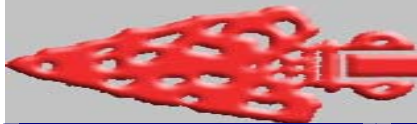


The Osprey



January - February 2007

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Gulf Coast Council #773

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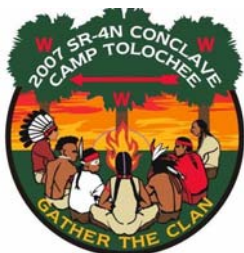
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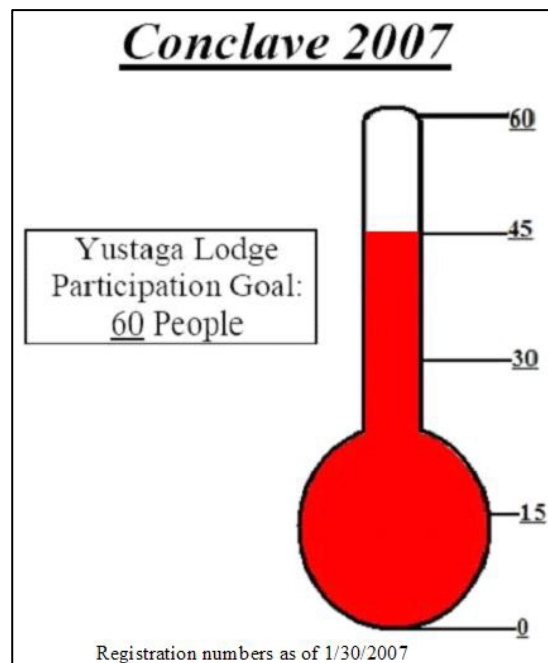
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2007 Section SR-4N CONCLAVE

Are you ready to experience the greatest weekend that SR-4N can offer? I know I am. The 2007 Conclave is just around the corner. Are you signed up? We currently have 23 youth and 22 adults from our lodge registered for the event with a goal of having 60 total by February 10th. If you remember we achieved Best All Around Lodge as well as multiple other awards at the 2006 Conclave and we hope with your support we can achieve them again. Conclave 2007 will be hosted by Pilthlako Lodge at Camp Tolochee in Brunswick Georgia on the weekend of April 20-22, 2007.

If you are new to the lodge and want to meet new people from all across Alabama, Florida, and Georgia you should attend. Friday night will start off first with a huge campfire and cracker-barrel. Then Saturday morning the games begin. You will have the opportunity to attend a wide variety of training sessions, which you can learn more about on the lodge website. Saturday afternoon will start with ceremony and lodge competitions where our lodge will compete against other lodge members from across the section. Sunday morning will wrap up the weekend with the Scouts Own Service and the Awards Presentation.



Chiefly Speaking

Dear Fellow Arrowmen,

I hope everyone had a great holiday and is looking forward to the Spring Fellowship in March. I know I am. Over the past few months the lodge has been very busy working on different projects and events. In December, the lodge presented the 2006 Annual Report to the Council Executive Board. This report can be seen on the resource section of the lodge website. Our most recent event was the 5th Annual Green Bar Weekend. The weekend was a big success even though the rain hindered some of the afternoon and night activities. Over 320 participants and staff members were in attendance and had a great time.

If you missed out on this great event, check out the Green Bar Web Page at www.yustaga385.com/pages/greenbar.htm and stay tuned for information about the next Green Bar Event. The next lodge event coming up in March is the 2007 Spring Fellowship. The Fellowship will be held at STSR on the Weekend of March 2-4, 2007, with check in beginning at 5:00pm and ending at 8:00pm. The theme this year is OA History with a little Conclave Prep on the side. More information about this event will be added to the website over the next few weeks. Remember that the event fees for 2007 have changed from 2006. For more information on this change, read the article in this Osprey or talk to your chapter Chief.

