

# The Flying Eagle

Wa - Hi - Nasa Lodge  
Middle Tennessee Council #560



## Save the Bent Nails

"Save those nails you are pulling out! Hammer them back straight! We are going to reuse them!" barked the task master. Before elangomats, before cell phones and before the internet, Ordeals really were really an ordeal. Some of the irksome tasks were just that irksome.

Recalling a story of a particularly tough ordeal and workday in the 1980's, the camp's budget was really being squeezed. Attendance was down, and we had cut back to just 2 camps. Neither Craig nor Parnell opened. After several years rotating camps each summer, it was decided to close Camp Parnell. Relocating and reusing tent platforms from one camp to another was a **Thrifty** move.

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Most of the "plats" as Arrowmen like to call them were removed from Parnell. Many of the plats at camp were in poor shape. The useable ones were taken to Stahlman or Craig. The damaged and rotten ones went to the compound for rebuilding. What our **Obedient** members were told to do was "salvage all the lumber & nails you could". "Save the nails too?" was asked. The answer was yes to the save the nails because the camp wasn't wasting expensive nails. Nails were pulled with claw hammers and naturally, the hammer handles were broken. Candidates were hammering old rusty nails out straight for reuse. Some candidates and members were using just the hammer head since they had broken the cheap camp hammer handles to make the nails reusable. This unskilled and under managed crews was moving slowly on a project that needed to be completed at the Spring Ordeal. There were a lot of plats to be fixed and more arriving on trailers all morning long. The camp needed these rebuilt plats in 8 days for summer camp.

The one adult using the circular saw had limited experience. The replacement boards were being reattached with recycled nails and bending before they could be completely driven in. The youths hammering had little experience with a hammer. The 2x4 plat joist was being missed about half the time. "Oh for a chalk line" one adult grumbled. The project was going nowhere fast. We needed an adult who knew something about carpentry and we needed him now!

Almost by divine providence, one small frustrated candidate broke silence! His youthful squeaky voice said - Go find an adult "from his troop to get some crow bars before we break all the hammer handles." After being admonished for breaking silence we

started the search for this adult candidate referred to as "Who brings crow bars to an ordeal?".

This raised several questions why does one carry around numerous crow bars? The legendary Howard Olson said with a hint of humorous sarcasm "What is he a cat burglar or one man wrecking crew"

After an exhaustive reservation wide search before cell phones and radios, we found him cleaning shower houses. We went to his truck to get the crow bars. It was then we realized not only did he have crow bars but he was a skilled cabinet maker with every carpentry tool imaginable in his work truck. We immediately instructed him to get in his truck and go to the compound. He did not know where the compound was. The assistant ordeal master was not useful in giving him instructions. Fortunately, a **Trustworthy** adult drove by and led him to the compound.

His carpentry talents were put to good use that day. Fortunately for all, this **Kind** man also had a big box of nails, an air compressor and nail gun in his truck. He was more than happy to apply his expertise to plats instead of insect removal at shower houses.

The plats were rebuilt, the campers were happy, and the job was done before the ceremony. Also, many youth learned a thing or two about carpentry that day. The reservation director even complimented the lodge on how well the platforms were rebuilt.

This future Vigil Honor member was being underutilized at the Ordeal. Our **Helpful** adult cabinet maker served the lodge, the council and Scouting for many years as our lodge carpenter, lodge cabinet builder and construction adviser. For the next 5 years he was our lead adult on anything to do with building platforms.

It was at this ordeal our lodge discovered of how we could better use the talents of our members and plan the work that would make our lodge be of even greater service for decades to come.

Arrowmen appreciate camp and values it teaches. We show this appreciation by our lodge's service in many repairs and construction projects at all the Council's properties. By knowing our members and candidates we have been able to make camp better. By knowing your resources beforehand, you can work smarter and not harder.

By Chris Snoddy

## Chiefly Speaking

Brothers,

This year, our lodge has given stellar service to scouting and our council. Many of our lodge members have grown closer as brothers despite being physically distant. I'm thankful for the opportunities for us to serve and safely gather.

It's strange how quickly this year has gone by. Not long ago we were sheltering in place, moving our lodge operations to the virtual, and physically distancing. I can confidently say that despite the pandemic, our lodge has had a good year. Each of us has the choice of how we respond to adversity. This year our lodge has stepped up to the challenge. With tremendous creativity, persistence, and leadership, Wa-Hi-Nasa has enjoyed fantastic virtual and safe in-person events! This is no small feat.

The values the Order of the Arrow instills important. The world needs the message of cheerful service. This is what makes Fall Fellowship and all our events are incredibly important! Creativity is essential to help us move forward. Ask yourself, what new and fun things can you bring to your troop, crew, friends, or the lodge? What unique value can YOU bring? Think about that when on Sunday night of Fall Fellowship we will be electing our new Lodge Officers. I will support the 2021 leadership team as much as possible. Hopefully you will too.

