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Dallas 2012: Old chiefs say farewell, new chiefs elected

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Arrowmen across the country gathered for the annual National Planning Meeting in Dallas, Texas from December 27-30 to plan for the 2013 year. Then National Chief John Rehm began the four-day conference with a welcoming of all chiefs, national committee members, and members of the support staff during Thursday night's dinner.

Soon after the opening reception and dinner, Rehm and then National Vice

Chief Preston Marquis led the section chiefs in electing the new leaders for the Order. Votes were tallied late into the night, with the election procedures continuing until early in the morning. In the end, Matt Brown and Jordan Hughes were elected as chief and vice chief for the 2013 term, and officially began their time in office the next morning.

The section chiefs then met together by region after breakfast to elect region chiefs. Tyler Allen of the Northeast Region, Brad Torpey of the Southern Region, Mike Gray of the Central Region, and David Dye of

the Western Region were elected into their new positions as 2013 region chiefs.

During the remaining two and a half days of the meeting, section chiefs, advisers, members of the National OA Committee and support staff gathered together to look ahead to Project 2013, the OA's program of emphasis for the year. Six Jamboree vice chiefs (JVC) were elected to help plan and lead this effort in supporting the Scout jamboree.

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National Chief Matt Brown (left) and National Vice Chief Jordan Hughes (right).

Project 2013 to be Order's largest jamboree role

By **JOSH PELOQUIN**

Staff Writer

Only five months separate us from the 2013 National Scout Jamboree, the first jamboree at The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. More than 40,000 Scouts and Scouters attending the jamboree are counting on 700 Arrowmen to provide crucial program elements, such as the Jamboree Trek and Day of Service. Are you one of those incredible Arrowmen? If not, why?

There are several incredible programs that the Order of the Arrow is providing leadership for at the jamboree, and you can be part of the history that the Order is making. The American Indian Village is expanding and innovating, the recreation programs that the staff will be offered are more adventurous, and the overall OA

experience is going to be more meaningful and inspirational. Additionally, the OA will be helping with the introduction of two totally new programs: the Jamboree Trek and the Jamboree Day of Service.

Each troop attending the jamboree, will be led on a day hike to the summit of Garden Ground Mountain, one of the most amazing vantage points at the Summit. On top of Garden Ground, Scouts will participate in exciting mountain man and highland game activities. Troops and guides will then participate in a campfire program before heading back to their jamboree campsite, exhausted from a fantastic mountain-top experience.

The OA Day of Service will take place on another day of the troop's jamboree experience. OA Guides will lead them to one of numerous service sites in the nine counties surrounding the Summit.

The bus ride will include an inspirational program before the Scouts provide service to benefit the Appalachian communities in southern West Virginia. The Day of Service is sponsored by the World Scouting Committee's Messengers of Peace program and the West Virginia Civilian Conservation Corps.

Some of the awesome benefits of serving on staff include an incredible behind-the-scenes tour of the jamboree, a day of whitewater rafting, pre-jamboree access to the incredible new program areas offered at the Summit, natural climbing walls, BMX courses, rifle ranges, and a greatly discounted jamboree price of only \$420.

For more information about the OA's involvement at the National Scout Jamboree, visit event.oa-bsa.org or talk to your section chief.



Trek Guides lead groups up to the top of Garden Ground Mountain at the Jamboree Shakedown this past summer.

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NLS, Camp Squanto, Massachusetts - Northeast Region
NLS, St. Paul, Minnesota - Central Region

May

22-24 National Annual Meeting, Grapevine, TX
22 National OA Committee meeting, Grapevine, TX
28 OA Ocean Adventure Begins

June

8 Philmont OA Trail Crew begins
9 Northern Tier OA Odyssey begins
Northern Tier OA Voyage begins
16-22 Philmont Lodge Adviser Training
30 OA Service Grant applications available

July

15-24 2013 National Scout Jamboree, Beckley, WV

August

11 OA Ocean Adventure ends
17 Philmont OA Trail Crew ends
18 Northern Tier OA Odyssey ends
Northern Tier OA Voyage ends

September

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20-22 SOS, Camp Alpine, New Jersey - Northeast Region

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1 Lodge charter renewal packets distributed
4-6 NLS, Michigan - Central Region
11-13 NLS/NLATS, Salt Lake City, Utah - Western Region
18-20 NLS/NLATS, New Braunfels, Texas - Southern Region
21 OA Steering Committee meeting, Salt Lake City, UT
25-27 SOS/Gathering, Phoenix, Arizona - Western Region
31 OA Service Grant requests due

November

1-3 NLS/NLATS, Alpine, New Jersey - Northeast Region
8-10 NLS/NLATS, Parkville, Missouri - Central Region
15-17 NLS, Leesville, South Carolina - Southern Region
22-24 NLS/NLATS, Portland, Oregon - Western Region
22-24 SOS, Parkville, Missouri - Central Region

December

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Commemorative sashes for all 2015 NOAC attendees

By **KYLE BRENDEL**

Staff Writer

Arrowmen attending the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference will get a once in a lifetime souvenir, after a vote by the national committee at the annual planning meeting this past December.

At the meeting, committee members approved a proposal to give each NOAC participant a special edition red sash.

The idea was first proposed by the 100th Anniversary Youth Advisory committee, which is being led by past National Vice Chief Preston Marquis, to give a special Order of the Arrow sash to every participant and staff attendees of the 2015 NOAC.

