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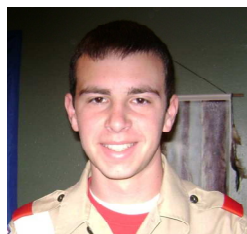
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Letter From The Chief

Arrowmen,

As I finish my first term and start my second I look back on all the good times. The Lodge has had a wonderful year in 2009. Our membership has risen! We have found the missing element, FUN. In 2010 myself along with my new chairmen, and our new Advisor Mr. Dockendorf are going to make the Lodge more fun; therefore, we need your input on what you want to do, so you have to come to the Lodges monthly meetings. The Lodge had a good turnout at Fall Fellowship, and we had a blast. December 5th the lodge had its Banquet where we awarded the youth and adults for their hard work. If you did not get an award do not give up you just need to work harder in 2010. I expect to see everyone January 21st at our first meeting of 2010. It will be at 7:00 at the Scout Office.

Brayden Decker



Fall Fellowship

Hope you were able to join us at the Fall Fellowship. It was a fun filled weekend and a lot was accomplished at Garland. Here are some photos:



Lodge Advisor's Minute

Brothers,

As many of you may know, the Supreme Chief of the Fire, Council Executive Bobby Madison, has asked me to take up a position as Council Training Chairman. I was first asked to take the same position three years ago at the same time I was asked to serve as adult adviser to Caddo Lodge. The Lodge was my choice at that time and I have enjoyed working with the youth and adult members of the Lodge.

As you know extending Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service to the members of your unit is the primary responsibility of a member of the Order of the Arrow. Any activities within the Lodge should come only after you've fulfilled your duty to your unit. By staying involved, and being a positive example to the Scouts in your troop, you can make a difference in a big way. Remember, those Scouts chose you for membership in the Order.

Each of you should think about what role you would like to play in the OA in the future, imagine all the things that you can become involved with: ceremonies, lodge or chapter leadership, ordeal administration, dancing, and many, many others. Probably one of the best ways to find out what you can do is to ask one of your lodge or chapter leaders how you can help. The key is to find what is right for you and do it! Believe me; the Chief will appreciate your help with the Lodge.

I want to thank all the members of the Lodge who have made my time as Lodge Adviser memorable. This has been an interesting time. During these past three years, we have changed Sections, started the process to reconstitute the dance team, been to NOAC, and worked to improve our service to the Council. As a matter of fact the Lodge has provided in excess of 1800 hours of service to the Council and GSR this year alone. Your participation has made all of this possible and I thank you.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Michael Walsh
Tachpachiwi Allogagan Nimat

As you can see, Mike Walsh has been asked to take on a new and important role in our council. I was approached about taking the position of Lodge Advisor and trying to fill his shoes. I think we have a wonderful lodge and will do my best to continue to see it continue its great traditions and grow in the future. I will work with our youth leadership and try to make this a seamless transition. I am always approachable and willing to listen to suggestions and ways to help the lodge better serve our youth membership and to be a better service organization to Scouting.

I do keep erratic work hours but can always be reached through my email or you can call and if I'm not available I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

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The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a week-end conference focusing on the skills and characteristics of leadership. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members, as they seek to improve their service to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community.

Feb. 19-21, 2010 Grey Episcopal Conference Center in Canton, MS

Registration Deadline is Feb. 5th

http://www.southern.oe-bsa.org/filestore/2010_NLS_Application.pdf



2009 CADDO LODGE ANNUAL WINTER BANQUET

Caddo Lodge held it's Annual Winter Banquet December 5, 2009. In addition to food and fellowship it is a time to reflect on our past year's accomplishments and recognize some of the hard work by our brothers during the past year.

We had the opportunity to hear an inspiring message from our guest speaker, Joe Jarzabek, who is the Chief Prosecutor for the Western District of Louisiana in the federal court system.

Tymothy Hensley did a great job organizing the banquet and decorating the Fellowship Hall at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church for the banquet.

We had a chance to recognize several arrowmen this year:

The elangomat is the heart of the Ordeal. Without the elangomat, there is no Ordeal. When you work two Ordeal events in a calendar year, you earn the Elangomat patch. This year's recipients were:

Coleman Case, Jeffrey Drobina, Wesley Graham, Victor Ingram, Alexander Montegna, Markus Templeton

The Vigil honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: Their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting or their Scout camp. This year's Vigil Honor members were:

Brayden Decker, Marcus Moore, William Waltman

Service is a watchword of the Order of the Arrow. And service at Garland Scout Ranch is one of the ways we promote that watchword. Several members of the Lodge have worked at Garland on projects provided by the Ranger have worked enough hours to have earned the Lodge Service flaps.

Jim Babcock	Larry Crymes	Brayden Decker
Brian Dockendorf	Kyle Dockendorf	Todd Gates
Tymothy Hensley	Jack Latham	Richard McCallister
Alexander Montegna	Chamachiel Mosley	Richard Murdaugh
Ken Peterson	Jordan Richter	Chuck Tiller
Michael Walsh	Jim Wasner	Justin Hesterly (Sorry you got skipped at the banquet)

The Chip Turner Service Award is given to Arrowmen who support summer camp at GSR. This year's recipients were **Dwayne Ramsey** who served at Summer Camp working as kitchen staff and Brian Dockendorf served as Camp Doctor this year at Garland.

The Arrowman of the Year Award is given each year to only one youth, for service to the Lodge's overall operation. This year the awards committee chose our Unit Elections chairman, **Chamachiel Mosley**. **Timothy Hensley and Patrick Hesterly** received the Service Award of Merit which is given to Arrowmen who have supported the lodge overall throughout the year. And finally the Lodge Adviser Award of Merit was presented this year to **Kevin Dawson and Patrick Hesterly**.

Caddo Lodge 149 Executive Board 2010

Chief-Brayden Decker

Vice Chief-Justin Hesterly

Secretary-Kyle Dockendorf

Treasurer-Kenneth Dawson

Ceremonies-Tymothy Hensley

Inductions - Chamachiel Mosley

Communications-Zack Thomas

Membership-Ethan Hay

Elections- Austin Murray



Conclave 2010

Next years Section 2/3 North conclave will be held April 16-18th, 2010 Post, Tx. More details to follow. Pencil in the date for a fun filled and educational week-end with your brothers from our section. There will be games, classes, Indian lore, Indian dancing and ceremony competition. We are looking into options for transportation including sharing a chartered bus with our neighboring lodges.

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Upcoming Events

Jan. 21 - OA E-Board

Feb. 6th - Workday at Garland

Feb. 19- 21st - NLS in Mississippi

Mar. 6th-Workday at Garland

Apr. 3rd - Workday at Garland

Apr. 16-18 SR 2/3 N Conclave

May 7-9 - Spring Fellowship



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