



# The Oak Leaf

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## A WORD FROM THE LODGE CHIEF

Brothers,

2014 has been a great year and I hope to keep that record up! This letter lists several important topics, events, changes, and opportunities that you as an Arrowman should be aware of. Please take your time to understand what is mentioned.

- Lodge elections are right around the corner! The form titled “Election Candidacy Agreement” attached to this newsletter is now required for any candidate running for a lodge office. Note that the form must be mailed or email to the Lodge Adviser (everette.long@gmail.com) no later than September 26, 2014. If you are under 18, a parent/guardian must also sign the form. Please feel free to submit an agreement even if you are not sure whether or not to run. This is not a contract and therefore not a binding obligation. It is an agreement to what is expected for elected officers at the Fall Ordeal at Camp Orr who will take office at the Lodge Banquet in January 2015. The available 2015 Lodge Offices are as follows: Chief, Vice Chief (Activities), Vice Chief (Services), Vice Chief (Indian Affairs), Vice Chief (Publications), Historian, Treasurer, Secretary.
- The newly-created Arrowman Service Award can be earned by youth and adult Arrowmen from now until the end of 2015 and can be worn on your sash. You can find more information and the printable forms at [www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/centennial-update-2014-07-3](http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/centennial-update-2014-07-3). Check out the requirements and get started early!
- NOAC 2015 registration is currently up and running online. The total cost is \$1000. The suggested payment schedule is as follows: \$100 per month starting October 1, 2014 and ending on July 1, 2015. Go to <http://www.westarkbsa.org/Event.aspx?id=2222> to register.
- At Summer Encampment this year, five amendments to our lodge rules were passed by the general membership after approval from the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC). If you’d like to know more about the following amendments and the process they underwent to be passed, please contact your Chapter Chief. (Article VI Sections A and B, Article VIII Section C, and Article X Sections A and B.)
- Two amendments to the lodge rules were passed by the LEC at the last meeting that will be brought to the general membership for a vote. According to our updated lodge rules, “...the amendment(s) must be sent out to all active members in writing and/or by email at least 14 days prior to a

### 2014 OA Lodge Officers

**Lodge Chief**  
Jordan Davis



**Lodge VC Activities**  
Chris Welch



**Lodge VC Service**  
Ben Mitchell



**Lodge VC Indian Affairs**  
Ben Keisling



**Lodge VC Publications**  
Alex Marrin



**Lodge Secretary**  
Timothy Keplinger



**Lodge Historian**  
William Taylor



**Chaplain's Aide**  
Derek Ford



**Vigil Chief**  
Jacob Moseley



**Immed Past Chief**  
Jacob Varner



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vote” and then receive a two-thirds majority vote to be passed. The amendments that will be presented are as follows:

○ OMISSION OF ARTICLE VI SECTION I

(Proposed due to a confliction with the Guide for Officers and Advisers)

This article currently states: The Lodge Chief shall appoint such operational committees as may be required from time to time with approval of the LEC; all chairmen shall be under 21 years of age for the entire term of office.

○ AMENDING OF ARTICLE VI SECTION I

From (current): Dues of the Lodge shall be collected by the Lodge Treasurer in the amount of \$8.00. Dues must be paid during January of each new year.

To (proposed): Dues of the Lodge shall be collected annually in the amount of \$8.00 per Arrowman and should be paid in full by February 15.

(Simplifies and solidifies the explanation and process of the “member-in-good-standing” and dues payment process.)

- Fall Ordeal 2014 will be the last chance for you to view (or participate in, if applicable) the current Brotherhood Ceremony. Our lodge and the nation will begin using the new brotherhood ceremony (<http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/the-new-brotherhood-ceremony>) at Spring Ordeal 2015. Don't miss out on the last chance to see this and especially mark your calendars to see the new ceremony in action!

I look forward to seeing each of you at Camp Orr on October 3 and to see who will be filling the next offices of our lodge. I am pleased from the opportunity of serving you throughout this year. As always I am open to your thoughts, comments, suggestions, and concerns and would like to hear from you (even if it's just a “hi!”) at [jzd2013@gmail.com](mailto:jzd2013@gmail.com). Have an awesome time until we meet again!

-Jordan

## **CONCLAVE 2015 JUST AROUND THE CORNER**

Conclave 2015 will be held at Kerr Scout Ranch at Slippery Falls, near Tishomingo, OK. on the weekend of May 1 - 3, 2015. There will be training, competitions, games, displays and much more, not to mention all the fun and fellowship you can stand. So don't be left out, sign up today and secure your place among your brothers for Conclave 2015.



