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**From the Editor...**

Hello Fellow Brothers,

I have enjoyed my term and wish the next Editor and Secretary great luck. There were lots of changes to this newsletter and I think the next Editor will continue the tradition. Many people have helped me over the year and I thank them all. I would especially like to thank Mrs. Carla and Ms. Yvonne for all their help. It is my hope that everyone will continue to help the next Editor as they did me.

*Brotherly yours,  
Randall Hart, Editor*

**From the Lodge Chief**

My Fellow Brothers,

This has been a very exciting year for the Lodge and for me personally. As I begin my college experience, so does the Lodge prepare for a new year with new officers. I would like to begin by saying congratulations to the new officers and I look forward to working with all of you over the next year as Past Lodge Chief



I would also like to say thank you to everyone who made this year what it was. I feel that the Lodge has new traditions that will be in practice for years to come. There were many new faces this year, and I hope to see all of you return next year to participate in the great wealth our Lodge has to offer.

With that said, I would also like to invite back all of you who may have been unavailable for the events this year. My message to those who have become inactive: OUR LODGE NEEDS YOU! There is no way that our lodge will continue on the road to success without the support and participation of its members. Please come to the events, please pay your dues, please have a good time. Remember, we are the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. While we do perform service in the council and in the community, we also know how to have a good time.

This is not a farewell, because I plan to remain active within the Lodge. However, this is a thank you for making my year as Lodge Chief enjoyable. Good luck, David. I know you will do a great job. Thank you to all.

*Yours in our Brotherhood,  
Marcus Plaisance  
2003 Lodge Chief*

**Last issue for 2003!**

***LEC on December 21<sup>st</sup>***

**Register NOW for  
Quinipissa Lodge Banquet**

*See our Web Page for more information.*

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## Officers' Corner



My brothers,

This year has been productive for my position. I enjoyed working with elangomats, camping promotions, and all my chapter chiefs. As with all good things that start, they must come to an end and that end is now; I am moving on to a new position in the Lodge and would like to thank each and every person that served the lodge through me. This past year saw some changes to my position also, the first vice-chief is no longer responsible for elangomats. I would like to thank all the elangomats that has ever served and place best wishes to the third vice-chief, who elangomats report to now. Camping promotions has really taken off, be sure to let your troop know that we would like to come and do a promotional visit.

Looking forward to next year! I am happy to serve as your 2004 Lodge Chief. I want this to be one of, if not the best year, that our lodge has ever had. There are opportunities in which you can help make this happen. Many service opportunities are upcoming, we need people to help out at the Leaderfest Fiesta and at the scout show, both in January. Please go ahead and mark your calendar for both the Section Conclave and our Spring Ordeal, these events are full of fun and they are an enjoyable experience, the more people that are there the more fun we can have and the more productive we can be in the preparation of camp. I look forward to working with each and every one of you throughout the coming months.

*Yours in WWW*  
David Chaney



Hi Everyone,

I am the new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chief. I'm a member of Troop 60, and am a Brotherhood member. Some of my goals are:

- Have a chapter chief for every chapter
- Have a unit election for every unit in the council
- Increase camping

*Yours in Brotherhood,*  
Matthew Castello  
Vice Chief



Hey Everyone,

I had so much fun last year as 3rd Vice Chief that I decided to run again. Changes will be to try and inform you of events earlier and recruit more Arrowmen to serve the Lodge in all capacities. All activities are planned with committees under 3rd Vice Chief. Upcoming event dates can be found in this Drumbeat and Planbooks. Welcome to Michael LeBlanc, Bobbie Johnson and Peyton Hendrix who have accepted the call to serve as Chairmen of committees. If you would like to be a Chairman or an event planner, contact me at 275-2069 in Baton Rouge, or [spt\\_thewolf@hotmail.com](mailto:spt_thewolf@hotmail.com).

*Yours in Brotherhood,*  
Steven Taylor  
3rd Vice Chief



Dear Fellow Arrowmen,

I look forward to a great year as the Second Vice Chief of the lodge. My goals as the Second Vice Chief of the lodge are to encourage participation in and with the Dance and Ceremonies Team. The work involved is hard but very rewarding and very fun. If you are interested in joining either team you may contact Mr. John Lappin at (225) 275-1789 or [jlappin@bellsouth.net](mailto:jlappin@bellsouth.net). You may also contact me at (255)769-8746 or at [markws@bellsouth.net](mailto:markws@bellsouth.net).

*Yours in Cheerful Service,*  
Mark Simien  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice  
Chief



Greetings

Arrowmen.

I am looking forward to serving you for the upcoming year as secretary. My goals as secretary are to get good, hard-working committee chairmen, mail out at least 5 *Drumbeat* issues, and to have registration ran efficiently at all events. I am looking for serious Arrowmen to be chairmen for the committees of registration and publications. Thank you for your support.

