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National OA leadership elected to serve in 2005

David Dowty

National Chief Patrick Murphy, 18, hails from Tempe, Arizona and is a member of Section W-4C and Wipala Wiki Lodge of Grand Canyon Council. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member.



Since his induction, Patrick has found many ways to serve the Order and Scouting. He has served as lodge chief, worked on staff at the 2002 and 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conferences, attended OA Trail Crew and the 2001 National Scout Jamboree. He has served on an NLS staff and his council's youth leadership training course. He is an assistant Scoutmaster with his hometown troop.

Patrick is currently studying business at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona where he participates in several intramural sports and is a member of student government. When not Scouting or relaxing, he enjoys playing golf, backpacking and hiking. Patrick looks forward to serving the Order to the fullest and having the opportunity to be a member of the National OA Committee.

Seth Mollitt has been elected to serve as




National Chief Patrick Murphy and National Vice Chief Seth Mollitt are looking forward to serving the Order in 2005.

the 2005 national vice chief. He is a 19-year-old, two-term section chief, Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member and Founders' Award recipient from Jacksonville, Florida. He is a member of Echookotee Lodge of the North Florida Council.

Seth has a long history of service to Scouting and the Order. He has served as an assistant Scoutmaster, a summer camp and NLS staff member, and on the 2004 NOAC staff as the Induction and Ceremonies Events CVC. He has served as a staff member for the 2002 NOAC and the 2003 Indian Summer.

Seth attended OA Trail Crew and enjoys backpacking, climbing and camping. He is a student at the University of Florida in Gainesville, majoring in business management. Seth is very active in the Outreach

Ambassador Program, the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He looks forward to the year ahead and to representing the Order at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree. 

New in 2005: The Leadership in Service Award

National Committee is pleased to introduce a new individual award that is intended to help promote servant leadership


Seth Mollitt

On January 1, the Order of the Arrow launched a new service award that all Arrowmen are eligible to earn. The Leadership in Service Award, developed by past National Chief Nick Digirolamo and past National Vice Chief Rich Moore, was unveiled at the 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference. Arrowmen will be able to earn the award through 2007.

This is the successor to the 2001-2003 Arrowman Service Award. As its name implies, The Leadership in Service Award promotes continued service to the lodge, council, and the community at large.

Each year that a youth or adult Arrowman plans to earn the award, he must give a total of eight hours of service by participating in a lodge, chapter or council service project that benefits his local council camp. He must also give six hours of service working on a community service project that is planned and carried out by the lodge or chapter.

The award may be earned up to three times, once in each year. With the first award, the Arrowman will receive a blue ribbon with the Order's red arrowhead attached. For the second and third awards, silver and gold feathers, respectively, are added to the ribbon.

For further information, visit the national OA Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. 



This blue ribbon with the Order's red arrowhead suspended at its bottom is the official recognition piece for the Leadership in Service Award.

CHIEFLY SPEAKING



Brothers,

Ninety years ago, the Order began at Treasure Island with the purpose of recognizing exceptional campers who exemplified the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. The actions of these young men inspired others to model their behavior after them. The purpose of the Order has not changed, but has recognized you because you are a role model.

When I joined the Boy Scouts, I looked up to the older Scouts in my troop. To me, these young men were ideal Scouts. They were working on their Eagle Scout projects, leading the troop, attending meetings, and enjoying life. I looked up to these young men because they were the type of people I wanted to associate with. After spending some time with them at summer camp, I understood Scouting far more than I ever could have by just reading a book. I have never told them, but they were my role models.

People will always look to others and study their actions in order to decide what is appropriate. No matter how unnoticeable you think your actions are, they are visible to those who look up to you. Being a role model is no easy task, but it is a challenge we face daily.

Living the Scout Oath and Law will guide us in our lives and help us become influential role models. Serving as role models can be challenging at times, and we all will falter. But through our mistakes we will gain knowledge and experience that will further our understanding of the values that guide the Scouting movement.