These sashes will differ from those currently worn in that the colors will be reversed, with a white arrow emblazoned on a red sash. Unlike the black signature sashes sold at previous NOAC's, these will have snaps and will be wearable by all. For the national conference, Ordeal,

Brotherhood, and Vigil Honor sashes will be made in the current style and given out at a special program to be unveiled.

This souvenir sash will be worn for only a designated period of time, and should be viewed as a commemorative item. The rarity of the sash is noteworthy, as only those present at NOAC 2015 will receive them. Any extras produced will not be sold.

Interestingly, reversed color sashes have been made before. For the 1950 NOAC, national committee members wore Vigil bands of reversed colors so they could be easily found by lodge members that had questions about the Order being fully integrated into the Boy Scouts of America. For the 75th anniversary of the Order, Dr. Carl Marchetti, national chairman at the time, donned a red souvenir Vigil sash with a white arrow created for national committee members. These sashes had "75th anniversary" stitched into them above the top Brotherhood bar. In 1993, a full length black sash with



This sash, presented to national committeemen at the 1990 NOAC is similar to what Arrowmen will get in 2015.

snaps with a white arrow was created as a retirement gift by Dr. Marchetti for national committee members, and a hand written note was included with each sash. In celebration of 100 years of the Boy Scouts of America, Bob Mazucca, past Chief Scout Executive, had a red sash made with the 100th anniversary BSA logo for committee members as well.

Make sure to save the date for NOAC 2015, and get ready for an awesome adventure in commemoration of our centennial celebration.

NATIONAL UPDATES

Ask the Chairman questions

National Chairman Ray Capp has answered questions about OA historic records and the Journey to Excellence program. To read his replies and his answers to other questions, visit www.aa-bsa.org.

Four new best practices posted

Additional lodge and chapter program tools have been posted to the national OA website.

Revisions to Field Operations Guide

The 2013 revision of the Field Operations Guide can be found on the national OA website. Updates include changes in liability insurance practices.

2013 Forms posted

Eleven petition and application forms on the national OA website were updated for 2013. Be sure to check these out.

Journey to Excellence pins

JTE Pins are now available for qualifying 2012 Journey to Excellence lodges. The order form has been added to the forms section of the national OA website.

National website

Check out the Order's national website at www.aa-bsa.org for more information.

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Ma-Nu Lodge helps build trail

By **TAYLOR BOBROW**

Staff Writer

This past summer, Arrowmen of Ma-Nu Lodge gathered together for a full week of trail building at the Diamond H Scout Ranch in Eastern Oklahoma.

Ma-Nu Lodge played host to over fifty Arrowmen who each wanted a taste of the trail building experience. Not only was the week full of fun, but it was also free! The adventure was provided at no cost to the participants. The local program began with a recognized need for trails at Last Frontier Council's Scout reservation. The lodge also recognized a need to solicit interest in trail building, which could eventually lead Arrowmen participating in the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program at Philmont Scout Ranch.

The average age of Ma-Nu Lodge's participants was 13 years old, too young to participate in a national high adventure program. "We are planting a seed in them three years before they can do it," says Brian Aneshansley. Wes Seaman, Ma-Nu Lodge chief, believes that their goal "is to give other people the opportunity to enjoy the trail." Seaman says, "We want the experience to be a training ground to get a taste of trail building, because a lot of people fall in love with it."

A typical day in the program consists



Members of the Ma-Nu-Lodge help build trail.

not only of building trails, but also having fun through recreational activities, such as shooting sports, water games and team building events. Ma-Nu Lodge's leadership recognizes that this program is a unique opportunity for training in both leadership and a conservation mindset, such as Leave No Trace.

The staff that provides this program is made up of past and current foremen of the national high adventure bases. Brian

Lux, Ma-Nu Lodge adviser and past foreman, had many connections with these experienced trail builders. Lux encourages other lodges to consider modeling their program locally and attributes much of their success to a dedicated team and the support from their council.

Ma-Nu Lodge plans to continue offering its trail crew program and is seeking to increase the length to two weeks, with multiple sessions in one summer.

100th Anniversary Legacy Rocks

By **FRANK CACCAVALE**

Staff Writer

In 1948, E. Uner Goodman began constructing the Brotherhood Barn fireplace, full of stones sent from lodges across the country. As a tribute to the founder, the Order's centennial celebration will include construction of a new Brotherhood fireplace. Lodges everywhere have spent the past few months scouring their local camps for the perfect rock to represent their lodge and their brothers for years to come.

This past January, leaders of Konepaka Ketiwa Lodge of the Illowa Council gathered at the Blackhawk Wildlife Area, formerly Camp Iten, which was owned by the council from 1930-1959. The four brothers spent the day searching for the perfect stone that would best represent their council's rich history of serving boys in Iowa. After hiking about a mile into the wildlife area, they stopped at the original ceremony site of A Me Qua Lodge, a predecessor of their



National Chief Matt Brown (right) and National Vice Chief Jordan Hughes (left) with some of their most favorite Legacy Rocks.

current lodge. Within the ceremonial site was a 20 foot arrow in the ground made out of limestone, and the Scouts began digging the stones from the arrow point until they found one of the appropriate size, to send in for inclusion in this historical event.

Each lodge has their own unique history, their own story of how the

Order of the Arrow made a difference in their local council, in their Scout camps, and in the lives of their members. The Brotherhood Fireplace will be a tribute to the Order's rich history, and something that will be cherished for the next 100 years! Every lodge is encouraged to participate in this historical Scouting event.

Chiefly Speaking



Brothers,

We have begun another exciting year in our Order and Scouting! Scouting recently celebrated its 103rd anniversary, and soon we will celebrate our 98th year of brotherhood. When I reflect on all of these years of history, it is clear to me that our Order has dedicated itself to a spirit of service. This year, 2013, will be no different.

