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National Vice-Chief to Speak at Yustaga Banquet



The 2004 Lodge Banquet will be hosted by Oschambos Chapter at the Escambia County (Alabama) Agricultural Science Center in Brewton on **December 4** at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the banquet is to recognize the lodge's achievements over the past year and to install the 2004-2005 lodge leaders. Special recognitions, including the presentation of the Founder's Award, Youth and Adult Arrowman of the Year, Committee Chairman of the Year and Officer of the Year will be made.

The cost of the event is \$10.00 per person. This price does not include the cost of the patch, which must be ordered separately. The menu will be a buffet with several choices of meats, vegetables and desserts. Spouses, parents, dates and other guests are welcome to attend. Check-in will begin at 6:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required because of accurate counts needed for seating and catering. No registrations will be allowed at the door.

A special highlight of this year's banquet is the attendance and participation of the National Order of the Arrow Vice Chief, **David Dowty**, a member of Black Eagle Lodge. Many of you may remember David from his early days in the Order when he was a member of Yustaga before his family moved to Germany. David is an inspirational speaker who will be a great addition to the Banquet. His achievements are proof that the leadership opportunities afforded by the OA can literally take our youth to all corners of the United States.

Directions

The banquet site is located at 175 Ag Science Drive in Brewton, Alabama, directly behind Southern Pine Co-op. From Milton, take FL Highway 87 into Brewton and turn left onto US Highway 31. The Agricultural Science Center is located approximately 1.5-2 miles on the right. From Pensacola, take US Highway 29 to Flomaton. Turn right onto US Hwy 31. The Agricultural Science Center is located approximately 7 miles on the left.

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2004

December 4
Lodge Banquet

2005

January 28-30
Green Bar Training

February 25-27
Spring Fellowship

April 22-24
SR-4N Conclave

May 13-15
Ordeal

September 9-11
Fall Pow Wow

October 28-29
LLD

December 3
Lodge Banquet

All dates are
subject to change
by the LEC.

Fall Pow Wow Notes

Ben Marshall, Lodge Vice Chief

Our last lodge event was the Fall Pow Wow, with 106 arrowmen in attendance. Just in case you didn't come, I'll give you a rundown. Friday night, we checked in and ate our crackerbarrel while playing an exciting game of "Who Wants to be the National Chief." Saturday morning, we had a wide range of classes for our members, ranging from unit elections to event planning. After lunch, our members got a say in our lodge leadership in our annual lodge elections. Following the elections, we had a lively game of Wischixin and a dip in Lake Alaqua at the Euchee waterfront. Don't forget the food! For dinner, we had boiled shrimp, corn on the cob, and potatoes... very tasty! Ceremonies, ceremonies, ceremonies. We had a Brotherhood and an Ordeal ceremony. Three of our brothers sealed their membership in the Brotherhood, and we inducted 11 new arrowmen into the Order of the Arrow. Oh!, and the participation award for the weekend was our green Osprey "error" flap. If you came, I know you had a great time, and if you didn't, I hope to see you at the next lodge event!

Are YOUR Records Correct?

If not, you are missing out on some great information.

- Are you on the list? The e-mail list! In addition to the Osprey, our official publication, Yustaga Lodge heavily utilizes e-mail for communicating information about Lodge events. If you have not yet done so, please subscribe to the Lodge's yahoo group by sending an e-mail to yustaga385-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.
- Many of our arrowmen have outdated or no e-mail addresses on file with the lodge. We have established a new e-mail address to be used for any updates to our membership records. If you are moving, have moved, or have any changes/corrections to your address, e-mail address, etc., please send the current information to membership@yustaga385.com so we can update our lodge database.
- Youth and adult volunteers needed! Yustaga Lodge is working on converting old paper-based historical records to an electronic format. If you are interested in assisting with data entry on this project, please contact **Jim Matson**, membership and records adviser, at jmatson73@cox.net.

Camp Promotions!

Michael Kirkland, Camp Promotions Chairman

After reviewing how our camp was promoted for the last few years, I feel there is room for improvement. With a new year ahead and with a new committee being put together, we are hoping to improve our participation in the promotion of our camp and its year-round activities. One of our projects that we are beginning work on is the updating of our "Where to Go Camping" book. We hope to have it updated within the next six months. If you would like to become more involved in your lodge, you might consider the Camp Promotion Committee or supporting us through your chapter. For more information contact your chapter chief or call Michael Kirkland at (850) 874-9181.

2005 Green Bar Merit Badge Weekend

Charles Bellinghausen, Training Chairman

It is time once again to prepare for Green Bar Weekend, which will be held January 28 to 30, 2005 at Camp Euchee. Unlike the past two years, the purpose of this weekend will be two-fold. The primary focus will be to provide a plethora of merit badges for scouts throughout the Council to complete. Our goal is to offer merit badges that are not available at summer camp, as well as provide an opportunity to interact with scouts from the entire Council. The second emphasis will be on the JLT aspect of training -- similar, but different, from the previous two years.

