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My Honor, My Best, My Duty, My Scouting

By **KEN BADGETT**

HISTORIAN, OLD HICKORY COUNCIL

When Banks Newman returned to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in May 1979 for the 50th Anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 749, reporter Arlene Edwards of the Winston-Salem Journal wrote, "If you don't want to get involved in Boy Scout work, you'd better stay indoors today and keep your telephone off the hook - H. Banks Newman is back in town." She noted, "If you don't believe me, ask around the eight counties that make up the Old Hickory Council...It won't take you long to find any number of people who are still trying to figure out how Newman and...(Scout Executive) W. E. Vaughan-Lloyd talked them into taking over a troop." This zest for Scouting and all of its programming features was the hallmark of Banks Newman's 67 years as a Scouting volunteer.

Harry Banks Newman (May 23, 1898 - June 10, 1986), always known as Banks, and William E. (Skipper) Vaughan-Lloyd were two of a group of four important twentieth-century Scouting leaders in northwestern North Carolina who recognized the importance of summer camp operations to the effectiveness of local Boy Scout councils. Also, they understood that the Order of the Arrow, as a method of recognition



Banks Newman (second from right), received the Silver Beaver Award in 1933. Courtesy of Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum, Old Hickory Council, BSA.

for Scouting's youth and adults, could - and probably would - help to endear thousands of active members and their families to local Scouting through the fellowship created by positive camping experience. From the 1920's

into the 1970's, these men - Banks Newman (Class of 1963), Roy Hinshaw (Class of 1963), Skipper Vaughan-Lloyd, Sr. (Class of 1946), and

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"Chief" Newbery: Pioneering Arrowman

By **MAC MCLEAN**

CLASS OF 1988

RUSTY RIDDLE

UNALI'YI LODGE HISTORIAN

J. Rucker Newbery provided important and pioneering leadership to Scouting during its formative years and to the Order of the Arrow during its primary days of expansion in the South. Everyone seems to know that he edited the first OA Handbook, but many know little else.

Joseph Rucker Newbery was born in 1898 and became a Scout in Troop 1 in Beaumont, Texas, in 1911 when a young friend invited him to a troop meeting. His youthful participation ended in 1915, but by 1919 a council formed in Beaumont and its executive recruited Newbery to serve as Scoutmaster of new Troop 4. He also worked at a bank --- whose president served as the council treasurer. By 1922, the Beaumont Council hired Newbery as Scout executive, a position in which he flourished.

While serving in Beaumont, Newbery picked

up his nickname "Chief." Newbery indicated in a self-published booklet Scouting Memories printed in 1976, that while conducting his first summer camp, his nightly campfires had at least in part an Indian theme. At a particular time in the program, patrols requested to be recognized by the "Chief of the Fire" and Newbery served in that role as camp director. The patrols would begin their requests with the words "Oh, Chief..." and this was repeated throughout the summer's campfires. This

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First Summit Circle ceremony held

By HUNTER JONES

2016 NATIONAL CHIEF

Over the past 100 years, the Order of the Arrow has taken youth through a journey of personal growth and discovery – one of mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual development. This could not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of many individuals. Unfortunately, our past can sometimes become lost in the mix as we look to the future. In an effort to further preserve our history, the Summit Circle was born. Starting in 2016, Arrowmen now have a location that they can point to as a physical home for our Order. The Summit-Bechtel Reserve now houses a place of reverence for our organization and our many accomplishments in the advancement of youth development.