Previously I've written about the "spirit" of our lodge. I still maintain that when we are together. Our spirit is unlike anything else. When we are together, we are stronger. (Even if it's groups of under 50!)

So let us continue to innovate, even in these uncertain times. The need for scouting is greater than ever.

Yours in Service,

*Rodney Baiken II*

2020 Lodge Chief





### Award Nominations

One way to measure the success of the Wa-Hi-Nasa lodge is in that of the members. Over the years we have tried to recognize excellence in our members not only to recognize Arrowmen but also to raise them as examples to other Arrowmen and spotlight what success looks like. Do not assume that another arrowman has already put in the nomination and don't wait until it's too late! The deadline is September 20th, the Sunday of Fall Fellowship.

There are four awards still open for nominations:

**Unsung Arrowman** - This award is given to an Arrowman who has greatly contributed his time, efforts, and talent for the good of the lodge, but has not held any lodge positions since his induction.

**Tom Parker Memorial Award for Excellence in Camp Promotion** - This award is for those who have best demonstrated the spirit of the Order while serving on the Middle Tennessee Councils summer camp staff.

**Excellence in Ceremonies** - This award recognizes a youth member that has greatly contributed to any ceremony team by performing at district or lodge events.

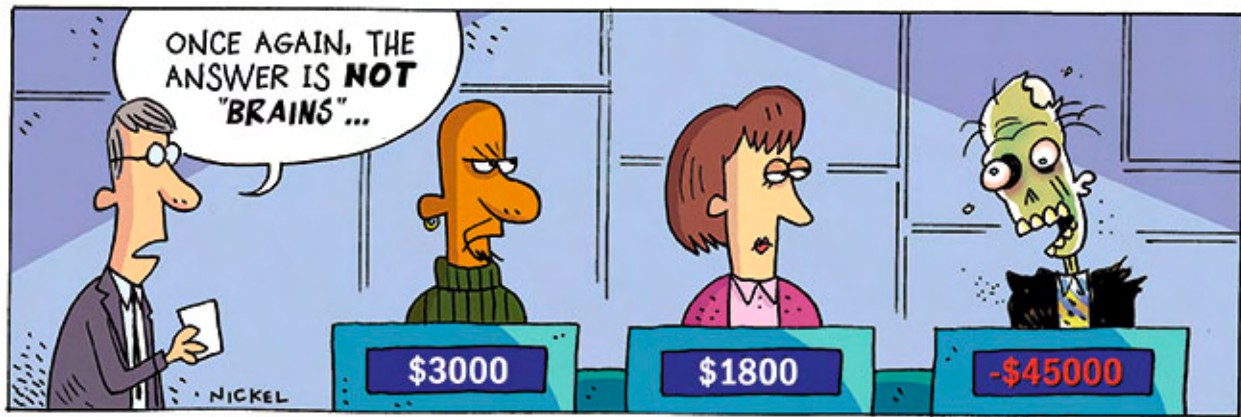
**The Josh Sain Memorial Award** - This award is given to Arrowmen throughout the entire lodge for their excellence in service to their lodge. It was originally given in 1978 as the Allogagan Award, but was later renamed the Josh Sain Memorial Award in 1998 after the late Josh Sain, who was tragically killed in 1997 while serving as the Orders National Vice Chief.

Be sure to submit your nominations at <https://wa-hi-nasa.org/awards/> before the deadline!

- Dalten Hopson, 2020 Awards Chairman

### 2020 Calendar

Fall Fellowship	September 18-20, 2020
Winter Banquet	December 5, 2020
Winter Camp	December 26-31, 2020



## Spring Shindig Photos



## Congratulations!

Special congratulations to Rodney Bakken for his election to Southern Region 6 Vice Chief, and Nick Schultz for his election as Southern Region 6 Secretary!

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## Activity Corner

### #WeekendToWinIt

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MATCHGAME  
JEOPARDY  
WHEELOFFORTUNE  
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FAMILYFEUD

## Winter Camp 2020

Hello!

Boxwell Winter Camp 2019 was a blast, and now we are looking forward to Winter Camp 2020! Staffing Winter Camp is an amazing experience unlike any other! You get to meet new people and make great friendships, and you have the opportunity to provide cheerful service to our lodge and help other along their scouting journey! We have many different areas to staff including campfire program, service crew, trading post, activities, and many more! I am really looking forward to Boxwell Winter Camp 2020 and I hope to see you there!

Dalton Phillips

2020 Boxwell Winter Camp Chairman

