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It Was Fun

James Tarbox Immediate Past Lodge Chief Section Chief

Brothers,

I wanted to take the time to tell you how honored I am to have been your lodge chief for 19 months. As many of you know, at section conclave, I was elected section chief. Due to National Order of the Arrow guidelines, I had to resign as lodge chief. I did so at the May Ordeal, turning duties over to my brother, Travis Tarbox.

It is my hope that the success we achieved, the service we gave, and the fellowship we shared will be remembered. I will not forget where I came from, and will continue to serve this lodge to the best of my ability. Please know that if you don't see me at an event, it isn't by choice. I will be very busy over the next year, and may not be able to attend all functions. However, I will do my best to serve my lodge and my council. Please remember that I am no longer the man in charge. Travis now holds the title and the responsibilities of chief.

If I have taken one good quote from the past few years of service to Coosa Lodge, it is this, "Don't ever wait until you have time to be a lodge officer or lodge chief, at that time it will be too late."- Mr. Tim Hall and Mr. Chris Brightwell

Also remember, if you ever need anything, I'll be rocking on the front porch.

Always in Service,

James Tarbox





Chiefly Speaking

Travis Tarbox

Brothers, are these exciting times or what? We have had a great LLDC, a great AIS, an outstanding Conclave, and a wonderful Ordeal. We have seen outstanding dancing, great ceremony performances, and even two of our brothers elected to Section level offices. With our Lodge Chief being elected to Section Chief, he was obligated to resign the office of Lodge Chief. This is where I, Travis Tarbox, come into the picture. I assumed the duties of Lodge Chief on Saturday, May 5 at the Ordeal at Camp Comer.

Although the torch has been passed to me, let me assure you, nothing is going to change. You will probably not even notice that there has been a change in chiefs, unless you look very closely. So, as I begin my term as chief, let us not forget what we as a lodge are here to do. Let us strive to fulfill our duties of cheerful service as we finish the Ordeal season, and let us have the biggest and best Fall Fellowship the lodge has ever had on the weekend of September 28-30. I hope to see all of you at the Ordeal in August at Camp Sequoyah

Until Next Time,

Travis Tarbox

Coosa Shines at Conclave

James Tarbox

Over the weekend of April 27-29, 120 Coosa brothers traveled to Camp Sidney Dew for SR-6S Conclave. Coosa had high hopes for success over the weekend, and those hopes were met with achievement.



First, as always, our Lodge was a dominant presence in the Dance competition. In Traditional Style, Charles Backus took 1st place overall and 2nd place in regalia. Damon Ashley took 3rd place overall and Matthew Myers took 1st place in regalia. In Grass Style, Justin Ruf took both 1st place overall and 1st place regalia. In Old Style, Jacob Murphree took 2nd place overall and 2nd place regalia. Also in Old Style, Aaron Clay took 3rd place overall.

Nischamawat Drum and Sing Team took first place overall in their first ever competition.

The dance team took second place overall.

Nischamawat Chapter had 2 pre-Ordeal honor teams and an honor Brotherhood ceremony team.

Nunne Hi had and honor pre-Ordeal team as well.

James Tarbox was an honor pre-Vigil ceremonialist.

Coosa's website tied for first in the competition.

On Sunday morning, the Section level awards were handed out. After a short hiatus, Coosa brought the Section Recognition Award home again.

This award is essentially the Lodge of the year award. Later that morning, the Section held officer elections. Lodge Chief James Tarbox was elected Section Chief and Lodge Vice Chief of Administration Will Jackson was elected Section Secretary.

With the great successes of Conclave behind us, Coosa looks forward to the great year ahead.

Coosa Shows Presents: "Arrow Ads" Chris Brightwell

Building on the success and national attention "iSash" and "The Legend" received at NOAC and other events around the country, Coosa Shows proudly present its latest production — a set of videos collectively known as "Arrow Ads".

This set of videos is geared toward new Ordeal members. They are introduced to several members of the lodge and some of the new member most frequently asked questions are answered. Through these videos, new Ordeal members learn about earning Brotherhood, the meaning of the Vigil Honor, are encouraged to attend Conclave and NOAC, and are invited to join the next event.



Since debuting at the 2007 SR-6S Conclave, where they received rave reviews, these videos have already received national attention. DVDs have been requested by lodges around the nation for use in their local programs and the Order's national officers have all given them two thumbs up.