The ceremonial passing of the torch took place on April 16, 2016 when the six national youth officers



ON THE COVER: Arrowmen gather at Summit Circle where the six national youth officers, Unami Lodge and Section C-4B led a ceremony celebrating the transition from Treasure Island to the Summit Circle.

along with representatives from the Unami Lodge and Section C-4B conducted a ceremony celebrating the transition from Treasure Island to the Summit Circle. During the ritual, the Unami brother symbolically passed along the duties of care for the OA's physical home to Section C-4B. The section will now serve as the caretakers of the Summit Circle, under the guidance of the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

The ceremony symbolically embodied many of the elements

that have made our organization what it is today. As the flame carried from Treasure Island ignited the fire constructed of Vermont birch wood, the spirit of our Order travelled from one individual present to the next as they cheerfully helped feed this very fire, igniting their own flame that they would then carry back to their respective communities of brothers. It was an experience that truly embodied our three principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

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Matt Walker, Class of 1992
Billy Walley, Class of 1983
Thomas Webb, Class of 1995
Jason Wolz, Class of 2012
Larry Young, Class of 1971

Current statistics of the Centennial Campaign

A total of \$1,004,860 or 84% of \$1,200,000 goal has been raised for the Centennial Campaign. \$195,140 or 16% is the gap to goal of \$1,200,000.

There are still several naming opportunities available at Philmont, Northern Tier and the National Museum. Interested donors please contact Associate OA Director Travis Rubelee at Travis.Rubelee@scouting.org or 972-580-2440





CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

My Brothers,

As an integral part of induction, a candidate pledges to "observe and preserve the traditions" of the Order of the Arrow. On April 16 our national youth officers led a special ceremony opening our new national ceremonial grounds at the Bechtel Summit Reserve in West Virginia. This completed the relocation of our ceremonial grounds from New Jersey. This move, and the story behind it, is a living testament to the true meaning of the Scouting spirit and part of our continuing legacy.

In the early part of this century floodwaters of the Delaware River repeatedly ravaged the Treasure Island Scout Camp, birthplace of our Order and site of its first ceremonies. The Cradle of Liberty Council based in Philadelphia reluctantly concluded that the site needed to be decommissioned by abandoning the island and moving to a new property. As news of this decision spread, Arrowmen across the country realized that with the closing of Treasure Island our birthplace could literally wash away into history.

At the 2012 National OA Conference, BSA President Wayne Perry and Vice President of Outdoor Adventures Jack Furst encouraged our leadership team to find ways to become more involved with the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Their suggestion led me to the idea that if the BSA would set aside a few acres in the SBR woods, we would work with the council office in Philadelphia to move the original ceremony site with its historic podium to the Summit. They readily accepted the idea and this vision became our plan. Now we had to make it happen.

We had already asked every lodge in the country to send us a rock engraved with their lodge name and council headquarters city to "build something" to commemorate

our 100th Anniversary. Our Founder E. Urner Goodman had built the revered "Brotherhood Fireplace" in the barn on his property using rocks similarly donated from across the nation.

The architect, Tony Steinhardt, suggested we merge the two projects by using the lodge rocks to form columns, holding the 15 blazes reminiscent of the Ordeal Ceremony. These light posts would illuminate the way into the ceremony site along a path we came to call "the reflection trail", reminding us of important quotes from our ceremonies, our founder, and our lore. We wanted a place of pilgrimage and quiet reflection.

Mark Chilutti worked with the council to gain access to the original site, allowing us to salvage the rock formations at Treasure Island for reconstruction at the Summit. Dan McCarthy, Chris Grove, and I tramped the backwoods of the Summit to find "the right spot." Scott Best managed the volunteer effort to gently deconstruct the site and pack it for its journey to West Virginia. Nyles Possiger arranged to have the rocks airlifted across the river to be trucked to their new home.

Toby Capps, wishing to memorialize his father and the lodge of his youth, recommended that the national committee accept engraved rocks from lodges that are no longer active, which became the springboard for the Legacy Plaza. Chris Grove managed the process of restoration and local Arrowman and architect George Soltis oversaw day-to-day construction.

Carl Marchetti volunteered to add this Summit project to the Centennial Fundraising Campaign we were beginning to launch, and hundreds of Arrowmen across the country responded to make the dream a reality. Bobby Robinson and Don Miller added their metal craftsmanship to create memorable



and durable elements of Tony's design. The local section (C-4B) under the leadership of Shane Miller committed to take on the service of caring for the grounds once established.