Your friends outside of Scouting look up to you. To them you are Scouting. You may be the only contact they will ever have with Scouting. They most likely will not tell you, but they expect more from you because you are a Boy Scout. Always live by the Scout Oath and Law, and you will never disappoint yourself or your friends.

We are not always in uniform, but we are always Scouts.

Yours in Brotherhood,

*Patrick Murphy
2005 National Chief*

Four region chiefs elected to serve the Order in 2005 and assist with the jamboree

At the National Planning Meeting, four Arrowmen were elected to serve as Region Chiefs to represent the OA across four geographic areas of the country

Central Region Chief Paul Jensen is the former Section Chief of C-1A. A resident of Steven, Minnesota, Paul is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member, and past two-term lodge chief of Pa-Hin Lodge, Northern Lights Council #429.

Paul attends the University of Minnesota where he majors in Biomedical Engineering. In his spare time, he canoes, hunts and enjoys riding his motorcycle.

Paul hopes to continue building on the past successes of the Central Region. He is honored to serve his Region, and hopes to work with Arrowmen all year to build a stronger Region.



Paul Jensen
-Pa-Hin Lodge
-Section C-1A
-Eagle Scout
-Vigil Honor

Paul attends the University of Minnesota where he majors in Biomedical Engineering.

Dan O'Rourke
-Allogagan Lodge
-Section NE-1B
-Eagle Scout
-Vigil Honor

Dan is a business student at Stonehill College.



Northeast Region Chief Dan O'Rourke is from Section NE-1B and Allogagan Lodge, Pioneer Valley Council of Wilbraham, Maine. He is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member and immediate past lodge chief.

A freshman at Stonehill College, Dan is majoring in business. An avid athlete, he enjoys running, skiing, camping and volleyball.

In the coming year, Dan is most excited about the opportunity to serve. He is dedicated to serving his fellow Arrowmen, and to enjoy strengthening the commitment of his Region to that service.

Southern Region Chief Bradley Long hails from Section SR-7A and Tutelo Lodge of the Blue Ridge Mountains Council in Roanoke, VA. He is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member and past lodge chief.

Brad is a student at King College, majoring in Bible, Religion and Spanish. When not doing school work, he is active in drama, choir and intramural sports.

Brad looks forward to interacting with Arrowmen across America this year. His goal is that we will be able to inspire younger Scouts to follow them to the path of servant leadership.



Bradley Long
-Tutelo Lodge
-Section SR-7A
-Eagle Scout
-Vigil Honor

Bradley goes to King College, majoring in Bible & Religion and Spanish.

Ross Armstrong
-Tannu Lodge
-Section W-3B
-Eagle Scout
-Vigil Honor

Ross goes to the University of Nevada-Reno where he studies Economics



Western Region Chief Ross Armstrong is the former chief of Section W-3B and Tannu Lodge, Nevada Area Council of Reno, Nevada. Ross is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Member.

Ross is a sophomore at the University of Nevada – Reno, where he majors in economics. In his free time, he enjoys music, photography, skiing and golf.

Ross is excited about the opportunity to work with the section and lodge chiefs from across the Western Region to increase the quality of program being delivered to Arrowmen and Scouts.

Order offers four outstanding high-adventure opportunities for Arrowmen in 2005

Philbreak the spot for Spring Break



Philbreak is sponsored by Philmont Scout Ranch.

Jason Koch

College Arrowmen looking for a place to spend their spring break should look no further than Philmont Scout Ranch. Arrowmen will spend a week in the backcountry of Philmont with other Scouts, giving meaningful service while forming lasting friendships and developing leadership skills.

Participants must be 18 the day their program begins but not older than 25 by its conclusion.

2005 PHILBREAK SESSION DATES

- #1 March 6 - 12
- #2 March 13 - 19
- #3 March 20 - 26

Participants must meet the Philmont height and weight requirements. The cost of the program is \$100 plus the cost of transportation. There are three one week sessions.

Applications can be found at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs>.

Wilderness Voyage goes up north



The OAWV staff can't pass up an opportunity to paddle their canoe, even if it's just in the parking lot at NOAC!

