

THE HISTORY OF
MIKANAKAWA LODGE
1937-2014



A COLLECTION OF MEMORIES, STORIES,
PHOTOS AND EXPERIENCES OF 77 YEARS
OF THE
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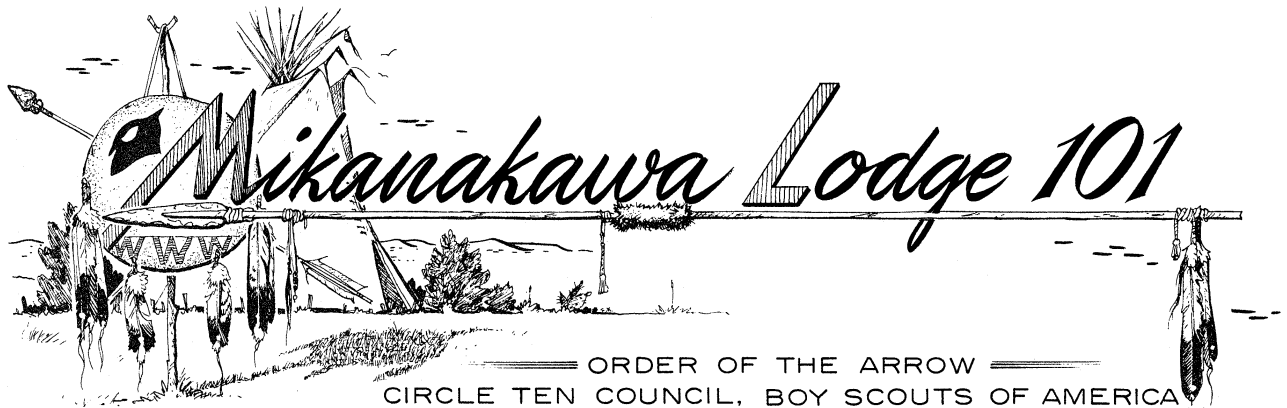
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Harry L. Bubeck

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II. Foreword From the First 50 Years

On a hot midsummer night in the year 1937, the Order of the Arrow came to Circle 10 Council. All of the Scouts at Camp Wisdom moved silently to the plateau west of Balanced Rock and waited under the starlit Texas sky. An Indian emerged from the woods and, by the light of his torch, trotted back and forth along the rear of the line of Scouts. He stopped to designate each Scout selected for the Order of the Arrow.

I was one of those chosen, and with the other selectees, was roughly pulled out of line, sworn to total silence and led to an unknown location in the woods where I was left for the night, clad in a loin cloth. I kept a fire going until dawn, when a member of the Order of the Arrow initiation team retrieved me from the wilderness. We all gathered in council and received the secret instructions from Order of the Arrow lore. In the final ceremony, we followed the age-old ritual of uniting as blood brothers--a practice long since prohibited by medical authorities! Subsequently, this charter group of Mikanakawans held an election, and I was inaugurated as the first Lodge Chief.

Memory fades, but in the mind's eye, charter members pass in review: Jean Daugherty, Cecil Cameron, Ed Gharis, Jim Hodge, Don Moore, Bob Talley and many others. Later, I had the honor of initiating my own brother, Doc Haynes.

We were inspired to follow the torch of the Order of the Arrow by the leadership of L.L. Hotchkiss, Harvey Price and E.F. Gatheman, the Circle 10 Council executives who initiated us into the Order. The First Mikanakawans, in turn, tried hard to set a high leadership example for the Scouts who came after us.

In the summer of 1937, war clouds were forming on the horizon that ultimately gave birth to the storm that broke across Europe in 1939 and the Pacific in 1941. All of us--sooner or later--joined in that massive struggle. I and other early Mikanakawans subsequently served in Korea and Vietnam. During peacetime, all made positive contributions in industry and professional positions of responsibility. The fundamental principles of leadership, independence, courage and sensitivity to the needs of our fellow humans--those traits so highly emphasized and nourished by the traditions and fellowship of the Order of the Arrow--carried all of us through times of great challenge.

More than twenty thousand men have been members of the Mikanakawa Lodge since its inception a half century ago on the plains of Texas. Peter McNabb has, through his selfless effort in preparing this volume, compiled an extraordinary volume for preserving in a more formal way those personal memories so cherished by all.

Fred Haynes

Major General

U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)

III. Foreword 75th Anniversary

Mikanakawa. Our very name means, “I go to prepare a trail for you.” That trail, prepared for us 78 years ago by men like L.L. Hotchkiss and boys like Fred Haynes and Frank Knickerbocker, has been a constant force in the lives of thousands of Scouts for nearly eight decades. How many hours have the boys of Mikanakawa spent on this trail, tirelessly giving cheerful service to others and improving the Scout camping experiences for the generations that would follow them? How many boys have grown into men of strong character under the tutelage of advisers like Asa Leger, Jim Ince and others?

This volume of Mikanakawa history that we place before you now is meant to honor those Scouts and those advisers. As you can tell, this is a large volume. The story of our 78-year history cannot be told in one sitting and it is our intent to pay homage to those who came before us by giving the fullest possible accounting of the people and the forces that shaped us into one of the largest lodges in the nation.

But the story of Mikanakawa is not that we are among the largest lodges in the nation. Rather, ours is the story of thousands of Scouts performing countless acts of kindness and service to others with a spirit of humility that proves that we, as a lodge, have taken to heart the true meaning of the Scout Oath and Law with a true understanding of our joyous obligation to help other people at all times.

We are a big lodge with a big heart, and with a big story to tell. Enjoy!

Chuck Wagner

2014 Mikanakawa Lodge Adviser



IV. Mikanakawa History

• How the Dallas Scouts Organized

By Dr. Howard Linn and edited by Dr. Tony Day

As the scouting movement spread throughout the United States in the early part of 1910, its influence was felt in Dallas during that same spring. T. A. Hord wrote that “C.M. Richmond, then a YMCA director, had a well-organized troop by the mid-summer of 1910.”¹

As time passed, scouting in Dallas began to grow and encompass more youth and adults, and someone was needed to coordinate programs and activities and to raise money on a full-time basis. Scout leaders had jobs during the daytime and could devote only their spare time to scouting, which was in the evenings and on weekends only. According to Hord, “C. M. Richmond left the YMCA and was employed as the Commissioner on a salaried basis.”² Richmond thus became the first professional scouter in the Dallas area.

Scout Commissioners

Claude Marion Richmond January 14, 1913 – February 3, 1915

James Arthur Glidewell February 20, 1915 – October 6, 1915

George Wesley Keeley (Interim) October 6, 1915 – August 6, 1916

Scout Executives

Robert Chester McDowell August 14, 1916 – April 2, 1918

Walter Sanders Lee April 4, 1918 – December 7, 1918

Harrison Holman McGill (Interim) December 7, 1918 – January 7, 1919

Walter Scott Barcus January 8, 1919 – bet Sep 20 – Oct 28, 1921

Hubert E. Ratliff bet Sep 20 – Oct 28, 1921 – November 1, 1922

Jack R. Berry (Interim) November 2, 1922 – February 26, 1923

Clinton B. Harris (Interim) February 27, 1923 - March 25, 1923

Jack R. Berry (Interim) March 25, 1923 – May 16, 1923

¹ T. A. Hord, “Twenty-five Years of Scouting in Dallas County, “ 1936. (TS in Circle 10 Council Service Center, Dallas, Texas). p.1.

² Ibid.

Howard Winfrey Wester	May 17, 1923 – bet Sep 19 – Sep 23, 1925
Oscar “Otto” Avery Kitterman	bet 9/20-9/24, 1925 - May 3, 1930
Orton Lorraine Duggan	July 9, 1930 – September 1, 1936
Loys Leon Hotchkiss	October 22, 1936 – March 11, 1960
Charles F. Grable	April 27, 1960 – August 3, 1964
James L. Tarr	August 4, 1964 – March 7, 1979
William C. “Billy” Gamble	March 27, 1979 - September 20, 2001
Glenn E. “Gene” Stone	October 1, 2001 – August 23, 2005
Don Burke (Interim)	August 24, 2005 – October 31, 2005
Ponce Duran, Jr.	November 1, 2005 – December 31, 2009
Pat Currie	January 1, 2010 - Current

Only sketchy records are available concerning the period when the scouts were being organized, specifically regarding the officers of the Dallas Scouts from 1910 to 1913. Hord commented: “We have no further record of scouting activities until 1913.”³

The Expansion of the Council

The year of 1927 found the Dallas Council enlarging its service area to include ten counties, and it also changed its name to Circle Ten Council.⁴ According to Hord, this “name was probably suggested by Mr. Kitterman after various other names were proposed.”⁵ The original ten counties were Dallas, Rockwall, Rains, Van Zandt, Kaufman, Ellis, Henderson, Navarro, and Hill. In 1929, the council expanded again to include three more counties: Wood, Hunt and Collin.⁶ However, in 1939, Wood County became part of another council. The council organization did not change again until 1947.

By November of 1947, the council expanded again and included Cooke County [Texas] and Bryan County in Oklahoma and the City of Denison, Texas.⁷ This was the final addition to Circle Ten

3 Ibid. Hord. p. 2

4 “Summary of Council History” (Dallas: Circle Ten Council, 1964), p.3 (mimeographed.)

5 Ibid. Hord. p. 34

6 Ibid. Council History. p. 3

7 “Ibid. Council History. p. 4

Council as it existed through 1978. By the end of 1978, however, more changes occurred. Bryan County, Oklahoma and Denison in Grayson County, Texas applied to transfer to the Texoma Valley Council base out of Sherman, Texas. It made more sense for them to go to nearby Camp Grayson for camping programs and the smaller council offered a closer-knit community, at least in Grayson County for the Denison scouts to participate with.

In May of 1983, Fort Worth's Longhorn Council agreed to transfer portions of Carrollton and Farmer's Branch residing within Denton County along with parts of Lewisville Independent School District, into Circle Ten. Approved in June, an agreement was drawn up and completed that October.⁸

In 1993, after reaching a point that would constitute going into debt as a result of decreasing finances, Texoma Valley Council which encompassed three districts: Preston Trails; Three Rivers and Eisenhower Districts covering all of Bryan County, Oklahoma and Grayson County, Texas became the Texoma Valley District in Circle Ten Council.⁹ This addition would make the current structure of the Circle Ten Council as it stands today.

⁸ Ibid. Scott. p. 267

⁹ Ibid. Scott. p. 283

- **History of Camp Wisdom**

Dr. C. Howard Linn with additional materials from David C. Scott & Robert Reitz

Edited by Dr. Tony Day

One of the basic components of Scouting is its outdoor program. After the Scouts in Dallas were organized, they began camping in various locations of Dallas County. The literature inferred that, as the Scouting program and the city of Dallas grew, places to camp became difficult to locate.

Weekend camping trips were conducted at nearby farms belonging to the parents and other relatives of the Scouts. Summer camps were another matter. It appeared that various locations throughout North Central and Northeast Texas were chosen on the basis of their appeal according to the various types of program content for each summer camp.¹⁰

During these years, the summer camp program consisted of one week in June at a different location each summer. Since no permanent facility was available, the Scouts were nomadic in their selection of summer campsites. The literature did not indicate that there was any summer campsite for the years of 1910-1912; however, a commonly held belief is that summer camping was accomplished on an individual Troop basis during these early growing years.

In 1913, the first official summer campsite was at Stewart's Lake near Record Crossing in Dallas County.

The first official Scout campsite was selected by Messrs. Stewart and Jackson at Stewart's Lake about two and one-half miles northwest of Eagle Ford, and hikes, rallies and camps were held there during the years of 1913 and 1914. It consisted of a partly wooded tract of perhaps twenty acres with a good spring and a small lake that provided swimming facilities. Plans were prepared and, under Mr. Richmond's supervision, a group of five log cabins were started by the Scouts and leaders. Two of these cabins were completed. The Scouts got to the campsite by hiking all the way or by going to Eagle Ford by T&P Local and hiking from there. High water, inaccessibility, too many neighbors, and various other reasons caused the eventual abandonment of the campsite, and an effort was made to find a more suitable location. ¹¹

Later, that same summer in 1913, another summer campsite was located at Horseshoe Bend near Glen Rose, Texas. Hord stated that about one hundred Scouts attended, and the camp could have been a success if it had not been for the heavy rains. During 1914, there were two summer campsites. The first campsite was at Bee Mountain, adjacent to the Klondike Ranch, eighteen miles west of Cleburne, Texas. This site was attended by 150 Scouts. The second summer campsite was again at Record Crossing and was well attended. The literature indicated that the professional leadership of the council was in a state of turmoil

10 T. A. Hord, "Twenty-five Years of Scouting in Dallas County, " 1936. (TS in Circle 10 Council Service Center, Dallas, Texas). p. 12

11 Ibid. Hord. p. 5

during the years of 1915 and 1916.¹² This could be the reason that no summer campsites were reported for those two years.

In 1917, the summer campsite was on the shores of Lake Worth in Fort Worth, Texas. It was attended by forty Scouts.¹³ The 1918 summer campsite was on a peach farm in East Texas. Hord provided this account:

In July 1918, Mr. Lee made contact with a large peach shipping organization in East Texas that was short of labor and arranged for the Scouts to pick and ship peaches for the summer as a patriotic service.... More than 125 boys and leaders attended this camp which lasted 30 days, and more than 85 carloads of peaches were picked and shipped.¹⁴

In 1919, the summer campsite was again on the shores of Lake Worth, and a total of 75 Scouts attended.

The summer camp program planned for 1920 was more ambitious than the previous summer camps. This year, the Scouts borrowed an Army truck from Love Field in Dallas and planned to take an exploring hike down the Colorado River in West Texas. Enroute, they changed their minds and camped for ten days at Fall Creek on the Colorado River. The 1920 summer camp was so well received that it was repeated in 1921; however, the rains were too heavy for the camp to be successful.¹⁵

In 1922, two campsites were again selected. However, both camps were held concurrently in June. The first was held at Fall Creek on the Colorado River. The second was held near Palo Pinto, Texas. The latter site had 75 Scouts in attendance. The summer camp of 1923 was the first ever held at Camp Wisdom.¹⁶

Hord listed some difficulties encountered in the summer camps: “(1) high water, (2) too many neighbors, (3) lack of Scout participation, and (4) inadequate finances.”¹⁷

He indicated that these camps were usually located on a river that provided waterfront activities. During this time of year, it often rained; and the rising of the river sometimes flooded the tents, creating a less-than-adequate situation.¹⁸ Several times the campsites were too near civilization, which provided unnecessary traffic, and noise from the campsite disturbed the local residents. Participation and finances

¹² Ibid. Hord. p. 6-8.

¹³ Ibid. Hord. p. 9.

¹⁴ Ibid. Hord. p. 13.

¹⁵ Ibid. Hord. p. 22-24

¹⁶ Ibid. Hord.

¹⁷ Ibid. Hord. p. 16.

¹⁸ Ibid. Hord. p. 5.

were a direct influence upon the success of each camp. If the campsite was situated too far from Dallas, Scouts could not afford the combined costs of transportation and camp fees. Thus, the location had a direct bearing on the outcome of the summer camp each year.¹⁹

During 1917, attempts were made to locate the second permanent facility for the Scouts to use for their camping programs. Preliminary investigations conducted that year revealed a piece of land located approximately 14 miles south of Dallas and known as the Campbell tract was available. This tract was found to be suitable for a Scout camp for the following reasons: (1) there was a natural spring, (2) there was a possible dam site, and (3) the property was appealing. Nothing was done about the site until approximately two years later.²⁰

Hord related:

In March 1919, at the request of T. A. Hord, Mr. Barcus, accompanied by Scoutmaster Bob Taylor, Mr. Hord, and one or two Scouts, made his trip to the present Camp Wisdom site. He was thoroughly sold on the location and took immediate steps to secure the camping privileges from Mr. Campbell. The cost was \$100.00 per year. There were frequent trips to this site in 1919, 1920, and 1921.²¹

As indicated above, summer camps for the years of 1919-21 were conducted at locations other than the Campbell tract. However, weekend camping trips to this location were conducted by the Dallas area Scouts.

According to George M. Haas,

Camp Campbell became so popular with the Boy Scouts in Dallas that plans were made in 1920 to buy the 157 acres in the tract from the oil company that had bought it from Mr. Campbell. Further plans were made to increase the two-acre lake, until it covered 15 acres, by constructing a cement dam and build four permanent log cabins. The Boy Scouts were to build the log cabins out of cedar logs cut from trees growing on the farm. One cabin was to serve as Scout Headquarters; one as a kitchen and cook's quarters; and the fourth as a bunk house, according to an article in the Dallas News on October 30, 1920.

The Boy Scouts were prohibited from camping on the farm soon after the above article was printed.²²

¹⁹ Ibid. Hord.

²⁰ George M. Haas, *Daddy Wisdom: Boy Scout Benefactor*. (Dallas: George M. Haas, 1937), p. 30.

²¹ Ibid. Hord. p. 21.

²² Ibid. Haas. p. 30.

It can only be assumed that the oil company that purchased the Campbell tract of land preferred that the Scouts camp elsewhere--- presumably due to the type of machinery that would be situated on the property.

Again, the Scouts were without any camping facility. It was then that an elderly farmer and his stepson, who owned the property immediately east of Camp Campbell, took an interest in the future of the Scouts. The interest of John Shelby Wisdom and his stepson Pinkney Wright was best illustrated by the following passage:

Daddy Wisdom began to observe the Boy Scouts more closely since Pink was interested in them, and he began changing his mind about deeding his land to the Wheatland Cemetery.... After discussing it several times, it was agreed between them that they give everything they owned to the Boy Scouts.²³

The decision of J. S. Wisdom and Pinkney Wright to donate their property to the Boy Scouts would prove to be more involved than they had realized.

According to an article in The Dallas Morning News published on July 7, 1922 titled "Boy Scouts Given 200 Acres of Land," John Shelby Wisdom was born on October 18, 1847, in Tennessee. "At the age of two his family moved to a farm near Mulberry, Arkansas." As a young man, Wisdom left home and migrated southwest into Texas:

When seventeen, [Wisdom] joined W. C. Milton and George Nixon, two old men, who were on their way to Indian Territory and to West Texas to visit friends and hunt wild game.²⁴

The trio reached Llano County, where they found an abundance of wildlife. Later, Milton and Nixon returned to Arkansas, while Wisdom remained in Texas. Wisdom found work on a ranch, and in the spring, he helped drive cattle to Dallas for market. Haas recounted:

They camped on the west side of the Trinity River near Eagle Ford and allowed their cattle and horses to graze on the grass in the river bottoms. While there, Daddy Wisdom rose early one morning, saddled his pony, and went after the horses. While he was rounding up those not hobbled, his horse slipped the muddy ground, fell against a tree, and broke Daddy Wisdom's right leg. He painfully dragged himself back to the camp on his hands and [left] knee, the broken leg dragging behind, causing excruciating pain every time he moved. Three hours after Daddy Wisdom had reached the camp, Dr. R. G. Robertson, who lived west of the Trinity River, arrived. The doctor's first attempts to set the leg were unsuccessful. When he pulled on the broken leg, the other men could not hold Daddy Wisdom, but allowed him to be drawn along the ground. Daddy Wisdom stoically endured the agony caused by their futile attempts to help him. It is said [that] Dr. Robertson spread-eagled Daddy Wisdom on the ground,

²³ Ibid. Haas.

²⁴ Ibid. Haas. p. 7

and tied his arms and his uninjured leg to the horn of a saddle on a pony and a rider pulled the leg until the doctor could set it.²⁵

This accident led to a significant event in J. S. Wisdom's life. During his recuperation, he met and befriended a twelve-year-old fiddler named Madison Pinkney (Pink) Wright. The boy's widowed mother was included in the friendship, which later developed into love. Wisdom and Hattie Roberts Wright were married in McKinney, Texas in 1880. Wisdom and his new family lived in various locations before they settled on the land that would later become Camp Wisdom. They lived for eight years in Palo Pinto County and for four years in Aledo, a small village between Fort Worth and Weatherford, Texas.²⁶ In 1893 and 1894, the Wisdoms resided in a log cabin in West Dallas. In 1895 and 1896, they lived on Fishcreek near Grand Prairie and lived at the Jack Vanoy farm on a hill west of present day Camp Wisdom in 1897. They resided there for four years, and on April 10, 1901, they paid J. M. Kuhen \$400.00 for 148 acres of land.²⁷ On February 20, 1909, they bought an additional 37 acres of land from R. B. Harston and J. B. Stovall.²⁸ The Wisdoms resided on this property for the remainder of their lives.

Wisdom's neighbors described him:

as an odd man, one called him cranky, who stayed at home, liked his tobacco.... and cared for his stock.... He was an honest, out-spoken man, who did not talk much, but meant what he said when he did talk.... He wore a full beard, was considered a real old-timer, and was expert with the axe.... He had a reputation of distrusting everyone, and at no time would all the Wisdoms leave their farm; one of them always stayed on guard.²⁹

After suffering with ill health for nine years, Mrs. Wisdom died on October 13, 1918, and the two men were left alone.³⁰ For the next couple of years, John and Pink began to watch with interest as Boy Scouts camped on the Campbell property west of their own.

Haas recounted the Easter morning church service of 1920 that left its mark on John Wisdom:

²⁵ Ibid. Haas. p. 8-9

²⁶ Ibid, Haas. P. 10-11

²⁷ Ibid. Haas. p. 12-13

²⁸ Ibid. Haas. p. 24

²⁹ Ibid. Haas. p. 17

³⁰ Ibid, Haas. p. 25

One Easter Sunday morning, Daddy Wisdom saw a wreath of smoke ascending through the treetops in the valley, and supposing a Troop of boys had returned to town and had left their fire burning, he went down to extinguish it. As he silently walked through the woods, he was surprised to see a Troop of Boy Scouts sitting in a circle with bowed heads. As he came nearer, he heard murmurs, then he heard the boys, one after the other around the circle, pray to their Heavenly Father, giving thanks for the woods, the streams, the birds, the boys' friends, the boys' parents, and asking His help to be better Scouts.... He [Wisdom] was impressed and deeply stirred.³¹

He was convinced for the remainder of his life that Scouting was the best thing ever evolved for the benefit of boys.

“Well, Son, I didn't know; I've done you all an injustice. I thought that all you boys done was to run wild about here. But now I know different. An' Son, the Scouts will always be welcome to camp on my land anytime they git good an' ready. Yes, siree.”³²

Wisdom and Pink were frequent visitors to the campfires of the Scouts and enjoyed them. Sometime during the latter part of 1920 when Haas was chairman of the Council Camping Committee, he made a visit to the camp. John Wisdom approached him and said:

Son, I want to talk to you Well, Son, I don't hardly know how to begin There is something on my heart; I've been thinking about these boys that come out here from town. There is not much that I can do for them. If there is, it is to give them everything I've got. I want to give then my farm. I want you to take it for the boys, without letting anyone know that I gave it to them. It isn't anybody's business but ours.³³

Haas indicated that he shared this offer with the Council Scout executive and the Regional Scout Executive but to no avail until two years later when “Daddy Wisdom and Pink Wright, as partners, signed the deed of trust on May 28, 1922.”³⁴

Haas recounted:

There was rejoicing among the Scouts and the Scouters in Dallas when they learned of the gift that Daddy Wisdom and Pink had made to them. The civic clubs and many individuals became interested in the camp, giving both time and money for its improvement. A big game hunter and taxidermist gave a large collection of animals that he had killed and mounted; a hardware company gave a collection of tools

31 Ibid. Haas. p. 27

32 Ibid. Haas. p. 29

33 Ibid. Haas. p. 31

34 Ibid. Haas. p. 32

valued at \$1,000; another company gave a water pump, for the artesian well, valued at \$1,500; one breeder gave a full-blooded Duroc Jersey Boar; another breeder gave a registered Holstein Bull, having a value \$1,000; a music teacher gave an organ that she had bought with the first money she had earned by teaching ; a Scoutmaster gave a canoe; a number of people and organizations contributed books for a library; a large number of objects were donated for a museum; a civic club donated \$1,200 to build a dam; and the list of contributors to the camp grew larger every week.

Plans were made that included a cement dam to form a 15-acre lake; an artesian well that was to be 700 feet deep; a log cabin for each of the 29 Troops of Boy Scouts in Dallas, to be built out of native cedar by the Scouts; a log cabin, 40 feet long, for a museum; a carpenter and blacksmith shop; the planting of a peach orchard; and the planting of a watermelon patch.³⁵

An informal opening ceremony was held on Sunday, August 28, 1922, with more than a thousand people in attendance, most of who brought lunches and stayed all day.³⁶ On May 28, 1922, for the sum of \$100.00, J. S. Wisdom and M. P. Wright deeded 185 acres of land to the Dallas Council, retaining a life estate in 130 acres and leaving 55 acres for the Scouts to use as their camp.³⁷

According to T. A. Hord:

The Optimist Club of Dallas undertook to finance and build a dam and furnish free services of engineer Percy Campbell.... Howard Wester, a former executive of Mobile and Birmingham, took office in the month of June 1923 He built the camp, starting with the dam, then building the mess hall, council ring, bunk houses and administration building. Materials were donated or supplied at cost.³⁸

The year of 1924 brought many changes to Camp Wisdom, the first of which was an addition of 129 acres of land in the form of a donation from Col. Albert E. Humphreys.³⁹

According to George M. Haas as written by David C. Scott,⁴⁰

³⁵ Ibid, Haas. p. 33

³⁶ Ibid. Haas. p. 39

³⁷ Deed from J.S. Wisdom and Pinkney Wright to Trustees, May 28, 1922, recorded in vol. 1023, o. 270, Deed Records of Dallas County, Texas.

³⁸ Ibid. Hord. p. 29

³⁹ Deed from A. E. Humphreys to Trustees, June 9, 1924, recorded in vol. 1108, p. 80, Deed of Records of Dallas County, Texas.

⁴⁰ David C Scott. Where Character is Caught (PenlandScott Publishers, Dallas, Texas, 2013).

In 1915, Dr. Payton L. Campbell paid a sum of \$2,600 to John Catton and his wife for 145 acres of land on Cedar Ridge southwest of Dallas. But for several years, he failed to pay the taxes due on the property. The county sued him for back assessments in court in 1917, winning the case. Ordered by the court to sell the land to the highest bidder in a public auction to be “held at the courthouse door,” the acreage was purchased for \$1,000 by the Fidelity Petroleum Company in December 1920.

In December 1921, Fidelity Petroleum sold the land to George S. Hoagland, who turned around and sold it to Frank R. Bowles, a land trustee for the Stewart Abstract Company in June 1922. Bowles, who took over payments of the mortgage note, was approached by the lawyer of oilman Albert E. Humphreys. Humphreys had made his fortune some years earlier in the Mexia Oil Fields and bought the note from Bowles in May 1924. The oilman quickly paid off the outstanding \$7,000 debt in full.

Solicited by Dallas Council President Frank W. Wozencraft to help buy the Campbell land, Humphreys “sold” the 145 cedar-lined acres to the Council for “One Dollar cash [paid] to me in hand.” The addition of Camp Humphreys made the total size of the combined Scout property about 345 acres.⁴¹

The second change was the addition of a swimming pool, another donation from Humphreys, which was built in its current location.⁴² Hord related the following concerning the property acquisition and the swimming pool:

In the year 1924, Mr. Humphreys, the oil magnate, contacted Mr. Wozencraft and suggested a heavy material donation to the council. This was to be a large orchard and [was] to be known as the Humphreys Orchard. But Mr. Lang had already provided a \$1,200 tree orchard at cost. At the suggestion of the commissioner, the Campbell tract was purchased instead for \$7,000 and donated to the Scouts as Camp Humphreys.... Later Humphreys evidenced a desire to donate a large lake or dam on the Humphreys tract, but the commissioner insisted that the council camping committee prepare a report requesting a pool instead.⁴³

On December 8, 1924, “the home of Daddy Wisdom and Pink burned.”⁴⁴ No one was injured in the fire, and the literature indicated that Scouts from all over the council began building a new dwelling for Daddy Wisdom and Pink.

Pink died suddenly on April 4, 1925, “at the age of fifty-seven of a cerebral hemorrhage caused by high blood pressure. He was buried beside his mother in Wheatland Cemetery the next day.”⁴⁵

41 Ibid. Haas. p. 5-11; Wisdom Deed, March 26, 1923, Stewart Abstract Co., (Letter and Document Files, Circle Ten Council Archive (Dallas, Texas).

42 Letter from Joe Ben Hunsaker to Dr. Howard Linn, May 8, 1979.

43 Ibid. Hord. p. 31

44 Ibid. Haas. p. 41-42

45 Ibid. Haas. p. 43

Camp Wisdom continued for several years to provide provisional camping, as evidenced by the presence of bunkhouses. The camp was so enjoyed that a song was composed by an unknown source and had the following lyrics:

Wisdom, Wisdom, how we love thee,
We will always true to thee be.
Wisdom, Wisdom, we adore thee,
Give a cheer, boys, for Camp Wisdom.⁴⁶

In 1929, the camp was condemned by the Dallas City Health Office. Hord stated:

Someone conceived the idea of capitalizing on the public interest in the camp by using it as a focal point in a drive for funds The drive netted some \$9,000, more or less, and the camp was reopened. We are uncertain as to just what camp improvements were made, but we are only too certain as to the unfortunate misunderstanding resulting from this drive.⁴⁷

Early Scout Honor Societies by Robert Reitz

Many early Scout camps created some form of honor group to recognize Scouts who exemplified camp and the principles of the Scout oath and law. When Camp Wisdom opened in 1923, the staff created the Honor Camper Award which featured an owl perched within the letter "C."

Loys R. Sessions was a one-man Scout professional in Waxahachie Council south of Dallas. In 1925 he bought property in central Arkansas to create Camp Tahkodah which featured an attractive program to "blaze a new trail for the strong to follow, where character is caught as well as taught."

As Sessions tells the tale, Tahkodah was Quapaw Indian Chief who refused to go to the Indian Reservation. His "spirit" stayed around the camp and his flaming arrow lit the opening campfire.

He created an honor organization he called the White Sharks of Tahkodah. The Camp Guide said the honor was a "difficult, progressive five-year program of awards developed by its members." The initial award was a large felt-on-felt green patch with a smiling profile of a white shark. Each week of camp new members were chosen. In successive years you became a "Green-Bar" man, a "Red-Bar" man, a "Gold-Bar" man, and finally a "Veteran" shark. The members reunited every year with a barbecue dinner on December 26.

⁴⁶ Ibid, Haas. p. 93

⁴⁷ Ibid. Hord. p. 41

In 1927 Dallas Council and Waxahachie came together with ten counties around Dallas to create Circle Ten Council. For the summer camp of 1928 Loys Sessions became Camp Director. He brought the traditions of the White Shark to augment the Wisdom Honor Camper program already in place.

The order was disbanded on December 26, 1936 to be replaced by the Wisdom Guide Program as an enhancement to the regular summer camp program. A Scout first earned a circular Good Camper Medal. In the following years, the Scout earned Woodsman and Explorer metal bars. Those on camp staff earned a metal bar with the word Veteran. The final year, Scouts could earn the coveted Wisdom Guide – an arrow-shaped medal inscribed with the words Wisdom Guide and a bust of Daddy Wisdom.

The summer of 1937 the Order of the Arrow started in Circle Ten Council. By the late 1940's the Wisdom Guide program was gone and Mikanakawa Lodge became the sole honor recognition.⁴⁸

Camp Wisdom's reputation grew with the passing years. Haas stated:

“The reputation of Camp Wisdom became known all over the United States and also abroad. The camp was used not only to train Boy Scouts but to train scoutmasters and the Scout Executives.”⁴⁹

In an interview with Charles Grable, Regional Scout Administrator and former Circle Ten Council Scout Executive, he related that “Camp Wisdom was probably the first council-owned camp in the state” and that “the council-owned camp philosophy was common in the North and East during the late teens and early twenties.”⁵⁰

Camp Wisdom grew from the original fifty-five acres in 1923 to include an additional 129 acres donated by Albert E. Humphreys. In 1923, R.F. (Pop) Churchill became Camp Ranger and served until 1953. He died at the age of eighty-five in January of 1954. A list of the Camp Rangers who worked and lived at Camp Wisdom is as follows:⁵¹

1923-53:	R. F. (Pop) Churchill
1948-68:	J. C. Allen
1968-71:	Gordon Hendrickson
1971:	Bill Boyd
1971:	Dan Cook (summer)

⁴⁸ Robert Reitz, Camp Wisdom Archives, Jack B. Harbin Museum

⁴⁹ Letter from Harvey Price to Dr. Howard Linn, May 16, 1979.

⁵⁰ Statement by Charles F. Grable, personal interview with Dr. Howard Linn, Dallas, Texas, May 1, 1979.

⁵¹ Robert Reitz, Camp Wisdom Archives, Jack B. Harbin Museum

1971-72:	Bob Hamilton
1973-74:	Lee Tetens
1974-77:	Kevin Van Duser
1977-88:	Bill O’Pry
1981-83:	Jim Scott
1989:	James McDaniel
1990:	Bill McLemore
1991-2013:	Philip “Phil” Augsberger
1995-99:	Jim Ince
1999-02:	Roy Cassel
2002:	Jason Spradling
2003-05:	Scott Bundy
2005-13:	Tony Barrick
2013 - Present	Dan Minnick
2013 - Present	Preston Larman

Camp Wisdom expanded two more times prior to 1946. The first expansion resulted from the death of John Shelby Wisdom on March 7, 1931. The literature indicated that this was a very sad occasion, and hundreds of people attended the funeral that took place at Wheatland Cemetery.⁵² This enlarged the camp by another 130 acres bringing the total size of the camp to approximately 314 acres.

Camp Wisdom’s size then remained 314 acres until 1943, when G. W. Hopkins sold sixty acres to the Scouts that joined the northwest corner of the Humphreys property.⁵³ This increased the camp size to 374 acres which it remained until 1965.

During the summer camp period, one person was appointed to serve as the Camp Director with the overall responsibility of administration for the program, personnel, and campers. For several summers, the same individual served in this capacity. The following is the best list of Camp Directors

⁵² Ibid. Haas. p. 93

⁵³ Deed from G.W. Hopkins to Trustees, December 30, 1943, recorded in Vol. 2459, p. 362, Deed Records of Dallas County.

from 1923 to 1978:

1923-25:	Howard Winfrey Wester
1926:	H. E. James
1927:	George M. Haas
1928-30:	Loys Sessions
1931:	Orton Lorraine Duggan
1932:	Mr. Nichols
1933-34:	Volunteers (Unknown)
1935-36:	Tom Talley
1937-39:	Jay Veager
1940-43:	W. W. Hill
1944-47:	Harvey L. Price
1948-53:	Unknown
1954:	George Frickle
1955:	Charles Moore
1956-67:	Joe Ben Hunsaker
1968-69:	Ancil Jones
1970-71:	Bill O’Pry
1972-77:	Summer Camp closed due to lack of attendance
1978:	Noble Gilstrap

From the late 1930s through the mid-1940s, the philosophy of provisional camping was being phased out in favor of Troop camping in campsites that were developed throughout the camp. Harvey L. Price, former Camp Director at Camp Wisdom, wrote that “from the period [of] 1937 to 1947 we began to develop Troop campsites and move from provisional camping to Troop camping.”⁵⁴

54 Ibid. Price Letter

Legends of the Camp

The summer camp bulletins over the years have provided the campers with five interesting and exciting legends of events that happened on camp property many years before it became a Scout camp. These legends are presented in the paragraphs which follow.

The oldest legend recounted the adventure of a Spanish gold train:

A number of Spaniards were transporting a forty-burro pack-train of gold through this part of the country when the Texas soldiers heard of it and gave chase. The Spaniards shook them off the trail, but the soldiers found the trail again. However, the soldiers were too sure of their own speed and stopped at a fort for lunch before returning to the chase. Then, as they knew they would, they caught up with the pack-train, but the wily Spaniards had outwitted them. While the soldiers had been enjoying their lunch and joking over how easy it would be to catch the slow pack-train, the Spaniards had buried all the gold and not one of them could be persuaded or forced to tell the hiding place. We are sure that this gold is buried somewhere on Camp Wisdom or very near it.⁵⁵

The second legend surrounding Camp Wisdom relates to the exploits of Chief Quannah Parker:

Camp Wisdom [has] the unique distinction of having sheltered the tribe of that venerable and sagacious Indian Chief --- Quannah Parker, about whom uncountable stories of horror, daring, bravery, cunning, and generalship have been told.

When old Chief Parker roamed what is now Camps Wisdom and Humphreys, trees were scarce and only high grass could be seen, with here and there a giant tree rearing up from its surroundings.

On the ridge directly back of Camp Wisdom there used to be an Indian trail, winding in and out through the brush. During the summer, Chief Quannah Parker had his tents erected on the hillside, then in the winter moved them down into the ravine where the lake and pump house are now. Today, arrowheads and kitchen clips can be found at Camp Wisdom.⁵⁶

The tale of a hanging was the subject of the third legend:

There is another spot which is becoming a sacred shrine to the Scouts at Camp Wisdom. It is the spot where, years ago, a man gave his life rather than betray his honor. A group of horse thieves and murderers captured him and hanged him when he refused to swear that he had seen them at their home the

⁵⁵ Circle Ten Council, Camp Wisdom, (Dallas: Circle Ten Council, 1928), p. 13.

⁵⁶ Ibid. Camp Wisdom

night of the murder. This man was known far and near for his integrity, and the murders knew they would have a good chance to go free if they could get this man to swear a lie. The tree marks the spot where this man was hanged, sacrificing his life rather than swear a lie and thus aid the criminal to escape.⁵⁷

The existence of more gold buried at Camp Wisdom comprised the fourth legend:

On the southwest corner of Camp Humphreys lived a man years ago who was known to have hidden a large pot of gold. One day he was taken suddenly sick and tried to tell where it was. His wife was the only one by him, and when she died, all she could say was “Near the Oaks; near the Oaks.” Oak trees in that day were much scarcer than now, but even at that there were quite a number of them. One man spent two years digging for gold while his boys kept his farm up for him.⁵⁸

The last legend was recounted by Haas and dealt with the topography of one of the campsites. As told to Haas by Daddy Wisdom, the following happened near the campsite now called Landslide:

One spring we had a long spell of rain, an’ the creek daown theah got away up. Why it sounded like a freight-train from up heah on the hill. The whole valley below wheah balanced-rock is naow was covered with water. Well, there is a cave where balanced-rock is naow, called “goat-cave” because some wild goats stayed in it. The creek got so high that the whole side of the hill gave way, an’ about thirty feet back was washed away. Well, this balanced-rock was too heavy, an’ as it was settin’ on another rock, it didn’t fall. But the hill back of it was washed away leavin’ the rock settin’ aout theah by itself.⁵⁹

Improvements to the camp progressed through the late 1930s and early 1940s and as previously discussed Troop camping became the norm. This was evidenced by an article that appeared in The Dallas Morning News on August 8, 1941, concerning the Exchange Club’s dedication of a model campsite in honor of Leslie Burke Denning, Sr., who was president of the council for six years:

L.L. Hotchkiss, Circle Ten Council executive, said that the Civitan Club was the first organization to set up a campsite at Camp Wisdom, which hundreds of boys use each summer.

57 Circle Ten Council, *Memories of Good Pals and Good Scouting at Wisdom* (Dallas: Circle Ten Council, 1930), p. 2

58 *Ibid.* Camp Wisdom. p. 13

59 *Ibid.* Haas. p. 77

Along with this change there was also a change in the length of each camp session from two weeks to one week, as revealed by an article that appeared in the Dallas Times Herald on June 11, 1945 discussing the expansion of the camp. This resulted in a greater number of campers in attendance over the entire summer camp season. After World War II began, materials and supplies were hard to get; thus, any building programs had to be postponed due to the war effort.

The year of 1945 saw the beginning of concern about Camp Wisdom's facilities. The following article appeared in the Dallas Times Herald on June 24, 1945 and encompassed the set-up of the camp in 1945:

FUN IN THE FUTURE is pictured in this sketch by Architect George Dahl of a combination assembly hall, mess hall and kitchen planned for Camp Wisdom, Boy Scout camp of Circle Ten Council 12 miles south of Dallas on Duncanville Road. The building, designed in the form of a large cross, will be located in the center of the camp's 397 acres. More than 400 Boy Scouts or double the present number can be accommodated at the camp when the building materials are released. The program has been formulated by Circle Ten Council's Camping and Activities Committee, headed by Carl J. Rutland, Dallas. Also in the offing are a remodeled swimming pool and 20 to 25 Troop sites dotted around the camp area. The Troop sites include permanent kitchens, showers and water facilities. The campers will live in tents. Various groups are contributing to the building of these sites. Boy Scouts of the Circle Ten Council who will benefit from the enlargement come from 12 North Texas counties---Dallas, Collin, Hunt, Kaufman, Van Zandt, Johnson, Ellis, Hill, Navarro, Henderson, Rockwall and Rains. Construction will begin as soon as materials are released. Already more than 6,000 feet of water lines have been laid.

Also during this same year, a very elaborate promotional publication was assembled and presented throughout the council. This publication, entitled Tomorrow... The Story of Camp Wisdom presented seven areas that were projected for improvements at the camp. These improvements were noted: (1) dining hall and scouter's training center, (2) sixteen Troop sites, (3) health lodge, (4) pool improvements, (5) camp office lodge, (6) library and museum, and (7) handicrafts lodge and shop.⁶⁰ According to a Dallas Morning News article of May 31, 1945 a donation of \$1,800.00 was made to the council by Temple Emanu-El in honor of the former Scouts of Troop 29. The money was used to develop a campsite at Camp Wisdom.

The next literature that related any improvements to the camp was dated in 1947, and articles appeared in The Dallas Morning News on April 6, September 1 and November 18 and concerned starting of the rebuilding of the camp and its expansion. Each Article related to how the projects were progressing and how the camp was being improved. An article dated May 11, 1947 stated:

Camp Wisdom will be developed within 18 months into one of the largest Boy Scout recreational centers in the Southwest, Harvey L. Price, Assistant Scout Executive for Circle Ten Council, declared.

⁶⁰ Circle Ten Council, Tomorrow... The Story of Camp Wisdom (Dallas: Circle Ten Council, 1945)

A Boy Scout museum and library will be built at Camp Wisdom by the Oak Cliff Lions Club. Other service organizations will aid in general improvement to the camp, Price said according to The Dallas Morning News article of May 11, 1947.

Due to the rebuilding program of the 1940's, Camp Wisdom was equipped to accommodate more campers than before; and on May 30, 1948, the following appeared in The Dallas Morning News:

More than 2,000 Boy Scouts will attend Camp Wisdom during the summer season which opens next Sunday, June 6, Boy Scout officials said

Ninety Troops have registered for the camping season, and more Troops are expected to register as camp opens.

Other Dallas Morning News accounts of this period indicated the death in 1954 of R. F. (Pop) Churchill, who had served as Camp Ranger since 1923, published on January 16, 1954 and the dismantling of Daddy Wisdom's home for the dedication of a shrine which appeared on January 26, 1958. In 1958, the addition of a flagpole was made to Camp Wisdom.⁶¹ The inscription on the marker reads as follows:

This flagpole erected by Scouts and friends of former Scoutmaster George H. Bird in grateful recognition of three devoted Scouters

George H. Bird

John S. "Daddy" Wisdom

Frank V. Faulkner

whose vision, interest in boys, zeal and personal efforts have contributed so much to the thousands of Scouts who have camped at Camp Wisdom.

November 2, 1958

According to a Dallas Morning News article dated July 3, 1966 a contribution was made to the camp in the form of a cold-water drinking fountain and plaque honoring veteran scouter T. A. Hord:

T. A. Hord, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 1 of Dallas for 53 years, stands in front of drinking fountain dedicated to him recently at Camp Wisdom, Southwest of Dallas. The fountain and plaque bearing Hord's likeness in background were paid for by former members of his Troop. Both commemorate the 77-year-old leader's service to Scouting.

⁶¹ Personal observation of Dr. Howard Linn

An article appearing in The Dallas Morning News on September 27, 1966 indicated that the former members of Troop 20 of Dallas had raised the money and constructed a one-room training building which was dedicated to Walter C. Steinman, who organized and served as Scoutmaster of that Troop from 1927 through 1963. The literature did not indicate any further major building campaigns at the camp. However, it has been noted that a general repair and maintenance program prevailed through the year of 1978.

Camp Wisdom increased in size from 369 acres to 390 acres in 1965 due to the acquisition of 21 acres of land along its southern border. The increase in acreage came from William P. Clements, Jr., and Robert F. Ritchie, who initially sold a half interest in the land for \$10.00. This is documented in deeds dated December 15, 1965, and December 29, 1965.⁶² The remaining half-interests were conveyed to the council in deeds dated December 21, 1966, and June 19, 1968.⁶³

In 1970, Camp Wisdom underwent a change that made it more accessible than ever before. The Texas Highway Department purchased 109 acres of land for Interstate Highway 20 (I-20) and Spur 408. The purchase ran lengthwise along the camp's southern border for I-20,⁶⁴ and then north, making a 19-acre area in the panhandle of Camp Wisdom unusable due to Spur 408. The camp was then bordered on the south by I-20, on the west by Spur 408, on the east by Cedar ridge Road, and on the north by Red Bird Lane.

The camp remained this size and configuration until February of 1972, at which time the council purchased eight acres of land from the Dallas Theological Seminary.⁶⁵ In 1974, an interesting development occurred. Circle Ten Council had 19 acres of land at Camp Wisdom that had been totally severed from the main portion of the camp by Spur 408. Likewise, Industrial Properties Corporation had 19 acres of land that was severed from the remainder of their property. Circle Ten's 19 acres were located on the west side of Spur 408 and were adjacent to the Industrial Properties Corporation's main portion of property. Industrial Properties Corporation's 19 acres were located on the east side of Spur 408 on the northern border of Camp Wisdom. On October 25, 1974, two deeds were filed at the Dallas County

62 Deed from Robert F. Ritchie to Trustees, December 15, 1965, recorded in Vol. 722, p. 14, Deed Records of Dallas County, Texas; Deed from William P. Clements, Jr. to Trustees, December 29, 1965, recorded in Vol. 728, p. 293, Deed Records of Dallas County, Texas

63 Deed from William P. Clements, Jr. to Trustees, December 21, 1966, recorded in Vol. 975, p. 251, Deed Records of Dallas County, Texas; Deed from Robert F. Ritchie to Trustees, June 19, 1968, recorded in Vol. 972, p. 127, Deed Records of Dallas County, Texas

64 Letter from the Texas Highway Department to Circle Ten Council, March 24, 1970

65 Deed from Dallas Theological Seminary to Circle Ten Council, February 4, 1972, recorded in Vol. 72041, p. 2264, Deed Records of Dallas County, Texas.

Courthouse, each deed conveying the property to the other party.⁶⁶ The result of this transaction provided Camp Wisdom with 19 acres of usable property, and the camp remained this way through 1978.

In 1975, a training shelter was donated to Camp Wisdom in memory of a young Scout.⁶⁷ The inscription read:

Dedicated to the memory [of]
JOHN MATTHEW DAFFRON
Nov. 16, 1955 Feb. 9, 1975
EAGLE SCOUT
Member B.S.A. Troop 79 & Explorer Post 666
Dallas, Texas

In 1978, Camp Wisdom contained 294 acres of land and was comprised of the following facilities: sixteen Troop campsites named Baden-Powell, Churchill, Dan Beard, Eisenhower, Exchange, Fox Den, Hord's Ridge, Juniper Point, Landslide, McDonald, North Star, Panther Ridge, Road Runner, Sailer's Point, Shark's tooth, and Tembros; a swimming pool; a health lodge; a dining hall; a headquarters building; a warehouse; a chapel; a council ring; and Order of the Arrow field; a ranger's house; two activity fields; and a dam.

The camp was located on I-20 near the city of Duncanville, Texas, and has provided activity facilities for weekend camping, special winter camping periods, boy and adult training, cub scout programs, Order of the Arrow programs, and summer camping since 1923. Camp Wisdom was closed only as a summer camp from 1972 through 1977 due to a decline in attendance. The camp was reopened in 1978.

The size of Camp Wisdom was increased again in 1985 when Industrial Properties, with whom the council had traded 19 acres in 1974, donated 52 acres to Camp Wisdom.⁶⁸

In 1994, through a generous gift from Jim Sowell, the Billy Sowell Boy Scout Camp was created at Camp Wisdom in honor of Jim Sowell's father. In 1995, construction was completed on the Jim W.

⁶⁶ Deed from Industrial Properties Corporation to Circle Ten Council, October 24, 1974, recorded in Vol. 74212, p. 1437, Deed Records of Dallas County, Texas; Deed from Circle Ten Council to Industrial Properties Corporation, October 24, 1974, recorded in Vol. 74212, p. 1441, Deed Records of Dallas County, Texas.

⁶⁷ Ibid. Linn

⁶⁸ Ibid. Scott. p. 270

Ince Amphitheater, dedicated and built by the Order of the Arrow to honor Jim Ince who was a long-time Lodge Adviser for Mikanakawa Lodge; it was dedicated in August of that same year.

“In August of 1997, construction at Camp Wisdom/Billy Sowell Boy Scout Camp included a new combination headquarters, health lodge, and museum.” The headquarters and health lodge would be named the Jim Sowell Administration Building while the other half was dedicated to the Jack P. Harbin Scouting Museum. The building was “completed in February 1998 and dedicated in June 1999. 69

In 1998, construction began on “Cub World,” which would be dedicated to the cub Scouting program and located on the east side of Camp Wisdom. The program facilities would include a large wooden castle, a fort, two land ships, a space station, a cave, the Mikanakawa Native American Village. It opened in September of 1999.70

In 1998, Council President Jim Sowell negotiated the purchase of an additional 28 acres of adjoin land at Camp Wisdom/Billy Sowell Boy Scout Camp’s northwest corner from the Grady Niblo family. Afterward, he dug a 6.8-acre lake and dubbed it Lake Shirley in honor of his mother. President Sowell also provided for a COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) ropes course for older Scouts and Venturers to be installed in 2000.71

In 2000, “Camp Wisdom/Billy Sowell Boy Scout Camp got a new assembly area at Cub World along with a remodeled warehouse.” The camp also increased by a half-acre purchased from the family of Grady Niblo “that included property containing the old log cabin of Dr. Grady Niblo, Jr.”72

Camp Wisdom now encompasses a total of 371 acres made up of the:

Billy Sowell Scout Camp, located on the western half of Camp Wisdom, includes 28 weekend sites for Troop camping, a shooting sports area which includes archery, rifle, and a trap range for shotgun. The camp also features the [newly renovated dining hall and Sowell Training Center], the Sowell Center headquarters building, a health lodge and the Jack Harbin Scouting Memorabilia Museum. There are also four program lodges and three camporee fields: an Olympic sized swimming pool and a 700-seat, Jim Ince Outdoor Amphitheater.73

69 Ibid. Scott. p. 286-87

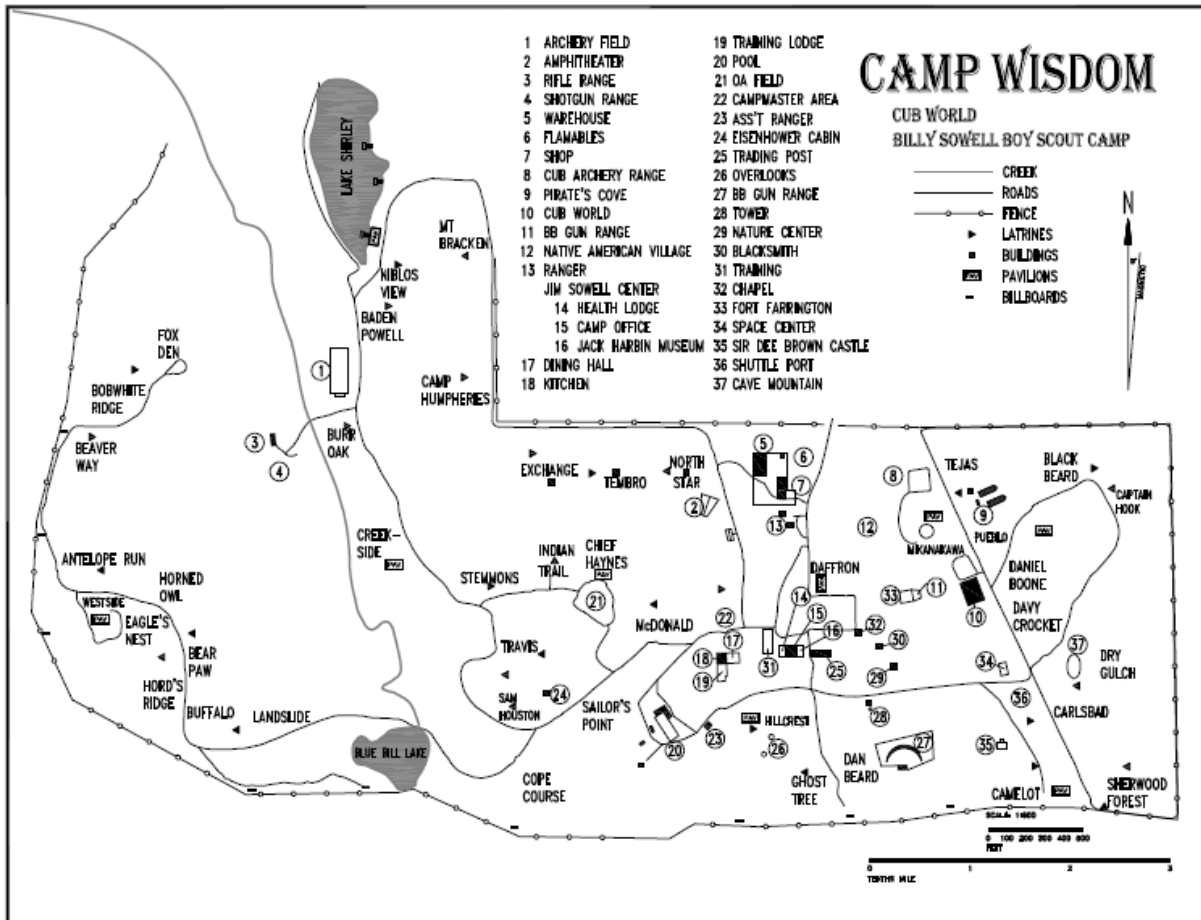
70 Ibid. Scott. p. 290-91

71 Circle Ten Council. Executive Board Minutes: May 19, 1998. p.2; September 26, 2000. p. 2; March 27, 2001. p. 3 (Circle Ten Council: Dallas, Texas)

72 Ibid. Scott. p. 299

73 Camp Wisdom/Billy Sowell Boy Scout Camp. <http://circleten.org/camp-wisdom-billy-sowell-scout-camp-shirley-sowell-cub-world>. Retrieved on February 16, 2015.

Additionally on the eastern half of Camp Wisdom is the Shirley Sowell Cub World which includes 14 family camping sites, archery range, BB gun range, nature center, Cub World Activity Center, 2 pavilions, Cave Mountain, and four program areas which highlight differing Cub Scout Themes such as a pirate ship, medieval castle, frontier fort and Indian village, and a space center.⁷⁴



74 Ibid. Map of Camp Wisdom

▪ **Additional Circle Ten Council Camps**

By David C. Scott⁷⁵

▪ **Acquisition of Camp Texoma**

Beginning in March 1945, Circle Ten Council leaders opened discussions to form a tri-council partnership for a new Scout camp on the Texas/Oklahoma border on Lake Texoma to be named aptly, Camp Texoma. To manage it, a board of trustees from the local Region 9 councils would be formed to discuss a lease for the 2,000 acres of shorefront from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who had built the dam and lake and wanted it protected from squatters.

Circle Ten's representative, executive board member Ben R. Newberry, joined economic forces with the three neighboring councils—Red River Valley Council headquartered in Denison; the Lone Star Council based in Paris; and the Sherman Area Council. The partnership funded an endowment to develop the Texoma camping area with massive facilities capable of housing 8,000 Scouts during a summer camp.

Lake Texoma itself had been authorized for construction by the federal government in 1938 with the passing of the Flood Control Act. The Corps of Engineers built Denison Dam and Lake Texoma to minimize local flooding and utilize the power of the water by constructing a hydroelectric power generation facility for the region. The dam, spillway, and generation facilities were begun in August 1939 and completed in February 1944. As noted by the Corps of Engineers, the dam was the 12th largest in water volume in the United States at the time.

Unfortunately for the Sherman Area Council, when the area was flooded to create the lake, their first Scout camp that dated to 1928, Camp Grayson, was submerged. However, Camp Texoma certainly would fill their requirements for a summer camp. Camp James Ray of today is the second location of Camp Grayson and sits some distance south of the original camp lost to the waters.

By June 1946, enough work had been done at Camp Texoma to permit the first regional meeting of Scout representatives from Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico, to be hosted on premises. The delegates earned the right to attend by winning local competitions in Scout skills like axemanship, sailing, and stalking. This session was a trial run for the upcoming six-week summer camp, of which the last week was reserved for African American troops. This was Circle Ten's second operating campsite for minority Scouts. The first was at Richey Farm in the Bear Creek area west of the town of Irving.⁷⁶ "Camp Texoma was closed at the end of the 1978 summer camp season by a vote of the Circle Ten Council Executive Board and the lease was surrendered to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in late 1978."⁷⁷

75 David C Scott. *Where Character is Caught* (PenlandScott Publishers, Dallas, Texas © 2013)

76 Ibid. Scott. p. 188; Circle Ten Council Executive Board Minutes, March 27, 1945. p. 1; Dallas Morning News, January 31, 1946. p. 6; Dallas Morning News, February 1, 1946. p. 3; www.swt.usace.army.mil

77 Wade Graves, Chapter on Secessions and Mergers.

▪ **The Gift of Camp Constantin**

Being the son of the founder of the Constantin Oil and Refining Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma who had struck it big in the south Arkansas oil boom of 1921, Eugene Pierre Cyprian Constantin Jr. was a man of means. Constantin Oil's Hill Number 1 well released a huge stock of oil and gas reserves that enabled the family to live in extreme luxury. Eugene Jr. was the president of the company upon the retirement of his father.

Born on February 22, 1896, in Lockport, Louisiana, as the eldest child of French immigrant Eugene Constantin Sr. and his wife, the former Alice Bouras, Eugene the younger learned that hard work resulted in great results. As many fortunes were made in the twentieth century oil boom, he was determined to do good things with his family's vast wealth as an adult.

Marrying Miss Ruth Fitzpatrick by 1924, the couple lived in Wichita Falls, Texas where their only child, Eugene Constantin III was born in 1925. Eugene Jr. moved his family to Dallas in 1931 as it had blossomed into a regional center for oil producers.

Eugene III was a good student who intended to make his own way in life, spurred on by his membership in the Scouting movement in the 1930s. However, his short life would end on April 16, 1945, during World War II as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps at the bloodiest fight in the Pacific Theatre—the Battle of Okinawa during the invasion of Japan. He was killed-in-action as a member of the largest amphibious assault force in the nation's history.

His body was brought back to Dallas and buried at the family area at the Calvary Hill Cemetery at 3235 Lombardy Lane just north of the Murchison Scouting Center.

In May 1946 to honor their son's memory, the Constantins donated their 772 acres of land on a peninsula at Johnson Bend stretching into Possum Kingdom Lake to the two organizations that best developed character in local youth: the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas and Circle Ten Council, BSA.

Divided down the middle, each had common ownership of the mountain called Johnson's Peak overlooking the lake. It was named for local pioneer J. A. Johnson and his wife, Florence, who settled on the peninsula in 1888 and took "legal" ownership of it. It had been formerly under the control of the Comanche Indian Nation before their relocation to Oklahoma by the U.S. government.⁷⁸

Forming of the Clements Scout Reservation

In March 1966, the \$1,310,000 "Building for Youth" campaign formally kicked off with Dallas businessman John D. Murchison as its general chairman. Phillip T. Bee and William P. Clements Jr. served as vice chairmen. Although funds raised would be used for multiple purposes, the most important expenditure was for the purchase of Circle Ten Council's new camp that totaled 3,000 wooded acres in Athens, Texas, about 60 miles southeast of Dallas in Henderson County. Other sites previously under

⁷⁸ Ibid. Scott. p. 190: Dallas Morning News, May 25, 1926. p. 5

consideration were at Lake Whitney near Cleburne and a “large area in Oklahoma near [the town of] Antlers.”

Included in the Athens land were six lakes and ponds, beaver dams, forest-covered hills, and wildlife ranging from rabbits to deer and bobcats to coyotes. In sum, the property was a consolidation of seven land parcels belonging to the Howell family, the Bells, the Carrigans, the Kirklands, the Halls, the Downses, and brothers John and Clint Murchison Jr. The Circle Ten Foundation made the mass purchase over twelve months, all orchestrated by Clements.

“The fact that the Governor was able to put together such a large parcel of land was absolutely incredible,” recalled former Council President John Stuart III. “His ability and purpose was quite laudable.”

A 250-acre lake located in the northernmost section of the property was named in honor of John Murchison, who donated back two-thirds of the \$200,000 sales price to the Foundation.

Another large lake at the property’s southern end was dubbed “Jonsson Lake” in honor of Dallas Mayor Erik Jonsson, whose \$300,000 campaign donation was put toward the purchase of the rest of the Henderson County camping paradise.

By the end of March, over \$900,000 had been raised in the span of two weeks. Ending on April 22, the final tally surpassed \$1.4 million that enabled the purchase of an additional 500 acres adjoining the property. Proudly, Clements declared the camp would serve the Council’s needs well into the year 2000.

By summer, the first honorific was announced—the shooting area dubbed the Thomas A. Hord Rifle Range in honor of the 50-year tenured Scoutmaster of Troop 1.

Three years later in October 1969, Clements committed funds from his personal foundation to “fully develop at least three additional camps at the Circle Ten Scout Reservation.” In the proposal titled “Commitment to Scouting,” the Clements Foundation reserved naming rights for the whole of the Reservation as well as the two camps currently inside.

On April 28, 1970, a motion was made by Council Camping Chairman and future Council President Omar Harvey to rename the Circle Ten Scout Reservation as the Clements Scout Reservation. Humbled, Clements gave tribute to his parents and placed a memorial plaque at the main entrance to honor them, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Clements Sr.

The Reservation was divided into two properties: Camp Cherokee on the west side and Camp Comanche to the east. The former received a health lodge and chapel, with one of the first buildings constructed being the Reservation’s natural history museum to house “specimens of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish indigenous to East Texas.” An extensive collection of American Indian artifacts followed.

