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A NOTE FROM OUR CHIEF

My Brothers,

It has been both a privilege and an honor to serve you as your Lodge Chief for a second term. The 2009-2010 lodge administration has continued upon the progress that was begun last year. The *Quality Chapter Award* has been cemented and is now a core program of the lodge that gives chapters a vision of what an ideal chapter is and encourages each chapter to perform to their highest potential. The lodge has fundamentally changed our camp promotion program based upon the success of Boone Trail's Cub Scout Promotion Pilot Program, headed by Boone Trail Chief Connor Lalonde and Boone Trail Camp Promotion Chairman Stuart Krull. Whereas camp promotions in the past were given to Boy Scout troops, now promotions are given exclusively to cub packs where the promotions have a much greater chance of being effective. And, after much review of the Brotherhood Surveys from the 2008 Winter Fellowship Banquet, the lodge has decided to personalize Brotherhood questioning by making it a responsibility of the chapters instead of the lodge.

Besides refining and improving projects started in 2008-2009, the Lodge Executive Committee has been busy refining our lodge's bylaws and launching new programs. Beginning in October, the lodge began to reexamine the bylaws' wording regarding when the sash is allowed to be worn. At the November Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meeting, a full debate ensued regarding this issue, and two new amendments were adopted at the January LEC with overwhelming support which allow for the sash to be worn more frequently (*See the last page for amendment details*). The 2009 Winter Fellowship Banquet boasted record attendance and saw our brothers provide overwhelming support to our lodge's first annual Toys for Tots collection. Furthermore, at the banquet, the lodge unveiled the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Pocket Flap Program which challenges brothers to not only be active in their troops and chapters, but to also be active members of their communities.

The Lodge Executive Committee has been working hard to improve your experience as a member of the Shawnee Lodge. You can count on us to continue to do so as we prepare for Ceremonial Team Seminar, the One Day of Service, Spring Conclave, and Section Conclave. Peruse the rest of the Lookout to get details on these exciting upcoming events.

I will conclude with this simple truth: our lodge can only be as strong as our members. Thus, I challenge you to become more active in our great Order.

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Sign up to be an Elangomat at the Spring Conclave and be one of the first to earn the lodge's Extended Elangomat Award, join a ceremonial team and compete at ceremonial team seminar, or perform camp promotions and help your district reach their camping goals. There are so many opportunities for you within our lodge. I challenge you to take advantage of as many of them as you can so as to "strengthen the ties of brotherhood, build upon the fire of cheerfulness, and ease the burdens from the shoulders of your fellow brethren." By doing so, not only will you strengthen your personal commitment to our values while strengthening the lodge, but you will also find that all of these activities can be quite fun.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Ben Kremer
Shawnee Lodge Chief

100th ANNIVERSARY POCKET FLAP PROGRAM

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting, the Shawnee Lodge is releasing a special edition lodge pocket flap. The pocket flaps can be obtained by completing the requirements card below and turning the card in at any lodge event. There is a limit of two pocket flaps per person and each flap costs \$4.00. Cards will be available at the Spring Conclave.



2010 SUMMER CAMP STAFF

Looking to try something different this summer? If so, apply for the 2010 Greater St. Louis Area Council Summer Camp Staff. You can help Scouts enjoy their summer camp experience while you are having fun, making friends, and gaining valuable work experience. If you are a Scout who will be 15 years old and an Eagle Scout by June 1, then pick up an application at the Council Service Center, the lodge website, or the council website (www.stlbsa.org), fill it out and then bring it with you to the Spring Conclave for an interview. For more information, call Pat Martchink at the Council Service Center, (314) 361-0600 or (800) 392-0895.

2010 ONE DAY OF SERVICE

The One Day of Service is a great opportunity for Arrowmen from across our lodge to join together in brotherhood and donate their time to better our community. This year's One Day of Service will be held the weekend of April 30 to May 2 at S bar F Scout Ranch. The projects we complete will be helping to prepare our camp for another summer of campers. We will be cleaning up some of the damage caused by the severe storm last May as well as setting up different areas within each of the camps.