Gil Rogers

Have you yearned to see the northern lights over a different skyline every night? Have you desired to spend time in the most pristine wilderness area in the lower 48 states? Do you want to spend two weeks on the most inexpensive, yet most influential, high adventure experience of your life?

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program provides Arrowmen with the opportunity of a lifetime. For just \$100 (plus travel expenses), you can spend two weeks in the historic Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness experiencing true adventure away from most of mankind.

You will spend the first week of your experience providing much needed and appreciated service in the boundary waters wilderness. This is a unique experience because your work affects thousands of people who use this wilderness area. On the second week of your experience, your crew will design a voyage where you paddle and portage through the boundary waters. For registration and information, visit <http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs>.

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OA Ocean Adventure debuts at Sea Base

Rich Moore

Imagine an adventure that can show you a world that very few human eyes have seen. Imagine a journey that will let you see things you thought you would never see, and help the undersea wilderness in ways that you did not think possible. This summer, the Order of the Arrow and the Florida Sea Base are proud to provide you with these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities.

In conjunction with the National Marine Sanctuary, a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the OA Ocean Adventure program has agreed to do meaningful service by cleaning foreign debris and litter that clutters and harms the undersea inhabitants of various coral reefs around the Florida keys, and restore its natural aesthetic beauty.

The second project involves working with the



Three Arrowmen enjoy a snorkeling trip at Sea Base

Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) to collect data for research on marine life identification in the Florida Keys. This project will not only provide valuable information to scientists around the world, but it also will allow you an opportunity to be a part of this scientific project and learn about the different reef inhabitants.

In cooperation with the Nature Conservancy, our final project will be Project Green Sweep, or the removal of exotic plant species from the shores of the Florida Keys. These invasive species of trees

and plants prohibit sea creatures, such as sea turtles, from performing their role in nature.

In addition to these projects, you will have two weeks of fun and adventure, as well as culturally enriching experiences. This summer, spend time at the Florida Sea Base, where you will experience brotherhood, cheerfulness and service on a new level, in a different world.

For registration, travel and equipment information, visit <http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs>.

Trail Crew embarks on another 10 years

Ryan Hawk

More than 1,600 Arrowmen have contributed to the remarkable success of the OA Trail Crew program since its inception. The past 10 summers have produced more than 65,000 manhours of service, 100,000 feet of trail and the completion of five new trails. Reaching the tenth anniversary during the summer of 2004 demonstrated the Order's



Arrowmen build new trails while in the backcountry.

commitment to the OA Trail Crew program. As we embark on our second decade of service to Philmont Scout Reservation, participants will continue to work on the trail in the Copper Park mining area.

Through the OATC program,

Philmont and the National OA Committee have provided a tremendous balance between the opportunity for serving other Scouts and obtaining personal growth by challenging oneself mentally, physically and spiritually.

Arrowmen work on the trail for one week, giving service to Philmont, and then spend the second week on a specialized trek designed by the members of the crew. The cost is \$150 (plus transportation).

Make plans now to be a part of this exciting service and growth opportunity. For registration, travel and equipment information, visit <http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs>.

AROUND THE NATION



LEE THACKSTON

Madockawanda Lodge, Portland, Maine, has an extensive online "Where To Go Camping" guide, including public and private lands, as well as hiking, backpacking, and canoeing spots. Visit its Web site at ww.pinetreebsa.org/lodge/lodge.html.

Toloma Lodge, Modesto, California, recently created a new section on its Web site. The lodge is able to host Web pages for its chapters, allowing access to information about chapter activities and meeting dates. Visit online at www.bsa-gyc.org/oa/.

If your lodge conducts a service project, celebrates an anniversary or starts a new program that is noteworthy, e-mail Lee Thackston at lthackston@iname.com for consideration in the the "Around the Nation" column.

Section NE-2B has added a Flash presentation to its Web site that promotes the upcoming section conclave in June. The site also features a useful conclave segment that includes wrap-up information about past conclaves. The site can be found at <http://ne2b.org/default.php>.

Members of Migisi Opawgan Lodge, Detroit, Michigan recently provided meaningful service by building a bridge during their Winter Camp. Learn more about it and subscribe to receive future news updates from the lodge online at <http://www.migisi.org/>.

