Order Mourns Loss of National Vice Chief

Prior to serving as National Vice Chief, he was the Section Chief for Southern Region 6A. A Vigil Honor member and Founders Award recipient of Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge, he served as Lodge Vice Chief and two terms as Lodge Chief.

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Additional information on Josh’s memorial service, including the eulogy given by the Scouters, may be found on the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Web site at http://www.edge.net/boyscout

Josh Sain Memorial Fund

The Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge and the Middle Tennessee Council have established a memorial fund in Josh’s memory. The money will be used for a major permanent project at Boxwell Scout Reservation. Donations may be sent to the Josh Sain Memorial Fund, Middle Tennessee Council, PO Box 150409, Nashville, TN 37215.

Order Remembers Tatham, Peterson, and Slesnick

Tatham Picture

Earle Peterson

Bill Slesnick

by Clyde Mayer

On September 9, 1997, Thomas Tatham, a Founder’s Advisory Council member and long time Lodge Chief, died unexpectedly while driving the 1997 National Chief, Earle served as the Professional Adviser to several sub-committees and provided professional support to the National Bulletin and the OA Trail Crew program at Philmont. Earle was an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the OA.

On November 26, 1997, William E. (Bill) Slesnick died in his sleep. Bill was a long time member of the National OA Committee and was International Ambassador for the Jewish Committee on Scouting. A member of the Passaconaway Lodge in Hanover, New Hampshire, Bill had received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, the Silver Buffalo, and the OA Distinguished Service Award. He was a professor of mathematics at Dartmouth College and was a Rhodes Scholar.

He was a Vigil Honor member of the 1997 National Chief Training and Uniform and considered his ability to reach out to the younger Arrowmen ... and let them know that they were special to the Order and to him. May we all strive to do the same.” --Branden Morris

Josh will never be forgotten due to his devotion to the OA and to Scouting. During his speech at the National Jamboree, Josh spoke of the importance of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service, the things he referred to as the spirit of the Order. Josh was a living example of the OA. Let his memory continue to strengthen the spirit of Scouting and the OA in each of us.

Tatham, a strong supporter of Scouting on the council, region and national levels. He was a recipient of the OA Distinguished Service Award, Silver Buffalo, and Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

On October 31, 1997, National OA Associate Director Earle W. Peterson died unexpectedly while attending a Boy Scout Meeting at the Florida Sea Base. For more than 42 years, Earle served the BSA professionally as a District Executive, Camp Director, Scout Executive and Director of Boy Scout Training and Uniform and Insignia. As the Associate OA Director, Earle served as the Professional Adviser to several sub-committees and provided professional support to the National Bulletin and the OA Trail Crew program at Philmont.

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Fellow Arrowmen,

The results of the participant’s evaluations from the National Jamboree indicated that the Order’s Odyssey of the Law program was one of the top three events at the entire Jamboree. This is certainly a great honor for all of those who worked so many hours to develop and run event.

We would like to thank all of the Arrowmen who provided leadership to NLS, Philmont Trail Crew, and all of the National Jamboree program areas. We are honored that we had the opportunity to participate in these quality programs during the last year. The example of brotherhood and cheerful service demonstrated by the staff of each of these events exemplified the true meaning of our Order. As leaders of our Order, we encourage you to participate in NLS, Trail Crew, and NOAC during the upcoming year to your lodge membership.

As the year comes to a close we would like to issue our final challenge. As many of you know the BSA made a commitment to achieve 200 million hours of community service by the year 2000 as a part of the President’s Summit for America’s Future. The Order is proud to have been asked to provide the leadership and manpower to promote Scouting’s community service commitment to every pack, troop, and team in America. So, we ask you to please help us in the promotion of this project.

All of us have a challenge at hand to help promote the achievement of 200 million hours of community service by the year 2000. We believe this is an attainable goal if we come together as one. We are all leaders and honor Scouts in the OA. Be a shining example of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service to the best of your ability. Do your part in your section, lodge, and troop to help provide service to your community.

While we provide these community services, let us remember: “When laboring for others let it be with the same zeal as if it were for yourself.”

