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Lodge Associate Adviser honored with Silver Beaver

Congratulations to one of our very own. On March 22, Peggy Scott, Associate Lodge Adviser, was awarded the Silver Beaver. The Silver Beaver is the highest honor a council can bestow on a volunteer. Be sure to congratulate her the next time you see her. We truly appreciate all of her time and dedication to our movement. Some of Mrs. Scott's

service includes:

Assistant Advisor, Explorer Post 306,
1997
Committee Member, Venturing Crew
306, 2006
Advisor, Venturing Crew 342, 2013 to
2014
Assistant Advisor, Venturing Crew 342,
2008 to 2012
Naconiche District Committee Member,
2008 to present
Order of the Arrow
Ordeal member, 2008
Brotherhood member, 2009
Vigil Honor, 2011
Wingolauchsik Guka Janewi

(Cheerful Mother to All)

Naconiche Chapter Adviser, 2010 – 2012

Most Improved Chapter, 2010

Runner Up Chapter of the Year, 2011, 2012

Tejas Lodge Associate Adviser, Secretary, 2014 to present

Venturing Leadership Award Recipient, 2012

Venturing Training Key Recipient, 2012

James E. West Fellow, 2013

Peggy Scott also has a son and daughter, both of which are Vigil Honor members of Tejas Lodge!



Lodge Dues

It's that time of the year again, time to pay the Tejas Lodge dues. Currently dues are \$25.00. By paying your dues, you will be able to participate in all OA events. This includes Lodge, Section, and National events. Ordeal

members who were inducted at the July or August Ordeal already have their dues paid for 2016. Make sure to tell your friends about the lodge dues. 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>

SR 2-3 North Conclave

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Conclave is coming! Are you ready to link our rich history with a great future? Are you ready to learn new skills and Native American crafts? Are you ready to make some new friends that could last a lifetime? Are you ready to defend the “Best of Section” title for Tejas Lodge? Then come pumped and ready to participate in Conclave! With a little more than a week away, Conclave

could potentially be the biggest scouting event you participate in this year. Check-in begins at 5:30 pm, so make sure to come as early as you can. Don't forget your medical form! Tejas Lodge will have a meeting in our campsite (Pine Cove) at 11:00 pm to discuss the day ahead and form teams for the Conclave competitions. If you are the kind of person who loves to be in a relay race or be in

some classic dodgeball, then come prepared to be on the Tejas competition team. Patch trading is also in abundance at Conclave, so make sure to pack your patches. The Section Trading Post will be stocked full of section and Conclave merchandise, in addition to other lodges bringing in their items to sell. Make sure to hurry and sign up, online registration closes on April 11th: click [here](#)

May Fellowship

This May, join your fellow Arrowmen at the Lodge's annual fellowship and workday. Join Tejas Lodge Friday, the 6th of May, for an evening of fun and fellowship at Camp Pirtle. There will be games galore on Friday, a dance demo by some of the best dancers in the lodge, and

some competitions between the chapters. On Saturday, we will be helping Camp Pirtle get ready for summer camp by cleaning and repairing the camp. This event is definitely a way to have fun with your fellow Arrowmen and a way to provide service to the camp, which is

what the OA is all about. Go ahead and print off the registration form and mail it into the council office.

Quad Jam

Are you ready to participate in East Texas Area Council's biggest Scouting event!? Then sign up for Quad Jam! The ETAC All District Quadrennial Jamboree is a Scouting event that brings together troops, crews, ships and posts from across the council for a weekend of fun

learning. There is so much to do at Quad Jam! There will be your typical Scouting activities, including archery, knots, and geocaching. There are also some not-so-typical Scouting activities, including a bouncy horse race, BSA Jeopardy, and a Monkey "Rope" Bridge. The OA

will also have a presence at Quad Jam. We will have an Indian Village, OA booth, and concession stand. We will also have a service corps for the event. If you would like to join the OA and provide a couple of hours of service at Quad Jam, please contact the Lodge Chief.

Report to State

This past February, two Arrowmen from Tejas Lodge had the honor to represent our Council at the Texas annual Report to State. Report to the State of Texas is an event where Scout Delegates from each Council in Texas are seated in the House of Representatives and report to a member of the state government about Scouting accomplishments in their council from the past year. This

year, Jonathan B. (the 2014 Tejas Lodge chief) and Thomas G. (the current Lodge chief) got to be a part of the official delegates representing our council. Before they got to the Capital however, they got to be a part of the Scouting parade in Austin. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts and Explorers from all over Texas got to march up Congress Avenue to the

Capitol. At the Capitol, Thomas G. got to report to a member of the Texas government on not only what our Council's accomplishments have been, but what are lodge's accomplishments have been as well. Both Thomas and Jonathan said this was an amazing event and that scouts from across Texas should have the opportunity to participate in this great event.

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Help with the Ordeals

Tejas Lodge needs your help! This summer, we will be welcoming in new brothers into the Order of the Arrow. In order to give them a proper welcoming, we need your help with executing these events. The first Ordeal, the July Ordeal will take place 15-17 in July.