Order to shine at 2005 National Jamboree

The Outdoor Adventure Place returns to the Jamboree in 2005!

Scott Robin

The Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP) is going to be a "hot spot" at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree. The TOAP site at the jamboree will be twice the size of our NOAC site with twice the number of activities.

We will feature two monkey bridges, multiple launchers for tennis balls, and numerous rock walls. The US Forest Service will provide information about the sites for our 2008 National Service Projects. At the TOAP site, the Leave No Trace (LNT) trail will feature a walk through the woodlands. Talented outdoor cooks will demonstrate some very unique ways to cook over a charcoal fire.

The TOAP staff is looking forward to seeing you at the jamboree. 🍀

OA Service Corps!

Scott Keenan

Servant leadership is not just something we hear about at conclave or in training sessions. Servant leadership is more than a slogan; it is a way of life. The OA Service Corps provides Arrowmen a chance to demonstrate OA ideals and cheerful service.

Our mission is to create an environment conducive to servant leadership and cheerful service while providing assistance to the Jamboree. Through our endeavors we will create a memorable experience for Arrowmen and participants, while helping meet the needs of the 2005 National Scout Jamboree. 🍀

The OA Service Corps is a broth-

erhood of Arrowmen. They must live the example of unselfish service while having fun in the process. Some of the areas the Service Corps provide support and manpower for include: ushering at arena shows, flag ceremonies, youth recreation, clean up projects, assembling bicycles, serving as reporters, VIP guides, program support, food service, jamboree headquarters, distributing flyers, and security.

American Indian Activities to take a large role at 2005 National Jamboree

Matt Agarwala

At the 2005 National Scout Jamboree, the American Indian Activities committee will demonstrate the principles and culture upon which our Order was founded.

Witness the spectacle of dancers from across the nation at one of our evening pow-wows. Seek to discover and understand the way of life as it existed centuries ago. The Indian village will provide an accurate representation of six distinct geographical regions. Our knowledgeable staff will offer tours and answer questions. Plan now to visit the Indian village and work on the Indian Lore Merit Badge, which will be taught daily at our resource center.

Whether you are into history, dance, merit badges or hands-on crafts, the Indian village at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree Merit Badge Midway will be the place to be. 🍀



12³ at the 2005 Jamboree will be spectacular; continuing the tradition of Odyssey of the Law and Scoutopia.

Jameson O'Guinn

In 2001, the Order of the Arrow presented a visually stunning and uplifting show at the National Scout Jamboree. In a joint venture with the Marine Corps; Scoutopia delivered Scouting's message through action, music and fun. Scoutopia added a new level of entertainment to the jamboree.

This year, the Order of the Arrow, in conjunction with the National Eagle Scout Association, returns to Fort A. Hill with a totally new show. Twelve Cubed (12³) will bring a new dimension to the jamboree. Led by Shows JVC Andy O'Guinn and lead adviser Bruce Sanders, a first-rate team of script writers and technical directors are working tirelessly to put together all the elements of this year's show to ensure that it exceeds all expectations. You certainly do not want to miss this event. It will be spectacular! 🍀

The Order celebrates 90 years of cheerful service

Jimmy Price

This summer the Order of the Arrow will celebrate its 90th anniversary. To commemorate this special occasion, members of the Order from across the country are invited to attend a special celebration at Treasure Island Scout Reservation, the Order's birthplace.

On Saturday, July 16, Unami Lodge, the founding lodge of our Order, will host more than 600 Arrowmen, who will gather to retrace the early days of our history. Included in the event plans are historical tours of the island, reenactments of the original ceremony, a Goodman Center for History and Museum, as well as the opportunity to meet Arrowmen from across the country. A history trail will be set up to take Arrowmen back to the early days of our Order. The evening show will trace the roots of Order from the initial idea of Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Col. Carroll A. Edson in the summer of 1915 to the Order of the 21st century. This show will cause our members to stop and ponder the impact the Order of the Arrow has had in all of our lives.

