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CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Chris Hereth's Words of Wisdom



Chris Hereth
Lodge Chief 1997-8

With a new year it is time to plan on the events that will be coming up. The Section Conference looks awesome, the banquet will be happening as you get this, and the summer fellowship is not far away.

With all of these events, Ordeals and Brotherhood Ceremonies will allow each of us to get involved in recommitting ourselves to the

ideals of the OA. I encourage each of us to make the most of the coming year.

With the election of Brandon as Region Chief, NOAC will become a lot more fun and exciting. Since the places are limited, now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity. Thanks to each of you who made 1997 a great year for the lodge. Now let's do the same - and more - for 1998. The first place to start is with your chapters and the program there.

The next issue in March will fill you in on the Banquet, the awards presented and the section conference.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Chris
Chris Hereth



WESTERN REGION CHIEF

In action taking among the Section Chiefs in Dallas at the annual planning meeting of the Order of the Arrow, **Brandon Fessler**, was elected as the **Western Region Chief for 1998**

Brandon has served as the Lodge Chief of **El-Ku-Ta Lodge** for 1996-7 and as the Section W2A Section Chief where he has been responsible for planning the Section Conference to be held in April in Heber City, Utah.



Brandon Fessler
Section W2A Chief

Brandon will be responsible for directing the affairs of the Order in the Western Region comprising the Western United States, Hawaii, Alaska, Japan and Guam. His responsibility includes the planning and staffing of 5 National Leadership Seminars, serving on the planning committee of the National Conference to be held in Ames, IA in August and taking care of other activities in the Western Region.

Brandon is the third National Officer to come from the lodge since 1990. As an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member, Brandon represents the Council and the Lodge well. We wish Brandon well in his assignments during the coming year.

LODGE CALENDAR

JANUARY 1998

15	LECM -- 7:00 P.M.	Tracy
17	LODGE BANQUET	Tracy
22	LODGE OFF MTG -- 7:00 P	Ser Ctr

FEBRUARY 1998

19	LECM -- 7:00 P.M.	Tracy
19	BROTHERHOOD - 6:00 P.M.	Tracy
26	OFFICER'S MTG - 7:00 P.M.	Ser Ctr.

MARCH 1998

19	LECM -- 7:00 P.M.	Tracy
19	BROTHERHOOD - 6:00 P.M.	Tracy
26	OFFICER'S MTG - 7:00 P.M.	Ser Ctr.

APRIL 1998

16	LECM -- 7:00 P.M.	Tracy
16	BROTHERHOOD - 6:00 P.M.	Tracy
23	OFFICER'S MTG - 7:00 P.M.	Ser Ctr.
24-6	SECTION CONFERENCE	Heber

GET INVOLVED !!

Membership - Use it or Lose it

The following upcoming events and positions need your help. These are great ways to get involved in the program.

COUP TRAIL: now registering for participants in the 1998 course. Applications are available from the Chief, Aaron McAllister or the Adviser Doug Fessler, 967-2328.

FELLOWSHIP: Courtney King is now looking for people to staff the Summer Fellowship in June. Program people, trading post, registrations, and other activities are available. If interested call him at.

N.O.A.C.: We are now accepting registrations for NOAC participation. This includes a tour stopping at Nauvoo, Chicago, St. Louis etc. For information call Marcus Swenson 253-9200 or Philip Blaney at 254-1334.

LEGEND: We are looking for people to work with the Legend in writing, photography and other skills. A computer with desk publishing would be great. If interested call Chris Hereth at 486-1600.

FREE FELLOWSHIP ('97) T-SHIRT: If you want a free (\$12.00 value) t-shirt from last year's fellowship, get 6 people to register for the current year and it is yours. For lists of people to contact, call Dave Halliday at 292-4686.

UNIT ELECTIONS: we are interested in all of our members holding unit elections in their own units - scout and varsity. We'll send you the forms. January and February is the time to do it. Call Matt Duven at 292-0353.

