

Tayshas



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New Vigil Members

Every December, Tejas Lodge welcomes in several new vigil members. This year was no different. Vigil members from across Tejas Lodge welcomed in 8 new vigil members. These vigil members included Buddy A., Chipper A., Jordan V., Kyle G., Levi M., Nathaniel F., Steve K., and William B. From December 5-6, these Arrowmen participated in what is known as Vigil Weekend. At the end of their exhausting weekend, the nominees were given the Vigil Honor in acknowledgment for their service to Tejas Lodge. Not only did they receive some fancy new sashes, but they were given Vigil names based upon the Lenni Lenape language.

The Vigil names represented a characteristic of each Arrowmen. Some of their names interpreted into "he who mends the wings of others" and "cornerstone." Please join the Lodge in congratulating these new Vigil Honor Members!



2016 Lodge Dues

Don't forget to renew your Lodge dues! It is that time of the year again where your Lodge dues have to be renewed for the new year. Dues start at \$15 but will go up to \$25 after March 1st. Remember that in order to participate in any events regarding

the Order of the Arrow (whether they be Lodge, Section, or National events) you must be registered in the Lodge. Ordeal members who were inducted at the July or August Ordeal already have their dues paid for 2016. To pay your dues, please print off

the form at the link below and mail it into the ETAC service center.

Dues form: <http://tejaslodge.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2014/10/2016-Dues-Form.pdf>

2016 Lodge Officers

At the Lodge banquet in November, Tejas Lodge had the privilege of welcoming in the 2016 lodge officers. The Lodge would like to thank Kevin B. and his lodge officers for their service to the Lodge. For the 2016 year, Thomas G. will be leading the lodge as

the Chief. There are some returning Arrowmen from previous lodge offices, like Kyle G. as the new vice chief of service. There are also several new faces, like Michael P. as the vice chief of Native American affairs. The new lodge officers had a chance to meet to-

gether the first weekend in December, where they set some lodge goals and planned out the LLD for January. To learn more about the LLD, look below.

Lodge Leadership Development

In just a couple days, the Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) for Tejas Lodge will begin. This event is a must for all chapter officers and advisers. Chapter officers will get to meet the 2016 lodge officers and get to plan out the year with them. In addition,

chapter goals will be set and chapter officers will be able to plan their year ahead as a chapter. On Saturday, Arrowmen will get to participate in training from both lodge and section leaders. To top it all off, those that attend the event will get a special black

ghost patch! The LLD isn't just for chapter officers though. Any Arrowmen can come to the LLD to experience this wonderful event and amazing training. The event is \$15 and will take place January 8th-9th (this Friday) at Camp Pirtle. I will see you there!

Triad

Are you interested in being an integral part of the 2016 Section Conclave planning? If so, the Section Triad is an event you will not want to miss! You will have the opportunity to participate in helpful, innovative training sessions about how your lodge can employ

quarterly publications to increase attendance at events. These sessions are taught by Order of the Arrow trainers who have had years of experience in these topics. In addition, you will get to meet Arrowmen from across Ark-La-Tex and see what they have

done for their lodge. Triad will take place January 15th-17th. If you are interested in participating in this event you can register at: <http://sr2-3n.org/product/triad-2016/>

Conclave Registration Open

Registration for Conclave 2016 is now open! Conclave is an adventure for Arrowmen from across our section to gather for a weekend of fun, fellowship, training, events and competitions. It is an OA event at the Area level of Scouting to bring together members from ten lodges, spanning the distance from Amarillo, TX to Shreveport, LA. The 2016 SR 2-3 North Conclave will be held at Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp in Athens, TX from April 15-17, 2016. The theme of this Conclave is "Fuse", linking our rich history with a great future. At Conclave, Arrowmen have the

opportunity to compete in ceremonies competitions, dancing, drumming, singing, Native American crafts and training events, and many other games and competitions. There are also competitions for lodge publications and websites, as well as a wide variety of recreational and educational activities, a Trading Post full of unique collectible items, souvenirs, patches and Section-branded merchandise available at no other event! Register for Conclave now at:

<https://sr2-3n.org/product/conclave-2016-fuse/>

While registering for

Conclave, why not check out the Section Trading Post? Many section and conclave items are for sale, including T-shirts, hats, and other conclave merchandise.

<https://sr2-3n.org/shop/>

Don't wait to register for Conclave. The early bird fee for Conclave ends in March, and the first 100 people to register for the event will receive a special early bird patch.

Native American Affairs by Matthew M.