In addition to the service work there will be evening programs both Friday and Saturday including religious services, glow in the dark ultimate Frisbee, and movies on the big screen!!! The One Day of Service is limited to 300 participants so if you are interested sign up ASAP!! The cost for this event is \$5 per participant. This cost covers the patch as well as Saturday lunch and dinner. Registration began on February 12th. To register simply fill the form on this site and send in your payment. After you register you will be able to access more details about the One Day of Service! Hope to see you there!



E-NEWS NEWSLETTER

The lodge will begin using the E-news Newsletter system this month. The E-news system allows the lodge administration to send out email announcements about lodge programs and events, along with the *Lookout* in a pdf format. The current plan is to send out email announcements about every other month. To register for the E-news Newsletter go to <http://shawneelodge.org/enews/>. We guarantee not to fill your email with huge messages and we guarantee not to give your contact information to anyone.



AMAZING COUNCIL SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for something beyond the usual summer camp? You should think about participating in the Ranger Program, Nagel Horse Camp, or River Ranger Program. Check out these great opportunities to go camping and participate in exciting activities.

Horse Camp

Horse Camp will be at Beaumont Scout Reservation at the Nagel Base from June 6 to June 12, 2010. This 7-day adventure includes more than just horseback riding. Come and get the chance to experience some of the other amenities of Beaumont Scout Reservation like swimming, skeet shooting, and the climbing tower. A horse show will be the grand finale on the last day of the camp. Register soon, because space is limited. All participants - Boy Scouts, Venturers, or Explorers - must be at least 14 years old by June 1.

Ranger Program

The Ranger Program is designed for those Scouts who are 14 or older, or in their fourth summer camp, are in good physical condition and are looking for fun, adventure, and challenges in the backwoods of the S bar F Scout Ranch. Teamwork, problem solving, cooperation, and leadership development are important parts of the Ranger Program. Activities that have been included in the program are blacksmithing, Native American sweat lodge, ropes course, and black powder shooting. Scouts will swim, have time to fish, and participate in games designed to improve outdoor skills. The Ranger Program activities vary from year to year. Individual Scouts may sign up for the Ranger Program as their second week in camp. A minimum of five Scouts is needed to conduct the weekly program. Cost of the Ranger Program is \$220.00.

River Ranger Program

The River Ranger Program is designed for those Scouts who are 14 or older, or in their fourth summer camp, are in good physical condition and are looking for adventure on a weeklong float trip. Cooperation, teamwork, and leadership development are key parts of the River Ranger Program. A minimum of 20 Scouts is needed to conduct the program. The River Ranger Program takes place on the Eleven Point River in south central Missouri. Individual Scouts may sign up for the River Ranger Program as their second week in camp. A cost of \$235.00 will be charged for the River Ranger Program, which includes meals, program materials, canoe rental from private outfitter, transportation to and from the S bar F Scout Ranch, and Ranger Program patch. Adults are welcome on the program. The River Ranger program is June 6-11. Scouts should meet at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday at the Scout Lodge in the S bar F Camporee Area. The program will end around 6:30 p.m. after dinner on Friday at the Ranch Headquarters area. Check out the council's website for more information, www.stlbsa.org.

SIGN UP FOR THE E-NEWS NEWSLETTER TODAY!!!

WINTER FELLOWSHIP BANQUET AND VIGIL RECOGNITION

On December 21, 2009, the Shawnee Lodge hosted one of the largest Winter Fellowship banquets in the past two decades. The annual business meeting included an invocation by former Lodge Chief Kevin Wiese, guests which included representatives from the section officers as well as the National Chief Jack O'Neill, a brief presentation on the new camp promotion program, the unveiling of the program for the 2010 One Day of Service, the upcoming Ceremonial Team Seminar, and a speech given by Jack O'Neill who gave a reflection on his year in office.