The latter had few permanent structures (latrines) and was to be used as a primitive camping area. The collective property eventually was renamed the Clements Scout Ranch. In October 1983, the Clements Scout Reservation's name was changed to its present moniker of the Clements Scout Ranch. 79

The Clements Scout Ranch is [currently] home to Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp and Camp Meisenbach. The ranch has over 3,300 acres of towering pines and hardwoods with four well-stocked lakes.

Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp has nine weekend campsites with two large pavilions and 19 summer campsites complete with the [James L. Tarr Dining Center], headquarters building, first aid lodge, swimming pool, waterfront, horses, the 60-foot John Coffman Climbing Tower, the Roy & Frances Rea COPE Center, and many more traditional program areas. Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp is also home to a first-class Museum of Natural History. A variety of wildlife trails, great fishing on all four lakes, rowboats, canoes, rifle, shotgun and archery ranges.

Camp Meisenbach has eight weekend campsites with two large pavilions and beautiful Lake Murchison which provides 160 acres of great fishing, several fishing docks and a large pavilion along the water's edge.⁸⁰

▪ **Acquisition of Camp Trinity Trails**

In January 1971, Circle Ten Council's executive board announced a gift of land and supporting funds to be used for a new camp that potentially could relieve the overuse of nearby Camp Wisdom. Mr. P. W. Gifford, the co-founder of Gifford-Hill Construction Company, donated 554 acres of land in Henderson County along with \$22,500 to purchase additional adjoining property. The camp was dubbed Camp Trinity Trails in May 1972 and plans were made to develop a minimalistic building infrastructure.

Council monies authorized for its construction amounted to \$35,000—equaling the interest to date booked from the sale of the Camp Wisdom lands to the state of Texas for the new Interstate Highway 20 and Spur 408 that would begin to break ground in August 1973.⁸¹

79 Ibid. Scott. p. 234-235; Circle Ten Council Executive Board Minutes, April 28, 1964. p. 2; Oct 28, 1969; April 28, 1970, p. 3; Oct 26, 1971; Sept 22, 1970; May 18, 1971; Feb 27, 1973;

Dec 21, 1965, p. 6; Feb 17, 1966, p. 2; Feb 27, 1966, p. 12; Mar 31, 1966, p. 6; Apr 22, 1966, p. 14; Jun 23, 1966, p. 18; Jun 2, 1970, p. 4; "Closing Agreement Between Circle Ten Boy Scout Foundation and Circle Ten Council, Boy Scouts of America, Nov 30, 1966, Circle Ten Council; William P. Clements, Jr. to Circle Ten Council, Oct 20, 1969, Circle Ten Council; Agreement Between Wayman G. Peavey and Circle Ten Council, Sept 30, 1970, Circle Ten Council; John Stuart III, Interview, Mar 8, 2012.

80 Circle Ten Council, Clements Scout Ranch. Retrieved on February 17, 2015 from <http://circleten.org/clements-scout-ranch-trevor-rees-jones-scout-camp>

81 Ibid. Scott, p. 240; Circle Ten Council Executive Board Minutes: Jan 16, 1971, p. 1; Feb 23, 1971, p. 2; Sept 28, 1971, p. 3; Dallas Morning News: May 16, 1971, p.1; Feb 27, 1973, p. 3-4; Jun 26, 1973, p. 2.

▪ **Camp Trinity Trails' Grass Lease**

By 1979, Camp Trinity Trail in Henderson County had primitive camping facilities built on it that included “four troop sites, roads, and a parking lot.” Only the central water system awaited completion.

To help fund its upkeep, local farmer Hollis Gassett entered into an agreement to fertilize and harvest the hay meadows—splitting the profits with the Council from their sale. In the “bottom land,” Gassett would seed, plant, and harvest oats, wheat or milo, with the Council receiving one-third of the gain. Although minimal, the land was used as a new profit center for the Council.⁸²

The camp is no longer in operation.

Gift of Camp Beckett

In late 1961, the Council gained its fourth camp as the result of the passing of Scouting supporter Thomas Gervas Beckett Sr.

“I hereby give, devise, and bequeath . . . my said home estate, in its entirety to Circle Ten Council, Boy Scout Foundation . . . in fond memory of my deceased son, Thomas Beckett, Junior,” instructed Beckett Sr. in the first codicil of his Last Will and Testament.

Thomas Jr. had grown-up in the Council and credited the program with developing his tenacity to duty and solid work ethic as an adult. Earning the Eagle award at University Park's Troop 32 in 1926, Beckett kept earning merit badges and leading his troop.

In May 1927, when the “Eagle Palm” was introduced by the national office to recognize achievement while an Eagle Scout, 15-year-old Thomas Beckett Jr. was the first Circle Ten Council Scout to receive the silver palm representing a minimum of 36 merit badges earned.

The Dallas Morning News declared, “Thomas Beckett has more medals than most people including admirals and athletes.” He responded humbly, “Scouting brings out talent in any particular field. It brings out the best in anyone.”

The young Junior Assistant Scoutmaster had a productive future ahead. Graduating from Harvard College and Southern Methodist University, Beckett joined the United States Navy in 1942 after the outbreak of World War II. In 1946, he founded the investment banking firm of First Southwest Company taking the position of vice president, a title he held until his death in 1956.

The elder Beckett's bequest included a lump sum of \$25,000 and 60 acres of lakefront land just north of Dallas on Grapevine Lake. Within three years, the interest gained on the assets allowed “Beckett Place” to open for Council Scouts. Its small size was well suited for weekend camping for Explorer Scouts. ⁸³

⁸² Ibid Scott, p. 258; Circle Ten Council Executive Board Minutes: Oct 28, 1975, p. 2; Gassett to Circle Ten Council, Apr 25, 1978, p. 1.

⁸³ Ibid. Scott, p. 255; Dallas Morning News: May 20, 1927, p. 13; Thomas Gervas Beckett, Sr., Last Will and Testament, Sept 19, 1958, Beckett Estate; Circle Ten Council Executive Board Minutes: Sept 18, 1962, p. 2; Feb 14, 1963; Mar 12, 1963; Apr 30, 1963.

Camp Beckett was sold in March 1976 after conferring with the Beckett family. The sale closed on July 22 and the \$175,000 was put into the Circle Ten Foundation in the name of the donor, Thomas G. Beckett Sr. 84

Camp Brooklawn

With the gift of 170 acres in Oak Cliff's Kiest and Hampton Roads area, the Brooklawn Farms camp was born. Eventually to be known as Camp Brooklawn, the land was gifted by Dallas oilman Wirt Davis II and his sisters, Mrs. Patricia Davis and Mrs. Camilla Davis Blaffer. The acreage, valued at \$1.6 million, was accepted by the Circle Ten Foundation Committee in June 1978. Wishing to develop the property for nearby urban troops that could not travel easily to other Council camps, bathroom facilities quickly were rented and located on the property at an annual cost of \$1,000 per pair. But over the next few years, little else was invested into the property.

In 1981, the City of Dallas requested that it be deeded one-quarter acre of Brooklawn property for use as the new hospital road entrance planned for the adjoining property. Council board members agreed to the sale as they believed it would enhance the marketability of the property.

The camp's noted lack of use prompted a "would you take" sale offer from land developers in 1985, which was rejected but prompted the Council to pursue its release at a better price. After years of trying, Camp Brooklawn in Oak Cliff was sold in 2000 for \$1.2 million to the Southwest Dallas Housing Company, the builders of senior assisted living facilities.⁸⁵

84 Ibid, Scott, p. 254

85 Ibid, Scott, p. 258; Circle Ten Council Executive Board Minutes: Jun 27, 1978, p. 2; Sept 26, 1978, p. 2; Oct 24, 1978, p. 2; Jun 23, 1981, p. 2; Sept 24, 1985, p. 1; Nov 26, 1996, p. 1; Jan 25, 2000, p. 4.



- **Early Years**

By Peter McNabb

Gone With The Wind was playing at the Texas Theater on W. Jefferson in Oak Cliff. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was trying to wean the nation away from the New Deal program embarked on his second term. The fields of East Texas were booming with oil. The entire town of Plano claimed only 1,582 residents. And summer camp at sprawling Camp Wisdom cost \$7 a week.

The year was 1937.

A group of Scouts and Scouters from Circle 10 Council went to Washington D.C. that summer for the National Scout Jamboree. Among them was L.L. Hotchkiss, Chief Scout Executive from Circle 10 Council at the time. Also along, were professional Scouter, Harvey Price, and a number of boys.

On the train ride back from the National Jamboree, the Scouts had time to reflect on experiences and memories that would seemingly never die. Among the many Scouts they had met from across the nation were a few who proudly wore the simple white sash with a red felt arrow sewn on it. They belonged to an organization known as the Order of the Arrow.

Many of the Circle 10 Scouts returning from the National Jamboree had been Scouts for years. Many were Eagle Scouts. But few had heard of this high Order of Brotherhood. The more they heard, however, the more they wanted to know.

The man with the answers was L.L. Hotchkiss. Having just come to Dallas from Ft. Wayne, Indiana, “Hotch” as he was known, had wanted to start the Order of the Arrow in Circle 10 Council. Hotchkiss was a man of action. He had a ‘can-do’ spirit and a willingness to help others. He thrived on seeing boys take hold of Scouting, make it their own, and use it as a springboard for leadership in adult life.

And he had been doing quite a bit of planning into starting an Order of the Arrow lodge in Dallas before and during the Jamboree. On April 26, 1937, Hotchkiss wrote the National OA Secretary about starting a Lodge. In the letter, Hotch understated his own experience in the OA, writing: “There are two or three Scouters, including myself, who have had the preliminary work in the Order of the Arrow and can carry on the initiation ceremony.” According to notes in the margin by then-National Secretary H. Lloyd Nelson, Hotch had completed more than preliminary work.

Indeed, L.L. Hotchkiss was a distinguished Arrowman from the St. Louis and Fort Wayne councils. Before moving to Fort Wayne, Hotchkiss had been Council Activities Director in 1927 and later Assistant Scout Executive in St. Louis under Erle W. Beckman, where he had earned the distinguished ‘St. Louis Ring’. He served on the staff of the 3rd World Jamboree in 1929 with Notables Daniel Carter Beard, James A “Pine Tree Jim” Wilder, William S Tomkins (author of “Indian Sign Language”), and James E.

West. In 1935 in Ft. Wayne, he founded and became Supreme Chief of the Fire for Miami Lodge 75, which in 1938 changed its name to Kiskakon Lodge 75.

Needless to say, when Hotchkiss filed an application on behalf of Circle 10 Council for the establishment of a new Lodge, the application had no problem going through the National OA office. The application quickly gained the approval of National Chief Joe Brinton and gained the distinctive signature of Dr. E. Urner Goodman, founder of the Order of the Arrow.

On June 22, 1937, final approval was given to form the as-yet unnamed Lodge for Circle 10 Council. National Chief Brinton wrote to Hotchkiss, saying: "I am very happy to advise you that the application for your council for a Lodge of the Order of the Arrow has been favorably acted upon by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America and the National Executive Committee of the Order of the Arrow."

Within seven days of the return of the Circle 10 delegation to the Jamboree, the first Ordeal was held. The Wisdom Stampede, the camp newspaper at the time, carried this account in its July 18, 1937 edition:

ORDER OF ARROW

CEREMONY GIVEN

In a colorful Indian ceremony at the opening Council Fire, the Order of the Arrow was introduced to first week campers. The principals in the ceremony were Jean Daugherty as Nutiket, Frank Knickerbocker as Sakima, Noel Doss as Nisheneyit Sakima, and Fred Haynes as Masheneyit Sakima.

A new Lodge had been born.

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The first Mikanakawa Lodge brothers were mainly Council staffers. During the second week, members of the Camp Wisdom were called out. Serving on staff at the time was 19-year-old Jim Hodge, who could be seen at numerous OA events through the 1980's, teaching young Arrowmen how to make hard-plastic bolos. Among those called out later that summer was 21-year-old Charlie Johnson, another brother who had kept ties with the Lodge for much of the lodge's first 50 years.

The call-outs and Ordeals then were somewhat different than the tap outs of today. Jim Cavalleri, who was called in 1938, writes:

"In the early days, tap outs were referred to as call outs. The entire camp would usually assemble at the main Lodge and walk single file to the athletic field or similar large field. A drummer would drum

in the distance and chant. Then a runner would appear with a torch, light the council fire and proceed to run around the line. A person would stand behind the inductee to mark him, and the runner would tap out the candidate. Runners wore only a breechclout and were painted. Endurance was important because to run the entire time was very tiring.”

Jim Hodge echoes similar sentiment about how physical the call out ceremonies were:

“After the Indian got through about the third or fourth pass, why he went up behind another bush and died by that, I mean he was pretty worn out. He did do all four passes in less than two minutes. He really stopped just long enough to ‘umph’ and push on a guy. And they had to quit it. Because they did get some old kid who had been giving them trouble and was elected. And they decided they were going to get that guy. And they darn near broke a clavicle a time or two. And they decided that wasn’t any fun. So, fortunately, they killed it before anyone got a broken arm or something.”

And, as Ed Reitz put it:

“Man, he would really whop you a good one. There wasn’t any tapping on the shoulder or anything like that. They just hit you in the chest real hard.”

Jim Hodge explains the Ordeal experience:

“They would have a tap out on Friday night, and you would be on silence all night. And that night you would have to keep a fire going all night long. And the next day, you stood your Ordeal and worked. And meanwhile, all the food you had was merely a little pancake about the size of your thumbnail and a couple of pieces of breakfast food and a half glass of milk.

And at noon, if they had meat and potatoes and peas, why you do have one pea and a little piece of potato and a very small piece of meat. It was the same thing for supper. And you were on silence for the whole day, from the time you were tapped out to the time you took the obligation. They then have a big spread. And everybody would have a big plate of food about midnight. They were able to talk and all. But the funny thing was that they couldn’t take but about five or six bites because their stomachs had shrunk.”

Incidentally, this practice of Spartan meals for 24 hours later stopped due to health problems with some of the candidates, particularly the adults.

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Politics seem always to have played a part in the Mikanakawa Lodge. But in the beginning, it was more of a case of which overworked Scout could take on which additional responsibility. For awhile, at least, politics took a back seat to the idea of getting the job done.

As Charlie Johnson, a 1937 Ordeal member puts it: “There weren’t enough people involved for us to worry about in-fighting. We had too much work to do for that to take place.”

While there may have been little in-fighting, there was definitely some bad blood between Circle 10 Council and another Brotherhood of Scouts known as the Mikanakawa Tribe. According to SMU Professor Frank Young, who was a member of both the Mikanakawa Lodge and the Mikanakawa Tribe, the Tribe was known as a renegade organization. The Tribe was formed in 1935 by Camp Wisdom Director Tom Tally as an independent organization with Call Out ceremonies and Ordeals similar to the Order of the Arrow. But with the creation of the Mikanakawa Lodge in 1937, the Tribe was barred from Camp Wisdom.

“They (Circle 10 Council) pulled the rug out from under us (the Tribe)”, Young said in a 1986 interview. To appease members of the Tribe, the Lodge assumed the Mikanakawa name. But Mikanakawa Tribe members did not automatically become Mikanakawa Lodge members. They had to be called out and undergo an Ordeal just as any new member would. The Tribe continued to exist as a non-academic social fraternity--until 1942, when many Tribe members went off to fight in World War II.

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Camp Wisdom staffer Fred Haynes was elected the first Lodge Chief. Haynes was the brother of Jerry Haynes, the local actor who played WFAA-TV Channel 8’s “Mr. Peppermint”. Fred Haynes, after graduating from Plano High School and SMU, went on to command US Marines Combat Team 28, the men who raised the US Flag on Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima, in 1945. Later, among many other distinguished military roles, he became Secretary to the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Marine Division. The pavilion in the OA Field at Camp Wisdom is named for Chief Fred Haynes.

Frank Knickerbocker, who also served in that first ceremony, founded the Lone Star War Dance Society (related to the Ponca and Comanche warrior societies of Oklahoma) and could be seen at Lodge events well into the 1980’s drawing & sketching pieces of artwork which he then gave away to boys or gave to the lodge for use in publications.

In 1938, Cecil Cameron was Lodge Chief. Don Moore took over as Chief in 1939. Jean Daugherty was Chief in 1940. Layden L. Stroud Jr. was Chief in 1941. And Buddy Couch was elected in 1942.

The Lodge closed its doors in 1943-44 during World War II. There are clear indications that the Lodge has not always been a boy-run organization, and that young men in their 20's frequently held offices in these years prior to the war. Indeed, a number of Scouts earned their Eagle rank as adults in those days.

Therefore, it is understandable that the Lodge could not function with so many young men going to serve in the military.

With that in mind, Assistant Scout Executive W. Hobart Hill wrote the National OA office:

“The War has ruined the executive group of our (Lodge) of the Order of the Arrow, in that there isn’t a single lad left who was an officer last year.

That is the reason I have not sent in our application and check, as per your earlier request.

However, we do not want to remain in good standing, and we will set up a tentative arrangement early in our Summer Camp period, which opens on Sunday, June 20th. With that in mind, I am sending the application and form and our check, which we hope will be satisfactory under the circumstances.”

Based on the above correspondence, it appears the Mikanakawa Lodge did exist--at least on paper--in 1943.

But what about in 1944? According to National records, the Lodge applied to renew its charter in 1945 but paid only \$5 in dues--the amount required for one year. National could have required Circle 10 Council to start a new Lodge, based on the fact that the old Lodge never paid its 1944 dues. But in a private note passed within the National OA hierarchy on June 13, 1945, it was agreed that, given the war-time circumstances, National would not push Mikanakawa for the extra \$5 it owed for 1944.

One can only imagine what the late payments and interest charges on that \$5 would be today if National ever decided to collect on that decades-old debt.

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An interesting footnote: In addition to the Mikanakawa Tribe, two groups honoring outstanding Scouts existed in Circle 10 Council before the Mikanakawa Lodge was formed.

One was the Honor Camper program. Each campsite would elect one Scout for this honor. The recipient of the Honor Camper award would be awarded a patch which had a AC@ encircling an owl, the wise bird that has been a symbol of Camp Wisdom since Daddy Wisdom started letting Boy Scouts camp on his property. The Honor Camper continued for several years after the Order of the Arrow was brought to Circle 10 Council. We know that this program was in existence at least until 1944. But from the dawning of the Mikanakawa Lodge, the Honor Camper program took a backseat to the OA. The Scout with the most votes from his troop would be elected to the OA, while the Scout with the second-most votes would be made the Honor Camper.

Another Brotherhood of Scouts that was a forerunner to the Mikanakawa Lodge was the White Sharks of Tahkodah. This group was primarily in existence in the 1920's in Circle 10 Council. It was virtually replaced by the Honor Camper program. In 1986, Camp Wisdom Ranger Bill O'Pry had rekindled the spirit of the White Sharks, bestowing the honor on a group of men who volunteer their time and skills in a major service project each year commemorating the May 23, 1923, birth of Camp Wisdom.

Secessions and Mergers

By Dr. Wade Graves and Austin McNabb

Author's Note: Financial conditions have led to two lodges merging with Mikanakawa during its 75 year history. To fully understand the sequence of events leading to the merger of 1948, the secession of 1978, and the merger of 1995 one must understand the underlying friction between the cities of Sherman and Denison during the first two thirds of the 20th Century. This section of our lodge history is taken from interviews conducted in the 1980s and 1990s with Warren R. "Cap" Blood, Keith Hubbard Sr., William "Ben" Munson III, Charles K. "Chuck" Pool, Dr. Truman Wester, and Norman Williams of Denison; Rae A. Nunallee of Van Alstyne; Oscar Boren, M.E. Dobbins and Jake Hopkins of Durant, Oklahoma; R.L. Atnip, William "Bill" Fry, Dr. Clyde Hall, George Moore, Robert M. "Bob" Wilson, and W. Clarence Youngblood of Sherman. Additional details came from an interview with James Ray, aka "Uncle Jimmy", in June of 2000. I would like to thank Greg Rostyne for his assistance with the pictures of the patches for this section. Wade Graves

Since 1900, the economic rivalry between the cities of Sherman and Denison has led to some interesting outcomes – including the establishment of a community college and the longest-running football rivalry in Texas. It has also led to a series of Scouting councils, two OA lodges, and some Boy Scout camps moving up and down the Red River basin.

In 1921, the first attempt to coordinate the units in North Texas and Southeastern Oklahoma was started. The resulting council was named the T/O Council and it included Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, Lamar, and Delta counties in Texas and Atoka, Marshall, Bryan, Pushmataha, and McCurtain counties in Oklahoma. Communication between the units in this far-flung council with rugged terrain and poor roads led to its dissolution at some time between 1924 and 1926.

In 1927, the various units in the towns and cities in Grayson County came together to form the Grayson County Council of the Boy Scouts of America. This council held its first summer camp in 1929 on the South bank of the Red River where Mill Creek entered the river. (In 2012 this area is under the waters of Lake Texoma approximately 200 yards northeast of the Camp James Ray waterfront area.) During this summer camp, something unknown occurred that ultimately resulted in a split in the relatively new council. The units in the City of Denison, Texas, voted to leave the Grayson County Council and join with the units in Atoka, Bryan, Coal, Johnston, Marshall and Pushmataha Counties in Oklahoma and Cooke County in Texas to form the Chickasaw Council.

Seeing this move during a time of severe economic hardship (the Great Depression), the Scout Executive of the Grayson County Council (which no longer included Denison) decided to form an Order of the Arrow Lodge to support the activities of the council's summer camp, Camp Grayson.⁸⁶ Scout Executive H.L. McLean, who was an early member of the Order of the Arrow from Pamunkey Lodge #3 in Virginia, believed the Order of the Arrow could fill a role and help keep the camp going. So on October 1, 1930 a charter for Lodge #56 (name to be determined) was granted to the Grayson County Council, Boy Scouts of America, by Mr. Robroy Price, National Grand Chieftain of the Order of the Arrow. Mr. Hugh

⁸⁶ The location was along the banks of the Red River where Mill Creek entered the river.

Edward Hall, owner of a local tree farm and Scoutmaster of Troop 5 in Sherman, was the first lodge adviser. Upon the creation/merger of the Lone Star Council on January 1, 1934, H.L. McLean became the Scout Executive of the new Lone Star Council but the Council Executive Board decided to not fund the fees for the lodge. So the nameless Lodge #56 was dropped from the active rolls by the National Grand Chieftain on April 7, 1934.⁸⁷

Seeing the Order of the Arrow activity occurring in Sherman, the Scout leaders in Denison decided to investigate this “Brotherhood” idea for the older Scouts attending Camp Armstrong. However, this idea did not get any support from the Scout Executive of the Chickasaw Council⁸⁸ and the notion never caught on.

However, in 1936 the Red River Valley Council was formed with its headquarters at 220 W. Main in Denison to take advantage of a deed granting 600 acres of land to be shared by the Scouts of Grayson County, Texas and Bryan County, Oklahoma. So, with the recording of a deed, the cities of Sherman, Denison, and Durant were required to work together to maintain this piece of property. The councils decided to name this property Camp Grayson so as to denote its location within Grayson County.

There was talk in both councils of starting the Order of the Arrow program to provide an older boy program. This idea was tabled by the Executive Board of the Red River Valley Council because there was more interest in sending a contingent to the Texas Centennial Central Exposition in Dallas and the Great Lakes Exposition in Cleveland in 1936. Much to the chagrin of H.L. McLean, the Executive Board of the Lone Star Council voted to concentrate on having the older Scouts lead their respective cities for a day⁸⁹, attend the Texas Centennial Exposition in Dallas, and to send a small contingent of Scouts with the Red River Council to the Great Lakes Exposition.

While at the Great Lakes Exposition in Cleveland, the boys from Sherman met a group of Scouts from Philadelphia. This group of Scouts included Richard Gregory and George Yamas – lodge chiefs of Unami Lodge #1 in 1936 and 1937 respectively. These Philadelphia Scouts encouraged them to attend the 1937 National Scout Jamboree where their “Brotherhood” would be putting on an Indian Dance and Ceremony demonstration. Intrigued by this talk of the Brotherhood, the group returned to Sherman and asked Scout Executive McLean about it while making a report of their trip experiences. Mr. McLean simply smiled, nodded, thanked the boys for the information, and encouraged them to tell their parents about the

² Congressman Sam Rayburn of Bonham TX became an Ordeal member of Lodge #56 in 1933. There was some OA-like activity in the area with inductions held (see Keith Hubbard description of his induction in Lodge #56. While nothing official exists in the records available, the evidence suggests that an honor camping society of some kind existed in the area between 1934 and 1941.

⁸⁸ Based in Ada, Oklahoma – Denison and Bryan County were in this council from 1930-35.

⁸⁹ It is interesting to note the 1937 group of Eagle Scouts who served in various capacities and “ran” the City of Sherman for a day included Clyde Hall as City Food Inspector and Buddy Vehle as Mayor. Clyde Hall was very active in Scouting in Sherman until the 1990’s and Buddy Vehle served for many years as the Chief of the Sherman Police Auxiliary/Reserve. Both of these gentlemen were also active in Okiciyapi Lodge throughout a large part of its history.

Brotherhood. Evidently the discussion around the family dinner tables in Sherman contained discussion of the Brotherhood for several days.

Additional discussion of the Brotherhood continued in the Lone Star Council Executive Board in late 1936. However, this was once again tabled in favor of sending Scouts to the 1937 National Jamboree in Washington D.C. The boys from Sherman and Denison who attended the Jamboree were able to see President Franklin D. Roosevelt as he drove by in his car. Several of the Scouts noticed he was wearing a white sash with a red arrow on it. When they asked their friends from Philadelphia about the white sash with red arrow, they found out President Roosevelt was a member of the Order of the Arrow – the newer term for the “Brotherhood” they heard about the year before in Cleveland. Needless to say, there was even more discussion about the Order of the Arrow around family dinner tables in Sherman, Denison, and Durant after the boys returned from the Jamboree!

Unfortunately, the illness of Mr. McLean in 1938 kept the reorganization of Lodge #56 from taking place in Sherman – even with the excitement about the Order of the Arrow among the boys who attended the Jamboree.

The excitement did take root and grow in Denison and Durant during 1938-40. (There was some discussion and investigation of the Order of the Arrow program during this two year period and evidence of OA-like inductions does exist from stories of those who were youth during this time frame.) Scout leaders from the Red River Valley Council Executive Board visited with leaders in Dallas, Texas, Wichita Falls, Texas, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Chicago, Illinois. After much discussion, the Council Executive Board voted to create an Order of the Arrow lodge in the Red River Valley Council as an older boy program for honor campers attending Camp Grayson in 1941.

So on July 26, 1941 a charter was granted by the National Grand Chieftain for the Texoma Lodge #209 of the Red River Valley Council headquartered in Denison, Texas. The initial membership was inducted by “brothers” from the Mikanakawa Lodge #101 headquartered in Dallas. Also in attendance was a small contingent from Checote Lodge #154 and a representative of Wichita Lodge #35 – each of whom brought a component of the Ordeal induction ceremony from their respective lodges. The purpose was to give the new lodge a tradition from each of the lodges in attendance.

Inductees were taken to a spot at Camp Grayson along the banks of the Red River where the Big Mineral Creek entered the river. There was a spot near this location where the creek and river had carved a natural amphitheater out of some rock many years before. During the ceremony each member was given a wreath, approximately 12-14” in diameter, made from grapevine that grew throughout the camp. They were then taken on a trail where one by one they were quietly pulled off from the back of the line and told to stay in a location by themselves overnight. Once in the overnight spot, the candidate was instructed to build a fire no larger than the inside diameter of the grapevine wreath and keep the fire burning until morning. At dawn each was given a handful of raisins, a stale biscuit, and some water. They were then moved in silence to various points in the camp to improve the facilities. Lunch was another some jerky & hardtack⁹⁰, water, and half an apple. Dinner was a feast of roasted chicken, corn, beans⁹¹, bread, and

⁹⁰ Beef jerky and a large, hard cracker similar to the infamous Philmont “pilot biscuit”.

cobbler. During the final part of the induction, the grapevine wreath the candidates wore/carried throughout the day was tossed into the council fire before the chief presented the new member with his felt sash. Members inducted during this event included Keith Hubbard and Truman Wester. Truman Wester was elected Lodge Chief and served until December 1941. The name of the lodge was chosen by the membership as Texoma lodge at a meeting held the morning after the first Ordeal membership ceremony. The name was chosen to help support the campaign to name the lake to be built with the construction of the Denison Dam. The totem chosen was the Thunderbird because of the nest of golden eagles in a tall tree near the ceremony site.

During World War II the lodge quit electing officers. This was done after four lodge officers (including 3 lodge chiefs) were drafted or enlisted shortly after being elected. Most lodge members of age either joined the service immediately or were drafted soon after finishing high school. Younger members of Texoma Lodge, not being eligible for leadership roles due to an age requirement in the lodge bylaws, served as Civil Defense workers assisting the local Air Raid Wardens. Members of this group wore an arm band with a Civil Defense triangular logo on it⁹². Membership inductions were not held in 1943-45 because there were not any lodge leaders around to induct members.



Air Raid Arm Band

After World War II, enough lodge members returned to conduct inductions. In 1946, there was a large induction with 45 members being inducted. Due to the large numbers, the grapevine wreath was replaced with a felt C patch sewn on the underside of a scout neckerchief to symbolize candidacy for membership in the Order of the Arrow. During the ceremony itself, the greenery from a branch of cedar was tossed into the fire instead.

91 Ranch Style Beans® donated by Waples-Platter Company of Denison. The Waples-Platter Company was the creator of Ranch Style Beans® in Denison in 1872.

92 This arm band was NOT worn exclusively by members of Texoma Lodge #209. Some older Scouts who were not lodge members were issued these arm bands by city Air Raid wardens, the base commander of Perrin Field, and the commanding officer of the local US Army Corps of Engineers detachment at Denison Dam upon recommendation by the Scout Executive.

Another development occurred during the war that impacted Scouting in the area and set the stage for another fight between Denison and Bryan County against Sherman. In early 1942 the United States government bought Camp Grayson and paid for the property with some war bonds and a promise of a renewable lease on some (to be determined) property on higher ground that would be leased for \$1 per year until the year 1999.

There were two parcels of land available for lease. One parcel was adjacent to the Locust Cemetery property. The second was up the road at a farm that was purchased by the Civilian Conservation Corps as an outpost camp for workers who were clearing trees and moving cemeteries to higher ground for the future Lake Texoma⁹³. The Red River Valley Executive Board wanted the property adjacent to the Locust Cemetery. The Sherman Area Council⁹⁴ Executive Board wanted the old farm. In the end both parcels were leased to both councils by the U.S. Government until December 31, 1999. The leases cost \$1 per year and were renewable at the end of the term.

Scouts of both councils were displaced by the waters of Lake Texoma in November/December 1945. During the last ceremony at the old Camp Grayson, members of Texoma Lodge #209 and camp staff members from the Sherman Area Council took ashes from the last council fire and hauled them to the new camp facilities. Some of these ashes were hauled to the old farm by Sgt. James Bedford Ray (U.S. Army)⁹⁵ of Idabel, Oklahoma in his pickup truck.

Scout camps were held at these facilities in 1946-49 and ashes from the last campfire at the old Camp Grayson were distributed to all 1st year campers to tie the history of the old camp to the new camps.⁹⁶ Collectively the council's referred to the summer encampments as "Texoma Scout Camp" although some camps held by the Red River Valley Council still used "Camp Grayson" as the location.

⁹³ Both parcels had been used to temporarily house German prisoners of war captured near Casablanca in Morocco and others from General Erwin Rommel's Africa Corps captured in Tunisia. These prisoners took over the job of cutting trees along the banks of the Red River to prepare the land for Lake Texoma. Prisoners were paid a daily wage for their work.

⁹⁴ The Sherman Area Council was formed in late 1941 or early 1942 upon the dissolution of the Lone Star Council. The deed to Camp Grayson stayed with Sherman during the dissolution. The Sherman Area Council consisted of all of Grayson County except the City of Denison.

⁹⁵ Upon his death in November 2000, James B. "Uncle Jimmy" Ray was buried in the Denison Cemetery in Idabel Oklahoma.

⁹⁶ Author's note -- This tradition, in the form of the Order of the Arrow Ash Ceremony from Okiciyapi Lodge #56, is still (as of 2014) carried on at Circle Ten Council Camp James Ray. When the camp was named in honor of Mr. Ray in June 2000, Mr. Ray asked about the ash ceremony and told the author the story of how some of the ashes were moved to the camp. He had tears in his eyes as he watched the Ash Ceremony two days after the dedication ceremony that named the camp in his honor. He was at every camp event as a special guest until his death. Coincidentally, at the funeral, 56 Arrowmen in uniforms and OA sashes rendered a hand salute in tribute to Mr. Ray.

Unfortunately, the relocation to Dallas of the Waples-Platter Company – a major contributor to the Red River Valley Council, BSA and later known as White Swan Foods – led to a funding shortfall that became acute in 1948. This was one year short of the earliest allowable redemption period for the U.S. War Bonds given in exchange for the camp land.

As a result, the Red River Valley Council merged with Circle Ten Council in Dallas in 1948. Texoma Lodge #209 merged with Mikanakawa Lodge #101 at the same time. The lease of the property and the war bonds went to Circle Ten Council along with the City of Denison, Texas, Cooke County Texas, and Bryan County Oklahoma. Texoma Lodge #209 ceased to exist as an Order of the Arrow lodge and became a chapter of Mikanakawa Lodge #101. A lodge flap was never issued by the lodge.⁹⁷

With the merger of Red River Valley Council, there needed to be a division of the leases on the two separate camp properties. Circle Ten Council received the lease on the property adjacent to the Locust Cemetery. This camp was named Camp Texoma at the request of Red River Valley Scouters. When the war bonds were redeemed, some of the money was used to build facilities at Camp Texoma. The Sherman Area Council used their war bond proceeds as seed money to construct facilities at the farmland. This property was named Camp Grayson and is still in operation today as Camp James Ray.

Many chapter members of Circle Ten District #22 (Denison, Texas, and Bryan County, Oklahoma) served as members of the Camp Texoma staff during the period 1949-1978. The camp ash tradition was perpetuated by these chapter members until the late 1950's when it was decided to choose a different method to recognize first-year campers at Camp Texoma. The chapter members often competed with other members of Mikanakawa lodge against the members of Okiciyapi Lodge at Area meetings and Conclaves.

OA camp staff members of Camp Texoma and Camp Grayson also competed for the attention of the Girl Scout Camp Staff at Camps Kadohocho and Rocky Point during the 1960's. Camp staff members who were OA lodge members in good standing would visit the other camps for tightly supervised "staff only" dances. Additionally, members of both lodges would also go to the Girl Scout Camps to perform Fancy and Traditional dances. Furthermore, there were many OA training sessions held in which members of Okiciyapi Lodge would attend at the invitation of the chapter chief of District 22 and the lodge chief of Mikanakawa Lodge. In 1975, Okiciyapi Lodge hosted a conclave at Austin College in Sherman with help from the chapter of Circle Ten District 22 and Mikanakawa Lodge. As time passed, the generations forgot old animosities and started working together – pausing to remember the past on the football gridiron when Denison played Sherman or Durant.

⁹⁷ However, a drawing for a lodge flap that was planned to be issued in 1949 did survive and somehow found its way to Sherman. This design was found in the same folder as the original lease documents for the farm land by Scout Executive Leroy Mayne in 1985. The design had the words Red River Valley crossed out and the words Sherman Area written in pencil on the bottom of the patch. The word Texoma and number 209 were crossed out and replaced by the word Okiciyapi and number 56 on the top of the patch. This patch became the first lodge flap of Okiciyapi Lodge 56. A historical flap for lodge 209 was issued by Okiciyapi Lodge 56 in 1987.

Camp Texoma was closed at the end of the 1978 summer camp season by a vote of the Circle Ten Council Executive Board and the lease was surrendered to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in late 1978. Many Mikanakawa Lodge members and Ordeal Candidates worked to remove council program materials and equipment. The silence of the Ordeal was broken by some muffled sobs as canoes and row boats were loaded on trailers for the trip to Camp Constantin. A few under the breath remarks were heard as the kitchen stoves and other dining hall equipment were loaded for the trip to Camp Wisdom. The Arrowmen present decided to leave the Totem Pole at the cliff area ceremony field as a reminder of the years of OA ceremonies that had taken place there.

The decision to close Camp Texoma was the catalyst for another chapter in the history of Mikanakawa Lodge and Circle Ten Council. At a very emotional meeting at the First Baptist Church of Denison⁹⁸, representatives of the District Committee and every Scout unit in Denison and Bryan County unanimously voted to secede from Circle Ten Council as of December 31, 1978 and joined the Texoma Valley Council based in Sherman as of January 1, 1979.

District 22 chapter membership records were hand delivered to Okiciyapi Lodge by Mikanakawa Lodge Adviser Jim Ince at a lodge officer training course in January 1979 where there were several introductions made and the Arrowmen learned something about their new lodge. Mr. Ince was assisted in this process by Mark Stoddard, Mark Clayton, and Marion H. "Sam" Sampsell. Additionally, Mr. Richard A. "Dick" Johns, former OA chapter adviser for the former Circle Ten District 22 and Scoutmaster of Denison Troop 605, aided with the introductions.

Members were greeted warmly by the members of Okiciyapi lodge and quickly became active members. Many served on summer camp staff at Camp Grayson in 1979. By 1980, members of the former chapter had assumed lodge leadership positions in Okiciyapi Lodge. The long forgotten (at Camp Texoma but perpetuated at Camp Grayson) tradition of the OA Ash Ceremony was taught by members of the Okiciyapi lodge ceremony team to their new brothers from Denison and Durant. They also learned the Okiciyapi Lodge Brotherhood Callout ceremony and Tap Out Ceremony. One feature of the tap out ceremony was each candidate (rather forcefully with a THWAK across the chest) received a cedar branch

⁹⁸ This is a meeting the author will never forget! I have never seen so many angry Scouters together in one location!! Two of us (I and one young man from Durant) came to the District meeting to present our Eagle Scout project proposals and present the colors. The room kept filling up with people who were really mad about something and we started getting nervous. District Chairman Ben Munson III came into the meeting, stopped at the entrance, and looked around until he saw us. He walked directly to us and said "Boys I'm sorry. Something has happened that has to take priority over everything else so we can't listen to your Eagle project proposals tonight. However, I want you to please stay, sit over along the wall and listen to what goes on here this evening. 30 years from now I want someone to be able to tell what happens here this evening." We stayed and watched the vote to secede from Circle Ten Council and join Texoma Valley Council. In 1993, I once again sat in as an observer when the Texoma Valley Council Executive Board voted to merge with Circle Ten Council as of July 1, 1993.

and was told to strip the greenery from the branch. The greenery was returned to the council fire at the end of the ceremony and the candidates were told to bring the bare branch with them to their Ordeal.⁹⁹

Okiciyapi Lodge continued to provide service to Camp Grayson until January 1, 1995 when it merged with Mikanakawa Lodge and became the Okiciyapi chapter of Mikanakawa Lodge #101.



On January 1, 1995, the two Circle Ten Council lodges, the Mikanakawa Lodge and the Okiciyapi Lodge, officially joined forces.

Harry Bubeck, who was the Mikanakawa Lodge Adviser at the time, and Wade Graves, who was the Okiciyapi Lodge Adviser at the time, looked back in 2014 at those events of twenty years earlier and shared their recollections.

“I received a phone call at my office to come over to the Council office,” Bubeck said. “We needed to talk to Ric Wilkins. So, I went to the Council office and Ric informed me at that point that Billy (Gamble) received one charter from National and we were going to have to merge the lodges, and he set up a time for me.”

Bubeck, Graves and Wilkins met for dinner on the same day to discuss the change.

A week later, they took the boys from both lodges to a buffet in McKinney. The boys thought they were going to be planning the pow wow for Camp Grayson (now James Ray) the next year.

⁹⁹ The returning of the greenery to the fire was taught to the members of Okiciyapi lodge by members of Texoma Lodge 209 who moved to Sherman in 1949 to help re-start Okiciyapi Lodge.

“Billy came in and told the boys what was happening,” Bubeck said. “And you could see their faces drop.”

Then he tried to make things seem not so hard.

“And then, Billy drew out a lodge flap for them. Of course, none of the boys liked that lodge flap.”

Several meetings took place before they got to Fort Hood where the advisers locked the boys in a room and told them to not come out until they made an agreement on the lodge name and flap design.

After a lot of emotions and some fists pounding into tables, an agreement was made that Okiciyapi would retain its name and the Vigil, and the flap design would basically be the two flaps cut in half.

Also out of the agreement was a plan to have two totems. The lodge would keep ‘Mikanakawa’ and ‘101.’ However according to lodge policy, Mikanakawa bylaws have to be voted on.

So for the Fall Fellowship, they did just that. There was an agreement at the Conclave in April, at Fort Hood and at Camp Cherokee in September when Okiciyapi had their vote.

Mikanakawa was about to do the same two weeks later while Okiciyapi was going to attend, which is when things got interesting.

“It got crazy because I still think I made a mistake,” Bubeck said. “I did not inform the advisers of exactly everything that was going on. I thought it was a no-brainer. It was a great agreement. It wouldn’t have any issues passing. I was wrong!”

One of the central issues was the Wisdom Owl having to share space with the Okiciyapi Thunderbird. Some saw that as a slap to the memory of Daddy Wisdom.

“When it came down to the vote, it was close,” Bubeck recounted later in an interview with Graves. “If you guys (referring to Okiciyapi) did not stand up and vote—and legally, at that point, it was not part of Mikanakawa, you were still Okiciyapi Lodge...But you stood up. Thank God you did, because it passed—barely.”

After the vote, many from Mikanakawa talked about how relieved they were the vote passed.

“I was proud of all those officers from both sides to do that, and it was a boy decision,” Bubeck said. “It wasn’t our decision, because we both grew up in our lodges as boys, and it was very personal to us too.”

Bubeck said had it not passed, Gamble would have gotten rid of the owl and replaced it with the thunderbird, which would have really offended some people.

Despite the tension of the vote, Bubeck said the merger benefited both lodges.

“And really, for whatever happened, the lodge is much stronger for it today,” Bubeck said. “The Vigil ceremony, I think, was the best thing that came out of the merger, because everybody says so many great things about that.”

If things had gone the opposite way and Texoma hadn't closed, Graves would have been in Mikanakawa. Denison would have been a part of Circle Ten Council beyond the merger.

“One of the best conversations I had with and this was after you (Graves) were appointed,” Bubeck said, “and the last six months of my term, I was in the office with Gene Stone who replaced Billy Gamble. And Gene Stone told me, ‘You can merge councils all day long, it's merging those lodges that is the hardest job in the world.’”

Even before the merger, there were people involved in both lodges.

“In looking at the Okiciyapi history... I just didn't realize how much cross-pollination there was,” Graves said. “You know, like Frank Knickerbocker was a member of both lodges. And I can remember Jim Ince coming up and doing a couple of ‘Lodge Leader Development’ courses for Okiciyapi. Mark Stoddard was Lodge Adviser or Associate Adviser in both lodges. Mark Clayton was Section Chief only because of Mikanakawa, ah, lending support.”

There is one thing Wade Graves wants to go on the record about -- his old lodge's patch.

“That black cloud on that last patch had a huge silver lining—that Okiciyapi patch. And it was not the ‘Death Patch,’ Graves said while laughing. “It was not the ‘Death Patch’ even though they call it the ‘Death Patch.’”

“That's not what the kids had intended. It's when they made that one. What they did was they took that line, ‘The low cloud arose.’ That soon changed from the legend in the Ordeal ceremony. And I told Ric (Wilkins) what we wanted to do. He looked at the original patch. He looked at the drawing and he said, ‘Okay, but is it all right if we make this the silver in the purple cloud patch? Could we make it a little bit more detailed, and easier to see?’ And the boys said, ‘Sure!’ And he said, ‘Well, every dark cloud has a silver lining. That's what I want.’ And the boys said, ‘Yeah, that's what we intended.’”



THE LIFE AND DEATH OF HAZING

By Peter McNabb

If the Order of the Arrow has ever had a black mark, it would be in the area of hazing. But through the years, efforts--sometimes unpopular at the time--have been put forth to stem the fraternal instinct to put new brothers through a grueling, even physically painful initiation.

Today, Ordeal candidates are treated as honorees. In fact, they are. Their troops have elected them as dignitaries worth to wear the white sash. And they are treated as such.

Over the years, the student of Mikanakawa Lodge history can find that the Lodge has grown the most--both in numbers and in spirit--when Lodge members treated new candidates with respect. By setting a positive example of what the OA really is, new Ordeal members are more likely to go on to be productive, long-term Lodge members.

But change is not something that has happened overnight in the area of hazing. It seems the issue of hazing has been with the Lodge since 1937. Through great and noble efforts have been put forth on numerous occasions to rid the Lodge of the scourge, hazing has become a thing of the past.

In the early years of the Mikanakawa Lodge, tap out ceremonies were called "Knock-Out Ceremonies." Indeed, they were. As longtime Mikanakawa brother Ed Reitz described it:

"There wasn't any tapping on the shoulder or anything like that. They just hit you on the chest--real hard."

Jim Hodge, who took his Ordeal in 1937, recalled the rough knock-out ceremonies "darn near broke a clavicle a time or two."

By the late 1940's, Lodge Chief Bill Jordan recalls run-ins with young adult leaders over the issue of hazing. At the time, physical cruelty didn't limit itself to the Knock-out Ceremony. Bill recalls people on their Ordeals experiencing some numbness in their left wrists because their wrist was tied to the wrist of the person in front of them. To overcome, the problem, Lodge officers of the Bill Jordan era started having the candidates simply hold the rope while going through the ceremony. This is still done today.

In 1958, Lodge Chief Ray Telfair was so fed up with the proliferation of hazing, that he sent out a "Message From The Chief" to all brothers, reading:

"I hope that you appreciate what we mean by 'Ordeal Ceremonies.' This is truly

a ceremony and not an initiation. Therefore, it is our duty as an Order of the Arrow member, to assist the candidates in the spirit of cheerful service. There must be no heckling, badgering, hazing, or any other interference that will lessen the dignity of their Ordeal.”

Telfair’s letter went on to warn brothers that a committee had been appointed that had the authority to require any member offending an Ordeal candidate to leave the camp.

But as Associate Lodge Advisor Jimmy Harris recalls, the 1960s still saw their share of hazing, although the situation was improving.

Finally, in the 1970's and 1980's, a realization hit: the Mikanakawa Lodge membership was dwindling. The Lodge didn’t need to run members off by senseless hazing.

Another major contributing factor to the death of hazing has been the addition of qualified crew leaders. Crew Leader Training--called Elangomat today--has improved to such a level that crew leaders know what is and is not expected of them. They tend to realize that their job is not to see how hard their potential candidates can work. Rather, the crew leaders have one of the most critical responsibilities of all. They serve as the first impression new candidates have of what the Order of the Arrow is all about.

History of the Okiciyapi Lodge



Clarence Youngblood

Foreword: Much of the history of Okiciyapi Lodge 56 would have been lost without the dedicated effort of W. Clarence Youngblood. Mr. Youngblood, who retired as the Scout Executive of the Texoma Valley Council in 1981, served as the adviser to the lodge history committee in 1984 and 1985. During this period, he worked with the young men of the lodge to gather as much of its history as possible. The 1984 lodge history committee consisted of Cliff Lightfoot (chairman), Doug Beam, Carl Wells Jr., and John Hunt. Their work continued in 1985 with Michael Mayne (chairman), Cliff Lightfoot, Ricky Milner, Stephen Shultz, Marcus Leinart, and Steve Lawton. Advisers to the committee included J.C. Riza, Robert M. "Bob" Wilson, R.L. Atnip, Bill Fry, Wade Graves, Ralph Courtney Jr., and Mark Clayton. This group interviewed most of the past Chiefs and Advisers of the lodge. Others who contributed to this effort were Wesley Milner, Fred A. Ryle, and Mrs. Robert M. (Edna) Wilson. Without the love of history provided by Mr. Youngblood, much of this chapter of the history of Mikanakawa Lodge would have been lost to time. This chapter is dedicated to the memory of Mr. Youngblood. Special thanks to Ralph Courtney Jr. for finding the original 1985 manuscript & photos and to Greg Rostyne for some of the photos of lodge memorabilia.

Dr. Wade T. Graves, 2014

A New Beginning

On September 8, 1949 the first meeting of the new lodge 56 was held. Eleven charter members were inducted by members of Checote Lodge #154 of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. The first lodge officers were Bobby Brooks, Lodge Chief; Don Deck, Secretary; Harold Waldrum, Treasurer. Adult charter members were Council Vice President Jack Hammock and Council Commissioner Rea A. Nunnallee of Van Alstyne. Other charter youth members were Eddie Wilson, J. Frank Chase, Phillip Deck, Ted Vestal (all of Sherman), Charles Elliott (Van Alstyne), and Billy Wainwright (Denison). Supreme Chief of the Fire was Scout Executive Chancey Coarse.



First Lodge Officers of Okiciyapi Lodge #56

L to R Harold Waldrum, Bobby Brooks, Don Deck

Photo courtesy of Frank T. Hilton, 1984

The name selected for this newly reformed lodge was “Okiciyapi” and the totem selected was the “Thunderbird”. The lodge name was taken from the Lakota language and is loosely translated as “helping each other”. Billy Wainwright brought a patch design to the meeting that his older brother Bobby had given to him. The patch was originally designed for the now defunct Texoma Lodge 209 (totem of Thunderbird) and included a blue border with white background, a thunderbird, WWW, an arrow, and the words Texoma Lodge 209 and Red River Valley Council. This design was quickly re-designed with the words Okiciyapi Lodge 56 and Sherman Area Council. The design was filed until the lodge could earn enough money to purchase the first loom run of patches.

The new lodge got off to a great start in 1949 due to a trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in July of that year. During this trip, 24 young men from several councils got to know each other and spent some quality time together. Among those making the trip to Philmont were all of the original youth members of Okiciyapi Lodge and Frank T. Hilton. (Thirty-two years later Frank would serve as Section Staff Adviser to South Central Section IV and would help guide many members of Okiciyapi and Mikanakawa Lodges through several successful Conclave events from 1983-1989.)

The lodge continued its service in 1950 by holding yearly work projects at Camp Grayson and the Five Mile Cabin property to keep the facilities in good repair and to prepare for summer camping programs. Another huge accomplishment was the formation of a dance team that gave several performances at the 1950 Scout Exposition on the Grayson County Courthouse Square and at the Fall Join Scouting Rally. All youth members of the lodge served on Summer Camp staff and the lodge doubled in size with 11 additional members inducted. Lodge Elections were held in the fall and Harold Waldrum became Chief. Bobby Brooks took over the newly formed Dance team and led a group to Okmulgee, Oklahoma to learn how to build feathers.

During 1951 and 1952 the lodge continued to grow despite several older lodge members (and quite a few dance team members) being drafted or volunteering for military service during the Korean War. There was finally enough money saved to purchase a "loom run" of lodge flaps in early 1951 and they were distributed at the monthly lodge meeting with a total cost to members of 15 cents each. Lodge members who were currently serving in the Armed Forces were able to purchase a flap and the flaps were delivered to their families. The flap was restricted to one per person with no opportunity to purchase another one.

The lodge continued its service during Summer Camp with many members running the Archery range, Rifle Range, and Waterfront activities. One of the biggest highlights of the 1951 induction included famous Western actor Roy Rogers. Roy was living in Denison at the time and serving as spokesman for the Yellow Jacket Boat Company in Denison. The company allowed the Scouts to borrow one of their wooden power boats as a rescue boat to go get any canoes or row boats that were blown off course. It also was used to ward off other boaters for the mile swim. With the varying lake levels it was also determined that the camp needed a permanent swim dock and the lodge was tasked with its construction. Pilings were obtained and sunk ten feet into the lakebed and then a deck was built on top of the pilings. This dock was augmented in 1953 with some floating components that formed a T when married to the permanent dock.

There was a lot of construction taking place at Camp Grayson during 1952-55 and the lodge was the primary muscle for much of it. Trails were cut, campsites cleared, and additional infrastructure added. The ashes for the ash ceremony were moved from where they were deposited in 1949 and moved to a

more permanent location next to the new council ring. A retired wooden mail car was obtained from the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas (Katy) Railroad and moved close to the council ring for use by the lodge during camp. Additionally, a permanent ceremony site was established on the West end of camp. (Author's note – in 2014 this site is still in use as the "Brotherhood Ring"). The camp chapel was built during two events in 1954 after some funds were raised to offset the cost of the concrete. The rocks for the chapel were obtained from the North slope of the camp and were placed in the shape of a cross and concreted into place at the end of the weekend.

In addition to their service work during the mid-1950's, the lodge was very active in support of the "Pageant of Fire" in Bearcat Stadium in Sherman. Lodge dance team performances picked as community members heard and saw the performances for the first time. Lodge Advisor Jack Hammock was instrumental in building feathers for various dance and ceremony outfits. To increase exposure, the lodge dance team drove to Anadarko Oklahoma to the huge pow wow. Lodge members spent a week learning various dances and how to make various articles of Native American clothing. At the end of the week-long event, the dancers were given the Black Snake Dance to perform as they saw fit. The first performance of this dance occurred at the Section Conclave at the University of Oklahoma the very next day. This dance continued to be a favorite of the lodge until the late 1970s.

Dan Bray, lodge chief from 1956, recalled many dance and ceremony performances during his year as chief. The popularity of the Black Snake Dance made the lodge dance team extremely popular and "kept us out of trouble, too". Among the performances that year were the 1956 Sherman Area Council Scout Circus, the Sherman and Van Alstyne Rotary clubs, and winning 3rd place at Section Conclave. Dancing and ceremonies weren't all the lodge did that year – Lodge Chief Dan Bray, Vice Chief Jimmy Bilger, and Publicity Chairman Warren Curtis attended the Report to the Governor in Austin, Texas and met Governor Allen Shivers. Governor Shivers presented a proclamation to Lodge Chief Bray that recognized the efforts of the lodge in promoting Boy Scouts in general and Indian Lore in particular during this event.

The mid-1950s also saw some advances in the lodge's ceremonies. A Brotherhood Callout ceremony was found and reintroduced to the lodge during this time. The origin of this ceremony was unclear to the members during this time but later research determined it probably came from Mikanakawa Lodge via former Texoma Lodge 209 members who had moved to Troop 42 in Whitewright and became active in Okiciyapi Lodge. The lodge also continued its literal interpretation of the Brotherhood ceremony and many young men became "blood brothers" during this time.

A highlight of 1957 was the selection of five young men and three adults to become Vigil Honor members during the October Fall Fellowship. This first Vigil class was inducted with help from Vigil Honor members from Mikanakawa Lodge with Phil Paul, Robert Clark, and Frank Knickerbocker playing

significant roles during the ceremony. The lodge did not conduct another Vigil Honor ceremony until 1959 and during that ceremony it inducted long-time lodge advisor O.J. “Jack” Hammock.

The year 1959 also marked other milestones for the lodge. Lodge Chief Kent Rice was the first Arrowman from Okiciyapi Lodge to be elected Section Chief. He would be the first of many young men to hold that office. The other major milestone was the issuance of the second lodge flap (since the lodge had run out of the originals) and to celebrate the fact that the lodge was 10 years old. This flap was also restricted to one per person although in later years an amendment was passed to allow members to purchase one additional flap for trading or for wear on a second uniform. Only current, active members of the lodge were allowed to wear the lodge flap on their uniforms. Those wearing the flap had the option of removing their flaps or paying their dues if dues were delinquent.

The lodge also undertook a huge service project to help the council by providing manpower for the movement of the Council Headquarters from the Sherman Municipal Building to a former day school building at the corner of Lamar Street and the newly completed US Highway 75. The building was purchased by the Council, moved to City land at the corner of US 75 and Lamar Street in Sherman, and extensively renovated.



Google Maps Picture of Scout Office circa 2010

This new facility had a meeting room that the Order of the Arrow could use for its monthly Executive Board meetings and the land next to the building was also used for dance team practices. Dance team practices continued at 202 S. Sam Rayburn Freeway until 1969 when, after 17 accidents occurred on either US 75 or Lamar Street during dance team practices, the Sherman Police Department asked the lodge to please stop holding practices with campfires next to a major thoroughfare. The building continued to be used by the Texoma Valley Council and Circle Ten Council until 2011 when it was decided to abandon the building before it was swallowed by the creek in the next flood.

Growth in the 1960s

Okiciyapi was indeed growing and maturing as the decade of the 1960s dawned. It had grown from 11 charter members to over 150 registered, active members. It had inducted 12 members into the Vigil Honor and had a Lodge Chief elected to Section Office. Its service to Camp Grayson and the Five Mile Cabin property continued to expand with this new decade. The lodge embarked on an ambitious expansion of the Council Ring, built a fireplace for the dining hall, and erected two oil derrick replicas that were left over from the 1960 National Scout Jamboree Gateway at the entrance to the Five Mile Cabin property.

The Council Ring expansion included a carved totem pole courtesy of lodge member Buddy Bond. The only thing the lodge had not done was host a Section Conclave. So, with the help of the United States Air Force, a Section Conclave for Area IX-E was held in 1961 at Perrin Air Force Base. More than 500 Arrowmen attended this event, camped in tents near the north end of the flight line, and enjoyed meals in the Airman's mess hall. Okiciyapi Lodge members cast ballots in support of the Area (Section) Chief candidate from Mikanakawa Lodge and also voted for Mikanakawa Lodge hosting the next Area IX-E meeting at Camp Texoma in 1962 during this event.

By 1960 the lodge had grown to more than 250 members and event attendance had increased substantially. The lodge banquet was a particularly well-attended event and very few places could be found to hold it. Fortunately the Grayson Hotel banquet hall was large enough and so the lodge moved its banquet to that location. In 1961 the banquet speaker was Congressman Ray Roberts who, among other things, told about his induction into the Order of the Arrow by the Texoma Lodge at the urging of his boss at the time, Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn.

Increased membership growth, a successful Conclave hosting event, and the election of Kent Rice as Section Chief opened many new avenues to the Arrowmen of the lodge. With this new knowledge of opportunities outside the local council, six young men accompanied Lodge Adviser R. L. Atnip to the National Order of the Arrow Conference at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Illinois.

Three of the six young men who attended this conference would serve the lodge as Lodge Chief. All of the six served for many years in various lodge officer positions.

It was during this event that the lodge members discovered that the literal interpretation of the Brotherhood ceremony was not only off-base but also possibly deadly as well (due to what we now call Blood-borne Pathogens).

Patch trading also caught the attention of the young men in attendance but, unfortunately, they did not have any lodge patches or neckerchiefs to trade since both were restricted items. Future Lodge Chief Craig Reavis, along with David Watson and Johnny Matthews, set to work creating a new lodge flap during this event. Lodge Adviser R. L. Atnip attended a meeting with one of the youth members that discussed lodge rules and how to write them.

Contingent members also learned that Vigil Honor membership could be bestowed annually if some were deemed to be deserving. The contingent met during the evening to share what they had learned at the various training sessions and made plans to share their new knowledge with the rest of the lodge upon their return. Lodge members also showcased the Black Snake Dance during the dance competition at this National Conference but lost to a lodge from North Carolina who performed a quail dance.

A strong friendship was also formed between the Okiciyapi Lodge contingent and the contingent from Mikanakawa Lodge at this event. One of the highlights of this new friendship was when four members of Mikanakawa's contingent performed a couple of Beatles numbers during a talent night event. Okiciyapi and Mikanakawa members formed a bond that would lead to many young men from each lodge being elected to Area (and later Section) officer positions.

The lodge's long service to Cub Scout Camping began in 1962 with Arrowmen providing the staff for Cub Scout Day camp at the Five Mile Cabin property during the summer. Cub Scouts attending enjoyed archery, BB guns, nature hikes, climbing the 20-foot signaling tower built with Boy Scout Pioneering skills, tracking problems, and story time in front of the old Scout cabin. Arrowmen also provided more than 1,000 man-hours of service at Camp Grayson by building a 19-station nature trail, laying water lines to the latrines in the new Apache, Cochise, and Lone Eagle campsites, 100 and providing maintenance work on the dining hall fireplace that had been damaged in a spring storm.

100 As of 2014, those same latrines are still in use at Camp James Ray

The election of Craig Reavis and the other young men who attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 1963 led to some major changes in Okiciyapi Lodge's structure and patches. The red bordered lodge flap that was issued in 1959 was enlarged to fit the entire pocket of the Boy Scout uniform while retaining a similar overall appearance and color scheme. The flap was now restricted to one per event per person to encourage event attendance. There were eight lodge events per year so there was plenty of opportunity for lodge members to obtain flaps to trade. Lodge neckerchiefs were still restricted to one per member. The first lodge operating rules were published during this time and featured the new lodge flap design on the cover and a line drawing of the neckerchief design in the appendix.

Ceremonies continued to play an important part of the lodge's service during this time period. There were now three opportunities to become a Brotherhood member of the lodge – at the early Spring Camp Grayson Service Day¹⁰¹, at the Summer Ordeal after Summer Camp, and at the Fall Fellowship. There was some controversy about the use of a substitute for the literal interpretation of the Brotherhood Ceremony until some local physicians were consulted. After Doctors Essin and Blassingame confirmed the information from the National OA Conference, a substitute substance was used.¹⁰²

Vigil Honor ceremonies became an almost yearly occurrence in 1963 and by 1968 had become a yearly occurrence. The Ash Ceremony continued as a traditional opening campfire ceremony and, with the increase in the number of weeks of Summer Camp from one to two, much debate about how long the ashes would last with TWO Ash Ceremonies a year was a hot topic among lodge members. Tap Out ceremonies were held each year as more and more units elected members. A second "make up Ordeal" was added to the lodge calendar in August 1965 to help with this increase of members.

The Ordeal was also moved off of the Friday of the week of summer camp in 1966 by Lodge Chief Don Wendell at the request of the Scout Executive. Lodge Ordeals were now held the weekend after the second week of camp and in August for those who could not attend the earlier event. The call out was moved from its traditional Thursday evening at camp to the Friday night Parents Night Court of Honor campfire and served as the grand finale of the campfire event. The four winds campfire lighting ceremony was introduced in 1963 and had become a staple of this campfire Court of Honor the next summer. The Friday Night Parents Night Campfire Court of Honor was quite a showcase for the lodge and its ceremony and dance teams. Troops and parents would gather on Friday evening after supper, the lodge chief would preside over the opening of the Court of Honor and then turn the event over to the

¹⁰¹ This annual event started in 1962 and continues to this day as the annual "Beaver Day" at Camp James Ray

¹⁰² Dr. Doak Blassingame (of Denison) surprised the Okiciyapi Lodge membership when he revealed he had become a member of "Lodge 56" in 1933 during this conversation about the Brotherhood ceremony. This was the first any of the current officers knew about the lodge being that old.

Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster of each troop attending camp that week. All Merit Badges and other awards earned during the week at camp were presented to each young man in each troop so everyone could see the fruits of the Scouts labor.¹⁰³

After the Court of Honor concluded, the OA Program would begin. The Four Winds Fire Lighting Ceremony would start the ceremony. Then the Dance Team would perform various dances including the Black Snake and Hoop dances. Then the tap out would occur and the campfire would close with Scout Vespers after the tap out was over. The candidates were taken to a part of the camp until after the Council Ring was cleared of guests. After the ring was clear, the candidates would be brought back into the ring and the greenery from their cedar branches would be put into the fire. Candidates were instructed to keep the trunk of the cedar branch and bring it with them to their Ordeal. This was only a slight departure from previous years when the call out would occur on Thursday evenings, the candidates would complete their Ordeal Thursday night and Friday and show up with their new Ordeal Sashes in time for the Court of Honor campfire.

The lodge's service to the council included camp promotion and unit election visits to units throughout the council as well as many dance team performances for various Cub Scout packs and civic organizations. The dance team also traveled to Austin and performed at the Report to the Governor in both 1968 and 1969.

In the spring of 1968, the lodge hosted the Area 9-E Conclave at Camp Grayson and did quite well – earning awards for the best dance team, marksmanship, and rowing competitions. Some claimed the lodge had the home field advantage for these events because the dancers knew where the pot holes were in the council ring, the marksmen knew which rifles were the most accurate, and the rowers knew which boats had the best oar locks.¹⁰⁴ However, this was never proven to be true and the lodge's first-place wins in dancing (both team and individual), rowing, and marksmanship at the Area 9-E Conclave in Texarkana in 1969 silenced most of the accusations.

The 1970s – a decade of challenges

¹⁰³ This Court of Honor tradition continued until 1984 when merit badge costs could no longer be absorbed as a part of the summer camp fee by the Texoma Valley Council.

¹⁰⁴ The author will note that the lodge had a long-standing tradition of providing the majority of the summer camp staff for most of its 45-year history (lowest percentage was 80percent of camp staff were Arrowmen occurred in 1991 but most of the time it was 90percent or higher) so this allegation might have had some merit if they hadn't repeated the wins the next year.

As the new decade opened the lodge was riding a new wave of membership – having passed the 300-member mark at the end of 1969. With this new membership came additional skill sets – especially in the area of audio visual production. Lodge Chief Steve Melton and Lodge Adviser George Moore approached a new adult Arrowmen who happened to work at the Radio and Television broadcasting program at Grayson County College to help the lodge develop a camp promotion video. The result was a 12-minute 8mm film that was used for camp promotion visits at the various troops in the Council. This film also won first place at the Section Conclave and was showcased at a United Fund 105 board meeting. Fortunately, one of the members of the United Fund board happened to also be the commanding officer of Perrin Air Force Base and his help would be instrumental in helping Camp Grayson recover from a tragic act of Mother Nature.

Summer camp and inductions went quite well in 1970 and the lodge was looking forward to a great Fall Fellowship at Camp Grayson. Unfortunately a cloud arose that almost kept the fellowship from happening. During the Labor Day holiday a severe thunderstorm produced a lightning bolt that hit the electric pole outside the dining hall. The majority of the bolt went into the ground but enough of it went into the wooden dining hall to cause a fire.

The dining hall, and most of the lodge's and the camp's early history, went up in flames with the dining hall. Also incinerated in the fire were most of the footage for additional camping promotion movies – the lodge officers were planning to screen the raw footage to the members during the Fall Fellowship as a part of the evening meal. However, the lodge members stepped up and turned the Fall Fellowship into a work weekend to help clear the area and to salvage what could be salvaged. Various troops brought their chuck boxes and outdoor dining under dining flies was the order of the weekend. This did not keep the lodge from conducting its Brotherhood ceremony and Vigil Honor Call out Ceremony during the weekend.

After the Fall Fellowship ended, the base commander of Perrin Air Force Base heard about the dining hall burning down and contacted some friends of his in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for assistance with the necessary approvals. He also contacted an architect in Kansas who agreed to develop a building plan. With this timely assistance, plans were soon made and money raised for a new dining hall to be built and ready for summer camp 1971. The Corps of Engineers quickly approved the plans for the new structure and the lodge membership stepped up to build various parts of the structure. Many businesses helped the council obtain the required materials at cost and many local union members pitched in and volunteered

their time to assist with the construction. The dining hall was re-built in the spring of 1971 over several weeks and only cost the council the materials required for construction.¹⁰⁶

Other major events in 1971 included a re-working of the lodge bylaws, introduction of a new patch design, and a former lodge chief being appointed to the position of lodge adviser. The patch was restricted in the lodge bylaws to “one per activity” and was the first fully embroidered patch ever issued by the lodge. It was an immediate hit with all lodge members and a very coveted item at patch trading venues such as the Section Conclave and the National Order of the Arrow Conference. A subsequent amendment to the Lodge By-Laws allowed members attending National or World Jamborees, Conclaves, and NOAC to purchase five patches for trading purposes.

After three years as Scoutmaster of Troop 36 in Sherman, Jerry Dollison, Lodge Chief in 1960 and 1961, was asked to serve as Lodge Adviser. He was the first of three former Lodge Chiefs to hold that position in Okiciyapi Lodge. Jerry served as adviser from 1971-1973 and was instrumental in continuing the strong traditions of Section and National participation as well as helping another generation learn the Black Snake dance, hoop dance, and perpetuating the various ceremonies of the lodge.

The early 1970s was also a time of serious focus on camping promotions and camp service. From 1970 through 1975 all lodge officers served in various positions on the Camp Grayson staff and all program staff positions were filled by Arrowmen from the lodge. Additionally, Cub Scout Day Camp was staffed by members of the lodge and the dance team actively promoted attendance at both camps during performances before any Scout group. Every troop in Texoma Valley Council attended Summer Camp at Camp Grayson from 1971-1975 and Cub Scout Day Camp attendance increased from 40 boys in 1971 to 269 boys in 1975. For these outstanding Camping Promotion efforts, the Order of the Arrow recognized Okiciyapi Lodge #56 with the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award in 1973.

Fresh from this National OA recognition, Okiciyapi was a force to be reckoned with at the 1974 Section II-A Conclave at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Mike Freisen was elected Section Vice Chief, the lodge won the bid to host the 1975 Section II-A Conclave at Austin College, the lodge supported Mikanakawa Lodge Chief Paul Newton in his successful bid for Section Chief, and lodge members placed in every category in dance and ceremonies.

¹⁰⁶ This structure is still in use in 2014 at Camp James Ray and is called the Charles K. Pool Memorial Activity building. If you look at the original section of the building, you'll notice it is made almost entirely of concrete blocks and steel beams. There is also a concrete block store room where all the electrical panels reside. The store room has a concrete ceiling and steel doors on both entrances. The electrical fire of 2006 proved the need for construction of this nature.

The popularity of the lodge annual banquet was such that the banquet room and almost all other tables at the Underwood's Barbeque restaurant in Sherman was booked for a Saturday evening in December 1974. Guest speaker for the evening was Mikanakawa Lodge Adviser Asa Leger who spoke about the importance of maintaining the Customs and Traditions of the Order of the Arrow. Section II-A Chief and Mikanakawa Lodge Chief¹⁰⁷ Paul Newton also attended the banquet and he commended members of the lodge for their work and offered the help of Mikanakawa Lodge in any way needed for a successful Section Conclave in 1975.



1975 Conclave Patch

The 1975 Conclave was a huge success for Okiciyapi Lodge although a satirical article in the Mikanakawa Lodge newsletter claimed otherwise. However, due to a scheduling conflict with the Council Philmont trek, only 41 youth members of the lodge were able to attend. These 41 youth and the 35 adults who advised them worked extremely hard to make sure the 471 Arrowmen who attended the event had an enjoyable experience. Because of their host lodge service, lodge members did not compete in the activities at this event. Mikanakawa Lodge provided financial assistance for this event due to a shortage of funds in the Okiciyapi Lodge treasury brought about because of a duplicate “loom run” order of lodge flaps. Lodge members were allowed to purchase, one time only, “up to ten lodge flaps” for this conclave.

¹⁰⁷ Until 1986 a Section Chief was not required to step down from any other position in his lodge or chapter and could hold dual leadership roles in the Order.

Unfortunately, none were able to take part in patch trading events during the conclave. The bond between the Mikanakawa and Okiciyapi lodges can best be summarized by Mark Stoddard and Eric Stoddard. Mark was a member of Okiciyapi and Eric was a member of Mikanakawa lodge. Both brothers were instrumental in making the conclave a successful event.

In April of 1976 a new challenge faced the lodge. Four months into his term Lodge Chief Johnny Shoemaker was involved in a horrible car accident following an OA event and he suffered extreme injuries. Vice Chief Scott Osterhout took over as Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser Myron Shoemaker continued in his role and kept lodge members updated on Johnny's slow recovery. He was aided by Associate Lodge Advisers Roger Osterhout and Robert M. Wilson as well as Staff Adviser Bill Fry. Bill Fry was also a Baptist Minister and spent many hours with the Shoemaker family. A direct result of this tragedy was the decision to hold over all lodge members until early Sunday morning at all events. A 6 a.m. breakfast snack would be served each Sunday morning and then members could depart for home and church.



1976 Tri-Lodge Conclave Patch

Friends of Johnny from Mikanakawa and Nishkin Halupa A Pe Lachi lodges visited Johnny often and took him a special patch from the 1976 Tri-Lodge Conclave held at Camp Texoma. This event was a dress rehearsal for the Section II-A Conclave at Camp Texoma in 1977 and also marked a brief period of

cooperation between Mikanakawa and Okiciyapi Lodges and their arch rivals from Nishkin in Fort Worth.

The conclave at Camp Texoma was a huge success with Okiciyapi members supporting candidates from Mikanakawa for lodge office, meeting Mikanakawa members from Denison and Durant, and winning several awards in dance, ceremonies, and other competitions. Something occurred with some of the Camp Texoma row boats so members of Okiciyapi went down the road and pulled six6 boats from Camp Grayson to be used during the day of the Conclave.

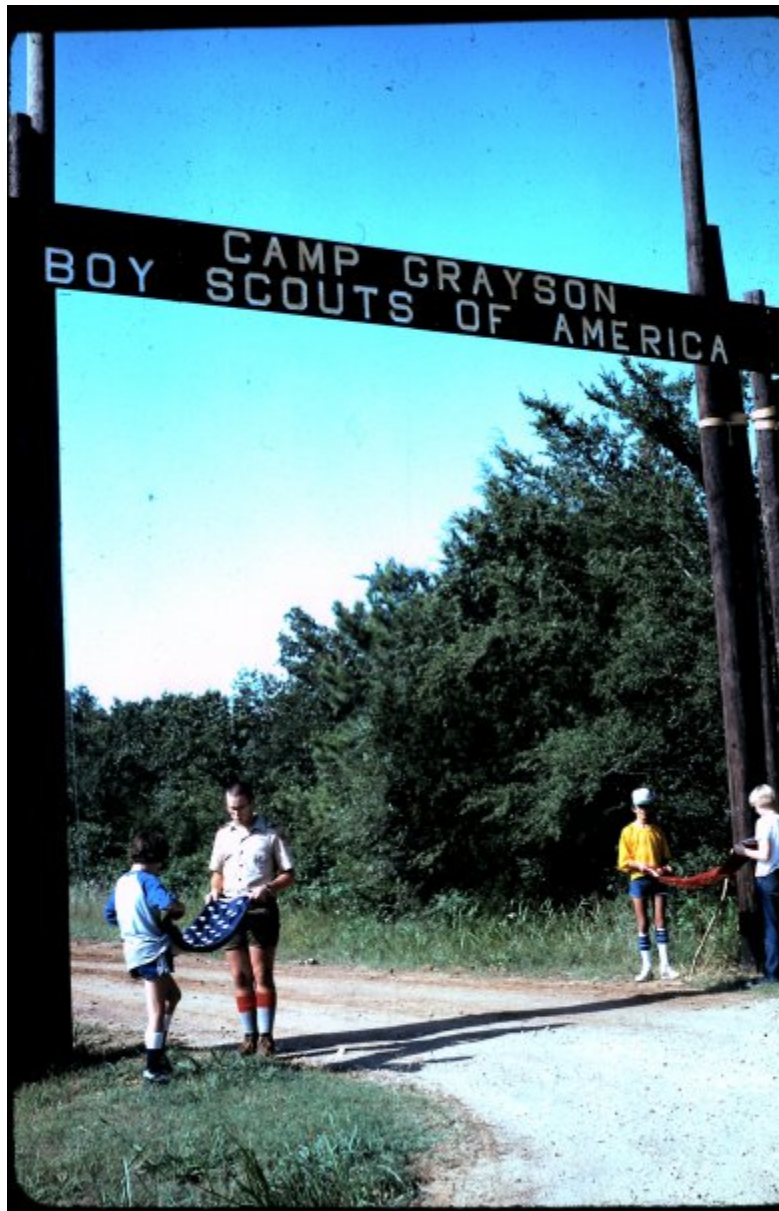
Some strange things happened in 1978 (discussed in the secession and merger section of this book) that led to the unexpected closing of Camp Texoma, the secession of Denison and Bryan County Oklahoma from Circle Ten Council and the expansion of the Texoma Valley Council as a result. Okiciyapi Lodge membership increased to 381 members on January 1, 1979 with the transfer of the 79 active Mikanakawa Lodge members from the former District 22 of Circle Ten Council to Districts 2 and 3 of Texoma Valley Council.

The 1980s – a new era of growth

With the increase of membership in 1979, the lodge celebrated its 30th year and looked forward to many more years of service in the new decade. One of the first major projects of the year was building a new set of regalia for the ceremonies team and purchasing a new tee pee for the lodge to use during summer camp. Another major project was construction of a new entrance to Camp Grayson. New Arrowmen also assisted with summer camp as the camp staff was increased to accommodate the additional units camping at Camp Grayson. New benches for the Council ring were built and the council ring was expanded during the Summer Ordeal of 1980.



Old Camp Entrances



New Camp Entrances

The new muscle provided by the additional membership led to a great showing at both the 1980 Section II-A Conclave at Camp Simpson and the 1981 Conclave at Camp Dierks. The lodge's dancers won numerous awards in 1980 and Okiciyapi's sweep of many of the events in 1981 helped the lodge earn the #1 Lodge award. Members were certainly active under the leadership of Lodge Chief Wade Riza in 1980 and 1981 and the camp promotion teams certainly were no exception. In fact, the camp promotion teams were so successful that the Texoma Valley Council was able to send a full troop contingent to the 1981 National Scout Jamboree at Ft. A. P. Hill, Virginia.

This was the first full troop from the council since 1969. Additionally, four lodge members led by Chief Riza served on the OA Service Corps at the Jamboree. Lodge members had no time to rest after returning from the Jamboree because many were bound for the National OA Conference in Austin, Texas. In fact,

the contingent left the same day the Jamboree troop returned! At NOAC 1981 the lodge members were privileged to meet Co-founder Col. Carrol A. Edson during the event.



Col. Edson

Camping promotion, camp staff, day camp, and service were very important during the early and mid-1980s. The lodge extended its high adventure promotions from Jamboree to Philmont and this resulted in 48 youth and adults going to Philmont in 1982 – the largest contingent ever from Texoma Valley Council. Additionally, the council once again enjoyed 100 percent of its units attending Boy Scout Summer Camp and, for the first time a huge 85 percent of all registered Cub Scouts attending Cub Scout Day Camps in Durant, Denison, Sherman, and Van Alstyne during the Summer months of 1982 with a repeat in 1983. As a result of these efforts, the lodge received its second E. Urner Goodman Camping Award in 1983.

Unfortunately, these camp promotion efforts had an unwelcome side effect in 1981 and again in 1982. During both years some accounting errors made the lodge think it had more money than it actually did and, as a result, the lodge wound up owing the council money. The custodial account was in the red and the lodge was being carried by the council. This in turn, led to some financial crunches for the council. So, in addition to the camp service projects, camp promotion visits, and dance/ceremony performances, lodge members also worked to raise money to pay off the debt.

The lodge was fortunate to be allowed to run the concession stands at the Sherman 4th of July fireworks show and made enough money from concessions to not only pay off the \$1,100 debt but had enough to purchase additional ceremony equipment with one quarter of the additional funds available. To make sure the custodial account never dipped below \$1,000 again, the lodge executive board made a decision to never go below \$1,000 in the lodge custodial account and to add \$1 per event to save enough to raise this to \$2,000 by 1985. The lodge actually made it to the \$2,000 level by 1983.

Additional funds were raised by the dance team by entering floats in the Sherman and Denison Christmas Parades in 1982 and 1983. In 1982 the lodge float won first place in Denison (\$150) and Second Place in Sherman (\$100). The next year the float won 3rd place in Denison (\$50) and 1st place in Sherman (\$150).

Inductions during this period benefitted from a change in the OA Rules that allowed for more persons to be elected by a unit. Although the quota table was still in place the number of boys for whom votes could be made was changed to reflect one half of those eligible for election. This had an immediate impact in 1982 and the lodge elected and inducted 64 new members that year. For the first time, a 13-year-old First Class Scout was elected for membership. This young man, Danny Faught, would serve as Lodge Chief in 1987. Danny was quick to point out that he stuck with the OA because the lodge implemented the Elangomat program and used it during his Ordeal for the first time. Handwritten Elangomat notes made it very plain "The Elangomat is a Friend to All Candidates. NO HAZING PERMITTED!!!" The success of the Elangomat program helped the lodge grow to almost 400 members by 1984.

Okiciyapi was also a force to be reckoned with at Conclave and in the Section. Continuing the lodge's tradition of providing leadership to the Section, Wade Graves and T.J. Wasden served as Section Chief while Bill Clark and Scott Moore from Mikanakawa Lodge served as Section Vice Chief during their terms. Wade served as Section Chief in 1983, 1984, and 1985. T. J. served as Section Chief in 1987. As in the previous decades, the bond between the lodges was strong and many lasting friendships were formed.

These friendships led to the idea of once again holding joint events. The first of these was a Spring Fellowship and Brotherhood between Okiciyapi and Loquanne Allangwh (Paris) lodge. This quickly followed with Lodge Chief Mike Richey leading a three-lodge event in 1984 entitled Miki Ciyapi Allangwh 585 at Camp Grayson. The 585 was obtained by adding the lodge numbers together . . . $101 + 56 + 428 = 585$. Once again, borrowing from the success of the 1976 Tri-Lodge Conclave at Camp Texoma, this event served as a dress rehearsal for the 1985 Section IV Conclave at Camp Grayson.

The lodge's presence was also felt on the National level during this time. In addition to qualifying for the new National Honor Lodge designation in 1982 – 1988, large contingents attended National Leadership Seminars, National OA Conferences, and Philmont Treks throughout the decade. In 1983 the lodge's newsletter The Thunderbird won 1st place over all other newsletters at NOAC. In a repeat of their success in 1981, the 1985 National Scout Jamboree troop from the council was filled in record time with planning starting in January 1983 and registrations filled by August 1983.

A waiting list was maintained and ultimately one additional patrol was sent to the Jamboree with the Arbuckle Area Council in Ardmore. Eight lodge members served on the OA Service Corps at the 1985 Jamboree and many got home from the Jamboree, re-packed, and went to Philmont for the first ever National OA Philmont Trek. The lodge's contingent was 24 – 16 boys and 8 adults. Many of the boys attending would later serve as lodge chief or in other officer positions and three of these young men were featured on the front page of the National Order of the Arrow Bulletin. Wade Graves served as a member of the Philmont Trek staff. Six youth and two adults served on the NOAC staff in 1986 and four youth and two adults served again in 1988. Lodge contingents to both of these NOACs exceeded the original quotas with 38 attending in 1986 and 42 in 1988.



L. to R. John Lindsey, Todd Renfro, and Mike Dill of Okiciyapi Lodge 56 ponder the purpose of the order.

3 Arrowmen from National Bulletin

Brotherhood conversions reached an all-time high of 97 percent with the addition of a Brotherhood ceremony at the 1985 National Scout Jamboree. Eight Arrowmen sealed their membership and three others, who missed their call out at Camp Grayson due to a paperwork error, were called out immediately before the ceremony. These ceremonies occurred the day after Hurricane Bob struck the Jamboree so there wasn't any worry about open fires. In fact, it was difficult to get the small fire started because of all the saturated wood and standing water in the ceremony area. The induction idea was repeated at the 1989 Jamboree with 7 Arrowmen sealing their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members.

Conditions in 1989 were much dryer and although some rain occurred during the Jamboree, fires were to be kept to a minimum and the Army was running fire patrols periodically to assure compliance with the BSA Outdoor Code. The Brotherhood went on as planned with another small fire in a well-cleared area in the woods near the sub-camp. However, just as the ceremony was starting, four Military Police personnel drove up on the event, asked what was happening, were told what was happening, and then stayed to watch the ceremony. Of the four MPs, one was a former lodge officer from Mississippi and a Vigil Honor member. Two others were Brotherhood members – one from California and one from Oregon. The fourth was an Ordeal member from Mississippi who was in the same lodge as the Vigil member. He wound up paying his \$5 fee and became the 8th Brotherhood member inducted that evening.

The decade was full of triumphs and tragedies as well. One of the first triumphs was the return of former lodge chief Johnny Shoemaker to Camp Grayson in 1982. Johnny came to Summer Camp to watch his younger brother Scotty dance the last Black Snake Dance performed by the dance team¹⁰⁸. Johnny was in a wheelchair and needed assistance to navigate the trail from the dining hall to the council ring but it was certainly an inspiration to see him in camp.

¹⁰⁸ The lodge received word immediately after Summer Camp that the use of live animals in ceremonial dances was prohibited by BSA National Policy.

Another triumph occurred outside of Scouting – Arrowman Thomas Hooker saved a young man from drowning at Lake Texoma’s Burns Run area by using skills he learned during his BSA Lifeguard training at Camp Grayson. For his heroism, Thomas was presented the Honor Medal for Lifesaving by the National Court of Honor during a special ceremony later that year.

Tragedies occurred in quick succession – the lodge lost one of its founding members Rea A. Nunnallee right after Summer Camp in 1984¹⁰⁹; Vigil Adviser and Camp Commissioner Robert M. “Bob” Wilson in late 1985; Staff Adviser William “Bill” Fry in early 1986 and Council Camping Chairman Charles K. “Chuck” Pool in late 1986. The loss of so many pillars of the lodge in quick succession was demoralizing for a time but lodge members stepped up and carried on as they were expected to do. At the insistence of the youth of the Lodge, the Texoma Valley Council Camping Committee honored these gentlemen were by naming the Camp Grayson Chapel after Mr. Nunnallee; the OA Building after Mr. Wilson; the new Welcome Center after Mr. Fry; and the Dining Hall after Mr. Pool.¹¹⁰ Additionally, funds were set aside for a campership in memory of Mr. Wilson to help send boys to Camp Grayson for “either Boy Scout Summer Camp or the Webelos Camp, if it continues”.

In early 1985 the Texoma Valley Council was one of twelve councils in the nation¹¹¹ who were chosen to take part in the “Webelos Camp Experiment”. Testing the idea of Webelos camping out during a camp experience was to be evaluated. Okiciyapi members were at first lukewarm to the idea but quickly realized the opportunity for a much-coveted third week of camp would be possible if this idea worked.

So boys were bussed from Denison’s Eisenhower District to Camp Grayson daily for Cub Scout Day Camp. Webelos and their leaders came out by bus for the first three days (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) and came back on Thursday but stayed over in camp with the staff. The envy of the younger Cub Scouts was obvious on Thursday afternoon as the Webelos and Camp Staff waved goodbye to the busses. Special activities were done after dinner and games were played.

A special Webelos only campfire and dance team performance highlighted the evening. The next morning the Webelos and Camp Staff again met the busses arrived for the last day of Cub Scout Day Camp. A special ceremony was held at the end of that day where special 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee patches were presented to the Cub Scouts. As a welcome surprise, all 25 staff members were presented a special Diamond Jubilee Staff patch by Lodge Staff Adviser Bill Fry, assistant Staff Adviser Byron von Rosenberg, Council Camping Chairman Charles K. “Chuck” Pool, and Scout Executive Leroy

¹⁰⁹ Several lodge members from the honor guard had a gentleman stop after the service, shake everyone’s hand, and thank them for the special honor given to Mr. Nunnallee by having so many Arrowmen and Scouts present. The gentleman’s name was James Ray. He would be reintroduced to the Arrowmen of Okiciyapi (Chapter of Mikanakawa Lodge) in 2000 when Camp Grayson was renamed in his honor.

¹¹⁰ As of 2014 all of these structures are still in use at Beautiful Camp James Ray. The old dining hall is now the Charles K. Pool Activity Building.

¹¹¹ Two per BSA Region. At the time, Texoma Valley was the smallest council in the South Central Region. Capitol Area Council was the other Council chosen to participate.

Mayne. Mr. Mayne gave a short speech congratulating the Arrowmen and told each of them to hold onto those official lodge issues because there were only 25 made. He said he hoped the council would be chosen to do the camp again the following year and Mr. Pool agreed saying "I think we need to do it again regardless".

The Webelos Camp was a success and the Texoma Valley Council was given permission to conduct the Webelos Camp again in 1986 as part of an expanded experiment. This time the camp was used for a council-wide Cub Scout Day Camp with boys being bussed in from Durant, Denison, Sherman, Van Alstyne, Whitewright/Bells, and Whitesboro/Collinsville. The same pattern was followed as in the previous year except the Webelos stayed both Wednesday and Thursday nights. The closing campfire saw a new tradition started. Since Camp Grayson was moved from the old camp along the banks of the Red River to its current location each new Boy Scout Camper was given an ash from the group of ashes removed from the last campfire of the old Camp Grayson and transported to the new location. Camp Chief Danny Faught and Lodge Chief Randy Sullivan thought the Webelos needed a ceremony of their own so he and other members of the ceremony team wrote the Wood Chip Ceremony for the Webelos. Each Webelos Scout attending the Webelos Camp would receive a wood chip from the ceremony team and, if he chose to do so, would advance to the council fire and throw the ash into the flames. If he chose to do that, he was promising on his honor as a Scout to stay in Scouting, join a Boy Scout Troop, and return to Camp Grayson the next year to take part in the OA Ash Ceremony. As a result of this ceremony, Webelos to Scout Transition numbers increased significantly throughout the Council and the Wood Chip ceremony found a permanent place in the Webelos Camp program.¹¹² (Author's note -- Because of these early experiments, Camp James Ray is the camp with the longest-running Webelos Resident Camp in the United States.¹¹³)

The year 1986 was quite a year of transition in Texoma Valley Council and for Okiciyapi Lodge. With the death of Staff Adviser and Summer Camp Director Bill Fry less than two months before camp opened, Lodge Adviser Ralph Courtney Jr. took his two weeks vacation to run Boy Scout Summer Camp and Associate Lodge Adviser Wade Graves ran Webelos Resident Camp the following week.

Other adult advisers shuttled in and out of camp throughout the month of June helping where they could and taking vacation when possible. Long-time Aquatics Director "Blackie" Gasperik was unable to attend camp due to health issues so a new Aquatics Director had to be located. Ms. Nondas Bullard, wife of Troop 607 Scoutmaster Mark Bullard, was selected to serve as Aquatics Director. Additionally, Ms.

¹¹² As a Webelos Scout, future Okiciyapi Chapter Chief and Mikanakawa Lodge Chief Beau Bratcher took part in this ceremony in 1993.

¹¹³ As of this writing in 2014 the Wood Chip Ceremony is still a part of what is now Webelos Resident Camp. Each first year Webelos Scout is given a wood chip by the OA ceremony team and places it in the fire. In so doing, he is pledging to stay in Scouts, return to Camp James Ray as a 2nd year Webelos Scout, and take part in the Ash Ceremony. (Until Boy Scout Camp ended in 2013 and Camp James Ray's Summer Camp mission became strictly a Webelos Resident Camp mission, the Ash Ceremony was performed for all 1st year Boy Scouts and the Wood Chip Ceremony was reserved for 2nd Year Webelos Scouts.)

Terry Krawitz was asked to serve as the camp's assistant Commissioner. These two ladies were the first to serve in a non-food service capacity at Camp Grayson. Both were already very popular figures in the Texoma Valley Council and had years of service to Scouting.

In August at NOAC the National Order of the Arrow Committee announced that women would be allowed to be elected to the Order, the Arrowmen of Okiciyapi were some of the few who initially cheered (instead of hissed or booed) when the announcement was made. So strong was the feeling for these two ladies that long-distance telephone calls were made from Colorado to Texas early the next morning to share the news and ask for registration information for these two ladies. Since both ladies were registered in their respective Districts as members of the District Committee and neither District had nominated a District Committee member, their names were put forward for consideration. Later that month the Lodge Executive Board elected both ladies to membership in the Order of the Arrow. 114

The 1980s also saw former Lodge Chiefs serving as Lodge Advisers. In 1987 Wade Graves was selected to serve as Lodge Adviser. Dan Bray served in 1988 and 1989 after Wade stepped down to attend graduate school.

Unfortunately, the inclusion of women in the lodge and the loss of many pillars of the lodge contributed to a slow but steady loss of membership in the lodge. The most visible loss occurred when several members of the dance team left for college in 1987 and many younger members decided to pursue band and football commitments over dancing. Lodge Adviser Dan Bray tried to reverse this trend during his tenure and met with great success. Unfortunately, this goal was met at the expense of the summer camp promotion program. By 1990 the summer camp program suffered from loss of key lodge members in leadership roles in the summer camp program and Boy Scout troops deciding to go out of council for summer camp. As a result of all of these factors, the lodge did not earn Merit or Honor lodge for the first time since these recognitions were started in 1982.

The Last Hurrah 1990-1994

As the 1990s dawned only a handful of forward-looking individuals could imagine the lodge might not continue. The purchase of the Missouri Kansas & Texas "Katy" Railroad by Union Pacific, the closing of Johns-Manville, and other industries in the area led to a mass exodus of workers from the Texoma area in 1990 and 1991. As a result of this migration of jobs, whole units simply ceased to exist.

United Way donations (for which the council depended on for most of its budget) decreased, and all United Way agencies were told to make do with less. The lodge did its best to reverse its membership losses and met with some success. In fact, in 1992 the lodge had a Brotherhood conversion of 100 percent and Summer Camp & Webelos Resident Camp attendance met levels not seen since 1986. Unfortunately, the Council Executive Board determined that the Council's operating expenses and its reserves would not be enough to allow for continued operations beyond 1994.

114 Later that year a special tap out ceremony was held at the Fall Camporee. The lodge Tap Out Ceremony was altered so both ladies were tapped out simultaneously so nobody could point to one of the two ladies and say "she was the first". A similar procedure would be used several years later to call the first two women in Mikanakawa Lodge to keep their Vigil.

Therefore, in the fall of 1992 Council President Dr. Jim Williams convened an Executive Board meeting for the purpose of discussing the future of Texoma Valley Council. One of the major sticking points of the meeting was the future of Okiciyapi Lodge and Camp Grayson. Of the three options available, merger seemed to offer the best long-term solution.

A subcommittee was formed to explore merger options. Discussions were held with Ardmore, Paris, and Dallas. Much to the chagrin of the remaining members of the Executive Board who remembered the 1978 Secession, Circle Ten Council was deemed to be the best option for the future of Scouting in Grayson and Bryan counties.

Lodge Advisers Emmert Dill and Jerry Tucker were tasked with continuing the lodge program and keeping the merger discussions from impacting the youth and the program. Lodge Chiefs Michael Dill and David Riedl did their best in 1992 and 1993 to keep the youth focused on quality program. And they succeeded.

The 1993 Jamboree Troop was filled to capacity in early 1992 and the lodge conducted two backpacking trips to promote high adventure experiences within the council's units. Unfortunately, by early 1993 it became apparent that merger was the only avenue left for Texoma Valley Council to pursue.

Circle Ten Council and Texoma Valley Council agreed to merge as of July 1, 1993. Circle Ten agreed to assume ownership of Camp Grayson and to keep Okiciyapi Lodge as part of this merger. Scout Executive Billy Gamble appointed Wade Graves as Lodge Adviser effective July 1, 1993 so Jerry Tucker could assume the role of Woodbadge Scoutmaster for the Woodbadge course at Camp Grayson.

Okiciyapi continued as a lodge, celebrated its 45th Anniversary in 1994, merged with Mikanakawa Lodge as of January 1, 1995, and became a chapter of the Mikanakawa Lodge¹¹⁵. During its last 18 months of existence as one of two Circle Ten Council lodges, Okiciyapi issued more patches than at any other time of its 45 years. The 45th Anniversary patch, the 1994 NOAC patch, a merger flap (a joint issue of both Okiciyapi and Mikanakawa lodges), and the black cloud patch were all issued during these 18 months.

Contrary to popular belief in the patch trading community, the black cloud patch is not (and never was) considered to be a "death flap" by Okiciyapi Lodge members. Quite the contrary, the design for this flap is almost identical to the patch that was introduced by Lodge Chief Steve Melton in 1971. The black cloud was taken from the line in the legend that said "a cloud arose that soon changed this peaceful aspect". It must also be pointed out that the black cloud has a very heavy silver lining within it. That silver lining represents the fact that Okiciyapi is now a chapter of Mikanakawa Lodge and that the property known then as Camp Grayson, and now as Camp James Ray, continues to exist and to serve the Scouting movement.¹¹⁶

¹¹⁵ The merger of Mikanakawa and Okiciyapi is covered elsewhere in this book & therefore the details are omitted here.

¹¹⁶ Subsequent events surrounding the renewal of the lease for Camp Grayson in 1999 proved, in the mind of the author especially, that the decision to merge with Circle Ten Council was the right thing to do. Without the political clout of Circle Ten, Camp Grayson and the Perrin Recreation Area property



Black Cloud Okiciyapi Flap

The final annual dinner of Okiciyapi Lodge was held in December 1994 in the Grayson County College Cafeteria in Denison. More than 200 members attended this event. Special guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ric Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ince, Mr. Harry Bubeck, and other Circle Ten Council dignitaries. The theme was “Our Future Lies in Our Past” and the keynote speaker, Mr. J. C. Riza, spoke about the importance of the Okiciyapi chapter helping Mikanakawa Lodge maintain the Customs and Traditions of the Order that were being inherited with the merger.

The last item on the agenda was a lodge roll call. This roll call was the brainchild of District Executive Robert Levacy while listening to the youth of the lodge dinner committee discussing how to end the banquet on a positive note. Robert suggested the idea and Vigil Adviser Jerry Tucker modified it a little to call the roll of all deceased Vigil Honor members of the lodge to close the banquet with a lit candle of remembrance¹¹⁷. As the roll was called that night, a young man in the audience rose, said “I will answer for him”, walked to the front of the room, lit a candle, and held it until the ceremony was concluded. By the time the Song of the Order of the Arrow was sung, there wasn’t a dry eye in the house. In a last act, Lodge Chief Mykle Tomlinson, Lodge Adviser Wade Graves, and Staff Adviser Ric Wilkins waited until everyone left the college cafeteria. Then each of them put their hands on a light switch, counted three, and turned out the lights.

Okiciyapi Lodge symbolically ended with those lights going off. They then turned the lights in the cafeteria back on, shook hands, and said their private good byes. Kaye Wilkins witnessed this and simply said “A New Beginning” – and it was!

would probably be a housing development now. Fortunately this did not occur and hopefully will not occur in the future.

¹¹⁷ At the time nobody knew that the next Vigil Honor member to be remembered with a candle would be Robert Levacy who died in 1995 shortly after becoming the first staff adviser for the new Okiciyapi Chapter of Mikanakawa Lodge.

▪ **Early History of Lodge #56**

Origins of Lodge 56

Much of the history of the early years of Lodge 56 has been lost to time. What we do know is Lodge #56 was chartered October 1, 1930 to the Grayson County Council of the Boy Scouts of America. H.L. McLean was the Scout Executive and Jess Totten was named the Grand Chieftain. This information was obtained from a "Letter of Charter" from Robroy Price, National Grand Chieftain, Boy Scouts of America, Schenectady, New York. Soon after the lodge was formed, the Grayson County Council added Fannin and Cooke Counties in Texas and Bryan County, Oklahoma and was renamed the Texas/Oklahoma "T/O" Council. Records of inductions in 1931, 1932, and 1933 are incomplete but a summary report dated November 14, 1933 indicate the "maximum of 10 members" were inducted each year. Known inductees included:

1931 – Tom Blanton (with notation "Eagle Scout"), A.G. Hopkins, Sr. (Durant), and Jess Totten (Sherman). NOTE: after 2 years as "Grand Chieftain", Jess Totten was elected and served as T/O Council President in 1933.

1932 – E. N. Berglund (Denison), Jesse Cook (Denison, Adult, Commissioner), and George Staples (Sherman, Eagle, Troop 5)

1933 – W. L. Ashburn (Denison), Doak Blassingame (Denison), Jack Meador (Whitewright, Life, Troop 42)118, D.M. Porterfield (Sherman, Eagle, Troop 7)

Unclear continuance of the OA Program

In the fall of 1933, all of Grayson County except Denison left the T/O council and formed the Sherman Area Council. Shortly thereafter the National Grand Chieftain suspended Lodge 56 from the active lodge list on April 7, 1934 for non-payment of national dues. However, either that information was never received or was ignored because records of Order of the Arrow inductions indicate inductions continued throughout the 1934-1940 time period at Camp Grayson. However it isn't known if these inductions were conducted independently by the members of the (former) Lodge 56 or with help/oversight from the Wichita #35, Mikanakawa #101, and Checote #154 lodges. The records indicate the presence of members of one or more of these lodges during the induction ceremonies through the listing of home towns. It is also unclear if these inductions were for the Sherman Area Council, Denison Council, T/O Council, or Chickasaw council since inductees home towns are a mixture of Sherman, Denison, and Durant.

The induction of Keith Hubbard Sr. is one of the few items of oral history that we have from this time period. In 1936, Keith was selected to join "the Brotherhood" at Camp Grayson (the camp along the banks of the Red River later covered by the waters of Lake Texoma). On Thursday of the week of camp, all boys who were 15 years old or older were told to wear only their shorts or trousers and bring their sheath knives to the river campfire ring. They were arranged in a semi-circle around the natural fire pit

118 In later years Jack Meador ran the hardware store in Whitewright, TX.

area and some were selected for membership. Keith and his friend Mac¹¹⁹ were among those who were chosen.

They received a small wreath made from grapevine and placed alone to spend the night in the woods. The next morning he was given a raw egg and one-half of a slice of white bread, told to build a fire no larger than the inside diameter of the grapevine wreath, and cook his egg. Fortunately Keith had learned how to cook an egg on a spit during his week at camp so this was not a problem. He carved a limb of green oak, used his sheath knife to open a small hole in each end of the egg shell, ran the spit through the holes he had made in the egg shell, and slowly turned it over the open fire until cooked.

The day was spent clearing brush and building a rock wall to outline a trail in camp. Keith said he was also given responsibility for the lister bag since his work site was closest to it. The lister bag was the water supply for the candidates. When the water got low, he informed the overseer who went to get more water and used purification tablets to make it drinkable. Keith was required to guard the tin cup for the lister bag by wearing it around his neck until the water was safe to drink.

At the end of the day all candidates were led to a ceremony fire presided over by Camp Elder Jesse Cook¹²⁰ who declared him a “member of the first degree”. All candidates received a felt sash with a red arrow that was worn over the right shoulder. Keith and his friend Mac were able to return for one more season of camp in 1937 where they helped the elders conduct the induction ceremony. Keith and Mac were given responsibility for overseeing the candidates who were working on the swimming hole area of the camp (on the river with a diving board and a rope swing) where Mac worked during the camping season.

The candidates finished the project in record time and Mac decided the rocks along the path to the diving board needed to be whitewashed. They obtained some whitewash and had the candidates paint the rocks – much to the annoyance of the camp elders. As a result, they were denied the ability to become “members of the second degree” that year but were invited to return the following year for that ceremony. Unfortunately, both Keith and Mac were unable to return to camp to complete their second degree

¹¹⁹ Unfortunately over the years the author lost the last name along with some other information about the early history of Lodge 56/209. As best I can recall, “Mac” is a nickname. (ss/Wade Graves)

¹²⁰ Camp Elders were Adults of community prominence. Realtor Jesse Cook of Denison, Texas was the father of Jesse M. Cook, the Scout who was accidentally killed during a non-Scouting hunting event shortly before his 16th birthday. Until his death in 1940, the elder Cook continued to work with Scouting and was one of the early champions of hunter education in Scouting. Shortly before her death in 1952, Veda Rice Cook (wife of Jesse and mother of Jesse M.) donated money to build the new chapel at Camp Texoma which was named in memory of her son Jesse M. Cook. When Camp Texoma was closed in 1978, the memorial plaque for the chapel was among the Scouting-related items moved to Camp Grayson. As of 2014, the plaque is hanging in the Camp James Ray Activity Building.

ceremony because they became members of the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M after their graduation from high school in 1938.¹²¹

One other item from Mr. Youngblood's manuscript notes on this time period is interesting – a notation that on July 1, 1940 ten members inducted under direction of Don Moore, L.L. Hotchkiss, W. L. Ashburn and Ken Woodward. W. L. Ashburn was the owner of Ashburn's ice cream and was the first Vice President of Red River Valley Council. Ken Woodward was the Scout Executive in Sherman for Sherman Area Council. Red River Council was formed in 1940 but, as noted in another chapter, Lodge 209 wasn't chartered until 1941.

Birth and Death of Texoma Lodge 209

During the period Lodge 209 was active, no records of any other OA inductions other than in Texoma Lodge 209 have been found. As noted in the chapter entitled Secession and Mergers, Texoma Lodge 209 was active from 1941 until 1948 when it merged with Mikanakawa Lodge 101. One item I neglected to mention in that chapter was the fact that on October 17, 1947 the Red River Valley Council was almost \$5,000 in debt but Texoma Lodge 209 had a bank balance of \$1,005. Interestingly, the last lodge adviser of Texoma Lodge, Mr. Hal Watkins, was also the Treasurer of the Red River Valley Council. When the councils merged, the lodge's money went toward improvements at Camp Texoma and Circle Ten Council paid off the debt of Red River Valley Council. There were also \$4,000 worth of defense bonds that Circle Ten inherited as a result of this merger. When those bonds matured on January 1, 1950, the proceeds were used to improve Camp Texoma.

Charter? What Charter?

When the Order of the Arrow became a part of the Boy Scout program in 1949, Order of the Arrow lodges were started in most councils across the country. Sherman Area Council Scout Executive Chancey H. Corse sent a letter dated March 1, 1949 that petitioned for an Order of the Arrow Lodge Charter for the

¹²¹ Their duties with the Corps of Cadets and their new summer obligations -- training to be Army officers -- kept them from returning to the camp each of the next three summers. They graduated in May 1941 and were commissioned into the Army. With his degree in Business, Keith was sent to oversee aircraft production in Fort Worth. Mac was sent to the Philippine Islands, fought on Bataan, survived the Bataan Death March, and spent four years as a prisoner of war working in a Japanese coal mine. Shortly after World War II ended in 1945, Mac was killed by a food parcel dropped by US aircraft when its parachute failed to open. His ashes were returned to Grayson County in 1946 and were spread on the waters of Lake Texoma near the site of the camp he loved. Keith returned to Denison after World War II, became the owner of a successful retail furniture store on Main street, and became a "second degree" (Brotherhood) member of the Order of the Arrow in Okiciyapi Lodge #56 in 1983. The "second degree" ceremony baffled the youth of the lodge because none had ever heard it called that before. Keith continued his service to Scouting and received the Silver Beaver from Circle Ten Council in 1967. Both Keith and his two sons were members of the committees for the 1978 secession from Circle Ten Council to join Texoma Valley Council and the 1993 merger of Texoma Valley Council with Circle Ten Council.

Sherman Area Council. In a letter dated May 6, 1949, the National Order of the Arrow granted a preliminary charter for the formation of an Order of the Arrow lodge in the Sherman Area Council and a preliminary lodge number of 412 was assigned. Mr. Corse and Council President E. M. Deck began following the steps outlined in the letter for the formation of lodge 412 at the end of the summer camp session in July. However, before the steps could be completed, another letter dated June 7, 1949 was received. This letter stated that the previous permission for the formation of Lodge 412 was removed from Sherman Area Council and assigned to Buckskin Lodge, Roslyn, Long Island, New York. After a flurry of letters over the next few weeks, the Sherman Area Council discovered the fact that Lodge #56 was previously assigned to a council headquartered in Sherman, Texas and that the charter was suspended in 1934 for non-payment of dues. All the council had to do was make the \$7.50 payment of back dues (.50 cents per year at the 1934 rate) and the charter would be moved to active status. So, at the next Sherman Area Council Executive Board meeting in the Sherman Municipal building, the hat was passed and the dues in arrears were collected from the 30 members present. After additional correspondence during July and August between Scout Executive Corse, Council President Deck, Council Treasurer Elmer H. Danner and the National Order of the Arrow office, a new charter was finally issued for Lodge #56 of the Sherman Area Council.

New Beginning

On September 8, 1949 the first meeting of the new lodge was held. Eleven charter members were inducted by members of Checote Lodge #154 of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. The first lodge officers were Bobby Brooks, Lodge Chief; Don Deck, Secretary; Harold Waldrum, Treasurer. Adult charter members were Council Vice President Jack Hammock and Council Commissioner Rea A. Nunnallee of Van Alstyne. Other charter youth members were Eddie Wilson, J. Frank Chase, Phillip Deck, Ted Vestal (all of Sherman), Charles Elliott (Van Alstyne), and Billy Wainwright (Denison). Supreme Chief of the Fire was Scout Executive Chancey Corse.

The name selected for this newly reformed lodge was "Okiciyapi" and the totem selected was the "Thunderbird". The lodge name was taken from the Lakota language and is loosely translated as "helping each other". Billy Wainwright brought a patch design to the meeting that his older brother Bobby had given to him. The patch was originally designed for the now defunct Texoma Lodge 209 (totem of Thunderbird) and included a blue border with white background, a thunderbird, WWW, an arrow, and the words Texoma Lodge 209 and Red River Valley Council. This design was quickly re-designed with the words Okiciyapi Lodge 56 and Sherman Area Council. The design was filed until the lodge could earn enough money to purchase the first loom run of patches.

Lodge Chiefs of Okiciyapi Lodge #56

1949 Bobby Brooks

1950 Bobby Brooks

1951 Harold Waldrum

1952 Philip Deck

1953 Bobby Brooks

1954 Johnny Mathews

1955 Johnny Mathews

1956 Dan Bray

1957 Jimmy Blankenship

1958 Jimmy Blankenship

1959 Ken Rice

1960 Jerry Dollison

1961 Jerry Dollison

1962 Harry Bilger

1964 Craig Reavis

1965 Sammie Scoggins

1966 Donnie Wendell

1967 Fred Madden

1968 Rusty Sampsell

1969 Joe Atnip

1970 Steve Melton

1971 Steve Melton

1972 Daniel Stubbs

1973 David Neiderhardt

1973 Mark Clayton

1974 Mark Clayton
1975 Mark Clayton
1976 John Shoemaker
1976 Scott Osterhout
1977 Scott Osterhout
1978 Greg Knight
1979 Tom Signer
1980 Wade Riza
1981 Wade Riza
1982 Wade Graves
1983 Wade Graves
1984 Mike Richie
1985 T.J. Wasden
1986 T.J. Wasden
1986 Randy Sullivan
1987 Danny Faught
1988 Michael Sullivan
1989 Tas Speakman
1990 Tas Speakman
1991 Michael Dill
1992 Michael Dill
1993 David Riedl
1994 David Riedl
1994 Mykle Tomlinson

Scout Executives of formative Scouting Years (and council name)

1925-36 H. L. McLean (Grayson County Council, T/O Council, Sherman Area Council)
1937-41 unknown (Sherman Area Council/Chickasaw Council)
1942-45 Kenneth F. Woodward (Sherman Area Council)
1945-48 Chancey H. Corse (Sherman Area Council)

Supreme Chiefs of the Fire (Scout Executives) of Okiciyapi Lodge #56 (and council name)

1949-71 Chancey H. Corse (Sherman Area Council, Texoma Valley Council)
1972-81 W. Clarence Youngblood (Texoma Valley Council)
1982-85 Leroy Mayne (Texoma Valley Council)
1986-90 William M. "Buzz" Barron (Texoma Valley Council)
1991-93 John S. Morton (Texoma Valley Council)
1993-94 Billy Gamble (Circle Ten Council)

Lodge Advisers of Okiciyapi Lodge #56

1949-1961 Jack Hammock
1962-1965 R. L. Atnip
1966-1968 Dr. Fred Madden, Sr.
1969 R. L. Atnip
1970 George E. Moore, Jr.
1971-1973 Jerry Dollison
1974-1975 O. Michael Shrohl
1976 Myron Shoemaker
1977 Roger Osterhouut

1978	J. C. Riza
1979	Mark Stoddard
1980-1981	M.H. "Sam" Sampsell
1982	Larry Richey
1983-1984	G. Fred Denton
1985-1986	Ralph Courtney, Jr.
1987	Wade Graves
1988-1989	Dan Bray
1990	Tom Speakman
1991	Emmert Dill
1992-06/1993	Jerry Tucker
07/1993-1994	Wade Graves



V. Lodge Infrastructure

- **Lodge Chiefs**

By Peter McNabb and Brian Bennett

Quality leadership isn't a new thing in the Mikanakawa Lodge. It's something the Lodge has attracted from the very beginning, and on all levels. But the responsibility of being Lodge Chief can be quite a weighty one, especially for a teenage boy who could quite naturally be involved in a number of other activities.

From the years 1937 through 2014, some 67 young men have proudly worn the bonnet of Mikanakawa Lodge Chief. Not one has relinquished it early. In fact, 11 of the Chiefs served two terms.

Former Mikanakawa Lodge Chiefs have gone on to serve in a variety of fields across the country and even around the world.

Perhaps the most intriguing of all the 67 Chiefs was Mikanakawa's George Washington, our first Chief, Fred Haynes. He went on to serve in the iconic battle of Iwo Jima in World War II. General Haynes served his country for almost 40 years, including three wars. Just prior to his death in 2010, he took part in the 65th Anniversary of Iwo Jima Reunion and Symposium. With extensive experience handling prisoners of war, General Haynes also advised presidential candidates, as well as sitting presidents, on the treatment of those captured during battle. He co-authored the best-selling military book on World War II, *The Lions of Iwo Jima*. He served later as head of planning and analysis for LTV Aerospace.

Haynes had more spirit even in old age than men half his age. He wrote the forward to the 1987 Mikanakawa Lodge history book *I Go to Prepare a Trail for You*.

When Haynes was 11 years old, there were no Scout Troops in his hometown of Plano. So Haynes joined the Lone Scout Division. Even though Haynes did not have a Troop, he advanced quickly, earning his Eagle at the young age of 13. He regularly attended Camp Wisdom, earning the Wisdom Good Camper, Wisdom Woodsman, Wisdom Veteran, Wisdom Explorer and Finally the coveted Wisdom Guide honor.

In that summer of 1937, Fred Haynes was a teenager on staff at Camp Wisdom. He edited the camp newspaper, played the bugle, taught swimming and worked as a merit badge instructor.

When Circle 10 Council Chief Executive L.L. Hotchkiss brought the Order of the Arrow to Dallas, it was primarily organized by boy members of the Camp Wisdom staff.

The Lodge's second Chief was Cecil Cameron. Cameron led a group of Arrowmen (which included Jim Cavalleri, Fred Tennison, Jake Ross and others) to a regional OA conference at Camp Tom Wooten in Austin. Each member of the group received his Brotherhood there. When they returned, they were able to put on Brotherhood ceremonies of their own in the Mikanakawa Lodge.



Fred Haynes



Don Moore

Following Cameron as Lodge Chief was Don Moore in 1939 and Jean Daugherty in 1940.

Another early Lodge Chief was Layden Stroud, elected Lodge Chief in 1941. Stroud received his Brotherhood at a camp near Ardmore, Okla. In a 1986 interview, Stroud recalled his experiences in the OA as “an honor that helped me with my confidence.”

Buddy Couch followed Stroud as Lodge Chief in 1942, a year which saw a number of Arrowmen head overseas to fight in World War II. The Lodge basically ceased to exist in 1943 and 1944. But after World War II, it was brought back with the help of pre-war year members like Don Jim Lynch. J. Rush Pierce was tapped out and quickly elected Lodge Chief in 1945. Pierce was re-elected in 1946, becoming the first two-term Chief. Pierce helped see the Lodge through some very tough times. In reorganizing the Lodge, friction developed between two groups of Arrowmen to such a degree that L.L. Hotchkiss threatened to disband the Lodge. But a group of the more concerned members of the Lodge met at the community room of the Car Barns in Oak Cliff to prove to Hotchkiss they were serious about resurrecting a strong, dignified Lodge. With sincere promises from those in attendance, Hotch agreed to allow the OA to continue, but with admonition that he would lift the Lodge charter if the friction and discontent persisted. J. Rush Pierce went from being a Lodge Chief to eventually becoming a doctor.



J. Rush Pierce

Interesting enough, Pierce was followed by two more future doctors. Pat Evans, son longtime Scout leader J. Cook Evans of Troop 42 became the team doctor for the Dallas Cowboys and the Dallas Mavericks. Not only did Evans serve on staff at Camp Wisdom, but he was among the first to settle the then-primitive Camp Constantin. Evans helped bring the OA to Constantin, paddling across Possum Kingdom Lake in a torch-lit canoe in what was the first of a long tradition of majestic ceremonies.

Evans was followed in 1948 by Lodge Chief Lee Roy Fausett who went on to become a dentist. In all, five Lodge Chiefs went on to earn Ph.D. honors. Fausett served on Camp Wisdom staff, running the commissary and working in crafts.

The Lodge really grew under Bill Jordan, who was Chief in 1949 and 1950. Bill was responsible for bringing an end to “Knock Out” ceremonies. Bill Jordan also helped bring the Vigil to Mikanakawa Lodge. The first Vigil was put on by Joe Galbraith of the San Angelo area. Also during Bill Jordan’s administration, the concept of Clans evolved, the first Mikanakawa patch came into existence, and Mikanakawa Lodge members started showing up at National Conferences.



Bill Jordan

Two-term Lodge Chief Bill Jordan was followed by another two-term Chief, Ron Clarke. Under Clarke's leadership, in 1951 and 1952, the Lodge swelled to nearly 300 registered members.

Under 1953 Lodge Chief Tommie G. Wilson, membership bolted past 500.

And by the time 1954 Lodge Chief Ronald Eddy left office, membership stood at 645, with more than 200 having completed their Brotherhood. The oldest Mikanakawan newsletter known to be in existence was published March 25, 1954. It included a story about a fishing expedition to Camp Constantin.

In 1955, Bill Jordan's brother, Floyd "Bunky" Jordan served as Lodge Chief. The Indian Lore aspect of Mikanakawa started to flourish about this time with the help of J.D. Ross and Frank Knickerbocker. While Bunky Jordan was Chief, the rules were changed regarding adult candidate elections so that each Troop or Post committee--rather than the district roundtable--was allowed to engage in the electoral process. When Bunky Jordan was Chief, the Lodge trekked to Wyoming for the national conference in Laramie.

Under Newton Burkett, Jr., in 1956, cumulative Lodge membership surpassed the 3,000 mark. Imagine that: in less than 20 years, 3,000 brothers had been tapped out and completed Ordeals in the Mikanakawa Lodge.

Melvin Vancil was Lodge Chief in 1957. He went with a group of Mikanakawans to the National Conference in Bloomington, Indiana. By this time, the Lodge was active in numerous service projects. With the added service came more members. A new record of 410 Arrowmen were initiated in 1957 as new members.

Under Lodge Chief Mark Winer in 1959, the Lodge brought in its 4,000th member.

Ray Telfair II, who started his OA career by being nominated from Troop 210 of Ennis, was instrumental in launching a crackdown on hazing at Ordeals. Telfair stressed that Ordeals should be treated as ceremonies--not initiation rites. Lodge membership jumped past the 1,000--member mark during Telfair's administration.

Jerry Farney was Lodge Chief in 1960, the first full year that Asa Leger served as Lodge Adviser. By then, 500 candidates a year were taking their Ordeals in the Mikanakawa Lodge.

The Lodge marked its 25th Anniversary in 1961. Scouting was at a real growth point about this time. And the Mikanakawa Lodge was a big part of that growth. Hayden Klaevman was the Lodge Chief. In the past, a couple of cars were all that was needed for transportation to National Conferences. But in 1961, so many Mikanakawans wanted to attend that the Lodge chartered a bus. After 25 years, the Mikanakawa Lodge had become a focal point in National OA circles. At the beginning of the Lodge's 25th year, the 5,000th brother was brought into the Mikanakawa circle. The annual dinner that year was no small fete. Silver Anniversary pocket flaps were distributed and some 360 Arrowmen dined on--not chicken--but filet mignon. First Class all the way.

The can-do spirit established in the first 25 years of the Lodge spilled right over into the second 25 years. By now, most Clans were well-organized. The Clans were so well-organized, in fact, that 1962 Lodge

Chief Jim Scott urged members caught up in a flurry of Clan activity to not forget about important Lodge functions.

By the time Ronald “Chip” Hatzenbuehler was Lodge Chief in 1963, Camp Texoma staff members had become quite active in taking key Lodge positions. Hatzenbuehler recalls how in those pre-Civil Rights days, the OA used to hold separate tap outs for blacks and whites. Under Hatzenbuehler’s leadership, those attitudes began to change. The Lodge reached the 2,000-level of registered members.

Under Barry DePauw’s guidance as Lodge Chief in 1964, a special Spring Ordeal, put on by Ordeal Warrior John Clary, was held for candidates who could not attend any of the previous fall Ordeals.



Dave King and Barry DePauw

In 1965, the National Order of the Arrow turned 50. And the Mikanakawa Lodge--at 29 years of age--was definitely at the forefront. Then-Lodge Chief David King of Troop 709 recalls that the Mikanakawa Lodge won four out of five competitions at the National Conference in Bloomington, Indiana, that year. “Lots of folks from all over the country were talking about ‘that Lodge from Dallas,’” recalls King. But the Mikanakawa Lodge was doing more than just making news for themselves on the national level. Back in Dallas, the Lodge was lending Circle 10 Council a hand by helping clear brush, trees and junk from the land where the current Circle 10 office is located on Anson Road. In the late 1960s, David became Area IX-E Chief and went on to serve on the National Conference Committee as producer of the closing general sessions in 1969. At the 1969 National Conference, he received the National Distinguished Service Award.

In our 29th and 30th years, the Mikanakawa Lodge was guided by Ladd Greeno, the first two-term Lodge Chief the Lodge had seen since 1952. It was during Greeno’s administration that the Clements Scout

Reservation was developed. And the Mikanakawa Lodge played a key part in that. More than 100 Arrowmen turned out in the Spring of 1967 to ready the primitive property for the first summer camp at Camp Cherokee.



Ladd Greeno

Tom Williams succeeded Greeno as Lodge Chief in 1968. The Mikanakawa Lodge hosted the area meeting that year with Lodges from Fort Worth, Paris, Texarkana, Sherman, Wichita Falls, Ardmore, Okla., and Lawton, Okla., in attendance. Under Williams' leadership, Mikanakawa Lodge membership was more than 2,000.

Some 906 candidates completed Ordeals under 1969 Lodge Chief Bill Sebastian. The Mikanakawa Lodge bus to the National Conference in Indiana that year traveled side-by-side with the Nishkin Halupa A Pe Lachi Lodge from Fort Worth. There was plenty of inter-Lodge fellowship on that trip.

In 1970, the first of three consecutive two-term Lodge Chiefs was elected. Chris Colgin took the reins of the Lodge in 1970. By now, the Lodge seemed to be attracting younger and younger members. Barely 13 when he entered the OA, Colgin quickly took an attractive part in running Clan camporees and Lodge annual dinners. As Lodge Chief, Colgin will best be remembered for starting the first Brotherhood and Barbecue on the Brazos (BBB) in 1971.



Chris Colgin

The next two-term Lodge Chief was Ben Coleman. By now, training programs were being pushed more, especially Crew Leader Training. Under Coleman's direction, service was stressed and a service restriction was placed on Lodge flaps. In order to be allowed to purchase a Lodge flap, Arrowmen first had to provide 20 hours of service.

The third in a series of two-term Lodge Chiefs in the early 1970's was G. Paul Newton. Newton brought with him a charisma that eventually carried him to be Section 2A Chief and then on to National OA Vice Chief. One of the big projects Newton helped organize was the Inner City Camping Program, a monthly weekend camp for provisional Troops. While Newton was Chief in 1975, the Lodge hosted a Bicentennial BBB. Service projects at Ordeals expanded greatly to include major capital improvements, including new roofs, cement steps and platforms, plumbing and electrical work at camps.



G. Paul Newton

Gary Laden wore the Lodge Chief bonnet in 1976. That year, the Lodge added a new Ordeal--one at newly acquired Camp Trinity Trails (sometimes called Trinity Swamp back then due to the washed-out roads.) The annual dinner that year was held at the home of the Dallas Cowboys, Texas Stadium, and the Lodge hosted the Section 2A Conclave at Camp Texoma. While Laden was Chief, Jim Ince came on board as Lodge Advisor.



Gary Laden

Former Ordeal Warrior and future Lodge Adviser Chuck Wagner was elected Mikanakawa Lodge Chief for 1977. Wagner led the Mikanakawa contingent to the National Conference that year in Knoxville, Tennessee. Wagner was the first of two consecutive Lodge Chiefs from the West Star District in Irving.



Chuck Wagner

Steve Rackley succeeded Wagner as Chief in 1978. Rackley's year will be remembered as one in which the Lodge took a step toward de-politicizing annual dinners. A motion was passed at the Lodge Business Meeting that year calling for elections to be held at the business meeting. This no doubt, put an end to some of the marathon Lodge Annual Dinners, many of which had been running past midnight.



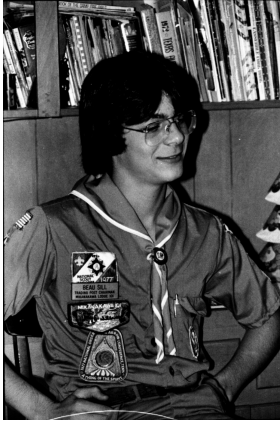
Steve Rackley

As Lodge Chief in 1979, Glenn Dyer led the Lodge to Fort Collins, Colorado, for the National Conference. Mikanakawa teamed up with our brothers from Nishkin Halupa A Pe Lachi for that trip.



