

LEGEND



Chiefly Speaking

Brothers,

Well, it's almost time for the year to end for me, and I can say it's been a great one. We've had great LECMs, spectacular Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies, record attendance at the Annual Banquet, and now we are on track to hold the premier leadership course of the west: Coup Trail. The lodge has been without a leadership course for too long, and it is apparent that we need some freshly trained youth to go back into the program. I hope you can join a great staff on July 9th – 14th for a simply awesome experience. Please see the Coup Trail message within this newsletter for details.

I would like to extend my thanks to my officers and associate advisors this year for all they have done. However, I would like to show a special thanks to my Advisor, Cal Condie for all that he has done this year, I have learned much from him and I feel we have created a mentor-pupil bond that will last for decades. I can say with confidence that I am lucky to have been his first Chief, and look forward to seeing him in the future. If any of you would ever like to send me an email, please feel free. I feel I have worked with the best of the best here in El-Ku-Ta, and I believe each of you to be a brother.

Yours in Wimachtendienk,

Kyle Palmer
Lodge Chief 2011-2012



Recent Events/Success Rating*

LECM (January to March).....	4.5
February Brotherhood.....	5
March Ordeal.....	5
March Brotherhood.....	5
Section Conclave.....	2.8

***Note: Rating System is in taps. E.g. 4.5 out of 5 taps**

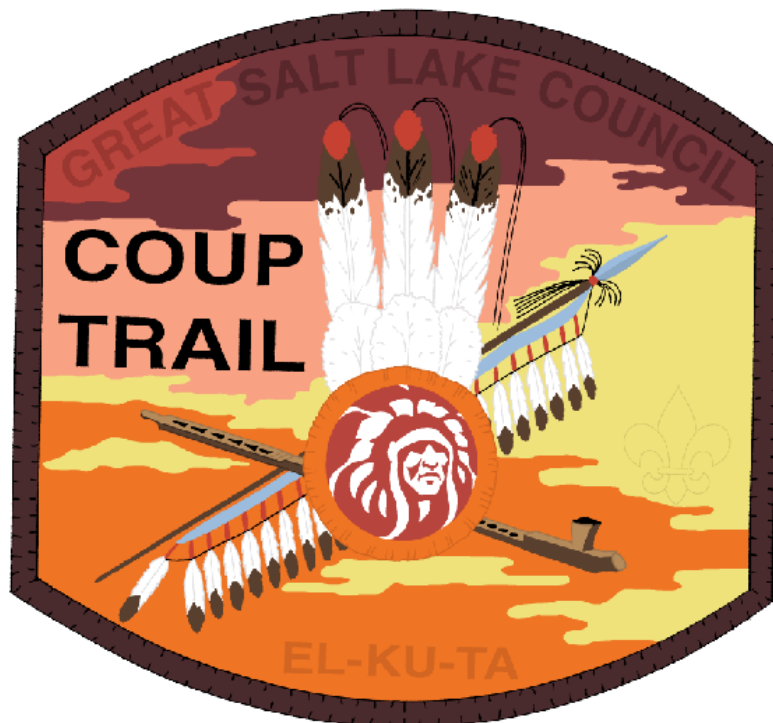
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Dear Brothers,

This summer, the El-Ku-Ta Lodge of the Order of the Arrow will be bringing back the prestigious Coup Trail leadership course. Coup Trail was developed by leaders in the lodge over twenty years ago and for many of those years can be correlated to the success in participation in Lodge activities. I, as

course chief, would personally like to invite every young Arrowman who believes they are up to the challenge. Without a doubt the participants of this course will learn the skills they need to confidently push the El-Ku-Ta lodge back up the ranks of success.



The 2012 Coup Trail Leadership course will be from July 9-14, 2012 at Camp Travis, East Fork of the Bear. Check out the Registration Central tab on elkuta.com to register for the course! Spots will fill up fast so make sure that you register as soon as possible! The cost for attending is \$140.00 per participant and can be paid through the El-Ku-Ta website at registration. I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at the below number.

