



Kotso Lodge 330

March 2002

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

The annual National Order of the Arrow Conference is going to be held this year at the University of Indiana on July 27 – August 2. As many of you know, this is the big event for all of the OA Lodges around the country to come and strut their stuff, learn from each other, and have a good time! There will be multiple events there, such as dance, ceremonies, and drumming competition, not to mention classes and sports for those not involved in Indian Affairs. *You must pre-register by March 15th* and the full payment of \$305 (not including transportation) is due by May first. Remember, it's not too late to sign up to be on dance, drum, or ceremonies teams! Just phone our VC of Indian Affairs, Morgan Lynn, at 698-5215, or come to one of the dance team meetings at the 4th and Orange building every other Thursday. There are only four youth and five adult spots left, so hurry! For further details about signing up and attending NOAC, call the scout office at 67-scout, or Roxanne Shoen at 527-3530

Scout Mentoring Plan

During the last Tribal Council, the boys voted on and approved the reinstatement of the Scout Mentoring Plan. This is a plan in which if any scoutmaster or leader needed an older, more experienced scout to come and help with some activity or requirement (such as fire starting, lashing, Totin Chit classes, etc.) they would call the Scout office, and put in a request for how ever many boys they think would be needed to help with the task. The OA would then find boys within its organization who are willing to help and are experienced in that area, and send them to mentor to the boys in that troop. The mentors also receive a commemorative patch for helping with this program. This is a productive and very helpful program, and the OA would appreciate if any members of the OA, past or present, would offer their testimonials to the workings of the Scout Mentoring Program (or ASK program to some) to the OA. You can send these testimonials to the Scout Office, e-mail them to us at www.Chisholm-trail-bsa.org, or e-mail Matt Fenner at wischixin2001@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support.

Calendar

- Next Tribal Council - April 7th 2:00 P.M.
- Brotherhood Weekend - May 3-5. Make sure to call and sign up early!
- West Texas Rendezvous - San Angelo State Park April 26-28.
- Conclave - July 19-21 at San Marcus
- Dance Team Meetings - Every Thursday at the 4th and Orange Building at 7:00 P.M.
- Webelos lock-in at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church Gym - 8 P.M. April 12th - 8 A.M. April 13th.



New Leaders Take Place at Kotso 330

Jeremy Moon Staff Advisor

Jeremy Moon joined the Boy Scouts in 1988, and became a member of the OA in 1990. He successfully completed all of the Eagle Requirements and gained his Eagle Rank in 1991, the same year in which he became a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow. He was the Vice Chief of Indian Affairs in Kotso 330 in 1993 and 1994, and was elected as Lodge Chief in 1995. Mr. Moon has taken the place of Marvin McFaddin at Camp Tonkawa as the Ranger, as well as Mr. McFaddin's place in the Key Three.

Joe Bob Alexander Lodge Advisor

Dr. Alexander has been in the Boy Scouts of America for 44 years and a member of the Order of the Arrow for 41 years, since 1961. He was born and raised here in Abilene, and is currently a Physician. He has stayed active in Troop 296 by serving there as an Assistant Scoutmaster. His previous places of position are as follows: Lodge Chief of Kotso 330 in 1967, Section Chief in 1968 and 1969, and National Conference Vice Chief in 1969. He served on the National OA Committee from 1975-1985, and was the Chisholm Trail Council President from 1993 to 1998. He also holds the OA Distinguished Service Award, given to him in 1977. He is also now a second generation Lodge Advisor, his father was Kotso Lodge's Lodge Advisor in the 1970's

Arrowman Service Award

To reward those Arrowmen who go beyond their immediate responsibilities to help and guide others to new heights, the Order of the Arrow created the Arrowman Service Award. This award will only be given until December 31, 2003, so hurry! To earn this award, there are requirements that focus on three areas of Service: personal, chapter/lodge activities, and general service to the community. There are eight total requirements that must be completed. The design of the award is the arrowhead with the compass rose. The compass rose symbolizes direction; the path ahead for one's travel. Since our strategic plan also offers direction for the Order's future, the compass rose is appropriately super-imposed over the arrowhead. The award can be given up to three times per person, and a wallet size certificate is issued with each award. Upon earning the award, the cost for the pin is \$4.50. You earn the right to buy the pin. If you are interested in this honor, come and pick up the complete form at the Scout Office, or download it from the OA Web page on the Council Website.