The evening concluded with the Vigil Callout Ceremony where 25 Brothers were recognized. Receiving this honor were: Aaron R. Burton, Sean J. Chambliss, Gary V. Dill, Roger A. Ellison, Robert C. Engemann, Christopher L. Gallagher, Nicholas B. Hartzler, Daniel N. Koschoff, Samuel K. Kost, Stuart R. Krull, William J. Kuhn, Kristofor M. Long, Stephen H. Ludwig, Benjamin R. Luedloff, Terry L. McCartney, Brandon L. McDowell, Sam J. Nicholas, Thomas J. Owen, Bryan J. Peters, Kyle L. Roth, Brandon M. Scherrer, Cody L. Seckfort, James A. Sholtis, Corbin D. Sohn, and Michael A. Spink. For the description of each Arrowman's service, check out the Vigil page on the lodge website.

SPRING CONCLAVE 2010

The 2010 Spring Conclave will be held at Beaumont Scout Reservation on April 16-18. The Spring Conclave is a great opportunity to seal your membership in the Order by obtaining Brotherhood.

The fee for Brothers for the Spring Conclave is \$12.50 and includes the Spring Conclave patch, ice cream social and the Saturday evening dinner. After April 1, the fee increases to \$15. Without the Saturday evening dinner, the fees are \$8.50 and \$11 after April 1.

The Lodge Leadership is encouraging all Arrowmen attending the conclave to participate in the Spring Conclave Good Turn Project - a canned food drive. Each Arrowman is asked to bring at least one can of food to the conclave. The collection site for the canned food items will be in the Emerson Center during the conclave. All of the cans will be distributed to a local food pantry on Saturday afternoon of the conclave. You can make a difference – The Power of One!

LODGE CALENDAR

March 6

Ceremonial Team Seminar
Beaumont Scout Reservation

March 23

Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
Beaumont Scout Reservation

April 16-18

Spring Conclave at Beaumont Scout Reservation

April 23-25

National Leadership Seminar
Beaumont Scout Reservation

April 30-May 2

One Day of Service at S bar F Scout Ranch

May 8-15

Chapter Meetings

June 4-6

ScoutQuest 100 at Forest Park

June 6-11

River Float Ranger Program

June 6-12

Horse Camp

June 28

Lodge Nominating Meeting at S bar F

August 8-15

Chapter Meetings

August 24

Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
Beaumont Scout Reservation

September 10-12

Shawnee Lodge Fall Reunion
S bar F Scout Ranch

OBLIGATION OF THE ORDER OF THE ARROW

I, _____, do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienck, Wingolauchsik Witahemui. I will always regard the ties of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow, as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

EXTENDED ELANGOMAT PROGRAM

Have you experienced the Extended Elangomat Program? The program will use the Elangomat to ensure that the candidate is given guidance throughout his first year as an Order of the Arrow member. The Elangomat will be expected to keep in contact with the new Ordeal member, encourage his attendance at chapter functions, and assist the new Ordeal member with earning the Brotherhood Honor. The two-part patch that has been designed for the Extended Elangomat Program as well as additional information about the program can be found on the Shawnee Lodge Web site.

SEAL YOUR MEMBERSHIP

If you are an Ordeal member, then plan on sealing your membership in the Order of the Arrow by obtaining the Brotherhood Honor. Some requirements for Brotherhood are: attend chapter meetings, participate in a service project, assist with camp promotion and attend a week of summer camp. You also must complete the Brotherhood questioning. The answers to the questions can be found in the Ordeal ceremony as well as in the Shawnee Lodge Handbook. Additional information can be found on the lodge Web site, www.shawneelodge.org.

