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and Cheerful Service”



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From the Editor...

Hello Fellow Brothers,

It's a new year for the *Drumbeat*, and I know that with help from all our Arrowmen we can make this a great year for the *Drumbeat*. I look forward to working with all of you to make the *Drumbeat* even better than last year. Remember, if you want to be active in the Lodge, there are many committees to become part of. Read about them on the Officer Corner and Committee Corner pages.

*Brotherly yours,
Kyle Barber, Editor*

First issue for 2005!

Schedule Unit Elections

Register NOW for Conclave

See our Web Page for more information.

From the Lodge Chief

Dear Brothers,

This year is off to a great start. We held our annual banquet on January 8th, and it was a great success. If you would like to lead or be on a committee, please let me know. I look forward to serving you as the 2005 Lodge Chief. I believe this year will be a great success. We have a huge amount of potential in the Lodge, but the Lodge needs a lot of help this year. If we work together there is nothing we can't accomplish. I hope to see you at Conclave, April 15-17. There will be more information coming soon. So in conclusion, I look forward to working with you all and hope to see you soon.



Yours in Brotherhood,
Robert Hughes
Lodge Chief

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Officers' Corner



Hey everybody,
I have just a couple of reminders. First, I would like everybody to get in touch with your

Chapter Chief, Chapter Adviser or myself to schedule a date for an OA election. Secondly, I would like all of you to remind your troops that if they don't already have an OA Troop Rep that they need one. If you are already an OA Troop Rep., please send me your email address so I can help you schedule election teams. Contact me at vc1479@oalodge479.org. Well I guess that's it, so until later...

Yours in Brotherhood,
Matthew Castello
First Vice Chief



To My Fellow Brothers,

Everything is not going so well. I need members to join ceremonies teams because we only have four members, including myself, on a ceremony team. We have no current dance team that I am aware of. If anyone is interested in dance teams or ceremony teams or would just like some more information about ceremonies and dance teams, please contact me at vc2479@oalodge479.org

Yours in Brotherhood,
William Parker
2nd Vice Chief

**No Article
Submitted**

Mark Ernst, Jr.
3rd Vice Chief



CHAIRMEN WANTED FOR

Service Chairman
Safety Chairman
Elangomat Chairman

Minimum Qualifications:

Fun-loving youths
Positive attitude
Ready to work
Likes meeting Arrowmen

Job Description:

Positions offer youth active participation at functions and events. Chairmen continually interact with Lodge officers as well as members of the committees.

Are you looking forward to having a great year? Our Lodge encourages everyone interested in these positions to contact the 3rd Vice Chief or his adviser, Bob Hughes, to apply for these positions.



Fellow Arrowmen,

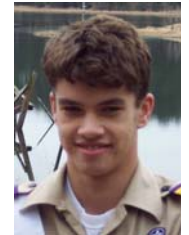
Thanks so much for allowing me to serve you as secretary for another year. I am very proud that such great gentlemen have volunteered to serve as committee chairmen and such nice ladies to serve as advisers. This year will be a great year for us. If you ever have anything you would like submitted to the Drumbeat, please e-mail it to secretary479@oalodge479.org. Also, once again, thanks to Tyler Ward, Roslyn Davidson, Danette Parker, Kyle Barber, and Yvonne Taylor for volunteering to take these positions, If you are interested on being on their committees, please e-mail me.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Jeremiah Mouton
Secretary

Hello Fellow Arrowmen!

I am currently the new Lodge Treasurer for the 2005 year. I have served as the activity committee chairman during the 2004 year and was recently awarded with the Arrowman of the Year for the Lodge. I plan on making the Lodge a more "money friendly" Lodge by balancing our budget in a better way and by moving budgeted monies where it is needed most. This year's Finance Committee chairman is Lee Ard. I am looking for a Trading Post Committee Chairman and Food Service Committee Chairman. If you are interested in becoming more active in the Lodge and continuing your service e-mail me at treasurer479@oalodge479.org. I will be glad to give you an overview of the position you wish to fill on either of the above committees. My two goals for the upcoming year is the have a more efficient Lodge budget for Lodge events and to maintain an up-to-date and accurate Lodge budget. I hope to make your year in the Lodge one of the best and the most fun that you will ever have.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Peyton M. Hendrix
Treasurer



