



THUNDERBIRD

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDER

Sept 25 – 27 Lodge Fall Conclave

Sept 26 – Award Nominations Due Before Breakfast!!!

Awards Include:

Young Arrow

Old Arrow

Arrowman of the Year

Founders Award

Jack Stellar Award



Sept 20 – Thunderbird Articles Due for Oct – Dec

Oct 15 - Changes and input to Plan Book due

Nov. 14 – Tentative Lodge Leadership Development

Nov 20 – Vigil Honor Nominations Due – turn in **COMPLETED forms**

Dec 5 – Lodge Banquet and Training

Dec 15 Thunderbird articles due for Jan - Mar

FALL CONCLAVE

Fall Conclave is rapidly approaching. The lodge will join together on the weekend of September 25-27 at Gorham Scout Ranch to induct new members into our order, help shutdown the camp for winter and perform other service to the camp. Also, there will be the usual great fellowship associated with our conclaves. Please use the form at the end of the newsletter to sign up and read the following articles to see what help we need.

FALL CONCLAVE WORK PROJECTS:

Let's turn out in force to complete the following projects at Fall Conclave. We need trucks, flatbed trailers, and water tight, 55 gallon poly drums. The following is the list of projects that we have planned:



- 1. Take down all tents and dining flies, fold correctly and place in the dining hall by noon Saturday. 2–3 crews can start in the**

morning at Nambe and then split into separate crews to do the remaining camp sites. Crews can then help move and place the tent frames and platforms from Nambe.

- o **We need three pickup trucks to facilitate moving the tents** to the dining hall.
- o All tents need to be folded and yes...there is **1** way to do this. There

will be a diagram that everyone can follow.

2. **Move Nambe Campsite's tent platforms, frames and blocks** to their new homes just north of Polvadera Monte. The road is established. Locations for shelters & new latrines have been determined.
 - o We will move the blocks in the morning using as many crews as possible. We will have jigs built and levels provided so that the blocks can be set and leveled without the platforms being there.
 - o **We need a couple of flatbed trailers to move the platforms** with the tent frames after the blocks are leveled. We will need one crew loading the trailers and one crew unloading (8 – 10 per crew). This will probably start after lunch.
3. **Place the winter cover on the pool.** This requires placing 55 gallon drums around the pool perimeter to reduce the effects of the ice tearing up the plaster.
 - o **We need 20 additional CLEAN, 55 gallon poly drums with caps** so they are water tight that can be partially filled with gravel and floated along the edge of the pool prior to placing on the winter cover. They are typically the blue drums.
 - o It would be great to add solar hot water on the pump house to eliminate our worries about damage from freezing. Once we get the money, this will happen.

THE CHALLENGE!

Promoting camping is a major purpose of OA. Summer Camp is the soul of our camping program followed by Camporees, troop camping and national events. To this end we must provide kids with a camping experience that they want to share with their friends so their buddies get excited enough to join scouting.

I challenge every chapter in our lodge to adopt a project at Gorham Scout Ranch to reach this goal. Our projects range from at least a 3 month forest thinning project starting in October, to building a shelter and storage area at the new rifle range. I encourage smaller chapters to team up so that a project is

not overwhelming. You can pick projects that just require labor or attack those that require fund raising or getting materials donated. Of course you need to check with your DE to be sure that you are not contacting a company or person who already participates in one of our fundraising projects.

Adopt a project from the following list or if there is something else that you want to accomplish, contact Scott Johnson, 505-450-7550, to make sure the project compliments the master plan.

- o Build new rifle range shelter with weather proof storage
- o Build new bridge between Canjilon and upper loop for better access to program areas
- o Move all shower house debris to arroyos and build check dams
- o Build retaining walls around shower house
- o Build new latrines in remaining campsites except Chamizo
- o Stucco all new latrines
- o Leach line for washstand at KYBO near dining hall
- o Build shelters and hay storage at the corrals
- o Build two additional corrals

So get out there and make our camp better. We have made great strides, but we have a long way to go. We need your help to get there.

Thanks to everyone that has already contributed their time to making Gorham Scout Ranch an even better scouting destination.

Andy Mumma, GSR Volunteer

FALL CONCLAVE CHANGES

All chapters can camp at their normal camp sites except Mescalero. We had planned to camp as a Lodge and eat in the dining hall for the fall conclave. However, our camp now maintains an awesome COPE course in the middle of our group camping location adjacent to the arroyo. Camping is not allowed among COPE course elements. Thus, we no longer have a good "Leave No Trace" camping site for lots of Arrowmen.

The Mescalero Chapter will be camping at Staff Camp because Nambe will be moved to another location during Conclave to make way for a camp maintenance building. Scouting regulations require campsites to be a minimum distance from horse corrals. Nambe failed this requirement.