The Training Committee will need every lodge members help to make this weekend better than ever before. We hope to have over 200 participants with close to 40 staff members. We need staff to volunteer for training as well as service positions. I personally encourage each and every Arrowman to volunteer to help out for the weekend.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions about the weekend, please email **Steven Henry** at henpen50@bellsouth.net or **Charles Bellinghausen** at timemachine00@aol.com

Apalachee Chapter Update

Geoffrey Helms, Chapter Chief

We have had a great season and have great plans for the future of the chapter and lodge. To start out we had a good showing at the Fall Pow Wow. We gained three new members to our chapter, 1 adult and 2 youth members. At the Fall Pow Wow, new officers were elected. The Chapter Chief is **Geoffrey Helms**, Vice Chief is **Nathan Williams**, and Secretary is **Matthew Ransom**. With these new leaders we are hoping to help our community and lodge to the best of our ability.

We have already held one event at the Parker City Fire Department which was badly hit by Hurricane Ivan, not long ago. Although most of the chapter was unavailable due to the storm and evacuations it caused, we were able to help out the City of Parker by spending ourselves in cheerful service. With this event and hopefully many more in the future, we are hoping to expand the chapter, and help the lodge help the community. We are also working to form a dance team, drum team, and rebuild the ceremony team to be ready for the call out at the Spring Camporee.

I want to remind everyone that our chapter meets on the last Sunday of the Month at the ERA Neubauer Real Estate office on Highway 77 in Lynn Haven.

Techakin News

Frank Henry, Chapter Adviser

Techakin Chapter is looking for its long lost members. We only had a total of 3 youth at our last two meetings. If Perdido Bay District is to continue to have an Order of the Arrow Chapter, we must get more attendance at our meetings.

Scoutmasters, adult leaders and parents need to ensure that their youth get to the meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for 18 November 2004, at 7:00, at the American Legion on Gulf Beach Highway (between Fairfield and Blue Angel).

ATTENTION NEW 2004 MEMBERS

Ray Bennington, Lodge Treasurer

Just a friendly reminder -- **If you went through the Ordeal in 2004**, your Ordeal fee covered your annual dues through the end of December of this year.

Please use the enclosed registration form to pay your dues for 2005 to keep your OA membership in an active status. Hope to see you at the Annual Lodge Banquet.

A Lodge Chief's Farewell

Doug Watson, Lodge Chief 2003-2004

Brothers,

I am sorry for not being able to attend the Fall Pow-Wow, but I am currently attending college at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, CO. Being 1600 miles away, I also was not in the path of Hurricane Ivan, which I am sure has affected all of your lives in one way or another. My heart goes out to everyone and their families and I hope everybody weathered the storm well. If anybody does need any help with anything, do not hesitate to contact your chapter or lodge leadership and ask. There are many selfless people in our lodge that would be more than willing to lend a helping hand.

With that said I would like to congratulate Ryan and the other newly elected officers. I am sure that they will do a great job in the coming year. This year is sure to be exciting. We have a new LLD (Lodge Leadership Development) program that will be introduced, as well as all the ideas that our NOAC contingent picked up this year. And of course don't forget about the OA's High Adventure programs next summer. The OA Trail Crew at Philmont and Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier are both available, as well as a new program, the OA Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base, where you will be SCUBA certified and work in reef restoration and other exciting projects.

For you older arrowmen (age 18-25) there is also the Philbreak program at Philmont over your spring break. You will spend five days doing restoration work and then get to go skiing for a day! And don't forget about the 2005 National Scout Jamboree! I hope all of you sign up and join me on the OA Service Corps, providing service during the Jamboree. It is sure to be loads of fun! On top of all of this we still have chapter, lodge, and section events, including the 2005 SR-4N Conclave at camp Tukabatchee. I encourage every one of you to get involved, especially those that just went through your ordeal this year. You have no idea how much fun you will have this year.

I look forward to coming home and seeing all of my old friends again and making some new ones. Good luck to all of you!

Yours in Wimachtendienk,

Doug Watson

2003-2004 Yustaga Lodge Chief

Inductions Committee Report

Travis Hornsby, Inductions Chairman

If you have not sealed your membership in the Order of the Arrow, now is the time to start! You don't have to wait until a lodge event to earn Brotherhood requirements. Any Vigil member, Chapter Chief or Adviser, Lodge Chief or Adviser, and the Inductions Chairman or Adviser, are all able to sign off on your requirements.

Also, at the lodge events we will hold a Brotherhood Training Session where you can complete requirements. As the newly appointed Inductions Chairman, I hope to help you in any way that I can. If you have any questions, you can contact me via email: den_jan@bellsouth.net or by phone: (850)433-9094.

Native American Events

Nathan Williams, Native American Events Chairman

The Native American Events Committee is working on a dance team. If you are interested, contact **Nathan Williams**, Chairman, at (850)769-4616, or contact **Shirley McElroy**, Adviser, at (850)729-1737. We are looking for committee members as well. If you are interested, please contact us.

YUSTAGA 385 HAS A NEW FLAP

Come to the next lodge event to purchase yours!



2004-2005 Lodge Committees

Congratulations to the following Arrowmen who have been selected as Chairmen and Advisers for the lodge committees. However, the recruiting stage is not complete. A committee is made up of many people, not just two. Therefore, each of them is actively seeking volunteers, both youth and adult, to serve as committee members. Contact the Committee leadership if you want to be involved in YOUR lodge!

