



# The Egret

## Taleka Lodge #81

### Winter 2007

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#### R.D. Dunkin Memorial

The National Planning meeting took on a somber note with the passing of R.D. Dunkin. R.D. was the Central Region Adviser for 15 years and the Adviser for numerous NOACs, Jamboree Service Corps, and other events. If you've ever been to a NLS in the Central Region, R.D. was the big guy running the technology in the back of the room. He was a true example of servant leadership and will be sorely missed by the Order.

#### Section Chiefs Gather In Dallas, Texas

Written by: Mark Thurman

Every December after Christmas, the National Order of the Arrow Committee gathers in Dallas, Texas to plan the Order's programs for the upcoming year. As one of 47 Section Chiefs, I was invited to the National Planning Meeting along with our Section Advisers and the National Committee. It was an amazing chance to see how the heart of the OA operates.

The two main goals of the meeting were electing the National Officers and planning the National Conservation and Leadership Summit (The Summit). I arrived on the morning of Wednesday, December 27 and after an eventful cab ride, I arrived at the hotel and conference center. That night, after much mingling and getting to know each other, we got down to business and picked the theme ("Building the Path to Servant Leadership") and patch of the Summit.

After a few short hours of sleep, we began elections for National Chief and Vice Chief the next morning. Evan Chaffee of the Western Region and Larry Newton of the Southern Region were elected after hours of speeches and votes. The Section Chief had a short break, and then broke up with their regions to elect the 4 Region Chiefs (Central: Don Hough, Northeast: Ken Hagar, Southern: Alex Gomez, and Western: Chad Wolver). After lunch, the 41 remaining Section Chiefs were split up into committees for planning the Summit and the rest of the time was spent planning the Summit.

The Summit will be a completely new experience for the Order—nothing like it has ever been done. The Summit has two distinct tracks, Conservation (training for ArrowCorp<sup>5</sup>) and the Leadership (presenting the new strategic plan). As a Summit Vice Chief for the Service to Scouting Committee, it is my job to help unveil and train the Lodges on one part of the Order's new Strategic Plan. If you are interested in serving on staff for ArrowCorp<sup>5</sup>, then this event is for you! If you are a Lodge Leader who needs to know about the Order's new direction, then this event is for you!

#### Check out...

# [www.taleka81.org](http://www.taleka81.org)

...for calendars, resources, and other information concerning  
**Taleka Lodge.**

## **Lodge Advisor**

Reported by: Doc Kappel

Jim Maule and I recently attended the NLATS (National Lodge Advisers Training Seminar) in Parkville, MO. It was a weekend seminar much like NLS, but with a focus on the knowledge that a Lodge Advisor needs to help the Chief run the Lodge in a quality manner. We picked up some ideas that you will be seeing implemented over the next year.

The first of these is organizing the History of the Taleka Lodge. John Goodwin is working on this already. A list of the Chiefs and Advisers of Mannesah, Cascasquia, and Taleka lodges will be ready for the Winter Banquet. Another item is using the LLD (Lodge Leadership Development) program which is available on the National OA website. You may be asked to fill out a questionnaire by the Lodge which will help your Officers determine what we as a Lodge know and don't know. Then they can plan training for the Lodge members according to our needs. Lastly, I would like to see the Lodge improve on its record keeping and timeliness of dues collection. On the bright side, there were many things our Lodge is already doing very well, such as the Elangomat program and Brotherhood conversion.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Winter Banquet!



## **History of the Lodge**

Reported by: Judge John Goodwin

Lodge 115's name, when it was chartered on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1938, was not Cascasquia...it was Illini! The name was rechartered as Cascasquia on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1938.

During its first charter, Illini's Indian tribe name was Algonquin but changed to Fox when it rechartered.

No one knows why all this occurred, but chances are the National committee allowed two lodges the name Illini (Lodge 92 also had the name)

Cascasquia is Indian for, "he scrapes it off by means of a tool" and its totem is the thunderbird or the copperhead snake. Cascasquia is a synonym for the name of the council in 1938 - Kaskaskia.

## **Lodge Vice Chief of Program Report**

Written by: Tim Thurman

Happy New Year to everyone in Taleka Lodge. As always, we have a host of activities coming up in the year and we have many opportunities for arrowmen to get involved. With Spring Fellowship, Summer Camp, and National High adventure programs, this will be a busy year. I encourage all arrowmen, new and old, to try something new this year: join a committee, be an elangomat, participate in ceremonies, go on a trek. Our lodge has many programs to take advantage of. Also, we will be putting on the closing ceremony for this year's Section Conclave. We need plenty of help with writing and producing the show. If you're interested in any of these activities, even if you have no prior experience, contact me at ace48182@charter.net or 235-6578 to get more information.

## **Lodge Secretary Report**

Written by: Robbie Maule

Hello everyone. It's been a good first couple of months as your Lodge Secretary. We are a little behind with our annual OA dues so please make it a point to pay either through your troop, at the council office, or you can even pay at the winter banquet. The membership cards are in and you will be receiving them soon..

## **Elangomat Chairperson Report**

Written by: Joey Sphilman

The Extended Elangomat program is getting off to a great start. I have had great feedback. If anyone is interested in being an Elangomat they can contact me. NOTE: Elangomats are free and don't pay anything for fellowship.

**Know Your OA Officers...**

Written by: Jonathan Kwock

**Chapter Level**

Black Gold - Chris White

Cascasquia - Kyle Stover

Crooked Creek - Devin Schaeffer

Saint Clair - David Rutledge

**Lodge Level**

Chief - Christopher Gum

Vice Chief of Program - Tim Thurman

Vice Chief of Administration - Chris Simms

Secretary - Robbie Maule

Treasurer - Andy Schefelker

**Section Level**

Chief - Mark Thurman

Vice Chief - Paul Schriver

Secretary/Treasurer - Richard Allen

**National Level**

Chief - Sean Murray

Vice Chief - Chris Schildknecht

Central Region - Russ Bresnahan

Northeast Region - Jonathan Fuller

Southern Region - Dustin Counts

Western Region - Kieran Thompson

**Lodge Treasurer Report**

Written by: Andy Schefelker

To start with, we are in the process of putting together chapter kits that contain items such as patches, shirts, books, etc. The reason for this is that we cannot sell certain items at the shop anymore. Each chapter will be given one of these kits and can sell the items at meetings. I hope that we can send them out within the next few months. That's all at the moment; I really love being in college but I'm spending more time studying than I ever have before.

**St. Clair Chapter Chief Report**

Written by: David Rutledge

Brothers, I call upon you to do what we do best. Cheerful service. Join your fellow arrowman in a weekend of service and fun. We will be opening our lodge for new members and those who wish to take their membership to the next level, brotherhood. You will have a great time servicing the camp for the first half of the weekend. We will be offering training cells for those who wish to expand their knowledge on the Order of the Arrow. We will be finishing the weekend with "hero" entertainment and arrowman 101. So mark your calendars and join your fellow arrowman at the 2006 Spring Fellowship.

The  
Spring Fellowship Registration Form  
can be found at...

[www.taleka81.org](http://www.taleka81.org)

# TALEKA LODGE 116

## 2007 Registration and Dues

Dues: \$10.00

Dues should be paid through your unit: troop, crew, or council.  
This form is for individuals unable to pay with their unit.

Please enter as much information as possible.  
**Please print clearly!**

Name (Last, First): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult /Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Ordeal Date \_\_\_\_\_ Brotherhood Date \_\_\_\_\_

Vigil Date \_\_\_\_\_ Founders' Award \_\_\_\_\_

Vigil Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks, payable to Taleka Lodge, are due  
October 31, 2006

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