BROTHERHOOD ELIGIBLE

Lodge records show that the people below can become Brotherhood members at Fall Conclave if they memorize the:

1. Obligation of the Order
2. Order of the Arrow Official Song
3. Admonition
4. Sign of the Order
5. Arrow handclasp

In addition they need to:

- Understand the Customs and Traditions of the Ordeal
- Serve their unit including paying their unit and OA dues
- Plan for service to the lodge

The must also write a short letter to the Lodge Secretary that includes:

- Their explanation of what they think the Obligation means
- A description of how they fulfill the Obligation in their unit and daily life
- How they use their understanding of the Ordeal to aid in their service, and
- A description of their specific plans for giving future service in the lodge

Encourage your brothers to become Brotherhood members. Help them learn the requirements. Please contact the Lodge Member Information Adviser, Richard Royman, to correct this list.

Cherokee:

Matthew Tyler Allman	Jeffrey Moser
Connor Bradley	Nicholas Muller
Cody Cox	Shawn Mulligan
Deanna Dopslaf	Christopher Myers
Frederick Earnest	Jason Scott
Pennington	
Michael Earnest	Fredrick Walter
Pennington	
Chris Fleming	James Ryan Pickowitz
Stuart Follett	Austin Poorbaugh
Jay Follett	Timothy Renton
Carl Glaspie	Tyler Renton
Robert Graham	Bret D. Sant

Duncan Hermanns
 Fredrick Jones
 Jean-Luc Kriser
 Garlon Lemus
 Adam Mitchell
 David Bryant Moore

Matt Steward
 Anthony Thompson
 Stephan Van Horn
 Nicholas Verbancic
 Charles Yarbrough

Cheyenne:

Christopher Davis
 Ralph Durland
 Carol J. Hudson
 Deborah Jennings
 Greg Lindberg
 William Lindberg
 Ian L. McNeil
 Josef Mezech
 Karl Munch
 Colton M. Nolan
 Julian Pena

Max V. Pett
 Ryan Reese
 Nicholas Rendon
 Randy Rendon
 Aaron Silva
 Ben Suminsby
 Nathaniel Tannoya
 Mark Wagner
 Howard Walker
 Benjamin A. Wild

Comanche:

Oscar Duran
 Dustin Gum
 Mark Powell

Bryan Powell
 Steven Vigil
 Vincent Vigil

Crow:

Jim Boak
 William Boak
 Jeffrey Downing
 Johnna Jean Downing
 Johny Downing
 Sean Duncan
 John Allen Ensign
 Chase Esmiol
 Nick Smith

Sherry Galloway
 Robert Lopez
 Jim Magnuson
 Aaron Marsden
 Devin Medford
 Joseph Leo Reddy
 Tanner Rhoades
 Johnny Smith

Mescalero:

Parker Abel
 Nancy Alton
 Thearin Bailey
 Thomas R. Baltes
 Devon Castro
 Kevin Chambers
 Benjamin Chitty
 Sean Cooper
 Robert Cutler
 Robert Diefenbaugh
 William Dunn
 Scott Allen Esposito
 Shane Esposito
 Jacob Findley
 Christian Fitzgerald
 Bruce Foster
 Thomas Foster
 Shane Esposito
 Peter Garcia
 Kevin Gary
 Jerry Hanley

Jamie Liam
 Thomas Kajder
 Jerry Karasz
 Matthew Karasz
 Conrad Laun
 Jacob Lizewski
 Jeffrey Locke
 James Mason
 Jeff Meints
 Slater Metz
 Greg Mindlin
 Jace Mulhollan
 Joshua A. Rinaldi
 Mark Roberts
 Evan Sanchez
 Matthew Sanchez
 Gregory Scholfield
 Taylor Scott
 Richard M. Searle
 Norman Frank Smith
 Karson Smith

Corey Hanley	Adam Stempeck
Kaelan Hendrickson	Michael Taylor
Wesley Hutchins	William Thomas
Trevor Thomas	Aaron Tucker

Sioux:

James Mosier	Miguel Roman
Thomas Mosier	Tim Wermer

Ute:

Ian Aarons	Dart Nielson
Aiden Graham	Ian Orbke
Moses Huck	R. Andrew Parker
Leonard LaPaz	John Reed
Timothy Levonius	

Zuni:

Jason Kezele	Brian Shoultz
Dave Shoultz	Harlan Webb

HOLIDAY AWARDS BANQUET

Plan now to attend the annual Awards Banquet on December 5th in Farmington at the First United Methodist Church. The creative Crow Chapter is planning an awesome event. We expect to auction off some amazing items for campership funds. Donations are requested and welcome.

PAY YOUR DUES- A Bargain at \$10

Do you know that your dues expire on December 31st? In the past few years we have lost a large number of members because they did not pay their dues. PLEASE pay your dues. It is a bargain at \$10 a year if you pay during the year or \$8 a year if you pay one year in advance. So you can pay your 2010 dues now for only \$8.

