

# Spirit of the Buffalo



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## I Know What You Did Last Summer

By the *Spirit* Staff

Yet another summer has come and gone, leaving its share of OA related events in its wake. This year was particularly eventful in the life of the Order, due to the 2001 National Order of the Arrow Conference, or NOAC, held at the campus of the University of Indiana in Bloomington. Besides the NOAC, other events that Lodge members attended included the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew (OATC) at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, and the Fall Ordeal at Camp George Thomas. (Continues on page 3...)



Arrowmen Dane Hanson and Andrew Huwe participate in the Tough Man Competition at Cypher's Mine while on an OATC Trek. Both are from SR-1 in Mississippi.

## Staff Notes...



By Phill Melton  
*Spirit* Editor

It's been an interesting year writing and publishing this newsletter, but, alas, all good things must come to an end. Due to my recent election by the Lodge into the office of Secretary, I will no longer be able to edit the *Spirit* after this issue. This does not mean that I will no longer be involved in the life of this fine publication; rather, I will be looking at it from a perspective of content, rather than one of squashing layout bugs, picking copy nits, and exorcizing photo demons. Looking back at the year, I have many fond memories I wish to take with me into my new job: extorting articles from the Lodge Chief, conning Chris Holman into labeling all 1,348 newsletters that come out each edition for me, stories from the poor, bedraggled souls he somehow convinced to do the work for him, taking very odd photos of the equally odd people who worked with me on Info staff at Lodge events...the list goes on and on.

Which brings me to my next point: If there is anyone who would like to take up the mantle of this newsletter's editor for next year, I am accepting applications at this time. Experience with computers, and especially with Adobe PageMaker and Photoshop are very helpful, as is the ability and imagination necessary for layout, copy writing, photography, and convincing Lodge Officers to give you articles. Send me an e-mail at [pmelton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pmelton@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested.

-Phill

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## From the Lodge...

By Keith Hurdelbrink II  
Ma-Nu 133 2003 Lodge Chief

In 1938, Ma-Nu Lodge, which means White Buffalo in Osage, was formed with the lodge number 133. Now in 2003, Ma-Nu Lodge 133 is celebrating our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

One of my main goals for Ma-Nu Lodge in the year 2003 is to obtain Quality Lodge. The last time that our lodge has earned Quality Lodge was in 1998.

With our upcoming anniversary, I feel that this award would have extra significance. This is an award that I cannot earn by myself, but with all the chapters and arrowmen working together, this can be accomplished. Some of the things that we have to do for Quality Lodge, among others are; induct 30% of our eligible Ordeal members into the Brotherhood, complete a service project for a council camp, and implement the Order of the Arrow Troop Representative program.

If any of you have ideas or suggestions for our lodge in the year 2003 then please contact me and be sure to join my fellow officers and myself at the 2003 Lodge Leadership Development Course for the rest of the goals for 2003, leadership opportunities, and fellowship.

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## I Know What You Did Last Summer (Continued from page 1...)

The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew, or OATC, is a national program held at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico every summer. During the two-week program, Arrowmen spend the first half doing trail work, and the second half on a trek of their own design. These treks usually average about ten miles per day, over some of Philmont's toughest terrain, and include special and unique programs not found on regular treks. Some of these features include midnight mine tours, night climbing on the 5.11 routes at rock climbing areas, and being the first crew into previously closed areas, such as the North Country and Baldy after the 2002 fires. Participants are guided through this experience by two foremen per crew, who are experienced in all manner of conservation work and backpacking techniques. "The OATC is the most amazing Philmont program ever. It is something all arrowmen should experience," says West Gregory, a foreman from Echokotee Lodge 200 in Florida. "Being a foreman, you realize you have an impact on peoples' lives. You learn to know people better in 2 weeks of Trail Crew than in 4 years of high school," says Ryan Crider, of Susquehannock Lodge 9 in Pennsylvania. According to Brian Herren, the 2002-2003 Central Region Chief from Cho-Gun-Mun-A-Nock Lodge 467, OATC is "a time to explore the mountaintops, yourself, and your Brothers, and meet lifelong friends in a day." OATC 2003 will take place in nine sessions from June 8-August 17.