*Yours in Brotherhood,*  
Jeremiah Mouton  
Secretary

Fellow Brothers,  
Hello!

This year has been a great year for the Order of the Arrow. We accomplished many things this year. A traveling trading post has been established, which travels with us to all of our functions that we attend away of Camp Avondale. A new working budget has also been established. At the last Fellowship, I was reelected to the position of Treasurer. I have several goals for the upcoming year. I would like to get some new items in the trading post. This is a goal that can be easily met with your assistance. Any suggestions that you can offer me for new items in the trading post would be appreciated. Other goals that I have for the next year is to establish monthly financial reports. I would also like to gather some suggestions for food at the Ordeals and possibly make some changes to the menu, depending on what everyone thinks. You can let me know of any ideas that you might have for trading post items or for new food menus by emailing me at [cornstarch@cox.net](mailto:cornstarch@cox.net).

*Lee Ard*  
Lodge Treasurer



**Teamwork of 2004 Officers  
Training held during  
November**

## Committee Corner

### **Service - Avondale Upgrades**

*By Steven Taylor*

Over the next couple of years Camp Avondale will be changing a lot. There are quite a few projects going on around camp. There is Cub World at Magee and Merit Badge Areas for summer camp that will be taught at Tigator. Plans for an Olympic size swimming pool near Lake Istrouma. There are Service days scheduled at Avondale every other month. Some tasks are small (painting the bathrooms) and some are big (clearing trails, moving bridges or tearing down and rebuilding deteriorated buildings). Our Service Chair, Sean Chaney, has done an excellent job during the past year in coordinating many of the projects. He and his adviser have worked hard. One of the most fun service projects we do is the Pat's Coats for Kids. A couple of our Arrowmen help Pat Shingleton at WBRZ Channel 2 to advertise the event. Many of our adult Arrowmen serve as transporters of the coats from Kean's dry cleaners to where the coats are distributed. Special thanks to Joe Farlow who helps coordinate these activities each year on behalf of the Salvation Army. If any pack, troop or crew is looking for a service project to do you can call me at 275-2069 or email me at [spt\\_thewolf@hotmail.com](mailto:spt_thewolf@hotmail.com). Our new year in the Lodge will bring a new Service Chair and new Service Adviser. Bob Hughes, former Service Adviser, will be the 3rd Vice Chief Adviser during the 2004 year.

### **Registration Committee**

*By Jeremiah Mouton*

Something has been brought to my attention:

I would like to address exactly you would be doing a chairman or active members of the OA registration Committee!

Active Members (youth) will be assisting in the check-in and registration of members and ordeal candidates during fellowship, banquet, and the ordeals.

Active Members (adult) will be assisting the youth and supervising. The adults are not in charge of the actual registration -- they are just there to make sure it flows smoothly.

Committee Chairman (has to be a youth) will be setting up for the registration, will find active members to run the registration booths (at least 2 weeks in advance) and will be in charge of reporting to the Secretary and to your advisor (Danette Parker) about the number of participants and the status of the money. It is a lot easier than it seems if you do it right!!!!



Did you attend Conclave? Group pictures available by emailing Steven Taylor @ [spt\\_thewolf@hotmail.com](mailto:spt_thewolf@hotmail.com)

### **Activities of the Past Year**

*By Steven Taylor*

As the year of 2003 finishes, I can remember all of the many events that our Lodge had. At the banquet in January, we had Riley Berg, former National Vice Chief, as our keynote speaker. During March, we had one of the most successful work days at Camp Avondale. You could say "we felt the earth move under our feet." In April, we sent a contingent to Conclave hosted by Ti'ak Lodge in Mississippi. There we had two teams compete in Arrowmen Olympics against each other, and Kyle Morrow represented our Lodge in the Dance competitions.

During May, Spring Ordeal successfully saw the beginning of annual activities, with a Vigil callout during the campfire. Many of our Arrowmen traveled through the summer months with their troops to summer camp. It would have been great to send some Arrowmen on Trail Crews to Philmont or Northern Tier. In September, Fall Ordeal's Saturday night brought beer to the woods. That is movies, popcorn and root beer. The movies were "The New Guy" and "Evolution".