National Chief Patrick Murphy and National Vice Chief Seth Mollitt are planning to attend, as

well as National Chairman Brad Haddock and several other members of the National Committee.

One of the highlights of the event is a special rededication ceremony being offered by Unami Lodge to lodges, camps and sections across the country. Lodges can perform the ceremony on that anniversary day at their own celebrations, at summer camp or at a lodge event some other time during the summer or fall.

Each Arrowman who completes the rededication qualifies to earn the special national 90th anniversary certificate and patch that will be offered through the national office. The certificate features a picture of our founders at the podium in the ceremonial grounds at Treasure Island when they gathered to celebrate our 50th anniversary, as well as the new 90th anniversary logo superimposed above them. Information on how your lodge can perform the rededication ceremony locally will be available on the national Web site, www.oa-bsa.org, in March.

For more information on the Unami Lodge 90th anniversary celebration event, which is open to all members of the Order, please visit <http://www.unamilodge.org>, or contact event adviser Mark Chilutti at chilutti2000@aol.com. 🍀

The traditions of the OA

Jeff Finley

"I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow. . . ."

As Arrowmen, we all have agreed to uphold this pledge. Nationally, the Order of the Arrow is also taking steps to collect, preserve, document, exhibit and retell the story of our history.

Under the auspices of the National OA Committee, the following Arrowmen have taken on the responsibility to lead our national efforts in history and preservation:

Dick Austin will serve as liaison with the current physical exhibit on display in the National Scouting Museum in Irving, Texas, and will assist with rearrangements of the items under the care of the museum staff.

Tony Steinhart will work with Arrowmen and the National Scouting Museum to design and plan future displays, exhibits and presentations of our artifacts.

Craig Salazar will supervise the collection of digital images of artifacts, documents, photographs and video to form the OA digital archive, which will serve www.oa-bsa.org

as a resource to all Arrowmen who can access it for their own enjoyment and study or for use in lodge or section presentations.

David Garrett will be entrusted to interview significant leaders with noteworthy history in the Order to capture their historical comments and memories on tape.

Brian Corder will oversee the recording of national events for posterity.

Craig Leighty and Steve Gaines will create and assemble displays and exhibits of memorabilia to travel to places where Arrowmen gather. They have distinguished themselves as curators of the NOAC Centers for History for a number of years and are now expanding their work with this group.

Mark Chilutti will coordinate the adoption of additional artifacts of OA history and ensure that they remain under the perpetual care of the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

Ryan Miske will oversee the identification of merchandising opportunities for Arrowmen who wish to buy items of nostalgic or historic interest and will work in concert with the finance and trading post committees to offer such items for sale. Recent examples



The museum displays OA history

include the 1948 Handbook reproduction that was available at NOAC.

Ray Capp will coordinate all of these efforts and serve as the OA representative on the board of the National Scouting Museum.

This group of adult Arrowmen is searching for those who share their passion to make the rich history of the Order available to all, especially youth members who are interested in joining the effort to observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow. If you are interested in being part of these efforts, please contact Ray Capp at webmaster@oa-bsa.org. 🍀



Time Management

The key to maintaining commitments

Brian Russ

Being involved in the OA can be one of the most fulfilling experiences of your life. Yet taking on a role in the Order can be complicated and sometimes frustrating. You may have other activities to support and may feel you don't have enough time.

Time management can solve many of your problems. It is important to remember and to use the aspects of time management: personalize, organize and actualize. With these three basic steps, you can achieve more than you would have imagined.

Personalizing and identifying what is important to you is the first step in managing your time. If one is working on something that does not interest him, there will be no motivation. Take time to think about what is important to you; personalize your plan.

Next, develop a time management plan. Organization is key to success, and Italian economist Vilfredo Pareto knew this. Following the Pareto principle, the 80-20 Rule, we believe that 80 percent of the reward comes from 20 percent of the effort.

You know which tasks are important, so set aside time to get them done. If you spend all your time playing checkers because it is easy, although it would be more beneficial to call your chapter and organize rides to the lodge fellowship, you will disappoint your chapter. Organize; put aside time to get the most important items done, and then leave time for fun later.