Glenn Dyer

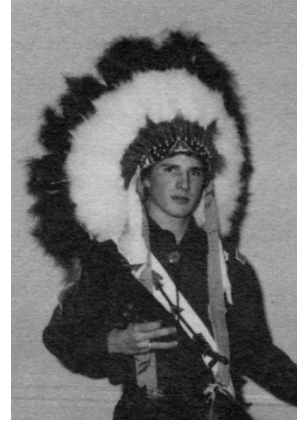
With Beau Sill as Lodge Chief in 1980, the Mikanakawa Lodge attained the highest level of Lodge achievement recognized by the National Order of the Arrow, becoming a National Honor Lodge.



Beau Sill



Shane Philips



Shawn Wilkins

Under Shane Philips in 1981, the Lodge continued to prosper, retaining the National Honor Lodge status. Philips led the Lodge contingent to the National Conference at the University of Texas that year. But Philips will best be remembered for bringing in the current Lodge flap. It wasn't easy. Philips recalls an hour spent at each business meeting discussing the flap until the current design was agreed upon.

Shawn Wilkins was Lodge Chief in 1982. Wives of Mikanakawa Arrowmen will remember Wilkins' administration as the first that allowed Arrowmen to bring guests to the annual dinner. Shawn was not an original Mikanakawa member, but came to us from the Tatanka Lodge of the Buffalo Trail Council in Midland. His father Ric Wilkins served as Mikanakawa's staff adviser for many years.



Jerry and David Gribble



Dennis Welpe

In 1983 and 1984 another set of brothers served as Chiefs. The last two brothers to serve as Chief were Bill Jordan (1949 and 1950) and his brother Floyd "Bunky" Jordan (1955). But in the 1980's, the brothers were Gribbles, Jerry in 1983 and his younger brother, David, in 1984. They are the sons of Jerry Gribble Sr., an extremely active Scouter himself. In 1983, Jerry Gribble Jr. led the Mikanakawa Lodge to the National Conference at Rutgers University. In 1984, David Gribble pushed for more Clan involvement and encouraged many Ordeal members to complete their Brotherhood.

After the Gribble Brothers, Dennis Welpe wore the Lodge Chief's bonnet. By now, the Mikanakawa Lodge had borrowed a page from a forerunner of the Lodge, the White Sharks of Takodah. With the help of Camp Wisdom Ranger Bill O'Pry, a group of leading Arrowmen assisted for many years each May in a weekend of service projects at Camp Wisdom. They called it White Sharks Weekend.

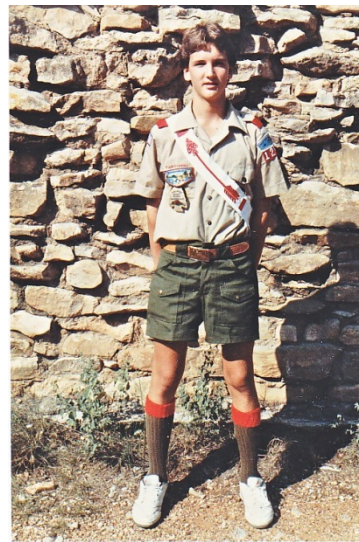
Scott Moore served as Lodge Chief in 1986. By then, the base of leadership in the Lodge had been greatly expanded. Instead of just a few key officers and advisors carrying the entire burden of the Lodge as was the case in the beginning, some 46 key leadership positions had been established. By 1986, not only were there the old stalwart committee like Unit Elections and Camp Promotions, but there was a Phone Committee, a Transportation Committee, a Data Processing Committee, and even a "New Kid" Committee, led by longtime Arrowman and Vigil member Al Lee.

At the 50th Anniversary Fall Fellowship in September of 1986, Brian Bennett was elected Lodge Chief for 1987. His administration--the first of Mikanakawa's second 50 years—consisted of: John Davis, Brotherhood Warrior; Brian Kirkwood, Ordeal Warrior; Jimmy Hudson, Recording Secretary; Joe Tokarz, Corresponding Secretary. Brian was elected to two terms as lodge chief. Brian and Scott Moore were from the same unit, Troop 78, in North Trail District. His two terms involved celebration of our 50th anniversary with a big fellowship at Camp Wisdom, an anniversary dinner at the Infomart and breaking ground on the Camp Wisdom Amphitheatre.

The largest lodge service project to Circle Ten Council to that date, the amphitheatre project would last nine years. It was led tirelessly and faithfully by Lodge Adviser Jim Ince. For his time and dedication Circle Ten Council named the Amphitheatre in his honor. Along with other festivities for the lodge's anniversary, plans were underway for the largest lodge NOAC contingent for the 1988 conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Former Lodge Chief Chuck Wagner served as the adviser for the contingent.



Brian Bennett



Mark Vornburg

Brian Bennett saw the change in guard of Lodge Advisers. After 12 years, Jim Ince stepped down and Scout Executive and Supreme Chief of the Fire Billy Gamble appointed Chuck Haseman the Lodge Adviser in 1988. Brian was also the first Lodge Chief to resign in office. He was elected Section Chief at the April 1988 Conclave at Camp Pirtle. That was the first year of the national rule that a Lodge Chief could not serve as Section Chief. Brian resigned at the May Ordeal at Camp Cherokee.

Mark Vornburg completed 1988 as Lodge Chief. Mark had served as the Brotherhood Warrior and 1st Vice Chief. At the May Ordeal at Camp Cherokee Brian Bennett placed the Chief's bonnet on Mark Vornburg. He served the rest of 1988 and oversaw the Fall Fellowship and the Lodge contingent to NOAC in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The NOAC Contingent was the largest the Lodge sent in many

years. Mark Vornburg oversaw Lodge Training, three more Ordeals and Winter Camp before his term ended at the Lodge Dinner.

Shane Steinke served as Lodge Chief in 1989. A barrier was broken as the first woman was inducted into the lodge. Mary Kate Cooper (now Akkola) from Yanush Chapter, North Trail District. In those days the Lodge Executive Committee approved adult nominations. Shane offered the nomination as M. K. Cooper and it passed. Then it was announced the first woman would take her ordeal.

Anthony Wilder serviced as Lodge Chief in 1990. It was a special year for OA members as we celebrated the Order of the Arrows 75th anniversary with the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Indiana University.



Anthony Wilder

William McDowell served as Lodge Chief in 1991. When asked about his time as Chief William McDowell wrote, “It’s quite difficult to identify a single great achievement or favorite memory during my tenure. When I look back at all the different Lodge events, with attendance figured between 300 and 1,200 participants, it’s amazing to think that teenagers, with support from advisors are able to make every one of them come together in a successful way. At the time, I didn’t appreciate how few individuals get the chance to lead. I was active in Boy Scouts since I was eight-years-old, and naively figured everyone was presented with opportunities to organize functions. This is not the case at all. So for me, my favorite memory is reflecting back on all the ‘lessons-learned’ meetings we had after every event, when I got together with the key leaders who made it all happen. What I learned in those gatherings, and the relationships I built, have stayed with me all my life.”

Michael Duphorne served as Lodge Chief in 1992. Mikankawa Lodge hosted the Conclave at Clements Scout Ranch. This was a NOAC year at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and the last year Chuck Haseman served as Lodge Adviser. Chuck was appointed Section Adviser in 1992 and finished the term. Matt Walker who had served as Section Adviser was named Region Adviser.



Michael Duphorne



Chris Tucker



Henry Dawson

Chris Tucker served as Lodge Chief in 1993. This was a transition year as Harry Bubeck's first year as Lodge Adviser. Emphasis was brought to the Native American program as it was restructured as its own program separate from the Ordeal Committee.

Henry Dawson served as Lodge Chief in 1994. 1994 was a NOAC year at Purdue University. Rick Wilkins and Ray Batchelor received the Distinguished Service Award. The highest honor the Order of the Arrow bestows on members for service at Area, Region or National service. This was the year of the merger with Okicyapi Lodge and Texoma Valley Council.

Henry Dawson recalls it this way, "The most significant event during my term as Lodge Chief was the merger of Mikanakawa and Okicyapi. When my time as chief started, I could never have predicted what my year would hold. On a cold and rainy day, the officers of the Lodge were summoned to a semi-clandestine meeting at a non-descript steakhouse in McKinney. Looking back on it now, it was a halfway point between Dallas and Sherman. Upon arrival, we found Scout Executive William Gamble and the officers of Okicyapi Lodge.

"Mr. Gamble explained that Circle Ten Council was acquiring the Texoma Valley Council and that there could only be one Lodge. He explained to us, in no uncertain terms, that if we could not come to a peaceful agreement about the merging of the two Lodges, that both Lodges would be closed and a completely new Lodge would be established. Clearly, it was not what I had planned for my term as Chief, but it was the hand that fate had dealt us. Eventually, we came to the agreement that the Lodge totem of Okicyapi would be added to Mikanakawa's totem and that the rest of Mikanakawa's identity would remain intact. The challenge for Okicyapi's Chief and for me was communicating this news to the members of our respective lodges and attempting to lead everyone into the future together.

"Without question, it was one of the most difficult challenges I have had to face, but in retrospect, I still believe that we made the right decisions and that we all grew as leaders throughout the process. Serving as the Chief of Mikanakawa was one of the greatest privileges of my life. When I think back to my years as a youth in the Lodge, I am profoundly grateful for the Lodge advisers who took the time to invest in

me as a young man. I also cherish the many friendships that were forged over those years. Through the good and the challenging, I loved every second of it.”



Kenneth Wilkins Jr.



Travis Rubelee



Michael "Chipper" Haynes

Kenneth Wilkins Jr. served as Lodge Chief in 1995. Kenneth was the first African-American Lodge Chief. Kenneth continued to work with Okyciapi Chapter in the Lodge merger. Along with the Thunderbird totem, the Lodge included the Okyciapi Vigil Call Out with the swinging triangles of flame.

Travis Rubelee served as Lodge Chief in 1996. Travis spent half his year as a freshman and member of the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M. He fulfilled all his duties and events. This was a NOAC year at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Michael "Chipper" Haynes served as Lodge Chief in 1997 and 1999. Chipper is known as the Grover Cleveland of Mikanakawa as he served two non-consecutive terms. His first year youth members received recognition for the Vigil with their primary service as summer camp staff. His second year 1999 saw the National Leadership Summit in Colorado. Chipper resigned midway through the year to minister to youth in Mexico. He is only the second Lodge Chief to resign in office.

Matt Pease served as Lodge Chief in 1998. This was a NOAC year at Iowa State University. The first two women, Cindy Liddy and Lea White, were called to keep their Vigil.



Matt Pease



James Sweat

James Sweat served as Chief for the remainder of 1999 and for 2000. James served as Brotherhood Warrior and 1st Vice-Chief under Chipper and completed the year. James was then elected to his own term in 2000. During his year the Lodge grew too large for annual dinners at churches and started catering the event at major social venues like Eddie Dean's and Southfork Ranch. James was a passionate grass dancer, winning awards at Lodge and Section events and competed at NOAC in 2000 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Tragically, James Sweat's life was taken by cancer eight months after he left office.

Beau Bratcher served as Lodge Chief in 2001. This was a Jamboree year at Fort A.P. Hill. The power of the patch came into full use as the lodge made special jamboree flaps to help defray the cost of the 2002 NOAC. On his year Beau wrote, "The highlight of my term is the feeling that the merger of the Lodges was complete. I think perhaps because I was one of the last youth members of Okiciyapi to turn an Adult and was the first Chief to come from Okiciyapi, it finally felt like all of it was put behind us and we were one Lodge. I don't think it really had anything to do with me, but more that time, teamwork and brotherhood finally won out and our lodge was better for it." Beau also directly and successfully petitioned the National OA Committee to revise the rule on adult selection into the OA allowing for larger troops to select more than one adult to support the OA program in their troop.



Beau Bratcher



Aubrey Leveridge



Tony Gregg

Aubrey Leveridge served as Lodge Chief in 2002. This was a NOAC year at University of Indiana in Bloomington. Aubrey said he was proud of the large numbers of Miki's at NOAC – the largest contingent of any lodge at the conference. Aubrey was the first chief to champion the idea of paying for a year's worth of events all at once at the beginning of the year. Aubrey dedicated the Camp Cherokee Indian Village for James Sweat II, the 1999-2000 chief who passed away from cancer in 2001.

Tony Gregg served as Lodge Chief in 2003. On his year Tony said “During 2003, the Lodge would again meet the criteria for Quality Lodge and saw its largest membership numbers to date. The lodge exceeded its Brotherhood Conversation rates from the year before and instituted the first “Day of Service,” that included numerous projects throughout the Council that would be spearheaded by the Chapters. When I think back on these achievements I remember the countless hours spent organizing the Lodge’s Plan Book that contained the many goals that the 2003 Officers and Leads set out to achieve and the countless Lodge members who worked to achieve them – all in the name of fellowship and service to our council and districts – but most of all, I remember how much fun we had doing it!

Brandon Ledbetter served as Lodge Chief in 2004. This was a NOAC year at Iowa State University. Brandon authorized the first Chocolate Flap – a Lodge flap made like a candy bar. Some members still have them in their freezers.



Brandon Ledbetter



Ben Frank

Ben Frank served as Lodge Chief in 2005. This was a Jamboree year at Fort A.P. Hill.

Cody Robson served as Lodge Chief in 2006 and 2007. NOAC in 2006 was the largest contingent the lodge had taken to a conference at 132. Of those 96 were youth, the largest youth contingent from one Lodge in national history. Cody saw the creation of the ThunderOwl mascot. For his two terms Cody said, "During my terms as chief we accomplished many things as a Lodge. One of the things I am most proud of was earning the national service award yet again, we took the largest contingent to NOAC in lodge history at the time."



Cody Robson

Cody Robson continued, “We also performed the first Brotherhood ceremony during the World Jamboree ever, and we restructured our Lodge leadership. The highlight of my service was getting the leadership of the Lodge restructured to a simpler model that makes more sense. I was also very grateful to attend the World Jamboree on the 100th anniversary of Scouting and participating in the Brotherhood ceremony there. We had major changes during my service, mainly the leadership restructure. The current model was implemented during my service and was a major change at the time for everyone to adjust.”

Trevor Hodges served as Lodge Chief in 2008. Of his year Trevor said “For a young man, that was a lot to take in. I was excited to take part in this transformational time in the Lodge. Vice Chiefs and their committees were a new facet to the Lodge's structure, the Lodge was preparing its contingent for ArrowCorps 5, a major national service project, and Dr. Graves had just passed the torch to Matt Walker as he assumed the responsibilities of Lodge Adviser.

Trevor Hodges continued, “Ordeals and ceremonies had always been my favorite experiences within the various Lodge events; Mikanakawa had returned to the dual ordeal model for several of the ordeals each year, and the number of individuals attending from chapters that were previously unable to attain yearly goals was better than the years before. Volunteer-ship and fellowship were at an all-time high. Finishing the year as an Honor Lodge wasn't a concern at all. One of my fondest memories was having the privilege to take part in the Mikanakawa sponsored Brotherhood Ceremony at Arrowcorps 5, a ceremony that allowed Arrowmen from other Lodges as well as our own to seal their membership in service at an event designed to give back to our nation and its national parks and forests. This ceremony very thoroughly encompassed all that the oath of the Arrowmen meant to me.”



Trevor Hodges



Kevin Lovett, Jr

Kevin Lovett, Jr. served as Lodge Chief in 2009. Kevin was the first Hispanic lodge chief. It was a NOAC year at Indiana University in Bloomington as conferences moved to odd years to accommodate the pending 100th anniversary of BSA and the 100th anniversary of the OA.

Kyle Miller served as Lodge Chief in 2010. The 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and the last National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill.



Kyle Miller and Nick Clark

Nick Clark served as Lodge Chief in 2011 and 2012. For his two terms, Nick saw a NOAC at Michigan State where the Lodge again sent over 100 members. For his years, Nick said, “Being Lodge chief in itself was an amazing feat. But looking back, the greatest thing during those two years was being able to stand back and watch the Lodge grow not in just numbers but creating a sense of ownership and fun for all the Scouts and Scouters. The war canoes were awesome and Summit Corps and NOAC--there are just too many good memories. I’m very proud of all my Chapter chiefs and Lodge vice chiefs working at council summer camps. Because I got a really good feeling that most of the chiefs, if not all, felt the same passion for working summer camp that I do.” Nick oversaw the 75th Anniversary of the Lodge.

Carlos Ochoa served as Lodge Chief in 2013. This was the first year for the National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. The new home of BSA’s fourth high adventure base. For his time as Chief Carlos said “We received the National Service Award for the fifth straight year. Being

selected to host Conclave (for 2014). We won Best of Section at the Conclave for the 4th time. Chuck Wagner, who served as Lodge chief in 1977, was appointed as Lodge Adviser.



Carlos Ochoa



Ricky Watson Jr

Ricky Watson Jr. served as Lodge Chief in 2014. He also serves as Section Vice Chief and a longtime staff member of Camp Constantine.



▪ **Mikanakawa Lodge 101 Lodge Officers**

1937

Chief Fred Haynes

Brotherhood Warrior

Ordeal Warrior

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

1938

Chief Cecil Cameron

Brotherhood Warrior

Ordeal Warrior

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

1939

Chief Don Moore

Brotherhood Warrior

Ordeal Warrior

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

1940

Chief Jean Daugherty

Brotherhood Warrior

Ordeal Warrior

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

1941

Chief Layden L. Stroud, Jr.

Brotherhood Warrior

Ordeal Warrior

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

1942

Chief Buddy Couch

Brotherhood Warrior

Ordeal Warrior

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

1943-1944 War Years

1945

Chief J. Rush Pierce

1946

Chief J. Rush Pierce

Brotherhood Warrior
Ordeal Warrior
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary

1947

Chief Pat Evans
Brotherhood Warrior
Ordeal Warrior
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary

1949

Chief William L. "Bill" Jordan, Jr.
Brotherhood Warrior
Ordeal Warrior
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary

1951

Chief Ron Clarke
Brotherhood Warrior
Ordeal Warrior
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary

Brotherhood Warrior
Ordeal Warrior
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary

1948

Chief Lee Roy Fausett
Brotherhood Warrior
Ordeal Warrior
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary

1950

Chief William L. "Bill" Jordan, Jr.
Brotherhood Warrior
Ordeal Warrior
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary

1952

Chief Ron Clarke
Brotherhood Warrior
Ordeal Warrior
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary

1953

Chief Tom Wilson

Brotherhood Warrior

Ordeal Warrior

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

1954

Chief Ronald Eddy

Brotherhood Warrior

Ordeal Warrior

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

1955

Chief Floyd N. "Bunky" Jordan

Brotherhood Warrior

Ordeal Warrior

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

1956

Chief Newton J. Burkett, Jr.

Brotherhood Warrior

Ordeal Warrior

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

1957

Chief Melvin Vancil

Brotherhood Warrior

Ordeal Warrior

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

1958

Chief Ray Telfair, Jr.

Brotherhood Warrior

Ordeal Warrior

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

1959

Chief Mark Winer

Brotherhood Warrior

Ordeal Warrior

Recording Secretary

1960

Chief Jerry Farney

Brotherhood Warrior

Ordeal Warrior

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

1961

Chief Hayden Klaeveman

Brotherhood Warrior

Ordeal Warrior

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

1963

Chief Ronald Hatzenbuehler

Brotherhood Warrior Bruce Cheatham

Ordeal Warrior Joe Belden

Recording Secretary Ben Christy

Corresponding Secretary Benton Carey

1965

Chief David King

Brotherhood Warrior Bobby Holt

Ordeal Warrior Allen Griffin

Recording Secretary Rusty Skelton

Corresponding Secretary Terry Van Duser

1967

Chief Ladd Greeno

Brotherhood Warrior David Irwin

Corresponding Secretary

1962

Chief James H. "Jim" Scott

Brotherhood Warrior Don Welch

Ordeal Warrior Ted Schwink

Recording Secretary Bruce Cheatham

Corresponding Secretary David White

1964

Chief Barry DePauw

Brotherhood Warrior David King

Ordeal Warrior John Clary

Recording Secretary Benton Carey

Corresponding Secretary Allen Griffin

1966

Chief Ladd Greeno

Brotherhood Warrior Barry Hardin

Ordeal Warrior Ken McEntire

Recording Secretary Bill Dennis

Corresponding Secretary Tom Switser

1968

Chief Tom Williams

Brotherhood Warrior Bill Sebastian

Ordeal Warrior Tom Switser
Recording Secretary Tom Williams
Corresponding Secretary Ray Lindner

Ordeal Warrior Steve Raines
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary

1969

Chief Bill B. Sebastian
Brotherhood Warrior Jim Fitzgerald
Ordeal Warrior Tom Gornick
Recording Secretary Chris Colgin
Corresponding Secretary Chuck Mix

1970

Chief Chris Colgin
Brotherhood Warrior Mike McPherson
Ordeal Warrior Ben Skinner
Recording Secretary Charles Allen
Corresponding Secretary Warren Johnson

1971

Chief Chris Colgin
Brotherhood Warrior John McIntire
Ordeal Warrior Grady Frank
Recording Secretary Wayne Finkbone
Corresponding Secretary

1972

Chief Ben G. Coleman
Brotherhood Warrior Ricky Wright
Ordeal Warrior Kent Raley
Recording Secretary Lowry Matthews
Corresponding Secretary John Hammack

1973

Chief Ben G. Coleman
Brotherhood Warrior Mark Jordan
Ordeal Warrior Chris Morris
Recording Secretary Eric Stoddard
Corresponding Secretary Mike Friesen

1974

Chief G. Paul Newton
Brotherhood Warrior Mike Friesen
Ordeal Warrior Don Lindsey
Recording Secretary Ralph Green
Corresponding Secretary Frank Everts

1975

Chief G. Paul Newton
Brotherhood Warrior Gary Carter
Ordeal Warrior Chuck Wagner
Recording Secretary Gary Laden
Corresponding Secretary Glenn Dyer

1977

Chief Chuck W. Wagner
Brotherhood Warrior Steve Rackley
Ordeal Warrior Pete McNabb
Recording Secretary Raymond Reitz
Corresponding Secretary Paul Heath

1979

Chief Glenn S. Dyer
Brotherhood Warrior Beau Sill
Ordeal Warrior Shane Philips
Recording Secretary Mark Whitt
Corresponding Secretary Robert Evans

1981

Chief J. Shane Phillips
Brotherhood Warrior Steve Dean
Ordeal Warrior Mike Harvey
Recording Secretary Jeff Walker

1976

Chief Gary M. Laden
Brotherhood Warrior Mike Friesen
Ordeal Warrior Randy Griffeth
Recording Secretary Tom Stimson
Corresponding Secretary Jerry Thetford

1978

Chief Steve Rackley
Brotherhood Warrior Russell Keene
Ordeal Warrior Paul Heath
Recording Secretary Donny Tullis
Corresponding Secretary Eddie Denning

1980

Chief Beau E. W. Sill
Brotherhood Warrior Shane Philips
Ordeal Warrior Greg Welsh
Recording Secretary Jon Wolkenstein
Corresponding Secretary Kirkmichael Moore

1982

Chief Shawn Wilkins
Brotherhood Warrior John Bruce
Ordeal Warrior John Tullis
Recording Secretary Jerry Gribble, II

Corresponding Secretary Shawn Wilkins

Corresponding Secretary Paul Tullis

1983

Chief Jerry L. Gribble, Jr.

Brotherhood Warrior Bill Sager

Ordeal Warrior David Gribble

Recording Secretary Scott Hancock

Corresponding Secretary Kelly Quinn

1984

Chief David E. Gribble

Brotherhood Warrior Scott Hancodk

Ordeal Warrior Dennis Welp

Recording Secretary Doug Hancock

Corresponding Secretary David Davis



1984

David Davis, Scott Hancodk, David E. Gribble, Dennis Welp, Doug Hancock

1985

Chief Dennis C. Welp

Brotherhood Warrior Brian Reel

Ordeal Warrior Brian Bennett

Recording Secretary Scott Moore

Corresponding Secretary Bill Clark

1986

Chief Scott D. Moore

Brotherhood Warrior Dayton Brightwell

Ordeal Warrior Scott Vornberg

Recording Secretary Brian Bennett

Corresponding Secretary Kenneth Tackett

1987

Chief Brian Bennett

Brotherhood Warrior John Davis

Ordeal Warrior Brian Kirkwood

Recording Secretary Jimmy Hudson

Corresponding Secretary Joe Tokarz

1988

Chief Brian Bennett/ Mark Vornburg

Brotherhood Warrior Mark Vornburg/Lee Boyd

Ordeal Warrior Jimmy Hudson

Recording Secretary Urny Maxwell

Corresponding Secretary Danny Alexander



1987

Jimmy Hudson, Brian Kirkwood, Brian Bennett, Joe Tokarz, John Davis



1988

Mark Vornburg, Danny Alexander, Brian Bennett, Urny Maxwell, Jimmy Hudson

1989

Chief Shane Steinke

Brotherhood Warrior Lee Boyd

Ordeal Warrior Andy Wilder

Recording Secretary Mathew Hudson

Corresponding Secretary Danny Alexander

1990

Chief Anthony Wilder

Brotherhood Warrior Jonathan Wilder

Ordeal Warrior Tom Blew

Recording Secretary Tim Hilbun

Corresponding Secretary Deyo Leonard



1990

Anthony Wilder, Jonathan Wilder, Tom Blew, Deyo Leonard

1991

Chief William McDowell
Brotherhood Warrior Mike Duphorne
Ordeal Warrior George Plomerity
Recording Secretary Mike Glynn
Corresponding Secretary Jared Farley

1992

Chief Michael Duphorne
Brotherhood Warrior J.R. Richardson
Ordeal Warrior Jeremy Burdett
Recording Secretary Scott McDowell
Corresponding Secretary Henry Dawson

1993

Chief Chris Tucker
Brotherhood Warrior Henry Dawson
Ordeal Warrior David Palmer
Recording Secretary Scott McDowell
Corresponding Secretary Tony Mendina

1994

Chief Henry Dawson, Jr.
Brotherhood Warrior Scott McDowell
Ordeal Warrior Kenneth Wilkins
Recording Secretary Josh Migharzzo
Corresponding Secretary Bruce Campbell



1993

Tony Mendina, Henry Dawson, Chris Tucker, Harry Bubeck, David Palmer, Scott McDowell



1994

Scott McDowell, Henry Dawson, Jared Farley, Josh Migharzzo, Kenneth Wilkins Jr., Bruce Campbell

1995

Chief Kenneth Wilkins, Jr
Brotherhood Warrior Mark Wattenberger
Ordeal Warrior Mark Wattenberger
Recording Secretary Greg Rostyne
Corresponding Secretary Kirk McPike

1996

Chief Travis Rubelee
Brotherhood Warrior Mykle Tomlinson
Ordeal Warrior Aarron Sampson
Recording Secretary Aarron Sampson
Corresponding Secretary Rusty Stephenson



1995

Kenneth Wilkins, Jr, Mark Wattenberger, Mark Wattenberger, Greg Rostyne, Kirk McPike



1996

John Berry, Travis Rubelee, Mykle Tomlinson, Aarron Sampson, Aarron Sampson, Rusty Stephenson

1997

Chief Aarron Sampson

Brotherhood Warrior Aarron Sampson

Ordeal Warrior Thomas Stoddard

Recording Secretary Michael Garst

Corresponding Secretary Ryan Ongley

1998

Chief Matt Pease

Brotherhood Warrior James White, III

Ordeal Warrior Dan Townsend

Recording Secretary Jeremy Yancey

Corresponding Secretary Cody Bann



1997

Michael Garst, Aaron Sampson, Aaron Sampson, Thomas Stoddard, Ryan Ongley

1999

Chief Michael "Chipper" Haynes/
James Sweat, II

Brotherhood Warrior James E. Sweat, II/
Colin Chamberlain

Ordeal Warrior Chris Sanders

Recording Secretary Chris Sanders

Corresponding Secretary Cody Bann

2000

Chief James E. Sweat, II

Brotherhood Warrior Cody Bann

Ordeal Warrior Chris Sanders

Vice Chief of Service Stephen Whittington

Recording Secretary Daniel Lowery

Corresponding Secretary Timothy Gilfilen



1999

Chris Sanders, Chris Sanders, Michael "Chipper" Haynes, Cody Bann, James Sweat, II



2000

James E. Sweat, II, Cody Bann, Timothy Gilfilen, Chris Sanders, Daniel Lowery, Stephen Whittington

2001

- Chief Beau Bratcher
- Brotherhood Warrior John Beazley
- Ordeal Warrior Billy Lockridge

2002

- Chief Aubrey Leveridge
- Brotherhood Warrior Tony Gregg
- Ordeal Warrior Billy Lockridge

Vice Chief of Service Stephen Whittington

Vice Chief of Service Joe Fishpaw

Recording Secretary Patrick Whittington

Recording Secretary Brian Murray

Corresponding Secretary Brandon Bubeck

Corresponding Secretary Brandon Bubeck



2001

Stephen Whittington, Billy Lockridge, John Beazley, Brandon Bubeck, Beau Bratcher,

Stephen Whittington

2003

Chief Tony Gregg

Brotherhood Warrior Seann Perry

Ordeal Warrior Chase Carey

Vice Chief of Service Michael Redd

Recording Secretary Ben Martin

Corresponding Secretary Brett Bayne

2004

Chief Brandon Ledbetter

Brotherhood Warrior Phillip Howie

Ordeal Warrior Bill Miller

Vice Chief of Service Toby Dunlap

Recording Secretary Jason McCoy

Corresponding Secretary Jon Shields

2005

Chief Benjamin E. Frank

Brotherhood Warrior Zach Francis

Ordeal Warrior Derek Brozowski

Vice Chief of Service Brad Owen

Recording Secretary Jordan Francis

Corresponding Secretary Matthew Kolodoski

2006

Chief Cody Robson

Brotherhood Warrior Sandy Walker

Ordeal Warrior Charles Willis

Vice Chief of Service Janson Ford

Recording Secretary Jordan Francis

Corresponding Secretary Jason Follis



2005

Glenn Stone, Benjamin E. Frank, Zach Francis, Derek Brozowski, Brad Owen, Jordan Francis,
Matthew Kolodoski



2006

Ponce Duran, Cody Robson, Sandy Walker, Charles Willis, Janson Ford, Jordan Francis, Jason Follis

2007

Chief Cody Robson

Vice Chief of Inductions Dominique Williams

Vice Chief of Camp Promotions Tanner Miller

Vice Chief of Service Justin Knight

Vice Chief of Native American Sean Ryan

Vice Chief of Administration Josh Jimenez

Vice Chief of Technology and Communications Matt Bareis

2008

Chief Trevor Hodges

Vice Chief of Inductions Alan Joyce

Vice Chief of Camp Promotions Tanner Miller

Vice Chief of Service John Frietch

Vice Chief of Native American Sean Ryan

Vice Chief of Administration Kyle Miller

Vice Chief of Technology and Communications Justin Carson

2009

Chief Kevin Lovett Jr.

Vice Chief of Inductions Banks Ismael

Vice Chief of Camp Promotions Rasheed Furlow

Vice Chief of Service Elijah Whitaker

Vice Chief of Native American Kyle Miller

Vice Chief of Administration Kevin Lovett Jr.

Vice Chief of Technology and Communications Kevin Lovett Jr.



2009

Kyle Miller, Elijah Whitaker, Kevin Lovett Jr., Kevin Lovett Jr., Kevin Lovett Jr., Rasheed Furlow

2010

Chief Kyle Miller

Vice Chief of Inductions Rasheed Furlow

Vice Chief of Camp Promotions Sam Bubeck

Vice Chief of Service Reese Knox

Vice Chief of Native American Nick Fullington

Vice Chief of Administration Nathan Bubeck

Vice Chief of Technology and Communications Jason Follis



2010

Kyle Miller, Rasheed Furlow, Sam Bubeck, Reese Knox, Nick Fullington, Nathan Bubeck, Jason Follis

2011

Chief Nick Clark

Vice Chief of Inductions David Tassin

Vice Chief of Camp Promotions Grant Tucker

Vice Chief of Service Aaron Parks-Young

Vice Chief of Native American Carlos Ochoa

Vice Chief of Administration Ben Myers

Vice Chief of Technology and Communications Terry Tucker



2011

Terry Tucker, Carlos Ochoa, Aaron Parks-Young, Grant Tucker, David Tassin, Nick Clark, Ben Myers

2012

Chief Nick Clark

Vice Chief of Inductions Ricky Watson Jr.

Vice Chief of Camp Promotions Ricky Garcia

Vice Chief of Service Cooper Blount

Vice Chief of Native American Steven Lovett

Vice Chief of Administration Ben Myers

Vice Chief of Technology and Communications Nathan Bubeck



2012

Nick Clark, Ben Myers, Nathan Bubeck, Ricky Watson Jr., Ricky Garcia, Cooper Blount, Steven Lovett

2013

Chief Carlos Ochoa

Vice Chief of Inductions Daniel Tassin

Vice Chief of Camp Promotions Russell Bus

Vice Chief of Service Cooper Blount

Vice Chief of Native American Adam Koestner

Vice Chief of Administration Tim Seitz

Vice Chief of Technology and Communications D'Quaylon Davis

2014

Chief Ricky Watson Jr.

Vice Chief of Inductions Jorge Salazar

Vice Chief of Camp Promotions Dylan Chan

Vice Chief of Service John Davidson

Vice Chief of Native American Colin March

Vice Chief of Administration Zach Grubbs

Vice Chief of Technology and Communications Caleb Scott



2014

Ricky Watson Jr., Jorge Salazar, Dylan Chan, John Davidson, Caleb Scott, Zach Grubbs

▪ Lodge Advisers

By Peter McNabb and Randy White

Perhaps the greatest asset the Mikanakawa Lodge has been blessed with through the years is quality adult advisers. A number of men have worked on all levels of the OA in advisory positions, contributing to the overall health of the Lodge. Interestingly enough, though, is the fact that only five men have served as Lodge Adviser in the 50-year history of the Mikanakawa Lodge.

In the beginning, there was no Lodge adviser. But that doesn't mean there was no adult guidance. Circle 10 Council Chief Executive L.L. Hotchkiss brought the OA to Dallas.

What kind of man was Hotch? By all accounts, he was a good-natured individual who loved Scouting. Hotch began his professional Scouting career in St. Louis. Later, he served as Chief Scout Executive and Supreme Chief of the Fire for the Fort Worth Wayne, Ind., area. Hotch came to Dallas in 1937 the year the Mikanakawa Lodge was born and stayed with Circle 10 until his death in 1960. An elementary school in the Merriman Park part of North Dallas is named for him. He saw the OA as a great tool which could be used to hold the attention of older Scouts and tap their resources. Hotch wasn't the type to let things slide either. When Lodge members trying to regroup after World War II started playing political games with the OA, Hotch threatened to lift the Lodge charter. This action caused more concerned members of the Lodge to spring into action, reviving the Mikanakawa Lodge with a new level of commitment. And the Lodge lived.

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TOMMY FOWLER 1945-49

The first volunteer Lodge adviser was Tommy Fowler. He served as Lodge adviser from 1945 to 1949. Under Fowler, Arrowmen re-established the Order after it virtually shut down for two years during World War II.

Fowler was born in Dallas in 1903. He worked for Western Electric in the health department. Before getting involved with the Boy Scouts, Fowler was quite active with the Red Cross. From there, he went on to become active with the health department at Camp Wisdom, often spending his vacation time at Camp Wisdom.

In 1944, Fowler's son, Tom, Jr., became a Boy Scout, and both father and son became active in Troop 60, sponsored by Owen Methodist Church, which is now St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Mrs. Fowler, by the way, was quite active in Cub Scouting prior to this, having been a den mother to as many as 27 cubs at one time during the War Years.

Professional Scouter Harvey Price, who was Circle 10 Council Camping Director at the time, was instrumental in recruiting Fowler to become Lodge adviser in 1945.

Breathing new life back into the Lodge was the major accomplishment of Fowler's tenure. With him as adviser, Fowler's son was called out for the OA there.

Fowler continued to serve as Lodge adviser through the end of 1949. By the time he left, the OA had been brought back to life and was starting to really grow. Two Ordeals were being held each year, and annual dinners were drawing as many as 100 Arrowmen.

Interestingly, each of the three Lodge Chiefs whose terms were served completely while Fowler was adviser have gone on to be doctors. They are: Dr. J. Rush Pierce (1945 and 1946), Dr. Pat Evans (1947), and Dr. Lee Roy Fausett (1948). Perhaps Fowler's work with the Camp Wisdom Health Department in some way inspired those three Chiefs into the medical profession.

Fowler died in 1974.

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PHIL PAUL 1950-1960

Enter the 1950's. Bill Jordan was the Lodge Chief at the time, and a new Lodge adviser was needed. Council executives asked Bill who he wanted as Lodge adviser, and he said, APhil Paul.

At the time, Paul was Explorer Adviser for Post 82 where Jordan was a member. Previously, Paul had been committee chairman of Troop 82.

Paul was an engineer by profession and an amateur photographer. Under Paul's decade of direction as adviser, the Lodge began to follow more closely National Order of the Arrow policy on a number of issues.

Active membership in the Mikanakawa Lodge grew phenomenally during the 1950's by more than 500%. When Paul first became Lodge adviser, the Lodge claimed fewer than 200 members on its books. When he left, there were more than 1,300.

Early in his term as adviser, Paul helped usher in the merger of the Texoma Lodge of the Red River Valley Council into the Mikanakawa Lodge.

Midway through his tenure as Lodge adviser, Paul worked alongside another Lodge Chief from Troop 82, Bill Jordan's brother, Floyd "Bunky" Jordan. One of the many highlights of the Phil Paul Decade was the establishment of the Medicine Council met four times a year. The Medicine Council's purpose was to recommend long-range policies for the Lodge and to act as advisers to the individual functions of the Lodge when called upon.

More and more members were encouraged to become Brotherhood members during the 1950's. And the Vigil program was initiated at this time as well. The Clan movement developed. In the late 1950's, formal unit elections started.

Paul's successor as Lodge adviser, Asa Leger, has nothing but praise for Paul.

"Phil Paul did an enormous job of bringing the organization up," said Leger in a 1986 interview.

Paul had health problems throughout his tenure as Lodge Adviser, but he kept on going anyway. While driving back from an event with the Fort Worth Lodge at Worth Ranch in early 1959, Paul had a heart attack. The following year, he died.

In Paul's honor, the Phil Paul Award was established in 1962 to honor Arrowmen who perform service far above the call of duty.

Memories of Mr. Paul:

My memory of Phil Paul is that he was a very distinguished man with gray hair who smoked a pipe. Perhaps a better description would be "stately gentleman". Mr. Paul's home was located between the SMU Campus and Central Expressway. My memory is that it was north of University Dr. (now SMU Drive). He had a home office at the rear of his garage which was a separate enclosure. I remember that his desk was against the rear wall on which were displayed several certificates from Scouting and the Order of Arrow.

Dr. Miro A. Pavelka

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ASA LEGER 1960-1973

Startling many as an old-timer, a young man in his 20's was picked as acting Lodge adviser in 1959 to fill the big shoes of long-time Lodge adviser Phil Paul.

The new adviser: Asa Leger.

"I was the young flunky then," Leger reflected in a 1986 interview.

Leger's temporary assignment soon became permanent when it appeared Paul's health would not allow him to return as Lodge adviser.

Leger was perhaps more surprised than anyone at being named Lodge adviser. Circle 10 Council Chief Executive Charles Grable approached him the night of the Lodge annual dinner in December 1960.

According to Leger, Grable said something to the effect of: "Well, it looks like we'll have to announce the new adviser tonight--as long as you'll accept--seeing as how you've been running the show for the most part since Phil left."

In Leger's first year of service, the Lodge hosted its 25th anniversary. It was quite a banquet--filet mignon was served for 360 people.

The 1960's proved to be a big growth era for the Mikanakawa Lodge, and Scouting in general. It was in that decade that the Mikanakawa Lodge developed a national presence and became a role model for other Lodges to follow. Indeed, after 25 years of service, the Mikanakawa Lodge had come of age.

In 1961, for the first time, it took a bus to carry all the Mikanakawa members attending the National Conference. By the 1963 National Conference, 13% of the national discussion groups were being put on by Mikanakawa Lodge members.

As Assistant Lodge Adviser Jimmy Harris recalls, whenever the Lodge went to area conferences, the Mikanakawan brothers ended up telling others what was going on.

Indeed, Mikanakawa was on the cutting edge with such savvy ideas as Clan campouts and even a Lodge trek to Philmont.

The more the Lodge served, the more it grew. Registered Lodge membership burst through the 2,000-mark in 1963 and stayed above the 2,000-level throughout the 1960's.

With the creation of so many new troops in the council, the Clans became more active in camping promotion and unit elections. Some Clans even began putting on their own supplemental tapouts.

One of the most notable accomplishments of the Leger Administration was the battle against hazing.

"Without preaching it, we literally shoved an anti-hazing program into action," said Leger. "We decided: 'Shouldn't we--instead of having demeaning tasks to do at Ordeals--instill in young campers a chance to leave a camp a lot better than they found it?'"

But Leger's years were not unmarked by controversy, the biggest of which had to do with the starting of a Mikanakawa Lodge building at Camp Wisdom in 1964. Without complete approval from the Council, the Mikanakawa Lodge built a cement foundation along with plumbing and electrical facilities for the building. The council put an end to the construction, however, reasoning that the structure was not needed as all existing camp facilities were already open to the OA.

Each Lodge Chief under Leger tried to make the Lodge better than it was the year before. Chris Colgin, Lodge Chief in 1970 and in 1971 sees Leger as the driving force during those years.

"Asa had a way of building you to be better than the previous Chief," said Colgin in a 1986 interview. "No man influenced my life as much as Asa Leger did."

Leger resigned as Lodge adviser in 1973 after more than a dozen years in the position.

Leger died in 1995.

Article from the Mikanakawan:

Asa Lawrence Leger 1930 – 1995

On Sunday, December 2, 1995, Asa L. Leger, the third Scouter to serve as Adviser for Mikanakawa Lodge passed away. Asa who was sixty-five years young, suffered a heart attack while doing what he did most of his life, held on Wednesday, December 6, 1995 at St. Edwards Catholic Church with a church full of Scouters, Arrowmen and friends in attendance.

Asa was not quite 30 years old when he was chosen to serve as the acting Lodge Adviser in early 1959 when Phil Paul, our second Lodge Adviser suffered a heart attack. His appointment was made permanent in December 1960 and he continued to serve as Lodge Adviser until he resigned in the Fall of 1974.

The “Leger Years” are best characterized by growth - - in membership, national stature and most importantly BOY Power. Asa had the rare ability to ignite the imagination of boys and then step back and let them run with the idea. He was always there to enable their enthusiasm, run interference, help when asked and then pick up the ball if they stumbled, but he always let the boys “run the show.” This attitude fostered the growth of boy leaders who today have become doctors, lawyers, judges, teachers, principals, school administrators, company presidents, a museum director and successful entrepreneurs just to name a few.

Chris Colgin, Lodge Chief in the early seventies, delivered an emotional eulogy at Asa’s funeral. Chris shared what he learned from Asa, who was his adviser but more importantly his longtime friend. Asa taught him leadership, confidence and good judgment; not to just plan an event but to make it spectacular. He remembered how unselfish he was with his time, money and energy; that he was a great listener, never judgmental; and how Asa understood the art of storytelling. Oh, how Asa loved to tell those stories!

Jack McKinney, active for many years in the 1960s and 1970s, remembers how Asa taught them to prepare meals for hundreds at events like the BBB, one of Asa’s grand ideas that spawned the annual Lodge Fellowship in the years to follow. He also introduced them to many fine restaurants both in Dallas and across the country as they traveled to National Conferences. The fond memories from those experiences occupy a special place in hearts of all those Arrowmen who were privileged to experience Asa’s guiding hand.

Asa was always active in all phases of Scouting prior to, during and after his tenure as Lodge Adviser. In a 1963 article in the MIKANAKAWAN, Hayden Klaeveman, Lodge Chief 1962, wrote the following on the occasion of Asa receiving the Silver Beaver. “Few men ever achieve in a lifetime the accomplishments wrought by this man in such a short time. It amazes those who know him or come in

contact with him what jobs he will undertake. He turns down none. Personal gain is of the least importance, but the ideals and principles of this movement are deeply engraved in his heart. All this, while working actively in his church parish and he is an outstanding businessman.”

Following his retirement as Lodge Adviser, Asa continued to champion the ideals that Scouting teaches young boys. He played a major role in the Catholic Scouting Program, bringing Scouting parishes that did not have a program. He worked tirelessly at his church, St. Edwards, not only with the Scouting program but with every other phase of church life. He was a Lector, Usher, Communion Minister, Member of the Parish Council, Teacher, and Finance Committee member and worked on the church carnival. The rector knew if he needed information, help or couldn't find something, all he had to do was to call Asa. He also put in many long hours helping the needy at the Ladies of Charity Thrift Store near his house.

It is no surprise that Asa's unfortunate heart attack occurred while he was at church, performing cheerful service, just as he pledged to do in our order's Obligation. In recognition of Asa's many years in Scouting, the Lodge has instituted an award in his honor. The first one was presented last month at the annual banquet to the first year Arrowman who best exemplifies this same cheerful service.

I know I will never touch as many young lives as Asa did during his long career in Scouting, But if even one Scout benefits from my help as much as I did from Asa's loving guidance, then I will feel extremely gratified. He has prepared the trail for each of us to follow. Let us all go forward “to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.”

Tom Switser

Memories of Asa Leger

Asa was a man with grand vision. He thought big. He would always shoot for excellence, for the best. He was not interested in just getting by or maintaining the status quo. And Asa inspired others, both boy leaders and adults, to aim for excellence also. Of course, grand ideas don't always work out. But even if they didn't completely succeed, the result was usually far better than if the target had been lower.

I have never known a man that devoted as much time and effort to volunteer work as Asa. There were some weeks where he participated in some meeting or task force every night of the week and led an event that weekend. He was not a well-to-do man and had to work hard at his job. But he worked just as hard

for Scouting. In addition to all of the time he spent with Scouting, he was also very active in his church, serving in many capacities and on innumerable committees.

Asa was a good judge of character. He could identify talent and potential in Scouts and was always looking to develop new leaders.

He was an excellent mentor. Asa would give the boy leaders a challenge and then let them do the work with the right amount of supervision and direction. I will always be grateful for the opportunities to grow that he gave to me.

Dave King

My relationship with Asa Leger developed as the 1962 IX-E regional meeting was being planned and carried out. At that time Asa worked for a company catering to commercial painting contractors. His place of business was at Forest Ave. (Now MLK) and Oakland (now Malcolm X).

Asa was a detail oriented person who was quite organized. I attended both the 1958 and 1961 National Conferences; Asa knew exactly the sessions Mikanakawa members were to attend. The knowledge we gained helped move our Lodge forward. Asa had a great sense of humor; his laugh while holding the ever-present cigar was infectious. That he was chosen to follow Phil Paul as Lodge Adviser came as no surprise.

Dr. Miro A. Paelka

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CHARLES ACKER 1974 – 1975

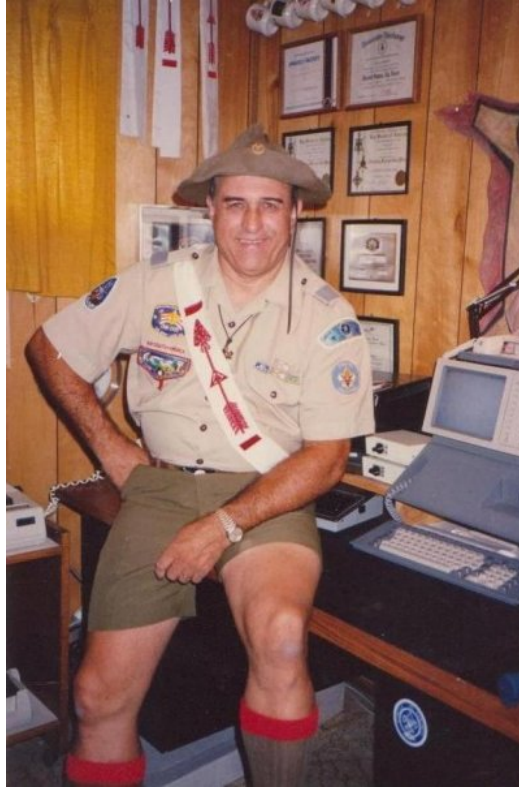
The fourth Lodge adviser of the Mikanakawa Lodge was Charles Acker.

By profession, Acker was a pilot for Braniff Airlines. He was an active volunteer leader in the North District and served on the Circle 10 Council Camping Committee.

Paul Newton was Lodge Chief during each of Acker's years. Later, Newton became National Conference Vice Chief. Newton describes Acker as being the type of adviser who believed in maintaining the integrity of the boy-run nature of the organization.

After serving a two-year stint as Lodge adviser, Acker left to become head of the Circle 10 Council Camping Committee.

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JIM INCE 1976 – 1987

Through an interesting series of events, Jim Ince began serving the Mikanakawa Lodge a year before he took his Ordeal in 1965. He hasn't stopped serving since.

It was in 1964 when Ince's son, Jim, needed a ride to Camp Texoma for an Ordeal that Ince had his first taste of life within the Mikanakawa Lodge. Ince agreed to drive his son to the camp for the Ordeal, but he didn't have enough money in his bank account to afford gasoline for two round trips to Texoma.

So Ince decided to stay at Texoma until his son finished his Ordeal. To make himself useful, Ince volunteered to help out in the kitchen, even though he was not a member of the OA at all at the time.

A year later, Ince was back up at Texoma, taking the Ordeal himself. He had been elected an OA candidate by the committee of Troop 1008 which he was serving as Scoutmaster.

In the late 1960's, Ince spent much of his Scouting volunteer time building Troop 1008 up to an impressive 85 members. One out of every 20 boys in Ince's Troop earned his Eagle rank. That's five times the national average. In 1970, Ince helped start Post 1008 as Post Adviser. The Post quickly grew to have 93 members. In 1973, Ince was again thrust into a top advisory position. As Yanush Clan Adviser, Ince was instrumental in getting the Clan to run the district camporees. And at the spring 1974 camporee, some 110 boy OA members served on staff. The turnout was an unbelievable 1,210--about twice the normal crowd.

With that kind of a track record, Circle 10 Council Chief Executive J.L. Tarr had to consider Ince a front-runner candidate for the Lodge Adviser position which opened up at the end of Charles Acker's second year. How did Tarr recruit Ince? "He told me it was usually a one-year position," Ince recalled in an interview 10 years later.

When Ince took over as Lodge adviser, the Mikanakawa Lodge was the 15th largest in the nation. By the mid-1980's, it was third.

And throughout the decade of leadership Ince has provided, he has maintained an attitude of extreme modesty. He claims to get it from the Mikanakawa Vigils. Says Ince: "Our Vigils are about the most humble in the nation. They're a low-keyed bunch"

Among the many, many milestones the Mikanakawa Lodge has realized while Ince was adviser is the complete Computerization of the Lodge. While he was being interviewed for this book, the phone rang. It was an Arrowmen needing a roster of his Clan. Within seconds, Ince tapped into his computer and had the needed roster printing out. But, again, Ince refused to take the credit, giving it all to Dick Raitt and the members of the Data Processing Committee.

"We're just linked by imagination," says Ince. "We've got the brain power that's needed."

The best way Ince has found to serve as adviser is to look for the resources available and apply them to situations.

Future Lodge advisers, Ince recommends, might consider his simple eight-word credo:

"Train'em. Trust'em. And let'em go."

For Jim Ince, it's worked.

After Ince retired as adviser in 1987, he continued to be very involved in the Lodge, taking the lead in a decade-long project to build the Amphitheatre at Camp Wisdom. He also was actively involved on the district, council and national level of the Boy Scouts of America. He attended NOACs and National Jamborees up until the time of his death in 2012.

Memories of Mr. Ince:

These are my feelings and understanding of how Mr. Ince worked with me and our youth members in the 1980's. Yours might be different.

I remember a steady pace and a gentle tone when advising me and my team of officers. We were just a bunch of teenagers running around thinking we had it figured out. He asked many questions that were designed to guide us to the best options yet we were proud we had the answers.

I remember afternoons at his house reviewing programs and the meals Mrs. Ince would offer if I stayed too late. I remember the trips to events and conclaves and meetings. We always had to stop at a greasy spoon for something fried and something sweet. I remember breaking ground on the Amphitheatre at Camp Wisdom and his work every weekend for ten years to see its completion.

He advised the lodge for twelve years. Many youth members learned life lessons from his guidance. I remember Jim Ince and Ric Wilkins were the first ones at an event and the last ones to leave.

I know back then and today our youth are taught to recognize service and say 'thank you'. I know we have our share of adult awards to recognize service. We don't always realize the impact of our teachers or coaches until we are older or until they have passed on. What I did not know then was the impact Jim Ince had on building my character, the patience he had while doing it, and did not realize the weight his care had on my life.

Brian Bennett

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Chuck Haseman 1988 – 1992

Chuck Haseman's Scouting career started just south of Seattle in a place called Spirit Lake near Mt. St Helens. He was very active in OA growing up and even got to attend a conference with E. Urner Goodman at NOAC in 1971. After moving here in 1980 he met Earl Hagn at his local Lutheran church and they immediately hit it off. Three weeks later he found himself SM of troop 286 in North Trails District. Soon he met Harry Bubeck and they worked together on many events. Eventually his friendship with Harry would lead him to Jim Ince, whom he adopted as a second father. Thus he became one of Ince's Boys along with Harry, Chuck, Brian, Wade, and some others.

Jim Ince seemed very simple and laid back but was a master at relationships. He knew exactly what he was doing as far as matching boys with their skills. It wasn't long until Chuck was asked to be lodge adviser, and he took on the challenge at once. Billy Clayton, trusted adviser, helped Chuck re-organize the chapters and laid out an organizational chart for the lodge structure. He started with four main categories and developed the structure of the lodge by applying business principles he had learned along the way. He became good at matching skill sets to job descriptions and set about delegating the various tasks and duties. Committee Chairs became Vice Chiefs as the attention turned back to Native American themes.

During this time the lodge started traveling to NOAC on tour buses and adopted the "cowboy hat & boots standard". Miki had become the third largest lodge on the country and Chuck was determined that the lodge would make its mark. He helped form a group of the top ten lodges that would meet from time to time to share ideas and help support each others' activities. This is when the big lodges across America really started doing some great awards and programs because of the communication between them. There was more consistency, better organization, and a higher standard of excellence. Mikanakawa started focusing more on the Native American ceremonies and regalia. The lodge was growing as the benefits of Chuck's reorganization plan began to multiply.

All in all, Mr. Haseman was quite successful in applying a business structure to the OA program. A natural born salesman, he never had to try too hard to sell his ideas. The biggest problem he sought to overcome was people's negative attitudes towards change. To this end he used to say: "You might as well get on board since it's gonna happen anyway!" His overriding philosophy in leading the boys was: "I don't care what you do as long as you don't kill anyone or spend money we don't have. The rest is up to you guys."

And who was most influential as his leader and mentor? "That's easy" he says, - Ric Wilkins and Jim Ince. Two men who are easy to remember and hard to forget, because to this day their legacy of honorable service lives on here at Mikanakawa Lodge. "They had more to do with where we are today than most."

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Harry Bubeck 1993-2001

Harry Bubeck's primary goal coming in as adviser was twofold: grow the lodge membership and keep out of Mr. Billy Gamble's office. He managed to do both, and membership swelled to 2,500 by the end of his term. He had nine chiefs, but none had more of an effect on him than James Sweat. He tells the story of when James, sick with cancer, competed in a dance competition event in Arkansas and could barely walk afterward. It was the last time he ever danced. Harry went through his whole cancer fight with James and his family.

He considers the greatest event of his term to be seeing the Jim Ince Amphitheatre completed at Camp Wisdom – nine years of sweat and toil in the making. He was also instrumental in making sure the two Indian Villages were completed, one at Camp Wisdom and one at Cherokee Cherokee (now Trevor Rees-Jones). One of the biggest highlights he remembers was when they allowed females to participate in the Vigil Honor.

Harry and Wade Graves oversaw the merger of the Mikanakawa and Okiciyapi lodges. It took lots of patience and a good deal of communication to making the merger work. Basically, he and Dr. Graves, Adviser of Okiciyapi, sent their two Lodge chiefs and officers in to negotiate the union and wouldn't let them out of the room until all parties were in agreement. That is how Mikanakawa ended up with two totems as a compromise, the Thunderbird and the Owl.

He helped change National policy in the way the election process was run within the lodge and the voting process. His self-professed management style is "Prep the kids, give them options, then follow through." Because of his tendency to wear Western attire (jeans, boots, hat, and buckle) as a youth he was given the Vigil name "He Who Ropes Goats." His best advice to a new Arrowmen is "Start with service to your chapter, be friendly, and jump right in when asked to help."

A self-described "worker bee," Harry was never a dancer or ceremonialist, but he helped others find those roles and flourish. He preferred to lead in other ways, such as training, travel and service. He has attended ten NOACs and every Jamboree since 1981, an impressive feat, and because of his extensive Miki 101 patch collection he is known affectionately as "The Patch Man." His top three leadership words are Determination, Commitment and Loyalty.

Harry's mentor was Jim Ince, and he was proud to be known as one of INCE's BOYS (Brian, Chuck, John and Harry). His best friend Peter McNabb is credited with being his sounding board and "partner in crime." As lodge adviser, Harry depended upon much on a great team of associate advisers like Shane Herrington, Brian Bennett, John Richardson and many other faithful adult leaders.

When pressed, he admits his favorite camp is Camp Constantin because he says he "practically grew up there." He is fond of saying "Work with what you have," which is another way of saying "Quit messing around and Just Do It!"

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Dr. Wade Graves 2002-2007

When Dr. Graves came into the picture, Mikanakawa Lodge had some pretty good momentum. He wanted to focus on the key areas of service: camping promotions, inductions, service and retention. To do that, he had to analyze the data and then begin developing plans. He started out by leading out front, but gradually was able to step back as others stepped up. He became the master of the drilldown question and developed a "top ten questions" process for defining problems and crafting a solution. Even his vigil name "Energetic Woodpecker Who is a Leader" refers to his ability to peck away at problems until they are solved.

Looking back on his six years as adviser, Dr. Graves is proud of earning the National Service Award for the first time in lodge history. He also gave in to the idea develop and produce the chocolate lodge flap, which the boys had been after him to try for at least two years. It was an outstanding hit until things warmed up, then things got a bit messy. The highlight of his tenure, however, was hosting the conclave at Camp James Ray, which he describes as a home run for our new section at that time.

Dr. Graves tells the story about locating a railroad car full of paraffin wax back in 2002 for making smudge pots. The lodge had run out and were desperate to find more at a low cost. They located a free source but had no way to harvest it. A few phone calls and a whole lot of planning later, they traveled down to San Angelo to get their wax. They ended up filling 50 barrels and supplying many other lodges in the state with it as well. This is when he learned the most valuable lesson: never underestimate the full power of Mikanakawa's resources. With good communication and a solid plan, anything is possible.

When asked what advice he would give a new Arrowmen, Dr. Graves says, "create a vision, set measurable goals, work hard, ask others for help, and always thank them afterwards." His 10-question approach became almost legendary as each of his chiefs tried to make sure they always had a ready answer. This was his way of making sure each leader had adequate training to get the job done.

Dr. Graves always led by example and encouraged the boys to make every event possible. He did have a problem keeping up with all the various paperwork and things everyone kept handing him. So he developed an "IN BOX" where people could drop off his stuff without him misplacing it. . To this day he still has notes and odds & ends in that box, but the candy bars have long since been eaten. His mission was to change a "can't do" attitude into a "can do" attitude. Mr. Bubeck had started this shift in thinking and Dr. Graves was determined to keep it going.

Jim Ince, Ric Wilkins, and his father are the three mentors he mentions as having the most impact on him. The most important advice he received from Mr. Ince was " Train them, Trust them, Let them lead" -a slogan he still repeats today. When pressed he can't decide which camp is his favorite because, as he puts it, "I love them all because they are all very special places – especially Camp Texoma where I spent my first three years as a Boy Scout. Most of my time as a youth and much of my time as an adult has been spent at Camp James Ray so that camp continues to have a special place in my heart – and not just because I have dedicated the past eight years to the Summer Camp program as program director. But of course anyone who has ever witnessed the sun rise over Possum Kingdom Lake will remember the sheer beauty of that experience forever." He also remembers learning an important life lesson at Clements Scout Ranch, "everyone should carry a greased pig during a rodeo at least once in their life because it teaches you so much about difficult situations." Well said, Dr. Graves. And well done.

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Matt Walker 2008-2009

Matt Walker had worked in two other Councils and while in Dallas was Section Adviser, then became Region OA Chairman for the Southern Region. He then served as Vice Chairman of the National OA Committee for 10 years and was past Chairman for all National Events in the OA managing 11 national events including ArrowCorp5 2008 Mark Twain Project and SummitCorp 2011. When he stepped down as Vice Chairman of the National Committee he was asked by Russell Etzenhouser to serve as Lodge Adviser.

He came to the job with the idea of making some changes, in both the organization and its philosophies. He wanted to reset the bar higher and to get everyone on the same page. At the time, Miki was like many small lodges, working independently instead of chapters working together as part of the lodge. He

wanted to improve on that, so he began with a Council of Chiefs retreat at Camp Cherokee to get some ideas on the table and receive input. They talked about direction and leadership opportunities.

They explored the question of how to duplicate those opportunities so more boys would have the chance to lead. That's where the idea of the Ordeal three-splits on the same weekend at the different camps came in to play, as a way to duplicate the experience and open many more leadership positions, allowing more boys to advance. Matt wanted more boys to experience leadership with more planning, more communication, more accountability. By splitting the lead roles between chapters, more Arrowmen had access to leadership opportunities. It was the old training by duplication trick, and it worked. He used to tell the new boys: "If this is the last OA event you ever attend, then you have gotten everything out of the OA you are going to get. You have to keep coming and contributing in order to get the most out of it."

Matt's greatest joy was working with Scouting's best and brightest. He was known for being able to work with and motivate others as a team, and he did it well. His advice to the young men would always be, "Whatever your job is, do it to the best of your ability. Don't do it for the next job – focus on the task at hand and other jobs will come."