BROTHERHOOD QUESTIONS

1. What is the name of the initial honor in the Order of the Arrow?
2. What are the objectives and purposes of the Order of the Arrow?
3. What are the four parts of the Ordeal and their respective purposes?
4. Who are the four ceremonial characters and what are their offices and duties?
5. Repeat the obligation (From memory)
6. What is the legend of the Order? (Tell in your own words)
7. How and when is the symbol of the Order of the Arrow worn?
8. Tell what the symbol of the Order is and why it was chosen.
9. Give the handclasp of the Order. How is it a modification of the Scout handclasp and what is the meaning of this modification?
10. How must the admonition of the Order always be given?
11. What is the admonition?
12. What is the meaning of the admonition?
13. Describe and give the hailing sign of the Ordeal.
14. What is the full name of the Order?
15. In what language is it given?
16. What is its meaning in English?
17. Give the words or sing the song of the Order.
18. What is the purpose of the Brotherhood membership?

In addition to the questioning, each Brotherhood candidate must write a statement of re-dedication. This statement could include what the Order of the Arrow means to you, how obtaining the Brotherhood Honor will help you as an individual or what the words brotherhood, cheerful and service mean to you. The statement should be submitted with your Brotherhood card and fees.

Brotherhood questioning occurs on the Saturday afternoon of the Spring Conclave at your chapter headquarters. The fee is \$15.

SPRING CONCLAVE 2010

Chapter Camping Assignments:

<u>Lane Area</u>	<u>Shippey Area</u>
Gravois Trail	Pathfinder
New Horizons - pavilion	River Trails
Osage	Thunderbird – pavilion
Grand Towers	Boone Trails
Ozark Trailblazers	
North Star	

Spring Conclave Saturday Schedule

7:30 a.m.	Candidates report to Chapter HQ
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Summer Camp Preview Meeting
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 p.m.	Yard Sale
3:30 p.m.	Brotherhood Questioning - Chapter HQ
5:45 p.m.	Retreat and Vigil Sash Presentation
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Ordeal Ceremony

**PARTICIAPTE IN THE SPRING CONCLAVE GOOD TURN PROJECT.
BRING SOME CANNED GOODS TO THE SPRING CONCLAVE!!!**

**Registration Form for Shawnee Lodge Members Only
2010 Section Conclave
September 24, 25, and 26, 2010**

The C-3B Section Conclave will be hosted by Black Hawk Lodge at Saukenauk Scout Reservation near Mendon, Illinois. The cost of the weekend is \$35 which includes Friday cracker barrel; Saturday breakfast, lunch, supper, cracker barrel; Sunday breakfast; the conclave patch; and program materials. Each individual will need to supply their camping gear and tentage. Scouts will need to make arrangements for adult leadership through their troop or chapter prior to the Section Conclave. The early registration deadline is September 14. After September 14, the cost will increase from \$35 to \$45. **All participants must be registered in advance of the conclave. This form is for Shawnee Lodge members only.**

Please print all information.

Name _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Age _____ Email Address _____

Phone number with area code (_____) _____

Unit number _____ Chapter _____

Are you currently a chapter officer, chairman, or adviser? Yes No

Are you currently a lodge officer, chairman, or adviser? Yes No

A Scout **must provide** the name of the adult that will be serving as his leader for the Section Conclave.

Name of adult leader _____

Parent's signature for Scouts under the age of 18 _____

Mail registration form and fees: Shawnee Lodge, Section Conclave, 4568 West Pine, Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63108
Cost: \$35 if paid by September 14. \$45 after September 14.

2010 APPLICATION FOR RANGER PROGRAM

Troop No. _____ of _____ District

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone No. _____

Age _____ Birth date _____ Total cost: \$220.00

I wish to attend the session beginning: _____ June 13 _____ June 20 _____ June 27
_____ July 4 _____ July 11 _____ July 18

My troop is attending camp the week of _____, 2010 at Camp _____.

Enclosed is my \$25.00 nonrefundable deposit. All fees should be paid in full by June 1, 2010. Additional information will be sent to the Scout once the deposit is made at the Scout office.

Parent's signature

Leader's signature

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Received \$ _____ Receipt No. _____ Date _____

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Received \$ _____ Receipt No. _____ Date _____

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2010 APPLICATION FOR RIVER RANGER PROGRAM

Troop No. _____ of _____ District

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone No. _____

Age _____ Birth date _____ Total cost: \$235.00

I wish to attend the River Ranger Program from June 6-11, 2010. Enclosed is my \$25.00 nonrefundable deposit. All fees should be paid in full by May 1, 2010. Additional information will be sent to the Scout once the deposit is made at the Scout office.