This summer, we will make a statement through our service at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree. Our commitment of over 700 Arrowmen to jamboree staff is the largest in its history. Almost every Scout and Scouter at the 2013 National Jamboree will participate in our Day of Service and OA Trek Guides programs. And of course, many key jamboree features and programs would not be able to run without the service provided by our Service Corps. We are truly setting an example through this service!

Many times, service to others can seem like an "irksome task" or a "weighty responsibility." Despite this, always remember that what sets us apart as Arrowmen is our dedication to keeping a cheerful spirit, even in the midst of these tasks. I look forward to hearing the stories this year of how our Arrowmen are giving of themselves in service to others!

Cheerfully in service,

Matt Brown

Matt Brown

2013 National Chief

OA region chiefs hit the ground running for 2013 term

By PETER FORD

Staff Writer

The morning after the election of the national chief and vice chief at the national planning meeting, section chiefs gather by region to elect a region chief. The region chief election is much like the national chief and vice chief election, but often shorter. Region chiefs lead their respective region for the year, with their main focus being on the National Leadership Seminar program.

Southern Region Chief

Our Southern Region chief, Brad Torpey, hails from Keller, Texas, where he is a junior at Keller High School.

Brad is a member of Netopolis Sipo Schipinachk Lodge located in Fort Worth, TX. He began his Scouting career as a Tiger Cub of Pack 403 in Austin, TX. "I was so excited for the adventures in which I would soon partake," recounts Brad. As he grew older and advanced in Cub Scouts, he always kept his eyes on the prize, the Boy Scout crossover. When he finally made the transition into Boy Scouts, he joined Troop 1910 with veracity and eagerness to advance and enjoy all parts of Scouting. Being active in the patrol, troop, and council led him to become an Eagle Scout in 2010. "Afterward, my true Scouting experience began," commenting on his trail to Eagle. "I became a summer camp staffer at our council's summer camp, attended Florida Sea Base and Philmont, and became active in the Order of the Arrow."

Brad first held the position of chapter vice chief of membership in Ohki Chapter, where he conducted all of the unit elections for the chapter. The next year he ran for the position of chapter chief, where he discovered the true meaning of youth leadership. The following year he was elected to lodge chief, where new opportunities to explore leadership

were abundant. "I was even able to put all of the ideas I learned at NLS to work!" That same year he was chosen to be the ceremonies vice chief for his section conclave, which led him to run for section chief. "In all, these positions awakened me to how the Order of the Arrow epitomizes of the Scouting ideals."

Playing football and improving his physical fitness are some of the ways he spends extra time he just happens to have. Spending time with his youth group at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church improves his religious health and provides consolation amidst stressful times.

Brad said, "as leaders of an organization, we all must remember that an organization can either become better or worse. It cannot maintain its status quo. So, in 2013, let's improve the Order."

Western Region Chief

If you were to ask David Dye the Western Region chief, which region is best, he would most likely say, "West is Best." He hails from Siwinis Lodge, The Mighty Pine Tree, in the Los Angeles Area Council.

David attends Loyola Marymount University and is majoring in entrepreneurship.

David joined the Boy Scouts on 25 Feb 2005 in Torrance, California. He held several troop positions and earned his Eagle in November of 2011. Throughout his Scouting career he has held positions such as Elangomat Coordinator, chapter vice chief (VC), chapter chief, lodge executive VC, section training Conclave Vice Chief (CVC), section chief, and now region chief.

Needless to say, David's hobbies are Scouting, Scouting, and more Scouting.

"Stick with it," says David. "You will have experiences that you will remember forever."

Central Region Chief

Mike Gray is the 2013 Central Region chief. He hails from Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge, which translates to "Home of the Founder."

Mike attends Bradley University where he is an organizational communication major.

Mike joined Pack 28 in 1999. "At the time, we had nearly 30 Tiger Cubs in my den," remembers Mike. "But by the time I earned the Arrow of Light, there were only two of us left."

He joined Troop 28 in 2004. There he served as assistant patrol leader and patrol leader, as well as troop librarian, senior patrol leader, guide, junior assistant scoutmaster, and currently is registered as an assistant scoutmaster.

He was called-out in 2006, during summer camp, and took part in the Ordeal the very next day. Then in 2008, Mike became a Brotherhood member, which is when he became more involved in his lodge's executive committee. He was elected to lodge chief in the fall of 2010.

After his term as lodge chief was over, he was elected 2011-2012 Section C-3B Chief. "I was fortunate to be elected to a second term as section chief, and with the council realignment, I was then part of C-3A and serving as a co-chief with Marty Wessels. I feel extremely honored with being elected as region chief," said Mike.

Mike is a grass dancer and also sings with his lodge's southern drum team. "I really want to see our group expand, so I'm constantly working to try and recruit new members, and attending seminars to learn new skills," adds Mike.

Mike ran cross country and participated in track and field for all four years of high school. He is a bit of a computer nerd, and enjoys finding new ways to make life more efficient using technology. Whenever he gets the chance, he really enjoys relaxing by hiking, camping, and



Brad Torpey



David Dye



Mike Gray



Tyler Allen

spending time in the outdoors. It's his chance to zone out and enjoy nature.

"Each of us are given countless opportunities to take advantage of in life.... never miss the chance to learn something new, meet new people, or discover a new passion," said Mike.