Encourage your Brothers to stay active. Talk to other chapters and share ideas on fun activities you can hold. We can obtain quality lodge only if we increase our membership. We don't want to lose our Brothers.

AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE BY BREAKFAST AT CONCLAVE

Award nominations are due to Ryan Mulligan or Relf Price no later than breakfast on Saturday at the Fall Conclave. Anyone can volunteer to serve on the award committee, but we will only have one voting representative from each chapter participate in choosing this year's award recipients.

Nomination forms can be found in the Plan Book. We expect to have them posted online by the time you receive this newsletter at www.lodge66.org. You can also call or email Mrs. Hickey at 505-275-7445 or jan.hickey@ccei-nm.com and she will send you a PDF version of the awards.

The forms will be available at Conclave. However, they require detailed information regarding the nominees scouting and volunteer positions, thus it is important to complete them before coming to Conclave.

The Awards are:

Founders Award: This National Award recognizes members who unselfishly and cheerfully give outstanding service to the Lodge and who demonstrate in their everyday life the spirit of achievement as described E. Urner Goodman. Two recipients may be selected for this award. They must be approved by National. One of the recipients must be a youth. Both recipients can be youth

Arrowman of the Year: This Lodge award honors one youth and one adult for exceptional service to the Lodge in the past year (2009).

Young Arrows Award: This Lodge-level award recognizes up to two youth Arrowmen who have given **long**, faithful and outstanding service to our Lodge.

Old Arrows Award: This Lodge award up to two adult members, 21 years or older who have given **long**, faithful and outstanding service to our Lodge.

Jack Stellar Camping Award: This award may be given to a youth who has given at least five years and an adult who has given at least ten years of quality service to Boy Scouting both through the Lodge and to Gorham Scout Ranch/Camp Frank Rand.

2009 RECORDS

Forty-nine people sealed their membership in the Order so far this year by earning their Brotherhood membership. That is the same amount of new Brotherhood members we obtained all of last year.

Twenty-eight lodge members attended NOAC. We sent six more people than our allotment of 22. These numbers are truly exciting when our lodge hasn't filled its quote for at least the previous 3 NOACS.

Five youth Vigil members attended NOAC, Five ceremony teams participated in the evaluations, and three youth Founders

Award recipients' attended the conference.

Unfortunately those 28 people only represented 3 of our many great chapters Start planning NOW to attend Michigan State in 2012 so that all our chapters send members.



Important Training Dates:

Register now for 2 Amazing Courses:

1. **National Leadership Summit** is offered to Youth and Adults that lead or are interested in leading your Chapter, Lodge, or Section, and
2. **National Lodge Adviser Training** is for adults who are chapter or lodge advisers or associate advisers (including District Executives) or are interested in becoming one. It is recommended that adults take NLS prior to NLATS.

NLS - YMCA of the Rockies
Estes Park, CO
October 9 - 11, 2009

NLS/NLATS - Evangelical Center
Milwaukie, OR (Portland)
November 20 - 22, 2009

NLS - Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education
Center
Orange, CA
April 9-11, 2010

NLS/NLATS - Philmont Scout Ranch
Cimarron, NM

Past Event Reports

NOAC 2009 – AWESOME- Written by many NOAC attendees

Fifteen youth and three adults arrived at the Albuquerque International Airport at 6 a.m. to fly to Chicago on August 29th for the pre-National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) trip. After arriving in Chicago and renting two huge 12 passenger vans they headed to the Navy Pier. From there they went on a speed boat trip which a 19-year old female narrated. The first Ferris wheel in the United States appeared at the Chicago World's Fair in the early 1900's and many of the Scouts



got to ride a replica of that Ferris wheel, in addition to: playing putt-putt, eating from the local vendors and admiring the local "hmm" scenery.

We stood in line for about an hour to speed to the top of the Willis (formerly Sears) tower. Most of the contingent enjoyed stepping out on the plexiglass platform from which you can stare down 110 stories to the street below. We then walked to an Italian deep dish pizza restaurant where we devoured many varieties of pizza pies. We drove to the museum of Science and Technology where we separated to try many activities including touring a coal mine and a huge train, playing a piano with our feet, and touring a World War II U505 German submarine.

The race was on to see how many roller coasters we could ride in one day at Six Flags. They were huge and fast. We sped upside down and around loops.



Day three, we got to sit in the same dug out at Wrigley Field as Cub baseball players:

Kosuke Fukodome and Sammy Sosa. We toured the stands, locker rooms, press box and more.

GO WHITE SOX!!! They annihilated the Yankees (White Sox 10, Yankees 5) at their home stadium. Homeruns, a double play, stolen bases and more kept the game exciting. We rode the train from the hotel to the game.

On our return trip to the hotel, the city was repairing the lines in South Chicago. We "experienced" a 1.5 hour, late Friday night bus ride that took us two train stops to pick up our train to return to our cars.

