Leaders of Scouting’s National Honor Society Recognized at National Meeting

by Carey Mignerey

Ed Pease, who retired this spring after seven years as chairman of the Order of the Arrow, was honored for his service to the Order with a dinner on May 23 at the Opryland Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. As chairman, Pease administered dynamic growth and change in the Order.

More than 70 people attended the dinner, including several national committee members and their spouses, distinguished volunteers and friends of Pease. Moreover, 15 national officers who served with Pease honored him at the event. The director and seven national chiefs recounted memories and paid tribute to the past chairman.

On the following day, the BSA National Annual Meeting began. Several thousand Scouters and professionals convened, representing Scouting across the nation.

At the national OA committee meeting, Pease introduced Brad Haddock as the new OA chairman.

Several other national OA committee members also were recognized at the meeting. Jack Hess, Western Region OA chairman, was honored with the Silver Antelope for outstanding service to his region. The Silver Buffalo, Scouting’s highest recognition for service to youth, was presented to Bob Gates, chairman of the National Eagle Scout Association, and Tom Reddin, Northeast Region OA chairman. The Order is indeed honored by these national committee members and the impact they have on Scouting.

2000 Recharter Highlights

Ordeal Member Inductions

Membership

Quality Lodges

Source: 2000 Order of the Arrow Recharter Statistics

Dear Brothers,

A few weeks ago, we departed as an Order from another remarkable National Order of the Arrow Conference. The many elements of NOAC, both the traditional favorites and the new features, truly achieved new levels. The 85th anniversary of our Order could have no greater tribute than the thousands of great Arrowmen like you who made NOAC special.

After events, we proclaim, “What a success!” But NOAC was successful because of the tireless hours dedicated by the staff, the great university facilities, and the foundation of tradition that we are so lucky to possess. The conference also was a success because each of you gained irreplaceable memories—leadership training, dance competitions, region gatherings, the theme show, patch trading, Very Important Arrowmen meals. NOAC was uniquely memorable to everyone. At the same time, we all shared the experience. As we heard in the opening show, “We come together to explore that which makes us unique and to reaffirm that which binds us together.”

For both of us, NOAC 2000 was unforgettable not only because of the opportunities that a conference presents, but also for the time shared with old and new friends. We hope that the conference has been unforgettable for you, as well. Until we meet again, may we be “Bound in Brotherhood, Led by the Spirit.”

Carey Mignerey
National Chief

Jordan Hitchens
National Vice Chief

NOAC Centerfold Inside!
Distinguished Service Awards Presented at NOAC

by Dustin Thomas

The national Order of the Arrow committee is pleased to announce the selection of 36 Scouts and Scouters for the Distinguished Service Award. The DSA is presented to Arrowmen who have rendered outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, area, regional or national basis. It is given primarily for dedicated service to the Order and Scouting over a period of time. A limited number of awards are presented every two years.

The following DSAs were presented at the 2000 National Order of the Arrow Conference in Knoxville, Tennessee.

- Mark Christopher Angeli, Kennesaw, Georgia
- Daniel T. Atleson, Moline, Illinois
- Richard "Dick" Henry Austin, Fort Smith, Arkansas
- John C. Bicket, Edmond, Oklahoma
- Peter Arnold Cash, Memphis, Tennessee
- Benjamin Whitlow "Whit" Culver, Pawhuska, Oklahoma
- Brandon Fessler, Kearns, Utah
- Michael A. George II, Endicott, New York
- Joseph W. Glenski, St. Paul, Minnesota
- David Golden, Oak Creek, Wisconsin
- Brian S. Hashiro, Wailuku, Hawaii
- John Isley, Asheboro, North Carolina
- Kenneth R. Jenkins, Oak Ridge, New Jersey
- Ryan King, Columbus, Indiana
- Aaron W. Kreager, Papillion, Nebraska
- William D. Loeble, Covington, Georgia
- Lance McAlister, Kilgore, Texas
- Michael P. McCrea, Lansdale, Pennsylvania
- Seth McFarland, Lexington, Nebraska
- Seth McFarland, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- William Glenn Parker, Montgomery, Alabama
- Michael Perkins, Tremonton, Utah
- Terry W. "Tee" Pruitt II, Ashville, North Carolina
- Jeremy Pullen, Cape Coral, Florida
- Andrew S. Oh, McLean, Virginia
- David H. Sargent, New Holland, Pennsylvania
- Robert J. Sirhal, Kingston, Rhode Island
- George William Spice, Boonville, Indiana
- David Stowe, Columbia, Missouri
- David Stribley, Jacksonville, Florida
- Christopher L. Wells, New Castle, Pennsylvania
- Roy L. Williams, Colleyville, Texas