Northeast Region Chief

Tyler Allen, this year's Northeastern Region chief, is from Langundowi Lodge of French Creek Council in Erie, PA, the "Home of Pine Tree Pete." He is a sophomore at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he studies geology.

Tyler has been in Scouting since a Tiger Cub. He earned the Arrow of Light in Pack 177 and transitioned into Troop 176 in Edinboro, PA. He served the troop

for many years as the assistant senior patrol leader and senior patrol leader, before becoming an Eagle Scout in 2010. This year will be his fifteenth year in the Scouting program and is a Vigil Honor Member of his lodge. He has served as unit elections chairman, powwow chairmen, lodge treasurer, lodge program vice chief, lodge chief, Northeast Region NLS Contract Chairman, and 2011-2012 NE-4A Section Chief, 2012.

Tyler enjoys running and climbing. He enjoys being active and loves to exercise.

"Enthusiasm and exploration are tools used to accomplish great things. I encourage everyone to discover new places, try new things and experience a life of cheerful motion," says Tyler.

Update on adult selection policy

By ZAC GUNTHER

Staff Writer

Starting this year, several changes have been made to the process for adults 21 years of age or older to be selected into the Order of the Arrow. This is to help encourage more adult volunteer

involvement at the troop or team level. In the prior adult selection procedure, each troop or team, upon election of at least one youth candidate was able to nominate a single adult candidate, with more adult candidates allowed for every 50 registered Scouts. For example, a troop with a membership of

75 Scouts would be able to nominate two adult candidates.

The new process allows each troop or team to select up to one-third the number of elected youth as adult candidates. Scoutmasters and team coaches, after serving at least one year in their position and meeting the

camping requirement for the OA, are automatically eligible for candidacy into the Order. For example, a troop electing nine Scouts can select up to three adult candidates and also select their Scoutmaster. This does not change the requirements for approval by the OA selection team.

This change should increase the number of adult Scouters nominated to be candidates for OA membership. By increasing the number of adult members at the unit level, the OA believes that more youth will ultimately get involved with the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

Behind the scenes look at Project 2013 Jamboree Vice Chiefs

By **JOHN CONLIN**
Staff Writer

Many Arrowmen know Matt Brown and Jordan Hughes, the 2013 National Chief and 2013 National Vice Chief, but they may not know about the team of six Arrowmen who are crucial to the execution of Order of the Arrow and non-OA programs at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree. These section chiefs are responsible for leading an OA staff of 700 members to provide support to several integral program elements. Jamboree vice chiefs (JVC's) are also elected during the National Planning Meeting, just like the national and regional officers. Arrowmen were selected by those on their committee to lead OA staff members during the jamboree.

The OA Service Corps will be led by Daniel Smith. Dan is a Vigil Honor member from Jacksonville, FL, in Section SR-4. A member of Echockatee Lodge and the North Florida Council, Dan has attended many national events, including NOAC, NLS, and SOS. He studies philosophy at St. John Vianner College Seminary. The Service Corps will provide manpower at many key events during the jamboree, including the shows and program area assembly. Throughout the week, they will get to see nearly the entire jamboree through the wide variety of tasks with which they will provide service.

Tom Donlon, of Section NE-2A and Columbia, CT, leads the OA Indian Village program at the jamboree. Tom is a Vigil Honor member and Founder's Award recipient from Tschitani Lodge of the Connecticut Rivers Council. A student at Bridgewater State University, Tom studies aviation. His team will

provide leadership to the two American Indian programs at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree. An American Indian Village will be setup at the top of Garden Ground Mountain, one of the destinations of the OA Jamboree Trek. A second program will be at Summit Center, the visitor location for the jamboree. The programs will feature American Indian activities, crafts, and vignettes. Visitors to these programs will leave with a greater understanding and appreciation for American Indian cultures, including those of the native Hawaiians.

The Trek Guide program is represented by the W-1S chief, Nick Dannemiller. Nick comes from Tualatin, OR, and is a Vigil Honor member and Founder's Award recipient. Previously attending NOAC, NLS, and OA Trail Crew, Nick currently spends his time studying wildlife biology at Colorado State University. He and his team will serve as Trek Guides as they lead troops to the top of Garden Ground Mountain. Each troop will visit this area during their time at the jamboree, where they will participate in mountain man activities and highland games, as well as visit the OA American Indian Village. They will end their day with a campfire.

Tyler Stepanek, Section SR-9 chief, is the JVC for the Messengers of Peace, Day of Service program.

OA Day of Service subcommittee. Hailing from Warner Robins, GA, Tyler is a Vigil Honor member and Founder's Award recipient from Echeconnee Lodge. Tyler is no stranger to service, having attended OA Trail Crew and OA Ocean Adventure in addition to NOAC and NLS. Tyler is a student at Georgia Tech, studying aerospace engineering. The Day of Service staff will lead each



Daniel Smith - Service Corps



Tom Donlon - Indian Village



Nick Dannemiller - Trek Guides



Tyler Stepanek - Day of Service



Brandon Gawel - Recreation



Elliot Gault - Program

jamboree troop through a day-long service project in one of the nine counties surrounding The Summit. The Day of Service is one of the two brand new programs, along with the Trek Guides, that our Order has been tasked with providing support for at the jamboree.

The section chief of NE-6A, Brandon Gawel, was elected to lead the youth staff recreation program at the jamboree. Brandon is from Newark, DE, where he is a member of Nentego Lodge. A

Vigil Honor and Founder's Award recipient, Brandon has attended NOAC, ArrowCorps⁵, SummitCorps, and NLS. He studies English and secondary education at Lebanon Valley College. His committee is planning the incredible recreation opportunities for the jamboree youth. This committee includes OA staff as well as Venturers who are helping staff the jamboree.