Lastly, I would like to encourage you to sign up for a lodge committee in 2007. The Lodge Executive Committee needs your help in supporting our goals for the year. With your help, we will be able to make Yustaga the best lodge in the section for another year.

Yours in Brotherhood,



Michael Kirkland
Lodge Chief

Around the Campfire

Dear Fellow Arrowmen,

Welcome into another year. 2007 came upon us (or at least me) very quickly and has already had an exciting start. Our lodge just hosted the 5th Annual Green Bar Weekend, January 26-28 at Camp Euchee, and it was an amazing success. Scouts and leaders alike made comment after comment to many of us that it was one of the best weekends they have ever experienced. Hearing these comments after a cold, rainy, and nasty weekend (at least weather-wise) is a testament to the outstanding job our staff did in giving Scouts and leaders a high quality weekend. Thanks to everyone for all your efforts! The food was great, the training was great, and the whole event was great! I'm already excited about the 6th Annual Green Bar!

The Spring Fellowship is coming up soon, and our lodge officers and committee chairmen no doubt have a fun-filled and exciting weekend planned for us. I would like to challenge each and every one of you (adults included) to make an effort to contact an arrowman who may have become inactive lately, or who needs a little encouragement to attend, and bring him (or her) to the Spring Fellowship! We have lots of great things happening - and greater things to come - but we need to spread the word and increase our numbers. We will have a special recognition for the chapter that brings the highest percentage of its members to the Spring Fellowship. So... beat the bushes and let's have a record attendance at the Fellowship!

Looking ahead to April, the SR-4N Conclave will be held at Camp Tolochee in Georgia. Our lodge has been allocated 60 slots, and we still have openings. If you've never been to Conclave, it is a wonderful experience. There's plenty of training, competitions, great food, great shows, and a chance to meet fellow Arrowmen from Alabama and Georgia. If you like our lodge events, you're going to love Conclave! Sign up for Conclave today!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Fellowship next month!

Yours in Cheerful Service,



Jim Matson
Lodge Adviser

STSR STAFF IS SEEKING YOU!

Betsy Werre

Summer Camp at Euchee is looking for brothers of the OA to apply for staff positions at camp for 2007. Service to your camp and others is one of the principles of the Order of the Arrow, and there is no better way to fulfill that promise than by serving on summer camp staff. Staff applications can be obtained from your Scoutmaster, who has received the 2007 Camp Leaders Guide, or by calling the Scout Office at 888-GULFBSA. We have worked hard to review, change and add to our programs at camp; come be a part of the new Euchee and serve your Scouting brothers! For more information contact, Betsy Werre, 850-434-2700 or by email: rbwerre@cox.net.

ANNUAL REPORT

Michael Kirkland

In December, the Lodge presented the 2006 Annual Report to the Council Executive Board. The report outlined the achievements of the lodge and the awards presented to lodge members throughout the year. If you would like to read or view the PowerPoint presentation, visit the resource section of the lodge website.

PANZACOLA REPORT

Chris Werre

Panzacola chapter had a busy quarter of a year. First we had a pizza party in December. We have been doing ongoing elections and gaining more brothers each time. We have decided to have a day of service at the zoo preparing for the upcoming camporee. All OA members are invited and we would love to see you there. Although we have not yet decided on a date we will be sending out an email telling everyone the information about it. Most of our upcoming time will be devoted to Green Bar and Spring Fellowship.

APPALACHEE REPORT

Chandler Young

Appalachee Chapter has been busy planning Webelos crossovers, Arrow of Light Ceremonies and Elections for our district. We have held one election and are ready to schedule more. We have planned a camp out for the weekend of February 17-18 at Torreya State Park. We've all been so busy lately, that we are all looking forward to spending this time hanging out, hiking, and just having fun.

Appalachee Chapter continues to meet at the First United Methodist Church, the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30. This is 30 minutes before Roundtable so Scoutmasters and Scouts have the opportunity to make most of the Chapter meeting before Roundtable begins.