Putting your plan into action leads you to success. The first two steps are important, they are your stepping stones, but the final test is following through and doing your work.

Actualizing your plan is the most difficult and the most rewarding part of time management. Acting as a leader or as a part of the team, one is expected to do his best; if you can conquer time management, you will be a valuable part of any team.

Personalize, organize and actualize. It is up to you. You have the tools to get it done. 🍀

Profiles in Service

Tatokainyanka Lodge updates historic cabin at Camp Buffalo Bill near Yellowstone

Noel Clauson

Tatokainyanka Lodge from Central Wyoming Council has recently completed the restoration of a historic 1920s ranger cabin at Camp Buffalo Bill just outside of historic Yellowstone National Park. The lodge started the project to provide service to their home council and the council's camp in return for all that the council has done for the lodge. The youth leadership of the lodge felt the project was a challenge that would unite lodge members

while providing much needed restoration of a historic camp building. After much deliberation and planning, work on the project officially began in the fall of 2003.

Work on the project started when several youth and adult lodge members came a week early to their fall fellowship weekend to remove the 80 year old floor and walls. After filling two dumpsters with the remnants, the shell of the building was ready for all new rooms to be built. Over the next year, many of the lodge members slowly

sawed, hammered, and measured their way to completing the new floors, walls and rooms. They installed new electricity and fixtures. The lodge filled all the holes and cracks in the exterior walls.

The cabin was finally finished in the fall of 2004. The cabin will be fully equipped and ready for use as a registration and staff center in time for the 2005 Camp Buffalo Bill season. It will also be used for some of the nature classes offered.

The lodge is proud of their accomplishment. With their

mission completed, the Arrowmen of Tatokainyanka Lodge look forward to future opportunities to provide service where ever it is needed. 🍀



The project to restore the ranger cabin at Camp Buffalo Bill began in the fall of 2003 and was finished one year later with the help of an OA National Service Grant.

2005 National OA Service Grant

The following lodges will receive matching service grants to help fund projects in their respective councils. The Order of the Arrow budgeted \$35,000 for this program

Central Region

Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge, Hawkeye Area Council, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, received \$4,020 to construct a bouldering wall at the council camp for Cub Scout and Boy Scout use.

Mitigwa Lodge, Mid-Iowa Council, Des Moines, Iowa, received \$700 to construct Dan Beard Trail at Camp Mitigwa.

Mikano Lodge, Milwaukee County Council, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, received \$2,400 to develop "Panning for Gold River," associated with the Cub Scout Mine program at Indian Mound Reservation.

Northeast Region

Tschitani Lodge, Connecticut Rivers Council, East Hartford, Connecticut, received \$3,500 to establish a fully handicap-accessible campsite at J. N. Webster Scout Reservation.

Ty-Ohni Lodge, Otetiana Council, Rochester, New York, received \$4,500 for landscaping and furnishing for a new nature lodge at Cub Scout Adventure Camp.

Amangamek Wipit Lodge, National Capital Area Council, Bethesda, Maryland, received \$1,100 to construct bridges along a trail at Goshen Scout Reservation.

Southern Region

Talligewi Lodge, Lincoln Heritage Council, Louisville, Kentucky, received \$2,500 to build a wheelchair-accessible ramp addition to a multipurpose building.

Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge, Central North Carolina Council, Albemarle, North Carolina, received \$4,500 to renovate the Camp John J. Barnhardt chapel.

Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge, Old North State Council, Greensboro, North Carolina, received \$3,280 to construct a program shelter for summer camp health and safety programs.

Chicksa Lodge, Yocona Area Council, Tupelo, Mississippi, received \$4,500 to build a training center and OA hut at Camp Yocoma.

Western Region

Tukarica Lodge, Ore-Ida Council, Boise, Idaho, received \$4,000 to build a campfire bowl amphitheater at Camp Morrison. 🍀

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Order to raise dues in 2006

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At its recent meeting, the National Order of the Arrow Committee voted to increase an individual member's dues from \$2 to \$3. This \$1 increase per member will take effect in the 2006 charter year (the charter that is due December 31, 2005).