The OA Program committee is led by Elliot Gault, the section chief of NE-1B.

Elliot is a Vigil Honor member from Seekonk, MA and a member of Abnaki Lodge. Elliot's past events include the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, NOAC and NLS. Elliott currently attends the University of New Hampshire, where he studies political science. The OA Program committee is responsible for coordinating with the other OA led jamboree programs, to ensure that an exciting, inspiring, and cohesive program is presented to all OA staff members.

Michigan State University: NOAC 2015

By **JOSH PELOQUIN**
Staff Writer

The national OA committee has settled on Michigan State University to host the 100th Anniversary National Order of the Arrow Conference in the summer of 2015.

After considering several university sites, Michigan State was chosen because it best met the Order's needs and requirements. Key factors were

programming needs, past satisfaction surveys, and transportation. The primary factor, though, was housing space. The only school that was able to meet the Order's goal of supporting 10,000 Arrowmen at NOAC 2015 was MSU.

Additionally, MSU provides enough training and activity locations. One of the top rated categories in post-conference surveying for 2012 was the MSU staff and their commitment to the conference. Finally, MSU has

committed to providing the conference with the same quality of transportation they provide their students during the year. This should help alleviate one of the primary complaints of distance between activity locations.

The relationships that we have built at Michigan State University since 2006 continue to grow and the school is very excited to host us again for the 2015 conference.

NOAC planning usually begins at

the previous year's December National Planning Meeting, just seven months prior to the event. This year, at the 2013 planning meeting, Section Chiefs will begin the process early by selecting the theme and developing key programs for the 2015 conference. Then in 2014, the chiefs will add their expertise to make the event truly memorable. If an Arrowman only has the opportunity to attend one NOAC in their lifetime, 2015 will be the year to go.

2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference
The Order's 100th Anniversary
August 3-8 2015
Make plans to attend!
Stay tuned at www.oa-bsa.org for more information.

Revised Brotherhood ceremony to be unveiled at conclaves

By **JACOB SCHLIES**

Staff Writer

Members of the national OA committee, section chiefs and support staff got a sneak peak of the newly revised Brotherhood ceremony at this year's National Planning Meeting in Dallas. The demonstration was the first of dozens that will be performed this year as teams unveil the new ceremony at conclaves across the country.

SR-9 Section Chief Tyler Stepanek explained that the ceremony is not finalized and should not be used at lodge events, but all Brotherhood and Vigil members at Section conclaves will be able to see the revised ceremony and give feedback. Devlin Cooper, the SR-9 Section Adviser, added, "I'd like to make sure that everyone here understands what this is. This is an opportunity to impact the future of our Order. Opportunities like this don't come around often."

In coordination with the release of the revised ceremony, the Unit, Chapter and Lodge Support (UCLS) subcommittee, led by Randy Cline, released a report outlining changes to the ceremony. The report explains that Arrowmen are often excited to "earn their bars" after working hard for ten long months serving their unit and remaining active with their lodge. Many Arrowmen also find personal meaning in the tests within the ceremony.

The report goes on to say that "these same Arrowmen – and we suspect many others – are also confused by the additional Obligation, the clumsy progression of the tests, and the administrative nature of the ceremony itself."

One major change to the ceremony is the removal of the Brotherhood Obligation. The subcommittee chose to remove the Brotherhood Obligation because it was rarely ever used outside of the ceremony ring.

Some Arrowmen may feel apprehensive about making changes to the ceremony. What these Arrowmen

should understand is that the original Brotherhood ceremony was not written by Dr. Goodman. The original Second Degree (later renamed the Brotherhood) ceremony was written in 1917 by Dr. William Hinkle.

The ceremony underwent several changes throughout the next thirty years until the foundation of today's ceremony was established in 1951. Later, changes were made to some of Meteu's prayers, and the ceremony that we use today appears to have solidified in 1961.

Lodges may inquire about when they can acquire this ceremony for practice and performance at upcoming functions. However, because the ceremony has not been officially approved, lodges should not demonstrate the ceremony at their events. They will be able to view a demonstration of the proposed ceremony at their 2013 section conclave.

If the response from the section demonstrations remains positive, and the national OA committee votes to approve the revised ceremony, lodges will be permitted to use the ceremony starting in 2014, although lodges may also choose to continue using the current ceremony. This "transition year" will then end on January 1, 2015, just as the Order celebrates its 100th anniversary. The only official Brotherhood ceremony at that point will be the currently proposed ceremony.

Where did the draft ceremony come from? Cline explained that the primary author of the revised ceremony is Jay Dunbar of North Carolina.

Jay, assisted and advised by Paul Lackie of Florida, sent the draft to as many as twenty other volunteers who helped to tweak the draft. Then the draft was sent to key volunteers from around the country who have been specifically selected and officially appointed to work with the UCLS subcommittee in a special capacity.

After reviewing the draft, these volunteers and subcommittee members held a staged reading of the script at the 2011 Indian

Summer in North Carolina for a small, selected group. Cline says from that point forward, David Strebler gave leadership to the discussions and assessment on behalf of his subcommittee for about a year.

From there, the script went down to members of Tipisa Lodge in Orlando, Florida. Tipisa Lodge had members memorize the script and perform the revised ceremony at a demonstration for a small group of volunteers at the NOAC this past summer. In December, the members from Tipisa flew to Dallas to perform the ceremony at the National Planning Meeting and to provide guidance for some of the stage movement directions.

