at press time for arrowmen who would like to attend the event July 29 - August 3.



This year's conference will have many programs similar to past conferences, but NOAC 2000 promises to have a few twists. First, NOAC will start a day earlier than those in the past. The event kicks off on Saturday allowing arrowmen another day of fun, fellowship, and patch trading. Arrowmen will awaken every morning to attend training programs in areas such as leadership development, ceremony enhancement, and American Indian crafts. The afternoon will be packed with activities such as OA Jeopardy, SCUBA diving, and other special events and competitions. Days will come to a close with arrowmen gathering at Thompson-Boling Arena for the awesome arena shows that will make memories for each member in attendance.

On Wednesday, the Founder's Day celebration has been extended to span the entire last day of NOAC. Hundreds of lodges from across the country will create displays that showcase their region of the country. NOAC will come to an end Wednesday night with the theme show. Arrowmen will return to their dorms Wednesday night where they have been enjoying their college style life and depart for home on Thursday morning.

No matter your age, level of membership, or involvement, NOAC has something for you. Memories that last a lifetime are created at NOAC. Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend this national event here in our "back yard". If you are not yet registered, and would like to go, you must act quickly. The cost is \$330 and should be sent in to the scout office with the enclosed form. However, you should call the OA Secretary at the scout office immediately to reserve your spot. These spots will of course be first come, first served! 🐾

Surfing the Web – WWW on the WWW

Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Website: <http://www.wa-hi-nasa.org>

Official OA Website: <http://www.oe-bsa.org>

Section SR6N Website: <http://oa.scouters.net/sectionsr6n>

Southern Region Website: <http://www.bsa.net/oa/sr/> 🐾

Wa-Hi-Nasa Serves the Nation Council Jamboree Next

The week of May 22nd, over 1000 scouters from around the nation gathered at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville for the BSA's National Meeting. Of course, when this occurs, there is lots of behind the scenes work to be done such as registration, set up and take down, clean up, etc. The task is definitely a major one. Well, who provided the leadership and manpower to put on this shindig? It was Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge! Led by Service Chairman Tyler Belew and his Adviser Kent Galyon, Wa-Hi-Nasa filled over 230 volunteer positions. The cheerful service demonstrated by our members made the event a huge success. Tyler and Kent would like to thank everyone who put forth the effort that was required to pull this off. And we would like to thank them for beautifully orchestrating our efforts.

Now that we've successfully served the nation, it's time to turn our attention towards serving the council. The Middle Tennessee Council Jamboree will be held October 13-15, and once again there will be lots of work involved in having so much fun, and once again Wa-Hi-Nasa will step up to the plate and offer our services. If you can serve, please contact Tyler Belew at (931) 362-9347 or by e-mail at TCBY121@cs.com. 🐾



Fellow Arrowmen,

As we reach the middle of our 2000 Year of Service, much credit is due to the members of our lodge for their outstanding efforts and contributions to our service programs this year. We are truly a great lodge, and this is most clearly shown by the superb service we have rendered already this year.

At the end of May, Wa-Hi-Nasa showed up in full force to staff and support the National Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America which was hosted by our council at Opryland Hotel. A full 232 lodge members came out and worked in various capacities to help host this huge event. A nod of thanks is certainly due to Tyler Belew and his adviser Kent Galyon, who led our lodge's efforts to support the National Meeting.

Just before Boxwell summer camp opened, we held our annual Spring Ordeal, during which our lodge was responsible for massive preparations for summer camp. Chris Hubbard's and his adviser Chris Snoddy's efforts are greatly appreciated because, under their leadership, the 178 ordeal candidates were mobilized to do projects to benefit Boxwell Reservation. Also during the Spring Ordeal, James Cartwright and his adviser Raymond Gregory led several splendid permanent projects which will beautify Boxwell. The Construction Crew is due a debt of gratitude for the many members who volunteered their time, talent, and energy to make lasting contributions such as the gateway to the OA Lodge building and the signs on the road into Boxwell on which are written the Scout Law. I'm sure you will see this camp improvement as you drive into summer camp this year.

Turning ahead, the Fall Ordeal is not all that far away; it will be held on August 11-13. We are always in need of elangomats, and if you are interested in being one, please give Elangomat Chairman Jacob Thorington a call at (931) 728-4187. This is an excellent way to serve the lodge and to make a lasting impression on the candidates that you will lead through the ordeal.