Committee Corner

Publications Committee

By Kyle Barber

As always, the publications committee needs your articles to make this newsletter possible. If you want to tell everyone what you think about OA events, just write an article. Maybe you think Fall Fellowship was a blast, and more people should know. Write an article. Maybe you want other Arrowmen to know how important it is to be an Elangomat. Write an article. Also, don't forget to bring your camera to events so that *your pictures* can be put in the *Drumbeat* or *Bokoko Balti*. Email pictures and articles to secretary479@oalodge479.org.

LLD held at Longhouse at Avondale Scout Reservation

The 2005 Lodge Officers and Advisers met at ASR on Saturday, January 29 to participate in Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) training. Among many topics covered were team-building exercises, event planning, resources needed and calendar scheduling. Excitement and energy increased during one session when Camp Ranger E.J. Moore visited with the group. He challenged the officers to make the Lodge have a bigger presence at Avondale Scout Reservation. After several ideas were discussed, a couple of options were decided upon that will need short term preparation and have a long-term impact.

Although the dining hall in the summer camp area has some memorabilia, it lacks historical pictures. E.J. has pictures of ASR, but suggested some of the Lodge's pictures and patches be displayed in the Administration building with some of those pictures. This is where summer campers check in and this is the first impression of ASR that campers get. The recommendation included putting items behind Plexiglas onto the walls rather than have frames with glass that would fall, break and need repair regularly.

The second recommendation was for the Lodge to become more visible at ASR by taking ownership of one of the buildings on camp. This would give a visible change at ASR as well as give Arrowmen something visible for their cheerful service to our Council, camp and Lodge. The Officers evaluated the Longhouse for its use. The building was built during the 1950s and served as the original dining hall for summer campers at that time. The Camp Master program stores troop camping gear in the building. The floors have been tiled recently and the electricity and plumbing works, but not much has been done to the building during the past 5-10 years. The Officers worked together to piece together the gear to be full sets and to clean out the storage rooms while the Advisers worked on generating a needs list for repairs and renovations.

From the 3rd Vice Chief Adviser

Dear Brothers in Scouting:

Matt Graham and I have been working on emphasizing the Troop Representative program in the Lodge and each and every Troop. This program will be presented to the Troops in their District Training Schedules over the coming year. In short, the program provides for communication from Lodge leadership to the members in the Troops and **from the Troops back up to the Lodge Leadership**. We will be reinforcing that this is your Lodge and asking for each of you to "count" with your suggestions for food, fun, programs and training. The days of a few showing up, working in a disorganized fashion, eating (or not), and going home without a meaningful experience is an image we are trying to change. We are also trying to reinforce that the Lodge is a support organization for training and service to the Troops.

Bob Hughes

Leadership in Service Award

Submitted by

Matthew Graham, Associate Lodge Adviser

In recognition of the Order of the Arrow's heritage of service, the National Order of the Arrow Committee created a new three-year Leadership in Service Program, which was announced at the 2004 NOAC. This award can be earned each year between 2005 and 2007 to encourage and reward service to the council and to our local communities. Arrowmen (youth and adults) must complete the following requirements each year in which they earn the award:

- Give 8 hours of service participating in a lodge, chapter, or council service project benefiting a local council camp (example: Ordeals and Family Nights during Summer Camp) Service may be split over two or more events.
- Give 6 hours of service doing a community service project planned and run by the lodge or chapter.

The sign-off forms will be made available at the next lodge event and on the lodge website as soon it has been made available from the National Committee. Please keep on the look out for service projects and get involved!

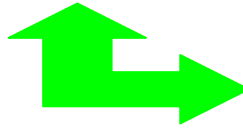
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FUNnies



← Harold Rideau, COOL guest speaker as promised.

The 2005 Registration Chairman & Adviser



Jeremy Billings- both eyes included.



↑ **2004 NOAC STAFF REUNION –** Chad Heflin (not pictured), Brian Lawson, Jared Shank and Matthew Graham



The 2005 Quinipissa Lodge Officers... or at least 3 of them.