Siwinis Lodge, Los Angeles Area Council, sent 12 youth to NOAC for $50.00 each. This included airfare, van rental, gas, contingent patches, and bowling and pizza for all on the way home. Fund-raising activities began in early 1999 and included two trade-o-rees, a pancake breakfast, a spaghetti dinner, a food concession at the council scout-o-rama, and of course a special NOAC flap fundraiser.

Section NE-5B, of upstate New York, held its final conclave. The area is dissolving and the section is merging. The conclave was highlighted with the spirited participation by national officers Carey Mignerey, Jordan Hitchens, and Scott Schmidt. The highlight of the program was the Hawaiian luau held on Saturday night, which included a pig roast, food galore, and leis that were given to everyone!

Web site: http://www.home.stny.rr.com/NE5B/main.htm

O-Shot-Caw Lodge, South Florida Council, Miami, Florida, had 80 members in their contingent and placed in the following competitions: volleyball, 2nd place; basketball, 3rd place; newsletter, National Standard; Ceremonies, Honor Lodge in Brotherhood, Pre-Ordeal, and Vigil.

Web site: http://www.o-shot-caw.org/

Colonnette Lodge, Sam Houston Area Council, Houston, Texas, is holding its Fall Pow Wow 2000 on October 13-15 at Camp Strake in Conroe, Texas. The extensive program includes camping, hunting, and fishing displays, a shooting range, dance and singing competition, a Saturday night show, and a “Where’s Waldo” contest.

Web site: http://www.neosoft.com/~colonnette

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Unami Lodge Restores Ties to the Past

To commemorate the OA’s 85th anniversary, the brothers of Unami Lodge have committed to restoring the original lodge house on Treasure Island.

Built in 1919 and in use since then, the house needed major repairs, including a new roof, refrigerator, fireplace inserts, staircases, light fixtures and bathroom and ramps for accessibility by people with disabilities. The council executive board brought the renovation proposal to the executive committee of the lodge, which quickly agreed to the project.

Plans called for about $40,000 to cover expenses. To raise the money, the lodge petitioned the national OA committee and received a $5,000 matching service grant. At the lodge banquet, Cradle of Liberty Council Scout Executive Bill Dwyer announced that the council would match the grant, and the project was up and running.

Project adviser and past Unami Lodge chief Mark Chilitti drew up a four-phase proposal to reach the fund-raising goal. The first phase involved an individual outreach in which more than 50 Arrowmen were asked to contribute at least $100 each. More than $7,000 has been raised this way. The second phase was the sale of 300 special council stripe sets to commemorate the project.

The third phase is the sale of a special, 16-color jacket patch showing E. Umer Goodman beside the lodge house. The lodge hopes to sell a total of 130 patches. The fourth phase is the “Walkway at Unami Lodge.” Individuals and troops will be able to purchase a special brick and leave a message on a walkway that will be built around the lodge house.

With the fund-raising beyond the halfway mark, the project is on target for completion after the 2000 summer camp season. Much of the work was done before the lodge’s 85th anniversary celebration in May. A special rededication ceremony will take place in November when the project is completed.

The brothers of Unami Lodge want to express their appreciation to the national OA committee, the Cradle of Liberty Council for their financial support, and the Arrowmen from across the country who have purchased patches to support this project.