The revised Brotherhood ceremony has already taken a long journey across the country, but it is not finished yet. The ceremony will be coming to section conclaves, where Arrowmen will have the opportunity to provide the UCLS subcommittee with feedback.

"The great thing about the proposed revised Brotherhood ceremony is that it added to and embellishes the story begun in The Legend," said Cline.

In this new text we learn that there is more to the story of Uncas and Chingachgook, new information that wasn't previously shared in The Legend is revealed, and a new character is introduced.

All of this adds texture and meaning to enrich knowledge and understanding of Brotherhood, and of cheerful service.

The poetry in the new text is elegant and simple. It will be easy for teams to memorize, and some of the lines are destined to become "quotable classics" within our Brotherhood.

Don't miss the opportunity to impact the Order's future. Lodges should make sure they are well represented at their section's conclave to see the ceremony first hand. Lodges should also use this opportunity to encourage Brotherhood conversions before the conclave, so new Brotherhood members can witness the future of the Order.

2013 National OA Service Grants



The Longs Peak Council (Kola Lodge) headquartered in Greeley, Colorado, will receive \$2,474 dollars for the winterization of the Camp Jeffrey Kola Lodge building at the Ben Delatour Scout Ranch.

By **BRENT WESSEL**

Staff Writer

Each year, the national Order of the Arrow committee presents matching service grants to lodges from all across the country for service projects to improve the programs in their council. The committee provides up to one half of the cost of the project with a \$5,000 cap. These grants allow lodges to continue to leave a legacy of cheerful service for their council and local area. This reinforces one of the Order's four-fold purposes: "To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others." The following twenty lodges received service grants for the 2013:

Central Region

- Otyokwa Lodge from the Chippewa Valley Council.
- Tamegonit Lodge from the Heart of America Council
- Portage Lodge from the Heart of Ohio Council
- Woapink Lodge from the Lincoln Trails Council
- Nataepu Shohpe Lodge from the President Gerald R. Ford Field Service Council

Northeast Region

- Kittatinny Lodge from the Hawk Mountain Council
- Madockawanda Lodge from the Pine Tree Council
- Na Tsi Hi Lodge from the Monmouth Council
- Te'Kening Lodge from the Southern New Jersey Council

Southern Region

- Ahoalan-Nachpikin Lodge from the Chickasaw Council
- Mikanakawa Lodge from the Circle Ten Council
- Unali'yi Lodge from the Coastal Carolina Council
- Nawakwa Lodge from the Heart of Virginia Council
- Shenandoah Lodge from the Stonewall Jackson Area Council

Western Region

- Wauna La-Mon'tay Lodge from the Cascade Pacific Council
- Kola Lodge from the Longs Peak Council
- Ha-Kin-Shay-A-Ki Lodge from the Pikes Peak Council
- Tah-Heetch Lodge from the Sequoia Council
- Yowlumne Lodge from the Southern Sierra Council
- Gila Lodge from the Yucca Council

“Scouts Helping Scouts” after Hurricane Sandy

By **PHILIP ZENG**
Staff Writer

Last October, Hurricane Sandy severely hit the northeastern region of the United States, especially parts of New York and New Jersey. Two large storms combined to become a huge “extra-tropical” storm with 60 miles-per-hour winds and a devastating storm surge. The storm damaged everything from homes to Scout camps, with many suffering from the heavy destruction of the hurricane. To help with the cleanup effort, the Northeast Region started the “Scouts

Helping Scouts” campaign.

As the name implies, the “Scouts Helping Scouts” campaign is raising money for the Order of the Arrow’s Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund to help Scouts affected by the damages caused by Hurricane Sandy. The Northeast Region called upon all Arrowmen, lodges, and sections to take part and support the campaign and assist lodges who need the financial aid to complete recovery projects at their council camps.

“The relief efforts started off with a bang, and I was pleasantly surprised,” said Mark Chilutti, the Northeast

Region chairman of the OA. “It was quite heartwarming to see all the donations we got from not just lodges and sections, but also Scout troops, Cub Scout packs, and individuals.”

Originally aiming for a goal of \$15,000, the Northeast Region has gone well beyond their original goal. With everyone’s amazing support, they were able to raise \$59,000 which will go to lodges that need the money for their recovery projects!

If your council is in need of financial support to restore their camps, the Scout executive of your council must approve an application

filled out by the lodge, with grants of up to \$7,500. Arrowmen will play an integral part providing cheerful service and labor restoring campsites, hand-in-hand with the financial support from all our brothers across the nation.

The Northeast Region is still continuing to collect donations, so do not hesitate to talk to your fellow Arrowmen and make a contribution to this important cause. When Lodges and sections make a generous donation of \$100 or more, a special mylar border patch will be given to those who participated in this campaign. Individual Arrowmen can purchase

these patches for \$10, great for selling at banquets and events. The patches will continue to be sold, with 100% of the proceeds being put towards the “Scouts Helping Scouts” campaign.

“We are grateful for all the support we’ve received from all over the country,” Chilutti expressed. “It just goes to show how much people all over the country wanted to help with the devastating situation; we just gave them a way.”

Each contribution is as important as the next in helping Scouts affected by the disaster. Every Arrowman can make a difference!

The Spirit of the Eagle for Pack 170, Sandy Hook, CT

By **MITCHELL ALEXANDER**
Staff Writer

On Dec. 14, 2013, 26 lives were taken in the now unforgettable Connecticut mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School. The shooting struck close to home in many ways, including the Scouting community, as two of the 20 children killed were Scouts. Chase Kowalski and Benjamin Wheeler of Pack 170 were Tiger Cubs and, as their council noted, “would-be Eagles.”