As unit leader I approve of this Scout participating in the River Ranger Program. I understand that participants of the River Ranger Program must be a classified as a Swimmer and be able to work well independently and as part of a team.

Unit leader's name (print) _____ Phone number _____

Unit leader's signature _____ Date _____

Parent's signature _____ Date _____

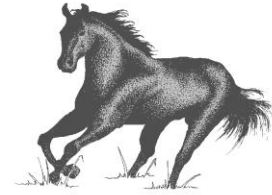
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HORSE CAMP



The 2010 long-term horse program will be a seven-day, adventure-filled experience. Features include horseback riding, swimming, skeet shooting, climbing tower, campfires, and much, much more. A horse show is conducted at the end of the week. To be a part of this exciting program, you must be a registered Boy Scout, Venturer, or Explorer and 14 years of age by June 1, 2010. Dates for the Horse Camp are June 6-12, 2010. Sign up today! Maximum number of participants is 40. Cost is only \$220.00, which includes meals, lodging, and program materials. A reservation fee of \$25.00 will hold your spot. The registration fee is non-refundable. All fees must be paid in full by May 1, 2010. Leadership is provided by the Council Trail Guide Committee. The program takes place at the Nagel Base of the Beaumont Scout Reservation.



Greater St. Louis Area Council

Boy Scouts of America

2010 Horse Camp Application Nagel Base

Print all information

Troop No. _____
 Crew No. _____
 Post No. _____ District/Area _____

Name _____ Telephone No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____

 Parent Approval/Date

 Leader Approval/Date

Send registration form and payment to Camping Service, Greater St. Louis Area Council, 4568 West Pine Blvd., St. Louis, MO, 63108.

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Reservation Fee \$ _____ Date received _____ Receipt Number _____

Balance of Fees \$ _____ Date Received _____ Receipt number _____

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A WORD FROM YOUR CHAPTER OFFICERS

New Horizons

Brothers,

I would like to start by thanking all you who attended and participated in the Lodge Winter Banquet Toys for Tots drive. It was so moving to see everyone coming together to help the community, as is the purpose of our order. The Marines were so surprised at the amount of toys that they had to call for an extra 15 passenger van to carry all of the toys to their headquarters. Even though this was a great achievement, there is still more to do. The challenge has been made to have a can food drive for a local food pantry. So that is why Shawnee Lodge will be doing this at the Spring Conclave. As a member of the largest chapter in Shawnee Lodge, New Horizons needs to step up once more and lead the way in donations.

Furthermore there will be 3 service projects this spring. There will be a Beaumont and a Chesterfield Arbor Day Service Project hosted by New Horizons. The Third is the Shawnee Lodge One day of Service at S bar F the weekend for April 30 to May 2 (Limit to 300 participants).

The Spring Conclave is one of my favorite times of year. My first Ceremonial team performance was at the Spring Conclave in 2007. From there I kept becoming more and more involved in the OA. Whether you are a Ceremonialist, Elangomat, Ordeal/Brotherhood/Vigil Candidate, or an adult leader/advisor, I challenge everyone in New Horizons to become more involved in OA and Scouting. So fulfill the obligation and become more involved in OA and Scouting. If the power of one can change the world, imagine what the power of 10, 100, or even 1000 Scouts can achieve.

Yours in WWW,
Daniel Koschoff
Chapter Chief

Gravois Trail

Hello Arrowmen of Gravois Trail,

Hello Arrowmen of Gravois Trail! I hope you had an excellence holiday season. Thank you to all who attended the February Banquet and our service projects. This year seems to be going very well, and it is in small part because of your outstanding participation. My officers, chairmen, adviser, and I appreciate it very much. We are looking forward to having a very smooth and successful Spring Conclave. If you are interested in

being on a ceremonial team, please let us know. We would be more than willing to help you get involved. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call at (314) 920-5138 or go to our website at <http://gravoistrailoa.bravehost.com/>. Once again, thank you for your participation and support.