We drove to Indiana University on August 1st to join the rest of our contingent at NOAC. The first night found us attending the opening ceremony where over 7000 Scouts jammed the Hoosier basketball arena to cheer on the Order of the Arrow and Scouting.

The next four days were jammed with activities including ceremony team evaluations, classes (leadership to beading ceremony gear to fancy dance), an Outdoor experience course, a high adventure tent which featured vendors exhibiting the latest in outdoor gear, tornado style rain, great food, TOAP, lots of free stuff, promoting belt buckles and patches at Founders Day, visiting other lodge booths at Founders Day, meeting people, playing ping pong at midnight, and much more that won't fit in this article.

Dave and Diane Scholfield moved to a town close to Indiana University in May. Diane brought us snacks, drinks, piñatas and the central exhibit for our booth that we used to promote the 100th anniversary of scouting belt buckles for Founders Day. We had a great time seeing Diane and expect her to bring snacks, drinks and Dave to the Founders Day in three years at Michigan State University.



All 28 contingent members took a lap around the Brickyard track on the day we left NOAC

and toured the Indy 500 museum. Part of the contingent flew back to Albuquerque and the original 18 drove back to Chicago. Our last day in Chicago we toured the Aquarium, the Field Museum (Natural History) and for those who sped quickly, the planetarium before flying back to Albuquerque.

Whew! What a great trip. We are looking forward to spreading the enthusiasm that our lodge members brought back from one of the greatest events offered by the Boy Scouts of America.

CEREMONY TEAMS FOR NOAC

Five Ceremony teams from our lodge performed before judges at the 2009 National Order of the Arrow conference at Indiana University. The Crow Brotherhood team, whose members include Nathan Henkenius as Allowat Sakima (AS), Seth Hunter as Meteu (M), Adam Winchell as Kichkinet (K), and Matthew Hunter as Nutiket (N), came away as a National Honor Medalist team, the highest honor bestowed to a ceremony team.

The following teams also performed with each team taking participant awards.

Brotherhood:

AS - Brian Yarbrough
M - Jason Hickey
K - Zacharie Frias
N - Thomas Merson

Pre-Ordeal:

David Saucier
Joseph Trujillo
Joshua Hone
JR Trujillo

Pre-Ordeal:

AS - Phillip Reyes
M - Collin Lattier
K - Brian Yarbrough
N - Ryan Mulligan

Pre-Ordeal:

Zachary Winchell
Sean Henkenius
Conner Magnuson
Jacob Peterman

CROW BROTHERHOOD TEAM

The Crow Brotherhood team had a mission this year: To go to NOAC and perform our best. And we did just that, earning the top slot in evaluations, National Honor Medalist Team. Each of us received a certificate and a nice medal. Our team, consisting of Matt Hunter, Adam Winchell, Nathan Henkenius and Seth Hunter, has been together for 4 years (with the exception of Seth, who joined us 2 years back). We have practiced regularly, and have stayed in the same roles, even when doing Four Winds and Crossover Ceremonies. This has helped us to develop our characters, and to know our parts well. Matt and Seth were

told that they were the best Nutiket and Meteu the judges had seen that day. We are really glad we did so well. This may be Matt's last ceremony, since he has started college in Portales, NM. For the rest of us, we will have to wait and see. It has been our honor to serve our lodge with this team.

SPRING CONCLAVE 2009 – NEW ORDEAL MEMBERS

Congratulations and welcome to the following brothers who became Ordeal members of our lodge at Spring Conclave.

Everyone who attended Gorham Scout Ranch this year appreciated the arduous labor you spent preparing camp for summer.



Comanche Chapter

Wyatt Moran
Robert Spear

James Earl Rose

Ute Chapter

Paul Daniel Cross
Will Jernigan

Jared Engelken
Sean McLaughlin

Zuni Chapter

Samuel Clemens
Brandon Martinez
Michael Webb

William Cotton
Scott Russell

Sioux Chapter

John Gordon
Jack Kennison
Nic Proicou
David T. Seagraves
Joey Wermer

Donald Haynes
Ryan Maestas
Michael Proicou
Thomas Sperry

Crow Chapter

Mathew Archuleta
Heather Bowman
Jeremey Fierro
David Lawson
Kyle Maddox
Austin Wagner

Bryce Bouloy
Daniel Burton
Bryan K. Howell
Sean Maddox
Levi Martin

Cheyenne Chapter

Scott Chmura
Nelson
Scott Fleischer
Micah Hudson
Andje Knopick
William Negri
Jonathan Niski
Enrique Tachias

Marcus Escalante-
Nelson
Arthur Gomez
Aaron Johnson
Christine Negri
Gabriel Niski
Evan Renshaw
Burke Wilson