Arrowman Pat Marrinan from CR 1-A expends his wrath upon a fallen tree.

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) took place at the campus of the

University of Indiana at Bloomington. Over 7,000 Arrowmen from across the nation descended upon the campus from July 27-31 for a week of training seminars, shows, and fellowship with their Brothers. During the week, participants take part in rigorous training classes such as: "Making the Ordeal a Success," "More Than You Wanted to Know: Symbolism in the OA," and "The WWW on the WWW: The Internet and the Order." After these classes are over around lunchtime, participants visited the OA museum, participate in competitions such as OA Battlestars or the Euchre Tournament, attend a "Meet the Man Session," in which national officers fielded questions from the audience (no, there are not any plans for a coed OA anytime soon), or participated in that great staple of Scouting events, patch trading. After dinner, the assembled Arrowman delegation would crowd into the IU Assembly Hall, or basketball stadium, to take part in one of the awesome shows put on. Some examples included the Native American show, which included displays of the winners in each dance category, and the Theme Show, which included the closing dramatic production, "Passages." Other events included The Grand Hodag,



Arrowmen Doug Watson and Patrick Murphy kick back on Mt. Philips.

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a gathering of all seven thousand Arrowmen into one place, accompanied by the sounds of “The Tripping Billies.” On the last day of the conference, the climactic Founder’s Fair took place. The Fair was a gathering of all the Arrowmen at the conference, spread out over a field and participating in various activities such as the Lodge Booths, which offered various items and spectacles of a regional nature, the Goodman Games, which was particularly noted for its “Realistic First Aid” attraction (or a chance to cover yourself in fake blood), games of “Who Wants to be a National Chief,” conducted by National Chief Clay Capp, and the finals of the Goodman 500, a pinewood derby type event, only more exciting. When asked to sum up NOAC in 5 words or less, John Matters of Orca Lodge 194 says that it is the “ultimate sharing of brotherhood experience”.

The annual Ma-Nu Fall Ordeal at Camp George Thomas capped off the great summer season, with the induction of over fifty new members. Many Lodge members came out to help serve on staff, and make this ordeal a success despite the rain that poured down on Friday night. Many kudos to Kenny Collier, John Olinger, and the entire Ordeal staff for the great job they did!

### ***Want to know more?***

For information on OATC, visit:

- The OATC-704 A&B site: The website for the trek the author took: <http://www.oatc704.cjb.net/>
- To find information on Trail Crew 2003, go to: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/tcrew/oatc.htm>  
Application forms can be picked up in the Council Service Center.
- Information on NOAC 2002 can be found at: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/events/n2002/live/>

## Lodge Leadership Development Conference & Lodge Banquet

Fellow Arrowmen,

You are invited to attend the annual Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC) on January 4, 2003, at the McFarland United Methodist Church, Norman. This LLDC will be a one-day conference designed to orient lodge officers, chapter officers, committee chairmen, adult advisers, other executive committee members and interested arrowmen on how the lodge can function to fulfill the Mission and Purpose of the Order of the Arrow in the Last Frontier Council.

Immediately following the LLDC, you are encouraged to join me at the OA Lodge Banquet. This banquet is a great opportunity for all Arrowmen in Ma~Nu Lodge to get together for an excellent dinner and fellowship. Features of this years banquet will be a special guest speaker, formal recognition of lodge and chapter leadership (youth and adult), 2002 Vigil Honor members, White Buffalo, Bill George, Miller ‘Pat’ Patterson and Founders Award presentations.

Participants must register by Friday, December 27. Cost of the LLDC is \$10.00 and lunch is included. Cost of the OA Banquet is \$12.00. Phone-in reservations will be accepted at the LFC Customer Service Center, 840-1114. There will be a \$10.00 late fee for registrations received after Dec 27<sup>th</sup> and at the door. Check-in time for the conference is 9:00 am and will last until 5:00 pm. Check-in time for the banquet is 5:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Santiago, 2002 Lodge Chief, at 728-0022, Keith Hurdelbrink II, 2003 Lodge Chief, at 485-8797 or Neal Green, Lodge Adviser, 354-9170.

WWW,  
Keith Hurdelbrink II  
2003 Lodge Chief



# Ma-Nu Lodge 133

Lodge Leadership Development Conference

## 2003 Activity Registration Form

**Saturday, January 4, 2003**

Check-In Time: 9:00 am  
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UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: YOUTH ADULT (21+)  
(circle)

OA HONOR: ORDEAL BROTHERHOOD VIGIL  
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### **LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**

**FEE: \$10.00**

*(Fee due no later than December 27, 2002)*

PHONE RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED

Please Call: Last Frontier Council Customer Service 840-1114

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## Fall Fellowship 2002

By Mike Jones, *Spirit Staff Writer*

This year's Fall Fellowship, held at Slippery Falls Scout Ranch, went off without a hitch and we all had a great time. Everyone had the chance to do a lot of fun activities while learning how to be better arrowmen! Some of things arrowmen could do were shotgun shooting, rappelling, flute making, and mountain biking, just to name a few. Along with all the activities there were many workshops available to help them become scouts and arrowmen. Two new events this year were the spades tournament and O.A. Battlestars! (Congrats go to the first winners of O.A. Battlestars: Adam Stage and Alex Butler!) As usual, we had an up all night cracker barrel/movie, where we all ate and stayed up to the wee hours of the morning. Along with the movie was an excellent film of the weekend produced by the shows staff, which will be posted on the Ma-Nu Lodge web site soon, so look out for it. Hope to see you next year for an even better Fall Fellowship!

## Netami Chapter: Proud Holder of the "Golden Buffalo Chip" at Fall Fellowship 2002

By "Anonymous"

The Quest for the Golden Buffalo Chip is an aged tradition of Ma-Nu Lodge. This tradition was brought back for the first time at Fall Fellowship 2002. The "Golden Buffalo Chip" is a chapter award. The "Buffalo Chip" was earned by having members participate in each of the training cells and activities on Saturday. Netami Chapter had a representative at each of the Saturday morning workshops and had a minimum of five chapter members attend the Saturday afternoon chapel service in order to earn the coveted "Chip". Meanwhile, chapter members participated in afternoon activities such as the spades tournament, climbing tower, rifle range, black powder shooting and other events for additional "Chip" points. Netami Chapter challenges any chapter in Ma~Nu Lodge to try and take away the "Golden Buffalo Chip" at Fall Fellowship 2003.

## A Plaintive Appeal For Somebody to Fill a Few Vacant Positions

As some of you may or may not know, there are many positions available for someone to fill at the Lodge level. These positions include, at the present time, Membership Committee Chairman, Camping Committee Chairman, Finance Committee Chairman, Service Committee Chairman, and Lodge Vice-Chief of Committees. If you-yes, you-would like to fill these positions, which are open to any Arrowman under the age of twenty-one, contact Brian Santiago at (405)728-0022 or briansantiago1@aol.com, or Kieth Hurdlebrink II at (405)485-8797, or better yet, come to the LLDC on January 4.

## New Lodge Officers Elected

The 2003 Lodge officers were elected at the 2002 Ma-Nu Lodge Fall Fellowship. The new officers are:

Lodge Chief: Kieth Hurdlebrink II; Lodge Vice-Chief of Chapter Operations: Matt McCoy;

Lodge Secretary: Phill Melton; Lodge Treasurer: Kenny Collier

The position of Lodge Vice-Chief of Committees is currently vacant.





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