

A TRIBUTE

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One of our most esteemed and long-term friend and fellow scout passed from earth and moved on to be with his Savior recently. Scott Varner, age 51, died on Friday May 11, 2012, but left behind a legacy and a memory that will never be forgotten. It's with great honor and privilege that I write this tribute, with the help and resource of many, of a man I know held true to his morals and virtues.

If you didn't know Scott, you missed out! He was a veteran of the US Air Force, the scoutmaster of Troop 19 in Fort Smith, an Eagle Scout, and a very active and huge part of the Order of the Arrow as the Associate Lodge Advisor of Activities. In the eyes of many scouts and scouters alike, we each have seen, heard, worked with, helped, or done a combination of these things with Scott.



In the evening before his passing, Scott attended the Butterfield Trail OA chapter meeting with that same smile on his face that he was known for and as he sang our closing song, his character and personality triumphed any pain he was in from his heart surgery. That same smile was plastered on his face through all the years he lived, be that at home, in public, at work, but most definitely in scouting.

There will never be another like Scott, but one thing is for sure: the work he did, the young men he mentored, the family he raised, the scout troop he built up, the service projects he completed, the people he befriended, and the smiles he gave others are the legacies that pay a tribute in themselves.

At Scott's visitation, I saw that he lay in his American flag-draped casket wearing his full scout uniform and OA sash, with a couple of his superhero comics close by his side. Flowers were sent in by the dozens and decorated the walls and the floor, indicating the sudden and immense support his family received that showed how much his friends and community cared. Even at his funeral, his happy-go-lucky spirit was in the room, and it was further felt when the Superman Theme Song played at the end. Every memory of Scott is a good one, from beginning to end.

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Butterfield Trail		
Chapter Advisor	Chip Marrin buffalo380@cox.net	Trip to Crystal Bridges scheduled for June. One Day of Service planned for August 24-26 with Razorback chapter.
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Chapter Chief	Ryan Bishop	
VC Activities	Alex Jaeger	
VC Service	Robert Allen	
VC Indian Affairs	Timothy Keplinger	
Secretary	Michael Gazin	

Razorback		
Chapter Advisor	Don Moseley moseley4@swbell.net	Our next meeting is July 26. We'll be focusing on summer ordeal at this meeting and working on how to improve chapter attendance at events and meetings. One Day of Service planned for August 24-26 with Butterfield Trail chapter.
Chapter Chief	Jonathan Moseley	
VC Activities	David Crosby	
VC Service	Sean Gilchrist	
VC Indian Affairs	Luke Dunn	
Secretary		

NOAC DRAWS CLOSE

By
Jacob
Moseley

The patch for our 2012 NOAC adventure has been designed, and the pick for the final trek will be the picture shown below. The flap is a white ghost patch with a black border. The oak leaf represents our lodge totem. The fallen oak tree represents one of our fallen leaders, Scott L. Varner, a planned member



of our NOAC contingent. The initials SLV are carved into the fallen oak tree. However, with death comes a new life which is represented by the ivory billed woodpecker, which was once said to be extinct but has been found to be alive in the state of Arkansas. As life has proven to be beautiful, we will carry on with our heads up and a cheerful spirit on our journey to NOAC, remembering the great man whose company and companionship we will dearly miss.

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From father to son, Jacob Varner shares insight on his dad from a son's point of view.

“The first time I ever went canoeing was with my dad on a 100-mile float trip on the Buffalo River. This was definitely our biggest trip or event together. He liked to be away from the city life and his job and be with his scout troop just having a fun time. He reminded me a lot of Jeff Jones, as much as he loved the wilderness and preferred it over civilization. A lot of people will credit him with one major point of the scout law: a scout is helpful. Especially on this trip, he wouldn't ever accept help from others, but instead would go out of his way and take time to assist other scouts. If something needed to be tied or cooked or put up, he was there to help, always with that signature smile on his face. Unless, of course, it was for him, then he'd thankfully turn down any offers for assistance. Being my first long-term trip away from home, the float trip caused me to be a little homesick, and my dad and the other leaders were right by my side helping me through it. Sounds kinda silly, but it meant a lot to me especially coming from my dad.

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A Note From The Chief

Fellow brothers,

We have had a great start to this year. We have already met some of our requirements for Journey to Excellence! At our Spring Ordeal we had 132 members in attendance. Of those 62 were newly inducted ordeal members. To our new members, I urged you to stay active with our lodge, and that challenge remains in effect.

We also had 16 ordeal members convert to Brotherhood as well as 4 new vigil members. Ahead of us is National Order of the Arrow Conference or NOAC. We have a contingent going to Michigan State University for a week full of fun.