Two people served as mentors to Matt – his Dad and his first Scoutmaster, Charlie Johnson – and he credits them with providing him his moral compass and determination. He grew up in Tyler, Texas, in Troop 344, under Scoutmaster Charlie Johnson, who according to Matt was 5'1", "but one of the biggest men I ever met." That's quite a statement, considering that E. Urner Goodman himself signed Matt's sash and Carrol Edson was standing with Matt when he was elected Area Chief! In fact, Matt's Adviser when he was Area 9B Chief was Dabney Kennedy, Mr. Goodman's handler and close personal confidant. It was only natural that Mr. Walker's goals and aspirations were high – he had been taught that way.

Mr. Walker developed a reputation as a good listener and problem-solver. He was well respected, and had a knack for seeing the "big picture," probably from those years working at the national level. Above all, he was patient and understanding. When others were getting all worked up, he tended to be the cool head in the bunch. This allowed him to make great gains in lodge teamwork and communication. Above all, he wanted them to have a plan; without that, he says, "the ship has no rudder."

Matt Walker has been honored with service awards both regionally with the Silver Antelope and nationally for his servant leadership with the National OA Distinguished Service Award. He has had a big impact on programs and training, both in Circle 10 and in other councils as well. He has served in a host of positions, including most recently as Council Commissioner for Circle 10 and Vice President of Program. He received the Silver Buffalo, BSA's highest award, in 2012. When it comes to humility and wisdom, Mr. Walker sure ended up with the right combination.

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Tim Conard 2010-2012

It all started when Tim Conard's wife told him it was time for him to go camping because his son's crossover was coming up. Like any good husband, his response was "I'd love to go camping with the Boy Scouts". Tim saw Scouts as offering leadership opportunities such as life lessons, skills, teamwork, and personal growth. Growing up as one of six kids in his family, he had participated in sports most of his life. He had coached little league basketball and baseball, so he was not unfamiliar with leadership and teamwork. After his first year of camping with Troop 570, he was asked to serve as Scoutmaster. Because of the time commitment, he moved from sports to Scouts because of what he saw as very similar moral and ethical principles.

Tim had always believed that consistency and reliability were key concepts, so he never cancelled campouts at the troop level. As he put it, "The boys just spent three weeks planning the campout, and you have to follow through." His philosophy of time spent in any leadership position was "Learn it, teach it, do it. Then do something different." (Don't play in the same sandbox.) His top three leadership words are: consistent, patient, and trustworthy. He believes that OA has evolved overall as better organized, with more leadership opportunities for both youth and adults.

He began his OA service as a Chapter Adviser by identifying "what is important at the District level," then built the program around those activities and events. The chapter participated in callouts, arrow of lights, crossovers, district dinners, and everything else they could be a part of. As chapter adviser he poked, prodded, encouraged and supported, and made sure the boys participated. He recruited associate chapter advisers that "got it," then turned the boys over to them for advice and direction. His management style is steady but flexible as needed. His vigil name of "Buffalo Awakens Sleeping Giant" came because his chapter went from no youth officers or Advisers in the Chapters first year to Chapter of the Year in two years by focusing on details and encouraging ceremony team involvement.

Tim served three years as associate Lodge Adviser in service and inductions. He served for three years Lodge Adviser, with two chiefs: Kyle Miller and two years with Nick Clark. His mentors Matt Walker and Wade Graves gave Tim words of wisdom along the way as he developed his own management style and reputation for hard work. Tim also mentioned that he was blessed to have a team of Associate Lodge Advisers that worked with the youth to deliver the program at its highest level.

One of Tim's highlights was being a part of the team that introduced dividing the Chapters into groups and sending them to multiple camps on the same weekend. Today, commonly known as Chapter Split Ordeals. The Yanush Chapter was asked by Wade Graves to perform one of the first Chapter Ordeals, which in turn helped guide the thought process for the Lodge moving forward with the Chapter Split Ordeals. These Chapter Ordeals showed the advantages of more leadership opportunities, using the closest camp, evaluating talent better, wearing a different hat, and providing a system to transfer leadership and experience to the next wave of Arrowmen. His biggest obstacle was in his third year when the Council moved most of the District boundaries, which resulted in growing the existing 18 Chapters into 23 Chapters. As everyone imagined, a fair amount of "storming" occurred as change was not well received. In many parts of the Council the Chapters lead the way in adopting the new boundaries and moving forward with a new team.

During Tim's first year as Lodge Adviser, Tim was kicking some ideas around with Associate Lodge Adviser Ken Meaders about membership and asking the question "what do our members receive when they renew their dues?" The answer came in a "renewal membership flap" to be given to each year when dues are renewed. This new idea was one of several that saw Lodge membership grow 21 percent over the next three years. He's a deliberate planner. Just as in construction where it's all about the process, he likens Scouting to taking the raw material and refining it into something useful. If you skip a step you lose the end result!

His two favorite questions to ask in any planning scenario are: "What are we doing today?" and "Where are we going tomorrow?" (Answer: "Let's just figure it out!") His favorite camp is TRJ because of its rich history, and his favorite pet project (and he has many) – the bridge. "Ordeals are a blast for what they give and what they stand for," he says, "but some people know me by the projects we worked on together – I remember you from this project or that one." Tim is the guy who just rolls up his sleeves and gets busy leading by example. When asked what leadership advice he would give, he said "surround yourself with like-minded people who have the same goals in mind," and "If you have to go around telling people you're in charge – you're not."

Chuck Wagner 2013 – present



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Although Chuck Wagner had not set out specifically to be Lodge Adviser, when asked he did not hesitate. “I felt an immediate obligation to serve” he says. His goals were twofold: to encourage youth to Think Big, and to inspire them to inspire leadership in others. He believes in the power to change lives, and wants all OA members to be conscious of the responsibility that comes with it. Having served three years already, Mr. Wagner looks back with pride at the 2014 OA High Adventure Trip and is looking forward to NOAC 2015 as the 100th anniversary celebration of the century.

Chuck believes that his position centers more around leadership than management. “Lodge and chapter officers are looking more for you to set the tone and define the culture” of the organization. He believes that servant leadership is the key to successful leadership within the Lodge. “An openness to continual improvement and best practices guarantees that we continue to develop traditions that are worthy of preserving.” In another words, the traditions of today are the innovations of yesteryear. Although a lot has changed, the thing that has not changed is Mikanakawa’s commitment to develop better leaders and help our youth grow into men of strong character.

Humble, Kind, and Loyal. These are the three words Mr. Wagner associates with a great leader, as many describe him the same way. He has taken great care to make sure the youth in the Lodge have ample opportunities to get leadership training. The Lodge Leaders Retreat and the LLDC are two tools designed to prepare Arrowmen for their roles as leaders and set them on the path for success. In 2012, the venue was moved to Richland College campus to better serve and accommodate those large classes through modern technology and better access. He is committed to giving his youth everything they need to succeed and accomplish their collective goals, and is not afraid to “turn ‘em loose” and let them do it as a team. As he likes to say about being a leader, ”It’s all about what you do, but actually not about you at all.” This philosophy has served him well as a facilitator of leadership development and the number one supporter of the team.

That doesn’t mean there haven’t been some bumps along the way. The high demand and huge rush of NOAC participants to sign up and go this year caused quite a logistical problem. The Lodge was restricted to a certain amount of delegates, and many had to be turned away. Obviously this was not a pleasant process for him or his leaders. They resolved the issues in a matter that was both fair and considerate to the Lodge as a whole and the delegates individually. As usual, Chuck Wagner put a positive spin on it and turned it into a plus. “I trust that our youth benefitted from seeing how a strong Lodge faces adversity and pulls together to achieve an end result that respected everyone and led to a stronger and more successful Lodge.”

A lifelong Scouter and former Lodge Chief, Mr. Wagner has seen more than a few changes. He likes to credit his first mentor, former Scoutmaster Mr. Warren Street, with cementing his moral obligation to live the Oath and Law. His Lodge Adviser, Mr. Jim Ince, was instrumental in helping him keep a level head and the “proper perspective” during times of intense change. However, of all the positive influences he refers to, it is worth noting that his fellow Arrowmen actually had the most impact. He was encouraged to run for Vice Chief and pushed to become a leader by the very Scouts in the program with him. Former Lodge Chief Ben Coleman showed him how to take command of the podium and speak well. Former Lodge Chief Paul Newton taught him how to develop and empower a team, inspiring the recent Inspire Youth campaign. The point is, influences early in his career from fellow Arrowmen ended up changing his life, thus impacting Scouts in 2013-15 and beyond. “That is why”, this Wily Western Warrior says with a smile,” It is so important that all Scouts realize just how much they can do to make a difference in the lives of younger Scouts around them.” Well put, Mr. Wagner. And well done.

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Harry Bubeck, Chuck Haseman, Jim Ince, and Dr. Wade Graves



Scott Arrington, Chuck Wagner, Dr. Wade Graves, Pat Currie, Harry Bubeck, Matt Walker, and
Tim Conard.



David Williams, Harry Bubeck, Chuck Haseman, Scott Arrington, Matt Walker, Chuck Wagner,
Tim Conard, Pat Currie, Scott Ferguson, and Dr. Wade Graves.



James Parnell, Harry Bubeck, David Allelo, Chuck Wagner, Tim Conard,
Dr. Wade Graves, Matt Walker, and Scott Arrington

▪ **Staff Advisers**

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Staff Advisers have played vital roles in the life of Mikanakawa Lodge through the years.

Among our staff advisers:

Charles Rutledge -- c.a. 1945 – 1952

M.N. “Red” Leavitt – c.a. 1953 – 1964

Jim Martin – August 1964 - 1969

John C. Maness - 1970 - 1973

Leo Lee – 1973 - 1975

Charlie Moore – 1976 - 1979

Ric Wilkins – 1979 - 2004

Russell Entzenhauser -- 2004-2008

Travis Taber - 2009

Scott Arrington - 2010 - Present

Charles Rutledge

Bill Jordan, Lodge Chief for 1949 and 1950, has the following remembrances of Staff Adviser Charles Rutledge who was appointed to the position by Circle Ten Council Scout Executive L.L. Hotchkiss, the man who brought the Order of the Arrow to Circle Ten Council. Mr. Jordan writes:

“The Director of Camping in the Circle Ten Council had the responsibility of overseeing the Order of the Arrow. I knew the two men with this assignment during the years 1945 through June of 1955, Charles

Rutledge and M.N. "Red" Leavitt. During the same time period many of the professional Scouters were active adult members of the OA giving encouragement and support to the lodge.

Among those were: James Cavalleri; Joe Galbraith who was with the San Angelo Council when he inducted the first four Mikanakawa brothers into the Vigil Honor in December of 1950 and later came to Circle Ten Council; Frank "Bud" Haynes; Ralph Kowalaski; James Martin; Harvey Price who later was National Executive of the Boy Scouts of America; J.D. "Jake" Ross who was later the National Camping Director and others which I have probably accidentally missed.

It must have been meant for Charles Rutledge and me to cross paths in December of 1948. I was elected to the OA at the 1947 summer camp and took my ordeal in August of that year; and received my Eagle badge in the fall of 1947.

On Wednesday before Thanksgiving I received a phone call informing me of the ordeal and that one of the ceremonial team members was not going to be able to attend and asked if I would be able to step in and take his part. I agreed to and was told I would be given the ceremonial book when I arrived at Camp Wisdom on Friday afternoon. I do not recall who called me or gave me the book, but they said to memorize as much as I could and read the rest. Someway we got through the ordeal and had ten or eleven new Brothers.

About nine o'clock on the Saturday a week after the ordeal I received a phone call from Mr. Charles Rutledge at the Circle Ten office asking if I could come down that morning for a meeting with him. I told him I would be down there as soon as the bus could get me there, not having the slightest idea what he would want to discuss with me. My association with Mr. Rutledge up until that moment had been from a distance and I do not remember ever having a conversation with him. I had observed that he was a person of no nonsense, firm but fair. My feelings as I rode to town were that I must have done something very wrong or uncalled for at the ordeal and that he was going to get it corrected.

Mr. Rutledge cordially greeted me and made me to feel at ease as we met in his office. When we got to the reason for meeting, he asked me "What do you think of the OA? What are we doing right? What are we doing wrong? What do you, as a teenage member, think we should change?" We shared together for about an hour and a half before I left, having met a wonderful man who was very dedicated to the young men he served in Circle Ten. Mr. Rutledge and I were to soon become good friends, even though I did not know it.

The lodge had about 120 members at that time and about 80 of them gathered for the annual banquet in late December in a downtown Presbyterian Church. (I believe it was Central Presbyterian Church). When

it came time for election of officers for 1949, the nomination committee chairman read the names of the nominees. No one can relate to the feeling that I had when my name was called as being nominated to be lodge chief. WHAT A SHOCK!! I was only an ordeal member; I had only been in the lodge 16 months; nobody there but the ones I had come with from our troop knew me; and I had no leadership experience in the lodge. (To say that my stomach went two ways at the same time would be a drastic understatement). The slate as presented was elected without discussion. I was to serve with outstanding Brothers Donald Eastland, Don McCauley, Frank "Bud" Haynes, Richard Russell and Gene Long, under the guidance of Mr. Tom Fowler as lodge advisor and his assistant, Mr. George Stepter.

Needless to say but I saw the hand of Mr. Charles Rutledge in this and knew that he was willing to take the risk of giving my name to the nominating committee and that they trusted him enough to nominate me. Mr. Rutledge was a great help in "running interference" for the OA at council level. He was a great coach and mentor for me both years I was lodge chief, encouraging all of us from the sidelines."

M.N. "Red" Leavitt

Bill Jordan, Lodge Chief for 1949 and 1950, has the following remembrances of Staff Adviser M.N. "Red" Leavitt:

"M.N. "Red" Leavitt had been camping director in the San Antonio council for some time when he came to Circle Ten. I do not know when he assumed the same position with Circle Ten, but he also was a "straight shooter" like Mr. Rutledge. Like Charlie, Red's approach was 100 percent helping boys and young men. I observed Red until I was called to the service in June 1955 and, like Charlie's work ethics, never saw anything that would cause me to question his approach to taking scouting to a higher plane during his tenure. Red is a Vigil Honor member."

The Mikanakawa Lodge Chief from 1965, David King, remembers staff adviser M.N. "Red" Leavitt with the following note:

"When I was inducted into the Order, M. N. "Red" Leavitt was the Director of Camping and Staff Adviser to the Lodge. Red was a long-time Scouter and was the one who first hired me to work on the Staff at Camp Texoma. He loved the State Fair of Texas and every year he took his vacation during the Fair so he could work in a booth at the entrance to the fair selling admission tickets!"

Jim Martin

The Mikanakawa Lodge Chief from 1965, David King, remembers staff adviser Jim Martin with the following note:

“Red Leavitt retired in August 1964 and Jim Martin became Director of Camping and Staff Adviser. At the time, his introductory article in the Mikanakawan said he was one of the first members of Mikanakawa Lodge to be inducted to the Vigil Honor. Jim was always very supportive of me both as a summer camp staff member and as Lodge Chief.”

John C. Maness

John C. Maness served as staff adviser to the Lodge from 1970 to 1973. Before coming to Circle Ten Council, Maness retired from the Marine Corps in December 1966 as a first sergeant after some 22 years of service, including seeing action during World War II on Iwo Jima. He went on to serve the Marines in various recruiting capacities.

“Following his retirement, Maness joined the Circle Ten Council, Boy Scouts of America in 1967. Serving as district executive of the Western Star District in Irving, Maness saw the district grow in size from a council ranking of 14th or 15th to lead the council in more than half the accountable items for district evaluation. In January 1970, he was elevated to director of camping and was responsible for operating the total camping program of the Circle Ten Council, comprising most of the North Texas area.” (Source: Irving (TX) Daily News, “Irving out to get its share of conventions,” February 24, 1974.)

After working for Circle Ten Council, Maness went on to become executive director of the Irving Convention and Tourist Bureau.

Ben Coleman, who was Mikanakawa Lodge Chief for 1972 and 1973, writes the following remembrances of John Maness:

“Having John Maness as a staff advisor was perfect in every way. “Big John” was quite the character. Tall and fit, I don’t recall ever seeing him without a cup of coffee in hand. Many conversations would be with him looking at you, his eyes closed, expounding on some topic in his slow, measured, methodical style.

“Maness’s approach, at least with me, always tilted on the can-do side. Not fond of bureaucracy, his comeback to an idea or something I wanted us to try that had never been done before was consistently, “Let’s figure out how we can get this done.” Loving a good joke, he teased me without mercy about some of the crazy shoes I’d wear to events.

“Two things immediately come to the forefront of my mind reminiscing about Mr. Maness: First, he adored his wife, Sally, and their five children, all of who were given names starting with the letter “M.” Secondly are the words he said to me repeatedly especially when things were going really great, “Coleman, I don’t care what anybody says, I think you’re doing a grand job.”



John C. Maness

Leo Lee

Paul Newton, who was Mikanakawa Lodge Chief for 1974 and 1975 writes the following remembrances of Leo Lee who served as Staff Adviser from 1973 through 1975.

“I seem to remember that Leo was the complete opposite of his predecessor, John Maness. John was tall, lanky, loud and deep voice, but slowly spoken. Maness commanded an audience everywhere he went. Leo was not so tall, soft spoken, often stopping to think of his next words. Leo was a good administrator, very organized – except for the time he forgot to bring the council Super 8 projector to a BBB and had to

drive back to Dallas and then back to camp in time for an evening showing of Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. (This was in the days before Netflix.) He also suggested we not use the word “Bawdy” describing the film in the invitation. Leo was very diplomatic. He did not like to offend anybody.

Money was tight in those days and I remember he and Quincy Lee (no relation) were imaginative enough to create a new chapel for Constantin by renovating an old outhouse. Lucky for Leo the Constantin staff named the chapel for Quincy. Leo was very good at getting materials gratis for the hordes of free labor the OA provided. Shingles, cement, lumber, diesel fuel for smug pots, whatever was needed to maintain the camps. Leo saw no need to pay for stuff when we could get it for free by the asking. (He kept the camp rangers busy running around DFW picking the material up.)

There was a sense at this time that maybe the OA was a fraternity run amok. Leo was tasked by the Council to quell things from overzealous tap outs to extravagant (read: expensive) Annual Dinners. He met the opposition diplomatically and eventually accomplished the Council’s desires (though sometimes he had to ask more than once). All in all, the Council’s camping program and Mikanakawa Lodge emerged improved over his tenure. I remember that Leo moved on from Circle Ten to become the Scout Executive at the Bartlesville, Oklahoma council, in the late spring of 1976.

Charlie Moore

Charlie Moore was a longtime professional Scouter known for his can-do spirit and business savvy. Some say he could write with both his left and right hands—at the same time!

He served as Mikanakawa Staff Adviser alongside of Jim Ince who was just beginning as Lodge Adviser at the time.



Charlie Moore

Ric Wilkins

The Scouting story of the longest-serving Staff Adviser in Mikanakawa history, Ric Wilkins, is below, written by Brian Bennett, who served as Lodge Chief in 1987 and 1988:

As a boy Richmond Wilkins did what most boys did and do today – he joined Cub Scouts. He was in Cub Pack 8 in the Comanche Trails Council in Brownwood, TX. Mrs. Green was his Den Leader. He earned his Wolf, Bear, and Lion ranks and finished with his Arrow of Light. He followed the rest of his den when they went to Boy Scout Troop 8 but after seeing the program decided not to cross over and join the scout troop and left scouting.....

.....six months later one of his friends in his neighborhood, Cliffie Browning asked Richmond to come with him to his Boy Scout Troop 1 meeting. He liked their program and joined. He did not stop. He served on camp staff at Billy Gibbs Scout Camp when he was 13. On his scouting journey he was passed over the first year he was eligible for the Order of the Arrow and instead was called out when he was 14. He was hooked. Troop 1 in Brownwood was a big supporter of the OA. Even the older scouts in his troop like Dabney Kennedy who had gone on to college would come back to take him and other troop members to section conclaves in Corpus Christi and Harlingen. By the time he was 18 he was awarded Eagle Scout with six palms, Silver Award (highest award in Explorers) from Post 1, and was just shy of earning the Quartermaster Award in Sea Scouts. He served as Vice Chief of Otena Lodge and was selected to the Vigil Honor in 1962 but never called out.....

After an interview with Joe Clements (who in the interview changed Richmond's name to Ric) Ric Wilkins joined professional scouting on November 1, 1962 in what is now the Last Frontier Council of Oklahoma. He was stationed in Altus, OK. He was a District Executive over 5 counties and served as Camp Director and Program Director. He served as Staff Adviser to the OA Lodge for all four years. In the spring of 1963 he was surprised to be called to keep his Vigil. Ric would learn much later that Otena had contacted what is now MaNu Lodge 133 and they honored the selection.

In 1966 he transferred to Killeen, TX in the Heart of Texas Council which merged with what is now Longhorn Area Council as a District Executive. He served 4 counties and was based out of Fort Hood. During his seven years he had 56% of eligible youth in his district registered in scouting. He was the Top Boys Life salesperson in the Region for two years. He had all his units re-charter in February so he could map out his calendar for each year. Within his first two years he assembled a staff of seven men serving in the military at Fort Hood whose sole purpose was the Boy Scout Program. It was during this time he met a young man named Ken Killman. Ric served as Program Director and served as Staff Adviser with the Huaco Lodge (now part of Netopolis Sipo Schipinachk Lodge 209).

In 1973 he transferred to Odessa, Texas in the Buffalo Trails Council. He served as Field Director for the Western half of the Council. He also served as Camp Director and Assistant Scout Executive. Ric oversaw the building of Colorado City Camp now the Hughes Aquatic Base. He served as Staff Adviser to the OA Lodge for five of his seven years and served as Staff Adviser to Section 4 for three years.

In 1979 Circle Ten Council Scout Executive Billy Gamble wanted to build a horseback riding program at Camp Cherokee in the Clements Scout Ranch. He read an article in Scouting magazine on the horse program in Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch and the man that created the program, Ric Wilkins. Mr. Gamble directed his staff to set up an interview.

On September 1, 1980 Ric Wilkins transferred to the Circle Ten Council as Director of Camping. He was named the Staff Adviser of Mikanakawa Lodge and Staff Adviser to every Section Mikanakawa Lodge was in from 1983 to 2001. During the merger of Texoma Valley Council into Circle Ten Council he served as Staff Adviser for Okicyapi Lodge.

As Director of Camping Ric Wilkins oversaw camp improvements at Camp Wisdom, Camp Constantin, and more recently Camp Grayson now Camp James Ray. His crowning achievement is the work at Camp

Cherokee at the Clements Scout Ranch. For his decades of service he was awarded the National Order of the Arrows highest award – the Distinguished Service Award in 1992.



Ric Wilkins

Russell Etzenhouser

Russell Etzenhouser began his professional Scouting career in Syracuse, New York serving as a District Executive from 1993 to 1996. From 1996 through 2004 he served in Costa Mesa, California in several roles including Director of Camping Services. Beginning in 2004 he served in Dallas at Circle Ten Council, initially as Director of Camping and Staff Adviser to the Mikanakawa Lodge. He later moved to become Director of Field Service.

Russell was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout in Kansas City, Missouri attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and serving on the summer camp staff for many years. He is Wood Badge trained and a Vigil Honor member in the Order of the Arrow.

Russell holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Kansas. He will be relocating from Frisco, Texas where he lives with his wife, Beth, and two Cub Scout sons, Russell and Robert.



Russell Etzenhouser

Travis Taber

Born in the Oklahoma Panhandle town of Beaver, Travis grew up in Scouting. He was active in the Adobe Walls Council which merged in 1986 to form the Golden Spread Council from which Travis earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He went on to graduate from Northwestern Oklahoma State University and pursued a teaching career.

Later, he found his calling to return to his roots in Scouting and went to work for Circle Ten Council, first as a District Executive for five years in the Great Plains District of Plano. He then became Camping Director under the direction of Russell Etzenhouser.

Travis served as Staff Adviser to the Mikanakawa Lodge in 2009. He worked primarily with Matt Walker who was the Lodge Adviser and a leader in the national movement that led to ArrowCorps5. In 2008, the program conducted by the Order of the Arrow was a joint project between the OA and the

United States Forest Service to provide service at five U.S. Forest Service sites across the country. The Mikanakawa delegation worked in the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri.

Travis also was greatly involved in the Lodge going to the NOACs in 2006 at Michigan State and 2009 in Indiana. In the meantime, he managed to serve at Camp Constantin, one year as business manager and seven years as camp director.

Travis went on to run the Scout Shop in Dallas. Today, Travis is a merchandising specialist with the national BSA office. He has two sons who are very active in Scouting in Circle Ten Council, Blake, who took his Ordeal in August 2014, and Logan who is a Bear in Cub Scouts.



Travis Taber

Scott Arrington

Scott Arrington was born with a name worthy to go far in Scouting: Brian Scott Arrington, the initials B.S.A.

After growing up in Troop 876 in Carrollton, Scott Arrington graduated from Sam Houston State University in the spring of 1998. He served for seven years as a summer camp staff member at various different camps in Texas and then he applied for a full-time position with Circle Ten Council.

Starting in August of 1999, he served multiple summers in several different positions at all three Circle Ten Council Camps including Camp Business Manager, Program Director, and Camp Director. In fact, he may be the only person to serve as both Program Director and Camp Director at all three of Circle Ten Council's resident summer camps.

Scott served as District Executive for the Great Plains District from August 1999 to March 2000. He served as District Executive for Western Star District from April 2000 to July 2005. He became District Director for the Grey Owl District in August 2005 and served there through December 2009.

Scott has served as Staff Adviser for the Mikanakawa Lodge and Director of Camping for Circle Ten Council since January 2010.



Scott Arrington

- **Associate Lodge Advisers**

The responsibilities of the Associate Lodge Adviser are:

Shall advice and work with the Lodge Vice Chiefs.

Shall uphold the responsibilities of his or her position as defined in the Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers.

“The Associate Lodge Advisors are very important to this Lodge. During my nine years as Lodge Adviser my Associate Lodge Advisors were the backbone of the Lodge. Without all their time and dedication to the Lodge, we would not have accomplished that much in those nine years and be able to help every youth we touched.” -- Harry Bubeck

Under Lodge Adviser Asa Leger, Bob Hooks served as an Associate Lodge Adviser.



Asa Leger and Bob Hooks

Under Lodge Adviser Asa Leger, Frank Knickerbocker served as an Associate Lodge Adviser.



Frank Knickerbocker

Under Lodge Adviser Asa Leger, Warren Street served as an Associate Lodge Adviser.



Warren Street

Under Lodge Adviser Asa Leger, James Switzer served as an Associate Lodge Adviser.

Under Lodge Adviser Asa Leger, Jimmy Harris served as an Associate Lodge Adviser from 1960 to 1973.

Under Lodge Adviser Asa Leger, Jack McKinney served as an Associate Lodge Adviser.



Jack McKinney

Under Lodge Adviser Charles Acker, Jack McKinney served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Service area which handled inductions. Paul Beal served with him on Ceremonies; Dalvid Fain worked with Call-outs while Greg Ball worked with Unit Elections.

Under Lodge Adviser Asa Leger, Russell Owen, Sr. served as an Associate Lodge Adviser.

Under Lodge Adviser Charles Acker, Russell Owen, Sr. served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Ordeal Warrior with Don Lindsey serving as Ordeal Warrior.

Under Lodge Adviser Asa Leger, Tom Switzer served as an Associate Lodge Adviser.

Under Lodge Adviser Charles Acker, Tom Switzer served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Corresponding Secretary with Frank Everts serving as Corresponding Secretary.

Under Lodge Adviser Charles Acker, David King served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Brotherhood Warrior with Mike Friesen serving as Brotherhood Warrior.



Tom Switzer



Dave King

Under Lodge Adviser Charles Acker, Chris Colgin served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Camp Promotions with Danny Vassalio serving as Vice Chief.

Under Lodge Adviser Charles Acker, Cliff Bishop served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Recording Secretary with Ralph Green serving as Recording Secretary.

Under Lodge Advisers: Jim Ince, Dr. Hugh Brown served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vigil Committee from 1979 and 1980.

Under Lodge Adviser: Jim Ince Eric Stoddard served as Lodge Associate Adviser with the Brotherhood Warrior. His Brotherhood Warrior where Shane Philips, Steve Rackley and Steve Rackley. And Eric served as Lodge Associate Adviser with the Recording Secretary Adviser. His Recording Secretary was Jerry Thetford. Under Lodge Advisers: Jim Ince, Chuck Haseman, and Harry Bubeck, Eric Stoddard served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vigil Committee from 1981 through 1997. Under Harry Bubeck Eric served as Lodge Associate Adviser with the Brotherhood Warrior. His Brotherhood Warrior where Henry Dawson and Scott McDowell.



Eric Stoddard

Harry Bubeck served six years under Jim Ince as the Associate Lodge Adviser with the Ordeals. During that time he had six great Ordeal Warriors working with him. Three of them later became Lodge Chiefs: David Gribble, Dennis Welpé, and Brian Bennett. Two of them later became police officers and he still keeps in contact with each of them.



Harry Bubeck

Under Lodge Adviser Chuck Haseman, Harry Bubeck was associate Lodge Advisor of Program his first year and then his second year till the end of Chuck's term as Lodge Advisor he was the Lodge Associate Adviser with the Brotherhood Warrior. Many good Brotherhood Warriors worked with him during that time including Lee Boyd and J. R. Richardson. His last Brotherhood Warrior was Michael Duphorne. That year we started the brotherhood at all the Circle 10 summer camps which help the lodge get the brotherhood conversion for Honor Lodge. The Lodge still does this to this day.

Under Lodge Advisers Jim Ince and Chuck Haseman, Gary Wisler served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Corresponding Secretary. Gary served in this position for eight years with Kenneth Tackett and Danny Alexander serving with him as Corresponding Secretary.

Under Lodge Adviser Jim Ince, Rex Lewis served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Brotherhood Warrior with Dayton Brightwell as Brotherhood Warrior.

Under Lodge Adviser Jim Ince, Bill Clark served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Recording Secretary with Brian Bennett serving as Recording Secretary.

Under Lodge Adviser Jim Ince, Boyd Pease served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Indian Lore Program.

Under Lodge Adviser Jim Ince, Guy Weathers served as Associate Lodge Adviser.

Under Lodge Adviser Chuck Haseman, Bill Clayton served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Recording Secretary with Matthew Hudson serving as Recording Secretary.



Bill Clayton

Under Lodge Adviser Chuck Haseman, Rick Griffith served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Ordeal Warrior with Andy Wilder serving as Ordeal Warrior.

Under Lodge Adviser Chuck Haseman, Russ Rose served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Ordeal Warrior with Jeremy Burdett serving as Ordeal Warrior.

Under Lodge Advisers: Chuck Haseman and Harry Bubeck, Doug Steinke served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Recording Secretary with Scott McDowell serving as Recording Secretary.

Under Lodge Advisers: Chuck Haseman and Harry Bubeck, Mike Hyde served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Corresponding Secretary with Henry Dawson serving as Corresponding Secretary. Memories from Mike Hyde:

Under my time as AA for the Corresponding Secretary, we started to create the Lodge Newsletters using word processing software. This was a time when personal computers became more common in households and prior to the internet and cell phones. Phone calls and snail mail were still the primary means of communications. Quarterly newsletter folding parties were the norm at that time to fold and label the newsletters for mailing.

During the year when Michael Duphorne was Lodge chief, National changed the adult membership rules to allow women into the order. This was not a popular decision with some lodge members including the Lodge Chief. In each newsletter, we had a message of the chief. I remember that we had to edit and remove some comments in one of Michael's messages because of his opinion against the National rule change. Michael was not happy with us for doing that, but even at that time you still had to be "politically correct" with Lodge publications.



Mike Hyde

In 1995, Mike Blew became the Associate Lodge Adviser for the Brotherhood Warrior under Lodge Adviser Harry Bubeck. He served in this capacity for three years. Mark Wattenberger served as Brotherhood Warrior in 1995. In a related Miki clip-

“Mikanakawa Lodge owes special thanks to the hard work and years of dedication of Michael Blew as Associate Lodge Advisor for the Brotherhood Warrior. A great friend to the Lodge and advisor to the youth leadership of Mikanakawa, Mike Blew will soon pursue other challenges in Scouting and service to the youth leadership development of Circle Ten Council.

Brian Bennett will assume the duties of Associate Lodge Advisor for the Brotherhood Warrior in 1998. Shane Herrington will take over the responsibilities of Associate Lodge Advisor for the Corresponding Secretary while Paul Behne accepts the challenges of Associate Lodge Advisor for the Recording Secretary.”



Mike Blew

Under Lodge Adviser Harry Bubeck, Shane Herrington served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Recording Secretary. Greg Rostyne served as his Recording Secretary. After three years as Adviser to the Recording Secretary, Shane moved to the area of the Corresponding Secretary, where he worked with Cody Bann for two years before Cody was elected to Section Vice Chief later succeeding the Section Chief when he moved up to Region Chief. Shane worked the next two years with Corresponding Secretaries: Timothy Gilfilen and Brandon Bubeck. Shane was responsible for setting up and maintaining the lodge’s first website. He also designed the membership website and database which was utilized before we began using Lodge Master.



Shane Herrington

Under Lodge Adviser Harry Bubeck, Paul Behne served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Corresponding Secretary for two years before moving to the area of Recording Secretary where he served for six years. Paul served with Jeremy Yancey for two years; Daniel Lowry for one year, and Patrick Whittington for a year.

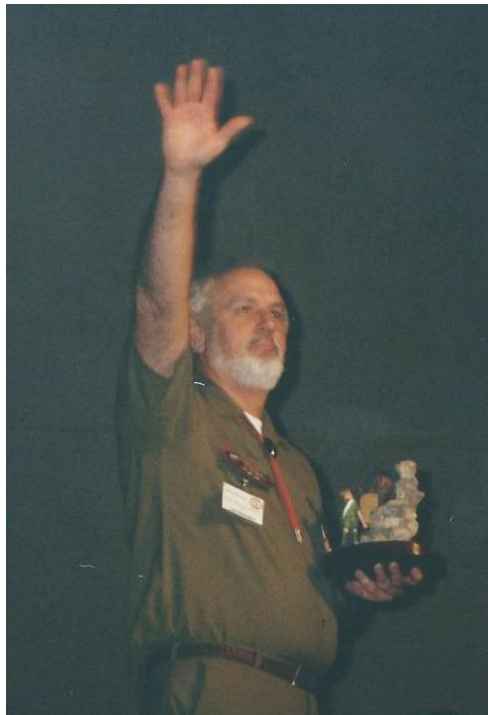


Paul Behne

Under Wade Graves as Lodge Adviser, Paul worked with Recording Secretaries: Brian Murray served for a year and Ben Martin served for a year. Paul served for two years as an Associate Lodge Adviser for Technology before returning the Adviser to the Recording Secretary. Jordan Francis and Josh Jimenez each served for a year as Recording Secretary.

Under Matt Walker as Lodge Adviser, Paul Behne served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Communications and Technology with Justin Carson serving as Vice Chief.

Under Lodge Adviser Harry Bubeck, John Richardson served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Ordeal Warrior with Travis Rubelee serving as Ordeal Warrior. Travis would go on the following year to become Lodge Chief. John would serve as Adviser to the Ordeal Warrior for five years also working with Dan Townsend and Chris Sanders, who served two years with him.



John Richardson

Under Lodge Adviser Harry Bubeck, Brian Bennett served as Associate Lodge Adviser (ALA) to three officer groups. In 1997 he served as ALA for Ryan Ongley as the Corresponding Secretary. In 1998, 1999 and 2000 Brian served as ALA for the Brotherhood Warrior. James White, III served as his first Brotherhood Warrior before taking on the position of Lodge Chief when Michael "Chipper" Haynes resigned. Colin Chamberlain completed the year. In 2000 he served Brotherhood Warrior Cody Bann who would later rise to the position of Section Chief. As ALA for the Brotherhood Warrior the lodge reached over 50% Brotherhood conversion. In 2001, 2002 and 2003 Brian Bennett served as ALA for the Ordeal Warrior Chris Sanders and two years for Billy Lockridge. During these three years the lodge identified the membership gap between election - Call Out - and Ordeal. The last year Brian served under Lodge

Adviser Wade Graves. In 2004, 2005 and 2006 Brian served as ALA for the Service officer group with Michael Redd, Toby Dunlap and Brad Owen. This was the first of many times Mikanakawa received the National Service Award. After a three year period, in 2010 Lodge Adviser Tim Conard asked Brian to serve as Associate Lodge Adviser for Inductions (a combination of Brotherhood and Ordeal programs) Brian served as ALA for Vice-Chief of Inductions Rasheed Furlow, in 2011 for David Tassin, and in 2012 for Ricky Watson, Jr. who would later rise to the position of Lodge Chief and Section Vice-Chief. It was during this time the Lodge broke with the self-imposed requirement candidates had to be called out to take their Ordeal resulting in an increase in Brian served for 13 years as an Associate Lodge Adviser under three Lodge Advisers and for 13 Lodge Officers in four officer groups.



Brian Bennett

Under Lodge Adviser Harry Bubeck, John St Dennis served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Corresponding Secretary with Kirk McPike serving as Corresponding Secretary.



John St. Dennis

Under Lodge Adviser Harry Bubeck, Wade Graves served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vigil Committee from 1998 to 2001. Wade then succeeded Harry Bubeck as Lodge Adviser.



Wade Graves

Under Lodge Adviser Harry Bubeck, Richard Donaldson, II served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Service. Stephen Whittington served as Vice Chief of Service for his first two years.



Richard Donaldson II

Under Wade Graves as Lodge Adviser, Richard Donaldson, II served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Service. Joe Fishpaw served as Vice Chief for two years followed by Toby Dunlap as Vice Chief. Richard served a year as Associate Lodge Adviser for Special Events before returning to the Vice Chief of Service area to serve with Janson Ford as Vice Chief of Service.

Under Lodge Adviser Harry Bubeck, Mike Reitz served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Brotherhood Warrior with John Beazley serving as his Brotherhood Warrior.



Mike Reitz

Under Wade Graves as Lodge Adviser, Mike Reitz served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Brotherhood Warrior. Tony Gregg served as Brotherhood Warrior before becoming Lodge Chief. The next Brotherhood Warrior was Phillip Howie followed by Zach Francis.

Under Wade Graves as Lodge Adviser, Scott Thompson served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Corresponding Secretary. During his first two years, Brandon Bubeck served as the Corresponding Secretary before being elected to the Office of Section Chief of Section SR 3B. Jon Shields served as Corresponding Secretary during Scott's third year followed by Matthew Kolodoski during his fourth year.



Scott Thompson

Under Wade Graves as Lodge Adviser, David Lindsey served as the Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vigil Committee from 2002 to 2007. He continued in this role under Matt Walker during the years of 2008 and 2009.



David Lindsey

Under Wade Graves as Lodge Adviser, Tony Day served for two years as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Recording Secretary. The Office of Recording Secretary oversaw the areas of Membership and Finance which managed all Event and Ordeal registrations at all weekend events. It also covered Food Service, Snack Bar, and First Aid. During my first year, Jason McCoy served as Recording Secretary. During the next year, Jordan Francis served as Recording Secretary. During this year, the Office of the Recording Secretary initiated the Netami Lekhiket Award for the recognition of outstanding service to the area of the Recording Secretary. A similar award called Nischeneyit Lekhiket Award was also initiated by the Corresponding Secretary area.

Under Wade Graves as Lodge Adviser, Randy Griffeth, Sr. served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Ordeal Warrior. During his first year, Bill Miller served as Ordeal Warrior followed by Derek Brozowski during his second year. During his third year, Charles Willis served as Ordeal Warrior and Sean Ryan served during his fourth year. The next year, Randy Griffeth, Sr. served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Inductions with Dominique Williams serving as the Vice Chief.



Randy Griffeth Sr.

Under Matt Walker as Lodge Adviser, Randy Griffeth, Sr. served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Service with Elijah Whitaker serving as the Vice Chief.

Under Wade Graves as Lodge Adviser, Carter Hallmark served as the Associate Lodge Adviser to the Corresponding Secretary with Jason Follis serving as Corresponding Secretary. The following year, Carter served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Inductions with Sandy Walker serving as the Vice Chief.

Under Matt Walker as Lodge Adviser, Carter Hallmark served as the Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Native America with Sean Ryan serving as the Vice Chief.



Carter Hallmark

Under Wade Graves and Matt Walker as Lodge Advisers, Markie Nathan served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Camping Promotions. During her first two years, Tanner Miller served as Vice Chief followed by Rasheed Furlow.

Under Lodge Adviser Tim Conard, Markie Nathan served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Camping Promotions with Sam Bubeck serving as Vice Chief.



Markie Nathan

Under Wade Graves as Lodge Adviser, Tim Conard served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Service with Justin Knight serving as Vice Chief.

Under Matt Walker as Lodge Adviser, Tim Conard served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Inductions with Alan Joyce serving as Vice Chief the first year followed by Banks Ismael during the second. Tim Conard then succeeded Matt Walker as Lodge Adviser.



Tim Conard

Under Wade Graves as Lodge Adviser, Charles Holmes served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Communications and Technology with Matt Bareis serving as Vice Chief.



Charles Holmes

Under Lodge Adviser Matt Walker, Brett Chumbley served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Service with John Frietch serving as the Lodge Officer.

Under Lodge Adviser Matt Walker, Tony Gobar served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Administration. During his first year, Kyle Miller served as the Vice Chief of Administration. During his second year, Dustin Bridges served as the Vice Chief of Administration.



Tony Gobar

Under Lodge Adviser Tim Conard, Tony Gobar continued to serve as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Administration. Jason Follis served as Vice Chief of Administration that year followed Ben Myers serving the following two years.

Under Lodge Adviser Matt Walker, Ken Miller served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Native American. Kyle Miller served as the Vice Chief of Native American before becoming Lodge Chief the following year.



Ken Miller

Under Lodge Adviser Matt Walker, Glen Haynes served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Communications and Technology with Tyler Gerdes serving as the Vice Chief of Communication and Technology.

Under Lodge Adviser Tim Conard, Lester Hunter served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Service. During his first year of service, Reese Knox served as Vice Chief followed by Aaron Parks-Young and Cooper Blount.



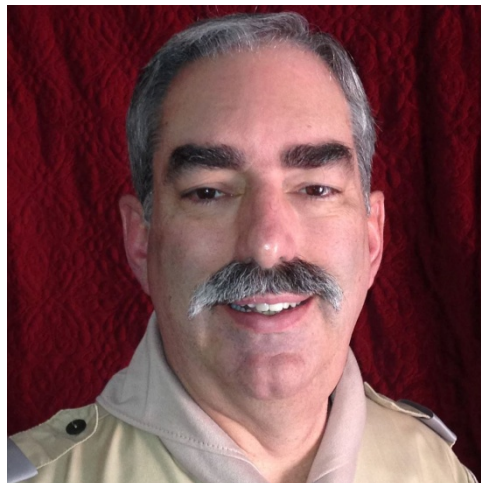
Lester Hunter

Susan Lovett served as the Lead Adviser for the May and October split Ordeals at Camp James Ray in 2008. Susan served as the Lead Adviser for the 2009 Miki Pow-Wow and the Mikanakawa Village at the Circle 10 Centennial Camporee Susan invested her time and talent in preparing Ceremony Teams for all types of O.A. ceremonies, so much so that the Lodge has recognized her and asked her to be the 2009 Ceremony Adviser and the following year under Tim Conard was asked to be the Associate Lodge Adviser for Native American. In 2010, Susan served with Nick Fullington, in 2011; she served with Carlos Ochoa who went on to become Lodge Chief and in 2012 with her son Steven Lovett as Vice Chief of Native American.



Susan Lovett

Under Lodge Adviser Tim Conard, Ken Meaders served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Communication and Technology. Nathan Bubeck served as Vice Chief during his first year followed by Terry Tucker and again by Nathan Bubeck.



Ken Meaders

Under Lodge Adviser Tim Conard, Glenn Moore served as the Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vigil Committee from 2010 to 2012. He continued in this role under Chuck Wagner during the years of 2013 and 2014.



Glenn Moore

Under Lodge Adviser Tim Conard, Chuck Wagner served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Camp Promotions before succeeding him in the position of Lodge Adviser in 2013. Grant Tucker served as Vice Chief during the first year and Ricky Garcia during the second year.



Chuck Wagner

Under Lodge Adviser Chuck Wagner, Jay Shillington served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Communications and Technology. D'Quaylon Davis served as Vice Chief during his first year and Caleb Scott during the second year.



Jay Shillington

Under Lodge Adviser Chuck Wagner, Rusty Follis served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Administration. Tim Seitz served during his first year and Zach Grubbs during his second.



Rusty Follis

Under Lodge Adviser Chuck Wagner, Jim Schwab served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Native American. Adam Koestner served as Vice Chief during his first year and Colin March served during his second year.



Jim Schwab

Under Lodge Adviser Chuck Wagner, Jim Hampton served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Service. Cooper Blount served as Vice Chief during his first year and John Davidson served during his second year.



Jim Hampton

Under Lodge Adviser Chuck Wagner, Don Birdsong served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Camp Promotions. Russell Bus served as Vice Chief during his first year and Dylan Chan served during his second year.



Don Birdsong

Under Lodge Adviser Chuck Wagner, Kevin Lovett, Sr. served as Associate Lodge Adviser to the Vice Chief of Inductions. Daniel Tassin served as Vice Chief during his first year and Jorge Salazar served during his second year.



Kevin Lovett, Sr.

Under Lodge Adviser Chuck Wagner, James Stephens served as an Associate Lodge Adviser.

▪ Women in the Lodge

By Monica Kriechbaum

Troops in Mikanakawa Lodge were reluctant to elect women during the 1980s. The boys who elected the first woman, Mary Kate Cooper (now Akkola), did so without knowing the gender of the candidate. They only knew that they were electing an adult known as M.K. Cooper on the candidate's form. The boys were informed of their decision after the election.



Mary Kate Akkola

Many reasons were given by Troops for not electing women but the most prevalent was: "We have male assistant scoutmasters who need to be elected first. Most of our women are on the committee." As women's roles in Scouting became more actively involved in Troop activities, more women were elected to the Order of the Arrow.

Those of us active on the Troop level worked hard for acceptance during those early years. We not only had to prove we were team players to the existing male leadership in the Troops, but we also had to show our value to the committee members. We were often the only females on campouts and Philmont treks. Youth protection, while always a concern, did not have the strict guidelines of today. We often had to go to extraordinary lengths to protect our privacy and that of the youth during ordeals and other scouting events.

Almost all of the women who were interviewed for this article were elected during those early years. They all said they were honored and excited to be elected and all felt a deep responsibility to the youth and the program. We had our trials at events with lack of facilities, lack of acceptance and a lack of tradition for women. But as the years have progressed, those obstacles have been overcome. The most rewarding aspect of being in the Lodge today, is the trust and acceptance from both youth and adults that now exists toward us.

One of the earliest women in the Lodge was Cindy Liddy. She transferred into Mikanakawa as a brotherhood member and immediately began to carve out a niche for herself in the ceremonies group. Most of the early women members followed suit and also involved themselves in ceremonies and a few of us became active with the cook teams. Cindy Liddy was quite a character who often expressed her

opinion and did not seem to care if anyone agreed with her. Her complete antithesis was, Leah White. She worked in the ceremonies group with Cindy Liddy and was the facilitator for the group.



Cindy Liddy

Mikanakawa finally decided to elect women to the vigil in 1998. In that year, both Cindy Liddy whose Vigil name is Patient One and Leah White whose Vigil name is Smiling One were called simultaneously so no woman could lay claim to being the first.



Leah White

The night of the call out, Cindy Liddy had to be talked into going to the ceremony as she had plans to play dominoes with Eddie Reitz that evening. Her theory was that the Lodge was not yet ready to call women to keep their vigils.

The next year only one woman was called and in most of the subsequent years at least two women have been called each year. While the number of women who have kept their vigil does not reflect the percentage of women in the Lodge, the vigil members were and continue to be some of the most active women in Scouting.

Markie Nathan, whose Vigil name is Smiling Thunderbird, moved to another council after many years of working with our camping committee and in our Wood Badge program. She continues her work in Wood Badge and other areas in her new Lodge and council in Montana.



Markie Nathan

Paula Parrack, whose Vigil name is First Line of Defense, has worked in our events registration group for many, many years improving and simplifying the system. Judy Johnson, whose Vigil name is Yellow Haired Yellow Horse, and B.J. Ishmael, whose Vigil name is Moving Bluebonnet, are vital members of the nationally acclaimed Arrow Bistro.

Monika Kriechbaum, whose Vigil name is Strong Arrowhead after leaving the cook team, became active in the Native American program and was the Indian Village advisor for winter camp for several years. She now helps with the Native American program for our Section.



Monika Kriechbaum

Speaking of winter camp, several of our ladies volunteer countless hours to make sure winter camp is successful. Diana Griffis worked tirelessly even though in poor health until her death in 2012. Jamie Hayes, whose Vigil name is Wife of Scout from the South, was the adviser to the handicrafts program after Lomita Williams had to leave. Jamie is a fierce protector of “her boys” and gives her scouts numerous opportunities to expand their roles in scouting.



Jamie Hayes



Diana Griffis

Grace Davidson whose Vigil name is Cheerful Night Hawk Trainer is the proud mother of three Eagle Scouts who not only staff winter camp with her, they staff summer camp too. Grace works in winter camp administration which is a job with long hours and huge responsibilities. She loves working with the youth in scouting and is always a great problem solver.



Grace Davidson

Most of these women were asked to keep their Vigil in the early years. We continue to believe in the program, we still feel honored to be included, and we love volunteering for our “one hour a week.”

- **Clans and Chapters**

The Mikanakawa Lodge is the 5th largest in the country and is comprised of 27 Chapters. Beginning with the So'Tsoh here is the history of each Chapter:

So'Tsoh – Western Star District

By Dr. Tony Day

“Star that sets in the West”

In 1963, Bruce Miller served as Clan Chief of the So'Tsoh Clan and G.A. Prettyman served as Clan Adviser. No information was listed for **1964**.

District 1 Western Star became the So'Tsoh Clan around January of 1965.

In 1965, Ken McEntire served as the Clan Chief of So'Tsoh Clan. A year later, in **1966**, Harvey Elkins served as Clan Chief. **In 1967** David Isbell served as Clan Chief and C.B. McNabb served as Adviser. No information was listed for **1968**.

In 1969, Charles Thrall served as Clan Chief with Harvey Elkins as Clan Adviser and Warren Street as Assistant Adviser. Mike McPherson and Mike Jougard served as Vice Chiefs with Richard Monroe as Clan Secretary. **In 1970**, Allen C. Graham served as Clan Chief; Mike Jougard, Scott Elkins, and Claude Leibensberger serving as Vice Chiefs, Burt Derr as Clan Secretary with Harvey E. Elkins serving as Clan Adviser and Warren Street as Assistant Adviser.

In 1971, Hal Todd was listed as Clan Adviser. **In 1972**, Allen Graham served as Clan Chief and Ralph Jenkins served as Clan Adviser. **In 1973**, Mike Elkins served as Clan Chief and Warren Street served as Clan Adviser. **In 1974**, Chuck Wagner served as Clan Chief and Terry Bird served as Clan Adviser. **In 1975**, Eddie Jenkins served as Clan Chief and Warren Street served as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1976**.

In 1977, Jeff Kline served as the Clan Chief and Bruce Bishop served as Clan Adviser. A year later, in **1978**, Larry Vaughn served Clan Chief with assistants: Jerry Nickel and Steve Bennett. **In 1979**, Tommy Ortiz served as Clan Chief with Bruce Bishop serving as Clan Adviser. No information was listed for **1980-1984**. **In 1985**, Brian Worrall served as Clan Chief with Jerry W. Lollar serving as Clan Adviser. Tartan Collier served as Vice Chief and Brian Wish served as Clan Secretary.

In the fall of **1985**, Scott Lollar took over as Clan Chief and in **1986**, he was reelected as Clan Chief with Ross Finch as his Vice Chief and Jerry W. Lollar as Clan Adviser. In **1987**, Scott Lollar served his second full term as Clan Chief with Ross Finch still serving as his Vice Chief and Chuck Wagner as Clan Adviser. In **1988**, Scott Lollar served his third term as Clan Chief with Brian Hamilton as his Vice Chief and Gary Brewer as Clan Adviser. Scott served through the summer of **1989**, when Brian Hamilton served as Clan Chief with Gary Brewer as Clan Adviser.

In **1990**, Dan Sanchez served as Clan Chief with Gary Brewer serving as Clan Adviser. Brian Hamilton served as Vice Chief, Okie Ramos served as Ordeal Warrior, and Brian Sloss served as Clan Secretary. In **1991**, Danny King served as Clan Chief with Byron Jones as his Vice Chief and Rick Briggs serving as Clan Adviser. In **1992**, Sydney Monzingo became the Clan Chief with Rick Briggs serving as Clan Adviser. Chris Baccus served as Vice Chief and Andy Bartlett served as Clan Secretary. No information was listed for **1993**.

In **1994**¹²², Charles Broom served as Chapter Chief with Dale Fullenchek as Chapter Adviser. In **1995**, the Chapter Chief was Mike Hotchkiss and Adviser was Dale Fullenchek. In **1996**, Brice Jones served as Clan Chief with Mike McClendon, Waid Davis and Tom Thompson serving as Clan Advisers. In **1997**, James Elmer Sweat, II served as Chapter Chief with Tom Thompson serving as Chapter Adviser.

In **1998**, the Chapter Chief was Daniel Lowery who was honored during his term of office as *Chapter Chief of the Year*. The Chapter also earned the Honor Chapter Award. Tom Thompson served as Chapter Adviser. Chad Smith served as Vice Chief, and Ben Lowery served as Clan Secretary. In **1999**, Paul Maletic served as the Chapter Chief with Tom Thompson serving as Chapter Adviser. William Beaty served as Chapter Vice Chief. The Chapter also earned the Honor Chapter Award.

In **2000**, Daniel Canafax served as Chapter Chief with Tom Thompson serving as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and received the *Chapter of the Year Award*. Patrick Whittington served as Brotherhood Warrior; Jeremy Payne served as Ordeal Warrior; William Beaty served as Vice Chief of Service; James Janscha served as Recording Secretary, and McAllan Halsey served as Corresponding Secretary.

In **2001**, the Chapter Chief was again Daniel Lowery who had served the previous two years as a Lodge Officer. The Chapter also earned the Honor Chapter Award. Charles Kienzle served as Brotherhood Warrior; Jeremy Payne served as Ordeal Warrior, and Nick Rash served as Secretary. In **2002**, Stephen Whittington served as Chapter Chief with Darrel Rash as Chapter Adviser. Patrick Whittington served as Brotherhood Warrior, Erick Jackson served as Ordeal

¹²² Sometime during the 1993 year, a complaint was made about the use of Clans and Tribes for divisions within the lodges and the term Chapter was implemented by the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

Warrior, Nick Rash served as Vice Chief of Service, and Scott Moore served as Recording Secretary. The Chapter also earned the Honor Chapter Award.

In 2003, Patrick Whittington served as Chapter Chief with Waid Davis as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award with Stephen Riela serving as Vice Chief. In **2004**, the Chapter Chief was William Hoage with Carter Hallmark serving as Chapter Chief. The Chapter also earned the Honor Chapter Award. In **2005**, William Hoage served his second term as Chapter Chief, Stephen Riela as Vice Chief and Scott Lollar serving as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter also earned the Honor Chapter Award and was recognized for 5 or more consecutive years of earning it with the Lodge Pacesetter Award.

In 2006, the Chapter Chief was Chris Gattis and Michael Duane as Vice Chief with Scott Lollar as Adviser. The Chapter also earned the Honor Chapter Award and the Lodge Pacesetter Award. In **2007**, Michael Duane served as Chapter Chief, Dustin Bridges as Vice Chief of Inductions, Stefan Hopkins as Vice Chief of Service, Jacob Thompson as Vice Chief of Native American Activities and Scott Lollar and George “Rusty” Follis as Chapter Advisers. The Chapter also earned the Honor Chapter Award and the Lodge Pacesetter Award.

In 2008, Dustin Bridges was Chapter Chief with Rusty Follis as Adviser. Dennis Calhoun served as Vice Chief of Inductions, Stefan Hopkins as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions, Garrett Smith as Vice Chief of Service, Jacob Thompson as Vice Chief of Native American Activities, Michael Duane as Vice Chief of Administration and Jason Follis as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications. The Chapter also earned the Honor Chapter Award and the Lodge Pacesetter Award.

In 2009, the Chapter Chief was Garrett Smith and the Adviser was George “Rusty” Follis. Jason Follis served as Vice Chief of Inductions, Dennis Calhoun as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions, Jordan Crow as Vice Chief of Service, Michael Crow as Vice Chief of Administration and Devon Smith, III as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications.

In 2010, Devon Smith III served as Chapter Chief with George “Rusty” Follis as Chapter Adviser. Terry Holloway served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Sam Sweat served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Dimas Rodriguez served as Vice Chief of Service; Landon Morris served as Vice Chief of Native American Activities; Daniel Lambert served as Vice Chief of Administration and Patrick Parish served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications.

In 2011, Dimas Rodriguez served as Chapter Chief with George “Rusty” Follis and Chris Wilt as Chapter Advisers. J.J. Neugent served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Steven Hutchason served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; John-Anthony Harwerth served as Vice Chief of Service; Joseph Harwerth served as Vice Chief of Native American Activities and Leo Chernoff served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications.

In 2012, Western Star District became Five Trails District and the Chapter was renamed Satank.

In **2012**, Nicky Martinez served as Chapter Chief with Chris Wilt as Chapter Adviser. Alex Truax served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Sam Sweat served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Weston Spencer served as Vice Chief of Service; Garrett Smith served as Vice Chief of Native American Activities; Anant Kanungo served as Vice Chief of Administration and Francis Schommer as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications.

In **2013**, Satank Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: John Schumann; Vice Chief - Inductions: Jesse Perkins; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Alex Truax; Vice Chief – Service: Max Schommer; Vice Chief - Native American: Nicolas Martinez; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Hunter Lassetter; Vice Chief – Administration: Anant Kanungo with Chris Wilt as Chapter Adviser. The Satank Chapter was also one of the first to qualify as a Gold Chapter within the Journey to Excellence Program.

In **2014**, Satank Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: John Schumann; Vice Chief - Inductions: Matt Reddy; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Joseph Scholz; Vice Chief – Service: Nathan Hudgins; Vice Chief - Native American: Nicky Martinez; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Alex Truax; Vice Chief – Administration: Toby Lindbloom with Chris Wilt as Chapter Adviser.

Llanos – North District

In **1963**, Bob Dennis served as Clan Chief with John McLaren served as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1964**. In **1965**, Llanos received the ***Clan of the Year***. A year later, in **1966**, Llanos again received the ***Clan of the Year***. In **1967**, Mazel Merrill served as Clan Chief and James D. Switzer served as Clan Adviser. In **1969**, Bob Merrill served as Clan Chief with James D. Switzer as Clan Adviser. Jesse Hinkel and Mark Nejteck served as Vice Chiefs; Jeff Hinkel served as Clan Secretary with Andy Griffin as Vice Secretary. In 1970, Andy Griffin served as Clan Chief; Dale Jacobs and Terry Simmons served as Clan Vice Chiefs; Ricky Craig served as Clan Secretary with James D. Switzer as Clan Adviser. No Information is listed for **1971**. In **1972**, Kevin Wheelan served as Clan Chief and was recognized as **Clan Chief of the Year**. James D. Switzer served as his Clan Adviser. No information is listed for **1973**. In **1974**, Bert Figg served as Clan Chief with Bill Welch serving as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1975-1977**.¹²³

In **1978**, Keith McEvan served as Clan Chief. A year later, in **1979**, Mark Mattay served as Clan Chief. In **1980**, Bryce Standard served as Clan Chief with Mike Wilkinson and Chris Fritchis as

¹²³ On February 1, 1971, District 2 known as North District became the Llanos Clan.

serving as Clan Officers. No information is listed for **1981-1982**. In **1983** and again in **1984**, Kent Haythorn served as Clan Chief.

In 1985, Roy Young served as Clan Chief with Brian Kirkwood serving as Clan Vice-Chief and Cameron Grizzle serving as Clan Secretary. During his term of office, Roy Young sealed his membership in the Brotherhood at Camp Cherokee. In **1986** and in **1988**, Llanos received the *Clan of the Year*. No information listed for **1987** or **1989-1992**.

In **1993**, Roy Albrecht served as Clan Chief with Trini Munoz as serving Clan Adviser. Jeff Leon was also listed in **1993** as Clan Chief. In **1994**¹²⁴, Chris Witt served as Chapter Chief with Trini Munoz serving as Chapter Adviser. In **1995**, Chris Witt again served as Chapter Chief with Trini Munoz as Chapter Adviser. Additional officers included Jonathan Hopkins as Vice Chief, Lee Hinton as Corresponding Secretary and Mike Monahan as Recording Secretary. The Chapter was awarded the Honor Chapter Award. No information for **1996-1997**.

In **1998**, Turner Wright served as Chapter Chief with Warren Lopata serving as Chapter Adviser. John Stewart served as Vice Chief and Jason Psenack served as Corresponding Secretary. In **1999**, Ernest Knight served as Chapter Chief with Warren Lopata serving as Chapter Adviser. Blake Rauscher served as First Vice-Chief and Alex Smith served as Second Vice Chief with Trevor Theilen served as Secretary. In **2000**, Jonathan Stewart served as Chapter Chief with Zachary Goff as Vice-Chief. In **2001**, Zack Goff served as Chapter Chief with Carl Stewart serving as Chapter Adviser. Grant Whittington served as Vice Chief of Service and Jack Ledbetter Jr. served as Secretary.

In **2002**, Zack Goff again served as Chapter Chief with Tom Clark serving as Chapter Adviser. Jack Theilen served as Vice Chief of Service; Jared Chadwick served as Brotherhood Warrior; Josh Becker served as Ordeal Warrior; Garrett Clark served as Ceremony Lead and Jamie Cyr served as Secretary. In **2003**, Ryan Siebert served as Chapter Chief. No information is listed for 2004. In **2005**, the Chapter earned the Merit Chapter Award. No information is listed for **2006-2007**.

In **2008**, Robert Brown served as Chapter Chief with Edward Bareis serving as Chapter Adviser. Alex Bareis served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Nathan Owen served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Alex Wyse served as Vice Chief of Service; Ryan Hughes served as Vice Chief of Native American Activities; Adam Buttyan served as Vice Chief of Administration, and Jason Pittack served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications. In **2009**, Ryan Hughes served as Chapter Chief with Edward Bareis serving as Chapter Adviser.