WWW,
Mitch Jones
Chapter Chief

North Star

My Brothers,

I want to thank all of you who came out to our November Chapter Meeting and our February Banquet. It was a major success for our chapter. I would like to thank our Program Chairman Austin Smith for his excellent planning and execution on these Meetings. Going along with chapter meetings, we will have our next chapter meeting at Spring Conclave. This is from April 16th thru the 18th at Beaumont Scout Reservation. Also keep a look out for information on our May chapter meeting. Information can be found by going to <http://northstar.ods.org> when available. Camp promotions are well underway, but we could still use help. Contact Kyle Walsh at 314-741-4894 for more information. Remember, camp promotions are a requirement for brotherhood! With Spring Conclave coming up, start thinking about what you want to do at Spring Conclave, a friend to the candidates and serve as an Elangomat, or help on one of our ceremonial sites. We will need your help, so come out and have some fun.

Yours in WWW,
Chris Webb
Chapter Chief

River Trails

Dear Brothers,

I would like to thank all of you who attended our banquet; a good time was had by all who attended. We had a member come and talk about the history of the Boy Scouts, and how far it has come. One of our large announcements was that our chapter adopted Nagel at Beaumont Scout Ranch as our future service project. We will be working there at the Spring Conclave and at future meetings, as part of our promise, to maintain the

camp. I hope to see you all at the Spring Conclave and our next meeting.

Your Chief,
Brandon Scherrer
Chapter Chief

Boone Trails

My Fellow Arrowmen,

To start off, some big things have happened since the last issue of the Lookout. On December 21st, our lodge had our Winter Fellowship Banquet and it was a big success. We donated many toys to the Marines and I just wanted to thank all of you who donated. That is what our Order is all about. We also had our chapter banquet on Feb. 13th. We had a blast and I thank all that came. We are having a great year.

I would now like to talk about the present. First off, if you still have a camp promotion packet out please get it done. It would be awesome if our chapter could have 100% camp promotion. This is very possible, but only if you go out and promote. So please go promote if you have not already done so. In addition, I know that many troops might be changing OA Reps now. If this applies to your troop, log on to www.shawneelodge.org and make the update on the Troop Rep tab.

Finally, I would like to talk about upcoming events in our lodge. April 16th-18th will be here quicker than you know it. This is our lodges Spring Conclave. Please make sure to sign up for this event full of cheerfulness, brotherhood, and service. Also, if you are eligible for Brotherhood please seal your self in the order this spring by obtaining the honor of Brotherhood. If you are brotherhood, please encourage the ordeal scouts in your units, who are eligible, to try for this honor. Lastly, there is the lodge's upcoming One Day of Service. It will be from April 30th to May 2nd. It will be held at S bar F Scout Ranch. We will be doing projects to help fix the property after last year's big storm. It is limited to 300 participants. You can check the website for further details. Have a great spring!

WWW,
Stuart Krull
Chapter Chief

Pathfinder

Hello Pathfinder Chapter,

Many things have happened since we last met. We had our Popcorn service project at Jost Chemical.

Thanks to all who participated in sorting and delivering the Popcorn.

A new form of communication has been put in place. The Pathfinder chapter now has its own Facebook group. Please join if you have a Facebook, we hope to make this a usable resource for keeping in contact with our members. The group is entitled Pathfinder OA.

Our Camp promotion teams are working diligently to reach at least 65% Cub pack camp promotion, but they still need volunteers. Please help them by stepping up to the plate. Our ceremonial teams are preparing for a busy Arrow of Light and Crossover season and can't wait to impress our brothers at Spring Conclave.

Our Troop Representative Chairman, Josh Picus, successfully obtained 100% of the troop representatives in our chapter. Congratulations to Josh! Also, thank you to the Scoutmasters and Troop Leaders who helped us obtain our goal. We are now one step closer to becoming a Quality Chapter.