Yours In Brotherhood,

Chris Rogers
1997 National Chief

Josh Sain
1997 National Vice Chief

This article was written prior to the loss of Josh Sain.

The 1998 European Camp Staff Program

by International Division, BSA

The European Camp Staff Program enables participants to serve as volunteer staff members of a Scout Center in another country. Scouts learn about another culture and learn about Scouting in Europe while developing their leadership skills. If you are interested in this program you need to consult the booklet entitled European Camp Staff Program—Participating Centers 1998 which is available from the International Division of the National Office. If you are willing to work for a minimum of six weeks, this program may be for you. The normal registration fee of $135.00 has been waived due to a special scholarship for 1998. If you are interested, you will be required to fill out an application form and return it to the National Office, International Division.

Five sessions of NJLIC slated for Summer of 1998

by Dave Petrush

The National Junior Leader Instructor Camp (NJLIC) is the ultimate in training experiences for youth leaders. Conducted each summer at Philmont Scout Ranch, NJLIC trains older Scouts who are potential staff members for the council junior leader training conferences. The council training committee and the Scout Executive nominate those Scouts they think will benefit their council by attending.

Scouts who meet the qualifications receive an invitation from the Chief Scout Executive.

Participant qualifications are: First Class rank or higher; 14 years of age by opening day of course, but not yet 18; completion of council junior leader training course; willingness to become a junior leader trainer for the local council; proficiency in Scouting skills (rope work, lashing, fire building, etc.); and good physical condition.

If you meet these qualifications and would like to attend one of the five sessions offered this summer, please contact your local council office to express your interest.

1998 NJLIC

June 28 - July 4
July 5 - July 11
July 19 - July 25
July 26 - August 1
August 9 - August 15

DSA & Red Arrow Nominations Deadline

by Billy Walley

The National Order of the Arrow Committee presents the Distinguished Service Award to those Arrowmen who have rendered outstanding service to the Order on the section, area, region or national level. The Red Arrow Award is presented to non-Scouts or Scouts who are not members of the Order of the Arrow, for distinguished service to the OA. Both awards will be presented at the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Nominations for the Distinguished Service Award and the Red Arrow Award are available by sending a self addressed stamped envelope to the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079. The completed nominations are due in the National Office by February 1, 1998.
1998 Opportunities

NOAC at Iowa State
by Jay Kucera

Thousands of OA members are preparing to invade Iowa State University from August 2 - 6, 1998 for NOAC. Our Section Chiefs will be planning the details of the Conference during the National Planning Meeting in December. However, it is not too early to start promoting NOAC and recruiting exceptional Arrowmen to serve on staff.

This will be the first time the OA has visited the 1,800 acre ISU Campus. ISU’s centralized location and easy access make it an ideal location for a national event. The campus provides over a million square feet of facilities including a capacity to house over 7000 Arrowmen. We have access to a state of the art entertainment complex in the Iowa State Center. The Hilton Coliseum can comfortably seat over 10,000 cheering Arrowmen for the arena shows. The city of Ames and its 48,000 residents provide a pleasant setting for the Conference in the agricultural heart of Iowa. Side trips can take you to historic Boone, or to the thriving metropolis of Des Moines.

The service lodge, Mitigwa Lodge, has provided much information concerning travel to Ames, transportation services, and local travel agencies in a homepage designed to help your lodge plan your journey to NOAC. The homepage address is www.racoom.com/~NOAC98/index.htm. If you are interested in serving on staff, you need to contact your committee’s Lead Adviser for an application. A listing of Lead Advisers is contained in the box below. Your application must be mailed to your Lead Adviser by February 1, 1998.

The Campanile houses the Stanton Memorial Carillon. Since 1899 when the Campanile was completed, sets of bells have been given to the university as gifts. Today, its 50 bells have a combined weight of 30 tons; the smallest weighing 10 pounds and the largest, 5,737 pounds. Short carillon concerts are given at noon and 5:10 PM daily during the school year.

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For the forth consecutive summer, Philmont Scout Ranch and the OA are teaming up to offer the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew Program. The OA Trail Crew Program provides youth members an opportunity to experience the majestic mountains of Philmont for only $100. The Summer of 1998 will consist of six sessions. The last session will conclude in time for NOAC.