Keawepono Wong
Cherokee Chapter

Damian Arruti
Rick Dobbins
Stone Jackson
John C. Lannon
Zakery Lannon
Eric Lynn
Aaron Nava
Ethan Santangelo
Paul Thompson

Mescalero Chapter

Robert Alderson
Gabe Benavides
James Boney
Cody Brown
Roderick Cochran
Thomas Heitt
Tyler Meints
Cliff Nail
Derek Nelson
Lorraine Trujillo
Paul Vrabel
Steve Wagner
Ellery Wuest
Alexander Warner-Garrett

Sean Coss
Leonard Garcia
Mathew Keith
John Lannon
John Ross Lay
Michael May
Jeff Reed
Austin Thomas
Scott Yarbrough

Justin Baca
Michael Benninghoff
Joseph Bowen
Elias Clark
Ethan Hebner
Pierce Lovelese
Eric Myre
Rusty Nail
Angeles Reyes
Tyler Meints
Michael Vrabel
Trae Weed

Robert Ashe
Debra Comber
Brandon English
Carl Glaspie
Steve VanHorn

Crow

Crisharo R. Begay
Jeannie Winchell
Andrew Wilcox

Sioux

Arthur Cox
Frederick Freyer
Tanner Kennedy
Stephen Mosier
Ben Stewart

Mescalero

Jack Varro Clarke
Phillip Fernandez
Frank Lein
Thomas Merson
Daniel Washington
Zacharie Frias

Cheyenne

Steven Aumiller
James Cucci
Andrew Lindberg
Kenneth Reese
Russell
Charles Till
Chris Davis

Zachary Barber
Shawn Moser
Richard Barnitz
Spencer Bowen

William Boak
Zachary Winchell

Matthew Davenport
Nathaniel Hall
Zachary Kennison
Michael Seagraves

James Varro Clarke
Travis Jones
Joshua McKown
Joseph Trujillo
Miguel Strunk
Phillip Reyes

Cody Aumiller
Quintin Jennings
Robert Bryan Martinez
Nicholas Chase

Tyrone Till

**RECORD NUMBERS ATTAIN
BROTHERHOOD**

Congratulations to our 51 new Brotherhood members who attained this honor at Spring Fellowship, Spring Conclave and Summer Camp. Many thanks to Dominic Gomez our Brotherhood



Chairperson, David Saucier, our summer camp OA staff and many others who helped many of these youth and adults learn about OA. And we can't forget Seth Hunter who "trapped" many Ordeal members into learning their Brotherhood requirements.

Zuni

Jared Simpkins

Comanche

Michael Trent

Ute

Collin Parker

Moses Huck

Cherokee

Mary Pye

2009 VIGIL

Congratulations to the following Arrowmen who received Vigil this year: Dave Scholfield, Josh Hone, Philip Oullette, Andy Meyer, Dan Fleming, and Kendall McVey



OA WILDERNESS VOYAGE

I participated in 2 OA high adventure activities this summer. At Boundary Waters we paddled about 200 miles as part of OA Wilderness Voyage and I hiked the 8.5 miles of the Grand Portage to reach the rendezvous point for the fur trading North West Company carrying a metal canoe. Let me tell you, the food is much better than Philmont. Cinnamon rolls, pizza – when you work on trail crew the food is great! We had lots of fun while working to clear part of an 80 mile hiking trail. I made lots of new friends from all over the U.S. and met up with many of these people at NOAC.



I worked in the Ponil Valley at Philmont on a 10 man OA Trail Crew. We hiked out to base camp where we built the

tread and created the trail. Dinner was also great; steaks, pork chops, etc. My crew included Dave Harrel, our Western Region Chief, the Northeast Region Chief and a number of Section Chiefs. After the week of work we picked our own trek and we received special privileges at the different camps. I met a lot of great people from all over the country, many of who I saw at NOAC. We kept the tradition of visiting Simple Simon's in Cimarron to eat all the pizza we could hold

I'm planning on signing up for OA Ocean Adventure next summer.

Jason Hickey

OA OCEAN ADVENTURE

Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure is one of the four high adventure programs run by the OA. I was able to attend this amazing program this summer and had a fantastic time. Whilst there I became scuba certified, went on several dives, did some fun and meaningful community service, and saw some awesome sights! Learning to scuba dive was a great adventure for me, and I really enjoyed meeting some new OA brothers (and some that I knew from other OA adventures at Philmont and ArrowCorps5.) It was really cool to meet up with some of them again at NOAC! Although this was the last year they are offering the scuba diving as an OA adventure, they are working on a different OA program, it will consist of one week on Munson Island, the island that the scouts own, and then you will be off on the open water with one of the renowned captains for another week, I am sure it will be well worth it.



Nathan V. Henkenius

REPORT ON MASON'S RETREAT WEEKEND

The Masons retreat weekend was a great success and we got to see a lot of people having fun doing different activities. The OA worked with Troop 395 (led by Kyle Bality) to put together an amazing weekend for the masons. Brian Thompson who is with Troop 395 organized the event and got directors to man the COPE course, the climbing tower, and the rifle range.

