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From the Editor...



Hello Fellow Brothers,

My name is Kyle Barber. I am the new editor for the Drumbeat. I am hoping to publish about 5 issues this year. Remember that I cannot publish any issues without articles from my fellow Arrowmen.

Articles about any event would be greatly appreciated. This might include your favorite memories, favorite ceremonies, or even how you thought the food was.

*Brotherly yours,
Kyle Barber, Editor*

From the Lodge Chief



My Fellow Brothers,

This will be a very exciting year for the Lodge. The Lodge is preparing 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.

Conclave is coming up very soon, April 16-18, 2004. We will be traveling as a contingent to Camp T.L. James in Downsville, La. I would like us to send 50 Arrowmen and you can help make that happen. In this edition of *The Drumbeat*, there is a Conclave registration form.

Ordeal in May brings many new traditions that have developed throughout the past year, and I would hope that you plan to attend to serve the Lodge and our Council Camp.

We are sending a contingent to NOAC in Ames, Iowa, this summer. Lee Ard is the Youth Leader and Carla Morrow is the Adult Leader. It's not too late to register and attend.

We are trying to attain Quality Lodge and need all Arrowmen to register early during the fall. Thanks in advance for helping the Lodge to reach its goals.

*Yours in our Brotherhood,
David Chaney
2004 Lodge Chief*

First issue for 2004!

April 23rd Pre Ordeal Setup

Schedule Unit Elections

**Register NOW for
Conclave**

See our Web Page for more information.

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Officers' Corner



Dear Fellow Arrowmen,

We have just got the new Camp Promotions video, so talk to your Troops about

scheduling a session at one of your scout meetings. Also, Spring Ordeal is just around the corner so we need all of your troops to hold a unit election; I will be getting in touch with your Scoutmasters to set a date for your Troop to have an election. Finally, it has been brought to my attention that since we have this new Camp Promotions video that it would be good if the Lodge participated in the Camping Promotions Competition. We would also like to participate in the Unit Elections Competition. If you are interested please contact me ASAP.

*Yours in Brotherhood,
Matthew Castello
1st Vice Chief*



Dear Fellow Arrowmen,

I would like to thank those youth and adults who help the Dance and Ceremonies teams out. I would also like to urge those who are thinking about joining either team to join. It's hard work, but it is also very fun.

I would finally like to ask those who are on the Dance or Ceremonies teams to contact me via email about making teams for Conclave.

*Yours in Brotherhood,
Mark Simien
2nd Vice Chief*

Hey Everyone,

The banquet was awesome! Regional and National events are on the horizon. Upcoming event dates are in this issue. Please see the article on who the

contingent leaders are for these events. The committee chairmen have been busy working on goals and planning. Ordeal activities should be fun! I have recruited some Arrowmen to plan specific gatherings during Ordeals and Fellowship. I hope that you say "yes" if asked to help them. If you would like to help plan the Lodge's activities or serve on one of the committees, contact me at vc3479@oalodge479.org.

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



Fellow Brothers,

The annual Lodge Banquet, held on January 10, marked the beginning of a new year. I was among one of the people to be recognized as a Lodge officer. This year is going to be my second year serving as Lodge Treasurer. I hope to make several improvements in the trading post, the food at events, and in Lodge finance matters. If any of you have any suggestions for food at events, or for new items to add to the Trading Post, please let me know. My email is treasurer479@oalodge479.org. This year the Lodge is going to the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Iowa State University. If you are interest in going, you can contact me via email for more information.

*Yours in Brotherhood,
Lee Ard*



Hello fellow Arrowmen!

My position as secretary has been going great. Publications, Registration, and Membership have been working hard. You can expect a lot from my chairmen. I would like to thank my chairmen and their advisers for all of the help that they

have been giving me. There is not really too much to say, except for I plan to have a great year this year. Please feel free to call or email me or my chairmen with any suggestions or comments.

*Jeremiah Mouton
Secretary and Membership*





Committee Corner

Service Committee

By Steven Taylor

Planning has already begun to ensure that camp service days and ordeal projects best meet the needs at Avondale Scout Reservation and ensures that Ordeal Candidates can feel that they are a part of the growth and change at camp. My Adviser, Bob Hughes, met with the Camp Rangers and District Commissioners during winter camp week and assessed what we have done since the beginning of 2003, what we need to do and where our Lodge can best facilitate the renovations and changes. Please join my fellow Arrowmen and I to make a difference at Avondale (possibly you can brag that you laid those pipes). If any pack, troop or crew is looking for a service project to do you can email me at vc3479@oalodge479.org. You can, also, contact Joe Farlow at the Scout office (225) 926-2697 or E.J. Moore at Avondale Scout Reservation at (225) 683-9873.

Activities Committee

Hi,

My name is Peyton Hendrix and I am the chairman of the activities committee. I plan on having more fun, but in a serious manner, at all of our events. I will plan on having more people attend the activities that we come up with. I would like to make sure there are plenty of things to be done at all Ordeals.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Peyton Hendrix

Publications Committee

By Kyle Barber

There are many events coming up soon that will need to be reported on. We are always looking for people who can write about their experiences at OA events. Do you like to take pictures? If you do you could be the publications photographer. All we need is someone who can show up at the events and take pictures to use for the Drumbeat and Planbook. Who knows, your pictures could make it on the Lodge website! Competitions at Conclave and NOAC are approaching and suggestions on which issues to use would be a great help. Articles and pictures can be emailed to me at secretary479@oalodge479.org.