¹²⁴ Sometime during the 1993 year, a complaint was made about the use of Clans and Tribes for divisions within the lodges and the term Chapter was implemented by the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

In **2010**, Ryan Hughes served as Chapter Chief with Edward Bareis serving as Chapter Adviser, and the Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. Jason Tarleton served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Kyle Vick served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Bryan Haag served as Vice Chief of Service; Andrew Royalty served as Vice Chief of Native American Activities; Alex Bareis served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications, and Oliver Ness served as Vice Chief of Administration.

In **2011**, Kyle Vick served as Chapter Chief with Edward Bareis serving as Chapter Adviser, and the Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. Andrew Royalty served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Sahil Khojha served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Jason Tarleton served as Vice Chief of Service; Joshua Grindstaff served as Vice Chief of Native American Activities; Ryan Hughes as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications, and Robert Gurnas as Vice Chief of Administration.

In 2012, North District became North Star District and the Chapter was renamed Welapensit.

Welapensit

In **2012**, Welapensit Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Corey Anderson; Vice Chief - Inductions: Matt Miller; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Kyle Vick; Vice Chief – Service: Dylan Beckerich; Vice Chief - Native American: Sean Duda; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Kyle Hair; Vice Chief – Administration: Alex Tiegreen with Ed Bareis as Chapter Adviser. In **2013**, Welapensit Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: A.J. Jackson; Vice Chief - Inductions: Nathaniel Aron; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Kenyatta Henry; Vice Chief – Service: Brendon Ramsey; Vice Chief - Native American: Alex Tiegreen; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Brendon Ramsey; Vice Chief – Administration: Robert Gurnas with Ed Bareis as Chapter Adviser. In **2014**, Welapensit Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Nathaniel Aron; Vice Chief - Inductions: David Oostenbrug; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Kenyatta Henry; Vice Chief – Service: Garrett Nixon; Vice Chief - Native American: Alex Tiegreen; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Kyle Hair with Ed Bareis as Chapter Adviser.

Yanush – North Trail

On April 1, 1950 District 4 (North Trail) became Yanush Clan.

In **1963**, David Zeiss served as Yanush Clan Chief with H. P. Kelley serving as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1964-1966**. In **1967**, Jack Prutt served as Yanush Clan Chief and John F. Maxfield served as Clan Adviser. No information listed for **1968**. In **1969**, Keith Kendall served as Clan Chief with Norman Chase serving as Clan Adviser. David Henry and Grady Frank served as Clan Vice Chiefs with John Kendall serving as Clan Secretary. In **1970**, Grady Frank served as Clan Chief; David Stone and Randy Bell served as Vice Chiefs with Mark Brixey serving as Clan Secretary and Norman Chase as Clan Adviser. No information is given

for **1971**. In **1972**, Tom Hines served as Clan Chief with Norman Chase serving as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1973**. In **1974**, John Blair served as Clan Chief with Jim Ince serving as Clan Adviser. In **1975**, Yanush received the ***Clan of the Year Award***. No information is listed for **1976-1977**. In **1978**, Eddie Denning served as Clan Chief.

In **1979**, Paul Ceverha served as Clan Chief with Tim Bender, John Wilkenstein and Mike Hayfer served as Clan Vice Chiefs. Steve Marquardt is also listed as a Clan Chief for **1979**. No information listed for **1980-1981**. In **1982**, Bill Clark served as Clan Chief with Dennis Welp and Shawn Smith serving as Clan Vice Chiefs. No information is listed for **1983**. In **1984**, Bill Clark served as Clan Chief with Earl Hagn as Clan Adviser. Chip LaRoue and Don Zeringue served as Clan Vice Chiefs with Brian Bennett serving as Secretary. Yanush also received the ***Clan of the Year Award***.

In **1985**, Steve Hood served as Clan Chief with Phil Chen and Brian Loos as Clan Vice Chiefs with Andy Bearden as Clan Secretary. In **1986**, Chris Miller served as Clan Chief with Ray Nannis as a ViceChief. In **1987**, Jimmy Hudson served as Clan Chief and was recognized with the ***Clan Chief of the Year Award***. No information is listed for **1988**. In **1989**, Yanush received the ***Clan of the Year Award***. In **1990**, Mark Anderson served as Clan Chief with Bill Hall serving as Brotherhood Warrior; Scott McDowell served as Ordeal Warrior; J.R. Richardson served as Corresponding Secretary and George Pomarity served as Recording Secretary. No information is listed for **1990**. In **1991**, Yanush received the ***Clan of the Year Award***.

In **1992**, Phil Gordon served as Clan Chief with Kevin Fellhoelher serving as Clan Adviser and Mark Carpenter serving as Associate Clan Adviser. Tony Medina served as Brotherhood Warrior; Paul Vaden served as Ordeal Warrior and Hugh Harris served as Corresponding Secretary. In **1993**¹²⁵, J. R. Richardson served as Chapter Chief and Glenn Haynes served as Chapter Adviser. Brent Haynes served as Brotherhood Warrior; Paul Vaden served as Ordeal Warrior and Tony Medina served as Corresponding Secretary.

In **1994**, Kirk McPike served as Chapter Chief with Glenn Haynes serving as Chapter Adviser and Yanush received the ***Chapter of the Year Award***. In **1995**, Scott McDowell served as Chapter Chief with Glenn Haynes serving as Chapter Adviser. Andrew Hibbs served as Brotherhood Warrior; Aubrey Leveridge served as Ordeal Warrior; Zach Day served as Corresponding Secretary and Justine Potter served as Recording Secretary. No Information is listed for **1996-1997**.

In **1998**, John Runyon served as Chapter Chief and Steve Healy served as Chapter Adviser. David Carl served as Brotherhood Warrior; Matt Dworaczyk served as Ordeal Warrior; John Kent served as Corresponding Secretary and Eric Geusa served as Recording Secretary. In **1999**, Aubrey Leveridge served as Chapter Chief with Scott Thompson serving as Chapter Adviser.

¹²⁵ Sometime during the 1993 year, a complaint was made about the use of Clans and Tribes for divisions within the lodges and the term Chapter was implemented by the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

Matt Dworaczyk served as Brotherhood Warrior; Roger Thompson served as Ordeal Warrior; Austin Dennis served as Secretary. In **2000**, Matt Dworaczyk served as Chapter Chief with Scott Thompson serving as Chapter Adviser. Jimmy Slaughter served as Brotherhood Warrior; Roger Thompson served as Ordeal Warrior; William Howison served as Recording Secretary, and Josh Terasaki served as Corresponding Secretary. The Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award.

In **2001**, Jimmy Slaughter served as Chapter Chief with Scott Thompson serving as Chapter Adviser. Brian Murray served as Brotherhood Warrior; Travis Hughes served as Ordeal Warrior; Andrew Payton served as Recording Secretary; Michael Fitzgerald served as Corresponding Secretary. In **2002**, James Darnell served as Chapter Chief with Ken Darnell serving as Chapter Adviser. Kaleo Kauloku served as Brotherhood Warrior; Andy Morgan served as Ordeal Warrior; Alex Wells served as Recording Secretary and C.J. Carter served as Corresponding Secretary. The Chapter earned the Merit Chapter Award. No information listed for **2003-2004**.

In **2005**, the Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and received the *Chapter of the Year Award*. In **2006**, the Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and received the *Chapter of the Year Award*. In **2007**, the Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and received the *Chapter of the Year Award* and earned the Chapter Service Award. In **2008**, Michael Yancey served as Chapter Chief with Glenn Moore serving as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. Jared Taylor served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Reed Greenwood served as Vice Chief of Service and Ethan Ward served as Vice Chief of Native American Activities. In **2009**, Ethan Ward served as Chapter Chief with Glenn Moore serving as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award.

In **2010**, Max Stauffer served as Chapter Chief with Paul Stauffer serving as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter earned the Merit Chapter Award. Jared Taylor served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Tim Paluck served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Richard Hayden Meeks served as Vice Chief of Service; Roland Salatino served as Vice Chief of Native American Activities; Andrew David Frost served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications and Denver Curtis Coplan served as Vice Chief of Administration. In

2011, Max Stauffer served as Chapter Chief with Paul Stauffer serving as Chapter Adviser. Jeff Fowler served as Vice Chief of Inductions; John Russell Neiderer served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Hayden Meeks served as Vice Chief of Service; George Reynolds served as Vice Chief of Native American Activities; Denver Coplan served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications and Rory Costigan served as Vice Chief of Administration.

In 2012, North Trail District was split into three new chapters. Northern Trail District is now Arapaho Chapter and Blackland Prairie District (also formerly part of North District) is now Mukade Aki, while a portion of North Trail and the West View District (formerly Langundowi) are now the Shawnee Chapter.

Arapaho

In **2012**, Arapaho Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Rory Costigan; Vice Chief - Inductions: John Russell Niederer; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Jerry Barret; Vice Chief – Service: Lukas Hayes; Vice Chief - Native American: Stephen Berry; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Mark Witte; Vice Chief – Administration: Michael Torres with Tim Meeks as Chapter Adviser. In **2013**, Arapaho Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Rory Costigan; Vice Chief - Inductions: John Russell Niederer; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Stuart Dike; Vice Chief – Service: Lukas Hayes; Vice Chief - Native American: Stephen Berry; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Mark Witte; Vice Chief – Administration: Michael Torres with Tim Meeks as Chapter Adviser. The Arapaho Chapter was also one of the first to qualify as a Gold Chapter within the Journey to Excellence Program. In **2014**, Arapaho Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Graham Rosen; Vice Chief - Inductions: Ryan Brockett; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Jackson Allen; Vice Chief – Service: Lukas Hayes; Vice Chief - Native American: Stephen Berry; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Michael Torres; Vice Chief – Administration: Colton Coker with Tim Meeks as Chapter Adviser.

Mukade Aki

In **2013**, Makade Aki Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Mahesh Ramgopal; Vice Chief - Inductions: Thomas Finley; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Alexi Deffin; Vice Chief – Service: Gabe Noble; Vice Chief - Native American: Andrew Winnenberg; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Mahesh Ramgopal; Vice Chief – Administration: Case Brunson with DeWayne Hughes as Chapter Adviser. In **2014**, Makade Aki Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Christopher Talbot with DeWayne Hughes as Chapter Adviser.

Shawnee

In **2012-2013**, Shawnee Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: William Hogan; Vice Chief - Inductions: Max Hayashi; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Hunter Silva; Vice Chief – Service: Austin DePonte; Vice Chief - Native American: Collin Meier; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: John Parsons; Vice Chief – Administration: Mason Carr with Mason Hogan as Chapter Adviser. In **2014**, Shawnee Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Tamashion Rucker with Steven Brown as Chapter Adviser.

Eluwak – White Rock

On May 1, 1951 District 5 (White Rock) became the Eluwak Clan which means “Most Powerful”. In 1956, the Gar-Rock District was created which encompassed the White Rock, White Buffalo and Garland areas. On May 4, 1959, a separate clan was created for the Garland Area known as Qui Ta He Mel Tsch or Quatahemeltsh.

In **1963**, Russell Keasler served as Eluwak Clan Chief with Herbert P. Foster serving as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1964-1966**. In **1967**, John Van Wart served as the Clan Chief and C.L. McCuller served as Clan Adviser. No information is listed for **1968-1969**. In **1970**, Will Griffeth served as Clan Chief; Rick Griffeth, Ray Richards and Pat Powers served as Vice Chiefs with Benny Cheek serving as Clan Secretary; Charles Y. Hendricks served as Clan Adviser with Horace Cheek as Assistant Adviser. No information is listed for **1971**. In **1972**, Ben Davis served as Clan Chief and was recognized with the **Clan Chief of the Year Award**. Charles Hendricks served as Clan Adviser. No information is listed for **1973**.

In **1974**, Joe Pool served as Clan Chief and Charles Hendricks served as Clan Adviser. In **1975**, Joe Pool again served as Clan Chief for which he received the **Clan Chief of the Year Award** and the Clan received the *Clan of the Year Award*. No information is listed for 1976. In **1977**, Mark Kelley served as the Clan Chief. A year later, in **1978**, Mike Harvey served as Clan Chief with Clan Officers Mike Sprunk and Robert Evans. In **1979**, Robert Evans served as Clan Chief. No information is listed for **1980-1982**.

In **1983**, Doug Wilson served as Clan Chief with Dennis Arnold serving as Brotherhood Warrior and Scott Aldridge serving as Ordeal Warrior. Eluwak also received the *Clan of the Year Award*. No information listed for **1984**. In **1985**, Steve Schoen served as Clan Chief with Clan Vice-Chiefs Scott Shouse and Travis Moss. Kenneth Freeman served as Clan Secretary. In **1986**, Brad Fountain served as Clan Chief with Rick Griffeth serving as Clan Adviser.¹²⁶ No other information is listed for **1987-1988**.

In **1989**, Anthony Wilder served as Clan Chief with Brian Barnette serving as the new Clan Adviser. Jonathan Wilder served as Brotherhood Warrior while Brian Bechtol served as Ordeal Warrior. In **1992**, Landon Thomas served as Clan Chief with Brian Barnette serving as Clan Adviser. In **1993**, C.J. Gunter served as Chapter Chief and Brian Barnette served as Chapter Adviser.¹²⁷ In **1994**, Eluwak earned the Honor Chapter Award. Brian Barnette served as Chapter Adviser.

In **1995**, James White, III served as Chapter Chief with Brian Barnette serving as Adviser. Jeff Carson served as Brotherhood Warrior; James Wintle served as Ordeal Warrior, and Patrick Hornsby served as Secretary. In **1996**, James White was again served as Chapter Chief with Brian Barnette served as Chapter Adviser. James Wintle served as Brotherhood Warrior; Jay King served as Ordeal Warrior, and Jeff Carson served as Recording Secretary. In **1997**, Eluwak earned the Honor Chapter Award. Brian Barnette served as Chapter Adviser.

¹²⁶ Rick Griffeth was acknowledged as Clan Adviser from 1987 through 1988.

¹²⁷ Sometime during the 1993 year, a complaint was made about the use of Clans and Tribes for divisions within the lodges and the term Chapter was implemented by the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

In **1998**, Ted Howard served as Chapter Chief with Brian Barnette serving as Chapter Adviser. Matt Van Voast served as Brotherhood Warrior; John Cavazos served as Ordeal Warrior; James Wintle served as Secretary. In **1999**, John Cavazos served as Chapter Chief with Brian Barnette serving as Chapter Adviser. Nick Jirasek served as Brotherhood Warrior, and Craig Stiff served as Secretary.

In **2000**, Nick Jirasek served as Chapter Chief with Brian Barnette serving as Chapter Adviser. Danny Stanford served as Brotherhood Warrior; Archie Massie served as Ordeal Warrior and Fletcher Massie served as Secretary. In **2001**, Danny Stanford served as Chapter Chief with Brian Barnette serving as Chapter Adviser. Nick Jirasek served as Brotherhood Warrior and Lan Ngugen served as Ordeal Warrior. In **2002**, Brian Barnette served as Chapter Adviser. In **2003**, Ben Shepps served as Chapter Chief with Brian Barnette serving as Chapter Adviser. Daniel Wicks served as Brotherhood Warrior; Colby Tolls served as Ordeal Warrior and Josh Janecka served as Secretary.

In 2004, Josh Janecka was the Chapter Chief and Brian Barnette who had served as Chapter Adviser passed away in February. As Josh puts it, “It was a rough year for me for two main reasons. One, the two years before my term, the Chapter Chiefs of those years did not try to improve the chapter. It was hard to get more people active, but somehow I always found the people to help. Secondly, my advisor had passed away in February of that year, and it was months before there was another adult that assumed the position. So I had no guidance for a part of my year, to help me lead the chapter.” Jim Wintle served the remainder of 2004 as Chapter Adviser.

In **2005** and **2006**, Eluwak earned the Honor Chapter Award and Ernest Koestner served as Chapter Adviser. In **2007**, Eluwak earned the Merit Chapter Award. In **2008**, Matthew Koestner served as Chapter Chief and received the *Chapter Chief of the Year Award*. Ernest Janecka served as Chapter Adviser. Eluwak also earned the Honor Chapter Award and received the *Chapter of the Year Award*. In **2009**, Arturo Olvera served as Chapter Chief, and Ernest Janecka served as Chapter Adviser.

In **2010**, Ricky Watson served as Chapter Chief, and Ernie Koestner served as Chapter Adviser. Eluwak earned the Honor Chapter Award. Will Baker served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Houston Mahdak served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Adam Koestner served as Vice Chief of Service; Chris Bryan served as Vice Chief of Native American Activities; Trey Gwinn served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications, and Cameron Allen served as Vice Chief of Administration.

In **2011**, Ricky Watson served as Chapter Chief, and Ernie Koestner served as Chapter Adviser, and Eluwak received the *Chapter of the Year Award*. Ritchey Latimer served as Vice Chief of Inductions; David Robinson served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Adam Koestner served as Vice Chief of Service; Vice Chief - Native American Chris Bryan served as Vice Chief of

Native American Activities; Trey Gwinn served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications, and Ricky Garcia served as Vice Chief of Administration.

In 2012, White Rock District was merged with White Buffalo District to become the Tejas Caddo District with a new chapter name of Pischk.

Pischk

In **2012**, Pischk Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Sam Bubeck; Vice Chief - Inductions: John Davidson; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Ritchie Latimore; Vice Chief – Service: James Patrick; Vice Chief - Native American: Adam Koestner; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Trey Gwinn & David Robinson; Vice Chief – Administration: David Robinson with Trey Gwinn & David Robinson as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter earned Honor Chapter. In **2013**, Pischk Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: John Davidson; Vice Chief - Inductions: Jacob Davidson; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Patrick Orio; Vice Chief – Service: Dylan Koss; Vice Chief - Native American: Ben Dieterich; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Ricky Garcia; Vice Chief – Administration: David Robinson with Grace Davidson as Chapter Adviser. The Pischk Chapter was also one of the first to qualify as a Gold Chapter within the Journey to Excellence Program. In **2014**, Pischk Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Jacob Davidson; Vice Chief - Inductions: Ben Dieterich; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Adam Koestner; Vice Chief – Service: Gus Castillo; Vice Chief - Native American: Alfredo Jahn; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Thomas Farnier; Vice Chief – Administration: Cole Powers with Grace Davidson as Chapter Adviser.

Wacondi Hatachi – White Buffalo

On February 29, 1960, District 6 (White Buffalo) became the Wacondi Hatachi Clan which means “White Buffalo”.

In **1960**, Phillip Shinoda served as Clan Chief and James H. Harris served as Clan Adviser. Larry Mauldin served as Clan Vice Chief and Jim Scott served as Clan Secretary. In **1961**, the Central District split into what would then become the White Buffalo District. No information is listed for **1962**. In **1963**, Allen Griffin served as Clan Chief with James H. Harris serving as Clan Adviser.

No information is listed for **1964-1969**. In **1970**, The Clan became known as the Silver Buffalo Clan. Dwin Towell served as Clan Chief; Mike Lallier and Bobby Bonds served as Vice Chiefs with Bill Budd serving as Clan Secretary and K. A. Griffon as Clan Adviser. No information is listed for **1971**. In **1972**, DwinTowell served as Clan Chief. In **1973**, Clinton Pyburn served as Clan Chief with James H. Harris serving as Clan Adviser. In **1974**, Tim Hartman served as Clan Chief. In **1975**, Richard Elms served as Clan Chief and Roy D’Avignon served as Clan Adviser. In **1976**, Farris Rookstool III served as Clan Chief and Roy D’Avignon served as Clan Adviser.

In **1977**, Harry Bubeck served as Clan Chief and the Clan was honored as *Clan of the Year*, again known as the Wacondi Hatachi Clan. In **1978**, David McPherson served as Clan Chief. In **1979**, Craig Hamilton was elected as Clan Chief with Clay Tallon and Barry Wilcox as Clan Officers. Trent Young is also listed as Clan Chief for **1979**. No information is listed for **1980-81**.

In **1982**, Thomas Vielma served as Clan Chief and was recognized as **Clan Chief of the Year** and Wacondi Hatachi also received the **Clan of the Year Award**. In **1983**, Rodney Collins served as Clan Chief with Gary Wisler serving as the Clan Adviser. In **1984**, Willie Bogie served as Clan Chief with Steve Jung serving as Clan Adviser. Tony Koeijama served as Vice Chief and John McNabb served as Secretary. Wacondi Hatachi received the **Chapter of the Year Award**.

In **1985**, John Stambaugh served as Clan Chief; Carlos Vielma served as Brotherhood Warrior; Tony Koeijama served as Ordeal Warrior; Andrew Harmon served as Recording Secretary and Rob Darrah served as Corresponding Secretary. Steve Jung served as Clan Adviser with assistants Leonard Lienfelder and David Davis. In **1986**, Rob Darrah served as Clan Chief; Carlos Vielma served as Brotherhood Warrior; Chris Head served as Ordeal Warrior; Bill Hill served as Recording Secretary, and Scott Canada served as Corresponding Secretary. Steve Jung served as Clan Adviser.

In **1987**, Chris Head served as Clan Chief; Andrew Harmon served as Brotherhood Warrior; Jonathan Stokes served as Ordeal Warrior; Scott Canada served as Recording Secretary and Evan Wilcox served as Corresponding Secretary. No information is listed for **1988-1992**. In **1993** Casey McCullar served as Chief; David Hall served as Brotherhood Warrior; John Fox Holt served as Ordeal Warrior, and Steven Harris served as Corresponding Secretary. Steve Jung served as Clan Adviser.

In **1994**, Wacondi Hatachi was Honor Chapter.¹²⁸ In **1995**, Casey McCullar again served as Chapter Chief; David Hall served as Brotherhood Warrior; Vincent Jefferies served as Ordeal Warrior; Cody McCullar served as Recording Secretary and James Aguirre served as Corresponding Secretary. This year the Chapter also received the first ever Chapter Brotherhood Conversion Award. In **1996**, Sam Bohan served as Chapter Chief with John Fox Holt served as Chapter Adviser. In **1997**, Sam Bohan again served as Chapter Chief and Deyo Leonard served as Chapter Adviser. In **1998**, Sam Bohan again served as Chapter Chief with Deyo Leonard serving as Chapter Adviser. Daniel Duton served as Vice Chief and Scott Partin served as Recording Secretary. In **1999**, Deyo Leonard served as Chapter Adviser.

In **2000**, Garth Orr served as Chapter Chief with Deyo Leonard serving as Chapter Adviser. Graham served as Brotherhood Warrior and Joshua Jimenez served as Ordeal Warrior. In **2001**, Jason Goldberg served as Chapter Chief with Mike Milam serving as Chapter Adviser. Brandon Bubeck served as Brotherhood Warrior; Aaron Zarraga served as Ordeal Warrior; Will Love

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served as Service Vice Chief; Jacob Yanofsky served as Recording Secretary and Garth Orr served as Corresponding Secretary. In **2002**, Jonathan Krimm served as Chapter Chief and Mike Milam served as Chapter Adviser. Aaron Zarraga served as Brotherhood Warrior; Matt Brown and James Yost served as Co-Ordeal Warriors; Preston Hicks served as Vice Chief of Service; Andrew Krimm served as Recording Secretary and James Peacock served as Corresponding Secretary. No information for **2003-2007**.

In **2008**, Joseph Sorce served as Chapter Chief and Mike Milam served as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter earned the Merit Chapter Award. In **2009**, Nathan Bubeck served as Chapter Chief with Brian Bennett serving as Chapter Adviser. Wacondi Hatachi was also an Honor Chapter received the *Chapter of the Year* and the Chapter Service Award.

In **2010**, Bobby Hartman served as Chapter Chief with Greg Regan serving as Chapter Adviser. Wacondi Hatachi earned the Honor Chapter Award. Rob McMenamy served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Joseph Davidson served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Russell Regan served as Vice Chief of Service. In **2011**, Sam Bubeck served as Chapter Chief with Greg Regan serving as Chapter Adviser. Rob McMenamy served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Joseph Davidson served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Dylan Koss served as Vice Chief of Service; John Davidson served as Vice Chief of Native American Activities; Joseph Davidson served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications and Alfredo Jahn served as Vice Chief of Administration.

In 2012, White Rock District was merged with White Buffalo District to become the Tejas Caddo District with a new chapter name of Pischk. (See White Rock District above).

Sontsu- Southern Cross – Chactaw - Commanche

On June 1, 1960 District 7 (Southern Cross) became the Sontsu Clan.

In **1963**, Randy Moore served as Sontsu Clan Chief with James Murphy serving as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1964-1968**. In **1969**, David Murphy served as Clan Chief and Bill Milford served as Clan Adviser. Stephen Milford served as Vice Chief and John Milford served as Secretary. No information is listed for **1970**. In **1971**, Greg Holman served as Clan Chief; Mark James, Keith Jeffers and Nickie Pinkerton served as Vice Chiefs; Harvey Hutchins served as Clan Secretary and Joseph L. Klein served as Clan Adviser.

In 1972, Randall Benedict served as Clan Chief and George Burke served as Clan Adviser. No information is listed for **1973**. **In 1974**, Bobby Nelson served as Clan Chief with Charles King serving as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1975-1976**. In **1977**, Eddie MacDonald

served as Clan Chief. In **1979**, Donny Tullis is listed as Clan Chief. In **1980**, Brent Liebel served as Clan Chief. John Tullis, Paul Tullis and Bill Artezi served as Clan Officers.

In **1981**, John Tullis served as Clan Chief and was recognized with **Clan Chief of the Year**. Donny Tullis served as Clan Adviser and the Clan received the **Clan of the Year Award**. Brent Liebel served as Brotherhood Warrior; Bill Artezi served as Ordeal Warrior and Matt Lindsey served as Corresponding Secretary. In **1982**, Brent Liebel served as Clan Chief with Donny Tullis serving as Clan Adviser. Kelly Craker served as Brotherhood Warrior; Doug Dickerson served as Ordeal Warrior and Matt Lindsey served as Corresponding Secretary. No information is listed for **1983-1994**.¹²⁹

In **1994**, neither the Sontsu Clan nor the Southern District is listed. However, the Chactaw Chapter of the Comanche District is now listed. No information is listed for **1995-2002**. It is believed that the Chactaw Chapter became inactive sometime between **1995** and **2002** and was revived around **2003** as the Seminole Chapter of the Comanche District.

In **2003**, the Seminole Chapter earned the Merit Chapter Award. In **2004**, Janson Davis served as Chapter Chief and the Seminole Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. In **2006**, the Seminole Chapter earned the Merit Chapter Award. No information is listed for **2007-2011**.

In 2012, Comanche District was renamed Cimarron District but no new name for the Chapter has been determined as yet.

Cimarron

In **2012-2013**, Cimarron Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: DeWayne McClure with Stephan Polanski as Chapter Adviser. In **2014**, DeWayne McClure continued as Chapter Chief with Aaron Mixon as Chapter Adviser.

District 9 - Arrowhead- Tejas District

In **1963**, Barry De Pauw served as Clan Chief and Tom J. Speed served as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1964-1966**. In **1967**, Bob Harris served as Clan Chief and Ben C. Harris served as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1968-1969**.

In **1970**, Le Roy Phelps served as Clan Chief; Glen Snyder and Mason Brown served as Vice Chiefs; Carl Dirksmire as Clan Secretary along with Russell E. Owens, Sr. serving as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1971-1978**. By **1979** the Clan is no longer listed as a Clan.

District 10 - Wagion -Thunderbird District

¹²⁹ Sometime during the 1993 year, a complaint was made about the use of Clans and Tribes for divisions within the lodges and the term Chapter was implemented by the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

In 1963, Tommy Belden served as Clan Chief and H. G. Stampfer served as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1964-1966**. In **1967** Calvin Skinner served as Clan Chief and George Scott served as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1968**. In **1969**, Terry Potter served as Clan Chief with Mark Abshire as Vice Chief; Warren Johnson as Secretary along with George Scott serving as Clan Adviser.

In 1970, Steve Rattan served as Clan Chief; Tom Blutt, David Thefney and Charlie Moore as Vice Chiefs; Mike Stampfer as Clan Secretary; George Scott serving as Clan Adviser with Jim Hodge serving as Assistant Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1971**. In **1972**, David Hefner served as Clan Chief with Bill Lollar serving as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1973**. In **1974**, the Clan is no longer listed.

Wabashi – Mountain Lake

In 1963, Curtis Sanders served as Clan Chief and W. T. Sanders served as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1964-1971**. In **1972**, Scott Van Pelt served as Wabashi Clan Chief and Stanley G. Maronda served as Clan Adviser. *On November 1, 1973 Mountain Lake District (District 11) became the Wabashi Clan.* No information is listed for **1973**. In **1974**, Danny Vassallo served as Clan Chief with Davis Hopkins serving as Clan Adviser. No information is listed for **1975**. In **1976**, Pat McGaha served as Clan Chief and the Wabashi Clan was **Clan of the Year**. In **1977**, Greg DeSalvo served as Clan Chief and was recognized as **Clan Chief of the Year**. In **1978**, Pat Megha served as the Clan Chief. In **1979**, Doug Mitchell served as Clan Chief. No information is listed for **1980-1983**.

In 1984, Steve Ricks served as Clan Chief and George Baldwin served as Clan Adviser. Mike Holbrook served as Ordeal Warrior; Jon Megginas served as Recording Secretary and Alan Thomas served as Corresponding Secretary. No information is listed for **1985**. In **1986**, Eric Boggus served as Clan Chief and Tommy Cruce served as Clan Adviser. Bobby Skelton served as Ordeal Warrior. No information is listed for **1987-1991**.

In **1992**, Mark Stevens served as Clan Chief. In **1993**, Russ Fuller served as Clan Chief. In **1994**,¹³⁰ David Mulvey served as Chapter Chief and Steve Joyce served as Chapter Adviser. Wabashi received the **Chapter of the Year** and Honor Chapter Award and David Mulvey was recognized as **Chapter Chief of the Year**. In **1995**, David Mulvey served as Chapter Chief and Steve Joyce served as Adviser. The Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. In **1996**, Scott Edwards served as Chapter Chief. In **1997**, Wabashi earned the Honor Chapter Award.

In **1998**, Deryk Graves served as Chapter Chief with Jami Bender serving as Chapter Adviser. Matthew Casey served as Vice-Chief; Chris Sanders served as Brotherhood Warrior; Sean Sparkman served as Ordeal Warrior; Lennon Simpson served as Recording Secretary and Cody Crossland served as Corresponding Secretary. In **1999**, Matt Bender served as Chapter Chief

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with Jami Bender serving as Chapter Adviser. Jason Watkins served as Brotherhood Warrior; Phil Eshleman served as Ordeal Warrior and Cody Crossland served as Secretary. In **2000**, Andrew St. John served as Chapter Chief with Jami Bender serving as Chapter Adviser. Phil Eshleman served as Brotherhood Warrior; Daniel George served as Ordeal Warrior; Trent Wilson served as Recording Secretary and Cody Crossland served as Corresponding Secretary.

In **2001**, Andrew St. John served as Chapter Chief and David Mulvey served as Chapter Adviser. Daniel George served as Brotherhood Warrior; Matt Bowers served as Ordeal Warrior; Cody Crossland served as Recording Secretary and Peter Moser served as Corresponding Secretary. Wabashi was recognized as **Chapter of the Year**. In **2002**, Johnny Crawford served as Chapter Chief and Steve Joyce served as Chapter Adviser. Brian Zavodny served as Brotherhood Warrior; Matt Bowers served as Ordeal Warrior and Jose Rodriguez served as Recording Secretary.

In **2003**, Wabashi earned the Honor Chapter Award. William McNutt served as Chapter Chief with Marty Chartier serving as Chapter Adviser. Brian Zavodny served as Brotherhood Warrior; Matt Bowers served as Ordeal Warrior. In **2004**, Trent Tobola served as Chapter Chief. No information is listed for **2005**. In **2006**, Wabashi earned the Merit Chapter Award. No information is listed for **2007**. In **2008**, Harrison Miller served as Chapter Chief and Sam King served as Chapter Adviser.

In **2009**, David Tassin served as Chapter Chief. In **2010**, Wabashi earned the Honor Chapter Award. Alan Larson served as Chapter Adviser. In **2011**, Daniel Tassin served as Chapter Chief and was recognized as **Chapter Chief of the Year**. Alan Larson served as Chapter Adviser. In **2012**, Alan Larson served as Chapter Adviser.

In **2013**, Wabashi Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Jorge Salazar; Vice Chief - Inductions: Ben Gates; Vice Chief - Native American: Eric Munoz; Vice Chief – Administration: Alex Westbrook with Alan Larson as Chapter Adviser. In **2014**, Wabashi Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Alex Westbrook; Vice Chief - Inductions: Ben Gates; Vice Chief - Native American: Justin Marquart; Vice Chief – Administration: Jessie Bryson with Alan Larson as Chapter Adviser.

Quatahemeltsh – Grey Owl

On May 4, 1959, Gar-Rock District created the Grey Owl District (District 12) which chose the name “Qui Ta He Mel Tsch” which means “I Will Help Thee.” This name was joined to become that of the Quatahemeltsh Clan.

In **1959**, Mike Brady served as Clan Chief with Bob Keith, Sr. serving as Clan Adviser. Bob Keith, Jr. served as Clan Vice Chief and Joe Barner served as Clan Secretary. No information is given for **1960-1962**. In **1963**, Dick Parsons served as Clan Chief and U. J. Roger served as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1964-1966**. In **1967**, the Clan Chief was Don Herron and Clan Adviser was Hubbard Hill. No information is given for **1968-1969**.

In **1970**, James Jordan served as Clan Chief; Mike McMillen served as Vice Chief with Steve Hart serving as Clan Secretary and Tom Bagget as Clan Adviser. In **1971**, Mark Jordan served as Clan Chief with James H. Jordan serving as Clan Adviser. In **1972**, the Clan Chief was Ritchie L. Carney and Clan Adviser was Nick K. Cranfield, Jr. In **1973-74**, Tom Cooper was Clan Chief with Nick K. Cranfield, Jr. serving as Clan Adviser. In **1973** Tom was recognized as **Clan Chief of the Year** which he attributes to “a successful newsletter and chapter banquets. We did a lot of unit elections. We staffed district events including camporees and Oak Leaf skills. We had an excellent ceremonies team and individuals that competed in Native American dance competitions.”

In **1976-77**, Tim Hogan served as Clan Chief. In **1978**, Mike Morman served as Clan Chief. In **1979**, Mike Morman served again as Clan Chief and the Clan received **Clan of the Year**. No information is listed for **1980-1982**. In **1983**, James Hughes served as Clan Chief and was also recognized as *Clan Chief of the Year* and the Brotherhood Warrior was Malcolm Avaritt.

In **1984**, Dayton Brightwell served as Clan Chief. In **1985**, Dayton Brightwell was re-elected as Clan Chief and received the **Clan Chief of the Year** along with the Clan being honored with the **Clan of the Year Award**. Scott Vornburg served as Vice Chief of Committees and Mark Rose served as Vice Chief for Membership. Jeff Eberwein served as Clan Secretary. Jim Vornburg served as Clan Adviser. In **1986**, Rick Bickle served as Clan Chief with Bryan Finn serving as Vice Chief for Membership; Jeff Eberwein serving as Vice Chief of Committees and Cory Cook serving as Clan Secretary. No information was listed for **1987-1988**.

In **1989**, Keith Dagan served as Clan Chief and Gary Helms served as Vice Chief for Membership; Alan Fidler serving as Vice Chief of Committees and Chris Wegley served as Clan Secretary. In **1990**, Paul Cookson, II served as Chapter Chief and was recognized as **Chapter Chief of the Year**; Rex Lewis served as Chapter Adviser. No information is listed for **1991-1992**. In **1993**, Robbie Beineman served as Clan Chief with Don Cameron serving as Clan Adviser. Beineman received the **Clan Chief of the Year** and the Clan was recognized as **Clan of the Year**.

In **1994**, the Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. Derek Grether served as Chapter Chief and Marty Nelson served as Chapter Adviser. In **1995**, the Chapter was recognized as **Chapter of the Year**. Waylon Nelson served as Chapter Chief and was recognized as **Chapter Chief of the Year** and Marty Nelson served as Chapter Adviser. In **1996**, Jeff Hinkel served as Chapter Chief and Marty Nelson served as Chapter Adviser. In **1997**, Mark Wilkinson served as Chapter Adviser. In **1998**, Dean Schrock served as Chapter Chief and Mark Wilkinson served as Chapter Adviser. Will Woodson served as Vice Chief; Daniel Gobar served as Recording Secretary, and Wesley Neukam served as Corresponding Secretary.

From January of **1999** through **June of 1999**, Mark Wilkinson served as Chapter Adviser. In **1999**, Daniel Gobar served as Chapter Chief with Tony Gobar serving as Chapter Adviser beginning in July. Michael Roell served as Brotherhood Warrior; Kris Yunker served as Ordeal Warrior/Ceremonies, and Wesley Neukam served as Secretary.

In **2000**, the Chapter was recognized as **Chapter of the Year** and earned the Honor Chapter Award. Wesley Neukam served as Chapter Chief and Tony Gobar served as Chapter Adviser. John Kelbe served as Brotherhood Warrior; Joe Fishpaw served as Ordeal Warrior; Sawyer Stowers served as Vice Chief for Service; Joe Fishpaw served as Recording Secretary, and Chris Holsonback served as Corresponding Secretary.

In **2001**, the Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. Adrian York served as Chapter Chief with Tony Gobar as Chapter Adviser. Michael Roell served as Brotherhood Warrior, Ben Clemens served as Ordeal Warrior/Secretary; Joe Fishpaw served as Vice Chief of Service. In **2002**, the Chapter earned the Merit Chapter Award. Ben Clemens served as Chapter Chief along with Tony Gobar serving as Chapter Adviser. Preston Larman served as Brotherhood Warrior, Keegan Hunter served as Ordeal Warrior, and Danny Wood served as Vice Chief. In **2003**, Joe Fishpaw served as Chapter Chief and Tony Gobar served as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award.

In **2004**, Joe Fishpaw split the year as Chapter Chief with Preston Larman. The Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and Tony Gobar served as Chapter Adviser. In **2005**, Preston Larman served as Chapter Chief and Lorin Larman served as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter again earned the Honor Chapter Award. In **2006**, Will Pike served as Chapter Chief and Lorin Larman served as Chapter Adviser. In **2007**, Will Pike again served as Chapter Chief and Lorin Larman served as Chapter Adviser.

In **2008**, the Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. Will Pike served as Chapter Chief and Jim Hampton served as Chapter Adviser. Will relates his experience in scouting and the Order of the Arrow. Will states, "if I had not learned everything about how to manage people, places, and resources I would be lost in College right now. My time in Scouts gave me a purpose to do something and do it with all my heart and never quit, it really has shaped me into the man I am today as a senior in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M and it will shape me into being an Officer for the United States Marine Corps."

In **2009**, Will Pike again served as Chapter Chief and Jim Hampton served as Chapter Adviser. In **2010**, the Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and earned the Nathan Family Camping Award by having 47.05% of registered scouts attending long term camp. Brad Shine served as Chapter Chief and Jim Hampton served as Chapter Adviser. Aaron Parks-Young served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Calen Swim served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Jeremy Ballard served as Vice Chief of Service; Joshua Bellew served as Vice Chief of Native American Activities; Eric Bellew served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications, and Lowell Buck served as Vice Chief of Administration. In **2011**, Brad Shine again served as Chapter Chief and Jim Hampton served as Chapter Adviser.

In 2012, the Grey Owl District was divided into two new Districts and the two new chapters were named Atoskata (Duck Creek District) and N'Wingi (East Trinity Trails).

Atoskata

In **2012**, Atoskata Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Russell Bus; Vice Chief – Inductions: John Dang; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Riley Byrne; Vice Chief – Service: Shelby Jackson; Vice Chief - Native American: Colin March; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Christian Criswell; Vice Chief – Administration: Jenor Rasmussen with John Byrne as Chapter Adviser. In **2013**, Atoskata Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Caleb Scott; Vice Chief – Inductions: Jenor Rasmussen; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: John Wrobbel; Vice Chief – Service: Preston Potter; Vice Chief - Native American: Preston Sanderson; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Peter Willey; Vice Chief – Administration: Colin March with John Byrne as Chapter Adviser. The Atoskata Chapter was also one of the first to qualify as a Gold Chapter within the Journey to Excellence Program. In **2014**, Atoskata Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Jenor Rasmussen; Vice Chief - Inductions: Noah Thompson; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Jordan Canoe; Vice Chief – Service: John Paul Wrobbel; Vice Chief - Native American: Dakota Birdsong; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Caleb Richardson; Vice Chief – Administration: Michael Bernal with John Byrne as Chapter Adviser.

N'Wingi

In **2013**, N'Wingi Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Logan Peet; Vice Chief – Inductions: Nigel McGregor; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Noah Esters; Vice Chief – Service: Cailean Stevenson; Vice Chief - Native American: Matthew White; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Griffin Perkins; Vice Chief – Administration: Austin Griesbach with Ken Bernal as Chapter Adviser. The N'Wingi Chapter was also one of the first to qualify as a Bronze Chapter within the Journey to Excellence Program. In **2014**, N'Wingi Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Matthew Stevenson; Vice Chief - Inductions: Noah Esters; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Thomas Starnes; Vice Chief – Service: Matt Holland; Vice Chief - Native American: Joe Chappell; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Charlie Didear; Vice Chief – Administration: Trevin Edwards with A. J. Wessler as Chapter Adviser.

Ogequah – Tomahawk

On April 1, 1961 the District 14 Tomahawk District became the Ogequah Clan.

In **1967**, Eddie Hansford served as Clan Chief and Valton Dennis served as Clan Adviser. No information is listed for **1968**. In **1969**, Stanley Jones served as Clan Chief with Valton Dennis serving as Clan Adviser. Christopher Frederichs and Allan Dennis served as Vice Chiefs and Jerry Knoerr served as Clan Secretary. No information is listed for **1970-1971**. In **1972**, Jack Dickerson served as Clan Chief and Warren Ekls served as Clan Adviser. No information is listed for **1973**. In **1974**, Gary Carter served as Clan Chief and Warren Ekls served as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1975-1977**. In **1978-1979**, Tommy Long served as Clan Chief. In **1980**, the Clan received the *Clan of the Year Award*. In **1981**, Brad Benford served as Clan Chief. No information is listed for **1982**.

In **1983**, Walt Grasse served as Clan Chief. In **1984**, Walt Grasse served again as Clan Chief and received *the Clan Chief of the Year Award*. Howard Hunter served as Vice Chief and B.J. Martin, Sr. served as Clan Adviser. In **1985**, Brian Reel served as Clan Chief and was recognized as *Clan Chief of the Year*. In **1986**, Kenneth Tackett served as Clan Chief. In **1987**, Chad Pitts served as Clan Chief. Danny Burns served as Brotherhood Warrior; Roy Riggins served as Ordeal Warrior; Clifford Stephenson, Jr. served as Corresponding Secretary and Sean Robinson served as Recording Secretary. In **1987**, the Tonkawa Clan also received the *Clan of the Year Award*.

In **1989**, Jim Grasse served as Clan Chief. Paul Cookson served as Brotherhood Warrior; Bruce Fermon served as Ordeal Warrior; Paul Alexander served as Secretary. In **1990**, the Clan received the **Clan of the Year Award**. No information is listed for **1991**. In **1992**, Chris Tucker served as Clan Chief. He states, "It was fun serving my district and the lodge. Chapters were called "clans" in those days so I was elected Clan Chief. We organized camporees, citywide service projects, and learned about OA history and Indian lore." No information listed for **1993**.¹³¹ In **1994-1995**, Nicholas Martinez served as Chapter Chief.

In **1996**, the Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. Mark LaGuardia served as Chapter Chief. Dan Townsend served as Brotherhood Warrior; Bobby Bowman served as Ordeal Warrior; Matt Tramel served as Corresponding Secretary and Josh Hutcheson served as Recording Secretary. In **1997**, Paul Behne served as Chapter Adviser. In **1998**, Anthony Drake served as Chapter Chief and Eric Kidder served as Chapter Adviser. Marcus Ogle served as Brotherhood Warrior; Zachary Taylor served as Ordeal Warrior and Andrew Polansky served as Secretary.

In **1999**, Jason Bowman served as Chapter Chief and Mark Baty served as Chapter Adviser. Brandon Ledbetter as Brotherhood Warrior; Michael Heard served as Ordeal Warrior and Anthony Drake served as Secretary. In **2000**, Jason Bowman served as Chapter Chief and Mark Baty served as Chapter Adviser. Brandon Ledbetter as Brotherhood Warrior; Nick Johnson served as Ordeal Warrior and Frank Knutzen IV served as Secretary. In **2001**, Jason Bowman served as Chapter Chief and Eric Kidder served as Chapter Adviser. Brandon Ledbetter as Brotherhood Warrior; Ryan Holman served as Ordeal Warrior; Robert Bowman served as Vice Chief of Service and Brian Eaton served as Secretary.

In **2002**, Ryan Holman served as Chapter Chief and Eric Kidder served as Chapter Adviser. J.T. Humphreys served as Brotherhood Warrior; Matt Bowles served as Ordeal Warrior and Austin Koch served as Secretary. In **2003**, John Shields served as Chapter Chief and Eric Kidder served as Chapter Adviser. Ryan Holman served as Brotherhood Warrior; Ryan Simmons served as Ordeal Warrior; Thomas Gibson served as Recording Secretary and William Schwartz served as Corresponding Secretary. In **2004**, Thomas Gibson served as Chapter Chief with Montgomery Harris serving as Chapter Adviser. In **2006**, the Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. In **2007**, the Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. Sam Blount served as Chapter Chief and received the **Chapter Chief of the Year Award**. Montgomery Harris served as Chapter Adviser.

¹³¹ Sometime during the 1993 year, a complaint was made about the use of Clans and Tribes for divisions within the lodges and the term Chapter was implemented by the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

In **2008**, the Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. The Chapter earned the Brotherhood Conversion Award with 80.77% conversions in 2008. Sam Blount served as Chapter Chief and Montgomery Harris served as Chapter Adviser. In **2009**, the Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. Sareek Hosein was listed as Chapter Chief and Montgomery Harris served as Chapter Adviser.

In **2010**, Cooper Blount served as Chapter Chief and Matthew Curtis served as Chapter Adviser. Tyler Atwood served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Caleb Frichette served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Joshua Simmons served as Vice Chief of Service; Adam Tarver served as Vice Chief of Native American Activities; Andrew Marien served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications and Cortland Beardon served as Vice Chief of Administration. The Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and received the **Chapter of the Year Award**. The Chapter also achieved the Lodge Pacesetter Award for earning Honor chapter for at least 5 consecutive years.

In **2011**, Cooper Blount served as Chapter Chief and Matthew Curtis served as Chapter Adviser. Tyler Atwood served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Charles Hanna served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Zachary Smith served as Vice Chief of Service; Jonathan Griffin served as Vice Chief of Native American Activities; Andrew Marien served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications and Richard Broussard served Vice Chief of Administration.

In 2012, the Tomahawk District was renamed Eastern Skies and the new Chapter name is Uktena.

Uktena

In **2012**, Uktena Chapter received the *Pacesetter Award*, *Honor Chapter* and *Chapter of the Year* and elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Andrew Marien; Vice Chief – Inductions: Nicholas Dauphin; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Charles Hanna; Vice Chief – Service: Tyler Atwood; Vice Chief - Native American: Jonathan Griffen; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Aaron Marien; Vice Chief – Administration: Richard Broussard with Matt Curtis as Chapter Adviser. In **2013**, Uktena Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Andrew Marien; Vice Chief – Inductions: Nicholas Dauphin; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Calen Garza; Vice Chief – Service: Andrew Bailey; Vice Chief - Native American: Richard Broussard; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Joshua Simmons; Vice Chief – Administration: Tyler Atwood with Matt Curtis as Chapter Adviser. The Uktena Chapter was also one of the first to qualify as a Gold Chapter within the Journey to Excellence Program. Uktena also earned the Best Percent Brotherhood Conversion at 100%, was recognized with the Nathan Camping Award at 84.8%, earned the *Chapter Service Award*, and was the **Chapter of the Year**. In **2014**, Uktena Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Richard Broussard; Vice Chief - Inductions: Caleb Dehate; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: William Engel; Vice Chief – Service: Gordon Davis; Vice Chief - Native American: Andrew Marien; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Joshua Simmons; Vice Chief – Administration: Zachary Shaw with Matt Curtis as Chapter Adviser.

District 21 - Witschindin - Butterfield District

In **1969** Terry Bollinger served as Clan Chief, W. D. Horn as Vice Chief, David Burrows, Jr. as Secretary and Sterling Underwood served as Clan Adviser. In **1972**, Neal Graham served as Clan Chief with Haskell Walling serving as Clan Adviser. By **1979** the Clan is no longer listed as a Clan.

Bow Wood – Bois d' Arc

On April 1, 1954 District 24 became the Bois d' Arc District and the Bowwood Clan.

No information is listed from **1954** to **1974**. In **1975**, the Bow Wood Clan received the ***Clan of the Year Award***. In **1979**, Glenn Moore served as the Clan Chief and Dick Raitt served as Clan Adviser. Glenn says about his time as chief: "Our Chapter was very new at the time. Our chapter was made up of all Collin County. At this time it was either Plano or McKinney. It was very difficult to get the two towns to come together and meet. We would hold meetings in Plano one month and McKinney the next. Of course it was difficult to get members from Plano to travel to McKinney and vice versa. I spent most of my time trying to get the two groups to work together." No information is listed for **1980**.

In **1981**, John Bruce served as Clan Chief and received the **Clan Chief of the Year Award**. John says about his tenure: "It was a fun time. Our clan (that was what it was called then) did a lot of ceremonies. We also helped digitize the Lodge records." Randy Vitek and Bill Sager served as Clan Vice Chiefs; Gene Lawrence served as Vice Chief of Dance and Vance Phillips served as Clan Secretary. In **1982**, Gene Lawrence served as Clan Chief. John Hargett served as Brotherhood Warrior; Bill Sager served as Ordeal Warrior; Terry Geiger served as Corresponding Secretary and Kelly Reed served as Recording Secretary. In **1983**, Curtis Bentley served as Clan Chief. In **1984**, Kirk Chandler served as Clan Chief; Steve Heid served as First Vice Chief; Richard Austin served as 2nd Vice Chief; Jeff O'Neal served as Brotherhood Warrior; Tony Miller and Richard Wells served as Ordeal Warriors; Paul Caruso served as Corresponding Secretary; Shane Kimzey served as Recording Secretary and Scott Hall served as Dance Vice Chief. No information is listed for **1985-1991**.

In **1992**, Steven Tuck served as Clan Chief. Matt Restrepo served as Vice Chief; David Palmer served as Ordeal Warrior and Danny Craig served as Secretary. In **1993**, Josh Clouse served as the Chapter Chief. No information is listed for **1994**.¹³²

In 1995, the Bois d' Arc District was divided north and south. The southern district would become the Great Plains District and its chapter would become Malia Cones. The northern district would become the Arrowhead District and its chapter would become Sun Nuck.

Malia Cones

In **1995**, Jeff Chastain is listed as the Chapter Chief and after Lodge Pow Wow that year in February, Richard M. Phillips served as Chapter Adviser. In **1996**, Ryan Ongley served as

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Chapter Chief and Richard Phillips served as Chapter Adviser. Charles Ackerman served as Vice Chief; Eric Becker served as Brotherhood Warrior and Daniel Anderson served as Recording/Corresponding Secretary. In **1997**, Ken Utz, Jr. served as Chapter Chief and was recognized as **Chapter Chief of the Year Award** and Richard M. Phillips served as Chapter Adviser.

In **1998**, Eric Becker served as Chapter Chief and Richard M. Phillips served as Adviser. Mitchell Whittier served as Vice Chief; Steven Nappo served as Brotherhood Warrior and Rufus Hanson served as Recording/Corresponding Secretary. In **1999**, Eric Becker served as the Chapter Chief and was recognized with the **Chapter Chief of the Year Award**. Richard M. Phillips served as Chapter Adviser. Mitchell Whittier served as Vice Chief; Ken Utz, Jr. served as Brotherhood Warrior and Scott Donaldson served as Secretary. In **2000**, Daniel Anderson served as Chapter Chief and Dane Reese served as Chapter Adviser. Ronnie Mendez Jr. served as Vice Chief; Matt Sercelly served as Brotherhood Warrior and Chris Fenton served as Secretary. In **2001**, Aaron Childers served as Chapter Chief and Dane Reese served as Chapter Adviser. Tim Bowrey served as Brotherhood Warrior; Zachary Francis served as Ordeal Warrior; Chris Fenton served as Vice Chief of Service and David Klotz served as Secretary.

In **2002**, Chris Fenton served as Chapter Chief and Ed Arnold served as Chapter Adviser. Zachary Francis served as Brotherhood Warrior; Ben Frank served as Ordeal Warrior; David Klotz served as Vice Chief of Service and Matt Kolodoski served as Secretary. In **2003**, David Klotz served as Chapter Chief and Ed Arnold served as Chapter Adviser. Zachary Francis served as Brotherhood Warrior; Matthew Kolodoski served as Vice-Chief of Service; Jeremy Smith served as Ordeal Warrior and David Breeding served as Recording Secretary. In **2004**, Jeremy Smith served as the Chapter Chief and Alan Joyce served as Chapter Adviser. In **2005**, G. Alan Joyce served as the Chapter Chief and received the **Chapter Chief of the Year Award**. Alan Joyce served as Chapter Adviser. In **2006**, G. Alan Joyce is listed as the Chapter Chief and Alan Joyce served as Chapter Adviser. No information is listed for **2007**.

In **2008**, Larry Dale Long II served as the Chapter Chief and Bill O'Neal served as Chapter Adviser. In **2009**, Aaron Batteiger served as the Chapter Chief and Bill O'Neal served as Chapter Adviser. In **2010**, Nick Clark served as Chapter Chief and was recognized with the **Chapter Chief of the Year Award**. Jan Michael Kolodoski served as Chapter Adviser. Nate Porter served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Ryan Spears served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Steven Corry served as Vice Chief of Service; Richard Legrand served as Vice Chief of Native American Activities; Ben Myers served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications and Logan Shillington served as Vice Chief of Administration. In **2011**, Richard Legrand served as Chapter Chief and Jan Michael Kolodoski served as Chapter Adviser. Caleb Santillanes served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Ryah Spears served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Austin Timbeross served as Vice Chief of Service; Michael Hashe served as Vice Chief of Native American Activities; Ben Myers served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications and Peter Butcher served as Vice Chief of Administration.

In 2012, the Great Plains District was divided into two districts. Northern Lights District which encompasses Hotowa'e Chapter and Golden Arrow District which encompasses Wakaree Chapter.

Hotowa'e

In **2012**, Hotowa'e Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Dylan Chan; Vice Chief - Native American: Josh Sperry with Bruce Bryant as Chapter Adviser. In **2013**, Hotowa'e Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Dylan Chan; Vice Chief – Inductions/ Camp Promotions: Seth Sowalskie; Vice Chief - Native American: Josh Sperry; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Thomas Shook with Bruce Bryant as Chapter Adviser. The Hotowa'e Chapter was also one of the first to qualify as a Silver Chapter within the Journey to Excellence Program. In **2014**, Hotowa'e Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Parx Shearer; Vice Chief - Inductions: Seth Sowalskie; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Seth Sowalskie; Vice Chief - Native American: Josh Sperry; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Thomas Shook and Bruce Bryant as Chapter Adviser.

Wakaree

In **2012**, Wakaree Chapter elected Richard LeGrand as Chapter Chief and earned *Honor Chapter* and the *Pacesetter Award*. Toni Shillington served the first half of the year as Chapter Advisor and Will Wood finished out the Year. In **2013**, Wakaree Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Ben Myers; Vice Chief - Inductions: Ryan Porter; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Taylor Dreger; Vice Chief – Service: John Francis; Vice Chief - Native American Jack Schwab; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Lawry Sorenson; Vice Chief – Administration: Julian Fields with Steve Porter as Chapter Adviser. In **2014**, Wakaree Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Tim Seitz; Vice Chief - Inductions: Austin Timbeross; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Taylor Dreger; Vice Chief – Service: John Francis; Vice Chief - Native American: Jack Schwab; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Lawry Sorensen; Vice Chief – Administration: Nick Baum and Steve Porter as Chapter Adviser.

Sun Nuck

In **1995**, Matthew Pease served as Chapter Chief and Kurt Ficken served as Chapter Adviser. In **1996**, Michael Senkel served as Chapter Chief and Kurt Ficken served as Chapter Adviser. In **1997**, Chris Kerr was Chapter Chief and Kurt Ficken served as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter achieved Honor Chapter and **Chapter of the Year**. In **1998**, Chris Kerr was Chapter Chief and Kurt Ficken served as Chapter Adviser. Nick Gillick served as Brotherhood Warrior; Joe Southwell served as Ordeal Warrior and Ricky Pierce served as Secretary. In **1999**, John Beazley served as Chapter Chief and Charles E. “Ted” Gifford served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and John Beazley was recognized as **Chapter Chief of the Year**. Paul Tessitori served as Brotherhood Warrior; Randy Marsrow served as Ordeal Warrior and Ricky Pierce served as Secretary.

In **2000**, Jay Foster served as Chapter Chief and Tony Day served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and Jay was recognized as **Chapter Chief of the Year**. David Frizzell served as Brotherhood Warrior and Jimmy Foster and Gary Pierce served as Assistant Advisers. Lonnie Turner served as Ordeal Warrior; Bobby Pierce served as Service Vice Chief and Ricky Pierce served as Administrative Vice Chief. In **2001**, William J. “Bill”

Miller served as Chapter Chief and Tony Day served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and the chapter received the **Chapter of the Year Award**. David Frizzell served as Brotherhood Warrior and Al Boudreaux, Ritchie Jones and Gary Pierce served as Assistant Advisers. Patrick Boudreaux served as Ordeal Warrior; Ricky Pierce and Patrick Norton served as Service Vice Chief and Bobby Pierce and Sam Alexander Pierce served as Administrative Vice Chief.

In **2002**, Patrick Norton served as Chapter Chief and Tony Day served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and the chapter received the **Chapter of the Year Award**. Patrick Boudreaux served as Brotherhood Warrior; Bryan Vlastelica served as Ordeal Warrior; Scott Thompson served as Service Vice Chief; Matt Rowland served as Administrative Vice Chief; Ricky Pierce served as Vigil Vice Chief and Scott Johnson served as LDS Vice Chief. Al Boudreaux, Ron Vlastelica, Louis Gray, Dean May, Tim Dorsey, Colby Norton, Gary Pierce and Pete Johnson served as Associate Chapter Advisers. In **2003**, Patrick Boudreaux served as Chapter Chief and Tony Day served as Chapter Adviser. David Frizzell served as Brotherhood Warrior; Matt Miller served as Ordeal Warrior; Patrick Norton served as Ceremony Warrior; J.R. Gray served as Administrative Vice Chief; Ricky Pierce served as Vigil Vice Chief and Scott Johnson served as LDS Vice Chief. Al Boudreaux, Louis Gray, Joe Miller, Colby Norton, Gary Pierce and Pete Johnson served as Associate Chapter Advisers

In **2004**, Matt Miller served as Chapter Chief and Joe Miller served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and the chapter received the **Chapter of the Year Award**. Eric Dempsey served as Brotherhood Warrior; Jeremy Maggart served as Ordeal Warrior; Jeff Lamkin served as Service Vice Chief; Andrew Haynie served as Admin Warrior and Ricky Pierce served as Vigil Honor Vice Chief. Al Boudreaux, Bob Henderson, Colby Norton, Gary Pierce and Jack Lamkin served as Associate Chapter Advisers. In **2005**, Darryl McWhorter served as Chapter Chief and Chuck Widhalm served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter received the **Chapter of the Year Award**. The chapter was the first to earn the Nathan Family Camping Award. The Chapter also earned the Honor Chapter Award and was recognized for five or more consecutive years of earning it with the Lodge Pacesetter Award. Eric Dempsey served as Brotherhood Warrior; Tim Marnik served as Ordeal Warrior; Dean Borchert served as Service Vice Chief; A. J. Lechner served as Admin Warrior and Ricky Pierce served as Vigil Honor Vice Chief. Al Boudreaux, Bob Henderson, Bill Thompson, Andy Lechner and Gary Pierce served as Associate Chapter Advisers.

In **2006**, Curtis Bolen served as Chapter Chief and Chuck Widhalm served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter again earned the Nathan Family Camping Award. The Chapter also earned the Honor Chapter Award and was recognized with the Lodge Pacesetter Award. Jonathan Buentello served as Vice Chief Brotherhood; Carson Thompson served as Vice Chief of Service; Joseph Kelly served as Vice Chief of Native American; Zach Goebel served as Vice Chief of Administration. Al Boudreaux, Bob Henderson, Bill Thompson, Tony Day and Gary Pierce served as Associate Chapter Advisers. In **2007**, Kevin Lovett, Jr. served as Chapter Chief and Susan Lovett served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter again earned the Nathan Family Camping Award. The Chapter also earned the Honor Chapter Award and was recognized with the Lodge

Pacesetter Award. Joshua Womboldt served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Curtis Bolen served as Vice Chief of Camping Promotions; Nick Inman served as Vice Chief of Service; Lance Rohlman served as Vice Chief of Native American and Paul Daniel Lopez served as Vice Chief of Administration. Al Boudreaux, Dale Anderson, Candy Robinson, Bill Miller, Ralph Smith, and Chuck Widhalm served as Associate Chapter Advisers

In **2008**, Joshua Womboldt served as Chapter Chief and Susan Lovett served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and the chapter received the **Chapter of the Year Award**. The chapter was again recognized with the Lodge Pacesetter Award. Kevin Lovett, Jr. served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Steven Lovett served as Vice Chief Camping of Promotions; Bradley Huffman and Tyler Bahnman served as Vice Chief of Service; Eric Womboldt served as Vice Chief of Native American; Paul Daniel Lopez served as Vice Chief of Administration and Stephan Stenger served as Vice Chief Technology & Communication. Al Boudreaux, Dale Anderson, Candy Robinson, Kevin Lovett, Sr., Ralph Smith, and James Stephens served as Associate Chapter Advisers

In 2009, Arrowhead District was divided north and south with the new districts being Southern Sky District encompassing the Waka Tanka Chapter and Lone Star District encompassing the Wichapi Chapter.

Waka Tanka

In **2009**, Stephan Stenger served as Chapter Chief and Susan Lovett served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and the chapter received the **Chapter of the Year Award**. The chapter was recognized with the Lodge Pacesetter Award. The chapter also earned the Nathan Family Camping Award.