For during your two week session, you will be assisted by two experienced Foremen. The Foremen have extensive Philmont and OA backgrounds. During the first week of your session, you will be working on the Tooth Ridge trail, one of the hallmark trails at Philmont. You will be based at a trail camp where you will have the opportunity to enjoy fellowship and to share ideas with Arrowmen from across the nation. The second week will consist of a trek, personally designed by your crew. You will have opportunities to experience many of the backcountry programs while practicing low impact camping methods. At the conclusion of the two week experience, a banquet is held in recognition of your journey.

This is the opportunity of a lifetime. Do not let it pass you by! If you are interested in serving on staff, please see the related article on high adventure staff opportunities.

Order of the Arrow Trail Crew
by Todd Turner

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June 26 - July 10
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July 10 - July 24
July 17 - July 31

Cost: $100

Requirements:
Must be at least 16 years old the day the session begins, but not 21 by its conclusion.

Applications:
Call the National Office at 972-580-2438.

GOOD MEN WANTED: A FEW
by Doug Hirler

If you are over 18, have camp experience and are looking for employment next summer, you may want to investigate the many opportunities that exist at our National High Adventure Bases. The mountains of Philmont, the north woods of Canada, and the clear waters of the Florida Keys all provide tremendous opportunities for staff at one of our High Adventure Bases. All of the bases provide food, lodging, and tremendous program potential. You will work hard, but you will certainly have fun. For an application, write to the following High Adventure Bases.

Northern Tier
P.O. Box 509
Ely, Minnesota 55731-0509

Florida Sea Base
P.O. Box 1906
Islamorada, Florida 33036

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Service to America

by Tony Fiori

Earlier this year, President Bill Clinton, along with former presidents Ford, Carter and Bush, attended a summit on volunteerism that was held in Philadelphia. After the conference, President Clinton challenged all youth organizations to make a commitment to provide service in their surrounding communities. OA representatives completed a minimum of 12 hours of service by the end of the year. \( \cdots \)

Ideas Needed for Lodge Idea Book

by Chris Rogers

The 1997 National Officers are developing a Lodge Idea Book composed of ideas and suggestions from Arrowmen and lodges across the nation. They need your ideas on communication, membership retention, brotherhood conversion, call-out ceremonies, tips on running a successful executive committee meeting, and lodge fellowship attendance.

Remember, this Lodge Idea Book will only be as good as the ideas you submit! The Lodge Idea Book will be distributed at the 1998 NOAC.

IDEA GUIDELINES: When submitting suggestions, please focus on the following:

1) Programs unique to your lodge.
2) Ideas for solving common challenges in lodges.
3) Fun ideas for programs.
4) Lodge Web site addresses.

SUBMIT TO:
Chris Rogers
291 North Fraternity Lane
Whitewater, WI 53190

e-mail: rogerscn11@uwwax.uww.edu
DEADLINE: January 12, 1998
How a Web site can help your lodge
by John Bicket & Andy Martin

Why do you want to get your lodge on the Web? What makes this medium of communication so useful? Well, more than one person can access the same information at the same time, and some pages have a thousand people visiting per hour. It can be used to display text, pictures, sound clips, or video. It is not very expensive to browse or to create information for the Web. Unlike a paper document, information can be changed in seconds. Information on the Web is available to the entire world, and writing Web pages is not that difficult.

If you are interested in creating a Web site for your lodge there are many resources you can consult. You can buy a book to help you or borrow one from the library. A good book to get is Laura Lemay’s Teach Yourself Web Publishing in a Week. You can find a lot of information on the Web itself. Try http://help.netscape.com/links.html and follow the links from the “Creating Web Pages” list, or visit the Microsoft site at http://www.microsoft.com. The most important place to find help is from your fellow lodge members. Although Web publishing is quite new, you will be surprised at how many people know something about building Web pages. Once you start asking, you will probably find a lot of “local talent” willing to help you get started.

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Northeast Region Update
by Joe Barton

Over the last ten years the Northeast Region has realigned its areas three different times. The most recent occurred on June 1, 1997. The purpose of each of these realignments has been to better serve the youth involved in Scouting throughout the Region.

