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Chiefly Speaking

an open letter to the members of our lodge from our chief, Weston Blaney



Weston Blaney
Lodge Chief 1995-96

As the new year approaches, we often look back on the things that have happened and the experience we have had in the previous year. This past year has been a very eventful and exciting year for our lodge.

We started off 1995 with a great Lodge Banquet. Many chapters and individuals received awards for their efforts of the previous year. The year continued with successful spring Ordeals in Pine Canyon and Camp Tracy, many elections that were held in our scout and varsity troops, and exciting events like Section Conference, held in Evanston, Wyoming, and the Summer Fellowship, held at the East Beach of the Bear Lake. Our Lodge was well represented at the Scout-O-Rama, and our arrowmen and Native

American dancers were well received by the community and different scouting groups throughout the council.

After the summer camping, the September Training Conference reminded us of our responsibilities in our chapters, and inspired us how to better serve in our positions. Several new members joined the Order during various Fall Ordeals, and the Fall Pow-Wow was a chance for us to explore the ways of Indian Lore and see some of the finest Order of the Arrow Native American dancing in the nation.

As we commence with our Lodge's 40th anniversary year, we have many opportunities to increase the brotherhood and service in our lodge. There are still many members who need to re-register for the coming year.

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Holding unit elections in all of the scout and varsity troops in our districts will only increase the success in our chapters and in our lodge. Obtaining Brotherhood membership will also improve the quality within our Order.

If we strive to serve in our chapters and to concentrate on the essential areas of the Order, we will be able to look back upon 1996 with great accomplishment and satisfaction.

Chapter Chatter

many open letters to everyone by various chapter officers

Chapter 1 — Mikanahawa

Time: Second Thursday 7:30 pm
Place: Centerville Rollinghills
210 E. 1825 No.

Chapter 2 — Redhills

Time: Fourth Thursday 7:00 pm
Place: Central Stakehouse
680 So. 780 E.
Chief: Jarom Castleton (292-9609)

Chapter 3 — Indian Springs

Date: First Thursday 7:00 pm
Place: Woods Cross High School
Next to Cafeteria
Chief: David Phillips (292-8134)

Chapter 4 — Woaplanne

Date: Second Thursday 7:30 pm
Place: Rose Park Stake
760 No. 1200 W.
Chief: Seth Grant (569-9301)

Chapter 5 — Istah Dibe

Date: Second Thursday 7:30 pm
Place: 10th Ward
800 E. 400 So.
Vice-Chief: Greg Rushton (485-3659)

Chapter 7 — Ouray

Date: First Thursday 7:30 pm
Place: Wasatch Jr. High
3750 So. 3100 E.

Chief: Benjamin Kalm (272-0828)

Chapter 10 — Wachtschu Uintah

Date: First Thursday 7:30 pm
Place: Wanship Chapel
Chief: Adam Moffat (647-3066)

Chapter 11 — Sage

Date: Second Thursday 7:30 pm
Place: Tooele Wigwam
Chief: Josh Hermel (884-3768)

Chapter 12 — Dabyowh

Date: Second Thursday 7:00 pm
Place: Hunter Jr. High
6131 W. 3785 So.
Chief: James Smith (967-1994)

Chapter 13 — Dakota Sioux

Date: First Thursday & Saturday 7:00 pm
Place: Granger West Building
3300 So. 4440 W.
Chief: Keith Noyes (967-6216)

Chapter 14 — Iriquois

Date: Second Thursday 7:30 pm
Place: Granite Stake Tabernacle
2005 So. 900 E.
Chief: Justin Dixon (268-3442)

Chapter 15 — Mantowagon

Date: Second Thursday 7:00 pm
Place: Taylorsville High Seminary
Northeast of High School
Vice Chief: Brock Smith

Chapter 16 — Leke Nimat

Date: Second Thursday 7:30 pm
Place: Kearns High
5525 So. 4800 W.
Chief: Raymond Crane (964-1861)

Chapter 17 — Ja Tanka Sha

We appreciate every one who came to our Christmas Party on December 7. All who attended
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had a lot of fun with our annual White Elephant Event. (For anyone who was at last year's party and saw Robert Mecham's inflatable shark but was not at our last meeting and wondering, Robert gave some gerbil food along with a puzzle.)

Our meetings are on the first Thursday of each month at West Jordan Middle School at 7:00 pm. For our next meeting, we will be wishing our gracious chapter chief, Randy Lamb, an ecstatic birthday and a long voyage as he prepares for this LDS mission to Panama City, Panama. Also, we be find out who our new chief will be.

Please come in to our meetings, especially all of our new clans! If you have any questions, call either our advisor, Martin Walsh (566-4557) or our chapter chief Randy Lamb (255-5185).

Chapter 21 — Cetan

Date: Second Thursday 7:30 pm

Place: Riverview Jr. High

Chief: Dustin Rodeback (262-7016)

Chapter 22 — Spring Creek

Date: Second Thursday 7:30 pm

Place: Big Cottonwood Stake
50 E. Spring Lane

Chief: Joe Wright (278-6428)

Chapter 23 — Wamblee

Date: First Thursday 7:00 pm

Place: LDS Church Building
7800 So. 4000 W.