Also ahead of us is Summer Ordeal. I encourage everyone that can attend to sign up for it. We need Elangomats, so if you'd like to volunteer contact your chapter chief who will relay your name to Hunter Gately. We are also hosting the 2013 conclave. For those that don't know, conclave is an event where all the lodges in Arkansas and Oklahoma meet, learn skills, have fun, and fellowship. We will host this event at Camp Orr in May. We are planning work days and will announce those soon to renovate the Hogan, Vespers area, and Hollerin' Holler.

We still need about 60 more members to pay their dues for the required membership quota. Please contact anyone you can to pay their dues. See you all soon.

Calvin Kunkel, Lodge Chief
Wachtschu Mawachpo Lodge 559

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The last day of the trip was Father's Day and I was able to paddle the canoe that day with my dad instead of in the canoe I was in the rest of the week.

My dad joined the Order of the Arrow when he was 13 and has been an active member with us all these years. It wasn't until I went through Ordeal that he paid his dues for the first time in many years, but we went back and got Brotherhood the same weekend together. That was really cool to me.

He's been an active leader not only in the OA, but especially as a Scoutmaster in Troop 19. He was always cheerfully available for any person, friend or stranger, that needed assistance. I think that's the biggest reason of why I'll miss him, but he'll always be my role model and a lasting legacy in my memory.

A Note From The Advisor

Brothers,

First of all, congratulations to all of our new members. You have entered into what I regard as the best organization that scouting has to offer. Opportunities for you to learn, grow, and serve are only limited by your desire. Secondly, I want let you know how honored I am to have been chosen as your new Lodge Adviser and vow to do my best in advising, guiding, and helping you to make this the best lodge possible.

With that said, you as a lodge have chosen the task of hosting next year's Section Eight Conclave to be held at Camp Orr. With that come significant challenges to prepare for it. There are several service projects being planned to improve our camp and make it ready this event. These projects will require considerable service and sacrifice from all of us. Knowing our lodge's history of selfless service, I am confident that we will step up to meet these challenges and make this Conclave the best in recent history.

I look forward to serving you,

Everette Long, Adviser
Wachtschu Mawachpo Lodge

Order of the Arrow- Wachtschu Mawachpo Lodge #559 Event Registration Form 2012

**Wachtschu Mawachpo Lodge #559
WestArk Area Council #16
1401 Old Greenwood Road
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Name: _____
Address: _____

E-mail address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Unit # _____ **Chapter:** _____

OA Honor (Circle One)
Ordeal
Brotherhood
Vigil

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Event	Event Date	Registration Due Date	Office Use Only!	Event Fee	Early Pay Discount	Total Enclosed
Spring Ordeal/Brotherhood/Vigil	May 11-13 , 2012 Camp Orr	April 20, 2012	Account Code 6OAOR	\$20.00	-\$5.00	
Summer Ordeal/Brotherhood	August 10-12, 2012 Camp Orr	July 20, 2012	Account Code 6OAOR	\$20.00	-\$5.00	
Fall Fellowship	October 19-21, 2012 Camp RSR	September 28, 2012	Account Code 6OAFLL	\$20.00	-\$5.00	
2012 Lodge Banquet Razorback Chapter	January 5, 2013	December 14, 2012	Account Code 6OABN	\$25.00	-\$5.00	

Ordeal Candidates and Brotherhood Candidates must use the Ordeal Candidate or Brotherhood Candidate registration form.

Check –in Time: Friday night between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM Check-out: After the General Business meeting on Sunday Morning.

- **Everyone who attends must register and pay the event fee. Active registration in the Boy Scouts of America and current year dues will be confirmed for all persons registering. If either of the above is not current, one must pay those fees before attending any event. This is a National BSA Requirement and must be followed.**
- Refunds will not be issued unless a written request is received at the WestArk Area Council service center in Fort Smith by 5:00 PM on the Tuesday preceding the event. There will be no refunds issued if notification is received after that time and date.
- Complete Boy Scout Field Uniform is required for ceremonies, Saturday dinner and Sunday morning breakfast, chapel and business meeting.

Medical Authorization

In the event of an accident or medical emergency involving the Scout or Scouter registered above, I/We Hereby authorize any adult Scouter(s) to effect whatever action they deem necessary to aid the stricken Scout or Scouter. This is to include first aid rendered or supervised by a Scouter(s), licensed Nurse, registered nurse, registered EMT(s), physician(s), or any other medical/surgical person(s). I/We also authorize transportation, by whatever means, to and from any licensed medical/surgical facility.

I/We understand that all reasonable and timely efforts will be made to contact me or us before extended medical/surgical procedures are undertaken, but if unsuccessful, we hereby authorize any Scouter(s) involved to sanction whatever medical/surgical action/treatment is recommended by the licensed physician(s) involved.

I/We realize failure to sign this release could result in inadequate medical/surgical treatment of a Scout registered above.

Authorization is effective from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

Member's signature _____

Parent or Guardian if under 18 _____