

THE ARROW

April 2014



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Upcoming Events

- May 2nd - 3rd - Ordeal and Work Weekend
- May 10th Summer Camp Staff Development/Orientation
- June 7th-14th Camp Staff Training
- June 15th-21st - Summer Camp Week 1
- June 22nd-28th - Summer Camp Week 2
- June 29th - July 5th - Summer Camp
- July 18th - 20th - SR2-3S Conclave (Texas State University)
- August 15th-16th Summer Lodge Meeting

May Fellowship, Ordeal & Brotherhood Weekend

The May Fellowship, Ordeal & Brotherhood Induction Weekend will be conducted over the weekend of May 2 - 3, 2014 at Camp Karankawa. The fee for the event will be \$15 provided your registration and fees are received by the Council Office by April 23rd. The fee include a cracker barrel on Friday night and three meals on Saturday. **A \$10 late fee will be assessed if you do not register early and pay by the deadline.**

This is our primary Ordeal Induction weekend. We need to help our new brothers as they complete their Ordeal. Serve as an Elangomat and work alongside them as we prepare our camp for the summer season. Come join us in a commitment to cheerful service.

Join our lodge as we attempt to fulfill our purpose of cheerful service and supporting our local camping program. Last year, our ser-

vice provided over \$27,000 worth of labor to Camp K. Our Service allows program costs of camp to remain low. Bring your work gloves and other tools, and see if we can top last year's total! Those participating in the service projects will receive a special service patch.



We have plans for an Arrowman Expo Friday night, in conjunction with a fabu-

lous Cracker Barrel, to enlighten all of our new brothers to the wonderful things our lodge has to offer. Current Arrowmen can join in welcoming their new brothers and sharing what our lodge has to offer. Our trading post will be open with t-shirts, NEW LODGE HATS, and our newest 2nd edition 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow AWE-SOME LODGE FLAP!!

We will conclude the weekend with a dinner to recognize our newest Ordeal and Brotherhood members.

Come join us as we make this a successful weekend of service and fun. We set our goals high last year and had an outstanding Fellowship. Let us aspire to greater heights and make this year's Fellowship even better.

All Arrowmen are encouraged to stay for the entire Fellowship. The weekends events will conclude at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Lodge Officer Elections Set for August 16th

One of the major items of business during the Summer Lodge Meeting is the election of Lodge officers. Lodge Officer Elections will be held during the Business Meeting at the Summer Lodge Meeting. Lodge officers to be elected include the following:

- Lodge Chief
- Lodge First Vice-Chief
- Lodge Second Vice-Chief

- Lodge Secretary
- Lodge Treasurer

Candidates for Lodge Officer positions are required to complete the Declaration of Candidacy form included with this edition of THE ARROW.

The Official Rules of Karankawa Lodge stipulate the following requirements of Lodge officers:

- Officers must be under twenty one years of age for their entire term of office.
- The term of office shall be one-year - from September 1st to August 31st.
- An officer of the Lodge or Chapter may not succeed himself more than once.

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February Fellowship Recap

This year's February Fellowship was undoubtedly a major success due in part to Arrowmen like you. The fellowship was held over the weekend of February 22-24, 2014 and was highlighted with a Council wide Webelos Scout Cross-Over, Indian Lore courses, and a Pow Wow.

The event kicked off with registration at the Dining Hall and was followed by the Chapter Team Singing and Chapter Team Dance competition. Walihan and Ilaok Chapters took top honors in team singing and team dancing, respectively. The night culminated with a cracker barrel where fellow scouts were given the opportunity to buy Native American regalia and craft supplies from the traders in the Dining Hall.

Saturday's events began immediately after breakfast and continued throughout the day. In total, there were thirty four Indian Lore oriented courses offered. Participants were able to choose from courses in peyote beading, fry bread construction, outfitting, and dancing to name a few. In addition to the Native American Indian courses, newly crossed over Scouts were offered a Jumpstart course in earning their Scout badge.

After lunch, we had our Council Wide Webelos Scout Cross-Over in the Council Ring. Ten Webelos participated in the Cross-Over.

The highlight of Saturday's evening program was the Pow Wow where OA members and the weekend participants had an opportunity to display their dancing skills they learned throughout the day. OA members competed in numerous competitions. Spectators were invited down on the arena floor and danced to the drum between competitions.