As a result of the realignments, the OA sections are almost always affected. Each of the Area Directors decides which Councils will be included in the new sections. All decisions regarding the eleven new sections of the Northeast Region were made prior to the first conclaves in June, and the lodges in our region knew which section they would call “home” when they left their 1997 conclaves. Meetings of the new sections began after September 15, following the last Conclave of the 1997 program year. We would like to offer a hearty “thank-you” to all of our lodges, and especially the section leadership for ensuring that this transition went as smoothly as the previous realignments.

We had our first region-wide meeting of the sections at the annual Section Officers’ Seminar on November 14-16 at Alpine Scout Camp. The Central Region recently issued a challenge to all lodges and sections within the Great Midwest to design and maintain an Internet homepage by the end of the calendar year. Each homepage should represent “local talent” willing to help you get started. You will be surprised at how many people know something about building Web pages. Once you start asking, you will probably find a lot of “local talent” willing to help you get started.

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Western Region Update
by Josh Souza

Things in the sunny Western Region have been moving along great! We just held a hugely successful Gathering of Section Chiefs in Phoenix, Arizona, that focused on how chief’s can “imagine” and conduct outstanding programs. At the Gathering, two new region programs were introduced; the Officer’s Ideabook and the Scoutmaster’s survey.

The Officer’s Ideabook is a notebook designed to be passed along from one officer to the next, sharing all of his successes and failures. The Officer’s Ideabook also features over 90 ideas and helpful hints on how to improve section and lodge program. Each lodge and section in the region will receive the Officer’s Ideabook, thus assisting over 1,100 youth officers.

The second program introduced was a region-wide Scoutmaster survey to be used during unit elections. Each Scoutmaster will complete an evaluation reflecting the Scoutmaster’s perception of the OA in the troop. The survey reminds Scoutmasters that Arrowmen can be a great resource to their unit by setting a great example and by teaching skills. The goal of this program is to erase the old belief that the OA only takes away older boys from the troop.

Lastly, we are actively promoting the OA Trail Crew program. Each lodge will receive two master copies of fun looking promotional flyers to send out in their lodge newsletter. Skits with hard hats, tools, and orange vests performed at NLS’s also assist us in promoting this program. If you have any suggestions for these programs, please contact Region Chief Josh Souza.

The National Bulletin is published quarterly. If you have an article and/or picture (with caption) for submission, please send it to Ryan Miske, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, 55057 or e-mail it to miske@carleton.edu. The next submission deadline is January 1, 1998.

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1998 Lodge Charter Renewal

by Clyde Mayer

In early October, Council Scout Executives received by mail their lodge’s charter renewal kit. It contains all of the necessary information and forms to renew a lodge’s charter. The Lodge Charter Renewal Application must be in the National Office by December 31, 1997 to be considered on time.


In addition to charter renewal materials, the following 1998 program items are included in the renewal kit: OA Service Grant Application, E. Urner Goodman Scholarship Fund Application, 1998 Philmont OA Trail Crew Program Application, and a fact sheet on the 1998 National OA Conference.

The 1998 lodge dues will remain the same as they were last year ($1.50 per Arrowman). When the National Office receives a lodge’s completed Charter Renewal Application and fees, the lodge will receive its 1998 Lodge Program Support Pak. Program paks will be ready for distribution as early as December 1, 1997.

Burning Issues with Todd Turner

Question: I have seen members of my lodge wearing a variety of shoulder loops, some red, some silver and some gold. Also, at a recent training event, several staff members were wearing neat OA emblems on their shoulder loops. What is the policy for the wearing of shoulder loops?

Response: Shoulder loops are a solid colored ribbon worn on the shoulder epaulets. Wear the color for the primary registered position in which you are functioning.

Silver Council or District Scout
Gold National or Regional Scout
Red Troop Member
Blaze (Orange) Varsity Team Member
Green Exploring Post Member
Blue Cub Scout

Absolutely nothing should be attached to the ribbon shoulder loops at any time. As Arrowmen, we should set the example by only wearing the appropriate shoulder loops.