This summer we expect 1,500 Arrowmen from across the country to participate in the PRISM program at the Summit. All will be asked to go through a ceremony at the Summit Circle. This ceremony is our way to breathe new life into those 100 year old rocks from the place of our founding, serving as a way to observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow. This project will become a new part of the lore of the Order of the Arrow as we move forward.

Ray Capp



Capp named National Alumnus of the Year for 2016

By **BRYAN WENDELL**
NATIONAL OFFICE

The Boy Scouts of America's Scouting Alumni Association named Ray Capp, Distinguished Eagle Scout and chairman of the Order the Arrow, as its 2016 National Alumnus of the Year. The award, presented annually since 2011, honors one volunteer whose efforts have helped grow Scouting in big ways.

A letter co-authored by Scouting Alumni Association committee chairman Ed Pease and director Dustin Farris paints an impressive portrait of Capp's contributions to the Scouting movement. The most

recent example was last year's 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow.

Capp used that occasion to reach out to "countless former Scouters asking them to become involved in the Scouting movement once again," according to the letter. These alumni re-engaged in the OA as it celebrated its 100th birthday, with many becoming inspired by what they saw at the National Order of the Arrow Conference. And here's the best part: Most of these individuals will stick around to help grow the BSA in 2016 and beyond.

Other contributions by Capp include:

-Serving on the National Scouting Museum board, National Outdoor Adventures committee, National Marketing and Innovation committee, and National Staff Training committee at the Philmont Training Center.

-Wrote the template for how to establish a council alumni association and implemented it at Middle Tennessee Council.

-Received the Silver Buffalo Award, OA Distinguished Service Award, Silver Antelope Award, Silver Beaver Award, District Award of Merit, and the Scoutmaster Award of Merit. As a youth he earned Eagle Scout and the prestigious William T. Hornaday Conservation Award.



Previous recipients of the National Alumnus of the Year Award, that also received the DSA include 2013: David Briscoe (Class of 1992) and 2015: Ed Pease (Class of 1971).

ARROWMEN SERVING SCOUTING AND THEIR COMMUNITY

DEVLIN COOPER (Class of 2004) recently entered a new law practice as Cooper, Shrable, & Cooper, L.L.P. in Macon, Georgia. His practice is devoted largely to eminent domain work, business litigation, corporate work, and adoption law.

DAVID SURRETT (Class of 1986) recently became the senior pastor at Central United Methodist in Newberry, South Carolina.

DABNEY KENNEDY (Class of 1969) was recently honored by the mayor of Houston with the naming of a new Scout Pavilion in his honor as part of the Willow Waterhole Greenway Project, which is a 290-acre public space serving Southwest Houston. Learn more about the project at www.willowwaterhole.org.

The Great Smoky Mountain Council in Knoxville, Tennessee recently honored **WILLIAM "DOC" ROONEY** (Class of 1990) with the Heart of an Eagle Award during its Friends of Scouting Breakfast. Rooney became a Scoutmaster in 1955 serving for almost 60 years with more than 50 youth earning the Eagle rank.

In February, **TIM BROWN** (Class of 2015) and **TIM TERRY** (Class of 2012) were honored with the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award by the Blue Grass Council in Lexington, Kentucky.

JASON HOOD (Class of 1986) was bestowed the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award by the Chickasaw Council in Memphis, Tennessee.

Lodge History Resource Guide released

By **NIK NEWMAN**
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During NOAC last summer, a few of the Goodman-Edson Observatory (GEO) staff members discussed the importance of national initiatives like the Centennial Lodge History project and the continued need to help preserve local history. With this in mind, the idea of the Lodge History Resource Guide (LHRG) emerged as a tool the Recognition, Awards, History & Preservation subcommittee could produce. The guidebook will help lodge historians perform the often daunting and ambiguous craft of writing, preserving, displaying, and generally articulating their lodges' histories.