New Express Registration

By: Jeremiah Mouton

Starting at the 2004 Spring Ordeal we will feature a new "express" registration. If all forms and money is turned in before the deadline, you will be able to simply walk in and pick up a packet holding all of the things that you need for ordeal. There will be no lines and no waiting for a person to sign you in. So be sure to get all of your forms turned in by the deadline.

Light the Night Walk 2003

By Matthew Castello

The Muskhogean Chapter volunteered at the Light the Night Walk on Sunday September 21. This is the annual walkathon for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The walk was held in front of the Old State Capital at Galvez Plaza.

Through pouring down rain we set up the area where the walk would take place. The rain finally slaked up just before everything got under way. "The Light The Night® Walk is The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's nationwide evening walk. Walkers carry illuminated balloons to celebrate and commemorate the lives touched by cancer. Against a twilight sky, a parade of flickering red and white balloons winds through communities, creating a breathtaking sight and a spirit of camaraderie among all who carry them.

Participants in Light The Night walks raise funds in support of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's mission. Participants raising \$25 or more carry illuminated red balloons. Cancer survivors will carry illuminated white balloons. Dedication Banners designed to celebrate and commemorate those touched by cancer give participants a chance to personalize their efforts and honor friends and loved ones. T-shirts and other Light The Night rewards are provided to recognize participant fundraising. A post-walk celebration includes refreshments, music and family festivity. Please join us to find a cure. Anyone can participate. Children, adults, and seniors are all welcome. This is a casual walk with no fitness requirements. For more information go to their website at www.lightthenight.org."

I would like to give a word of thanks to those brothers who came out thru the rain to help with the walk.

QUINIPISSA LODGE 479

FUNnies



The Dance Team performed the Bear Dance during the meal at the Banquet.

The Lodge Advisers are inducted.
"I, STATE MY NAME ..."



Bob Hughes received a plaque on behalf of "Cole's Rental World" for their donations of tools to the Lodge over the past year.

*I'm a Vigil, She's a Vigil,
 We're all Vigil, don't you want
 to be a Vigil too?*



Lodge Events

ANNUAL BANQUET

The Lodge had their Annual Banquet on Saturday, January 10, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge. The day was filled with busy Arrowmen. They arrived early to participate in a NOAC Planning meeting, set up for the Banquet and enjoy the Fellowship. Vigil elections were held earlier in the day, as well.

Southern Region Chief Seth Dearmin was our keynote speaker. He is an Eagle Scout in Troop 400 and is a Vigil Honor member of Wahissa Lodge in the Old Hickory Council. He attends the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and enjoys backpacking and climbing. Seth honored the attendees by swearing in the 2004 elected officers, their advisers, chapter chiefs and their advisers.



Special thanks to Chad Heflin for asking Seth to join us.

Dinner began around 7 p.m. with food prepared by Lodge Advisers Mark Ernst, Sr. and Bob Hughes. You can almost savor the aroma from the menu below. Special thanks to Christopher Campbell, Leslie Ernst and Mark Ernst Jr. for all their help in preparing the food and cutting up all the onions (53 cups total).

The Dance Team performed while Arrowmen enjoyed their meal. Mark Plaisance gave a presentation on behalf of International Scouting effort. We collected more than \$250, the Lodge matched \$100 of that, and a donation from Baker Rotary Club (someone check this), the scouts will be able to buy approximately 70 uniforms at \$10 each. Cole's Rental World of Mandeville/Covington was recognized for donating the tools that we have used at Camp Service Days, Spring Ordeal and Fall Ordeal with a plaque.

ARROWMEN HONORED WITH AWARDS

<i>Special Person of the Year</i>	Mike Chapman
<i>Arrowmen of the Year</i>	Jeremiah Mouton Bob Hughes
<i>Jimmy Ross Service Award</i>	Robert Hughes, Jr.
<i>Founder's Award</i>	David Chaney Marcus Plaisance
<i>Chapter of the Year</i>	Tchefuncte

Upcoming Events

March

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

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

September

- 10-12 Region Gathering (SOS) Ridgcrest, NC

October

- 8-10 NLS / NLATS Cedar Creek, TX
- 22-24 NLS / NLATS Smyrna, TN
- 29-31 NLS Richmond, VA

MENU FROM THE BANQUET

S a l a d

Salad a la Hughes

E n t r e e s

Catfish Acadian

(bed of rice with Blackened Catfish and topped with Crawfish Etouffee)

Grilled Chicken

(topped with a Shrimp Alfredo Sauce)

(Boy was this good!!)

V e g e t a b l e s

Corn Maque Choux

Green Bean Amandine

D e s e r t s

Banana Pudding with Vanilla Wafers

Chocolate Pudding with Oreo Cookies

(embellished with OA decoration)

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