These are all the requirements needed in order for a person to obtain Kotso's Drum, Dance and Ceremonies patch. If you are interested in dancing, drumming, or ceremonies and want to learn more about them, come to the Dance Team meetings every Thursday night at the building on 4th and Orange. For more information, call Roxanne Shoen at 529-3530, or Morgan Lynn at 698-5215.

Drum Ceremonies & Dance Team Patch Eligibility Requirements

A. Active Membership (one of the following)

1. Registered member of a troop & Kotso Lodge 330 for at least 1 year
2. Registered member of Venturing Crew 330 for at least 1 year
3. Registered with any other BSA unit for 1 year and directly related to an individual fulfilling requirements 1 and/or 2. (ie...younger siblings also participating.)

B. Active participation

1. Attend 2/3 of the scheduled meetings during the BSA calendar year. (BSA calendar August 1 through July 31)
2. Attend 70% of all scheduled dances, or performances.
3. Participate in 1 major performance.(ie...Summer camp, fort event, WHC.

C. Absences

1. Acceptable reasons for absence
 - a. School b. Church c. Troop Functions d. Family needs
2. If you are aware that you will miss an event you need to notify the V.C. of Indian Affairs in ample time so that he can fulfill his job by replacing your scheduled roll or task.
3. If any event is cancelled abruptly or a major conflict occurs inhibiting the performance from occurring the event will not count as an attendance or an absence.
4. After receiving the patch you are expected to still participate, and the V.C. of Indian Affairs will monitor any unexplained and reoccurring absences. The V.C. of Indian Affairs will reserve the right to determine who is eligible to participate in a certain activity. (ie... summer camp, ceremony etc.)

D. Distribution

1. Patches will be held by the appointed advisor, and a strict record of distribution and ledger of the payments received will be maintained to chart the distribution of these patches. The patches will maintain their importance and value since the appointed advisor will have the patches and physically be in contact with them at all times, therefore preventing random access and misplacement or disappearance of these patches. Upon receiving payment for the last patch the money and records will be able to trace all transactions and copies will be turned in to the Scout Service Center to be appropriately filed, and possibly more patches ordered.

2. Upon receiving eligibility the Scouter will be issued a card signed by the V.C. of Indian Affairs confirming they have met all of the requirements. The individual may then seek out the Advisor and purchase patches at his or her own free will.



Kotso Lodge 330 will be hosting the annual Webelos lock-in at the Pioneer Drive Baptist Church gym/activity center this year. All Webelos are encouraged to come and have a good time! The lock-in will start at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, April 12th and end at 8:00 A.M. Saturday the 13th. We need your help O.A. to be instructors for activity pins and help supervise the Cub Scouts. The price is \$10, which includes pizza that evening, snacks all night, breakfast that morning, and the use of the PDBC gym/activity center facilities. Also, all those Scouts who attend the lock-in will receive the patch on the left.

Brotherhood Weekend

If you have been an Ordeal member of Kotso Lodge for ten months, you are eligible to undergo the Brotherhood ceremony. The Brotherhood Weekend is much like that of the Ordeal in that you will do work most of the time. However, you get to talk and eat real food. There are also some memorization requirements you will need to have ready when you arrive. You will need to be able to recite the Obligation, the admonition, the OA song, and you must know the Ordeal handshake and the sign of the Ordeal. All of this should be in the handbook you received upon completing your Ordeal. It will be held this May 3rd – 5th at Camp Tonkawa. The form for registration is below. Please fill it out and take it to the scout office. The price is \$21.50 for those going for Brotherhood and \$12 for those who are not. This must be paid by May 1st at the scout office. **You cannot pay at camp.** The Tribal Council also voted on doing a sunrise ceremony on Sunday morning rather than a Saturday night ceremony. There will be no sleeping in buildings as well, so make sure to bring a tent and sleeping bag! Sign up by calling the Scout office at 67-SCOUT. If more than one person is signing up in your household, make a copy of the form below.

Sign up for Brotherhood Weekend (May 3-5)

Name: _____

Unit: _____

(Circle one): Brotherhood Candidate Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

The cost of the weekend will be \$21.50 for Brotherhood Candidates and \$12.00 for members.

Total cost of weekend _____

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\$6 dues per person (if necessary) _____

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Total _____

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Date Received: _____

Amount Received: _____