As co-editors Robert Mason (Class of 2009) and I reached

out to contributors, the project has evolved over the last seven months and is now positioned to provide several thematic articles that include aesthetics, collecting, storage and archiving, material and staff resourcing. The guide also addresses best practices concerning written, oral and visual history, display and web design.

Initially the LHRG will be published as an Adobe Acrobat PDF document this summer; later, however, the intention is to create a more interactive online guide that will interest younger lodge members or those who consider themselves neophytes at historical work. As additional lodges start implementing the recommendations that the guide will provide, our Order's historical record will continue to mature.



DSA RECIPIENTS WHO HAVE GONE TO MEET THEIR MAKER

MILTON BOSSIER
New Orleans, LA
Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver
Class of 1965
March 23, 2016



Newman held all the council key-three positions

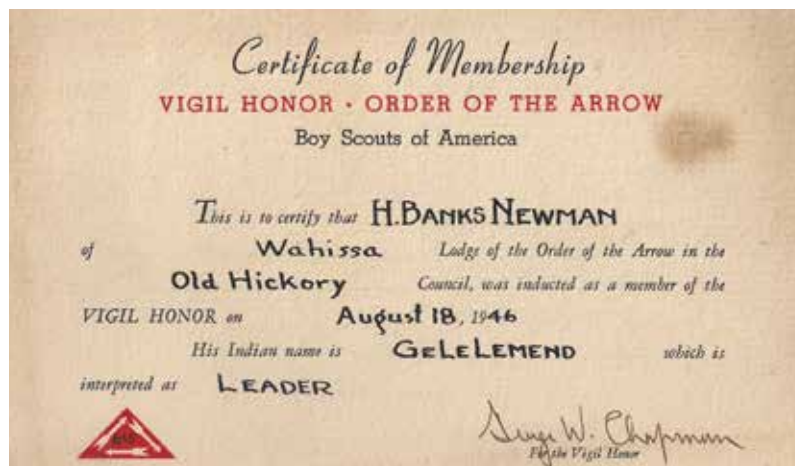
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George Kellock (Kel) Hale, Jr. (Class of 1946) - were foundational figures in the development and operation of the Old Hickory Council and its summer camps - Camp Lasater, Camp Robert Vaughn, and Camp Raven Knob - in the state's Blue Ridge Mountain foothills. All were early organizers and heavy supporters of the council's Wahissa Lodge, from its creation in 1938 until the ends of their lives. Hale was the only one of the group to pursue serious involvement in the OA at the national level, as chairman of the National Committee in 1948 and as chairman of the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) Committee, primarily during the 1960's. Newman, Vaughan-Lloyd, and Hinshaw performed well on local and area stages, many times in support of Hale's responsibilities at area and national OA meetings and conferences in the 1940's and

1950's. Hale's knowledge of their service probably enhanced their consideration for the DSA, which they all received before 1965.

Among the group, Banks Newman is of special interest because of the breadth and the depth of his experience. He held all three of the council "key three" positions - Scout executive, council commissioner, and council president. After graduation from Winston-Salem High School in 1916, a time when high school diplomas were tickets to good jobs, Banks had a choice between an entry-level position in the credit department at R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and a scholarship at Wake Forest College. He chose to work and was quoted as saying, "I graduated from high school on Friday night and went to work for Reynolds on Saturday morning."

By 1918, Banks had become friends with A. S. (Mac) MacFarlane, who had moved to Winston-Salem



Courtesy of Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum, Old Hickory Council, BSA

as the city's first juvenile probation officer. Mac was a leader in Troop 10, and invited young Banks on a mountain camping trip with the troop. Banks remembered "...that he became very ill the very first night (of the hike) and stayed sick for three or four days. And, as he began to feel better, he began to notice a curious thing. His pack seemed to get a little heavier every day. The Scouts, he said, had been taking things out of his pack to make his load lighter while he was sick and they were gradually sneaking them back in as he gained strength." Banks was so impressed by the helpfulness and the courtesy of the Scouts on that trip that he began attending troop meetings and became an assistant Scoutmaster. By 1920, he expanded his troop service by becoming assistant camp director at the council's two-week summer camp at High Rock on the Yadkin River. His productive Scouting work resulted in an invitation to be Scout Executive in Augusta, Georgia, in 1924, which he accepted, but for only a year before he returned to Winston-Salem in 1925 to a position in the export department at Reynolds Tobacco. He became manager of the export department in 1949 and retired in 1963.