Committee

Inductions
Ceremonies
Publications
Unit/Council Service
Camp Promotions
Service
Training
Historical /Awards
Vigil
Native American Events
Membership
Finance

Chairman

Travis Hornsby
To Be Named
Daniel Hatcher
To Be Named
Michael Kirkland
Jon Dengau
Charles Bellinghausen
James Bell
Tré Hellwig
Nathan Williams
Allen Bishop
Ray Bennington

Adviser

Benny Banegas
Randy Werré
Jimmy Wiseloge
To Be Named
George Pfeiffer
Jerry Gudinas
Steven Henry
Darryl Huddleston
Keith Reyher
Shirley McElroy
Jim Matson
Steve Kolek

Lodge Health and Safety Staff

The Lodge Health and Safety Staff is entrusted with maintaining safety standards at all lodge events. Responsibilities will range from checking health forms at registrations, providing lifeguards for aquatic activities and around the clock staffing of the health lodge at lodge events. If you are interested in serving on this important staff, contact Staff Director **Mike Rushing** at mediemike9@cox.net. Members who are First Responders, EMT's, nurses, Physician's Assistants, lifeguards or who have certification, training or experience in advanced first aid or other health/safety fields are encouraged to volunteer.

Make plans to attend the 2004 Lodge Banquet.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DAVID DOWTY

2004 National Order of the Arrow Vice Chief



Cost: \$10 for the Banquet, \$3 for the patch

Date: December 4, 2004

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Brewton AL

- Hear from the 2004 National OA Vice Chief, David Dowty (who was inducted into the OA by Yustaga Lodge!)
- Find out the 2004 Youth and Adult Arrowman of the Year.
- Founder's Award Recipient Revealed
- Much, Much More!!

Directions

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“Around the Campfire”

Lodge Adviser's Column

Wade Hartley, Lodge Adviser

As I write this article, our presidential election is still a couple of weeks away. After listening to the debates and reviewing each candidate's position on various issues, I have made a decision as to which one I will vote for. For those of you who know me well, you probably know that I have a definite opinion for one and against the other. However in forming my opinion, I must admit that I have a degree of admiration for all the candidates - Democrat, Republican, and the third party candidates – even if I may disagree with their politics. I admire the fact that they have stepped forward, bared their lives to scrutiny, become immersed in the electoral process, and are trying to make a difference.

How many of us can say that we have done the same in our own lives? Most people are satisfied to remain on the sidelines, or even as passive fans in the stands. Many of our OA members unfortunately are only fans themselves. How about you? Do you want to play in the game, or just sit and watch? Have you volunteered to be on a lodge committee? Do you attend chapter meetings? Do you participate in lodge events?

"The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at best, if he wins, knows the thrills of high achievement, and, if he fails, at least fails daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

-- John Fitzgerald Kennedy (1917-63), 35th US President.

2005 SR-4N Conclave

Charles Bellinghausen, SR4N Vice Chief

Brothers, due to the recent hurricane, the planned Conclave that was to be hosted by Woa Cholena at Camp Maubila, has been moved and will be hosted by Alibamu at Camp Tukabatchee. Camp Maubila experienced heavy damage and can no longer host the conclave. But don't worry, the conclave is still on and will still be as great as ever! There will be much training, games, competitions, and fellowship! Plan to be there for the greatest conclave ever! Hope to see you there.

The Conclave will be held April 22-24, 2005

A \$10 deposit is required to reserve your spot for the 2005 Conclave. Use the enclosed registration form.

OSPREY DEADLINES

February/March	January 1st
April/May	March 1st
September/October	August 1st
November/December	October 1st

Articles not consistent with the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America will not be used. Submit articles to Jimmy Wiselogel (jimmy@wiselogel.com) for approval and inclusion in the Osprey. Articles may be edited and/or used in a later issue.



Chapter Information

Apalachee

Chief

Geoffrey Helms

Adviser

Ted Spangenberg, Sr

Choctaw

Chief

Ricky Bennington

Adviser

Keith Reyher

Oschambos

Chief

Byron Caudle

Adviser

Chad Hartley

Panzacola

Chief

Chris Werre

Adviser

Jim Matson

Techakin

Chief

Bryan Roever

Adviser

Frank Henry

Lodge Registration Form

Totals

2005 Dues Payment	\$7.50			_____
2005 Early Dues Payment (Before December 1, 2004)	\$5.00			_____
Lodge Banquet	\$10.00			_____
Lodge Banquet (2004) Patches	\$3.00 each	x _____	=	_____
Spring Fellowship (2005) extra Patches	\$3.00 each	x _____	=	_____
2005 Conclave Reservation Fee	\$10.00			_____

Name: _____

Total Enclosed _____

Address: _____

Telephone# () _____ - _____

Chapter [A] [C] [O] [P] [T]

Email Address: _____

Youth / Adult

Please use a different form for each person. This form is for current members only, not for reactivation.

Mail Form to Gulf Coast Council (Address on Back of Osprey)

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REGISTER TODAY!