Also, the 2000 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) in Knoxville will be the hot place to be from July 29-August 3. It will absolutely be the greatest accretion of OA enthusiasts and experts any of us will have yet seen. Any attending arrowman, especially if this is his first time, will have a life-changing experience. If you are interested in sharing in fellowship, training and fun with fellows from around the nation, contact Annette Whitley at the Council Service center at (615) 383-9724.

The form to nominate candidates for the Vigil Honor and for the various lodge awards is enclosed. All arrowmen are encouraged to nominate those whom are regarded as worthy of these honors. Award and Vigil nominations will be reviewed by the Awards and Vigil Committees respectively.

I want to say that I hope each of you has a safe and fun summer, and I hope to see you at our Wednesday night crackerbarrells at the OA Lodge during summer camp, at the Fall Ordeal, and at the Fall Fellowship on September 8-10.

In Service,

Clay Capp
2000 Lodge Chief

ADVISER'S CORNER

Sometimes, when I get down a little bit, I find a pen and start scribbling down all the many things in my life for which I am grateful, the things which are going well for me, and those things about which I am just plain lucky. As soon as this process begins, my mood tends to lighten and things begin to "look up". It's amazing how well and how reliable this technique works for me, so I tried it out after we got some bad news in the lodge lately.



A few weeks ago, we got our NOAC application back from the National Office and learned that we would only be granted 25 spots this year. The conference was reported to have been overbooked by 800 spots, and there simply was no room left at UT. I knew more of our youth wanted to attend, so I was really disappointed.

Knowing that I needed to change my "stinkin' thinkin'" or nothing was going to improve, I decided to:

Follow this Platitude: Choose an attitude of gratitude!

As soon as I had turned my negativism around, others started to jump out of the woodwork to help, too. We now have more than doubled the number of spots available to us and put half again that many on the NOAC staff!

Here's a list of OA things I feel grateful about, today:

1. 232 Arrowmen came out to help with the National Meeting in May at the Opryland Hotel. Thank you.
2. Our construction projects at Boxwell look great and make me feel better. Thank you.
3. We won, for the second year, the Quest for the Golden Arrow at the recent Conclave. Thank you.
4. Wa-Hi-Nasa was named to be the "Best All Around Lodge" in the section (again). Thank you.
5. We got all of our work projects completed safely at the highly successful Spring Ordeal. Thank you.
6. Our Troop Rep program is in full swing, and working well. Thank you.
7. People from over 200 miles away are still bragging about our world class OAU held this spring in Smyrna. Thank you.
8. The Camp Promotion Video we produced is being well received and all spaces at all campsites available are full this summer at Boxwell. Thank you.
9. Work on the gateway leading to the much needed Josh Sain High Adventure Area is about to begin! Thank you. and of course
10. Many great people worked extra hard to double the number of spots available to our youth for NOAC 2000 in Knoxville. Thank you.

We will always have challenges and bad days, but I am very appreciative to each and every one of you for the generous efforts you continue to lavish on our lodge projects, making Wa-Hi-Nasa one of the best and most successful lodges in the country, bar none.

Thank you!

Ray Capp
2000 Lodge Adviser

My Ordeal Experience

By David Reynolds

After watching my brother and father enjoying the Order of the Arrow for the last four years, I knew it was something that I wanted to be a part of. So, after being named on the ballot this spring, I was really looking forward to the campfire ceremony at the Spring Camporee. When it finally arrived, two other boys in my troop were "called out" at the ceremony. As I sat there and began to wonder if I had made it, my brother called out my name.



Lodge Gateway Sign

Upon arriving at Camp Boxwell for the Spring Ordeal on June 2nd, we drove under the partially finished Howard B. Olson Lodge Gateway. After registering, I went to orientation and met my fellow crew members and my elangomat, Jason Grafton ("Keebler"). Then we went to the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony. It was kind of hard to follow, but I got the idea of what I was supposed to do the next day. Although I was a little worried about spending the night under the stars, it really wasn't that bad. In fact, it was kind of fun looking at all of the stars until the clouds moved in. And then it was morning.

Without giving too many details about Saturday's events, I was amazed at how much hard work it takes to get Boxwell ready for summer camp. I considered myself kind of lucky because I did get to work in the air conditioning. However, after the first thousand loads of dishes, I realized why my Mom does not like washing dishes. That night, I was so hungry I would have eaten anything Mr. Smiley cooked. Our chicken feast was the best I've ever eaten!

