



# CRAWFISH TALES



## Training / Banquet At St. Mary's

### Crawfish Tales

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for me lately.” Be assured that your lodge will continue its’ tradition of leadership and service.

Ready or not, there will be a lodge gathering (training and banquet) held on Saturday, January 12th, 2008 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church Hall. **SEE THE ENCLOSED FLYERS FOR MORE INFO.** Pass the flyers to your parents and leaders and be sure to invite them to the banquet and training.

The training will begin with check-in at 8:30 AM and end at 4:30 PM. Pre-registration by calling the Scout office (235-8551) is requested for this training session. Only those that do pre-register before the end of business on Friday the 11th and attend the entire training will receive one of the lodge’s beautiful and unique hat pins and a new membership card. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost for the training, but pre-registration is necessary because materials must be prepared and food for lunch purchased.

Those who choose not to pre-register are welcomed and encouraged to attend if for only a short while, but there is no guarantee that training materials and recognitions will be available and you’ll need to bring your own lunch. By the way, another important reason to attend the training is because Chapter meetings and a Lodge Executive Council meeting will be held towards the end of training (exact time to be determined). Individual photos will be taken so all Arrowmen are reminded to wear their uniforms and sashes. Arrowmen attending the training are reminded to bring their OA Handbook and a pencil and paper for notes.

The Lodge Annual Awards Banquet is a separate event. The doors open at 6:00 for our pre-banquet social. The banquet will begin promptly at 6:30 PM.

Your lodge needs you as we begin our 42st year. 2007 has been another fulfilling, year for your lodge. As you know success is fleeting and the mantra of today is, “What have you done

Pre-payment (or commitment) is required. Pre-payment should be via the Scout office. Your receipt is your ticket. You may pay at the door, but you will need to confirm your attendance with the Scout office no later than the end of the workday Friday, Jan. 11th. You can do this by calling the Scout office (235-8551) or by faxing (235-8556) or e-mailing (eac@evangeline-bsa.org) your information (see flyer) and committing to the number of tickets you wish to purchase. We will have a list of those who paid or committed at the banquet check-in table. Each Arrowman attending the banquet is required to purchase a ticket for \$10 and bring one guest (non-member) free of charge. Arrowmen may invite additional guests (non-members) for \$5/person.

We have a lot for which to be thankful and much to look forward. Come on out and help us congratulate our newest Vigils: **Scott Mailett** – Ilac (a war chief – a man of valor), **Robert Hess** – Wingochwen (travels with pleasure, to like to go).

As always there will be a few surprises, some great food, and meaningful fellowship, but the real reason to attend is to support your brothers and your lodge.

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### Lodge Calendar

#### January 2008

12 Lodge Training / Banquet

#### February

10 LEC Meeting (Scout Office)

TBD Council of Chiefs (Baylor U)

#### March

9 LEC Meeting (Scout Office)

30 Brotherhood Conversion (Camp T.)

#### April

4-6 Council Camporee (Camp T)

13 LEC Meeting

### Lodge Advisor's Corner

I hope all Arrowmen have had a happy and fulfilled Holiday Season. This brings an end to the year 2006 which has been successful for the lodge. All ordeals had a large amount of Arrowmen coming into the Lodge as Ordeal members. The Lodge started having a Brotherhood Conversion day which was successful inducting new Brotherhood members as well as performing a work at Camp Thistlewaite. This is a great opportunity to see the first camp that the council had. We can have Brotherhood conversions at other camps which will enlighten the aspect of the Order. The council has asked that we support the use of the various Council camps.



The Lodge went to the Section Conclave and returned with the Spirit Award, as this is a rotating award. It would be nice for the Lodge to attend the next Conclave scheduled for July 25-27 to bring home the Spirit Award again. The Lodge went with 16 Arrowmen and it would be nice to increase this number. The Lodge is well known around the Section. The Lodge needs to consider participating in some of the competitions held at the Conclave.

I know that if we had participated we could have come home with some first place awards.

Our membership for the Lodge has decline since we recharted last year. It would be nice for each Arrowmen to contact each member that has his membership lapsed, to come to the Lodge Banquet on January 12, 2008. The Lodge will be having training on that day at St. Mary's Catholic Church located on Doucet Road in Lafayette beginning at 8:30 a.m. Training will last to about 4:30 p.m. with lunch provided by the Lodge. The cost for a member is \$10.00 with a non-member guest. Each guest after that will be \$5.00.

Individuals will be recognized for their accomplishment as well as the induction of the Lodge 2008 officers. Special recognition will be to the two new Vigil members that were inducted as Vigil members on November 30, 2007. Come and welcome all new members and congratulate those Arrowmen that receive awards. This will be the beginning of a new and exciting year for the Lodge. Hope to see each Arrowmen at the banquet and activities for the coming year.

In W.W.W.