In **2010**, Stephen Stenger served as Chapter Chief and Kevin Lovett, Sr. served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and the chapter received the **Chapter of the Year Award**. The chapter was recognized with the Lodge Pacesetter Award. Steven Lovett served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Ben Myers served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Christian Brewer served as Vice Chief of Service; Logan Bouma served as Vice Chief of Native American Activities; Tyler Bahnman served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications and Tyler Gerdes served as Vice Chief of Administration.

In **2011**, Stephen Lovett served as Chapter Chief and Kevin Lovett, Sr. served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and the chapter received the Lodge Pacesetter Award. John Kehn served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Brandon Evans served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Ben Malcom served as Vice Chief of Service; Christian Kelly served as Vice Chief of Native American; Grant Bahnman served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications and Christian Brewer served as Vice Chief of Administration.

In 2012, the Southern Sky District was again divided east to west into two new districts. The new districts are Eagle Trails which encompasses the Haokah Chapter and the Iron Horse District which encompasses the Adanvdo Ditlihi.

Haokah

In **2012**, Haokah Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Christian Kelly; Vice Chief - Inductions: Christian Brewer; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Jon Luc Furqueron; Vice Chief – Service: Nick Bennett; Vice Chief - Native American: Grant Bahnman; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Scott Stronger; Vice Chief of Administration: Gabe Kay with Kevin Lovett, Sr. as Chapter Adviser. The chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. In **2013**, Haokah Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Tye Parker; Vice Chief - Inductions: Scott Grinnell; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Dawson Westurn; Vice Chief – Service: Collin Williams; Vice Chief - Native American: Alex Lyons; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech & Admin: Andrew Tice with Emery Hanzel as Chapter Adviser. In **2014**, Haokah Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Tye Parker; Vice Chief - Inductions: Scott Stenger; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Jeffrey Love; Vice Chief – Service: Jacob Newberry; Vice Chief - Native American: Collin Williams; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Ben Guffy; Vice Chief – Administration: Anthony Niedzielski. The Haokah Chapter was also one of the first to qualify as a Gold Chapter within the Journey to Excellence Program.

Adanvdo Ditlihi

In **2012**, Adanvdo Ditlihi Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: John Kehn; Vice Chief - Inductions: Spencer Schoen; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Andy Finlayson; Vice Chief – Service: Daniel Fallgatter; Vice Chief - Native American: Michael Kubasta; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Grant Massey; Vice Chief – Administration: Ian Luellen with Mark Bouma as Chapter Adviser; Lamar Taylor, Al Boudreaux and Tony Day as Associate Advisers. The Chapter earned *Honor Chapter* and the *Pacesetter Award*. John Kehn was recognized as *Chapter Chief of the Year*. John Kehn and Logan Bouma were recognized as *Honor Medalists for Ceremonies* at NOAC. In **2013**, Adanvdo Ditlihi Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: John Kehn; Vice Chief - Inductions: Samuel Moore; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Ben Whytlaw; Vice Chief – Service: Eric Warnky; Vice Chief - Native American: Collin Anderson; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Jeffrey Nebeker; Vice Chief – Administration: Grayson Gammill with Mark Bouma as Chapter Adviser. The Adanvdo Ditlihi Chapter was also one of the first to qualify as a *Gold Chapter* within the Journey to Excellence Program. In **2014**, Adanvdo Ditlihi Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Collin Anderson; Vice Chief - Inductions: Tripp Houle; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Eric Warnky; Vice Chief – Service: Michael Mazuk; Vice Chief - Native American: Brendan Hutchins; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Jeffrey Nebeker; Vice Chief – Administration: Henry Balboa and Mark Bouma as Chapter Adviser.

Wicaphi

In **2009**, Preston Blaskas served as Chapter Chief and Kara Hodgkiss served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and the chapter received the Lodge Pacesetter Award.

In **2010**, Todd Hodgkiss served as Chapter Chief and Kara Hodgkiss served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and the chapter received the Lodge Pacesetter Award. Ty Hardin served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Bridger Jones served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Will Fisher served as Vice Chief of Service; Jeff Hodgkiss served as Vice Chief of Native American; Tim Johnson served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications and Kevin Champ served as Vice Chief of Administration.

In **2011**, Brock Schuyler served as Chapter Chief and Kara Hodgkiss served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and the chapter received the Lodge Pacesetter Award. Ryan Hull served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Hollis Meachum served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Grant Lafon served as Vice Chief of Service; Andrew Borgens served as Vice Chief of Native American; Conner Atnip served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications and Jeff Hodgkiss served as Vice Chief of Administration.

In **2012**, Wicahpi Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Andrew Borgens; Vice Chief – Inductions: Jarrett Walker; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Matthew Dillingham; Vice Chief – Service: Matthew Meals; Vice Chief - Native American: Tim Camp; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Conner Atnip; Vice Chief – Administration Drew Umberger with Bill Fisher as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter earned Honor *Chapter* and the *Pacesetter Award*. In **2013**, Wicahpi Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Matthew Dillingham; Vice Chief – Inductions: Anthony Neis; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Nathan Tate; Vice Chief – Service: Corey Crawford; Vice Chief - Native American: Jeff Hodgkiss; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Noel Anderson; Vice Chief – Administration: Caleb Nance with Bill Fisher as Chapter Adviser. The Wicahpi Chapter was also one of the first to qualify as a Gold Chapter within the Journey to Excellence Program. Wicahpi also earned the Best Percent Brotherhood Conversion at 100%. In **2014**, Wicahpi Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Corey Crawford; Vice Chief - Inductions: Nathan Tate; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Colin Stahl; Vice Chief – Service: Tony Neis; Vice Chief - Native American: Caleb Wong; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Noah Satele; Vice Chief – Administration: Sean Higgs and Michell Crawford as Chapter Adviser.

Canupa – Yellow Horse – Big Country - Cherokee

In January of 1954, the Cherokee District was associated with the Armadillo Clan. In 1958, the Cherokee District became the Yellow Horse District named after area Scouter Dr. Gough's Palomino Horse which he raised and showed.

In **1965**, Perry Farmer served as Clan Chief and Jim Johnson served as Clan Adviser. In **1966**, Rick Townsend served as Clan Chief and Jim Johnson served as Clan Adviser. From **1967-1969**, Davy Joe Helms served as Clan Chief and Jim Johnson served as Clan Adviser. From **1970-1973**, Donald Lindsay served as Clan Chief and Jim Johnson served as Clan Adviser. In **1974**, Donald Lindsay again served as Clan Chief with Lou Conder serving as Clan Adviser. No

information is listed for **1975-1978**.¹³³ In **1979**, David Lindsay served as Clan Chief. In **1980**, Charlie Luna served as Clan Chief. No information is listed for **1981**.¹³⁴

In **1982**¹³⁵, David Quinn served as Allohak Clan Chief and Kelly Quinn served as Clan Secretary. In **1983**, Doug Hancock served as Allohak Clan Chief; Barry Brown served as Vice Chief and Paul Paulson served as Secretary. No information was listed for Allohak or Canupa for **1984-1987**. In 1988, Ernie “Urny” Maxwell served as Clan Chief and was recognized as **Clan Chief of the Year**. No information is listed for Canupa for **1989**. From **1990-1992**, Mike Meeks served as Clan Adviser. In **1993**, Dan Shaw served as Canupa Clan Chief and Mike Meeks served as Clan Adviser. In **1994**, Raymond Kosydar served as Clan Chief and Mike Meeks served as Clan Adviser.¹³⁶ In **1995**, David Dean served as the Chapter Chief and Ray Allen served as the Chapter Adviser. In **1996**, David Dean served as the Chapter Chief and was recognized as **Chapter Chief of the Year**. Mike Meeks served as Chapter Adviser. In **1997**, Mike Meeks served as Chapter Adviser.

In **1998**, James Whitt served as the Chapter Chief and Mike Meeks served as Chapter Adviser. Rusty Baugh served as Brotherhood Warrior; Dustin Dean served as Ordeal Warrior; Jason Condle served as Recording Secretary; Justin Snyder served as Corresponding Secretary.

In **1999**, Dustin Dean served as Chapter Chief and Michael Meeks served as Chapter Adviser. Otto Hatton, III served as Ordeal Warrior and Glenn Jackson served as Corresponding Secretary. In **2000**, Dustin Dean served as Chapter Chief and Michael Meeks served as Chapter Adviser. Phillip Howie served as Brotherhood Warrior; Stephen Woodard served as Ordeal Warrior; Otto Hatton III served as Recording Secretary; Chase Carey served as Corresponding Secretary. In **2001**, Chase Carey served as Chapter Chief and Michael Meeks served as Chapter Adviser. Otto Hatton, III served as Brotherhood Warrior; David Gibbs served as Ordeal Warrior; Lance Byers served as Recording Secretary and Jonathan Gholson served as Corresponding Secretary. Canupa earned the Honor Chapter Award and was honored as **Chapter of the Year**. Chase Carey received the **Chapter Chief of the Year award**.

In **2002**, Canupa earned the Honor Chapter Award and was honored as **Chapter of the Year**. Chase Carey served as Chapter Chief and Willie Robson served as Chapter Adviser. Josh Lindsay served as Vice Chief of Service; Si Robson served as Brotherhood Warrior; Clinton Howie served as Ordeal Warrior and Lance Byers served as Recording/Corresponding Secretary.

In **2003**, Canupa earned the Honor Chapter Award and was honored as **Chapter of the Year**. Si Robson was Chapter Chief and received the **Chapter Chief of the Year award**. Willie Robson

¹³³ During 1973-1974, Camp Lodges existed: Camp Texoma Lodge; Camp Cherokee Lodge & Camp Constantin Lodge; they were never formally recognized and lasted only the short time.

¹³⁴ In the mid-1980s Big Country District (Hunt/Kaufman & Rockwall Counties) became Yellow Horse District (Hunt/Kaufman/Van Zandt & Henderson Counties).

¹³⁵ Allohak Clan, Henderson County (Clements Scout Ranch) transferred from East Texas Council. Allohak means “the powerful one” in the Sioux language.

¹³⁶ Sometime during the 1993 year, a complaint was made about the use of Clans and Tribes for divisions within the lodges and the term Chapter was implemented by the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

was Chapter Adviser. In **2004**, Si Robson was Chapter Chief and Willie Robson was Chapter Adviser. Canupa earned the Honor Chapter Award and was honored as **Chapter of the Year**. In **2005**, Canupa earned the Honor Chapter Award and the Lodge Pacesetter Award. In **2006**, Canupa earned the Honor Chapter Award and the Lodge Pacesetter Award. Canupa also earned the Chapter Brotherhood Conversion Award with an 88.24% conversion rate.

In **2007**, Canupa was honored as **Chapter of the Year**, earned the Honor Chapter Award and the Lodge Pacesetter Award. Canupa also earned the Chapter Brotherhood Conversion Award with an 87.88% conversion rate. Willie Robson served as Chapter Adviser. In **2008**, Canupa received the Chapter Service Award, earned the Honor Chapter Award and the Lodge Pacesetter Award. Kyle Price served as Chapter Chief and David Johnson served as Chapter Adviser. In **2009**, Jacob Smyth served as Chapter Chief and David Johnson served as Chapter Adviser. Canupa earned the Honor Chapter Award and the Lodge Pacesetter Award. Canupa also earned the Chapter Brotherhood Conversion Award with a 88.46% conversion rate.

In 2010, Jacob Smyth served as Chapter Chief and David Johnson served as Chapter Adviser. Canupa was honored as **Chapter of the Year**, the Chapter Service Award, earned the Honor Chapter Award and the Lodge Pacesetter Award. Canupa also earned the Chapter Brotherhood Conversion Award with a 100% conversion rate. Danny King served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Alex Dixon served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Chris Callahan served as Vice Chief of Service; Ronnie King served as Vice Chief of Native American; Michael Mynxx served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications and Josh Mashburn served as Vice Chief of Administration.

In 2011, Michael Mynxx served as Chapter Chief and David Johnson served as Chapter Adviser. Canupa received the Chapter Service Award, earned the Honor Chapter Award and the Lodge Pacesetter Award. Danny King served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Alex Dixon served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Chris Callahan served as Vice Chief of Service; James Emerson served as Vice Chief of Native American; Ronnie King served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications and Trey Barrett served as Vice Chief of Administration.

In 2012, Cherokee District was split to form two new Districts with two new Chapters: Texas Skies (Soquili) and Trinity Woods (Cayuga).

Soquili

In **2012**, Soquili Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Michael Mynxx; Vice Chief - Inductions: Joshua Russell; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Jakob Ellsberry; Vice Chief – Service: Michael Allen; Vice Chief - Native American: Fred Glendinning; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Matthew Forman; Vice Chief – Administration: Zachary Wilder with L. David Johnson Jr. as Chapter Adviser. In **2013**, Soquili Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Logan Myers; Vice Chief - Inductions: Tyler Jordan; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Jerry Barret; Vice Chief – Service: Logan Myers; Vice Chief - Native American: Fred Glendinning; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Dustin Grover; Vice Chief – Administration: Brent Grisier with L.

David Johnson, Jr. as Chapter Adviser. Associate Chapter Advisors for 2012-2013 are Judy K. Johnson, Earl K. Brown, and David Lindsey. The Soquili Chapter was also one of the first to qualify as a *Gold Chapter* within the Journey to Excellence Program. In **2014**, Soquili Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Logan Myers; Vice Chief - Inductions: Gavin Conn; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Sean Baird; Vice Chief – Service: Sean McKnight; Vice Chief - Native American: Geoffrey Foster; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Dustin Grover; Vice Chief – Administration: Stuart Dyke with Judy Johnson as Chapter Adviser.

Cayuga

In **2013**, Cayuga Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: John Griffin; Vice Chief - Inductions: Kyle Bennett; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Dakota Kaufman; Vice Chief – Service: Johnathan Yost; Vice Chief - Native American: Cody Frick; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Caleb Johnson; Vice Chief – Administration: Will Perryman with Willy Robson as Chapter Adviser. The Cayuga Chapter was also one of the first to qualify as a Gold Chapter within the Journey to Excellence Program. The Cayuga Chapter also earned the Best Percent Brotherhood Conversion at 100%. In **2014**, Cayuga Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Will Perryman; Vice Chief - Inductions: Haden Boyd; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Andrew Rodriguez; Vice Chief – Service: Jonathan Yost; Vice Chief - Native American: Nathan Johnson; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Caleb Johnson; Vice Chief – Administration: Cole Goodson with Willy Robson as Chapter Adviser.

District 32 - Henderson County

In 1974, Garrett Smith, Jr. served as Clan Chief and Bryon Jarratt served as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1975-1978**. **In 1979**, Stephen Prachyl served as Clan Chief. No later information is given.

District 33 - Klondike District - Cleburne

In 1963, Tim Dennis served as Clan Chief with Roy Stewart serving as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1964-1966**. **In 1967** Chapter Clips lists Lloyd Hudzeitz as Clan Chief and Sterling Underwood as Adviser. No information is given for **1968-1978**. By **1979** the Clan is no longer listed as a Clan.

District 34 - Wisdom Trail – Lippoe

Wisdom Trail District 34 became the Lippoe Clan on September 1, 1974.

In 1974, Kenney Jewett served as Clan Chief with Allen Hammack serving as Clan Adviser. No Information listed for **1975**. **In 1976**, the clan received the **Clan of the Year Award**. **In 1978**, the clan received the **Clan of the Year Award**. **In 1979** Tim Ward served as Clan Chief and

Alan Stellyes and Keith Thomas as Officers. A later clip for **1979** lists Tim Hyde as Clan Chief. No information listed for **1980-1991**.

In **1992**, Richard Hubler served as Clan Chief and was recognized with the **Clan Chief of the Year Award** with Rod Bradley serving as Clan Adviser. The clan received the **Clan of the Year Award**. In **1993**,¹³⁷ Richard Hubler served as Clan Chief with Rod Bradley serving as Clan Adviser. In **1994**, Travis Rubelee served as Chapter Chief. In **1995**, Bruce Campbell served as Chapter Chief and Steve Johnson served as Chapter Adviser. In **1996**, Michael “Chipper” Haynes served as Chapter Chief and Don Johnson served as Chapter Adviser. In **1996**, Bill Conrad served as Chapter Chief and Don Johnson served as Chapter Adviser.

In **1998**, Thomas Stoddard served as Chapter Chief and Richard Fielder served as Chapter Adviser. Russell Fielder served as Brotherhood Warrior; Andrew Kapcsos served as Ordeal Warrior; Greg Johnson served as Secretary. In **1999**, Hawk Hefler served as Chapter Chief and Richard Fielder served as Chapter Adviser. Russell Fielder served as Brotherhood Warrior; Aaron Rogers served as Ordeal Warrior and John McCoy served as Secretary. In **2000**, Hawk Hefler served as Chapter Chief and Chuck Rowland served as Chapter Adviser. Austin Conrad served as Brotherhood Warrior; Ray Rodriguez served as Ordeal Warrior; John Schleif served as Recording Secretary.

In **2001**, Tom Perme served as Chapter Chief and Chuck Rowland served as Chapter Adviser. Austin Conrad served as Brotherhood Warrior; Patrick Rowland served as Ordeal Warrior and Kevin Fielder served as Recording Secretary. In **2002**, Chuck Rowland served as Chapter Adviser. In **2003**, David Gallip served as Chapter Chief. No information listed for **2004-2007**.

In **2008**, Ian Luyo served as Chapter Chief and Mitch Cartmell and Danny Alexander served as Chapter Advisers. In **2009**, Carlos Ochoa served as Chapter Chief and was recognized as the **Chapter Chief of the Year**. George Delacarda served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter earned the Merit Chapter Award and earned the Nathan Family Camping Award. In **2010**, Carlos Ochoa served as Chapter Chief and George Delacarda served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. Matthew Montequin served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Matt McKown served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications and Matthew Wentz served as Vice Chief of Administration.

No information was received for **2012**. In **2013**, Lippoe Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Matt McKown; Vice Chief - Inductions: Jacob McKown; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Donald Goldman; Vice Chief – Service: Jake Heinen; Vice Chief - Native American: Ian Paul Benson; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Joseph Schepps; Vice Chief – Administration: Jarod Jobe with Efrain Ochoa as Chapter Adviser. The Lippoe Chapter was also one of the first to qualify as a Gold Chapter within the Journey to Excellence Program. In **2013**, Lippoe Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Billy Luko; Vice Chief - Inductions: Matt McKown; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Jacob McKown; Vice Chief – Service: Jarod Jobe; Vice Chief - Native American: Ian-Paul Benson; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Charles Artis; Vice Chief – Administration: Sam Largent with Efrain Ochoa as Chapter Adviser.

¹³⁷ Sometime during the 1993 year, a complaint was made about the use of Clans and Tribes for divisions within the lodges and the term Chapter was implemented by the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

Texoma Valley – District 22

District 22 encompassed Denison, Grayson County and Bryan County Oklahoma from **1949-1978**. In **1963**, Don Volpert served as Clan Chief and Hillary Womack served as Clan Adviser. From **1972-1974**, James R. Williams served as Clan Chief and Richard A. Johns served as Clan Adviser. *In 1978, after the sale of Camp Texoma by Circle 10 Council, District 22 voted to join the Texoma Valley Council serving the Sherman area. In 1994, Circle 10 Council and Texoma Valley Council merged to add the area served by Texoma Valley as a new District encompassing Grayson County, Texas and Bryan County, Oklahoma. This former Lodge known as Okiciyapi became one of Mikanakawa's newest Chapters known by the same name.*

In 1995, Mykle Tomlinson served as Chapter Chief with Wade Graves serving as Chapter Adviser. Mykle and Wade had also served as Okiciyapi's Lodge Chief and Adviser in 1994. **In 1996**, Kevin Arrington served as Chapter Chief with Wade Graves serving as Chapter Adviser.

1996 and **1997** were re-building years for the chapter. The chapter went from 435 members in 1995 to 89 in 1996 due to fallout from a very unfortunate incident at a lodge fall fellowship. The chapter conducted unit elections, attended Beaver Day at Camp Grayson but did not attend many lodge functions. By 1998 the chapter had rebounded, had 196 members, and began attending lodge functions starting with the lodge Pow Wow in February 1998 at Camp Wisdom where three chapter members placed in dance and ceremony competition.

In 1997, Johnny Sherman IV served as Chapter Chief with Wade Graves serving as Chapter Adviser. Chuck Salinas served as First Vice Chief. **In 1998**, Chuck Salinas served as Chapter Chief from January until June when Colin Chamberlain became the new Chapter Chief with Wade Graves serving as Chapter Adviser. Colin Chamberlain served as 1st Vice Chief; Mark Price served as 2nd Vice Chief; Mark Freeman served as Recording Secretary, and Beau Bratcher served as Corresponding Secretary. The Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and received the **Chapter of the Year Award**.

In 1999, Mark Price served as Chapter Chief with Wade Graves as Chapter Adviser. Beau Bratcher served as 1st Vice Chief; Ben Onslott served as 2nd Vice Chief; Lee Nathan as Recording Secretary, and John Holley as Corresponding Secretary. The Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and received the **Chapter of the Year Award** along with achieving the highest Brotherhood conversion rate of 61.90%.

In 2000, Beau Bratcher served as Chapter Chief with Brian Everett serving as Chapter Adviser. Lee Nathan served as 1st Vice Chief; Don Petrash served as 2nd Vice Chief; John Bencheck

served as Recording Secretary, and Mark Price as Corresponding Secretary. The Chapter earned the Honor Chapter award and achieved the highest Brotherhood conversion rate of 60.87%. In **2001**, Lee Nathan served as Chapter Chief with Al Steel serving as Chapter Adviser. Tony Gregg served as Vice Chief of Service ; Nathan Farley served as Ordeal Warrior ; Michael Redd served as Recording Secretary, and Cade Butler served as Corresponding Secretary. In **2002**, Lee Nathan served as Chapter Chief with Al Steel serving as Chapter Adviser. Jared Roberts served as 1st Vice Chief; Travis Steel served as 2nd Vice Chief, and David Tarvin served as Recording Secretary. The chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and received the **Chapter of the Year Award**.

In **2003**, Jared Roberts served as Chapter Chief and Al Steel as Chapter Adviser. Toby Dunlap served as 1st Vice Chief ; Mark Henry served as 2nd Vice Chief ; Dan Schmoker served as Recording Secretary ; Adron Douglas and Joseph Nathan as Co-Corresponding Secretaries. In **2004**, Adron Douglas served as Chapter Chief with Al Steel serving as Chapter Adviser. .

In **2005**, Justin Knight served as Chapter Chief with Roger Virgin serving as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and achieved the highest Brotherhood conversion rate of 87.80%. In **2006**, Justin Knight served as Chapter Chief with Roger Virgin as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter also earned the Honor Chapter Award. In **2007**, John Frietsch served as Chapter Chief and Roger Virgin served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award

In **2008**, Blake Fisher served as Chapter Chief and Roger Virgin served as Chapter Adviser. In **2009**, Nathan Farmer served as Chapter Chief and Roger Virgin served as Chapter Adviser. The chapter also earned the Merit Chapter Award in 2009. In **2010**, Garrett Virgin served as Chapter Chief with Roger Virgin served as Chapter Adviser. James Griffith served as Vice Chief of Inductions ; Mark Cappio served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions ; Nathan Farmer served as Vice Chief of Service; Sean Williams served as Vice Chief of Native American Activities ; Joseph Demond served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications, and Tyler Olin as Vice Chief of Administration. 2010 Honor Chapter In **2011**, Garrett Virgin served as Chapter Chief and Michael Thompson served as Chapter Adviser.

In **2012**, Okiciyapi Chapter elected Ian Talcott as Chapter Chief and Michael Thompson served as Chapter Adviser. In **2013**, Okiciyapi Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Brandon Carithers; Vice Chief - Inductions: Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Konnor Allen; Vice Chief – Service: Justin Ailshire; Vice Chief - Native American: Aaron McKinney; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Justin Dawsey; Vice Chief – Administration: Conner Judd with Michael Thompson as Chapter Adviser. The Okiciyapi Chapter was also one of the first to qualify as a Silver Chapter within the Journey to Excellence Program. . In **2014**, Okiciyapi Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Ian Talcott; Vice Chief - Inductions: Drew Davis; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Brandon Ernst; Vice Chief – Service: Justin Ailshire; Vice Chief - Native American: Aaron McKinney; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Marshall Neitling; Vice Chief – Administration: Conner Judd with Wade Graves as Chapter Adviser.

In **2015** Aaron McKinney was election Chief, never before had the Chapter been lead by a Chapter Chief from Oklahoma. (Neither was Okiciyapi Lodge for the matter).

Mustang – Wild Horse

On May 1, 1962 the Mustang District became the Wild Horse Clan.

No information listed from **1962- 1973**. In **1974**, Joe Hayes served as Clan Chief. No information is listed from **1975-1978**. In **1979**, Kirk Willis served as Clan Chief. No information is listed for **1980-1991**. In **1992-1993**, Edward Brown, Jr. served as the Clan Chief. No information is listed for **1994**. In **1995**, Frantz Guignard is listed as Chapter Chief and Ricky Casteel as Adviser. No information is listed for **1996-1997**. In 1997, Fred Casteel served as Chapter Chief and Ricky Casteel served as Chapter Adviser. From **1999-2001**, Russell Long Fred Casteel served as Chapter Chief and Ricky Casteel served as Chapter Adviser. In **2002**, Ricky Casteel served as Chapter Adviser. No information is listed for **2003**.

In **2004**, the chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. In **2005**, the chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. In **2006**, the chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. In **2007**, the chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. In **2008**, Juan Alvarado served as Chapter Chief and Lester Hunter served as Adviser. The chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. In **2009**, Dameron Mason served as the Chapter Chief. The chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and the Lodge Pacesetter Award.

In 2010, Edmund English served as Chapter Chief and Joe Hayes served as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and the Lodge Pacesetter Award. Dameron Mason served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Terry Tucker served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Paul Johnson III served as Vice Chief of Service; Alfred Boss served as Vice Chief of Native American and Hunter Warnock served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications. In **2011**, Rasheed Furlow served as Chapter Chief and Joe Hayes served as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and the Lodge Pacesetter Award. Dameron Mason served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Chris Scott served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Jakerrion Rodgers served as Vice Chief of Service; Jhai West served as Vice Chief - Native American; Alan Martinez served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications and Travis Jones served as Vice Chief of Administration.

In **2012-2013**, Wild Horse Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Jhai West; Vice Chief - Inductions: Gerald Denson, Jr.; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Hashim Anderson; Vice Chief – Service: Tyrese Holt; Vice Chief - Native American: Rasheed Furlow; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Efen Hubbard; Vice Chief – Administration: Terry Tucker with Joe Hayes as Chapter Adviser. The Wild Horse Chapter was also one of the first to qualify as a *Gold Chapter* within the Journey to Excellence Program. In **2014**, Wild Horse Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Gerald Denson, Jr.; Vice Chief - Inductions: Jhai West; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Malik Smith; Vice Chief – Service: Tyrese Holt; Vice Chief - Native

American: Hashim Anderson; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Joshua Whitaker; Vice Chief – Administration: Reginald Seastrunk with Joe Hayes as Chapter Adviser.

Tonkawa - Tawakoni

On January 1, 1965 the Tawakoni District became the Tonkawa Clan.

No information listed from **1965** to **1971**. In **1972**, Chapter clips listed Stephen Herit as Clan Chief and Ed Bloom, Sr. as Clan Adviser. No information is given for **1973**. In **1974**, Duane Baker served as Clan Chief with Ed Bloom, Sr. serving as Clan Adviser. No information listed from **1975-1984**.

In **1985**, John Davis served as the Clan Chief. No information listed from **1986** to **1993**.¹³⁸ In **1994**, Jeff served as Chapter Chief and Pat Getchell served as Adviser. In **1995**, Cliff Parsons served as Chapter Chief; Wes Parsons served as Brotherhood Warrior; Jeremy Yancy served as Recording Secretary and Stephen Green served as Corresponding Secretary. No information listed for **1996-1997**. In **1998**, Ryan Jacques served as Chapter Chief and Richard Jacques served as Chapter Adviser. Jared McCormick served as Vice-Chief; Craig Anderson served as Brotherhood Warrior; Wesley Nelson served as Recording Secretary and Justin Parsons served as Corresponding Secretary.

In **1999**, Ryan Jacques served as Chapter Chief and Richard Jacques served as Chapter Adviser. Jared McCormick served as Vice Chief; Craig Anderson served as Brotherhood Warrior; Wesley Nelson served as Recording Secretary and Justin Parsons served as Corresponding Secretary. In **2000**, Ralph Pettingell served as Chapter Chief; John Godwin served as Ordeal Warrior and Lance Bishop served as Secretary. In **2001**, John Godwin served as Chapter Chief and Stephen Davis served as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. Lance Bishop served as Ordeal Warrior and Chris Currier served as Secretary. In **2002**, Lance Bishop served as Chapter Chief and Stephen Davis served as Chapter Adviser. Dallas Pierson served as Ordeal Warrior. No information listed for **2003-2006**. In **2007**, the Chapter earned the Merit Chapter Award.

In **2008**, David Owsley served as the Chapter Chief and James Owsley served as Adviser. In **2009**, Alex Chartier served as the Chapter Chief and Jason Thompson served as Chapter Chief. In **2010**, Camden Dewberry served as Chapter Chief and Staley Cash served as Chapter Adviser. In **2011**, Alex Sumrall served as Chapter Chief and Staley Cash served as Chapter Adviser. Kyle Barnett served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Kaleb Donenworth served as Vice Chief of Service; Josh Thompson served as Vice Chief of Native American; Josh Brown served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications and Chris Brown served as Vice Chief of Administration.

In 2012, the District was renamed Tonkawa with a new chapter name of Sachipiwak.

In **2012-2014**, Sachipiwak Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Noah Cramer with Staley Cash as Chapter Adviser.

¹³⁸ Sometime during the 1993 year, a complaint was made about the use of Clans and Tribes for divisions within the lodges and the term Chapter was implemented by the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

Woapalanne - Bluebonnet

In **1963**, Martin Zapletal served as Clan Chief and Ronald N. Peel served as Clan Adviser for Bluebonnet. Also in **1963**, Phillip Mitchell served as Clan Chief and Dr. J. M. Juenger served as Clan Adviser of Navarro. No information is given for **1964-1973**. In **1974**, Johnny Johnson served as Clan Chief and Fred Ludwig served as Clan Adviser for District 31 (Bluebonnet District) and District 35 (Navarro County).

On March 1, 1975 the Bluebonnet District became the Woapalanne Clan.

No information listed for **1975-1980**. In **1981**, John Waedekin served as Clan Chief and Terry Gregory served as Clan Adviser with Guy Weathers served as an assistant adviser. Joe Smith served as Vice Chief; Cullen Moore served as Secretary and Kyle Wilson served as Treasurer. No information is listed for **1982**. In **1983**, John Moore served as Clan Chief. No information is listed for **1984-1988**. In **1989**, Daniel Tapia served as Clan Chief; Joe Tapia served as Brotherhood Warrior; Brian Back served as Ordeal Warrior and Randy Valverde served as Secretary. No information listed for **1990-1993**.¹³⁹ In **1994**, the chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. In **1995**, Joel Smith served as Chapter Chief and Calvin Meyers served as Chapter Adviser. In **1996**, the chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award, and was awarded the **Chapter of the Year**. In **1997**, the Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award.

In **1998**, Steven Sparks Jr. served as Chapter Chief and Steve Bann served as Chapter Adviser. Trey Gerik served as Brotherhood Warrior; Enoch Basnett served as Recording Secretary and Rush Baskin served as Corresponding Secretary. In **1999**, T. J. Weatherly served as Chapter Chief and Roy Cassel served as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. Matt Loftis served as Brotherhood Warrior; Ryan Collier served as Recording Secretary and Jeff Platt served as Corresponding Secretary.

In **2000**, Jeff Platt served as Chapter Chief and Roy Cassel served as Chapter Adviser. Brady Weatherly served as Brotherhood Warrior; Brian McDaniel served as Ordeal Warrior; Jason Fisher served as Recording Secretary and Brian Lee Johnson served as Corresponding Secretary. In **2001**, Brian McDaniel served as Chapter Chief and Roy Cassel served as Chapter Adviser. Jeff Platt served as Brotherhood Warrior; Tim Allen, Jr. served as Ordeal Warrior; Jason Anglen served as Recording Secretary and Nathan Thompson served as Corresponding Secretary. In **2002**, Brian McDaniel served as Chapter Chief and Roy Cassel served as Chapter Adviser. No information listed for **2003**.

In **2004**, the Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. No information listed for **2005**. In **2006**, the Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award. No information listed for **2007**. In **2008**, Banks Ismael served as the Chapter Chief. The Chapter earned the Merit Chapter Award and the Nathan Family Camping Award. In **2009**, Bruce Tekell served as Chapter Chief and George Brozowski served as Chapter Adviser.

¹³⁹ Sometime during the 1993 year, a complaint was made about the use of Clans and Tribes for divisions within the lodges and the term Chapter was implemented by the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

In **2010**, Michael Caldwell served as Chapter Chief and George Brozowski served as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter earned the Merit Chapter Award. R. J. Tarpley served as Vice Chief of Inductions; John Fontenot served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Tyler Moore served as Vice Chief of Service; Taylor Almon served as Vice Chief of Native American; Chris Hardi served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications and Adam Maners served as Vice Chief of Administration.

In **2011**, Michael Caldwell served as Chapter Chief and David Allelo served as Chapter Adviser. The Chapter earned the Merit Chapter Award. Colt Thompson served as Vice Chief of Inductions; Gregory Gray served as Vice Chief of Camp Promotions; Tyler Moore served as Vice Chief of Native American and Chris Hardi served as Vice Chief of Technology & Communications.

In 2012, the Bluebonnet District was renamed as the Southern Star District with a new chapter name of Alankw Shaoneyunk.

Alankw Shaoneyunk

In **2012**, Alankw Shaoneyunk Chapter earned the Honor Chapter Award and elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Garrett Marshall; Vice Chief - Inductions: Colt Thompson; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Greg Gray; Vice Chief – Service: Taylor Almon; Vice Chief - Native American: R.J. Tarpley; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: Patrick Garcia; Vice Chief – Administration: J.T. Costlow with David Allelo as Chapter Adviser. In **2013**, Alankw Shaoneyunk Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: Colt Thompson; Vice Chief - Inductions: Connor Linguist; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Greg Gray; Vice Chief – Service: Drew Calvert; Vice Chief - Native American: Chip Autry; Vice Chief - Comm. / Tech: David Gordon; Vice Chief – Administration: J.T. Costlow with David Allelo as Chapter Adviser. The Alankw Shaoneyunk Chapter was also one of the first to qualify as a Gold Chapter within the Journey to Excellence Program. In **2013**, Alankw Shaoneyunk Chapter elected the following officers: Chapter Chief: David Gordon; Vice Chief - Inductions: Chip Autry; Vice Chief - Camp Promotions: Jeremy Allen; Vice Chief – Service: Philip Vroman; Vice Chief - Native American: Braden Burney; Vice Chief – Administration: Reagan Rushing David Allelo as Chapter Adviser.

VI. Lodge Activities and Service

- **Dinners and Fellowships**

By Peter McNabb and Austin McNabb

One thing the Mikanakawa Lodge has had no problem doing over the years: throwing a bash.

From quiet dinners in small church fellowship halls to blow-outs at Texas Stadium to Fall Fellowships for 500, Mikanakawa brothers have put on quality get-togethers for 50 years.

For the adult member, the dinners and fellowships over the years have provided great opportunities to renew old acquaintances and make new friends.

For the boy member, the dinners and fellowships provide plenty of fun activities to not only participate in but help plan and organize.

Where else but in the Order of the Arrow can a 14-year-old boy be given the responsibility of organizing a filet mignon dinner for 360 (as was the case of the 1961 25th Anniversary Lodge Dinner)? Finding camping facilities for a fall fellowship for 500 (as was the case of the 1971 BBB)? Running registration? Finding parking facilities? Lining up a dinner speaker? And making it all click under budget?

As 1970-71 Lodge Chief Chris Colgin, who went on to be a marketing executive with IBM, reflected:

“The annual dinner had to click--it had to work. People were paying \$4.50 (a lot of money at the time). And for that price, we wanted it to be a memorable evening.

We wanted people to feel like they were really getting their money's worth. And planning a dinner for hundreds of people was a big job for a teenager--or anybody else, for that matter.”

Over the years, plenty of political futures have been on the line when it's come to running Lodge dinners and fellowships. A good job on, say registration, could lead a boy to being elected recording secretary the following year. Having a hand in organizing a successful BBB could win plenty of votes for a boy running for Brotherhood Warrior.

The goal of each boy member involved in planning these functions: do a better job than the guy who did your function the year before.

In the early days, many of the dinners were held at Central Christian Church in Downtown Dallas. The building has since been demolished.

When Bill Jordan was Lodge Chief in 1949-50, the annual dinners moved to Camp Wisdom. Following the December, 1950 meeting, the first Mikanakawa Vigil Tap Out was held under permanent lean-tos in the middle of a sleet storm.

In 1965, while David King was Lodge Chief, the dinner moved to the Umphrey Lee Student Center Grand Ballroom at Southern Methodist University. The ticket price went up that year to \$2--a drastic 50 cent-increase over previous dinners. In 1966, however, the price of the dinner, which was also held at SMU, was slashed to \$1.75.

When Chris Colgin was Lodge Chief in 1970, the dinner moved to the Hacienda restaurant in Irving.

From there, the dinner moved to a succession of locations, including the Royal Coach Inn, Texas Stadium, Granny's Dinner Playhouse, the Prestonwood Country Club, and a number of large churches. It was at Granny's in December 1974 that the evening's entertainment featured a floor show by girls in the Kim Dawson Modeling Agency robed in the latest ski slope attire.



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The Birth of the BBB

The idea for the first BBB originated on the bus ride back from the University of Illinois following the 1971 National OA Conference. Asa Leger, Jack McKinney and Chris Colgin are given much of the credit for coming up with the idea. Still riding the OA High that comes from a good National Conference, the Lodge leadership felt there was nothing they could not accomplish.

The barbecue was catered by Jetton's, the same company that catered barbecue dinners for President Johnson's ranch. Events included: a "Pilgrimage to the Jolly House," (a pioneer family landmark); a visit to the Prairie Dog Colony; "A Genuine Constantin Coon Hunt"; an archaeological and Indian artifact dig, an "Up-the-River-Without-a-Paddle Canoe Race"; a horseshoe pitching contest; a domino championship; and an Indian Pow BBB. Some 400 brothers attended.

But the next year, Lodge Chief Ben Coleman and his fellow officers decided to make their BBB even better.

Instead of sending out a newsletter inviting all OA members to the BBB, they took an innovative approach which most Madison Avenue public relations firms would have to respect. Each Arrowman was sent a huge invitation, printed on parchment paper wrapped around an arrow. The eye-catching invitations arrived at each Arrowman's home in a tube. Yes, it was expensive but it was worth it.

The result: the largest Mikanakawa Lodge event ever recorded--before or since--with 500 brothers in attendance. The events at the second BBB went one step farther than those of the first BBB, adding a drop-in by a parachute contingent.

Clearly, the Mikanakawa Lodge had come of age, limited only by its member's imagination.



1983 Dinner

Jim Ince and Eric Stoddard



1983 Dinner

David Gribble and John Tullis

Although there have been changes since the 50th anniversary celebration of the Mikanakawa Lodge, the dinners and fellowships continue to live on.

The December 1986 Annual Dinner was held at the brand new Informart in Dallas. The keynote speaker was our first Lodge Chief, Retired General Fred Haynes. A huge crowd came out to celebrate the 50th anniversary with many Arrowman from the past coming back. The newly printed 50th anniversary book I Go To Prepare a Trail for You was released and members could have their name inscribed on the front in gold leaf.

The 1987 Annual Dinner was held at White Rock United Methodist Church in Dallas. Jim Ince was celebrated after serving as Lodge Adviser for the past 11 years. Previous Lodge Chiefs Chuck Wagner, Shane Phillips, Shawn Wilkins, Jerry and David Gribble, Dennis Welpe, Scott Moore and Brian Bennett shared stories of Ince during those years. Awards included were Clan of the Year, Clan Chief of the Year, Spirit of Uncas, the Founder's Award and the Dr. Hugh Brown Award. And of course, the Lodge officers were installed along with the Vigil Call-Out Ceremony.

In 1989 during what was still known as Brotherhood and Barbecue on the Brazos, the event was held at Camp Constantin. In that year, some of the games played were the Lodge Triathlon, softball throw, Clan competition in volleyball, football, the watermelon race, Run of the Arrow, Canoe Tug-of-War, and All Around Arrow. Officer elections also took place.

In 1991, the Fall Fellowship celebrated the Order of the Arrow's 75th anniversary. Some of the games played were the bubble gum spit, canoe race, log saw, jalapeno eating contest, roping contest, root beer guzzle, burro racing, greased watermelon race, and horseback-riding.

During 1989-90, there was a Chicken and Cheer Celebration at Camp Cherokee that was very similar to a fall fellowship.

During the 1991 BBB, Saturday morning events introduced some new events such as the 'Mikithon,' which included running, swimming, and canoeing. Other events were the war canoe race, coconut put and spear, cliff diving, scavenger hunts, and a dunking booth. This time around, dinner was served with salmon stuffed with rice with a brotherhood ceremony at night to end the weekend.

The 1991 Annual Dinner was held at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Dallas. The barbecue dinner was followed by the awarding of the Phil Paul, the Founder's Award and the Arrowman of the Year.

The 1992 Fall Fellowship had a Roman theme that included Gladiator fights, a Spades tournament, a Toga contest, Mikithon, a marathon, a triathlon, a chariot race and a mock naval battle.

The 1992 Annual Dinner brought many changes. It took place at a bigger name, GTE World Headquarters. Another new thing was the "Year in Review" video. And then, perhaps the biggest change that year was the name change from "Clan" to "Chapter" due to negative connotations with the former. The Best Display Award was also introduced.

The 1993 Fall Fellowship returned to Constantin with the theme as "Trek Fest '93." Despite rainy weather, Chapters competed in various events such as Tug-of-War, volleyball, probe catching, Star Trek Look Alike Competition and a Spades tournament.

In 1993, Highland Oaks Church of Christ was the venue for the Annual Dinner with the usual traditions.

In 1994, the dinner came back to the same church again. This time there were several videos and speeches, which included a “NOAC ’94 in Review” by Tony Medina.

Things got changed up again at the 1995 Fall Fellowship. The event took place for the first time at Camp Grayson. And the biggest thing was the Lodge having its first outdoor Vigil Call-Out Ceremony. The event also had “American Heritage” events and meals along with historical themes.

The 1995 Annual Dinner was the largest ever for that year. Some of the highlights of the night were appearances from special guests, Grandy’s catered food, and a movie made by Henry Dawson. Some new awards given were the Asa Ledger Award, the Nimat-Wimachtendimlz Award, and the Highest Brotherhood Conversion Chapter Award.

In 1996, the Lodge celebrated its 25th Fall Fellowship at Constantin. The event was a celebration of years past while the usual activities took place.

In 1997, the Fall Fellowship’s theme was “Miki Wars Chapter XXVI-The Last Hope” at Cherokee. Some of the games included were the Jedi Master’s Comic Question, Toss the Ewalk and the Light Saber Challenge.

The 1997 Annual Dinner celebrated its 60th anniversary at Doubletree Hotel. The meal served was an Italian buffet. Past Chiefs who spoke were Bill Jordan (’49-50), David King (’65), G. Paul Newton (’74-75) and Jerry Gribble (’83). Videos and pictures were featured at the dinner along with a funny skit promoting the ’98 Hawaii Five-0 Fall Fellowship.



David King, Jerry Gribble, Matt Pease, Chuck Wagner, Bill Jordan, Brian Bennett,

Dennis Welpe, Travis Rubelee, Michael “Chipper” Haynes, G. Paul Newton.



1997 Dinner

Steve Jung and Harry Bubeck

Camp Grayson wasn't quite like Hawaii with Lake Texoma, but the event still featured tropical fun. Games included were bocchi ball, spear throw, volleyball, limbo, archery, root beer chugging, hula-hoop competition, pineapple-carving, a chapter adviser's chili cook-off, Goodman's run, catapult building, an ugliest Hawaiian shirt contest, and tiki torches.

The 1998 Annual Dinner returned to Highland Oaks Church of Christ with the theme "Fun, Fun, Fun-Memories of the Past, Visions of the Future," which was a combination of the NOAC theme and new Lodge Chief Michael "Chipper" Haynes' motto of the upcoming year. There were 411 people in attendance, which was the most since the 50th anniversary.

For the last Fall Fellowship of the century in 1999, the Miki Games started at Constantin. Some of the games included were sumo wrestling, the Iron Mikanakawan, OA Jeopardy, and Constantin Canoe Wars.

For the first Annual Dinner of the new millennium on January 8, 2000, which technically was for 1999, Eddie Dean's Ranch in Downtown Dallas became the host, which continued as a hit. It was a chicken fried steak dinner. The attendance record beat the previous year's with 459. A new Lodge Flap went for sale.

For the 2000 Fall Fellowship, the theme was “Back to the 70’s” with over 250 people at Cherokee. Games included were bucking bronco, bouncing barrel and a disco race.

The 2000 Annual Dinner took place at Southfork Ranch where the TV series Dallas was filmed. A tour was held before the event started.



2000 Dinner

Mrs. Bob Hooks and Aubrey Leveridge

The Knights of Mikanakawa 2001 aka Fall Fellowship took place at Camp James Ray (formerly known as Grayson). Events included were pool jousting, catapulting, the quest for the Holy Grail, Nine Men’s Morris and Chess tournaments, and dunking Lodge officers.

The 2001 Annual Dinner was bittersweet at Southfork Ranch where Harry Bubeck stepped down as Lodge Adviser and was recognized for serving in that position for nine years. Wade Graves was named as the new Lodge Adviser.



2001 Dinner

James Sweat, Eric Becker, Daniel Lowery, Eddie Reitz

The 2002 Fall Fellowship was held at Constantin. Some of the competitions included were American Gladiator jousting and volleyball as well as checkers and chess.

The 2002 Annual Dinner had new awards including the James West Fellowship, Merit Chapter, Honor Chapter, and the Bob Hooks Native American Award.

Cherokee was the sight again for 2003 Fall Fellowship, which included shotguns and barrel riding.

The 2003 Annual Dinner returned to Eddie Dean's Ranch with some of the same annual traditions.

The next year's dinner took place at The Southern Cross with some of the same awards.

The 2005 Fall Fellowship aka the "Commuter Fall Fellowship" took place close to home at Camp Wisdom, the birthplace of the Mikanakawa Lodge, due to the "Hurricane Rita Schedule." Not all of the brothers stayed for the whole weekend for various reasons. The Vigil Callout was moved up to 3:30 p.m.

The 2005 Annual Dinner took place at Eddie Dean's Ranch with four new awards. Those awards were Netami Lekhiket (outstanding recording secretary), Nischeneyit Lekhiket (outstanding correspondent secretary), Mikanakawa Lodge Camping Promotions (highest percentage of Scouts at summer camp) and Lodge Pacesetter Awards (honor chapter for last five years).

The 2006 Fall Fellowship took place at Constantin with fun events such as a dunking booth along with the same traditions.

Lake Texoma was the site of the 2008 Fall Fellowship's "Kickin' Back on the Border." Tetherball, patch trading galore, horseshoes, dodgeball, and a swimming pool and slide were some of the fun events.

More than 350 people came to the 2008 Annual Dinner at Eddie Dean's Ranch. One of the new awards was the Chapter Service Award.

In 2009, the Fall Fellowship returned to Camp Wisdom for the first time since 2005 with about 400 in attendance. Like the previous, rain was a problem, which made the event more indoors, but couldn't stop pie-eating and root beer-guzzling competitions.

The 2009 Annual Dinner came back to Eddie Dean's Ranch. The same traditions took place while Dallas Cowboys playoff updates were given and a special 2010 Lodge Flap was introduced

- **Area Meetings and Section Conclaves**

By Peter McNabb and Harry Bubeck

When a child is born, he looks to others for guidance, direction and example. As the child grows and matures, he himself begins to set an example for younger ones to follow.

The growth process for the Mikanakawa Lodge has been much the same. And the primary training ground where such nurturing has taken place has been at Order of the Arrow conferences on both a local and national level.

In 1939, the two-year-old Mikanakawa Lodge attended its first Area Conference. It was at Camp Tom Wooten in Austin. Each member of the group--which included Cecil Cameron, Jim Cavalleri, Fred Tennison, Jake Ross and others--received his Brotherhood there. When they returned, they were able to put on Brotherhood ceremonies of their own in the Mikanakawa Lodge.

Following an Area Conference in San Antonio in 1949, the Mikanakawa Lodge began work on creating the first Mikanakawa patch (an arrowhead-shaped emblem with an owl stitched on it.) That 1949 Area Conference also led to the formation of Clans within the Mikanakawa Lodge.

The following is a chronological listing based on information available of all area meetings, section conclaves attended by the Mikanakawa Lodge for which information is available:

1939 - Area IX-B Meeting at Camp Tom Wooten near Austin, Texas. (Several Mikanakawa Members earned their Brotherhood, and then returned to start their own Brotherhood Programs.)

1949 - Area IX-B Meeting in San Antonio. (On the way home, Mikanakawa Lodge Chief Bill Jordan began making plans for the first Mikanakawa patch.)

1953 - Area IX-B Meeting Camp Tahuaya

1954 - Area IX-B Meeting Camp Wisdom (the first hosted by the Mikanakawa Lodge. Ronald Eddy was Chief at the time)

1955 - Area IX-B Meeting at Camp Strake near Belton, Texas

1956 - Area IX-B Meeting at Camp Karanakawa

1962 - Area IX-E Meeting at Camp Wisdom (hosted by the Mikanakawa Lodge. James Scott

was Mikanakawa Lodge Chief at the time.)

1964 - Area IX-E Meeting at Camp Pioneer near Hatfield, Ark.

1965 - Area IX-E Meeting at Camp Leonard near Granbury, Texas

1966 - Area IX-E Meeting at Camp Dierks near Wright City, Okla

1968 - Area IX-E Meeting at Camp Texoma (Hosted by the Mikanakawa Lodge. Tom Williams was Mikanakawa Lodge Chief at the time.)

1970 - Area IX-E Meeting near Wichita Falls, Texas

1972 - Area IX-E Meeting at Camp Pioneer near Hatfield, Ark. (The last Area IX-E Meeting before a massive re-districting took place.)

1974 - Section 2A Conclave at Fort Sill near Lawton, Okla. (The first conclave of the new Section, which was composed of eight Lodges from Oklahoma and four from Texas, including those from the Dallas, Fort Worth, Paris and Sherman areas. The Lodge from the Wichita Falls area was added later.)

1975 - Tri-Lodge Conclave at Austin College in Sherman. (Mikanakawa Lodge member Eric Stoddard helped organize this Conclave, which was sponsored by the Arrowmen of the Texoma Valley Council but financed by the Mikanakawa Lodge.)

1976 - Tri-Lodge Conclave hosted by Mikanakawa Lodge at Camp Texoma.

1976 - Section 2A Conclave at Northeast Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah, Okla.

1977 - Section 2A Conclave at Camp Texoma. (Hosted by the Mikanakawa Lodge. Chuck Wagner was Mikanakawa Lodge Chief at the time.)

1978 - Section 2A Conclave at Camp Slippery Falls in Tishomingo, Okla.

1979 - Section 2A Conclave at Camp Zink near Tulsa

1981 - Section 2A Conclave near Paris, Texas

1982 - Section 2A Conclave at Camp Leonard near Granbury, Texas

1983 - Section IV Conclave at Camp Wisdom. (Hosted by Mikanakawa Lodge. Jerry Gribble was Mikanakawa Lodge Chief at the time. The Section boundaries had been re-drawn, grouping the Mikanakawa Lodge with more Texas Lodges.)

1984 - Tri-Lodge Conclave at Camp Grayson

1984 - Section IV Conclave at Belton

1985 - Section IV Conclave near Sherman

1986 - Section IV Conclave at George W. Pirtle Scout Reservation

1987 - Section IV Conclave at Shepard AFB in Wichita Falls.

1988- Section 2 Conclave at George W. Pirtle Scout Reservation

1989 - Section 2 Conclave at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch

1990 - Section 2 Conclave at Camp Pioneer

1992 - Section 2 Conclave at Camp Cherokee (Hosted by the Mikanakawa Lodge. Michael Duphorne was Mikanakawa Lodge Chief.)

1993 - Section 2 Conclave Fort Hood

1994 - Section 2 Conclave Fort Hood

1995 – Section 2 Conclave at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch

1996 - Section 2 Conclave at George W. Pirtle Scout Reservation

1997 - Section Conclave at Tarleton State University

1998 -- Section 2 Conclave Fort Hood

1999 – Conclave Sid Richardson Scout Ranch

2000 - Section 2 Conclave at Camp Wisdom (Hosted by the Mikanakawa Lodge. James E. Sweat II was Mikanakawa Lodge Chief.)

2001 - Section 2 Conclave at Camp Tonkawa

2002 - Section 3B Conclave at Camp Pioneer

2003 - Section 3B Conclave at Camp Dierks

2004 - Section 3B Conclave at Camp James Ray (Hosted by the Mikanakawa Lodge. Brandon Ledbetter was Mikanakawa Lodge Chief.)

2005 - Section 3 Conclave at Tom Hale

2006 - Section 3 Conclave at Slippery Falls Scout Ranch Ray

2007 - Section 3 Conclave at Camp Simpson

2008 - Section 3 Conclave at Will Rogers Scout Reservation

2009 - Section 2-3 North Conclave at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch

2010 - Section 2-3 North Conclave Camp Post (Rained out)

2011 - Section 2-3 North Conclave at Camp

2012 - Section 2-3 North Conclave at Tarleton State University

2013 - Section 2-3 North Conclave at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch

2014 - Section 2-3 North Conclave at Camp Wisdom (Hosted by the Mikanakawa Lodge. Ricky Watson Jr. was Mikanakawa Lodge Chief.)

Area or Section Officers from Mikanakawa Lodge

1962 Miro Pavelka Area Chief

1962 Hayden Klaeveman Area Secretary

1964 Bruce Cheatham Area Vice-Chief

1966 David King Area Chief

Memories of David King Area Chief:

I was elected Area Chief at the Area IX-E Conference held August 12 – 14, 1966 at Camp Dierks, the NeTseO Trails Council camp. Dale Penny, also of Mikanakawa Lodge, was elected Area Secretary. At the time, Area IX-E included the following councils:

Circle Ten – Dallas

NeTseO Trails – Paris

Longhorn – Ft. Worth

Texoma Valley – Sherman

Black Beaver – Lawton, Oklahoma

Northwest Texas – Wichita Falls

Arbuckle Area – Ardmore, Oklahoma

Caddo Area – Texarkana

The Area Lay Adviser was B. Ed Luckett from Ft. Worth (he was also a member of the OA National Committee) and the Area Professional Adviser was Jim Martin, Director of Camping for Circle Ten. The Regional Adviser was Keith Benner, a regional executive in Region IX.

I was elected to a two year term and Mikanakawa hosted the next Area Meeting at Camp Texoma August 16 – 18, 1968. Because I turned 21 in June of 1968, I actually stepped down as Area Chief and the Area Vice-Chief, Larry Ivy from Ft. Worth, assumed the position of Area Chief for the last few months of the term. I served as “Adviser to Local Arrangements”. I was Program Director on the Camp Texoma Staff that summer so I was able to see to all the preparations at the camp before the meeting.

The highlight of my term as Area Chief was the opportunity to serve on the National Conference Committee for the 1967 OA National Conference.

The process began with a three-day planning conference at the end of December 1966 at the University of Nebraska. Forty Area Chiefs, The OA National Committee and a number of Advisers came together to plan the 52nd Anniversary Conference.

The first day we had introductions and orientation sessions. We received an explanation on how a National Conference is organized and a definition of the various areas of responsibility. Each of the chiefs indicated the area(s) they would most like to work. We selected a Conference theme and then held a number of brain-storming sessions.

The next day we elected Bob Szczys from North Dakota to be National Conference Chief and each of us received our divisional assignments. I was selected to be a member of the Auditorium Shows group. Each of the divisional groups met with their advisers to formulate plans. That afternoon we toured the campus and the auditorium to familiarize ourselves with the Conference location.

The full group then met again and each division reported its progress. We again broke into divisional groups and each of us received a specific responsibility. I was chosen to be the producer of the Closing General Session. That involved outlining the content of the show and then later writing several draft scripts ending up with a complete technical script. I had never done anything like that before and it was a real learning experience.

The last day of the planning meeting was spent in both general and divisional meetings further developing plans and objectives.

Working on the National Conference Committee gave me the opportunity to work with some outstanding Area Chiefs from across the country. I was also exposed to a number of very talented and dynamic adult advisers that helped each of us grow and be successful. It was an extremely rewarding experience that I will never forget.

I also had the opportunity to be involved in the 1969 National Conference at the University of Indiana. I was asked to be an adult Adviser in the Auditorium Shows division. I attended the December planning meeting for this conference and worked with the team in the planning and execution of the 1969 conference.

1977 Paul Newton Section Chief

Memories of Paul Newton Section Chief:

The Section at that time was called 2A. It was composed of lodges from North Texas and Southern Oklahoma. I was elected the previous year at the Section Conference held at Northeast Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah, Okla. Politically, this was a very lively election since the next Chief would be on the 1977 National Conference Committee. The 1977 Section 2A conference was held at the old Camp Texoma. Gary Carter was the host lodge chairman. I believe Chuck Wagner was Lodge Chief at the time. I also remember that Doug Smith, Mike Freisen, and Eric Stoddard were integral in putting the conference together. I don't recall the exact dates of the conference, but I believe it was held in late May and many members of the Texoma Camp Staff came and set up the summer camp tents which were left up for camp to start a few weeks later. Attendance was robust, the weather was perfect and the program was excellent. We integrated several features Mikanakawa had done for a while, but other lodges had not seen such as Feature Films (Super 8mm) at cracker barrels and fireworks displays. Of course everyone was impressed by the white cliffs at the OA field.

1977 was a year that our Section Chief was one of those to be on the National Committee. I attended a national organizational meeting in December of 1976 at the University of Tennessee and was elected one of six National Conference Vice-Chiefs. My area of responsibility was Communications, including the daily Conference Newspaper. One program feature I was able to convince the Committee to do (and it took some convincing), was to have a camping gear fashion show. (Chris Colgin had put one together for one of our Annual Dinners in 1975). I enlisted the help of a local University of Tennessee sorority and a Knoxville backpacking store. The old guard on the National Committee did not think my idea was appropriate for one of the evening shows (if at all) so we did our show one afternoon in the Student Union - it drew a shoulder to shoulder crowd.

That year Mike Lallier arranged for a group of two or three large RVs to take the Lodge delegation to the Conference. I rode with the lodge on the way up, but flew back since I had to stay a few days afterward to help put the conference to bed. One memory from the ride up was that Elvis Presley had died a week or so earlier and Jack McKinney thought it would be a great idea to visit Graceland. When we got to Graceland we were greeted by a huge crowd and a sluggish traffic jam. That plan was quickly aborted. We spent the next night camping in the Great Smoky National Park in the vicinity of Gatlinburg before going to Knoxville the next day.

Another thing sticks in my mind from that time - after the National Conference, committee members were assigned to various "Advisory groups". These Advisory groups met during the two or three days we stayed after the Conference was over and were to advise National on how we thought National should handle different OA/Scouting issues. I remember being on two of these committees, however I only remember the topic of one - "Should women/girls be allowed membership in the Order of the Arrow". (At this point in history, women were involved in Cubs as leaders and Explorers as members. High

Adventure Explorer Posts could elect members to the OA). There were probably two dozen members on this committee and we discussed the topic at length before drafting a memo to National stating that the OA should remain a male only organization. As we all know, Scouting is slow to change, but thank goodness change eventually happens.

1978 Peter McNabb Section 1st Vice Chief

1984 Bill Clark was elected Section Secretary

1985 Bill Clark was elected Section Chief

1986 Scott Moore Section Vice Chief

1988 Brian Bennett Section Chief

Memories of Brian Bennett Section Chief:

As Section Chief living in Dallas in 1988-89 I helped out at the National Office in Irving over two summers. At the time the National Office would bring in the National Chief and Vice-Chief for several weeks to work on program. My work was not more than basic office duties but for my efforts I was one of the first DJ's on KWWW - the first radio station at a NOAC - 1988 at Colorado State University. I remember the National Vice-Chief Angelo Cappelli called the FCC on the possibility of a conference radio station. The person who answered was a Brotherhood member! The second year I helped at the office for the 1989 National Philmont Trek. For that summer the national officers did not have their own transportation. I was the chauffeur for several weeks with my leaky (rain, not oil) 1977 Red Toyota Corolla Hatchback - the Red Wagon, National Chief Jack Stephens called it.

1990 Shane Steinke Section Vice Chief

1993 Jared Farley Section Vice-Chief

1993 JR Richardson Section Secretary

1996 Aaron Sampson Section Vice-Chief

1997 C.A. Sanders Section Secretary

1999 Michael Larson Section Vice-Chief

2000 Cody Bann Section Vice-Chief and Section Chief

2003 Brandon Bubeck Section Chief
2005 – 2006 Thomas Joyce Section Chief
2010 Kevin Lovett Jr. Section Chief
2012 Ben Myers Section Secretary
2013 Ricky Watson Jr. Section Vice-Chief

Area or Section Adviser from Mikanakawa

1984 - Dr. Jerry Gribble was Section Adviser
1991 - 1992 Matt Walker was Section Adviser
1991 - 2001 Ric Wilkins was Section Staff Adviser
1993 - 2001 2009 - 2013 Chuck Haseman was Section Adviser
2002 2009 - 2010 Harry Bubeck was Section Associate Adviser
2003 - 2008 Harry Bubeck was Section Adviser
2003 - 2009 Shane Herrington was Section Associate Adviser
2003 - 2010 John Richardson was Section Associate Adviser
2003 - 2009 Ric Wilkins was Section Associate Adviser
2009 - 2010 Bob Crume was Section Associate Adviser
2009 - 2010 John Berry was Section Associate Adviser
2010 - 2013 Monika Kriechbaum was Section Associate Adviser
2012 - 2013 Brian Bennett was Section Associate Adviser
2014 Brian Bennett was Section Adviser
2014 Tim Conard was Section Associate Adviser

▪ **National Order of the Arrow Programs of Emphasis**

1948 - NOAC University of Indiana in Bloomington, Ind. (No Mikanakawa Arrowmen attended.)

1950 - NOAC University of Indiana in Bloomington, Ind. (Five Mikanakawa Arrowmen attended.)