At the end of a long day was the highlight of the weekend (other than dinner), my Ordeal Ceremony. I was really impressed, because a lot of work had obviously gone in to preparing the ceremony. I really enjoyed it, but I'm also looking forward to seeing it again at the next ordeal, when I will not be so tired. The best thing about cracker barrel after the ceremony was being able to talk all I wanted to.



Scout Law Sign

Sunday morning, after breakfast and final orientation, I got to meet with the rest of the members of my chapter, and then went to the Howard B. Olson lodge for my first executive meeting where I met Mr. Olson. There, I heard about all of the work everyone had done before and during my ordeal. Others had put up new signs along the road into Camp Boxwell, each sign showing one point of the scout law. And as I was leaving, I saw out the back window of my car the now-finished gateway to the Howard B. Olson lodge – now my lodge, too. 🐿

Chapter News

Anawaha Chapter

Anawaha Chapter has some good news to report. We had approximately 21 members to attend the Spring Ordeal including 14 candidates. There will be no July chapter meeting. The August meeting will consist of a cookout, games, and activities at Billy Dunlop Park. This event will be held August 14th at 2:00 pm.

Wewoapisak Chapter

Some chapter members had to forgo the section conclave to fulfill a previous commitment to perform a ceremony for a local pack cuboree. Also the chapter has done the callout ceremony for our district. We are also very enthusiastic in starting a ceremonies team, and are excited about receiving the candidates that have just completed the Ordeal. If you have any

questions, please call Daniel Cottrell at (615)832-4346 or Chapter Chief Shawn Hartsell at (615)868-7131.

Wulalowe Chapter

The Spring Camporee was held at Camp Tubb on May 12-14. Our chapter had two ceremony teams. The crossover team consisted of Garrett Palmer and Seth Simmons. Members of the call-out team were Nathan Hale, Kevin Omouni, John Weitzel, and Garrett Martin. They did a wonderful job! At the Spring Ordeal we had 6 new candidates become members. The next monthly meeting will be held at Camp Tubb on July 9 at 2:00 p.m. for a cookout. Make sure that you attend this meeting to get your place in our "Trail of Tears" Historic Trails Award Program. For more information call Garrett Martin at (931)473-3551. 🐿

More New Members Coming Fall Ordeal Scheduled

By Josh Carter

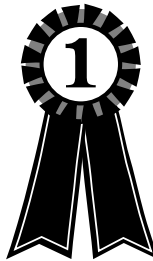
Fall Ordeal is quickly approaching us. The ordeal is a great time for arrowmen to come and participate in the improvement of our wonderful camp and to have a great time in fellowship with the new and established members. The inductions will be held August 11-13 at Camp Boxwell. Fall Ordeal is an excellent time to attain brotherhood membership for those arrowmen who have been an ordeal member at least ten months. Our Ceremonies Chairman, Brandon Walsh, should yet again provide a mass quantity of ceremony teams to perform. The cost for brotherhood is an additional \$15. The cost for non-elangomat members is \$10. If you would like to be an elangomat and have a chance to leave a long lasting and very valuable impression on our new brothers then you need to contact Jacob Thorington at (931)728-4187. This is also a great opportunity to work on requirements for the Year of Service Award flap. 🏹

And The Winner Is... Award Nominations Due

In the Order of the Arrow, we have the great privilege to recognize our members for outstanding work and achievement. Our members work hard throughout the year and it is only fitting that the most outstanding members should be recognized at the Winter Banquet with one of the various awards the lodge gives out each year.

However, we need the eyes and ears of the lodge's members to be scouting out potential candidates. Therefore, if you see a member who has demonstrated the outstanding service to qualify for any of our awards, please fill out the enclosed awards form and send it to the scout office or turn it in to Awards Chairman Robin Armistead or Awards Adviser Gary Mueller. Vigil Honor nominations are due in to the scout office by August 7 or may be turned in at the Fall Ordeal by Saturday evening, August 12. Please peruse the awards form and see what awards are available. Nominations for the other awards must be submitted to the scout office no later than October 16.

Finally, while we encourage members to turn in nominations for awards, please take this seriously by nominating for service rather than popularity. 🏹



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Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge • 2000 Calendar

July 29 – August 3, 2000	NOAC Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville
August 11-13, 2000	Fall Ordeal Boxwell Reservation
September 8 – 10, 2000	Fall Fellowship
December 2, 2000	Winter Banquet
March 16 – 18, 2001	O.A. University Smyrna, TN

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