The tragedy at Sandy Hook affected other members of Pack 170 as well. Three young boys in the pack lost a sibling in the shooting and one of the

many first responders on the scene, Peter Baressi of the Sandy Hook Fire Department, was a Tiger Cub den leader in the pack.

With the tragic event effecting members of the Scouting community, Chief Scout Executive Wayne Brock sent out a letter to both the National Executive Board and members of the national organization.

“During times like this, we all want to do something. We feel helpless,” said Brock. “We need heavy shoulders ... to bear such a burden. Our nation’s young people depend on the values we teach, and we will never let them down. I am so proud to be working shoulder to shoulder with each of you in service to the youth

of America.”

Shortly before writing the letter, Brock and other Scouting officials presented Chase and Benjamin’s families with the Spirit of the Eagle award, a posthumous recognition designated to honor any registered youth who has lost his life through an accident or illness.

Benjamin’s parents were also den leaders in the pack. In his address to Scouting members, Brock said they were “very touched and appreciative.”

Any letters, cards, or donations may be sent to:

Pack 170 Memorial Fund
Connecticut Yankee Council
PO Box 32
Milford, CT 06460



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Scouts pay respects at Cub Scout Benjamin Wheeler’s funeral.

From zero to chapter: lodge restarts defunct chapter

By **JOE DONAHUE**
Staff Writer

While the rest of the country was preparing to celebrate the holidays, the members of Na Mokupuni O Lawelawe Lodge of the Aloha Council were welcoming the newest members of the Chamorro Chapter. The chapter spent the weekend of December 21-23, 2012 running an Ordeal weekend for the first time since 2008.

Chamorro, which covers the entire U.S. territory of Guam, began its resurrection efforts roughly one year ago when Joey Hundley and his family moved to Guam for an

assignment in the Navy. Joey had just been elected to the Order but was unable to complete his Ordeal on the mainland. He wanted to be involved in the Order in Guam, as he would have been if he was inducted in Illinois.

The lodge leadership ran an Ordeal for him on the condition that he serve as the chapter adviser to the Chamorro Chapter, which was defunct at the time. Joey agreed to take on the role of chapter adviser and asked his wife, Beth, who was not yet an Arrowman, to take on day-to-day responsibilities when he was gone on assignment for the Navy.

To re-engage the chapter since it ceased to exist in 2008, the first place Joey looked to was the lodge’s records of previous chapter members; however, they quickly ran into some problems. “We found that the members couldn’t be reached, either because they were no longer there or because the contact information wasn’t up-to-date,” remarked Beth.

Eventually, the chapter recruited a few members from the military units, but it continued to struggle because of the fact that it did not have a way to get in touch with the local units, the chapter’s only hope of survival. That all changed when

a Scouter who had retired from the Navy and still lived in Guam stepped forward to help.

“He volunteered to help get elections underway, and we were able to get eight people elected,” said Beth.

After getting current OA members registered, Chamorro chapter held an Ordeal on the weekend of December 21-23. Eight members of the Chapter oversaw the induction of eighteen new Ordeal members, bringing the total membership to twenty-seven.

The chapter elected a member of a local non-military unit, Kind Smith, as its chapter chief. The

Hundleys hope that it will help them out with getting in touch with locally-based units. Kind will be working with the chapter, helping with the Chamorro District spring camporee as well as doing a work weekend at the local Scout camp.

“Our hope is to put ourselves out there so that others see us and want to get more involved with the chapter,” said Beth.

Beth, Joey and all the new Arrowmen want the chapter to continue to grow. They plan to work with troops this year to make sure even more Scouts are eligible for membership in time for next year’s Ordeal.

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| Aal-Pa-Tah | Cahuilla | Ont | Lowwapanew | Nawakwa | Quapaw | Timmeu | Wah-Sha-She |
| Abnaki | Catawba | Hunnick | Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan | Nendawen | Quinipissa | Timuquan | Wahinkto |
| Achewon | Cho-Gun-Mun- | Illinek | Ma-Nu | Netawatwees | Santee | Tindeuchen | Wahpekute |
| Netopalis | A-Nock | Illini | Maddockawanda | Nguttitehen | Seminole | Tipisa | Wahunsenakah |
| Achpateuny | Colonneh | Itibapishe Ili | Mandan | Nischa Achow- | Shenandoah | Tisquantum | Watonala |
| Ah'Tic | Crazy Horse | Hollo | Marnoc | alogen | Shinnecock | Tiwahe | Wauna |
| Ahoalan- | Croatan | Ittawamba | Mawat Woakus | Nischa Chuppe- | Shunkah Mahn- | Tkaen Dod | La-Mon'Tay |
| Nachpikin | Echeconnee | Jaccos Towne | Menawngihella | cat | eetu | Tom Kita Chara | Waupecan |
| Ajapeu | Echokotee | Kansa | Miami | Nisha Kittan | Sikhs Mox | Toontuk | Wiatava |
| Alibamu | Eswau | Karankawa | Mic-O-Say | Nisqually | Lamonti | Totanhah | Wipala Wiki |
| Allohak Menewi | Huppeday | Kawida | Michigamea | O-Shot-Caw | Skyuka | Nakaha | Witauchsoman |
| Amangi Nacha | Ga-Hon-Ga | Kidi Kidish | Mikanakawa | Octoraro | Suanhacky | Tsali | Woa Cholena |
| Anpetu-We | Gila | Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut | Mitigwa | Onondaga | T'Kope Kwiskwis | Tsisqan | Woapeu Sisilija |
| Apoxky Aio | Grand Monad- | Kittan | Miwok / Esselen | Onteroraus | Ta Tanka | Tu-Cubin-Noonie | Woapink |
| Ashwanchi Kinta | nock | Ktemaque | Mowogo | Otahnagon | Ta Tsu Hwa | Tulpe | Wulapeju |
| Atchafalaya | Guneukitschik | Ku-Ni-Eh | Muscogee | Otyokwa | Tah-Heetch | Tutelo | Wunita Gokhos |
| Awaxaawe' | Gyantwachia | Langundowi | Na Mokupuni O | Owaneco | Tahosa | Unami | Wyona |
| Awachia | Ha-Kin-Skay-A-Ki | Lenapehoking | Lawelawe | Pa-Hin | Talidandaganu' | Wa-Hi-Nasa | Yah-Tah-Hey-Si- |
| Blue Heron | Hasinai | Lo La'Qam | Naguonabe | Pachachaug | Tamegonit | Wachtschu | Kess |
| Bob White | Ho-De-No-Sau- | Geela | Nanepashemet | Pachsegink | Tatanka-Anpetu- | Mawachpo | Yokahu |
| Buckskin | Nee | Lowaneu | Nataepu | Papago | Wi | Wag-O-Shag | Yowlumne |
| Caddo | Ho-Nan-Ne-Ho- | Allanque | Shohpe | Portage | Tetonwana | Waguli | |