The full set of videos can be found online at <u>www.CoosaShows.net</u> or on YouTube by searching for "Coosa Shows".

Yippee Skippy, the Ordeal Season is Upon Us

Travis Tarbox

If you did not know, the Ordeal season has started. It is our job as a lodge to serve our council camps. Camp Sequoyah and Camp Comer rely heavily upon the manpower that we as a lodge provide. It is our job to make sure that our council camps get the service they deserve. This Ordeal season, there are many tasks, which require skilled labor. If you are a skilled laborer, please bring your tools with you to the next two Ordeals.

Furthermore, we are the brotherhood of cheerful service, not the brotherhood of cheerful sit on the front porch or cheerful hang out in the dining hall. At the next two Ordeals, there will be several member work clans. If you are coming to the next two Ordeals, you **will** be working in a member work crew. If you are planning on showing up and just hanging out, then do not come and get in our way; we will see you at Fall Fellowship. It is our job as members to show the candidates what the OA is about. Ordeals are for working and providing

cheerful service, and at these next two Ordeals it is what everyone will be doing.

So, I cordially invite everyone to come provide cheerful service at Camp Sequoyah on the weekend of August 10-12 and at Camp Comer on the weekend of September 7-9.

Coosa Lodge 50 Serves Council and Community Logan Dawson

Members of Coosa Lodge 50 began 2007 with several dates of service to the community and the Greater Alabama Council. On February 17, 75 Scouts completed service projects at two separate locations. Fifty Boy Scouts cleaned a former Civilian Conservation Corp Camp at Oak Mountain State Park; 19 of the Scouts in attendance were OA members. Additionally, 25 Scouts, 18 of which were OA members, worked to prepare Camp Comer for summer camp. Finally, Coosa Lodge's One Day of Service was held on March 17. More than 20 OA members participated in the Lodge's effort to serve Anniston, Birmingham, and Huntsville.

Coosa Lodge members will continue work to prepare council camps for the summer. On May 4-6, an Ordeal will be held at Camp Comer. Also, a day of service will be held at Camp Sequoyah on May 19. OA members will complete a final cleanup of both camps before the summer camp sessions begin in June. Coosa will continue to serve the area throughout the summer and into next year.

Lodge Officer Nominations- THE LODGE NEEDS YOU! Travis Tarbox

Do you think that you have what it takes to help run the best lodge in the nation? Do you have a pen? If so, you can fill out a Lodge Officer Nomination form and declare your intent to run for Lodge office.

Lodge Officer nomination forms are due at the August ordeal at Camp Sequoyah. Do not miss your chance to be a leader in the best Lodge in the nation. Turn your form in to either James Tarbox or Mr. Greg Moore by the August Ordeal.

Lodge Adviser's Minute Greg Moore

What an incredible spring we've had already! The 2nd American Indian Seminar was a huge success and a LOT of fun for all involved. Please take a moment to thank and congratulate Charles Backus and Mr. Julian Simmons for a job well done!

Next up was Conclave. I'm VERY proud of this lodge and what we accomplished at Camp Sidney Dew. Once again, Coosa won the Section Recognition Award (fourth time out of the last five years) and had an extremely strong showing in the American Indian events. The highlight of these events for me was the Nischamawat Drum Team winning the best Drum and Singing Team. On top of that, every ceremony team that entered earned the Honor Team status. Job well done, Coosa!

You may not realize this, but it is very difficult for a lodge to have one of its members elected to Section office. Not only did that happen for one of our members, it happened for TWO of our members! Congratulations to James Tarbox and Will Jackson on this amazing feat!

Along with his election to Section Chief, it is necessary for James to relinquish the position of Lodge Chief. This is a tougher move for him than you might think, and I want to take a moment to thank him and congratulate him on his service as Lodge Chief. James, you've done a fantastic job as Lodge Chief and I am blessed to have worked with you for the 19 months of your tenure as Lodge Chief. You are a special young man, and I have no doubt of your future success. I look forward to watching you in your new role and I know that you will do Coosa proud!

As we move into the Summer Camp season, don't forget to plan to attend the Fall Fellowship and let's be sure to support the upcoming Ordeals and Ordeal candidates. If we don't cross paths this summer, I'll see you no later than the August Ordeal!

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