My fellow Arrowmen, I would first like to thank everyone who has participated in our Lodge's events this year. Without your participation, we Lodge Officers could not do our jobs. 2015 was an important year for our order, as this year was its 100th anniversary. This year was also an important one for our lodge, as this year a contingent from our lodge attended NOAC and participated in its competitions for dance as well as ceremonies and other events. I had the pleasure of being the contingent leader

for NOAC as well as the attending Vice Chief of Native American Affairs for our lodge, and in both roles I had the chance to observe all that we accomplished at NOAC. Two of our dancers placed in the top 15 in the country, and all of our dancers received awards for their regalia. Meanwhile, our brothers also placed in ceremony competitions, as well as in a variety of other events. I am very proud to have been a part of this contingent that accomplished so much, and to have been the

lodge's Vice Chief of Native American Affairs this year. We had many dedicated dancers perform at various other events besides NOAC, such as conclave and many of our own Lodge events. I would like to thank them for their participation and efforts. I hope that in years to come, Arrowmen continue to participate in our Lodge's outstanding dance program. Once again, I am proud to have had the opportunity to watch over this program this year, and to have been a part of it.

Ceremonies' Comments by Kyle G.

This past year as the Vice chief of ceremonies has been a wonderful experience for myself and others. The entire lodge as a whole made huge accomplishments regarding ceremonies at Conclave and NOAC. I attribute this to dedicated advisors and youth. I had

hoped to make improvements to the lodge. Even minor things such as things that were decided upon. I believe that I did fulfill this, though not on a grand scale as though I might have wanted. I tried to improve everything, even the smallest things that

go unnoticed. I hope I affect the lodge in a positive manner for I know the lodge has effected me that way.

Service's Spot by Russell S

Hey guys its Russell here, this past year has been a remarkable and fun filled year. NOAC was very fun. We also had a lot of service projects that have benefited the camp, from trail cleaning to building a new gaga ball court, it was a pleasure being y'all's vice chief of

service, and working with y'all.

Secretary's Section by Thomas G.

These past two years as secretary of the lodge have some of the best I have ever had in scouting. It has been my pleasure to write, edit, and publish the Tayshas for all of you. This Tayshas will be the last that I am editor-in-chief for. I truly has been a great eight

newsletters in two years. I am moving on though to become your new lodge chief and I cannot wait to lead our lodge in our next century. I would really like to thank my adviser Peggy S. for all the help and advice she has given me. The Tayshas would look a

lot different today if it was not for her help. I now leave you in the capable hands of Jacob G., who I know will be a fantastic secretary. I look forward to seeing you soon.

WWW

It has been a great start of the year for the Wo-Ha-Li Chapter. We just had our annual Christmas party at Cece Allen's house, in which we participated in a great dinner and a white elephant gift exchange. We have already participated in a service project; we

Wo-ha-li

helped Mrs. Brown, who is associated with Lone Star Warrior Outdoors, we cleaned tables and did some dishwashing. Also, we had a member participate in Vigil Weekend, congrats to Chipper Adams for becoming a Vigil Member.

5 Rivers

The fall has passed quickly and we are all adjusting to the changes in our new chapter and learning to work with new Brothers. In September, we enjoyed Fall Fellowship and elected new Lodge officers. Five Rivers is excited to have two Lodge officers, Kyle G. and Jacob G.! Congratulations, Brothers!

The Annual Lodge Ban-

quet was very nice. We had the retiring of the old Chapters and the installation of the new Chapters. There was great fellowship, the food was good, and there were many Brothers from the Lodge recognized for their achievements throughout the year and at Conclave and NOAC.