Sunday began with an inspirational message and Flag Raising followed immediately by breakfast. The February Fellowship concluded with a Lodge Meeting where Pow Wow competitors were recognized and honored.

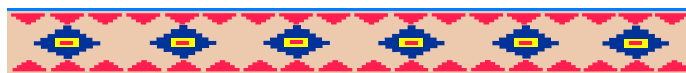
Our sincere thanks go to all those individuals that made this event a success through their cheerful service of cleaning, organizing, teaching, and serving meals. Without your help, the event would not have been such a success.



Chief Jonathan Luna calls a Webelos Scout to Cross Over into Scouting during the Council Crossover Ceremony held during the February Fellowship Meeting.



Dancers Circle the Drum During Saturday Nights Pow Wow.



Competition Results

TEAM COMPETITION

Team Dance

1st - Walihan

2nd - Ilaok

Team Singing

1st - Ilaok

2nd - Walihan

INDIVIDUAL

COMPETITION

Novice Dance

1st - Jerry Edlin

2nd - Alejandro Nino

Novice Clothes

1st - Alejandro Nino

2nd - Jerry Edlin

Straight Dance

1st - Jared Cullison

2nd - Andres Gonzales

3rd - Jonathan Luna

Straight Clothes

1st - Jared Cullison

2nd - Andres Gonzales

3rd - Jonathan Luna

Grass Dance

1st - Morgan Molina

2nd - Francisco Orozco

3rd - Noe Garza

Grass Clothes

1st - Noe Garza

2nd - Morgan Molina

3rd - Francisco Orozco

Traditional Dance

1st - Ismael Espinoza

Traditional Clothes

1st - Ismael Espinoza

Fancy Dance

1st - John E. Molina

2nd - Chris Rodriguez

3rd - Artie Guerrero

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Chiefly Speaking



Lodge Members Attend NLS

AJ Valverde, Andrew McFarland, Patrick Herbert, and Francisco Orozco attended the National Leadership Seminar and Bob McFarland and Jerry Livingston attended the National Lodge Advisor Training Seminar held in Little Rock, Arkansas on April 11th-13th.

What is the purpose for them to attend? The National Leadership Seminar (NLS and NLATS) is a weekend conference that focuses 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.



By these individuals attending this seminar, the Lodge completed one requirement towards the Journey to Excellence (JTE). JTE is a program of continuous improvement where lodges are given benchmarks in seventeen different categories. Since the program's implementation in 2011, the national OA committee has been able to gain insight in the strengths and weaknesses of lodges across the country, and begin adjusting programs to help lodges improve.

While attending the seminars, lodge representatives had the opportunity to meet National Vice Chief - Taylor Bobrow, the Southern Region Chief - Wesley Seaman and reunited with our very own Alex Call who now serves as the SR2-3S Chief.

Attendance in part was made possible from Lodge funds allocated at the December Fellowship.



Karankawa Lodge Members attend the National Leadership Seminar in Little Rock, Arkansas. Pictured above are Southern Region Chief - Wesley Seaman, SR2S Chief - Alex Call, Andrew McFarland, Patrick Herbert, AJ Valverde, Francisco Orozco, and National Vice Chief - Taylor Bobrow

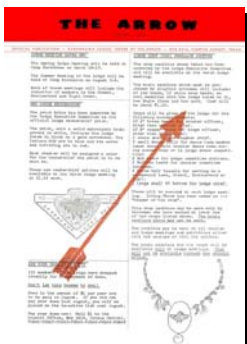
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THE ARROW is BACK!

The Lodge Leadership and Communication Committee presents THE ARROW ... your Lodge's official newsletter. We hope to bring the latest news to you and upcoming events for you to share with your fellow OA Troop members.

Submissions to THE ARROW should be submitted to AJ Valverde via email at ajvalverde@outlook.com.



LEC Scheduled

A Lodge Executive Committee Meeting is being called on May 18, 2014 at the Council Service Center. The meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. and should last approximately two hours.

All Lodge Officers and Advisers, Chapter Officers and Advisers, and Lodge Committee Chairmen and Advisers need to attend this very important planning meeting.

The agenda for this meeting will include:

- August LLD Fellowship
- Old/New Business
- Summer Camp
- Other necessary business as required.

Please notify Lodge Chief if cannot attend .