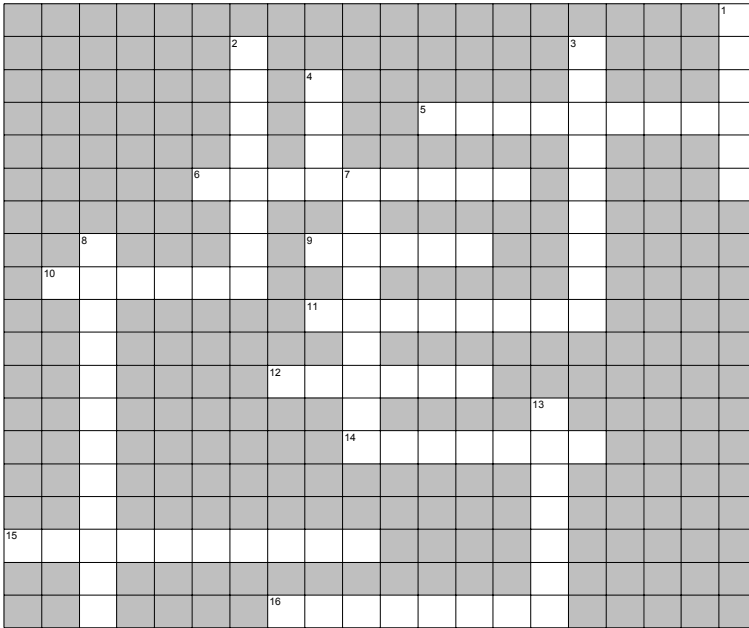
This past month, the annual Fall Fellowship had many activities. There was a Halloween costume contest, chess tournament and a pig, just to mention a few things. After the costume contest, we watched "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship Of The Ring". Tournaments were held during the day on Saturday. We roasted a pig (couchon delet) for supper, and held Officer elections after supper. Saturday's events ended with watching "Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers".

The new Chair for the Activities Committee is Peyton Hendrix. I hope that you plan to help him with fun activities like Fall Fellowship, planning campfire activities or great Saturday night movies during the next year. He helped me behind the scenes during Fall Ordeal, and has earned the recognition that this position will give him. Currently, the Pat's Coats for Kids service project is underway, and I plan to drop off some coats to my local Kean's (hope you do too). We are in the process of planning the banquet to be held in January. Do you want Quinipissa Lodge to be better? Be part of the planning!! Contact Peyton Hendrix at (985)845-2204 or [hendrix4@charter.net](mailto:hendrix4@charter.net), myself (225)275-2069 or [spt\\_thewolf@hotmail.com](mailto:spt_thewolf@hotmail.com) or our Adviser for Activities, Mark Ernst at (985)624-9735 or [msdoe6996@aol.com](mailto:msdoe6996@aol.com).

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## FUNnies

### December's Crossword Puzzle.



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#### Across

5. All Quinipissa Arrowmen should serve on at least one of these
6. Ordeal candidates are selected through these
9. 2004 Quinipissa Lodge Chief
10. Referred to as Wilderness \_\_\_\_\_ at Northern Tier
11. Lodge publication with roster of members
12. 2003 Quinipissa Lodge Chief
14. Held at Avondale
15. Training Course
16. What you have in your hands or are viewing

#### Down

1. Spring and Fall events
2. Being held near Monroe, La., in 2004
3. Held during the spring at Philmont
4. Coming in 2004 – in Ames, Iowa
7. Philmont summer activity
8. Fellowship event, roasted pig
13. Held annually in January

### Announcements

#### Registration Committee

Thank all of you for signing up for the Registration Committee. I am Jeremiah Mouton, the OA Secretary for 2004. I am looking for a good, hard-working committee chairman and for some youth and adults who would like to get active in this committee. If you are interested in either of these things, please call me at (225)262-2580

*Thanks  
Jeremiah Mouton*

#### Publications Committee

Thanks to all of you who signed up for the publications committee. This is Jeremiah Mouton, the OA Secretary for 2004. I need a good, hard-working chairman for this committee. I also need hard-working people to become active members of this committee. If you would like to do one of these things, please call me at (225) 262-2580! If you want to be chairman, in 2004 you will be responsible for the drumbeat and planbook. Your advisor will be Yvonne Taylor.

*Once again, thanks for signing up!  
Jeremiah Mouton*

***We want your articles, tell us about what you like about last year's events and this issue.***

### Upcoming Events

#### December

- 1 Quinipissa Lodge Recharter deadline
- 21 LEC at Jefferson United Methodist Church at 2:00 p.m. (Baton Rouge)

#### January

- 10 Annual Banquet

#### February

- 7 Council of Chiefs – Camp T. L. James

#### March

- 7-13 Philbreak Week #1
- 12-14 National Leadership Seminar
- 14-20 Philbreak Week # 2
- 21-27 Philbreak Week # 3

#### April

- 16-18 Conclave – Camp T. L. James

#### April - May

- 30 – 2 Spring Ordeal – Avondale Scout Reservation

#### June

- TBA OA Trail Crew at Philmont and OA Voyages at Northern Tier begin – information to come!!

#### July - August

- 31- 5 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) in Ames, Iowa

**2003 QUINIPISSA LODGE #479 ORGANIZATION  
ISTROUMA AREA COUNCIL  
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