The National Committee has long had the policy that dues collected during the chartering process must cover all annual operating expenses. During the past five years our membership has remained stable, but our operating expenses are increasing to the point where a deficit will occur in 2006 unless a dues increase is implemented. The need for this dues increase was discussed at the National Council of Chiefs at last summer's National Order of the Arrow Conference.

The Order's annual operating budget is in excess of \$465,000, and annual dues constitute most of the income. The major expenses in our operating budget include salaries for our two professionals and secretarial support, the *National Bulletin*,

national officer expenses, and routine expenses.

It should be noted that many of the special programs that the Order funds on a yearly basis are made possible by the interest generated from our endowment, not by annual dues. Those projects include our three national high adventure programs, our NLS/NLATS training sessions, our annual camp promotion packet, the Maury Clancy Indian Scholarship program, the E. Urner Goodman scholarships, and the Lodge Matching Grant Program. (For more information on our national endowment, see <http://www.oa-bsa.org/endowment>.) The NOAC budget is also separate from our annual operating budget.

The last dues increase implemented by the National Committee occurred in December, 1999. At that time, the dues increase was based on a five-year plan that ended in 2004. The financial resources subcommittee was proud to be able to extend that plan for one additional calendar year, but due to the projected deficit in 2006 found it necessary to recommend that the National Committee increase annual dues to \$3 per member. 🏹



National focus for '05

Priorities designated for third phase of 2003-2007 National Strategic Plan

Michael Goltner

In 2005, the Order of the Arrow will focus on the following priorities entering the third year of the 2003–2007 National Strategic Plan: A Legacy of Servant Leadership.

- Continue to improve Brotherhood conversion rates.
- Introduce and distribute lodge membership verification module and membership management software program.
- Continue endowment growth effort.
- Continue Lodge Assistance Program.
- Introduce and distribute the OA Troop/Team Representatives Conclave Training Initiative Syllabus to sections.
- Continue to improve communications with emphasis on Internet usage and Web-based delivery.
- Continue the OA/Scoutreach mentoring program with strong emphasis on council support.

Distribution of support material for this year's initiatives has begun. This includes the debut of a new OA/Scoutreach Mentoring DVD that outlines how Scouts and Scouters can become involved in the program. The life-long rewards you receive by helping others are cited in this new resource. Additionally, the new conclave training initiative, "OA Troop/Team Representative—A Guide to Effective Local Program," has been released. It will be utilized at conclaves around the country to better prepare troop/team representatives for greater service.

The Order is committed to improving the way lodges support local councils and to teaching servant leadership in Arrowmen. As E. Urner Goodman once said, "We, as Arrowmen, have the great privilege of pointing the way to other people. . . . It's the way to happiness in life. It's the way of cheerful service." Our national leaders have once again pointed the Order in the right direction, and as National Committee Chairman Brad Haddock said, "We must stay the course!" 🏹

Where are they now?

Peter Capp

Jason Hood began his Scouting career in Memphis, Tennessee. It was there in Chickasaw Council that he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. In the 1980s, he served three terms as the lodge chief of Ahoalan-Nachpikin Lodge. After being elected section chief, he was elected Southeast Region chief in 1983.

As an adult, Jason has served as lodge adviser twice for Ahoalan-Nachpikin lodge and as the Wood Badge course director. He has also served as the district Camping Committee chairman and the Council Activities Committee chairman. He has attended every National Order of the Arrow Conference since 1979 and has received the Vigil Honor, the

Founders' Award and the OA Distinguished Service Award.

Upon graduating from Rhodes College, Jason worked for a few years in the unit resonance development field before attending the University of Tennessee School of Law. After receiving his law degree, he became involved in the corporate and legal arenas. After success in these areas, he accepted a position as vice president and general counsel and secretary of Wright Medical Technology Inc.