Lake B. will be the Ordeal Master. The second Ordeal, the August Ordeal, will take place 5-7 of August. The August Ordeal does not have an Ordeal Master yet. If you would like run the Ordeal and be the Ordeal Master, then please contact the Lodge Chief Thomas G.

Both ordeals though need Elangomats and Tribal Warriors. In addition, we also need people to help out with transporting water, being in ceremonies, etc. If you would like to help out with the ordeals, please contact either Thomas G. or Kyle G.

Lodge Chief's Report by Thomas G.

Hello, fellow Arrowmen of Tejas Lodge. It is an honor to be your first lodge chief in the OA's second century of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. This year will be a fantastic year! We already started off the year with our lodge leadership development back in January. The lodge and chapter officers were very

pumped for the upcoming year. All of them had new ideas on how to make our lodge better throughout the year. I am also excited to announce that we have over 75 Arrowmen attending Conclave in Athens this April. This will definitely be an exciting event and I cannot wait to see how well we do (we might just bring

home that Best of Section trophy again!). In these next couple of months, I would like to ask you to help with service that the OA is well known for. Not only have we been asked to help at Quad Jam, but we also need help in putting on our ordeals. If you would like to help in any way, please email me. Now lets go to Conclave!

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Admin's Answers by Levi M.

Hello, my name is Levi M., I am an Eagle Scout from Longview, TX, and SPL for the 2016 NYLT course, among several other things. In addition to all of that, I am also the Vice Chief of Administration for Tejas Lodge. As VC of Admin my two main duties include overseeing elections for all of the units across the

council and planning Lodge events. With that being said, we have some fantastic Lodge events planned out but in order for them to be EPIC we need a strong presence from you, the Lodge members. That's not all! As a member of Tejas Lodge you also have the opportunity to shape lodge events to include some of your

favorite activities and games. To make these lodge events truly "Yours" it takes your input and ideas and that's as simple as shooting me an email.

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Service's Spot by Kyle G.

Lodge members, as many of you know the upcoming months hold a lot of service. From April packed with Conclave and Quadjam, to May Thumbuster. The lodge has planned so many wonderful service projects that aim to

help others as well as to actively engage old and new members. I'm looking forward to seeing all the members actively involved in service projects.

Ceremonies Comments by Michael P.

In ceremonies, we have one pre-ordeal team, one ordeal team, and one Brotherhood team competing at conclave. In addition Wo-Ha-Li has also provided us with a Brotherhood demonstration team. All four of the teams are

from Wo-Ha-Li, if I missed any more I need to know ASAP. If there are any new guys that want to join ceremonies have them contact me via email.

Secretary's Section by Jacob G.

Hey lodge members, it that time of year again; election season. It's time to round up those new arrowmen so we can see the lodge grow. Don't forget that conclave is approaching fast April 15-17, I hope you all have registered for it. Just after that we have Quad Jam April 29-May 1. I hope it turns

out to be a blast, anyone willing to volunteer their time totally should do so. After that its Thumbuster weekend May 7, a great time to get in those extra service hours Arrowmen. Now during the summer camp season I hope to see many Arrowmen participating in the call out ceremony

and icecream social; remeber those are lodge run events.

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Five Rivers by

Hello, Five Rivers here! Man, we've been busy! Several of our members staffed winter camp and they did great. We want to thank them for their cheerful service. We've begun to build our ceremony teams and many of our new members are a part of them. Elections are going great and can't wait to see them succeed at

the challenges they face at Ordeal this summer. Speaking of summer, did you know that Five Rivers has the highest representation on summer camp staff!! All this work with no play leads to a dull Scout so we've also been integrating games and chapter events to our calendars. This is just a little taste of what it is to be a Five

Rivers Arrowmen. So come join us at our monthly meetings at 7:00, in Lufkin, at Chambers Park. Can't wait to see you there!

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Golden Eagle by

We have had several unit elections and had quite a bit of boys and adults nominated for OA. We have done one crossover ceremony and have a couple more planned for the future. Golden Eagle is also actively developing

a couple of ceremony teams.