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM

Nick Batson

The OA Cub Scout Committee has made some progress in getting the word out that the OA is interested in helping the packs in our council. Appalachee Chapter has conducted a Den Chief training that was well attended. Chandler Young speaks on behalf of the OA at the Lake Sands district Cub Roundtables and Cub Leaders have asked for help from the OA in running the ceremonies for Arrow of Light, crossing over and blue and gold banquets. Some of the Webelos and Tiger Cub Den Leaders have asked for help from Appalachee Chapter in teaching camping skills.

UNIT ELECTIONS

Unit elections should be ramping up in your chapter. Every troop in your district needs to be contacted and an election scheduled. Want to help? Contact your chapter chief. If a troop does not have any candidates eligible for election into the OA, your chapter election team should still visit the troop and make a presentation about the Order. All unit elections must be completed by the Spring Fellowship. Youth election forms should be submitted to Mr. Bill Britt at the Spring Fellowship LEC meeting. Adult nomination forms are to be mailed directly to Mr. Jim Matson no later than February 28.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

If you have paid your annual lodge dues for 2007, and were in attendance at the Green Bar weekend, you should now have your 2007 membership card. Unclaimed membership cards were given to your chapter chief - so you can pick them up at your next chapter meeting.

HIGH ADVENTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

The lodge will once again award two scholarships to arrowmen for participation in one of the three OA High Adventure programs. Please note that the OA Ocean Adventure at Sea Base is already full for 2007! The form for the scholarship is in The Osprey and is also available on the lodge website. Please note the deadline for turning in the scholarship application is Friday night, March 2, at the Spring Fellowship. You should also apply for the program you are interested in (Philmont Trail Crew or Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage.) Application forms for the programs themselves are located on the lodge website in the Resources section.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD

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| 1. Bradley | 15. Wingolauchsik |
| 2. patches | 16. Nutiket |
| 3. service | 17. Ahoalton |
| 4. OAOA | 18. Ted |
| 5. NOAC | 19. Allowat Sakima |
| 6. OAWV | 20. Meteu |
| 7. Vigil | 21. Tekeshita |
| 8. arrow | 22. Big Heart |
| 9. Rainwater | 23. Uncas |
| 10. OATC | 24. Unami |
| 11. WXBM | 25. Wimachtendienk |
| 12. fish hawk | 26. LEC |
| 13. NLATS | 27. Kichkinet |
| 14. The Osprey | |

2007 SPRING FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

(Tentative)

Friday, March 2

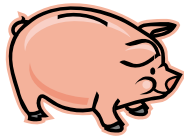
<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
5:00-8:00 pm	Member Check-in (Henson Hall)
6:30-9:00 pm	Night Activities (TBA)
9:00-10:30 pm	Cracker-barrel (Dining Hall)
	Movies, Games, Etc. (Dining Hall)
12:00 am	Taps

Saturday, March 3

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:25 am	Assembly & Colors (Dining Hall)
7:30	Breakfast (Dining Hall)
8:30	Brotherhood Training Begins (Dining Hall)
8:30-9:20	Training Session 1 (TBA)
9:25-10:15	Training Session 2 (TBA)
10:20-11:10	Training Session 3 (TBA)
11:15-12:05	Training Session 4 (TBA)
12:15-1:00 pm	Member Lunch (Dining Hall)
1:00-6:00	Afternoon Activities (TBA)
6:15	Assembly & Colors (Dining Hall)
6:30	Supper (Dining Hall)
7:00	Brotherhood candidates assemble (Trading Post)
7:00	Conclave Presentation (Dining Hall)
7:45	Brotherhood Ceremony (Ceremony Circle)
8:45	Show (Whipple Circle)
9:30	Cracker-barrel (Dining Hall)
	Night Activities (TBA)
12:00 am	Taps

Sunday, March 4

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:45 am	Assembly & Colors (Dining Hall)
8:00	Breakfast (Dining Hall)
8:45	Scout's Own (Deere Chapel)
9:30	Break Camp - Have a safe trip home!
	LEC Meeting (Henson Hall)



IMPORTANT "CHANGE" !!!