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## CHAPTER REPORTS

<b>Butterfield Trail</b>		
Chapter Chief	Carlson Ketcham	No report submitted.
VC Activities	Charles Shirley	
VC Service	Luke Roberts	
VC Indian Affairs	Bailey Palmer	
Secretary	Riley Palmer	
Chapter Adviser	Chip Marrin <a href="mailto:buffalo380@cox.net">buffalo380@cox.net</a>	

<b>Magazine Mountain</b>		
Chapter Chief	Aaron Hudson	No report submitted.
VC Activities	Dustin Williams	
VC Service	William Taylor	
VC Indian Affairs	Aaron Hudson	
Secretary	Maxim Van Houtte	
Chapter Adviser	Anna Kunkel <a href="mailto:annabellelee@yahoo.com">annabellelee@yahoo.com</a>	

<b>Ozark</b>		
Chapter Chief	Timothy Keplinger	Ozark chapter has not had a meeting due to summer. Our next meeting will be September 7, and we will be discussing and practicing for the upcoming ceremony at Fall Ordeal.
VC Activities	Zane Buhr	
VC Service	Jasper Seritt	
VC Indian Affairs	Raygon Adamson	
Secretary		
Chapter Adviser	Chris Seritt <a href="mailto:brownbear678@hotmail.com">brownbear678@hotmail.com</a>	

<b>Razorback</b>		
Chapter Chief	Noah Christiansen	The Razorback Chapter has had two successful meetings since school has started. We are now meeting at the VFW Post in Springdale. At our Aug. meeting we had a hot dog cookout before the meeting. We are preparing for winter and already have several AOL and Crossover ceremonies scheduled with Packs in our districts. We have been very busy as our chapter is hosting the Razorback District Fall Camporee with a theme of Indian Lore. Each Scout will earn the Indian Lore merit badge if they participate in and complete all the activities. At our Sept. chapter meeting we identified 17 Arrowmen from our chapter who has committed to attend NOAC 2015 with the lodge contingency. Our Sept. meeting consisted of 8 youth and 4 adults.
VC Activities	Christopher DuCote	
VC Service	Luke Dunn	
VC Indian Affairs	Ethan Adams	
Secretary	David Crosby	
Chapter Adviser	Don Moseley <a href="mailto:moseley4@swbell.net">moseley4@swbell.net</a>	



## NOAC 2015

Planning is underway for our lodge contingent to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary National Order of the Arrow Conference, to be held August 3-8, 2015, at Michigan State University. Jacob Moseley has been tapped to be the contingent leader. Contingent Adviser will be Mr. Don Moseley who will be helped by assistant contingent Adviser, Mr. Chip Marrin. All Arrowmen regardless of age or honor are invited. Be looking for more information, including schedules and fees in the near future. For a look at what national has to say, go to <http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/n2015/>.

### **Special Sashes to be Given to NOAC 2015 Attendees**

Arrowmen attending the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference will get a once in a lifetime souvenir, after a vote by the national committee at the annual planning meeting this past December. At the meeting, committee members approved a proposal to give each NOAC participant a special edition red sash.

The idea was first proposed by the 100th Anniversary Youth Advisory committee, which is being led by past National Vice Chief Preston Marquis, to give a special Order of the Arrow sash to every participant and staff attendees of the 2015 NOAC.

These sashes will differ from those currently worn in that the colors will be reversed, with a white arrow emblazoned on a red sash. Unlike the black signature sashes sold at previous NOAC's, these will have snaps and will be wearable by all. For the national conference, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Honor sashes will be made in the current style and given out at a special program to be unveiled.

This souvenir sash will be worn for only a designated period of time, and should be viewed as a commemorative item. The rarity of the sash is noteworthy, as only those present at NOAC 2015 will receive them. Any extras produced will not be sold.

Interestingly, reversed color sashes have been made before. For the 1950 NOAC, national committee members wore Vigil bands of reversed colors so they could be easily found by lodge members that had questions about the Order being fully integrated into the Boy Scouts of America.

For the 75th anniversary of the Order, Dr. Carl Marchetti, national chairman at the time, donned a red souvenir Vigil sash with a white arrow created for national committee members. These sashes had "75th anniversary" stitched into them above the top Brotherhood bar.

In 1993, a full length black sash with snaps with a white arrow was created as a retirement gift by Dr. Marchetti for national committee members, and a hand written note was included with each sash. In celebration of 100 years of the Boy Scouts of America, Bob Mazucca, past Chief Scout Executive, had a red sash made with the 100th anniversary BSA logo for committee members as well.

Make sure to save the date for NOAC 2015, and get ready for an awesome adventure in commemoration of our centennial celebration.

(Special from the National OA Newsletter)

## **LODGE BANQUET**

Start making plans now for the upcoming Lodge Recognition Banquet. This year's banquet will be hosted by the Butterfield Trail Chapter on January 10, 2015. The location is yet to be announced, but we have been told to expect lots of training and fellowship. Stay tuned for more information.

## **ADVISER'S MINUTE**

You are a lodge officer of this lodge. When you stand in front of the lodge and speak, you should be in full uniform and should be wearing it correctly. You set the example for every youth in this lodge. You would never see a policeman or a soldier wearing their uniform shirt and a pair of jeans. You shouldn't either. You are a lodge officer of this lodge and you have an obligation to set the example. Part of that is setting the example with your uniform, so when you stand before the lodge, you are either in the uniform or you are out of uniform - there is no halfway.

