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FROM THE CEREMONY RING

WOW ! What a great job our ceremonies teams did at the Fall Fellowship and Ordeal! I am very proud of both the Tomo-chi-chi and Allogagan Chapters for fielding their Arrowmen in the Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal ceremonies, respectively. Guale Chapter again did a fine job providing their Arrowmen for the Brotherhood ceremony. As Inductions and Ceremonies Adviser, I plan to visit each Chapter in the near future to bring the plans for our Drum and Dance Team that is forming. Make sure you get involved in these exciting teams as we build our Lodge's Indian Affairs program. One way to really get involved is plan to attend the Carolina's OA Indian Seminar sponsored each year in late January by Eswau Huppeday Lodge in Statesville, NC. This seminar is not a competitive pow wow, but a teaching weekend for Order of the Arrow ceremony, and Native American dance, clothing and culture. It is a teaching weekend with intensive classes on many aspects of Native dance, clothing, and culture aimed at Boy Scout Order of the Arrow Lodges, Scouts, Venture Crews, and others interested in respectfully preserving Native culture and traditions. The two powwows held during the weekend are for seminar participants and are a beautiful site to behold. I attended last year and was amazed with the 60+ classes being taught on Dance/Drum skills, ceremonial clothing, team leadership, and ceremony. The next event is Friday January 23 through Sunday January 25, 2009. You won't want to miss this! More details at your Chapter meeting in December and January or contact me @ 888-483-4598or (912)261 1920.

In Brotherhood,
Marty Moore
mooremd@bellsouth.net

Awake my friends
you now are
starting on a long
and toilsome
journey... --
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Registration Fees and Attendance Policy

All fees must be paid NLT one week prior to the event. A cut-off date will be on the registration form. After this date a \$5.00 penalty will be added. The penalty fee will not be added to Brotherhood Conversion or Dues. Walk-ins will be accepted on space available. The policy does not apply to National, Regional or Sectional Events. No refunds will be made after one week prior to the event. The funds will not be carried over to the next event, with the exception of Brotherhood Conversion.

Oyster Bagging Project - 2008

In October, Pilthlako Lodge participated in the OA One Day of Service. Our project was helping out with the G.E.O.R.G.I.A. oyster reef renourishment program.

We spent the day filling mesh bags with recycled oyster shell. We would put a bag over a length of plastic pipe, fill it up with shell, pull the pipe out and tie the open end. The goal is to accumulate 20,000 of these bags that will then be taken out and used to create and/or renourish oyster reefs in the area.

"Generating Enhanced Oyster Reefs in Georgia's Inshore Areas" (G.E.O.R.G.I.A.) is a community-based oyster restoration program coordinated by the University of Georgia Marine Extension Service. Oyster populations were once immense along the Georgia coastline. However, rapid and sustained economic and population growth, overharvesting, habitat degradation and disease have considerably impacted these estuarine communities.

G.E.O.R.G.I.A.'s goals are to restore, preserve, and enhance our local oyster reefs by educating the public about their importance and encouraging community participation in shell recycling and reef restoration activities.

In addition to being an important food source, intertidal oysters are described as "keystone" species as they play a critical role in maintaining a healthy coastal ecosystem. Dense populations of oysters can significantly improve water clarity and quality by filtering algae and pollutants. An adult oyster can filter up to 60 gallons of water a day. Intertidal reefs provide spawning, breeding, feeding and nursery habitat for many other commercial, recreational, and sport species that are ecologically important to the region.

Georgia has approximately one third of the remaining coastal salt marshes on the East Coast of the United States. Intertidal oyster reefs protect these marshes against shoreline erosion by dissipating the energy caused by boat wakes and waves.

Oyster bagging events are scheduled monthly. Anyone interested in participating in this, please contact Mr. Adams for details.



Chapter News

GALE CHAPTER: Meets at Camp Tolochee the first Thursday of each month at 7:00.

TOMO-CHI-CHI CHAPTER: Meets at the LDS Church next to the Camden County High School on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00.

ALLOGAGAN CHAPTER: Meets at 1740 Calvin Road, Waycross, on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00. Contract Mr. Highsmith for directions.



Words of Wisdom from our Supreme Chief of the Fire

Dear Brothers,

I want to personally thank all the brothers in the lodge for all the "Cheerful Service" to the council and the camp this past fall.