*John Aldrige*  
John Aldrige

### Words from Our National Chief...

Brothers,

We each possess special gifts and talents that can be molded to benefit us and others in our future endeavors. The OA is a great place to do that by way of chapter, lodge, or section involvement. A major reason why this organization is so great is that there are opportunities for everyone to grow and develop. In this organization it is best to "aim for success, not perfection. Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you will lose the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life." The OA gives you many chances to work at these talents and find your inner-leader. Currently two of these include our high-adventure programs and ArrowCorps5 in 2008. You also can grow through the training seminars provided nationwide. Don't let these opportunities pass you by! Take charge of your future and become leaders in your lodge and community. This is our time to revolutionize the principles of the OA; brotherhood, cheerfulness and service. We have an amazing history and a very bright future. What kind of legacy do you wish to leave? Now could be your chance to make a difference. This has been an amazing year, and none of the things we accomplished could have been done without all of you. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our organization. Thank you for allowing this year's national officers to serve you. This year we all worked as a TEAM and Together Everyone Achieved More. At the beginning of this year, I used a quote from the founder of Ford Motor Company, Henry Ford: "Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success." In my opinion, we did this and the OA grew dramatically. Keep up the good work, and I look forward to the success that we will have in 2008!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Evan Chaffee



**Thoughts from '07 Lodge Chief:**

Hey guys!

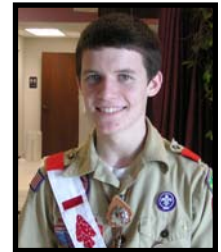
First, I would like to congratulate all those new members who were inducted this past ordeal. Great job to Andre Guilbeaux and Nick Mrotek for heading a great fall retreat. Also, congratulations to the new LEC that was elected at our annual lodge meeting that was hosted at Ordeal. Good luck to you guys in the upcoming year! Last, but not least, I would like to congratulate Robert Hess and Scott Maillet on their achievement of the Vigil honor, the highest honor OA has to offer. These guys made their Vigil on December 1st. It has been a great year guys. We have

definitely taken big steps in the right direction towards rebuilding this lodge. I would also like to issue a challenge to ALL members of the lodge to pitch in and at least show up to one event of the 2008 year.

In brotherhood,



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# The early Years of the Order of the Arrow

When E. Urner Goodman and Carroll Edson were assigned senior staff positions at Treasure Island Scout Camp, they already had the idea to form a camp honor society to recognize outstanding Scouts who did their best to follow the Scout Oath and Law in their everyday lives.

Every Friday night for five weeks during the summer of 1915, they inducted the Scouts who had been elected by their troops for this honor. By the end of that camp season, 25 Scouts had been selected and inducted. In 1916, these Scouts decided to call themselves Unami Lodge.

From 1915 to 1918, Unami was the only lodge, and word of it spread quickly through the Scouting community, up and down the Delaware Valley. Other Scout camps were interested in starting similar programs. By 1921, nine lodges were conducting inductions in the pattern established at Treasure Island.

At the 1922 National Scout Executive Conference near Asheville, North Carolina, some members expressed concern over camp fraternities and secret organizations. A resolution was presented "that camp fraternities be discouraged in connection with Boy Scout camps." Goodman spoke at length on the issue, pointing out that such camp societies could "further emphasize the Scouting principles and ideals in the life of boys." The resolution was approved by a narrow vote. After the vote, the Chief Scout Executive called members of the Wimachtendienk together in private and asked them not to push the expansion. "Let it grow, if it will, on its own merits and not through a promotional effort on your own part," he said.

The growth of new lodges was slow. In the early years, they were formed at each Scout camp, creating multiple lodges within a council. There were 13

active lodges in 1925, 37 in 1930, and 45 in 1935. After 20 years, the Order of the Arrow reached the Pacific Coast with a charter issued to the Canalino Lodge of Mission Council, Santa Barbara, California. Since then, the Order of the Arrow has expanded to more than 300 lodges in every corner of the country and beyond.



**Founder Dr. E. Urner Goodman stands with members of an original Ordeal Ceremony reenactment team. Ceremonies have been a big part of the Order's traditions.**

## 20 YEARS AGO IN LODGE HISTORY

Year	Chief	Home	Advisor	Home	Pro. Advisor	Home	# of Members
1988	Kemp Coriel	Lafayette	Karl Hebert Mike Hinson	New Iberia Lafayette	Bill Stanberry	New Iberia	275

**Vigils of 1988:**

Kurt D'Augereau. "CLOWN"	Karl D. Hebert "ONE WHO ENLIGHTENS"	George Phillips "DANCER"	Steve Vonderdeide "HARD WORKER"
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**Arrowman of the Year: Kurt D'Augereau**

**ATCHAFALAYA LODGE #563**  
**42 YEARS OF SERVICE TO SCOUTING**  
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**1966 – 2008**

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