The youth got to help run the stations and had lots of fun on the zip line down at the COPE course. Mescalero Chapter with help from our friends from Cherokee Chapter put on a great campfire with lots of skits and songs to keep everyone enthusiastic and full of energy. The Mason's presented the camp with check for \$27,200 to continue the upgrades. We got lots of compliments from the Masons about making the weekend a success and how they were able to do things that most of them have never done.



Jan Hickey rides the zip line

W6E SECTION NEWS

Congratulations to Fred Gross, who was re-elected as Section Chief for Section W6E and to Joan Armstrong who has been re-appointed to serve as the 2009-2010 Section Advisor. Their excellent leadership helped the Section grow. In addition they provided great stability through last year's realignment.

Fred and Joan will be joining us at this year's fall conclave for their annual section visit. Please make a point to harass Fred and welcome Joan warmly.

Our own Seth Hunter was elected Section Secretary replacing our own David Saucier who did an outstanding job as Section Secretary last year. Moses Winston, Brian Mileschosky and David Panko join Joan as 2009-2010 associate advisers.

Congratulations to our Section for being rated the #3 Section in the Country. Many

thanks to everyone in W6E, who, contributed to each of the Lodges getting Quality Lodge in 2008. Our new W-6E section has established a tradition of superior service and providing exceptional youth leadership to our Order and Scouting

Plan for the Section Conclave tentatively set for the weekend of April 9-11, 2010

LODGE OFFICERS PASS THE ARROW

Seth Hunter turned the Arrow over to Brian Yarbrough to serve as our Lodge Chief at the Spring Conclave elections. Seth was elected to the position of Section Secretary in April. Josh Hone was re-elected to Vice-Chief of Administration. He excelled in his position which includes responsibility for training at events such as the Officers Training in November and the Holiday Banquet. Josh is also in charge of Section W6E training. Brian Yarbrough ran an outstanding spring conclave as Vice-Chief of Operations. Willie Peacock assumed the VC of Operations position and he is planning an amazing fall conclave.

Our Vice-Chief of Northern Chapters, Matt Hunter is starting college at Eastern New Mexico University. His position was won by Sam Elson who successfully ran our bead program for several years. Kendall McVey, the former Vice-Chief of Southern Chapters and an amazing runner passed his office to newly elected Ryan Mulligan who also leads the Cherokee chapter as their Chief. Brian Mandeville replaces Willie Peacock, who did an outstanding job maintaining our minutes as Lodge Secretary. Brian is excited about updating the web-site. And finally, Arthur Cox replaced Brian Montoya as our Lodge Treasurer. Counting money is one of their favorite activities.

Thank you to our retiring officers and to Jay Hone, our 2007 and 2008 Lodge Adviser for your many hours of dedication to the Lodge. You left the new slate of officers a great legacy of service. I know they are up to the task to excel in their new positions.

Congratulations to the new officers. We look forward to an outstanding year under your leadership.

Lodge Officer Reports

LODGE OFFICERS

Lodge Chief –	Brian Yarbrough
VC Administration –	Josh Hone
VC Operations –	Willie Peacock
VC Northern –	Sam Elson
VC Southern –	Ryan Mulligan
Secretary –	Brian Mandeville
Treasurer –	Arthur Cox
Lodge Advisor –	Jan Hickey

- Uphold the redefined mission statement and purpose of the Order of the Arrow

I know that we as a lodge have the potential to more than achieve these goals, and leave a lasting legacy for those to come, and I am looking forward to guiding you along the way.

Yours in Service
Brian Yarbrough
Lodge Chief

FROM THE LODGE CHIEF

Greetings Brothers!

I hope that you all enjoyed your summer vacation, I certainly enjoyed mine. The last time most of us were together was at the Spring Conclave. This summer was full of excitement for me, I was on the aquatics staff at Camp Frank Rand, Gorham Scout Ranch, and the camp is looking great with all the new improvements. A great number of these advancements can be credited to the Free Masons. During August several Lodge officers and other arrowmen joined Troop 395 in thanking the Free Masons with a fun weekend where they were able to see the benefits of their donation. The many new improvements will be able to be seen on September 25 at the Fall Conclave.



As I am sure you know, several members of our lodge attended NOAC this summer with over 7000 other arrowmen. I attended, and it was truly an amazing experience. The training classes, in combination with the shows, started a mudslide of ideas and enthusiasm that I am sure will be seen in the Lodge very soon. As for myself, I gained a vision:

- Enhance lodge events
- Become more integrated with the local troops and packs
- Assist the council in a celebration for the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts of America

FROM THE VICE CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION

Greetings brothers,

The last time we met we were sharing in a spring conclave where we welcomed many new brothers into our Order. Since the elections in May the leadership team has been busy planning the next few events and programs. While staffing Brownsea and Gorham Scout Ranch, and learning new and exciting ideas at NOAC, we laid out our priorities for the upcoming months for our lodge. The next few months will be very busy. The top priorities for the fall season are as follows.