Wo-Ha-Li by

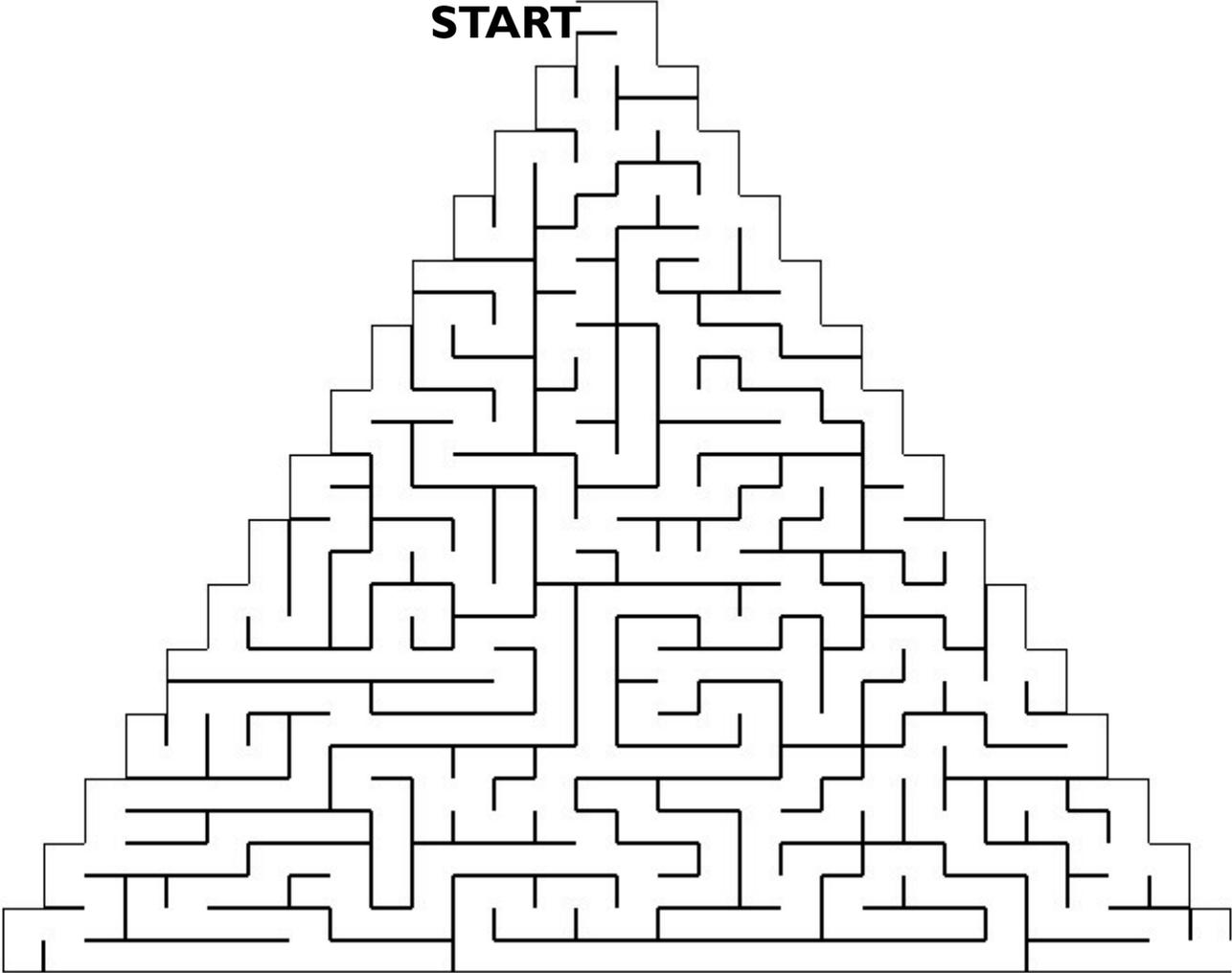
Once again it had been a very busy quarter for Wo-Ha-Li. We have done two Crossovers and we have five more to do on the schedule. We have done one Troop OA Election for Troop 369 and our Chapter Vice Chief is contacting Scoutmasters within our Chapter to schedule more of them. We recently had

two arrowmen serve at the District Pinewood Derby a couple of Saturdays ago. Our Ceremony Teams are already practicing every week in preparations for Conclave. We are hard at work to make this a very successful year.

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Adviser's Minute by Matt Lindsey

Members of Tejas Lodge have many opportunities to participate in Lodge activities in the next three months. I hope each of you decide to participate in one of them. Probably the biggest event for our Lodge this year will be the Section 2-3 N Conclave at Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp in Athens, TX on April 15, 16 and 17th. Attendees will have many opportunities for training and fun. A large group of members from the Lodge will also be cooking for the 700+ in attendance. Our Lodge is also providing many Conclave vice chiefs to help run the Conclave. If one of these young men requests your assistance, please consider serving cheerfully in these important duties.

The Lodge will be very active in the council Quad Jam on April 29, 30 and May 1. The Lodge will man a trading post and concession stand, host an Indian village and provide a service corps. Please see your chapter chief or chapter adviser to sign up for a job.

Our Spring Fellowship will be May 6th and the Pirtle workday will be May 7th. Between now and the spring fellowship each chapter will be holding many elections and crossover ceremonies. If you would like to help with this endeavor please see your chapter chief or adviser.

That is a lot of cheerful service (and fun opportunities) this spring. A key goal for the Lodge this year was to find a place for each arrowman to participate. I hope one of these opportunities looks appealing to you. Congratulations to Kyle G., Michael P. and James M. who attended the National Leadership Seminar in Houston in February and Chris P. who served on staff for the National Lodge Advisers Training. Also, many thanks to all the youths and adults that will make all of these events fun and successful. Your service is truly appreciated.

WWW,
Matt Lindsey
Tejas 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 Jacob G.

Conclave will definitely be a fantastic event. I cannot wait to see how much fun everyone will have. If you would like to help out at Quad Jam or any of the Ordeals, please contact either Thomas G. or Kyle G. Have fun everyone!

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