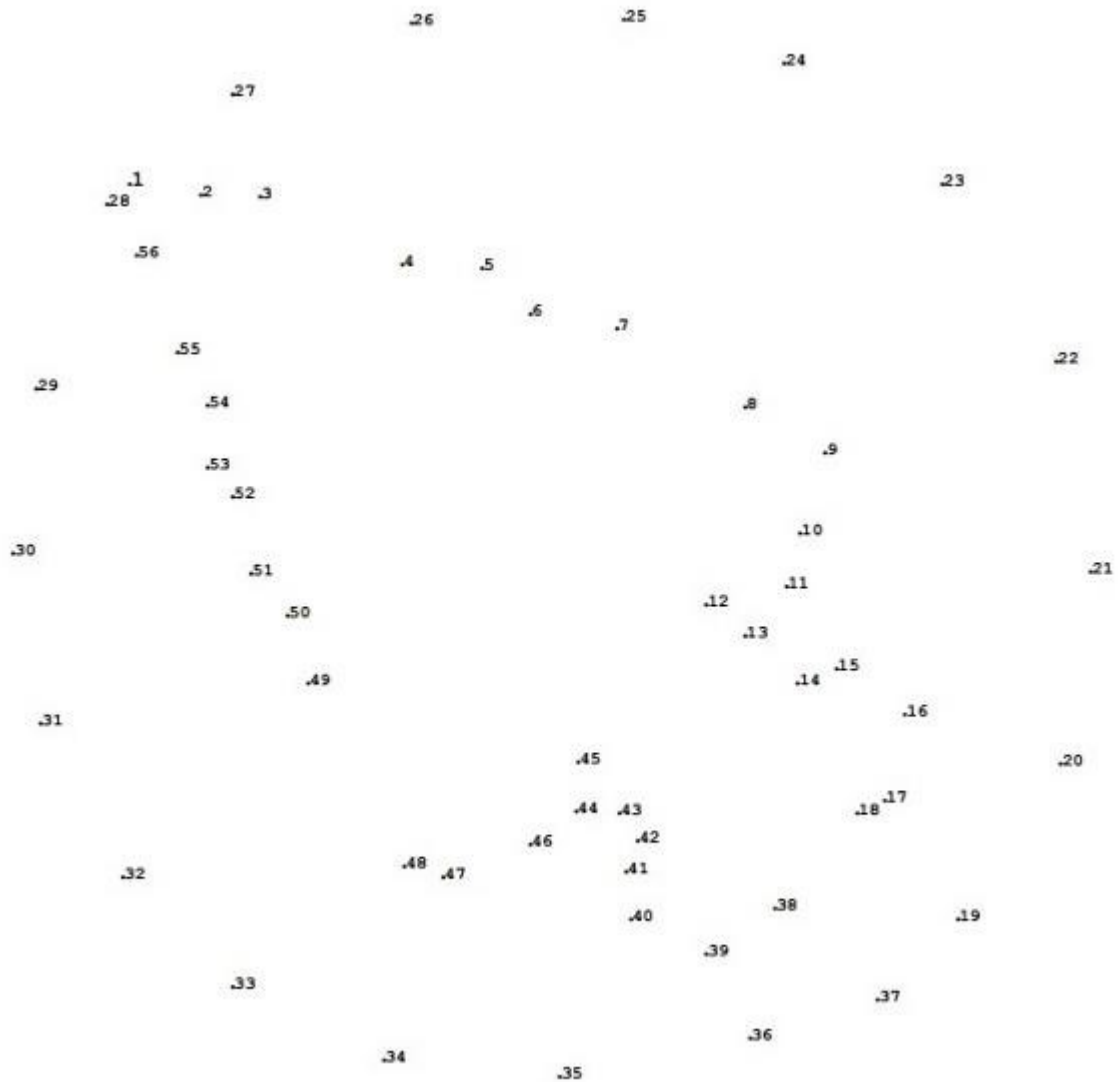
Chapter Officer train-

ing is coming soon. We are looking forward to this as we build a new chapter. We have been working hard putting ceremony teams together to get prepared for spring crossovers and to be ready to compete at Conclave in April. We have a lock-in in the planning and are working hard to get our new Ordeal Brothers involved in the chapter.





Connect the Dots!



Adviser's Minute by Matt L.

Starting the next 100 years

This year has been a true celebration of the OA centennial. We commemorated this event with a special lodge flap and activities at each of our lodge events. The culmination of this celebration was at the closing show of the National Order of the Arrow Conference. It was an incredible experience for all the lucky arrowmen who had the chance to attend. It was truly a pleasure to work with each and every member of our lodge over the past year. I would also like to congratulate the lodge on achieving the Bronze level in the Journey to Excellence program.

This new year not only gives us an annual "reset" but also a reset on the next "Century of Service". The completion of another trip around the sun is a great opportunity to reevaluate our regular events and to make more involved strategic plans for the OA and our lodge. Our first chance to kick start the new century for the OA will be at our Chapter Officer Training on January 8th and 9th at Camp Pirtle. (Registration forms are available now on the lodge web page.) All members are encouraged to attend this training event.

Your new lodge officers have recently met for training and make plans for the new year. One resounding theme from your officers was to provide each of our members a place to contribute to our lodge. The Order of the Arrow is a diverse organization that has a place for you and your officers are working to help you find that spot.

Finally, Tejas Lodge is responsible for cooking at the conclave for 800 people. We will need 25 to 30 adults at conclave to help with this daunting task. If you can attend the conclave for any or all of the weekend, please consider volunteering to help with our kitchen duties. You can contact me at matt.lindsey@tejaslodge.org for more information. The conclave will be in Athens at Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp on April 15, 16, and 17.

I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and great New Year and hope to see you at a lodge event in 2016.

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Matt Lindsey

Lodge Adviser

The mission of the Tejas Lodge, Order of the Arrow is to fulfill its purpose as an integral part of the East Texas Area Council, Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

Final Notes by Thomas G.

Before we close off this last Tayshas of 2015, I would like to congratulate Hunter Jones on becoming our 2016 National Chief, Tyler Inberg on becoming our 2016 National Vice Chief, and Jeff Sedlacek on becoming our 2016 Southern Region Chief. Let us all look forward to our next century of the Order of the Arrow! If anyone has questions, comments, or you would like to see something added, please email me at:

secretary@tejaslodge.org

It has been a privilege to be your secretary these past two years. I hope all of you enjoy this Tayshas and I will see you in the new year.

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