SCOUT-O-RAMA: Want to help with scout-o-rama activities. See your chapter adviser and get your name on the list.



THANKS ANDREW

Andrew Russell - Legend Editor

Andrew Russell has been the *Legend* Editor for the past 2 years. It is a thankless job and much of the job like the folding, placing the labels, etc. has to be done by hand.

In addition to serving as the Editor he also completed a stint as a lodge vice chief for the 1996-97 year and took care of some chapters and some of the programs. He did an outstanding job with both of these activities.

As a chapter chief in District 28, Andrew kept the program running for the members in some difficult months. His service has been done in a quiet way but one that has benefited the lodge and its membership. Since he has a heavy schedule at school he has elected to turn the newsletter over to someone else for the future.

The lodge is proud to have members of Andrew's commitment and we wish him well in his other endeavors and give him our thanks for a job well done. We will miss his novel way of presenting the *Legend*.

THE ADVISER'S MINUTE

David Halliday, Lodge Adviser

Wow, I can't believe that I am relegated to Page 3 of the *Legend*, but there is a lot of news here for members. Congratulations to Brandon on his election and thanks to Andrew for a great job.

It was exciting to be in Dallas for the planning meeting. It will be a great conference and it was especially exciting to see another one of our members elected to national office. Who will be the next national officers? Who will take the lodge to new heights that will benefit its members. You, the new arrowman are the one that will do it. One of you, a member since last summer will in your turn occupy these

positions of leadership. Prepare now as the opportunity awaits.

It is not necessary however for all of us to have a national or local office. Each of us can make a difference in the life of members of our unit, among our friends, and in our chapters. That difference begins with brotherhood. The best way to exemplify it is to strengthen the unit that we are in.

Thanks for all you do. You make an incredible difference in the lodge.

David E Halliday
Lodge Adviser

Now is the Time !

NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN UP FOR
THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE TRIP.
AT ONLY \$995 DOLLAR FOR 11 DAYS
IS IT A GREAT BARGAIN

Ames, IA is the Place !

BUT TO GET THERE WILL WE ALSO
GO TO CHICAGO, ST LOUIS, NAUVOO
AND SEVERAL OTHER PLACES. THE
APPLICATION HAS IT ALL.

You Are the One !

SINCE WE ONLY HAVE 37 SLOTS
AVAILABLE, YOU NEED TO CONTACT
US TODAY. YOU ARE THE ONE THAT
WILL MAKE THE TRIP EXCITING.
YOU ARE THE ONE TO GO.

Make the Call !

CONTACT PHILIP BLANEY AT 254-1334
OR MARCUS SWENSON AT 253-9200
FOR INFORMATION. WE'LL EVEN
BRING A VIDEO OUT TO SHOW YOU
AND YOUR FOLKS. DO IT TODAY!

BROTHERHOOD

Opportunity or Duty?

Each of us has the opportunity to complete the ordeal that we undertook by becoming a Brotherhood Member. Opportunity that (a) gives us a deeper understanding of the commitments that we made as ordeal members and (b) to strengthen our membership in the OA.

It is really a simple matter. Carve a couple of hours out of your busy schedule and attend the ceremony. If you have met the service that you committed to in your unit at the time of your ordeal, have been a member of the OA for at least 10 months, know the Admonition and the Obligation and the OA Song, then you are ready.

You can pass off of the requirements with any chapter or lodge officer or adviser who is already a Brotherhood Member. The cost is \$12.00 for the new sash.

Brotherhood Ceremonies are held by the Lodge on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Tracy. You need to be there 15-20 minutes early if you have not passed off your requirements. You can register at the door.

Individual chapters can also schedule ceremonies from time to time so check with your chapter officers or advisers. You can also call the hotline or check our web page for the latest information.

GETTING THE WORD

It's Best to Stay Informed

For each of us with a lot to do keeping informed on all that is coming up is a big task. Chapter information will be profiled in the next Legend. There are two main ways to get the word about what is happening in the lodge.

The first is the Lodge Web Page. Our Address is: www.xmission.com/~eureka/el-ku-ta. Maintained by Jon Rigby and Mike McBride, it contains all of the information that you want on upcoming events, lodge officers, chapter etc. It also links to the council web page and to chapter web pages that are available. Chapter 25, Machque and Chapter 3, Indian Springs have them and others are starting them.

For those who are not into the web page style, the lodge hotline continues to be operational at 292-4801 anytime day or night. The Message is changed from time to time by Mike Duvén.

The new *Legend* schedule will see it being mailed around the first of the month in the odd numbered months, January, March, etc.

Information can be sent to the lodge adviser, Dave Halliday by fax at 532-1597 or via 72717.3331@compuserve.com.

Information that you want to have put in the newsletter needs to be into the Editor or Dave Halliday at least 30 days before the issue comes out.

SECTION MATTERS

Question or Title?

The Section Conclave is scheduled for April 24,25,26, 1998 at the High School in Heber City. The cost will be approximately \$40.00 for the conference, travel not included.

Since a number of the lodge members and advisers serve on the conference committee and the Section Adviser and Chief currently come from El-Ku-Ta Lodge, it should be a great time. Registration material will be mailed out by the section. If you don't see it by the first of the month, give you chapter adviser a call. You register by mailing in the form directly to the section with you fee.

Section Matters - continued

Do not mail or bring your registration to the service center - it fouls up the books and you may find that you are not registered. Plan on attending, there will be fun and new friends and a great time.

COUP TRAIL

Training at it's Best

Now is the time to start thinking about Coup Trail if you are looking for a training course for the coming summer.

Doug Fessler, Adviser (967-2328) or Aaron McAllister, Chief (942-3142) will get you the information and forms. They will even come to your house - or have a staff member come - and answer any of your questions if you are interested.

Coup Trail is a week long course designed for advanced leadership training. It builds confidence, teaches you some new leadership skills, introduces you to new friends and fun, and prepares you for leadership outside of the troop or team. It is limited to 80 participants each year.

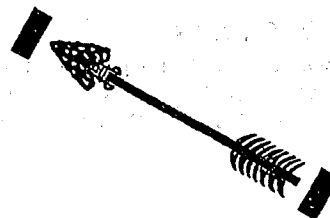
Since 1985 over 1000 arrowmen have taken advantage of this unique experience. This year is your time to take off to East Fork for a week of high adventure. Call about it now.

Since this year's course will start on the 4th of July, there will be some special events as part of that holiday.

Over the last couple of years, Coup Trail type training has expanded to groups in Seattle, Washington, Illinois and Logan Utah.



THE GOAL



UNIT ELECTIONS

How We Get What We Got

Our obligation to each unit, troop and team, is that we will visit them each year and help them honor those outstanding members of their unit.

Recent changes in the election procedure allow each eligible member of a unit to be elected to the OA. There are no more formulas and the unit votes on each eligible member. If he gets more than 50% of the votes, he is elected as a candidate.

Chapter advisers and Chiefs have new elections forms and will get you one if you ask. They can also tell you if your unit has held an election in the year - since a unit can only hold one election per year.

The whole system works best when each arrowman does the election in his own unit and the units that meet in the same building that his does. It is easiest to make the appointment, the youth know that arrowman, there is little travel involved and appointments can be made easier.

How about if we all held these elections between now and the end of February? Contact your chapter chief for information.

Remember: You would not be a member had someone else not taken the time to hold the election - pass the favor on this month!

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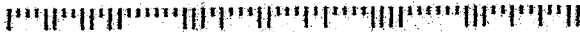
REGISTRATION

Don't Get Lost - Stay Active

Old Member or new, your involvement is important. If you are getting this newsletter, you are currently registered. If you need to renew the year dues are \$7.00 and the registration year runs from July 1 through June 30.

Registrations can be sent to the Service Center or handed in to your chapter advisers.

For Chapters, there is a contest at February LECM for the chapter that hands in the most registrations and the one that hands in the most election forms. Enough said.



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