

TALKING LEAVES

TROOP OA ELECTIONS

Who ya gonna call?

The Order of the Arrow is an honor campers' brotherhood that recognize those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.

Once each calendar year, a Boy Scout Troop may hold a unit election to elect youth members of their troop to become members of the Order of the Arrow. New members are voted on by every youth member of the troop present

at the election - not just the OA members. Adult leaders are nominated. If your troop has no active OA members, that's fine. A unit election team, trained in the latest OA election policies, will visit a regular troop meeting at the Scoutmaster's invitation to conduct the election for you.

If you would like an election team to assist with your troop's

OA election, please contact your Chapter Chief.

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CONCLAVE 2011

What's it all about?

Conclave is only a few more months away and the final preparations are under way! This year, the host lodge is Talligewi Lodge at Camp Crooked Creek in Shepherdsville, Kentucky. The Conclave promises to be full of new and improved activities that will be a fun time for all.

For those who have never been to a Conclave, it is a gathering of Arrowmen from the ten lodges in our section. On average, there is about

800 to a 1,000 Arrowmen in attendance. Activities include rifle shooting, training, quest games, American Indian Activities, xBox tournaments, movies, a campfire, and much much more!

The food for this year has been promised to be the best ever. The service and hospitality of Talligewi will make this Conclave stand out from the others.

To register, go to registration.oasection6.org. Once

there you can either sign up online if your lodge offers it or if you are from Ahoalan-Natchpikin or Kawida lodge you should download the paper registration form and mail it into your council office.

For more information about Conclave, go to oasection6.org/conclave. Tali 293 leadership is working on transportation to the conclave. Stay tuned for more info on that. Conclave 2011, come check it out!



Spring Fellowship

The Lodge Spring Fellowship was a major success. Arrowmen and other volunteers worked on numerous projects, preparing Skymont for the Summer season.

Projects worked on included:

- Re-roofing the entire chapel
- Finishing the rifle storage room; new floor, and roof
- Cleaned every camp site
- Cleaned the climbing tower and other program areas
- Continued work on the BLOB tower at the waterfront
- Fixed all lights at the amphitheater

In addition to service projects, we had fellowship and enjoyed shooting shotguns and rifles.

Spring Ordeal

Spring Ordeal is around the corner. Its time again to induct new members, move others to Brotherhood, and get the camp ready for Summer programs.

One of the primary objectives of the Order of the Arrow is promotion of camping in the Scouting program. What better way to accomplish this than to prepare the camp for Summer campers?

Do not miss this opportunity to help the camp, welcome new members to the Lodge and enjoy fine food and fellowship at Skymont. Ordeal weekend is May 20-22. A registration form is available at the council office.

NOTE: If you would like to be an Elangomat for the Spring Ordeal, please contact Josh Williams, Lodge Chief.

Conclave 2012

In the Spring of 2012, Section 6's Conclave will be hosted by Talidandaganu' at Skymont. It is an honor to host this event and with this honor comes a good amount of preparation. We will utilize upcoming Fellowships, Beaver Days, Ordeal weekends and others, to prepare for this event. Your help is needed. If you have special skills that you think will be useful, please contact Josh Williams or Tommy Rogers.

BROTHERHOOD



Studying for Brotherhood

You made it through the Ordeal and you are thinking about reaffirming your commitment to the OA by becoming a Brotherhood member.

You must meet five challenges before you can enter the Circle of Brotherhood. They are:

1. Memorize the following signs of OA membership:
 1. The Obligation of the Order
 2. The Order of the Arrow Official Song
 3. The Admonition
 4. The sign of Ordeal membership
2. Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal. See "The Customs and Traditions of the Ordeal" in your OA handbook.
3. Serve your unit.
4. Plan for service in your lodge.

5. When you have completed the four challenges above, write a letter to the lodge secretary. In this letter:

- A. Explain what you think the Obligation means.
- B. Describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your unit and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in this service,
- C. Describe your specific plans for giving service in the Lodge program.

An aid in preparing for the Brotherhood is located on the National OA website at <http://jumpstart.oa-bsa.org>. It is known as the Jumpstart program and will walk you through everything you need to know.