We had record numbers of people at camp for the Council Tiger Prowl and Council Fun with Son camping events--We had 428 total people at camp for Fun with Son--the largest event EVER!! The OA conclave we just hosted is the second largest, so that will let you know how packed camp really was...And the OA was a big part of the event's success--great job with food service too!!

"Those who choose you need you", remember to be active in the boy scout troop that you are registered in....those younger Scouts need your guidance and support!

WWW,

Michael J. Hartigan, III
Scout Executive
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From the Tent of the Staff Adviser

Wow, what a great ordeal weekend we had. The weather was perfect, we had candidates for both the ordeal and brotherhood and we elected lodge officers. Much work was completed during the day and it wasn't very hot. Chef Steve again performed miracles and along with his staff of Linda, Fred and Ray we had great meals to soften back aches and leg cramps. If you didn't attend you missed out on a great weekend.

As we continue into the scouting year we look forward toward 2009 with a lot of activities. The next lodge activity is the annual banquet on January 31 at the Jamestown Baptist Church in Waycross. Look for the registration form at the December roundtable and online at the council website.

A further look into 2009 will find summer camp around the corner. We are looking for staff and hope that the 2008 camp staff submit their applications so that interviews can be done on December 6 at camp. We want your experience at camp in 2009 to help with the new staff members that sign on.

It is important for all OA members to remember to give service to the Boy Scouts and what better way than to serve on camp staff. There are many activities throughout the year that you can give service and it will be greatly appreciated. In return you can wear on your uniform the service patch available to OA members simply by turning in the OA Service Corps registration form.

Let's have a great year with our new lodge officers and pitch in to help at the chapter or lodge level when asked. Remember many hands make light work. We have too few brothers doing too many jobs. Let's reverse that and be proud to wear the lodge patch.

WWW
Don Lajoie
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Inspiration from our Lodge Chief



Dear Brothers:

I was very pleased to see all the hard work that was done at the past Ordeal. I was very proud of all of our new Ordeal members and I am looking forward to working with all you guys as the year goes on. The same goes for our new Brotherhood members. I have a feeling that this year will be an amazing year for all of us and I am looking forward to being able to visit you guys at your upcoming chapter meetings. I am really encouraging and pushing for high attendance at the chapter levels. Your newly elected lodge officers and I are very excited to be putting together a new plan for the upcoming 09 and I hope that you guys are to.

Aaron Moore
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From the Tent of the Lodge Adviser



**I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something.
And because I cannot do everything
I will not refuse to do
The something that I can do
--Edward Everett Hale**

A great business leader once said: "...the basic philosophy, spirit, and drive of an organization have far more to do with its achievements than do technological or economic resources, organizational structure and innovation. All these things weigh heavily in success. But they are transcended by how strongly the people in the organization believe in its basic precepts and how faithfully they carry them out.

As true as this is for the success of a corporation, it is even more so for the individual. The most important single factor in individual success is COMMITMENT. Commitment ignites action. To commit is to pledge yourself to a certain purpose. It also means practicing your beliefs consistently. There are, therefore, two fundamental conditions for commitment. The first is having a sound set of beliefs and

secondly, adhere faithfully to those beliefs with your behavior. Commitment is "persistence with a purpose". There is an old saying that goes, "Stand for something or you'll fall for anything." Many successful people are hailed as visionary leaders, but on careful inspection they are found to be individuals who hold firmly to a simple set of commitments. It is the strength of these commitments, religiously followed, that led to their success.

Effectively demonstrating commitment to others, to the organization's basic principles, and to oneself is never easy. The truth is, demonstrating commitment is hard work. Wavering commitment is usually seen as no commitment at all. The only way to achieve a reputation for commitment is through determination and persistence. Genuine commitment stands the test of time. Commitment is most difficult and most readily proven during tough times. How someone weathers the storms most clearly demonstrates their basic beliefs. Epicurus stated: "...a captain earns his reputation during the storms."

Randy Paulk in "The Last Lecture" cites an Eagle Scout as one who is earnest or committed. It takes a real commitment to attain that honor. He stated that all other factors being equal, he would always try to hire an Eagle Scout over other prospective employees because of this demonstration of their commitment. Think about it – what else can you achieve as a youth that you would still want to put on your resume at age 50?