SILVER

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| ABAKE MI-SA-NA-KI | JAPEECHEN | QUELQUESHOE |
| AJAPEU | KAWEAH | SASQUESAHAENOUGH |
| ALAPAHA / IMMO- | LAKOTA | SHAWNEE |
| KALEE | MIWOK / ESSELEN | TARHE |
| AWASE / AG-IM | MOSWETUSET | TSCIPEY ACHTU |
| BLACK HAWK | NENTEGO | UNALI'YI |
| BLUE OX | OSCEOLA | WICHITA |
| CHIPPANYONK | OWASIPPE | WIHINIPA HINSA |
| EL-KU-TA | POCUMTUC | |
| HUNGTEETSEPOPI | PUVUNGA | |

PARTICIPANT

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| ACHEWON NIMAT | BLACK EAGLE | KOLA | NANUK | SAC-N-FOX | THAL-COO-ZYO | WAGION |
| AGAMING | CHATTAHOOCHEE | KONEPAKA | NAYAWIN RAR | SAKUWIT | TI'AK | WAHISSA |
| MAANGOGWAN | CHI-HOOTA-WEI | KETIWA | NEBAGAMON | SEBOONEY | TOLOMA | WALAMOOTKIN |
| AHTUQUOG | CHICKSA | KUSKITANNEE | NENTICO | OKASUCCA | TOMO CHI-CHI | WAPASHUWI |
| AINA TOPA HUTSI | CHUMASH | KWAHADI | NI-SANAK-TANI | SEQUOYAH | TONKAWA | WASHITA |
| AKELA | COMANCHE | LOWANNE NIMAT | NOQUET | SHENSHAWPOTOO | TOPA TOPA | WENASA |
| WAHINAPAY | EGWA TAWA DEE | MALIBU | OHLONE | SHU-SHU-GAH | TSOIOTSI TSOGALII | QUENHOTAN |
| AMANGAMEK- | ES-KAIELGU | MALUHIA | ORCA | SIPP-O | TUKARICA | WOAPALANNE |
| WIPIT | INI-TO | MAN-A-HATTIN | PAMOLA | SIWINIS | TUPWEE GUDAS | YUSTAGA |
| AQUEHONGIAN | KA'NISS | MONAKEN | PASSACONAWAY | TAKACHSIN | GOV | |
| ARACOMA | MA'INGAN | NA TSI HI | PAUGASSETT | TAKODA | YOUCHIGUDT | |
| ARAWAK | KIONDAGA | NACHA NIMAT | PILTHLAKO | TATALIYA | SOOVEP | |
| ASHOKWAHTA | KITTATINNY | NAMPA-TSI | RANACHQUA | TECUMSEH | UT-IN SELICA | |

JTE PINS

Lodges that are certified as a Journey to Excellence (JTE) Lodge this year and in the future will be eligible to purchase pins for youth and adult Arrowmen after February 1 of the following year. The pins may be purchased for \$1.50 each from the national OA office; an order form will be included in the 2013 Lodge Program Support Pak. There will be three different pins, one for each level: Gold, Silver, and Bronze.

All proceeds from the sale of the JTE Lodge pin will go to the Order of the Arrow's Endowment Fund. Interest income generated from this fund provides support to Scouting both nationally and locally.

DID NOT PARTICIPATE

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| Coosa | Chilantakoba | Atta Kulla Kulla | Semialachee |
| Cowikee | Golden Sun | Pellissippi | Nakona |
| Abooiipaagun | Tannu | Penateka | Wewanoma |
| Talako | Te'Kening | Tatanka | Kishahtek |
| Spe-Le-Yai | Half Moon | Loquanne Allangwh | Gamenowinink |
| Tschitani | Oconeechee | Tejas | |
| Ma-I-Shu | Klahican | Kanwatho | |
| Kiskakon | Cuyahoga | Tatokainyanka | |
| Sakima | Wisawanik | Netopalis Sipo | |
| Dzie-Hauk Tonga | Emo'o Mahpe | Schipinachk | |

Please note that "official" recognition for JTE levels comes from the national office, as a sticker for the lodge charter. This list is current as of 3/10/2013.