Firstly we must execute a well run fall conclave. As a vice chief it is my duty to support Brian Yarbrough, Lodge Chief, and Willie Peacock, Lodge Vice Chief of Operations, who is in charge of conclave, in any way possible for the candidate registration, LEC, elangomat, and ceremony organization. At fall conclave we will be holding an awards committee meeting to decide the recipients of our Lodge awards at the annual winter banquet. Ryan Mulligan from the Cherokee chapter is successfully filling the chairmanship position for the awards committee.

Next, I have been on the lookout for a location to hold our fall Lodge Leadership Development. The training and LEC held at this event will be critical in laying out the goals for the lodge in the upcoming year. If anyone would like to help organize and run training at the LLD and winter banquet this chairmanship position is open. If you are interested please contact me. My contact information should soon be posted on our web site.

Brian and I have been working closely to envision and plan the lodge's goals for the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America next year in 2010. In addition I am working with the section to plan for the 2010 W6E Section conclave as the Conclave Vice-Chief of Training.

Again congratulations to all of our new brotherhood and ordeal members of the order; you have done the lodge and camp a service of which you should be proud. I hope to see you all in the coming month at Fall Conclave September 25th-27th.

YIB,
Joshua Hone
VC Admin

FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

Hello this is Brian Mandeville, the newly elected Lodge Secretary. I wish to thank you all again for electing me, I will do my best in serving you as the Lodge Secretary for the 2009-2010 year. We have a lot of really interesting new things planned for the Lodge this year, but I need some help from a couple of my fellow arrowmen. I am looking for a Bead Chairman and also someone to work with an adult advisor to keep the Lodge website up-to-date.

If you are interested in any of these responsibilities feel free to e-mail me at: flipperb3@msn.com, or talk to me at the conclave about it. I will give you any information you need to know about the positions.

FROM THE PUBLICATIONS CHAIRMAN

Hello I am Cameron Lattier and I have accepted the position of Publications Chairman for the Thunderbird. You may have noticed some changes in the ordering of articles for this edition of the Thunderbird. This will hopefully organize items in a logical sequence. For the next edition of the newsletter, the changes will be a little more dramatic as we must move to a new layout to comply with postal regulation changes. I will be taking this opportunity to also change the layout of the newsletter to a more modern approach.

A reminder that articles for the next edition of the newsletter are due to me by September 20th. You can email them to me at cameron.lattier@yahoo.com. I expect to see articles from all the Lodge Officers and all the Chapters.

Chapter Reports

CROW CHAPTER NEWS

The Crow Chapter has not met much this summer, but we have been busy! We had a fellowship in June for our new members. It was nice to have dinner and to visit and get to know each other. We did a crossover ceremony in June, an Eagle ceremony in June, and are doing another crossover ceremony in August. We did a Flag Day Ceremony for the Elks Club in June, and we are taking part in the Scout Expo in August, including a slide show. With all these activities, we hope to increase interest from boys who are not involved at this time.

In July and August, 9 of our members went to NOAC with the Lodge. We all had a good time, those of us who went on the long trip and got to tour Chicago (awesome!), those of us who went on the short trip, just to NOAC, and the one of us who went as staff. Our Brotherhood and Pre-Ordeal Ceremony Teams rocked Indiana! That campus will never be the same!

Our Chief has moved, but we are holding elections September 3rd. Meanwhile, we are all planning for the Winter Banquet which will be held here in Farmington December 4th, 5th and 6th.

CHEROKEE CHAPTER NEWS

Hello brothers, my name is Ryan Mulligan and I am the Vice Chief of Southern Chapters, as well as the newly elected chapter chief of the Cherokee chapter.

I am very pleased with my new Cherokee staff who are as follows:

Ryan Mulligan - Chapter Chief

Taylor Clifford - Vice Chief

Joshua McKown - Secretary

Brian Mandeville - Treasurer

Daniel Bidal - Ceremony Chief

And Scott Yarbrough - Drum Chief

Cherokee Chapter also has a new Adult Advisor, Mr. Phil Mandeville. We also want to thank Mr. McVey for his dedication and time supporting the chapter as previous Advisor.

I am very much looking forward to a most exceptional year! **Up until fall conclave the Cherokee chapters meetings will be dedicated to making 3 brand new**

headaddresses which will help promote our ceremony teams New members are greatly encouraged to come in addition to old members that have not re-registered. If you are an old member and would like to rejoin please contact Ryan Mulligan at (505)-604-7461.