Jason has had a tremendous experience in the OA and is a true proponent of the great ideals that Boy Scouting and the Order of the Arrow can instill in our country's youth. Jason and his wife, Betsy, have two children, Meredith, 6, and Griffin, 2. 🏹

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National OA Web site update

Dominique Baker

The national Order of the Arrow Web team has been busy. You can now read personal interviews of the 2005 national officers and find detailed information about the Order's 2005 National Scout Jamboree programs. Be sure to check out our new high-adventure section, which includes information on the new Ocean Adventure program. If you missed the unveiling of the new Leadership in Service program at the National Order of the Arrow Conference, you can find details and award order forms on the Web site.

I have been reappointed as the Web site youth coordinator for 2005, along with Burl Holland as the assistant coordinator. Team members from all four regions are working hard to maintain the Web site as an outstanding resource.

In 2004, the national OA Web site received 10.6 million hits and collected 2 million page views, as Arrowmen across the nation obtained the latest information offered by the Order. Don't be left out. For more information, visit the official OA Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. 🏹

Burning Issues with Michael Mullen



Q: With the 2005 National Scout Jamboree just a few months away, is there any way I can still be a part of the Order of the Arrow staff?

A: Yes, there is! The largest role of the OA staff at the jamboree is with the OA Service Corps. Positions are also available with Shows, The Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP), and with American Indian Activities. Any Arrowman interested in one these positions should visit the national BSA Web site (<http://www.scouting.org>) and download a staff application **no later than March 30th**. Upon completion, send it to your local council office for approval. Following successful submission of your application, you will receive a letter of appointment informing you of your assignment. Apply now and do not miss your chance to be part of the Order's legacy at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree.

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LLDC Training Announced

On June 19–25, the National Order of the Arrow Committee will offer for the first time a training course to help lodge and chapter advisers implement the new Lodge Leadership Development Course. Advisers will become familiar with and understand the fundamental need for the LLDC. The LLDC training is designed to orient lodge and chapter leaders to the work of the lodge and how it can function to fulfill the mission and purpose of the Order of the Arrow in the local council. The planning and training skills needed to deliver the LLDC and evaluate its effectiveness will also be emphasized. Adult advisers interested in attending the course and receiving a Philmont Training Center invitation must have their Scout executive's approval.

National Bulletin Takes New Look

The National Bulletin has taken on a newspaper feel and approach. We hope you will like the new look!

Space Available

Spaces are still available for OA Trail Crew and OA Wilderness Voyage. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Visit the OA web site online at <http://www.oe-bsa.org> for more information.



More information about these National Notes and other news can be found on the OA web site online at <http://www.oe-bsa.org>. Select "Operations Updates."

2005 National Planning Calendar

March 11–13	NLS, Lost Valley Scout Ranch, CA	September 23–25	SR SOS, Atlanta, GA
April 1–3	NLS, Yorkville, IL & NLS/NLATS, Alpine, NJ	September 30-10/2	NLATS, Rochester, IN
April 22–24	NLS, Dillsburg, PA	September 30-10/2	NLS WR, Phoenix, AZ
May 1	Camp Promotion Packets Available	October 5–9	Outdoor Program Seminar, Philmont
May 25	National OA Committee Meeting	October 14–16	NLS/NLATS, Live Oak, FL
May 25–27	National Meeting, Grapevine, TX	October 21–23	WR SOS, Phoenix, AZ
June 7	OA Ocean Adventure Begins	October 28-30	OA Steering Committee Meeting
June 8	Northern Tier OA Voyage Begins	October 31	OA Service Grant Application Due
June 19–25	Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins	November 1	Lodge Program Support Pak Available
June 30	Philmont LLD	November 4–6	NLS, Leesville, SC
July 19	OA Service Grant Application Distributed	November 11–13	NLS, Parkville, MO
July 25–31	Jamboree Staff Week Begins for OA	November 18–20	NER SOS, Alpine, NJ
August 1–3	National Scout Jamboree	November 27–30	NLS/NLATS, Portland, OR
September 16–18	National Scout Jamboree	December 2–4	CR SOS, Rochester, IN
September 16-18	NLS, Loveland, OH	December 27–30	National Planning Meeting, Southlake, TX
	NLS, Alpine, NJ	December 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline