

# The Osprey



February-March 2008

Yustaga Lodge 385, Order of the Arrow

Gulf Coast Council #773

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## ORDEAL

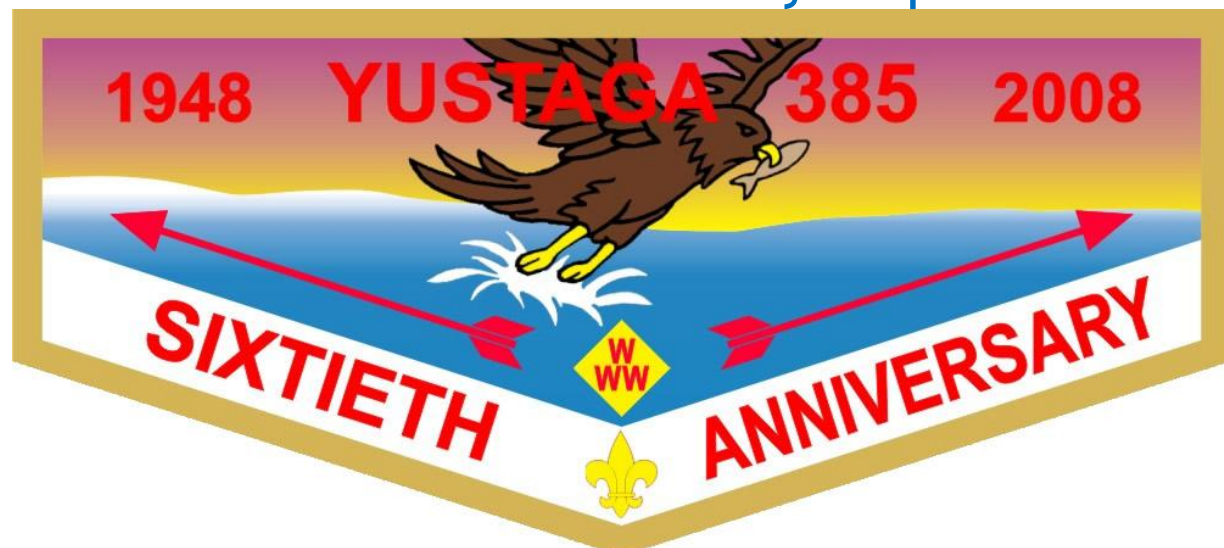
March 14-16 • CAMP EUCHEE

Now that Green Bar has finished, it's time for us to prepare for the Ordeal. It will be a fun-filled weekend of cheerful service to your camp. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship with your fellow Arrowmen. Let's welcome new members to our Brotherhood and show them our support by attending and participating in the Ordeal.

What can you do at the Ordeal? Well... where should we start?

- **BROTHERHOOD TRAINING & CEREMONY**
- **PATCH TRADING**
- **FELLOWSHIP**
- **& the craziest thing ever!!!! That thing that nobody wants to mention that starts with a W\*#@**

## New 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flap



# Chiefly Speaking

Dear Brothers,

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and I am looking forward to working with all of you in the lodge for the next year. I would like to start by thanking everyone who worked the Green Bar weekend. It was a very successful event that offered much to the council.

Coming up in March is one of the most important events of the year, the Ordeal. This year is especially important due to the large number of candidates being inducted. I hope to see all of you there supporting our lodge and camp. I also challenge you to go and return service by being an Elangomat. Try to remember the influence of your Elangomat, and pass that on to the next generation of arrowmen.

Also not so far off is Conclave. At this event, we have the chance to show off our lodge and vie for various awards, such as North Cup and Best All Around Lodge. We also build fellowship with the other lodges in our section, and concentrate on our primary focus, training. Please register and show your Yustaga spirit to the SR-4N.

I feel that this is going to be quite a year for Yustaga Lodge, and I hope my chapter and lodge officers, committee chairmen and I can help take this lodge in the right direction. I want to thank all of last year's officers for the fantastic job they did, I only hope that we can continue what they did.

In Cheerful Service,  
Brad Brock  
Lodge Chief

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## Around the Campfire

Dear Arrowmen,

Here we are already finished with the first month of 2008, and charging full speed ahead into a new year, the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Yustaga Lodge! With the beginning of a new year come busy and exciting times for our lodge. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Bar Weekend, held February 1-3 at Spanish Trail Scout Reservation, was another amazing success. Just when you think that we can't possibly top our previous efforts, we outdid ourselves once again this year. Providing troops the option to either eat in the dining hall or cook in their campsite as well as opening up Camp Jambo allowed us to host close to 600 Scouts and Scouters for an outstanding Green Bar weekend. Kudos to all involved for providing a top-notch advancement and leadership training opportunity for Scouts throughout the Gulf Coast Council.