Back in Winston-Salem as a volunteer, Banks was the Old Hickory Council's commissioner from 1935 until 1949. He developed training materials for adult leaders including guidelines for troop committees and program materials used in teaching skills to youth members for Tenderfoot through First Class ranks. In 1938, Banks was part of the creation of Wahissa Lodge and

the camp service projects related to Ordeal induction. The camp service provided by the Order of the Arrow has continued for the lodge's entire 78 year history.

Banks ultimately served two terms as president of the Old Hickory Council, from 1952 to 1954 and from 1962 to 1963. During his term in the 1950's, the council purchased approximately 800 acres for Camp Raven Knob. Just after the camp's opening in June 1954, Skipper Vaughan-Lloyd (by then retired Scout executive), wrote to Banks congratulating him on his planning and timing skills with regard to the purchase and noted that "(t)his camp will bring happiness to untold thousands of Scouts and Scouters." All told, in 2016, Camp Raven Knob has served at least 150,000 campers on now more than 3,000 acres since Banks worked to establish it more than 60 years ago.

In the notes that he wrote for use by adults in working with youth on their Tenderfoot rank, Banks described the Scout Oath as a personal, possessive, living obligation. He wanted Scouts and Scouters to "DO", to "HELP", and to "KEEP" Scouting in ways that would develop and maintain physical, mental, and moral strength. Banks Newman did his best and understood his duty as a volunteer to provide excellent programs and facilities for Scouts and Scouters in his local council. He certainly earned his many honors - Silver Beaver, Vigil Honor, and Distinguished Service Award. My Scouting and our Scouting are better because of his foundational work.



Banks Newman (second from right) works with Scouters to construct the Tom Holder Memorial Chapel at Camp Lasater in 1945. Courtesy of Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum, Old Hickory Council, BSA



Key role in expansion of the Order

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caused the Scouts and leaders to refer to Newbery as "Chief" during the day too, and the title stuck.

Newbery transferred to Augusta, Georgia, as Scout executive in October of 1925. Newbery served in Augusta and led the Georgia-Carolina Council (initially known as the Augusta Area Council) until early 1943. While in Augusta in 1936, Newbery established Bob White Lodge #87, one of the earliest OA lodges in the South. Two years later the Order of the Arrow established a system of areas across the country to better serve its lodges. In Region Six, Newbery served as the newly formed Area 8 leader (a role for professional Scouters). Newbery's efforts as Area Leader through 1942 had a huge impact on the expansion of the Order in the South. From 1936 to 1942, eighteen councils in Region Six established lodges, due in no small part to the efforts of Newbery. He typically organized a "degree team" from an already-existing lodge to conduct the first

ceremony for the newly-created lodges.

In 1942 Newbery had become busy with bigger OA leadership roles including joining the National Executive Committee of the OA (the predecessor to today's National OA Committee).

The following year Chief Newbery transferred to Charleston, South Carolina, to serve as Scout executive of the Coastal Carolina Council. He worked in this position until 1963 and lived in Charleston until his death. Promptly upon his arrival to the council in 1943, Newbery obtained the charter for Unali'yi Lodge #236. Further increasing his national involvement, Newbery ran for National Treasurer at the 1946 National Meeting of the OA at Chanute Field, Illinois, and won a two-year term. In 1948, the OA became fully integrated into the Scouting movement and a number of changes took place; so the 1946 election was the last election of adult national officers. Also at the 1946 National Meeting, Newbery went through his induction into the Vigil Honor.