We have an exciting new program for the May Chapter meeting, which we will give more details later at a closer date. Let's just say it will be "smashing" fun!

I have been honored to be your chief this year so far. I've been amazed at how many Arrowmen have lent a helping hand to reach our vision of becoming a Quality Chapter. I would like to put the name of everyone who has helped, but I think our Lodge Corresponding Secretary would be upset at me with the length of the article.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Luke Henderson
Chapter Chief

Thunderbird

My Fellow Arrowmen,

Welcome to the New Year! I hope this will be a prosperous year for both the chapter and the lodge. We have many things planned for this year, which include the One Day of Service at S bar F Scout Ranch.

The One Day of Service is a little different this year. Usually, we go outside of our own organization to help other groups that need it. This year, we are going to help ourselves. As many of you know, there were some very bad storms that ripped apart S bar F. The lodge has decided to clear up some of the damage that was done during these storms. We will be clearing the Three Notch Trail of debris that is currently making it almost unusable. This service project will be held during the weekend of April 30th. If you have any questions

regarding this, please feel free to contact me at my email (tazz818@sbcglobal.net)

I would like to encourage all of you to stay active in our chapter. New members, you are close to obtaining Brotherhood just stay with it a little while longer and you will be able to seal your membership in the order. As for our Elangomats, make sure you are staying in contact with your clan, letting them know about upcoming lodge and chapter events. It is your responsibility to keep your clan informed; also contact with your clan is required for the Extended Elangomat award. There is always something you can do to stay active in the chapter, whether it's simply going to the meetings or, even better, volunteering with camp promotion, becoming your troop's OA rep, or putting in your recommendations and opinions. I hope you all enjoy being in our chapter and will continue to serve.

WWW,
Josh Hill
Chapter Chief

Ozark Trailblazers

Brothers,

The numbers that have attended out Chapter Meetings have been great. This kind of attendance is an excellent sign that our chapter is growing in a positive direction. Our goal this year is to encourage the members in our district to become more involved in the Order of the Arrow through fun, fellowship, and meaningful service. Right now is a great time for you to get more involved. You can comment on our chapter meetings so we can make them better than ever; you can give new ideas for chapter meeting programs or service projects; the list is endless. As your chapter officers, we are here to serve you, so if you tell us what you want, we will do our best to surpass your expectations. To have your voice heard, talk to any of the chapter officers at roundtables, chapter meetings, or other OA functions.

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Clayton Weems
Chapter Chief

CHANGES IN THE SHAWNEE LODGE BY-LAWS

During the January LEC, the LEC members voted to amend the Shawnee Lodge By-Laws. Everyone in the lodge is affected by these changes, so please make sure that the other OA members in your troop know about these changes. The following sections of the Shawnee Lodge By-Laws have been amended as follows (changes have been marked in **bold**):

Section II. G. Uniforming

1. All candidates and brothers participating in **a ceremony** of this Lodge shall wear a complete and official Scout, Venturer, Explorer, or Scouter uniform. Candidates not in full uniform are to be **presented with the sash over their right shoulder in the ceremony and then asked in private after the ceremony to remove it with an explanation as to why.**
2. The sash is only worn in complete and full uniform, and over the right shoulder of the complete and full uniform as described in the current printing of the Boy Scout/Varsity Scout Uniform Inspection Sheet, or equivalent pieces of the Venturer or Explorer uniform, with headgear optional (Headgear is any type of a Scouting hat).
3. **Sashes are to be worn at Order of the Arrow functions. In addition sashes may be worn at special public events - troop courts of honors, district roundtables, community parades, public flag ceremonies, etc. - when representing Scouting and/or the Order of the Arrow. The sash is not to be worn for unit fund raising activities. Sashes are not to become a routine part of the Scout uniform.**



Sign up to attend the One Day of Service at the
S bar F Scout Ranch – April 30 to May 2.