Chief: Jeremy Wright (966-5501)

Chapter 24 — Silver Elk

Date: Second Thursday 7:30 pm

Place: 8945 So. 1700 E.

Chief: Andy Craven (561-4531)

Chapter 25 — Macque

Date: First Thursday 7:30 pm

Place: Butler Jr. High
2700 E.

Chief: Jacob Springmeyer (943-3547)

Chapter 26 — Nechoha Wachstchu

Time: First Thursday 7:30 pm

Place: Mt Jordan Middle School
9361 So. 3rd East

Chief: Rodney Clawson (572-0187)

Chapter 27 — Chans

Date: Second & Fourth Thursday 7:30 pm

Place: 126 So. Redwood Road

Chief: Nick Oliver (254-0220)

Chapter 28 — Chitimacha

Date: First Thursday 7:00 pm

Place: Crescent Middle School
11150 So. 3rd E.

Chief: Chris Mosbacker (571-7740)

NOAC 1996

an invitation to attend NOAC, by Philip Blaney

The 1996 NOAC Tour is looking to be the most fun and exciting adventure any bunch of boy scouts could conjure up. We already have the flying tour worked out and are currently working out the kinks in the driving tour.

The flying tour consists of flying (what else?) into New York and spending a few days there, and then heading off to see Washington, D.C. where we will also spend two days. We will be experiencing Philadelphia, an amusement park, and many more exciting places along the way. The cost for the flying tour and the National Conference will be \$1,200.

We hope to see you at NOAC for the time of your life. Come and register at LECM or by calling Brandon Fessler (967-2328). or Philip Blaney (254-1334).

Re-Registrations

an invitation to re-register by Philip Blaney

Many members in our lodge have been re-registered this year, however many still have not yet re-registered. The problem is simple: not all of the contacts to the members have been made. We still need a lot of help to reach our goal.

If anyone would like to join the re-registration committee, or if the chapters would like some help
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from the lodge Re-Registration Committee, please contact Philip Blaney (254-1334).

To eat an elephant, you must take one bite at a time. One phone call at a time will help you reach your goal.

A Little Dry...

an open request to everyone from me, Robert Mecham

I have recently looked back at past issues of The Legend and have noticed that perhaps they were a little dry. I'm beginning to think that perhaps I should use a little more clip art. So I'm including an open request to everyone out there. If you have some clip art *on disk*, I would *really* appreciate if you could loan me a copy so I can include those graphics in The Legend. Or if you have any pictures of lodge events (these don't necessarily have to be on disk) that you would like to appear in The Legend, please let me know!

Have a Computer?

another request to everyone from me, Robert Mecham

Another thing I noticed when I was looking through those old newsletters was that other editors had larger staffs to put it out. Since things haven't improved much with my current motley yet small crew, I thought that perhaps some more people making sure that everyone out there remembered about poor old me. So if you would be interested in helping me out, give me a call (my number's on the front page) and tell me about yourself, why you'd like to be on The Legend staff, and what you'd like to do. *(Please note: you do not necessarily need a computer to help me out with The Legend, but it sure would help!)*

Contestants' Row

another installment by me, Robert Mecham

Ha, ha, ha... So you think you could solve last issue's contest, did you? Ha! Well, no one did! And no one ever will... Why? Because there is no answer! The riddle is insolvable! Its just one of those quirks...

So, after exhausting all of your mental abilities on that last riddle, are you ready for more? This one, in

case you're wondering, does indeed have an answer.

Gordo the Magnificent loved the trapeze, yet loathed practicing, especially this early in the morning. It was 4:30 a.m.; his coach had ordered an emergency, all-day practice, the day before the big show. Nevertheless, he knew he was the best (humble, isn't he?) and had decided to arrive earlier than the others in his team to perform some extra warm-ups. As he entered the main tent, he noticed a most agrestic odor. Unable to think of it merely as mildew from the tent, Gordo investigated. Upon finding his answer, he immediately regretted his curiosity; Bud, a co-worker hailed as the world's smallest living adult, was dead. Gordo promptly fainted.

When the police investigation was completed, the following had been determined: Bud had killed himself. A silver-handled gun, a gift to Bud on his last birthday, had been found near the body. The wound in Bud's temple (It should be noted that the initial examination thereof was delayed due to the fact that the coroner refused to look at such a hideous sight) was found most definitely to be self-inflicted. Bud's cane, found near the body, seemed to have been sawed off an inch from its natural end. But no reason for Bud's compelling desire to end it all could be found. He left no suicide note, he had no financial worries (indeed he had acquired a rather enviable nest egg for his future that never materialized), he was indeed very proud of who he was and of his profession, and none of his friends and associates had noticed anything amiss prior to his death. And while the police could not find a reason in the facts at hand, the evidence of that reason has nevertheless been presented in this riddle. The question, then, is left to you, dear reader; why did Bud take his own life?