As a result of the change in the sequence of lodge events this year, chapter callout ceremonies were conducted at the Green Bar weekend. Unit elections were up this year by about 25%, and we are looking at a potential 160+ candidates who will be attending the Ordeal in March to become members of Scouting's National Honor Society. This presents all of us with an opportunity to "put our best foot forward" and really show these potential new members what becoming an Arrowman is all about.

I am very pleased to inform everyone that Yustaga Lodge was once again recognized as a National Quality Lodge for the year 2007. This is not any one person's accomplishment; this recognition is one that we can all be very proud of. Your continued commitment to service and upholding the ideals of our Order's founders, E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson, is outstanding.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Lodge Ordeal next month. Please join with us this year as we celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Yustaga Lodge!

Yours in Cheerful Service,  
Jim Matson  
Lodge Adviser





## Choctaw Chapter report to LEC

This Green Bar we had a good turn out with Arrowman staff. This weekend we conducted our Call-Out ceremony with the help of Will Yanni, Zach Kuhl, Sam Ammons, and Chris Roberts as our 4 principles; George Decoste, Steven Frame, and ABC Cristobal as our 3 guides and a special thanks to Mr. Banegas, Ms. Shirley, Mr. Yanni, and Mr. Cook for their help. We had a total of 41 new candidates elected. Currently we are planning a Chapter movie night to help encourage newer members to begin to show up to meetings and in the near future we plan to hold a Chapter campout. We are currently planning the Lodge Banquet.

WWW,  
Zach Kuhl  
Choctaw Chapter Chief

## Appalachee Chapter report to LEC

Over the past few months the Appalachee Chapter has been extremely busy with our One Day of Service, unit elections, and Arrow of Light ceremonies along with many other activities. Our One Day went extremely well with 8 people showing up to help clean up two parks and a cemetery. Unit elections went very well with 18 youth and 4 adults elected. Our call-out ceremony was fantastic and we are very excited to have these new candidates. The Arrow of Light ceremonies our chapter has performed have gone very well as of now and we have many more to do in the next few months. The Appalachee Chapter also helped at the commissioning of the Mesa Verde, a U.S. Navy ship just recently built. Thanks to all our chapter members and our leadership.

WWW,  
Graham Parsons  
Appalachee Chapter Chief

### Ceremonies

If you like drama and acting, then Lodge Ceremonies may just be the thing you're looking for!!

-Contact Will Yanni at  
will\_yanni007@hotmail.com

## Woapalanne Chapter report to LEC

In the first month of the chapter 95 boys and 10 adults were selected as candidates. We still have to get the candidates to come to Ordeal. We would also like to increase chapter meeting attendance and improve our membership retention.

WWW,  
Mr. Werre  
Woapalanne Chapter Adviser

### Conclave '08

Don't forget about Conclave! It's coming up April 18-20 at Camp Patten in Georgia!

### High Adventure and ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> Scholarships

Yustaga Lodge has scholarships available for arrowmen attending these programs. You can find the application forms online at [www.yustaga385.com](http://www.yustaga385.com). Go to Resources and then select Forms.

# Tentative Event Schedule

## Yustaga Lodge Ordeal

### March 14-16, 2008

<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>Event(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
5:00-8:30	Members Check-In	Henson Hall
6:00-7:00	Mini-LEC & Dinner	Dining Hall
7:00-8:30	Candidate Check-In	Dining Hall
8:30-9:30	Pre-Ordeal Ceremonies	Lake Sylvia
9:30-10:30	Cracker-barrel	Dining Hall
11:30	Taps	