↑ *Katie Taylor,* the girl behind the NOAC patch set.

Lodge Events

ANNUAL BANQUET

Quinipissa Lodge 479 held its Annual Banquet on Saturday, January 8, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge. The day was filled with busy Arrowmen. They arrived early to set up for the Banquet and have fellowship with each other. Our tradition of holding the annual Vigil nominations and elections was held. Dinner began at 5 p.m.

City of Baker Mayor Harold Rideau was our keynote speaker. He is retired from ExxonMobile, where he served for over 35 years. He is a member of the Executive Council of the Istrouma Area Council Boy Scouts of America and a Silver Beaver recipient. He has served in the Army, served as a leader to many boy scouts and is a member of Quinipissa Lodge. Mayor Rideau taught merit badges while serving on winter camp staff at Avondale Scout Reservation, served summer campers on Family Service Nights hosted by our Lodge and served several youths at high adventure activities including Philmont treks. He took office during July 2004. His keynote shared memories of times he has spent with the scouts from within our Council, relationships that have been cultivated with members of our Lodge and challenged the Arrowmen to work together in cheerful brotherhood. Special thanks to Marcus Plaisance for inviting Mayor Rideau.

The 2005 elected officers, their advisers, chapter chiefs and their advisers were sworn in by Michael Dunne and Chuck Simmons.

ARROWMEN HONORED WITH AWARDS

<i>Arrowmen of the Year</i>	Peyton Hendrix Joseph Farlow
<i>Jimmy Ross Service Award</i>	Robert Hughes, Jr.
<i>Founder's Award</i>	Michael Dunne
<i>Chapter of the Year</i>	Tchefuncte

Did you know?

1. The Muskogean language group includes these tribes in historic Louisiana:
Acolapissa, Bayougoula, Choctaw, Houma, Okelousa, Tangipahoa, Muglasha and Quinipissa.
2. The *Bokoko Batli*, which is being published for all event dates (Banquet, Fellowship and Ordeals), means to beat a drum. At NOAC and Conclave, daily newsletters are available. The idea came from our Lodge Secretary to have a daily paper at Quinipissa events. The first two editions came out in December at Ordeal/Fellowship and in January at our banquet. Both are online at www.oalodge479.org.

Upcoming Events

March

- 6-12 Philbreak Week #1
- 13-19 Philbreak Week #2
- 18 Conclave Trading Post Orders Due
- 20-26 Philbreak Week #3

April

- 1 Conclave Registration Due
- 9 Pre Ordeal Meeting at Administration Building at Avondale Scout Reservation
- 9 LEC, following Pre Ordeal Meeting
- 15-17 Conclave – Camp Pioneer, Arkansas

April - May

- 29 – 1 Spring Ordeal – Avondale Scout Reservation

June

- TBA OA Trail Crew at Philmont, Ocean Adventure at Sea Base and OA Voyages at Northern Tier begin – dates can be found in your Lodge Planbook and on the National Order of the Arrow website at www.oa-bsa.org

July - August

- 25- 3 2005 National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill near Bowling Green, Virginia



2005 OA Maintenance Programs!

Not going to the National Jamboree?

Check out the Order of the Arrow's [2005 Ocean Adventure Program](#), [2005 OA Wilderness Voyage](#), or [the 2005 OA Trail Crew](#).

Cheerful service for one week, then plan out *your own trek* the second week.

**2005 QUINIPISSA LODGE #479 ORGANIZATION
ISTROUMA AREA COUNCIL
SOUTHERN REGION 1 - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

DO YOU LIKE TO DRAW?

Want to become part of the Quinipissa Lodge history?

THE LODGE NEEDS YOU!!

Our current supply of Lodge flaps is diminishing and we will be ordering **NEW** flaps this summer.

Minimum requirements on patch must include:

Lodge Name, Lodge Number, WWW and fleur de lis.

Please submit your designs and suggestions to our Lodge Treasurer, Peyton Hendrix, by May 1, 2005, via email to treasurer479@oalodge479.org or mail to the Trading Post Adviser, Sheri Hutto at 9215 Wild Valley Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

*Submissions can, also, be turned in during
Spring Ordeal at Avondale Scout Reservation.*