Reglas de Contenido

1. Anyone who has heard or read this riddle (or a similar one) or its answer before is not eligible.
2. Anyone not interested in this contest is not eligible.
3. Anyone not eligible probably isn't interested.
4. Anyone who isn't eligible may not tell anyone who is eligible the answer.
5. Anyone who can't read this even with a magnifying glass is not eligible unless he can find someone to read it to him.
6. All entries must be received by the end of time or by the deadline for the next issue of The Legend, whichever comes first.
7. Any entries received between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. will not be considered.
8. The enforcer of these rules (otherwise known as Editor) reserves all rights whether they are mentioned here or not.
9. The winner of this contest is entitled to one (1) candy bar of what is considered to be normal size of *my* (the ever-present enforcer's) choosing.

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10. The winner may, if he desires death or indeed another candy bar, request another type of candy bar (of equal or preferably lesser value) so long as that request is submitted in essay form (1,000 words or 10,000 words), or asked using the words "please" and "thank-you."
11. There can be only one (winner); first come, first served.
12. Act now, supplies are limited.
13. Shoplifters will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
14. Anyone not eligible for this contest who has read all of these extraneous rules has too much time on his hands and is therefore in desperate need of a hobby (may I suggest cross-stitch).

Editor's Edition

my opinion on the world's status by me, Robert Mecham

In this issue, I would like to vent my views on the political climate here in America. WARNING: I am a *conservative independent*. That simply means that, while I do not associate myself with any current political party (hence the word *independent*), I do agree with most of the ideals classed as "conservative" (hence the word *conservative*). Some of you may then question why I do not call myself a Republican since Republicans are generally conservative. There is one very important reason: While I do agree with the general ideals of conservatism and the Republican party, I do not always agree with some of the specific ideals of the Republican Party. For instance: all of the federal budget plans presented by the Republicans as of late have proposed spending cuts in education. I think that education is one of the most important branches of the government. It is in desperate need of not only more money but a major restructuring (and the money needed for that restructuring). With that out of the way, here are my opinions:

American military personnel should not be sent to Bosnia. The Bosnian War was (and I use that past tense only temporarily) a Bosnian problem. While I do not oppose the United States helping to find a resolution to that war, I do feel that any peace stable enough to last would not require military personnel, and therefore the current peace plan should have a chance to implement itself and for the people to accept it before our or indeed any other military personnel are committed. One thing that our intrepid president should ask himself is that if Chelsey were in the military, would he still be willing to commit the support of the U.S. Military to Bosnia?

Welfare should be abolished. How can anyone think that when people can get a free handout from

our government and aren't doing to good, they will want to work? Not to mention the *secondary* concern that the government does not have the money to provide such "free rides." Welfare should be replaced with an innovative job training and placement program. Only then will we truly be helping others who are indeed in need of that help. A truly equitable society is one where all who are members of it are contributing (or at least more than likely to contribute upon reaching adulthood) to that society, and none of them are leeching off of that said society.

As for Medicare and Medicaid, they are in dire need of a replacement as well. Socialized health care simply does not work. Both the United Kingdom (England to the rest of us) and Canada have such "universal" health care plans. However, these systems are grossly inefficient and often do not provide the full treatment for very ill people. Indeed, I had recently read an article stating that many Canadian doctors were going "south of the border" to escape recently the lowered wages and (to quote a favorite author of mine, I AM NOT MAKING THIS UP:) **lowered coverage**. Socialized health care does not work. Surely there must be a way for there to be true universal health care without penalizing the rich or the government running it.

You may notice the phrase "penalizing the rich." Often in our world, we assume that for no other reason than circumstance, the rich have an unescapable duty to the universe to save all the idiots who aren't willing to work just as hard as they did to get where they are. Why should the rich be taxed more simply because they have worked more? Certainly there are those rich people who did not work for their wealth, but the overwhelming majority of them are indeed "self-made millionaires."

Well, I feel better. I've expressed just a few of my views on national issues. Perhaps in the future I will express more, but this is enough for now. If you perhaps have conflicting views on these issues, please feel free to mail them to me (my address is on the front page) or e-mail me on the O.A. BBS (that phone number once again is 263-1667), I'm #3.



Our lodge
will have its
40th Anniversary
this year.
Be a part of it!

LODGE CALENDAR

January

1	New Year's Day	Happy 1996!
2	School Resumes	Oh, man!
4	Utah Statehood Centennial	Party of the Century time...
18	LECM	7:00 p.m. Tracy Training Center
20	Lodge Banquet	6:30 p.m. Tracy Training Center

February

2	Ground Hog Day	Do you think he saw his shadow?
14	Valentine's Day	El día de los enornorados.
15	LECM	7:00 p.m. Tracy Training Center
17	Brotherhood	6:30 p.m. Tracy Training Center
19	President's Day	El día de los presidentes.
24 - 2	Scouting for Food	Yummy!

March

17	St. Patrick's Day	Are you wearing green?
20	Spring Begins	El comienzo de la primavera.
21	LECM	7:00 p.m. Tracy Training Center
23	Brotherhood	6:30 p.m. Tracy Training Center

Lodge Hotline

Don't forget the

at 292-4801!

Happy New Year!

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