The same is true of your values. As an officer of this lodge, you must adhere to a uniform set of principles set out in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. You cannot pick and choose which parts of these values you want to exhibit, just like you cannot pick which parts of your uniform you will wear. There is no halfway.

The same can be said of all OA members, as you were selected by your peers as a scout that exemplifies the values of scouting in your daily life. The first to offer assistance to your fellow scouts. The one who maintains a cheerful spirit in spite of the job at hand. The example that the younger scouts look up to and want to become. For as a member of Scouting's Honor Society you too have the same image and values to maintain when you put on that sash as the officers you elected. There is no halfway.

WWW,

Everette Long  
Lodge Adviser





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## NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR TO DATE

### New Ordeal Members

Name	Unit
Arney, Trent	777
Atwood, Conner	42
Betterton, Samuel R	110
Blackwood, Jeffery	122
Blackwood, Thomas	122
Byars, Daniel C.	46
Ducote, Andrew W.	777
Echevarria, Anthony	525
Echols, Roy Michael	777
Gibson, Sam	450
Gust, Aaron	2144
Heinrichs, David	380
Hunter, George Edward	122
Hunter, George K	122
Jones, Jonathan Chance	525
Jones, Kevin	380
Jones, Patrick	380
Magill, Daniel Garrett	214
Marquis, Cody	156
Mathis, Quentin	2144
McClane, Cade	122
Mershon, Odessa E	42
Mickey, Gregg J	54
Naylor, Matthew	102
Powell, Shane	54
Powell, Trent	54
Prothero, Mark A.	46
Pund, Jeff	2144
Pund, Nick	2144
Pyle, Harold, Mr.	170
Pyle, Mathew	170
Pyle, Sharon	170
Reeves, Landon	16
Simon, Steven	16
Welch, Colby	160
Williams, Chris	102

### New Brotherhood Members

Name	Unit
Adamson, Raygan	156
Button, Connor Justus	46
Button, Robert Justus	46
Byrd, Samuel	150
Cantrell, Benjamin Lee	150
Dilley, Ryan	122
Fischer, Jonathan Owen	525
Hagen, Connor Alexander	525
Heasley, Riley	525
Holmes-Smith, Justin	122
Ketcham, Matthew J	380
Lawson, Alex	107
Mickey, Paul Jewell	54
Neel, Zeckariah Ethan	150
Nelson, Matthew	2316
Overholt II, Kevin Todd	150
Pitts, Malinda	3410
Ramos, Noah	2316
Schneider, Derian M	150
Sloan, Aaron E	122
Sloan, Joshua A	122
Smith, Andrew	2316
Sorrell, James	122
Tullis, Michael	525
West, Bradley	102



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## Sam Kreun

- BORN: December 28, 1959
- DIED: August 13, 2014

Sam Kreun, 54, of Russellville, died Wednesday, August 13, 2014, at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center. He was born December 28, 1959, in Slayton, Minnesota, to Henry John and Ruby Evelyn Dierenfeld Kreun. He was a master electrician, and was the maintenance supervisor for Friendship Services in Russellville. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America Troup # 214 and the Order of the Arrow, and attended Fellowship Bible Church. He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his wife of 21 years, Debbie Kreun; a son, John Anthony Kreun of Russellville; his mother, Ruby Kreun of Edgerton, Minnesota; a brother, Daniel Kreun of Marshall, Minnesota; and six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Esther and Bob Graham of Elyria, Ohio, Laura and Terry Muller of Stronghurst, Illinois, Ann and Don Godeke of Hollandale, Minnesota, Phyllis VanEs of Haiti, Karen and Chuck Dorner of Sobieski, Wisconsin, and Debbie and Leon Callahan of Garrettson, South Dakota.

### My thoughts...

Sam Kreun was a man of few words, numerous talents and seemingly tireless energy. He was the Adviser to the Lodge Vice Chief of Services from January 2011 until his passing. He was responsible for guiding his charges in accomplishing overwhelming projects. Most notably the renovations of the Council Campfire Ring, OA Hogan, and Vespers area at Camp Orr, a place he truly loved.

He was a friendly, compassionate man who regarded all his fellow Arrowmen as true brothers and treated all as equals. A man of his word, he never made a promise he didn't intend to keep. Many times he would arrive at scheduled work days when only two or three others showed. Even then with severely limited manpower, he would help them decide on how to best utilize their material and manpower to get the most out of their time instead of giving up and going home. "We're here, so we might as well get something done" he would say. He always impressed me with the effort he made to personally thank and shake the hands of the workers at a project when they called it a day. In my opinion he exemplified the standards of our "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service" and "Servant Leadership"

He always had time to talk if someone wanted, no matter how overwhelming or trivial. I shared many a lunch with Sam while at a service project or lodge event. We'd talk about the work the boys were doing and what it might mean to them. About how lucky we were to have camps like Orr and RSR and would wonder what the boys would think of it when they got to be our age. The good times and experiences he and his son John shared through scouting and OA. Sometimes we'd just sit and enjoy the moment.

I feel truly blessed to have known Sam and called him a friend. He will be missed but not forgotten.

Everette Long