For more information on Unami Lodge House Project 2000, please contact Mark Chilitti at 215-708-0399.

Where Are They Now?

Since serving as the 1990 national chief, John Meckley graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Dickinson College, where he served as class president. He graduated summa cum laude from George Washington University Law School, where he was first in his class.

John is licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. He served as the assistant district attorney for Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, from 1997 to 1998. John currently resides in Milton, Pennsylvania, where he practices international corporate law (specializing in mergers and acquisitions) through the Washington, D.C., office of the Wall Street firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP. John is active in the Northumberland County Republican Party, and currently serves as vice chairman. He was the 1998 Republican candidate for Congress in Pennsylvania’s sixth congressional district.

John is a member of the executive board of the Susquehanna Council and is the past Netami District chairman. John also serves as a board member of Milton’s Rotary Club, trustee of the Hugh O’Brien Youth Foundation, and board member of the Pennsylvania Economic Education Council. He is involved in many other service organizations in the Milton area.

John counts his year as national chief as “one of the most positive and rewarding experiences” of his life. He says, “I continue to be grateful for the friendships developed and lessons learned from serving the Order.”

Profiles in Service

Members of the Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge, chartered by the Old North State Council, Greensboro, North Carolina, rendered many hours of cheerful service at their council camporee. More than 175 members served:

- As troop guides, helping with check-in and registration
- As part of the chaos crew, moving equipment, delivering meals to exhibitors, and helping wherever needed
- Producing three issues of the camporee newsletter
- Offering midway support, assisting exhibitors with setting up and running their booths
- Serving as building security and show ushers
- Operating the Indian village, including a trading post

The Indian village was the hit of the camporee. It featured bear claw necklace-making, flint-knapping, native archery, drumming and dancing and a trading post. It also featured two teepees, which were popular with all the Scouts. One Webelos Scout was quoted in the local paper saying the Indian village was his favorite part of the camporee.

More than 4,000 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Tiger Cubs, Webelos Scouts and adult leaders attended.
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2000 Planning Calendar

September 29
Central Region NLS, London, OH

October 1
Distribution of Lodge Charter Renewal Kits

October 6-8
Western Region NLS, Casper, WY

October 27-29
Central Region NLS, Parkville, MO

November 3-5
Southern Region NLS, Covington, GA

November 10-12
Southern Region NLS, Fort Worth, TX

November 17-19
Western Region NLS, Pleasanton, CA

December 28-31
OA National Planning Meeting, Dallas, TX

Operation First Class

Operation First Class is a national program that benefits less fortunate Scouts in the community. For the past three years, Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge, in conjunction with the Gulfstream Council, has organized and staffed this annual event with financial support from AT&T Wireless Services. This program offers the urban Scouts of south Florida an opportunity to learn what it is like to camp in the great outdoors and starts them out on the Scouting trail.

Throughout the weekend, OA members conduct round-robin classes that teach the basic Scouting skills required for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks. Numerous fun-filled activities are held for the young Scouts to make their introduction to Scouting exciting and memorable. Activities include drift boat fishing, indoor climbing, scuba diving instructions, laser tag, hot-air balloon demonstrations and wildlife presentations.

This is the fourth year that the Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge will host this event. It has gained popularity throughout the council and section. The organizers hope to see more national interest following a story about this event in the September issue of Scouting magazine. If anyone would like more information on Operation First Class or has any new ideas for this event, please feel free to contact the following lodge leaders via e-mail.

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Burning Issues with Steve Arisman

Question: What is the Founder’s Award? What are the requirements for selection?

Answer: The Guide for Officers and Advisers states: “The Founder’s Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the lodge.” The award is reserved for those Arrowmen who memorialize the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman. There are no set national procedures or requirements for choosing recipients. The only stipulation is that if any awards are given, at least one recipient must be a youth member. Depending on its membership, a lodge may honor up to four Arrowmen with this award each year.

A national video, soon to be released, will provide additional information about the award.

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