The 1948 integration into the Scouting movement required the creation of an OA Handbook. Newbery edited the first edition, printed it in Charleston, and the book went on sale later that year. At the first modern National OA Conference in 1948, Newbery and two other individuals received the DSA only 20 persons held the award prior to that presentation. Newbery served on the National OA Committee until it transitioned into a group of primarily volunteer Scouters in 1952.

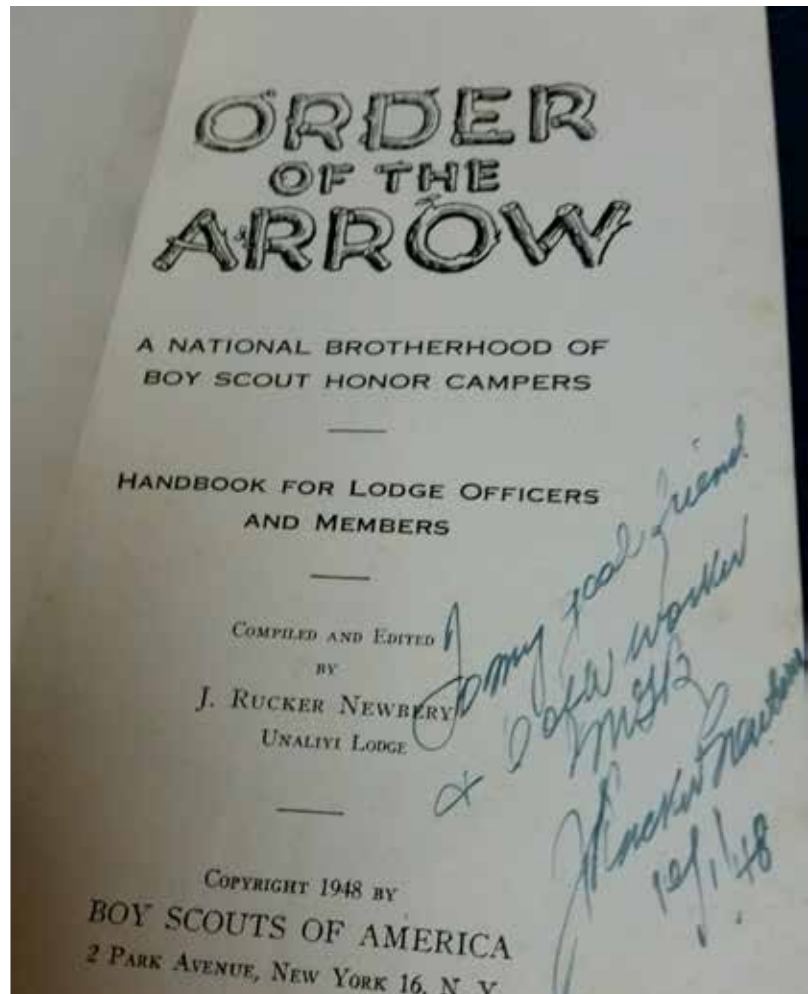
Upon Newbery's retirement as Scout Executive, he continued his involvement in Scouting and in the Order. The Coastal Carolina Council presented him the Silver Beaver Award for service. Newbery also remained active in the Charleston Rotary Club; he served as Club President, Secretary, and Treasurer and wrote a book about the club's history. Newbery also wrote a book, Scouting Memories, in 1976. One grand highlight of his later years involved attending the 1977 Dixie Fellowship (SE-3B OA Conclave), held near Charleston, together with E. Urner Goodman.



E.W. Rabon, E. Urner Goodman, J.R. Newbery, and Jim Southard at the 1977 SE-3B Dixie Fellowship. Courtesy of Jim Southard.



Chief Newbery, from a 1948 Unali'yi Lodge publication. Courtesy of E.W. Rabon.



Signed copy of the first OA Handbook by author J. Rucker Newbery

The Order would lose both men in less than three years. Newbery died in January of 1979. Upon the centennial celebration of the

Order of the Arrow, both Bob White Lodge and Unali'yi Lodge selected Newbery posthumously for the Centurion Award.