<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>Event(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
6:30	Reveille	
7:00-7:15	Assembly and Colors	Dining Hall
7:15-7:45	Candidates Breakfast	Big Heart
7:15-7:45	Members Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:00-11:45	Projects	TBA
8:30-5:30	Brotherhood Training	Dining Hall
11:45-12:30	Candidate Lunch	Big Heart
11:45-12:30	Member Lunch	Dining Hall
12:45-4:30	Projects	TBA
4:30-5:00	Candidates Prepare for Ordeal	Campsites
5:00-5:30	Candidate Light Supper	Big Heart
5:00-5:15	Assembly and Colors	Dining Hall
5:30-7:30	Brotherhood Hike/Ceremony	TBA
6:00-8:30	Ordeal Ceremonies	TBA
8:45-9:45	Ordeal Feast	Dining Hall
9:45-10:15	1 <sup>st</sup> Yr. Arrowman Presentation	Dining Hall
10:15-11:45	Games	Dining Hall
	Lodge Box	Dining Hall
	Night Activity	TBA
11:45	Taps	

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Event(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
6:30	Reveille	
7:00-7:15	Assembly and Colors	Dining Hall
7:15-8:00	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:00-8:15	Religious Service	Whipple Cir.
8:15-9:00	Chapter Meetings	Whipple Cir.
9:00-10:00	Break Camp	Campsites
10:00-11:00	LEC	Henson Hall

All activities, times, and locations are subject to change. A final schedule will be available during check in.

# Attain Brotherhood Membership - Seal Your Membership in the Order



Dear Ordeal Members,

It has been a few months since you first wore the sash of our Order. I trust that in time you have continued to represent the ideals that it stands for and have continued to faithfully serve your fellow man. If you have completed the following requirements, you may strengthen your ties of brotherhood through the Brotherhood ceremony.

- Ten (10) months service as an Ordeal member (\*)
- Registered active member in Scouting
- Registered active member in the OA
- Memorized the Obligation, the Order of the Arrow Official Song, and the Admonition

(\*) For Ordeal members who just completed their Ordeal Weekend in September 2007, I highly encourage you to attend this Ordeal Brotherhood Training session. You can continue to work on the other requirements, and by July, you will have completed 10 months service as an Ordeal member, and will be eligible to seal your membership and take part in your Brotherhood Ceremony in September at the Fall Pow Wow.

It is important that you not only meet the above requirements, but that you feel that you are prepared for the Brotherhood.

At your Ordeal, you were sent to seek a vision of yourself and of your purpose. The challenge of Brotherhood membership is part of that vision. Plan now to seal your membership at the upcoming Brotherhood ceremony to be held on Saturday, March 15, at Spanish Trail Scout Reservation.

On the last page of this "Osprey" newsletter is a Lodge Registration Form. Please return your form along with your Ordeal event fee and Brotherhood Conversion Fee of \$18.00 by the deadline date so that we can make proper plans.

I look forward to seeing you at the Brotherhood ceremony as you seal your membership in the Order. Congratulations on this rewarding opportunity.

Yours in Cheerful Service,  
Michael Kirkland  
Immediate Past Lodge Chief



## Conclave '08 Raffle

With the upcoming Ordeal before Conclave, the LEC has decided to hold a raffle for all the Arrowmen that will be inducted at this Ordeal. The purpose of this is to encourage new Arrowmen to come to Conclave. We will raffle off 2 Conclave slots for new Arrowmen.

All newly inducted Arrowmen may sign up for Conclave at the Ordeal. Registration forms will be available Saturday night following dinner.

## Spring Fellowship Reminder



Spring Fellowship comes right after Conclave in May. Mark your calendars for May 2-4 for a great time!! More info on Spring Fellowship to follow in the next Osprey!

## Publications

Are you interested in the publications committee? If so please e-mail Zach Kuhl at [secretary@yustaga385.com](mailto:secretary@yustaga385.com)



# Lodge Registration Form

		Quantity	Totals
2009 Dues (until November 30)	\$7.00	_____	_____
Ordeal Early Registration [Must be received in the Scout office by March 10 <sup>th</sup> ]	\$15.00	_____	_____
Ordeal Late Registration [Received on or after March 11 <sup>th</sup> ]	\$20.00	_____	_____
Pay-at-the-Door Registration	\$25.00	_____	_____
Extra Ordeal patches	\$3.00	_____	_____
Brotherhood Conversion Fee	\$18.00	_____	_____
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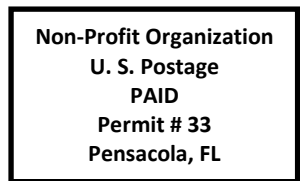
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Mail to the Scout Office (address below).  
**Please use a separate form for each Lodge Member. Do NOT use for reactivation.**

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## SIGN UP FOR THE ORDEAL TODAY!!!