Beginning with the Spring Fellowship this year, the lodge's event fees have increased. The fee for early registration is now \$15.00 -- if received in the scout office by the Friday of the week before the event. If you plan to mail your fee in to the scout office, please allow plenty of time for it to arrive. If the payment arrives after the early registration deadline, you will be assessed the additional late fee of \$5.00 when you check in at the scout camp. Due to the advanced planning required for menus and food purchases, if you plan to pay at the door, the "pay at the door" fee is \$25.00. This is necessary to cover the additional transportation costs to go in to town to purchase food for "the unplanned." We are trying to be good stewards of the lodge's money, but also need to compensate the staff for unplanned (and unnecessary) trips to cover late arrivals to the event.

**BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL!
GET IN ON IT BEFORE YOUR FRIENDS
DO!**



**YOUR \$5 CONTRIBUTION TO THE
WHIPPLE CIRCLE RESTORATION FUND
GETS YOU THIS GLAMOROUS,
MULTI-COLORED, FESTIVE PATCH!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTRIBUTION
TO THIS WORTHY CAUSE!**



This is the new 2007 Lodge Flap

It was created to honor the memory of Mr. Frank Henry, who passed away in October. Mr. Henry was a Vigil Honor member and a Chapter Adviser for the Techakin Chapter. He was going to assume the position of Associate Lodge Adviser of Membership in 2007. For those who served with him, you knew of his dedication to his family, Scouting, and the Order of the Arrow. He will be missed.

Lodge Registration Form

		Quantity	Totals
2007 Dues	\$10.00	_____	_____
2008 Dues	\$7.00	_____	_____
Spring Fellowship Early Registration [Must be received in the Scout office by 2/23/07]	\$15.00	_____	_____
Spring Fellowship Late Registration [Received after 2/23/2007]	\$20.00	_____	_____
Spring Fellowship extra patches	\$3.00	_____	_____
Brotherhood Conversion Fee	\$18.00	_____	_____
2007 Conclave 2nd Payment	\$15.00	_____	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Mail to the Scout Office (Address Below)

Please use a separate form for each Lodge Member. Do NOT use for reactivation.

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SIGN UP FOR THE SPRING FELLOWSHIP TODAY!!!

**Yustaga Lodge 385
Order of the Arrow
2007 High Adventure Scholarship Application**

Requirements:

- 1) Must be a registered, active member of Yustaga Lodge 385, and registered with a unit within the Gulf Coast Council, BSA.
- 2) Must be accepted into the program by National Office.
- 3) Must meet all of the program requirements as stated in the program applications.

This scholarship will cover the program fee ONLY. The individual arrowman will be responsible for his own gear and transportation. The money will be awarded on Saturday night of the Spring Fellowship. Recipients must be present to receive scholarship. Scholarship applications are due Friday, **March 2, 2007**, at the Spring Fellowship. Go ahead and apply for your desired program to ensure a spot. You can always cancel if you are unable to attend. Applications are available at the OA website, www.oa-bsa.org.

Any questions? Contact Michael Kirkland at mkcamppc2003@yahoo.com or (850) 819-4959.

Philmont OA Trail Crew **OR** Northern Tier OA Voyage **OR** Sea Base Ocean adventure
(Check one)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone :(____) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

DOB: __/__/__ OA Honor (Circle one): Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

Chapter (circle one): Appalachian Choctaw Oschambos Panzacola Techakin

BSA Rank: _____ Currently registered in Troop/Team # _____ Position: _____

Current Lodge or Chapter Position: _____

Past Lodge or Chapter Positions: _____

Previous High Adventure Experience (include years): _____

Events attended in 2006 (check all that apply):

- January 2006 LEC Green Bar JLT Spring Fellowship Conclave
 Ordeal Summer Social Fall Pow-Wow LLDC Lodge Banquet

Please attach a short essay explaining why you deserve the Scholarship.