Yours in Brotherhood,

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Section Conclave took place April 20—22 at the Intermountain Power Project Man Camp near Delta, Utah. Arrowmen and Advisers were there from all over Utah and parts of Idaho and Wyoming. Most people got little or no sleep, had too much fun, and didn't see any of the desert, oh, I mean, beautiful landscape that accompanied the ride home. With classes, activities, games, elections, and growing closer to our OA Brothers, the weekend was full, our energy was gone, and the memories will last a lifetime.

Bryan & Cal



On April 21st, Bryan Paget of the El-Ku-Ta Lodge received the 2012 Section Mentor Award at Section Conclave for this year. Bryan has been involved in the El-Ku-Ta Lodge for decades, and has proven to be a great asset to the program. Congratulations, Bryan!

The March Ordeal was massive, with a total of 40 people going through to join the Order of the Arrow. Two branches of the Utah Food Bank and a transition center in Tooele were able to give us opportunities to serve.

We also had a Brotherhood Ceremony in March in Tooele. In fact, it was the biggest one we had all year. With 11 new Brotherhood members, it helped our lodge tremendously in our goal to reach Quality Lodge level. The ceremony team and all of the members are pictured below.



We had our Vigil Ceremony for 2012 on April 13th and 14th. These candidates were chosen for the Vigil Honor based on their service and dedication to the Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, and Scouting. The honorees for 2012 were (above, left to right) Dallin Lambertsen, Mark Kirkham, Alex Watts, Eric Liston, Christian Mickelsen, Robert Watts, Ron Totman, Brian Hahn, Nicholas Montgomery, D.J. Powell, Aren Mann, and Kiffer Creveling.

FELLOWSHIP!!!!!! That wonderful, fantastic, fun time where you and your fellow El-Ku-Ta Lodge members come together, play games, relax, and elect your new lodge officers! Registration for this event is now open on Registration Central on

<http://www.elkuta.com/>.

Remember to come and have fun with your brothers in the Order of the Arrow!

We have an Ordeal on May 11 and 12, and we can use all the help we can! If someone from your chapter is going through the Ordeal, have someone from your chapter there to congratulate them as they complete this momentous achievement. Please call Christian Mickelsen at 801-573-5097 or email him at mickelsen@elkuta.com so that we can count on you to help your future brothers.

A Brotherhood Ceremony is also on the horizon, coming up at Camp Tracy on May 12. We need as many people as we can to go through so we can reach Quality Lodge level and reach a 30% Conversion rate. Anyone who went through their Ordeal at least 10 months ago is eligible for Brotherhood. There are a few other requirements, so double check with a current Brotherhood member. Please recruit others to come and be there to support them!

The last LECM of the year is this month, in May! Fun will be rife with laughter during this meeting, and we need lots of people. Bring something to share, bring members from your chapter, and bring your sense of fun!

Elections for lodge office take place at Fellowship. If you wish to run for a lodge office, you need to have your letter of intention turned in by the May LECM. If you want to help serve your lodge, run for lodge office!

The Lodge Adviser's Minute

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Brothers,

I would like to thank everyone in the lodge who has helped make all of our events so successful so far this year. The Order of the Arrow has such a great message, and we want to share it with everyone we can. With your help, we can bring more youth into the Order. Please stop by and visit us at the Scout-O-Rama this year. We plan to attend our summer Fellowship at East Fork of the Bear June 6 through 9 to help us install some brand new lodge officers for this next year. I would also like to encourage all youth Arrowmen in our lodge to seriously consider attending our Coup Trail leadership course that we are bringing back as a tradition that once went away. At this time I would like to thank all of the youth and adults who have so diligently served in the lodge and all of the chapters. Without your unselfish service, we would not have the success that we have seen so far this year as a lodge. Stay true to the Arrow!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Cal Condie

Lodge Adviser

Upcoming Events

Lodge Ordeal - May 11 & 12 - Camp Tracy

Lodge Brotherhood - May 12 - Camp Tracy

May LECM - May 24 - Camp Tracy Lodge

Fellowship - June 6 - 9 - Tentatively at East
Fork of the Bear River Scout Reservation

Coup Trail - July 9 - 14 - Camp Travis, East
Fork of the Bear Scout Reservation

Lodge Ordeal - July 23 - 24 - East Fork of the
Bear Scout Reservation