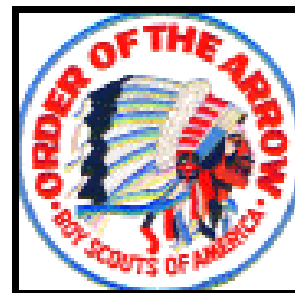
Scientists tell us that aerodynamically, a bumblebee shouldn't be able to fly, but it is committed to being a bumblebee so it goes on flying anyway.

As Brothers in the Order of the Arrow, we have a commitment. We have a commitment to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others. It is time for all of us to step up to the plate. The future of this great country is in the hands of our youth. Hopefully, youth who have been brought us with a set of ideals such as found in the Scouts and the Order of the Arrow. Who among you will go on this journey? Remember -- An ounce of performance is worth a pound of promises.

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2009 TROOP ELECTIONS

All Troops should be planning for their Order of the Arrow elections for 2008. Please have your OA Troop Representative contact their Chapter Chief to schedule an election. Ideally, Troops should schedule their elections so that newly elected Arrowmen can attend the Spring Ordeal.



2008 Fall Fellowship





Pilthlako Lodge

2009 Annual Banquet

Jamestown Baptist Church

Waycross, Georgia

January 31, 2009

Registration and Socializing 5:30

Banquet 6:00

(LEC Meeting for all Officers, Committee Chairmen, Advisers, etc. at 4:30)

Questions?

Contact Art Adams, Lodge Adviser

904-261-6082(home), 904-206-0463(cell) or e-mail: tikijam@msn.com

Cost per Person: \$10.00

All Pilthlako Lodge Members are encouraged to attend!

Parents, brothers, sisters, and girlfriends ARE invited!!! We'd love to have them come with you. If you have not paid your 2008 Dues, Please pay them also at this time.

Name(s) of Member(s) attending: _____

Members attending: _____ X \$10.00 = _____

Guests attending: _____ X \$10.00 = _____

2008 Dues (if not yet paid) _____ X \$13.00 = _____

Total Paid _____

Please fill out this form and return it with payment to:

Pilthlako Lodge, Okefenokee Area Council BSA, 302 Screven Ave., Waycross, GA 31501

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Okefenokee Area Council, BSA
2009 Camp Tolochee Summer Camp Staff Application

Name: _____ Age: _____
(As of 5/25/09)

Address: _____ City: _____

Email: _____ State: GA. Zip code: _____

Phone (home) _____ Cell _____

Scout Unit Registered to _____ Rank _____

Did you work at Summer Camp last year: YES NO Where you a Counselor in Training (CIT) Yes No

Last years staff salary per week _____ Requested salary for 2009 _____

What program area did you work at last year? _____

What Scouting program areas are you strongest in? _____

What Scouting program areas are you weakest in? _____

What is your personal advancement goals while on camp staff? _____

In order of priority, 1 (lowest) to 10 (highest), indicate your preference in program areas:

Outdoor Skills ____ Aquatics ____ Nature ____ Shooting Sports ____ Scout Shop ____ Dining Hall ____

Provisional Troop ____ Commissioners Staff ____ Sports ____ Handicraft ____ Healthcraft ____

Are you certified as a Lifeguard _____ Certification Date _____

CPR Certification Organization _____ Certification Date _____

Any other Certifications? _____

Scoutmaster Recommendation: _____

Parent Authorization (If under 18) _____

Camp Staff Interviews at Camp Tolochee in the Administration Building Training Room.

Interview Date: **February 7, 2009 1 PM**

Please fax to the Scout office at 912.283.6019 or mail to Okefenokee Area Council 302 Screven Ave.
Waycross, Ga. 31501 attn. Camp director.

Word Search Puzzle Of The Month

L P J Z M V K L N I A F S V U
 U I I E A R U S Y I J C N K U
 F S X H D O O H R E H T O R B
 R O C L S A C T S E R V I C E
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ARROW
 CHEAF
 LODGE
 SERVICE

BANQUET
 CHEERFUL
 ORDEAL

BROTHERHOOD
 FELLOWSHIP
 SCOUTS

"The Order of the Arrow is a 'thing of the spirit' rather than of mechanics. Organization, operational procedure, and paraphernalia are necessary in any large and growing movement, but they are not what count in the end. The things of the spirit count:

Brotherhood — in a day when there is too much hatred at home and abroad.

Cheerfulness — in a day when the pessimists have the floor.

Service — in a day when millions are interested only in getting or grasping rather than giving.

These are of the spirit, blessed of God, the great Divine Spirit."

Dr. E. Urner Goodman – Founder – Order of the Arrow





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