Cherokee Chapter is also trying to update the list of current and past members. Please send your current information including name, phone, any other email addresses, membership status (Ordeal, Brotherhood or Vigil), and current troop to Joshua McKown (Chapter Secretary) at rougeaethra@gmail.com. Thank you brothers and I look forward to a fantastic Fall Conclave!

THE MIGHTY MESCİ MINUTE

**By Lance Snelson
Chapter Chief**

The Mighty Mescalero Chapter continues to move forward at breakneck speed.

We hosted the Sandia District Spring Shooteree which featured "Ballistics through the Ages." We joined with the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) and the National Rifle Association to provide numerous shooting events at the SASS ranch near Edgewood. We also featured atlatis, darts, axes, slings and more. If you can shoot or throw it, we offered it.

We held our tap out ceremony following a pouring rainstorm the last night of the Shooteree.

We provided a Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood and part of the Vigil team for spring conclave. We also served as host chapter which found us preparing the delicious food you enjoyed. Our members also stock, supply and man the trading post for the lodge. We greatly appreciate the help other chapters provided at the trading post this year.

We swam at the Sandia pool for our July meeting and then devoured pizza at Dion's to top off the evening.

Eleven Mescis flew to Chicago on July 28th for the pre-NOAC trip. Favorite Chicago activities included watching the White Sox slaughter the Yankees and flying around loop-de-loops in addition to careening upside down on thrilling roller coaster rides at Six Flags. We joined 2 other Mescis and 15 other lodge

members at NOAC. We joined with two Cherokee members for ceremony team evaluations of two pre-ordeal and one brotherhood ceremony team. The thrill of 7,000 Scouts screaming and clapping in the Hoosier basketball arena was awesome.

Several members of our ceremony team assisted Cub Scout Pack 206 with their Native American themed pack meeting. They taught the Cubs and the parents the basic toe-heel dance step.

Thirty-eight youth and adults joined together at our August meeting to make feathers for desperately needed repair of current ceremony and dance gear. We plan to make more feathers and a new double trailer headdress at our ceremony gear workshops September 13th. Other chapters are invited to join us for these events.

We are currently planning for at least three members to attend National Leadership Summit.

Advisors Minute

The Power of One

Jan Hickey, Lodge Adviser

Carpe Diem. Seize the Day.

Do you remember Robin Williams in the movie, “The Dead Poet Society” whispering Carpe Diem to his new college students? Why? Why seize the day? Why make a positive impact on your family, friends, OA chapter, community or nation?

You possess the Power of One. You hold the ability to change the World. Martin Luther King, Helen Keller, Abraham Lincoln....Each of these individuals seized the day and made enormous impacts on the world. Yet no one thought a young, defiant, blind and deaf girl would impact society. No one imagined that an unknown minister could promote a non-violent movement that moved blacks and whites to an integrated country. And no-one expected a country lawyer to lead a nation through its most tumultuous years.

These people not only held the power of one, they held the power of many. They learned that by working with others, by working with their team, their movement grew exponentially.

You possess the Power of One. You possess the Power of Many through your troops, your chapter, your lodge, your friends... The possibilities are unlimited.

Use YOUR POWER to make a positive difference in your life and the life of others.

If not YOU, WHO? If not NOW, WHEN?



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FALL CONCLAVE Registration Form
September 25 - 27, 2009
Gorham Scout Reservation, Chimayo, New Mexico

Name _____ Unit _____ Chapter _____

Street Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Email _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Date of Birth _____ Health/Dietary Issues _____

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Hospitalization or Group Company _____ Policy _____

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parental Statement *(Required for participants less than 21 years of age)*

My son has my permission to attend this function. I authorize medical treatment for my son if necessary.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Ordeal Candidates Only **\$40.00**

Conclave Registration Fee - \$15.00 per person (#395)

Ordeal Induction Fee - \$25.00 (#371)

Members Only Check All That Apply Amount

Conclave Registration Fee - \$17.50 per person (#395)	\$
Late Fee - \$5.00 per person(#395) Required if registering after September 8	\$
Additional Fee for Brotherhood Candidates - \$15.00 per person (#371)	\$
Current Year's Lodge Dues - \$10.00 per person (#372)	\$
Next Year's Lodge Dues - \$8.00 per person (#372)	\$
Vigil Breakfast (must be Vigil Member) - \$5.00 per person (#395)	\$
Contributions to supplement OA Conclave Service Projects (any amount) (#373)	\$
<u>Total Due</u>	\$

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 Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parental Statement (*Required for participants under 21 years of age*) My son has my permission to attend this function. I authorize medical treatment for my son if necessary.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

I was an Elangomat at Spring or Fall Conclave this year (Banquet and Training fees waived)

Banquet & Training Registration Fee - \$15.00 per person (#396)	\$
Training Only Registration Fee - \$7.00 per person (#396)	\$
Banquet Only Registration Fee - \$10.00 per person (#396)	\$
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