2011 Lodge Leadership

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Upcoming Events

April 8-10, Conclave
April 21, LECM
May 7, Beaver Day, Skymont
May 19, LECM
May 20-22, Spring Ordeal
May 28, Day of Service at National Cemetery

Publications and E-Leaves

The electronic newsletter "E-Leaves" is published electronically and provides current OA and Lodge news. E-Leaves has been published regularly since February 2010. It is delivered directly to email boxes, or can be viewed online. If you have signed up to receive E-Leaves, but haven't received one every month since signing up, please email web@tali293.org, and we'll make sure your email address is correct. If you haven't signed up for E-Leaves, you can do so in one of two ways:

1. Email web@tali293.org and say "I want to sign up for E-Leaves!"
2. Head over to <http://tali293.org/maillinglist.htm> and sign yourself up.

Visiting that website will also give you access to all of the issues of E-Leaves that have been published.

Being Thrifty: In an effort to save money and trees, the lodge would like to send Talking Leaves in electronic form to those with email addresses. If you would like to receive Talking Leaves via email, please let publications@tali293.org know.

OA HIGH ADVENTURE

The time for planning your summer is here, and I want to encourage any Arrowman in our lodge who have even thought about trying to attend an OA High Adventure trip to give it a shot. You won't regret it!

During the OA's high adventure program, you spend a week of meaningful service in which you live the principles of our order and then spend a week of adventure experiencing what it is like to go to a high adventure base. I attended this program last summer and loved it. I am hoping to go again this year but this year; I hope not to be the only arrowmen from our lodge to go. WE WANT YOU TO GO AND HAVE THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME. <http://adventure.aa-bsa.org/>
Yours in Brotherhood,
Tyler W. Morris



CHIEFLY SPEAKING

As we exit winter and enter into a glorious spring, I want to challenge you each to pause in reflection. What have you been doing to cheerfully serve your fellow man? What have you done with your brothers, all of us Arrowman? For we are each bound as brothers unto one another. We each promised upon our honor to faithfully serve and cheerfully give. I want you all to try and do more this year than any before: help more, give more, be more. We all have but one life to live, let us all strive to make it filled with meaning. True satisfaction that is lasting is not found in receiving, but in giving. It is through service to others

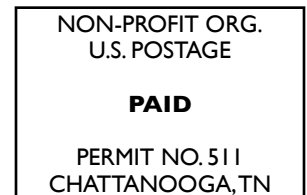
that we each discover ourselves, that we come to know that who we truly are! Also great service gives us the opportunity to have great fun! Conclave will be here before we know it, and I want ALL OF YOU to come with me! It is an awesome event, one of the best in Scouting, so sign up now to assure you spot! It will be an event you do don't want to miss. We accomplished a tremendous amount at the Spring Fellowship. As I think about what we as an Order can accomplish, I realize that we are the future of this world: the ones of us who dedicate our selves to something greater, to something more! It is up to us to take this world where we want to be! We are capable of whatever we choose to be, but you need to take the lead! Become a leader when not in your Scout uniform. Remember the

words, " He who serves his fellows, is, of all his fellows greatest!" Do this in Servant Leadership! Show everyone else what being a Scout and being an Arrowman is really all about! Show them the power of one! Each of us has the potential to change the world, we just have to step forward and do so! It is up to you to make a difference, all of you. Uphold the traditions set forth by our founders! Serve selflessly! Show that through service you can lead others, even just by walking across and saying thank you to a friend. So, with that, I will see you all at Conclave in April.

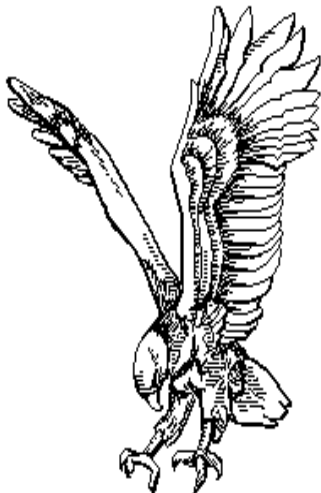
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