1952 - NOAC Miami University (Ohio) (No Mikanakawa Arrowmen attended.)

1954 - NOAC University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyo.

1956 - NOAC National Conference in Laramie, Wyo. (Two carloads of Mikanakawa members made the trek.)

1958 - NOAC University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan. (Again, two carloads of Mikanakawa members made the trek.)

1961 - NOAC University of Indiana. (For the first time, enough Mikanakawa brothers wanted to attend that a chartered bus was warranted.)

1963 - NOAC University of Illinois. (Another busload of Mikanakawa members attended. The Mikanakawa Lodge put on 13% of the National discussion groups. During Talent Night at the Conference, four Mikanakawa brothers gave a convicting imitation of a Beatles concert. It brought down the house.)

Mikanakawa youth participants: 27

Mikanakawa adult participants: 4

Mikanakawa's that attend on the contingent are: Ronald Hatzenbuehler, Bruce Cheatham, Joe Boldon, Ben Christy, Benton Carey, Terry Carey, Terry McCoy, James Story, Bruce Ross, Tommy Belden, Rusty Skelton, Curtis Sanders, Russell Owen, Jr., Bob Denton, Gary Smith, Tommy Russell, Byron Caldwell, Tom Hale, Jon McNeill, Henry Stampfer, Jr., Loris Essary, Don Pine, Fred Allen, Jr., Presley Foster, John Clary, Allen Griffin, James Mason, Barry DePauw, Hayden Klaeveman, John Field, James H. Harris, Asa L. Leger, and Ted Schwinie.

1965 - NOAC University of Indiana in Bloomington. (Mikanakawa Lodge won four out of the five competitions. Lots of folks from all over the country were talking at that Lodge from Dallas. @)

Article from the Mikanakawan:

Forty Mikanakawans Meet Challenge at National Conf.

On the morning of August 26th 1965 a full delegation of 40 Mikanakawans left the new Council office for what turned out to be the most successful National Conference for our Lodge. The event was the 50th anniversary National Conference on the campus of Indiana University. The bus hit Bloomington Friday morning and from then on there was little rest for anyone.

Of course, there were the usual problems that arise when over 4,000 people assemble in one place, like discovering that your instruments were shipped to the wrong place and you are supposed to audition in 30 minutes, or that you have to attend a meeting that starts at 12 midnight. However, our delegation overcame these problems and many others under the guiding hand of the delegation leader, Asa Leger, and the other adult advisers accompanying the group: Sanders Bailey, Jimmy Harris, and Frank McNeny.

The delegates had an opportunity to attend workshops and like-interest groups and have brought back many new ideas. The challenge given by our founder, Dr. E. Urner Goodman, was an inspiration to all as was the reenactment of the original Ordeal ceremony as performed 50 years ago on Treasure Island. Also at the Conference the 50th Anniversary Edition of the Order of the Arrow handbook was introduced.

After getting settled and attending the opening session on Friday, the delegates prepared for the first full day of the Conference. Saturday morning was filled with discussion groups and workshops. That afternoon, several Mikanakawans entered the Makahiki, which is a series of athletic events. In the evening was when the Lodge won the first of several events. The occasion was the Variety Show in which Mikanakawa won the grand prize, the Sweepstakes Award. The combo made up of Larry McNeny, Alex Herschkowitsch, Herman Drees, Larry Meltio, and Joe Cree, left the stage with a deafening applause and cries for more ringing in their ears. The combo was advised by Mr. Frank McNeny.

Sunday was spent with religious services, regional meeting, and ceremonial demonstrations.

Then came Monday, August 29, a day to be remembered by all those in attendance. It started with the Camp craft Fair. Our Lodge entered an exhibit of the way of life of the Pueblo Indians, including demonstrations of Indian cooking, sand painting, pottery making, blanket weaving, and metal work. The delegates that were involved in the demonstration were dressed in Indian costumes which added much to the overall impression of the exhibit. It was awarded the 1st award over the nearly 100 contestants from all over the Nation. This phase of the Conference was advised by Mr. Jimmy Harris.

That evening came one of the most colorful and enjoyable events of the Conference. The Indian Pageant. The Lodge entered the San Juan Deer Dance under the direction of Mr. Sanders Bailey in this event. There were several other Lodges entered in this event, and the competition was keen. It was agonizing to wait while the judges considered the winners and read the list, but it was all worth it when our entry was named the Most Outstanding Performance in the Pageant!!

In conjunction with the Indian Pageant was held the First Annual War Dance Competition. Individual competition was also a hard fought contest and as the crowning glory to Mikanakawa's achievements, Jerry Davis was named the First National Order of the Arrow War Dance Champion!

In all, our Lodge won four first place plaques out of the five that were given. (The Lodge did not enter the fifth contest.) This is a record that was set in competition with other Lodges throughout the nation, and proved to the country what we have known for a long time, that Mikanakawa is the best Lodge in the United States. So, our delegation arrived back in Dallas on September 1st tired, but very happy and proud.

The Lodge Chief David King would like to take this opportunity to publicly give his personal thanks to every member of the Lodge delegation to the 50th Anniversary National Conference. Each of them added to the Lodge's success in setting a fantastic record that will probably never be equaled by any other Lodge.

Special thanks goes to the Lodge Adviser and the other adults that made the trip. Without them, my job at National would have been an impossible one.

Listed below are the names of those who represented Mikanakawa at National: Each of them deserves the thanks of the entire Lodge membership: Fred Allen, Jr., R. Sanders Bailey, Joe Belden, Bruce Cheatham, Gary Clark, Joe Cree, Jerry Davis, Bryant Decker, Bill Dennis, Barry DePauw, Dan DePauw, Herman Drees, Ladd Greeno, Todd Greeno, Allen Griffin, Ricky Groves, Fred L. Hare, James H. Harris, Mike Harris, Alex Herschkowitsch, Bobby Holt, David King, Asa Leger, Bill Lepenski, Ken McEntire, Jack McKinney, Frank L. McNeny, Larry McNeny, Tim Malone, Bob Maxfield, Clint "Sandy" McNabb, Larry Meletio, Rick Nelson, Russell E. Owen, Jr., Joe Lee Reid, Douglas Sharp, David Skelton, Rusty Skelton, Tom Switser, David Tomanek.

Memories of Jack McKinney:

I was completing my first year as a Circle Ten camp staff member at Camp Wisdom making \$8.00 per week and a \$2.00 bonus per week if I stayed the whole summer. I was a rookie Brotherhood member. I had worked several weeks at Camp Wisdom. Before the camping season concluded, I asked the Lodge Adviser if I could be a part of the Lodge's group attending the OA National Conference. I recall it being \$65 to pay for the conference and the bus. I spent all of my summer wages to ride the bus to Indiana.

Lodge Advisor Asa Leger was accompanied by Jimmy Harris, Sanders Bailey, and Frank McNeny in corralling over 30 Arrowmen from Dallas to Bloomington and back. Lodge Chief David King was a terrific leader who made even the youngest Arrowmen feel a part of the team.

The Indiana campus was very beautiful with lots of large trees and buildings. Several of the events and shows were held in the Fieldhouse where IU had won several basketball championships. The attendance was about 4,000+ for the 50th anniversary of the OA.

Mikanakawa Lodge was well prepared to enter several competitive events that were staged at the National Conference. The group from Circle Ten dominated these competitions throughout the conference. We won awards in several of the athletic games called the Makahiki.

Our entry in the Variety Show absolutely rocked the house. The Beatles were at the height of their popularity in the United States. Our Lodge presented a musical group of 5 Arrowmen Larry McNeny, Larry Meletio, Joe Cree, Herman Drees and Alex Herschkowitsch (The Roamers) that played and sang Beatle music. They were cheered wildly throughout their performance and took first prize.

The Lodge demonstrated its strength in Indian Lore by winning the first national War dance Competition and later taking first place in team dancing. The team dance was the San Juan Pueblo Deer Dance. Jerry Davis won the War Dance competition.

Although not in the official history of the event, someone (not us) dropped detergent tablets into a large fountain located near the center of the campus. The bubble show that followed was interesting but frowned upon by the University and the National Committee.

The closing address by Urner Goodman is still one of my most treasured scouting moments. He spoke in a booming bass voice that seemed to thunder throughout the IU Fieldhouse. He talked about cheerful service and its importance every scout's life. Goodman ended by reciting a poem by Robert Lewis Stevenson, Where Go the Boats. His poignant recitation made this poem one of my personal favorites since that day. He acknowledged his own accomplishment in creating the OA (with Edson) and his own advancing years. He used the poem to challenge the Arrowmen at the conference to carry on his work.

DARK brown is the river

Golden is the sand

It flows along forever

With trees on either hand

Green leaves a-floating

Castles of the foam

Boats of mine a-boating

Where will all come home?

On goes the river

And out past the mill,

Away down the valley,

Away down the hill.

Away down the river,

A hundred miles or more,

Other little children

Shall bring my boats ashore

At the end of the verses he said, "You, my brothers, will bring my boats to shore."

Not many dry eyes in the house!!!

When we arrived back in Dallas, we were exhausted but proud of our accomplishments and the recognition earned for our Lodge.

1967 - NOAC University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Neb. (David King served on the National Conference Committee. The Mikanakawa Lodge led many National discussion groups.)

Memories of Jack McKinney:

The 1967 OA Conference was held in Lincoln, Nebraska at the University of Nebraska. In the two years since the 1965 Conference, I had received my Eagle Scout Award and had survived the Vigil Ceremony at Camp Texoma.

Lodge Chief Ladd Greeno and a bus load of Mikanakawans left the Council Office on Anson Road at 6:00 PM for an overnight haul to Lincoln, Nebraska. After a short stop in Ardmore, Oklahoma to take on more equipment, we stayed up late doing what guys do until adult leadership asked for mercy.

Mikanakawa Lodge was housed in a new multi-story dormitory on the Nebraska campus in Lincoln. Over 4,000 attend the conference with the theme being "With Hearts and Wills United." I roomed with Steve Raines.

New Chief Scout Executive Alden G. Barber gave the Keynote address at the opening assembly. He later became famous/infamous for the Boypower 76 program. Nebraska's Head football coach Bob Devaney spoke to the Arrowmen at one of the assemblies and I took a stroll on the sidelines of the sacred Nebraska football field.

We were once again successful in national OA competitions. Mikanakawa won the football championship at the Ak Sar Ben Games that were a part of the Conference. Dave Irwin and Mike Henrichsen were responsible for our first place award for the Mikanakawa's Survival Exhibition at the Camping Gilzadium. Our straight dance team took second place and Mikanakawa's Pete Hooks was named the National War Dance Champion.

Goodman and Edson walked together on the campus signing sashes and talking with attendees. Goodman spoke at the closing ceremonies but his voice seemed weaker than in 1965. National Secretary Martin Mockford also spoke to the Arrowman. He said that the OA had almost a quarter million members. Former Mikanakawa Lodge Chief and Area Chief David King was the producer of the closing show.

I think I slept most of the way back to Dallas

Article from the Mikanakawan 1967:

National Report

From the Cornhusker land

August 27, 1967 is definitely a day to remember in the history of Mikanakawa. After several small delays, 41 Mikanakawans departed at 6:00 p. m. from the Council office for the 52nd Anniversary National Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska. After meeting the stake-bed truck from Camp Texoma, loaded with our equipment, in Ardmore, Oklahoma, the bus continued throughout the night, reaching Lincoln about 8:00 am.

After searching out your own breakfast, each of the 41 proceeded to Harper Hall, the dormitory where Mikanakawa stayed during the conference. Here each delegate registered, receiving his room assignment and the necessary instruction material for the conference. The rest of the day was filled with unpacking, settling and just overall getting ready. The evening was marked by a parade of all the lodges to Pershing Municipal Auditorium where Alden G. Barber, the new Chief Scout Executive, gave the keynote address at the opening session.

After a few hours' sleep, a rare item at the conference, the delegates "hiked" to the first of several different discussion and workshop sessions held during the conference. During the afternoon our lodge received its first recognition by entering the football competition in the Ak-Sar-Ben Games and coming out National Champions. In the evening a special film and program was presented on Conservation after which all Mikanakawans returned to the dormitory to continue the work on our exhibits.

The next morning activity began with a special meeting for all Vigil Honor Members after which the training sessions continued. Mikanakawa again gain the National recognition in the Camping Glizadium that afternoon. Under the leadership of David Irwin and Mike Henrichsen, our Lodge presented a mammoth display on Survival. The exhibit included survival both on land and in the water, using such demonstrations as snares, life rafts, shelters and ways of securing food and water. For our outstanding display, our Lodge was awarded the first place award for Survival Exhibits as well as the overall Sweepstakes Award for the entire Glizadium. The evening program was filled with the Talent Show where Lodges entered various types of acts to entertain the delegates.

Thursday morning was again taken up with more of the training sessions and the afternoon was used for the gathering of the different Areas across the nation to discuss revisions in the onward Arrowmen plan and the new membership changes. Following dinner, the various ceremonies of the Order were performed for the delegates to view and gain ideas to take back to their lodge. After the ceremonies the center of activity was the Indian Pageant where Mikanakawa was truly outstanding. In the team competition, our Lodge entered a team of Straight Dancers and in very tough competition we received the plaque for second in American Indian Achievement. In the individual competition Pete Hooks of our Lodge was awarded the first place plaque and named National War Dance Champion.

Friday morning at the Municipal Auditorium was the scene for the Closing General Session which was written and directed by our own past lodge chief and the current area chief, David King. He did a truly magnificent job on the program as shown by the smooth and accurate execution of the entire performance. We are certainly proud to say David is from our Lodge.

After the session we returned to Harper Hall and loaded the bus for the long trip home. As the bus pulled out of Lincoln, 41 Mikanakawans couldn't help but feel on top of the world knowing that their Lodge was number one.

1969 - NOAC University of Indiana in Bloomington. (Buses bringing Arrowmen from Dallas and Fort Worth made the trip side by side. David King served on the National Conference Staff and received the National Distinguished Service Award.)

Article from the Mikanakawan 1969:

An estimated 9,000 delegates attended the 54th National Order of the Arrow conference held at the University of Indiana. Arrowmen from 500 lodges converged at Bloomington from every corner of the Nation to air their views and exchange ideas on the service to the Scouting movement.

The Mikanakawa contingent met at the Circle Ten Council Service Center. Each Arrowman awaiting the arrival of the bus prepared their gear for loading and departure. With the arrival of the bus and the Fort Worth Lodge, the delegation departed at 1:10 p.m.

Perhaps the first indication of what kind of trip this was going to be came when Tom Gornick found himself handcuffed to a luggage rack. As we got off the bus to have a Coke in Mount Vernon all we could bear were cries of "Please fellas I'm the Ordeal Warrior!" After Gornick was freed the rest of the delegates eagerly awaited the next diversion in the long bus ride.

At Little Rock Ark., hungry delegations of Mikanakawans found themselves the second bus load at arrive at the Holiday Inn. The Fort Worth group having preceded the Mikanakawans, left the kitchen bare. After eating everything in sight the group again boarded the Texas Motor Coach and prepared for the long night's bus ride.

It was a ravenous group of Arrowmen that arrived at Vincennes, Ill. the following morning at 10:30. Everyone was well-pleased with a hearty breakfast at the Ramada Inn. Then Hikemaster Ken Marlow led a large group of Mikanakawans on a five-mile hike to examine the surrounding countryside, when they returned they found the bus hijacked by David Tomanek. After refueling however, the driver convinced David the bus could not make it to Cuba. The contingent, reunited, proceeded to Bloomington.

Check-in procedure went smoothly and soon everyone was enjoying the food at the Wen Wilki Quadrangle cafeteria. That evening the entire delegation attended the opening session of the conference. Dr. Tom Haggi was the keynote speaker. His address stressed the importance of youth leadership while poking fun at the home states of many of the delegations.

Following Sunday morning Church services the first training session began. "Arrowdynamics", a new method of training based on the fundamental commitment to provide every delegate with a wide training background, was the theme of the training program. That evening the talent show provided a chance for gifted individuals to show their talent in well-rounded night of entertainment.

Monday afternoon featured the, "EXPONIC 69" ideas fair. Scout craft skills of all varieties were displayed to both interested Arrowmen and the public. Monday evening a capacity crowd jammed the new athletic field house to see the Nete –a Mani Indian Pageant. Preceding the Indian pageant Co-Founder Carroll a. Edison attempted to impart some Earth-shaking decisions from the National Committee.

Tuesday, closing day of the Conference featured the last general session, produced and directed by David King of our Lodge.

The delegation prepared to leave what all considered to be a beautiful campus. The size of the campus 26,000 students, and its beauty impressed everyone.

The return trip was highlighted by an outstanding dinner in Clarkesville Tenn. Everyone had steak or seafood dinners. Feeling in a sporting mood, Jim Fitzgerald offered to swim the famous Cumberland River. A pool was quickly raised among those who were willing to see Fitz's attempt. Unfortunately pollution cut short his effort but an oil covered Brother Warrior collected his prize, a slightly used football.

The Mikanakawa delegation arrived back in Dallas at 9:00 am. Wednesday morning, tired but satisfied by their interesting trip.

Chuck Mix, Jim Switser, Jack McKinney, and Russell Owen

Memories of Jack McKinney:

1969 National Order of the Arrow Conference was held for the sixth time at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. The Conference theme chosen by the National Planning Committee was "Pathways to Service." A record 4,421 Arrowmen attended the Conference. The fall issue of the Mikanakawan says 9,000 attended but you can't believe everything you read.

We left the Council Office on August 22 aboard a bus provided by our usual provider Texas Motor Coach and headed for Little Rock, Arkansas for a planned dinner stop. For a while we drove in tandem with a bus from the Fort Worth Lodge. Unfortunately they began gorging at the chosen restaurant before the hungry Mikanakawa bus arrived. They managed to eat a large portion of the menu. As provisions ran low Lodge Chief Bill Sebastian and Advisor Asa Leger encouraged the restaurant staff to feed the

ravenous Arrowmen before the situation became dangerous. We were thankful for what was provided and were very happy for a breakfast buffet in Vincennes, Illinois the next morning.

Dr. Tom Haggi was the keynote speaker. He was a noted motivational speaker and later served as personnel director of the Boy Scouts of America. A specialized group of three training sessions called "Arrowdynamics" was taught to every delegate. National Committee Chairman George Feil announced at the meeting the establishment of the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award.

Exponic 69 was an ideas fair featuring display tent and booths about scout craft and camping. Later that evening, an Indian Pageant was held in the Fieldhouse. The closing show featured the presentation of the Distinguished Service Awards (DSA), and, in keeping with tradition, E. Urner Goodman again gave the closing challenge to the delegates.

On the return trip, we ate dinner at a restaurant in Clarksville, Tennessee. After dinner but before everyone had finished, Brotherhood Warrior Jim Fitzgerald decided to swim across the Cumberland River which was situated near the restaurant parking lot. He managed to make it about half way across the river before several adult advisors arrived on the scene and began yelling for him to return to shore. When he trudged out of the muddy and polluted river he was covered with an oily film that never quite came off during the rest of the trip. His unpleasant smell lingered in the back of the bus. The rest of the evening was spent on the bus. We arrived in Dallas on the morning of August 27 after a fun-filled week.

1971 - NOAC University of Illinois in Champaign, Ill. (Mikanakawa Lodge members were so filled with the Spirit of Brotherhood, that on the bus ride home they started making plans for a major event of their own. The result: the first Brotherhood and Barbecue on the Brazos.)

Article from the Mikanakawan 1971:

From the Log of the Good Ship "MIKI"

Thirty-one Mikanakawans joined the 6,000 other Arrowmen from all across the nation in a pledge to "Alm High—Server All." The slogan, which will serve as the Order's national administrative theme for the next two years, was presented at the 56th Anniversary National Conference at the beautiful University of Illinois campus, August 24-28, 1971

The Lodge delegation, headed by Chief Chris Colgin and Adviser Asa Leger, consisted of the following:

Randy Benedict, Russ Boyd, Ritche Carney, Ben Coleman, Larry Essary, Jack Field, Neal Graham, David Hefner, Jim Jordan, Mark Jordan, John Kennedy, Dan Levy, Russell Lewis, Johnny McIntire, San Milton, Donny Moore, Paul Newton, Charles Perry, III, Kent Raley, Doug Smith, Kurt Smith, Richard South, Greg Stephens, Mark Stoddard, Dwin Towell, Joe Vargas, Mr. James Harris, Mr. Jack McKinney, and Msgr. James Tucek.

Approximately one-quarter of the above number were also delegates to the 1969 National Conference in Indiana and were well acquainted with the ways and manners of a National Conference. The other members of the delegation who were new at the game quickly learned that a National Conference is at once an exhibition and an exposition, a convention and a seminar. It is an opportunity for lodge officer training, a stomping ground for colorful Indian pageantry, and an ideas fair for local Lodge administration, It is also a heck of a lot of fun. Delegates enjoyed rooming in university dorms, having pizza delivered for late-night snacks, playing football with the Brooklyn Schmucks, and even skipping Conference sessions to see a good movie.

A number of notable and celebrated figures from the Order, Scouting, and other walks of life made appearances at the conference. These included Dr. E. Uner Goodman and Col. Carroll A. Edson, founders of the order of the Arrow; Alden G. Barber, B. S. A's Chief Scout Executive; Irving J. Fiest, past National President of the B. S. A.; and Rewa Colette Walsh, Miss Teen-Age America.

Adding another dimension to the Conference adventure was the bus trip to and from Champaign/Urbana, Illinois. The two all-day/all-night rides featured stops at the Tsa-La-Gi Cherokee Indian Village in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, as well as some of the finest eating places along the route. All that added up to an exciting and memorable package for the reasonable fee of \$100. Perhaps you should make your plans now to attend the 58th Anniversary National Conference in 1973 at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

San Milton

Blue Miki's vs. Green Meanies

At the 56th Anniversary National Conference, Mikanakawa Lodge challenged another Lodge from Wisconsin to a game of touch football. Even as the game got underway, it was evident that everybody was looking for blood. Captains from each Lodge got together and drew up a few rules. Mikanakawa won the toss and elected to receive.

On the opening kickoff, Neal Graham fumbled on the 45-yard line. Green Bay recovered. Mikanakawa's defensive team took the field and quickly proved their remarkable ability to hold their own. Rushing like mad, they pushed and forced their way through the offensive line of Green Bay. On the first down, The Miki's caught the Green Meanies behind the line of scrimmage. Mikanakawa's defense featured the talent of Chris Colgin, Mark Stoddard, and Kent Raley. This terrific trio terrorized the troubled Meany quarterback trapping him twice behind the line in the process. This brought up fourth down and the Meanies were forced to punt.

Miki's marvel, Neal Graham, was able to handle the ball and run it back to the 35-yard line. Man-under Jack McKinney was provided with several excellent opportunities for launching passes by the adequate Miki offense. But the malicious Meanies managed to match McKinney's mastery by making the Miki's move in a manner which might have meant the game. The Mikanakawan team alliterated once too often and was forced to give up the ball. The green group gained good ground (Good grief!) and garnered six points on a double reverse. The score was 0-6, Green Bay.

After the Meany kickoff, Mikanakawa took over on their own 40-yard line McKinney, still QB-ing, was suffering a sad situation searching for someone who could catch his passes. Miki's were put in a pinch,

but they promised to produce a punt. But even with the ball back in their possession, the Meanies were unable to score a second time since; needless to say, Miki's defense was trying to get the ball back. By mutual consent, the Green Meanies agreed to punt on fourth down and let the Miki's have it.

In a fit of desperation, McKinney left the field, his head hung low. This brought up forth and twenty for the Miki's and a new quarterback as well. The man's name—Russell Lewis! Lewis sparked a new kind of Miki spirit: idiocy. Breaking all ties with established as they went, the Miki's did not act as any ordinary team would have; instead, they boldly and surely decided to go for the touchdown! Lewis asked the team for pass protection, and scrambling madly toward the right, he found his receiver—Jim Jordan! Lewis gave the football wings. The ball flew toward the end zone. Anticipating its line. The score was tied: 6-6.

In a spirit of fair play, Dallas kicked the ball to Green Bay, but, alas!, the Meanies were caught with their pants down. The Meany gesture to accept the Miki's gracious offer was poorly executed to say the least. The intended receiver totally bungled the proceedings. Mikanakawa took the hint and took the ball as well. This brought up first and ten for Dallas on the Green Bay 30.

Once again, Lewis managed to rally; he put his skill to work and made yet a second contact with his receiver. Touchdown! The score: Miki's—12, Meanies—6. Dallas again offered the ball to Green Bay, but it was too late: The Meanies' time had run out. The Miki's shook hands with the Green guys and then went back to their dorms to celebrate. A pizza party was in order.

Written by Joe Vargas

M-bellished by San Milton

Memories of Jack McKinney:

By 1971, I had reached the level of an adult advisor. Lodge Chief Chris Colgin and I worked together during the summer to finalize plans for a great trip to Champaign/Urbana Illinois. Like every Lodge Chief, Chris wanted his trip to the National Conference to be the best ever. We planned a multi-stop, two-day, two-night ride to the conference.

After assembling on Sunday afternoon at the Circle Ten offices our first stop was for dinner in Krebs, Oklahoma. Located outside of Muskogee in eastern Oklahoma, Krebs had several unexpectedly nice restaurants including a favorite of Lodge Advisor Asa Leger named Giacomo's. Huge servings of pasta, steaks and pizza highlighted the menu. Prior to the main course, Asa ordered a large platter of Lamb Fries as an appetizer for any and all brave enough to indulge in these deliciously fried delicacies.

After several years working at Camp Cherokee we took the opportunity for an early morning visit to the Tsa La Gi (pronounced "jaw la gee") Indian Village located near Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Tsa La Gi was built as a part of the Cherokee Nation Heritage Center located nearby. This authentic recreation built in 1967 has multiple structures scattered over a large campus.

We pushed on until lunch when we stopped at a McDonald's in Vinita Oklahoma known as the "Glasshouse. Its claim to fame as the World's Largest McDonald's and its location straddling Interstate

44 put it on our radar. The food was like any other McDonald's but you could eat your fries while watching eighteen wheelers whiz under your feet.

We stopped just short of St. Louis for dinner at the Sunset 44 Restaurant in Kirkwood Missouri. The menu featured burgers, steak and potato and their famous Sunset Style Toasted Ravioli with a marinara dipping sauce. For many of our group, this was their first fine dining experience. The adventurous Greg Stephens placed an order for his first ever plate of escargot!

A visit to St. Louis must include a trip to the Gateway Arch. The Arch and the Old Courthouse are part of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, located on the riverfront in downtown St. Louis. The 630 foot – 63 story structure contains a tiny series of elevator cars that bump and lurch their way to the observation deck of the Arch. Almost every member chose to buy a ticket and enjoy the evening view of St. Louis, the Mississippi River and beyond.

Another overnight ride and our bus carrying 31 Mikanawans arrived at the University of Illinois on August 24, 1971 for the start of the OA National Conference. A record 5,112 Arrowmen attended. Paul Puritt of the Fort Worth, Texas Lodge served as National Chief.

List of Attendees

Randy Benedict	John Kennedy	Richard South
Russ Boyd	Dan Levy	Greg Stephens
Ritchie Carney	Russell Lewis	Mark Stoddard
Ben Coleman	John McIntire	Dwin Towell
Chris Colgin	San Milton	Joe Vargas
Larry Essary	Donnie Moore	
Jack Field	Paul Newton	Asa Ledger
Neal Graham	Charles Perry III	Jimmy Harris
David Hefner	Kent Raley	Jack N. McKinney
Jim Jordan	Doug Smith	Msgr. James Tucek
Mark Jordan	Kurt Smith	

The theme of the conference was Aim High Serve All. The campus had both new and old buildings but the focus was on the spaceship looking design of its arena. Assembly Hall (now the State Farm Center) opened on March 2, 1963 and continues to attract attention for its design and construction. The image of the Assembly Hall appeared on everything connected to the National Conference.

Training retained a vital role at the conference. For the first time, Operation REACH, the BSA drug abuse awareness plan was included. A visit by Rewa Collett Walsh – Miss Teenage America overshadowed Scouting dignitaries Aldon G. Barber and Irving J. Fiest.

To give the event an Olympic quality, a brotherhood flame that was kept burning throughout the Conference and extinguished at the closing ceremony when Urner Goodman delivered his challenge to all Arrowmen.

The highlight for many of the Mikanakawans was a victorious grudge match touch football game with the Wisconsin lodge. Russell Lewis and Neal Graham starred on offense while on defense Lodge Chief Chris Colgin, Kent Raley and Mark Stoddard made life unpleasant for the cheeseheads.

The bus ride back to Dallas passed quickly thanks to stories by Asa Leger and Monsignor James Tucek. During the evening, inspired by our time at the conference, Chris Colgin, Asa Leger and I discussed the creation of a fall fellowship that would make use of Camp Constantin's facilities and natural beauty. The Brotherhood and Barbeque on the Brazos set a new standard for food, fun and fellowship in Mikanakawa Lodge.

1973 - NOAC University of California at Santa Barbara, Calif. (A journey which included a "purely coincidental" stop in Las Vegas, which raised more than a few eyebrows back at Circle 10 Council Headquarters in Dallas. At the conference itself, the Mikanakawa Lodge put on a seminar on newsletters.)

Memories of Jack McKinney:

The planning for the next National Conference began as soon as the 1971 trip ended. A trip to California was certainly an exciting prospect. This trip was had its ups and downs throughout but for sentimental reasons I have the more memories of this adventure than the others. I worked closely with Asa Leger and Lodge Chief Ben Coleman to plan every detail of this extravagant expedition. Ben had an anything-is-possible personality and he never did anything that was not first class.

August 21, 1973 – August 23, 1973

Our group assembled at the council office in the early afternoon. We were surprised when Lodge officer San G. Milton boarded the bus dressed as Groucho Marx. We had planned for a long first leg to Philmont Scout Ranch. Because of safety rules, our bus driver was limited to a specific number of hours behind the

wheel. We arrived in Amarillo for a late dinner before heading north to Dalhart. Many of our crew were asleep when we made the stop to change drivers. They walked like zombies to the truck stop restrooms.

Our new driver Roger cruised on through the night until we arrived at Philmont Scout Ranch just in time for an early breakfast. We had made arrangements through Circle Ten Council to eat in the dining hall. Delicious pancakes with butter, syrup, bacon and sausage were served to our group. Afterward, everyone spent a few minutes at the trading post before heading to our next stop.

We pushed on through southern Colorado stopping briefly in Pagosa Springs, Durango and Cortez. It was wonderful to spend the day travelling through some of the most beautiful country in the United States. We enjoyed a nice meal at Pancho's Villa in Durango before arriving at the campgrounds in Mesa Verde. With only minimal daylight and some useful lanterns, this group of expert campers managed to pitch tents and retire in comfort.

We got an early start the next morning and managed to explore a small portion of the Mesa Verde ruins by bus and a bit of climbing. A quick stop for passenger comfort and photos at the famous Four Corners monument allowed us to hike in four states in less than sixty seconds! As we pushed onward to the west, we made stops at Hoover Dam and the Grand Canyon.

Our next planned stop was in Las Vegas. The hop from Mesa Verde to Las Vegas fully consumed our driver's allotment of driving time for the day. We had reserved several rooms at a hotel recommended by Texas Motor Coaches. Roger began his mandatory rest time while the Mikanakawans began taking showers to refresh from the long drive and change into civilian clothing.

Our travelers were divided into groups and a leader was assigned to each. Future Lodge Chief G. Paul Newton was entrusted with the care of the youngest Arrowmen. Stay together! Buddy system!

Most of the more exotic Las Vegas destinations had strict age limits. Sightseeing up and down Las Vegas Blvd. was free and entertaining. With a different restaurant every few feet, the only difficulty was getting everyone in a group to agree what to do next.

Several hours later our group of tourists reappeared at the motel and boarded the bus at the appointed time. Before we cleared the Las Vegas city limits 90% of the passengers were sound asleep.

We had reservations at the famous Brown Derby restaurant in Los Angeles. This white tablecloth restaurant had great food and service. The distinctive look of the Brown Derby made it a great photo opportunity.

After travelling more than 1,000 miles, I guess we should have expected a bump or two in the road. Our bus blew a tire on the last leg of our journey north to Santa Barbara. The Mikanakawa contingent waited patiently for over an hour in the hot sun until a tow truck arrived to make the needed repairs.

Finally, we arrived at the beautiful UC Santa Barbara campus. Our dorm had a decent view and was cooled by the nearby ocean breezes. About 4,400 Arrowmen joined with us to blaze New Horizons of Service.

On Monday, August 20, 1973 the Order of the Arrow hosted the first, and only, Order of the Arrow Day at Disneyland theme park in Anaheim, California. I know that many OA members attended this and others found alternate times to visit Disneyland throughout the week.

Chief Scout Executive Alden Barber again opened the conference challenging the delegates to meet the expectations of the BoyPower 76 program. Founders Goodman and Edson were in attendance and as popular as ever. Long lines to meet the founders and to secure a signature could not put a dent in their popularity.

Mikanakawa erected a beautiful Cherokee Indian Village and staffed it with costumed workers demonstrating skills and crafts.

Even with a sellout crowd of over 4,000, this is the only NOAC ever held in the western part of the United States. The conference is generally held in the central part of the country - mostly north of center. It is really too bad. This was certainly one of the most memorable.

We cruised back through Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas picking up another driver to boost us back to Texas. We camped out once again in a sandy Bluewater State Park in New Mexico. The laughter and conversations lasted until late in the evening until the very tired and sleepy Lodge Advisors demanded quiet time.

Attending a NOAC can be an adventure, an education and an inspiration for anyone interested in pursuing the principles of the OA. We returned to Dallas with many new idea and memories to a lifetime.

1975 - NOAC University of Miami in Ohio. (The Mikanakawa group stopped at Mammoth Cave in Kentucky along the way. At the conference, Wayne Finkbone entered the Fancy Dance Competition. Temperatures were sweltering in the un-air conditioned dorms, prompting enterprising Mikanakawans like Doug Smith to buy box fans to keep cool.)

1977 - NOAC University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn. (The Mikanakawa Lodge took two Winnebagos. Paul Newton was elected National Conference Vice Chief.)

1979 - NOAC Colorado State in Fort Collins, Colo. (The Mikanakawa Lodge traveled in a bus with fellow Arrowmen from Fort Worth's Longhorn Council.)

Memories from Harry Bubeck:

On the way to NOAC, Mikanakawa has long held the tradition of making a meaningful road trip a vital part of the NOAC experience. I was assigned the task, as were all the adults, of chaperoning a group of

three boys during the time we were traveling and staying in the motels. One boy asked me if he could bring a girl back to our motel room that night. I joked with him, not ever thinking he would invite the girl, but two hours later, he showed up with her girlfriend in tow! I had to politely tell the girl they had to leave immediately, which they did promptly. I don't think this young man at the time understood the gravity of the situation! Again, a tradition of the Lodge at that time was to give each other gag gifts at the end, to remember something about the trip. Jim Ince gave me some cantaloupe seeds: "so the boys can't-elope" during the trip!

Other memorable stops included taking the tram up to Pike's Peak, visiting the Garden of the gods, and stopping at the Coors Brewery (remember this was back in the day). During the conference we went to a "Meeting of the Man" (an open forum with national committee members). The question was posed "Will there ever be women in the Order of Arrow?" and two of these "old" national members said "Over my dead body". Well, God rest their souls, but they have passed on and we have women in the OA now. At the conference, I recall this was the last NOAC with Dr. Goodman and I will never forget listening to him at the last show and really, really understanding with clarity the purpose of the Order of the Arrow. I was privileged to be able to shake his hand and have him sign my sash.

1981 - NOAC University of Texas-Austin. (The Mikanakawa Lodge was well-represented, with more than 100 members attending.)

1983 - NOAC Rutgers University near New Brunswick, N.J. (Along the way, the Lodge visited Treasure Island, the place where it all began in 1915.)

Youth contingent lead: Jerry Gribble

Adult adviser: Gary Wisler

We took 9 Miki to NOAC. Jerry Gribble, David Gribble, Paul Shuffler, Donny Tullis, Lynn Hancock, Jim Dunkley and David Dunkley

Five served on Staff Jim Ince, Bill Clark, Wally Shealy, Dr. Jerry Gribble and Scott Hancock

Article from the Mikanakawan:

Mikanakawa Contingent Attends National Conference

Nine members of Mikanakawa Lodge served as delegates to the 1983 National Order of the Arrow Conference, held August 15 – 19, 1983 at the Busch and Livingston campuses of Rutgers University in New Jersey. Led by Lodge Jerry Gribble and Contingent Gary Wisler, the delegation included David Gribble, Paul Shuffier, Donny Tullis, Lynn Hancock, Doug Hancock, Jim Dunkley, and David Dunkley.

"Those Who Chose You Need You" was this year's theme. The emphasis at the conference was service, with the role of the Arrowman in his home troop receiving particular attention. New National Chief Bob

Wade addressed the conference at the opening show, which also featured a variety of entertainment. A singing group, a multi-media flashback and a special appearance by Miss New Jersey highlighted the show.

On Tuesday training sessions began. Covering all aspects of the O. A. From ceremonies to leadership roles, featured speakers included Arrowmen from throughout the nation. On Tuesday evening Mikanakawans attended the South Central Region Show. "Green Bar Bill" Hilcourt shared some of his Scouting experiences with the delegates, and a new Scouting promotional film was viewed.

Wednesday featured additional training, as well as ceremonial and dance competition. The finals for team and individual dance were conducted at the Indian Show that night. Melanie Tallmadge, Miss Indian America, spoke briefly and received an enthusiastic reception. The audience was dazzled by an incredible display of dancing as the best in the county gave their all. The judges had a difficult task picking individual winners and more than once had to ask the dancers to give brief encores.

Thursday was Founder's Day following breakfast, the Mikanakawa delegates headed by bus to Treasure Island Scout Camp, where Unami Lodge conducted a tour of the camp where the Order of the Arrow was founded. Among the fascinating sites were the original ceremonial grounds where the first initiation and ordeal were held. In the Unami lodge building, a huge collection of Lodge flaps is displayed with personal momentos of E. Urner Goodman and Carroll Edson, the co-founders of the Order. The Treasure Island tour concluded with a reenactment of the original ordeal, a rare treat as the Unami lodge normally presents the ceremony only every five years.

On Thursday night the theme show was held. Chief Scout Executive J.L. Tarr delivered an opening speech. A number of songs and skits were performed. With the stress placed on unit service and leadership by example. Following the show, Mikanakawa delegates gathered for a pizza and prize party.

Arrowmen didn't spend all their time in training, though delegates had access to the recreational facilities at Rutgers, including the swimming pool and gym. There was, as usual a little patch trading going on, and the lines at the trading post didn't shrink until Thursday afternoon. Star Wars freaks stayed up late Wednesday watching Luke Skywalker battle the evil Empire, and many Arrowmen enjoyed a thrill or two on the shuttle bus.

Before leaving the conference Friday, the closing show challenged all delegates to return to their home lodges and units with renewed enthusiasm.

Several members of Mikanakawa Lodge served on the conference staff. Lodge Adviser Jim Ince drove the trading post truck up from Austin. Jim and Mrs. Ince also worked on the staff at Rutgers. Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Gribble helped in registration, as did Wallace Shealy, Bill Clark worked on the shows staff, and Scott Hancock served on the Central Region Staff.

The next NOAC will be held in 1986 at Central Michigan University. Plans are underway for a min0conference at Philmont in 1985.

1985 – Trek Philmont Scout Ranch

Article from the Mikanakawan:

Mikanakawans Take to Philmont Trials

Philmont for over 40 years this word has meant much more than just camping. Now it also means O.A. fellowship. On August 13 – 21, 1985, Mikanakawa Lodge members participated in the first National Philmont Trek. This experience was one that can never be equaled. Since this event was entirely new, those who were brave enough to go were hiking in “unchartered territory.” Besides the regular Philmont program, the OA Section Chiefs and National Staff were on hand to provide their fellow Arrowmen with an unforgettable experience.

While hiking through beautiful scenery, each Mikanakawan enjoyed fun and fellowship, Campsites provided yet another opportunity to enjoy Philmont’s outstanding program. Among the highlights were burro racing and a Mexican dinner that consisted mainly of beans and more beans, all at the first camp, Harlan. At Cimarroncito there was an ecology program, rock-climbing and “bear awareness night.” Sawmill offered 30.06 shooting and an added two miles to the campsite. Finally Cyphers Mine provided a gold mine tour, blacksmithing, gold panning and a late night romp and stomp.

Back at base camp the Philmont opening and closing campfires were presented. O. A. campfires were also given. Attending from the Lodge were Bill Clark, Bobby Brandon, David Davis, Mark Maxwell, Darren Arnett, Scott Vornberg and Charles Vickers. Sheldon Vickers served as crew leader and Bob Brandon lent his services as crew adviser. The crew wants to thank Atlantic Richfield for donating the transportation to and from the ranch.

Now that you have heard the formal details, there were a few interesting notes that may be of interest to you. First of all, hiking Philmont isn’t as easy as it looks. Ask Mr. Brandon. He’ll tell you about it. Also the food left a lot to be desired. It’s tough to eat something that you normally wouldn’t step in. The rangers at Philmont are super unless they are from New York City and are terrified of bears. One of the few lessons learned was that you should never tent with a person who throws rocks at you. And finally, never use a huge Mikanakawan banner for a pack cover.

1986 - NOAC National Conference at Central Michigan University

1987 – Pow Wow Northwest Community College – Powell, Wyoming

Article from the Mikanakawan:

Lodge Leaves for National Pow Wow in July 1987

It’s the event of the summer and all Arrowmen are invited to attend! It’s the 1987 National Pow Wow in Powell, Wyoming. Come see Indian lore galore, attend free seminars, and develop that cheerful spirit and fellowship that binds us in brotherhood. Our Lodge contingency will be leaving July 29th. We will arrive in Powell on August 2nd, and leave for home on August 8th. We will arrive in Dallas late on August 10th. On the way we will stop at fabulous sites such as: The Royal Gorge in Canyon City, Colorado; Denver, Colorado; Cheyenne, Wyoming; and Yellowstone National Park, just to name a few. The cost for the entire event is only \$300 which includes lodging, food, transportation, special events, and the national fee. Payment breakdowns are available, so you don’t have to pay all at once. On the return

trip, Arrowmen will have the chance to see Mt. Rushmore and the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

1988 - NOAC National Conference at Colorado State University

Article from the Mikanakawan:

It's safe to go to Colorado again.

The Mikanakawa Lodge has left – after taking the National Order of the Arrow Conference by storm in August. For those who went, the experience was of the once-in-a-lifetime variety. And the tall Texas-sized tales seem to be getting larger as the returning warriors tell stories of their adventures.

The trip began with an exciting trip to “Beautiful Amarillo.” The Good Lord has blest the Big A with a mini-Grand Canyon just south of town known as Palo Duro Canyon. There the Mikanakawa delegation enjoyed an evening of barbecue and drama as they watched the outdoor production of Texas.

The next day, it was off to Philmont Scout Ranch, where the delegation toured the Seton Museum and got to do a little patch trading in Tent City.

Then it was off to Colorado.

The Mikanakawa delegation stayed at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs. After moving in the first day, the Arrowmen took to a local water slide park where they got over their road weariness by bashing each other in bumper boats.

During the conference, the Mikanakawa Lodge won many awards.

The Dance Team – after pulling many an all-nighter working on costumes – clinched fifth place nationwide.

For the first time, Lodges competed to find out who had the best Ordeal Administration. The Lodges selected three youth members and an adult to function as their youth in charge. Ordeal Warrior Jimmy Hudson, Elangomat Chairman Anthony Wilder, Elangomat Urny Maxwell and Lodge Advisor Chuck Haseman garnered a score of 770 out of 1000, reaching the top percentile. Former Lodge Advisor Jim Ince was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for outstanding service above and beyond the call of duty. Mr. Ince is recognized nationally for the work he did in computerizing and updating our Lodge's registration methods.

The Mikanakawan was recognized as National Honor Newsletter.

The Lodge delegation also showed talent on the basketball court, winning the South Central Region Crown.

Our Lodge also competed in the Ordeal Ceremony Competition. Mikanakawa gave an impressive try to be the best in the nation. The Lodge ceremony team members were Jimmy Hudson, Allowat Sakima;

newcomer Shane Stienke, Meteu; veteran Bryan Finn, and Bobby Skelton. Although the members gave a grand show, they did not win the competition.

Throughout NOAC, the Mikanakawa Delegation became known for their oversized blue foam cowboy hats, showing off their Texas spirit in a big way.

Urny Maxwell became famous as a nationally known restroom critic after stopping in every single one between here and Colorado. Look for his book “Four-star Restrooms of America” in bookstores this Christmas.

The return trip features stops in Wyoming, Nebraska and Oklahoma. As Bill Clayton said, “I feel like we stopped in every Indian museum in the Great Plains.”

Many thanks go to NOAC Advisor Chuck Wagner for the countless hours of work he put into helping to make the trip so enjoyable.

The delegation returned with a new feel for what it means to be in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service and a new vision for our Lodge as it heads into the future.

1990 - NOAC University of Indiana in Bloomington, Ind.

Youth contingent lead: Mike Duphorne

Adult adviser: Chuck Wagner

Article from the Mikanakawan:

Mikanakawa Helps OA Celebrate 75th Birthday at 1990 NOAC

What do you get when you combine various sporting activities, numerous learning enrichment classes, and special activities such as Indian dancing, Founder’s Day festival etc. and 7,000 Arrowmen? Well, you get the largest National Order of the Arrow Conference ever held.

What is a National Order of the Arrow of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)? It’s a national gathering of Lodges from across the nation, and one is held every two years. The 1990 Conference was held at the University of Indiana in Bloomington, August 12 – 15, 1990 and offered Arrowmen a change to acquire skills they could apply to their own Lodge’s programs. In addition, 1990 NOAC delegates celebrated the Order of the Arrow’s 75 years of service to Scouting and the Nation Conference highlights included a visit from Miss Teen USA, spectacular opening and closing shows, and a Brotherhood birthday bash. Mikanakawa’s contingent left Dallas Friday evening, August 10 around 9 p. m. and traveled overnight to Memphis, Tennessee. On Saturday morning, after a brief breakfast stop, the group headed for Shiloh National Military Park, site of the historic Civil War battle. Mikanakawans participated in a brief hike, saw a film about the battle, and toured the battlefield before heading north. Saturday night was spent at Camp Wildcat Hollow in Kentucky.

“NOAC raises expectations of what an Arrowman can do.” Chuck Wagner

On Sunday morning, following a pig-out breakfast, the contingent toured the Patton Museum at Ft. Know en route to Bloomington. Once at the conference, it was scramble around to register, sign up for

competitions, and get squared away at the dorm. Somewhere in-between, the bus got unloaded and many a run at the trading post was made.

The conference itself got off to a rousing start with the opening show. There was a parade of Lodge banners and an address by National Chief John Meckley Scarcely had the show ended than many Mikanakawans hurried to the field house to do a little patch swapping. One or two fell victim to the Teenage Ninja Turtle Patch-busters, who were romping around between pizza break, trying to put a stop to five-for-one dealing (otherwise know as Bubeck-ing).

“The conference was a once in a lifetime experience and very fun!” said Henry “Choo-choo” Dawson.

On Monday things really got rolling. The Personal Development show kicked off training with a David Letterman take-off. Delegates then hurried to take advantage of the various courses and workshops available. Many Arrowmen participated in sports and ceremony competition or took time to watch. Others visited the OA museum. That evening Mikanakawa attended the South Central Region Show, highlighted by the starring performances of Travis Jung, Kevin O’Brien, and Henry “Choo-choo” Dawson in “It’s a Wonderful Order.” Afterward everyone hurried to the field house for the Brother Bash – ice cream and wide game. How many sets did Mike Sackett end up with anyhow? And was that really Mr. Wilkins wheeling and dealing?

“The best part was getting to meet new people, seeing Miss Teen America... and being an arrogant Texan to those upstart Yankees!” said Travis Jung.

Tuesday was Indian Heritage Day. More personal development was available in the morning, and OA Jeopardy got going that afternoon. Sports competition got downright serious, and in the afternoon individual dance competition was held. There was a youth forum too, where youth members discussed the future of the OA with the national officers. Tuesday night Mikanakawa marched to the Indian Heritage Show, where everyone was awed by the dance and costuming of the participant. Miss Indian America also got some attention.

On Wednesday morning training concluded. That afternoon’s highlight was Founder’s Day, Where Mikanakawa handed out newsletters and Dr Pepper. Both vanished mighty quickly. Then the Indian Pow-Wow began, and a considerable crowd took the opportunity to view the best in the nation put on a show.

Wednesday night Mikanakawans gathered outside the dorm for a pizza feast, fellowship, and more than a few gag awards. (For details, ask a Miki delegate. Most of the awards must remain top secret to protect the uh, innocent?) Anyway, after cleaning up, the contingent headed to the theme show. “Vision in the Night.” It was a fitting climax to a wonderful week.

“It was a first-rate job all the way, from Vision quest to the ‘Love Shack’ video,” said Michael Sackett.

Thursday morning came early. Between patch trading and visiting, sleep was in rare supply. The group packed up. Cleaned out, and loaded up the bus. Then it was time to hit the road to St. Louis, the Lodge bought out the Scout Shop before visiting the Jefferson Expansion Memorial. The park rangers took time to conduct a personal tour or two while many members soared to the top of the Arch. After dinner in the

St. Louis outskirts, Mikanakawa headed to Beaumont Scout Reservation where cabins and bunks provided a comfortable overnight stay.

Friday bus driver Joe Byers made record time roaring down the interstate to Oklahoma City, where the Lodge pulled into Tinker Air Force Base. After unloading gear and eating supper, bands of Arrowmen split off to enjoy a game or two of bowling, basketball, or volleyball. Others thanks to Sgt. Tommie Baker, got a personal tour of the base – including a visit to an AWACS jet.

Saturday the Lodge toured the Cowboy Hall of Fame and rolled down I-35 homeward, arriving the Council Service Center before 4 p.m.--early!

Many people teamed together to make the 1990 NOAC trip a success. Michael Duphorne and Chuck Wagner oversaw the trip and the Lodge's participation. To them goes a tip of the purple hats! Jonathan and Anthony Wilder managed event participation. Chris Herrington and Gary Wisler planned the itinerary. Bill Clayton ably watched finances. DeYo Leonard, Jared Farley, and Mike Blew got the contingent some press coverage and had contingent updates in the mail regularly. And thanks to Pat Cook and family there was plenty of Pepsi to go around.

Memories from Harry Bubeck:

A group of adults followed the NOAC bus and stopped at the Scouting Museum in Indiana. Upon arrival at Purdue, we encountered a woman with the Vigil Honor standing there and we looked at each for a moment (as we had yet to confer the Vigil Honor upon any woman in Mikanakawa) and Bill Clayton looked at me and said, "Someday, Bubeck!" Bill Clayton was right, about four years later, we inducted our first two women into the Vigil honor. One of the highlights of this trip was walking into the field house and seeing hundreds of tables lined with youth and adult patch traders. I turned to Ric Wilkins and declared "I think I've died and gone to heaven!" I traded to get a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle flap for my son Brandon.

1991 – Task Forces Focus '91

1992 - NOAC University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn.

Article from the Mikanakawan:

Mikanakawa attends the National Conference and UTK

It was the best of times, and it was the best on times. The National Order of the Arrow Convention featured events from Archeology to Zuni flute making. And everything that comes in between. More than several dozen members of your lodge attended, and our many Mikanakawa fires made one very great light.

To begin with, there was the setting. The contingent travelled a novel route, covering far more distance between any two points than any mere straight line. On the journey up, Arrowmen enjoyed the chance to experience the National Scouting Museum. The trip back, by a different route, featured a water park, a cave, and a short, cute, badly teased tour guide. Also featured were several National Guard armories and

explosive military ceiling fans. NOAC, though, was not simply a stationary version of the rolling Miki party; it was competition!

Sports Events

In the Tug O'War, the "A" team made the final round of competition, and the B team made it to the second round. The track team made the finals in the 4 x 100 relay, and succeeded in winning by default when the other teams, overawed, failed to compete. The slightly bald volleyball team reached the third round. Finally, Mark Carpenter placed 2nd in shot put and Brian Hubler, out of a crowd of competitors, placed 11th in the long jump.

Native American Events

Ceremonies and Dancing were strong points for Miki and for Texas in general. Jeremy Burdett (grass dancing) reached the top 20, and Sidney Monzingo (traditional) reached the top 20 in his division as well. Danny King (traditional) reached the top 50. Each division had about 200 competitors. This is an excellent set of finishes, a sign of our progress in dancing.

Ceremonies also brought substantial honor to Miki. Both the Brotherhood and Pre-Ordeal teams were named Honor Lodge teams (top 5% - 14%) for clothing and Merit Lodge teams (top 15% - 30%) for performance. Although neither team made the finals, Tony A. Mendina, Allowat in Pre-Ordeal, was ranked 10th, just outside the individual finals, and Scott McDowell, Pre-Ordeal Nutiket, earned honor by achieving 17th place. The Pre-Ordeal field included more than 170 teams, and the Brotherhood field featured more than 100 of the nation's best groups.

Other skilled Miki performers included: Jeremy Burdett, Allowat Sakima; Rob Aldridge, Meteu; Joe Walker, Nutiket; and Marshall Haynes, Kitchkinet; for the brotherhood team. The other pre-Ordeal team members were John Tailey, Mateu; and J. R. Richardson, Kitchkinet.

Spades Tournament

The Rolling Miki Spades Tournament, commonly called the National Championship, resulted in the victory of some time-honored teams. First place was won by Mark Carpenter and Phil Gordon; Second Place, by Henry Dawson and Mark Anderson, and Third place by dynamic duo, Mr. Duphorne and son.

Publication Events

Once again, The Mikanakawan was named a National Honor Newsletter in competition with the other publications of all the Lodges of the nation.

Founder's Day Festival

Some rewards fun came without victory. Founder's Day was one. Arrowmen collected everything from silk screens from T-shirts to sports bags to advice. The Miki Road Kill Chili booth was one of the talks of the festival, and the food was sought after by Arrowmen from all over. Special applause goes to our cooks.

NOAC 1992 was a positive experience for the Lodge. It made the lives of those involved broader and more exciting. The food was alright, the patch trading was better and the Scouts involved were best of all. Thanks, Arrowmen.

Tony Mendina

1993 – Jamboree Service Fort A. P. Hill Virginia

1994 - NOAC Purdue University

Youth contingent lead: Tony Mendina

Adult adviser: Harry Bubeck

Ray Batchelor and Ric Wilkins receive the DSA.

Article from the Mikanakawan:

Journey for One, an Adventure for Many

The 1994 National Order of the Arrow Conference was a success for the Lodge and a great experience for all who participated. From the all-night drive on Thursday, July 28th 1994 to the all-day nap of Saturday, August 6th, NOAC was a non-stop great O. A. experience. Though the Lodge did not meet its November 1993 goal of 101 Arrowmen, we took a record number of youth to the conference. In addition, three youth members of the Okiciyapi Lodge attend the conference with our delegation. In all, forty-one happy, tried and dusty youth members rolled back to Dallas on the Miki NOAC Bus.

While traveling to and from the conference, contingent members went to Mud Island Park and enjoyed a Dinner Riverboat Cruise on the Memphis Queen in Memphis, Tennessee. In St. Louis, a tour of Archway National Monument highlighted the day. On the return journey, the contingent went to a Chicago Cubs game at Wrigley Field, visited the Sears Tower after dining at the Hard Rock Café. Also on the return trip were stops in St. Louis Science Center, Fantastic Caverns and a huge Bass Pro Shop in Springfield, Missouri. Of course the trip would not have been complete without visits to local Council Offices and Scout Shops.

As you can guess, the Lodge did a great deal at the conference, too. We had a record number of ceremony teams and special teams for OA Jeopardy and Lip-Sync, which we have never had before. Arrowmen were also able to attend excellent classes in everything from Vigil Honor Selection to Unit Elections, enabling all Arrowmen to better serve their Council and Districts.

Each night also featured a NOAC show which featured everything from magic to a fireworks display on the final night. The shows, along with the pre-show partying, kept Arrowmen excited and ready to work. One of the most important shows was the Awards Recognition Show where Ric Wilkins and Ray Batchelor were honored with the Distinguished Service Award.

Mikanakawa Lodge also continued its own NOAC traditions by holding a pizza party and presenting “Gag Gifts” to every contingent member. So, at the conference, sleep was in short supply, but the fun never let up.

The 1994 National Order of the Arrow Conference was a great experience for all concerned. The contingent members especially wish to the Bill Clayton for his preliminary planning, Dennis “Loop” Welpel for driving the bus, Ric Wilkins and Harry Bubeck for their advice and leadership.

See you in 1996! Watch for more details. Be prepared to leave reality behind as you seek the next adventure!

Memories of Aubrey Leveridge

Two of the gag gifts Tony Mendina bought in 1994 still stand out in my mind. He bought Welpel a hula-hoop after he took the loop in the wrong direction in St. Louis and he bought the younger Bleu, I think his name was Mike, a bra. That last one may not be usable because I remember him being very offended at the idea of being given a bra.

Also in 1994, Michael Duphorne and Henry Dawson thought it would be funny to let me, at 12 and as the youngest person to attend a NOAC at the time, wear a Vigil sash around the campus. They made me walk up to people and ask the time and do other things to draw attention to myself so they could laugh at the reactions. I'm sure I will never know conclusively, and I do not want to, but I think that was the inspiration for my Vigil name, Little Big Man.

'94 was also the year I got a kiss from the Miss Teen America. Henry made a special point to tell her that I was the youngest person to ever attend a NOAC when she visited our booth during Founders' Day. That was my first kiss, an event in my life I did not think would happen at a Boy Scout event!



Michael Haynes

Unkown, Aubrey Leveridge,
Unkown, James White

Ric Wilkins and Ray Batchelor

1995 – Retreat Philmont Training Center

1996 - NOAC University of Indiana in Bloomington, Ind.

Youth contingent lead: Travis Rubelee

Adult adviser: John St. Denis

Mikanakawa youth participants: 17

Mikanakawa adult participants: 7

Article from the Mikanakawan:

See the Dream, Live the Adventure

The 1996 National Order of the Arrow Conference was a big success for Mikanakawa Lodge and a great experience for all who participated. The contingent left Dallas on August 17th with stops along the way. The dates of the conference were August 11th through 15th, 1996. The Lodge took a total of 17 youth and the trip along with seven advisers to help with advice, leadership and fun.

Along the way they stopped off at Council offices, the BSA Scouting Museum in Murray, Kentucky, and the Corvette assembly plant and museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky on the way to Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, site of the 1996 NOAC. A patch collector's bonanza was discovered at the Little Rock, Arkansas council scout shop. Many old council strips were for sale and immediately bought up by members of the contingent. However, that was not the best story. The contingent visited the big Trade-oree outside of NOAC on Sunday morning before checking in. Several members of the contingent found white Mikanakawa Lodge flaps and one even acquired a white Mikanakawa arrowhead.

On the return trip they visited the Gateway Arch in St. Louis and then attended a St. Louis Cardinals vs. L. A. Dodgers National League baseball game, the huge Bass Pro shop in Springfield, Missouri, Woolaroc Nature Preserve in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and several other exciting places along the way.

Michael Garst

Four Brothers Complete in Dancing at NOAC

As you can guess, the Lodge also did a great deal at the conference, too. We had several dancers in the competition with Chris Witt winning second place in Traditional Dance. Kevin Arrington in Fancy dance and Chris Crable and Allen Johnson in Straight Dance placed in the top twenty. Arrowman also were able to attend excellent classes in everything from Professional scouting to Unit Elections for Arrowmen to better serve the Council and Districts. Each night there were also shows which featured everything

from a beach party to a spectacular laser light show on the final night. The shows, along with pre-show partying, kept them excited and ready to work to better the lodge.

Michael Garst

1997 – Jamboree Service Fort A. P. Hill Virginia

1998 - NOAC Iowa State University

Youth contingent lead: Chris Sanders

Adult adviser: Cindy Liddy

Memories from Harry Bubeck

We had to make the mandatory stop at Lambert's and get our fill of "throwed rolls". The contingent visited Branson, Mo., and were surprised (because it was not originally in the plan or budget) with being treated to riding the military "ducks", which turned out to be a huge hit with the boys. We always tried to make the trek up to NOAC a memorable and fun time. The boys bought a decoy duck at Bass Pro Shops and carried it around to commemorate their time on the "ducks". At the arena show the OA Security confiscated the precious duck and I had to retrieve it and carry it around, so I became the duck's chaperone. The Lodge attended training classes and all the arena shows and had a blast.

Memories of Aubrey Leveridge

The NOAC moment that stands out most of all in my memory is the situation Mike Larson, Dan Townsend, and I got ourselves into with the Ride the Ducks attraction that one year, 1998 I think. We were all convinced we would be riding in big, motorized yellow duckies like the ones Ernie sang about at bath time or like the Penguin drove around in Batman! We bought that duck decoy and duck calls from the Outdoor Pro Shop to protest the decision to not ride them (as an aside, we all thought the girl at Lambert's serving okra was attractive but we couldn't remember her name...that's why we named the decoy Okra). You guys surprised us and took us to ride after all and we were so disappointed with the vehicles that showed up with the experience we had. They gave us all yellow, duckbill-shaped duck calls

and I still have that one and the one I bought. I remember every adult there walking around that day with a very smug "I-told- you-so" face, and we deserved every minute of that misery we caused!

1999 – Leadership Summit Colorado State University

Memories of Harry Bubeck

The Leadership Summit held at Colorado State University invited two youth and two adults from each Lodge to participate in the Leadership Summit. Mikanakawa Lodge was able to take three youth and one adult because Ric Wilkins was able to attend as a professional which freed up one spot to include one more youth. At this Summit the Vice Chief of Service position was introduced as well as the OA Representative, a position for each unit. We brought back these ideas to the Lodge and the Lodge voted these positions into the Lodge structure. The youth who attended included Dan Townsend, Ken Utz, Jr., and Kevin Fielder.

2000 - NOAC University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn.

Youth contingent lead: Ken Utz, Jr.

Adult adviser: Mike Reitz

Article from the Mikanakawan:

NOAC – What aTrip!

The 2000 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) has come and gone. Those of you who stayed home missed one the best events ever. The Mikanakawa Lodge's contingent of 73 members rode the "Party Bus" to NOAC, having fun and fellowship throughout the entire trip. In addition the contingent celebrated a "birthday" every day of their trip.

On the way up to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, the group stopped in Atlanta where they toured the famous Coca Cola museum and the Cyclorama, a presentation centering around the Battle of Atlanta during the Civil War. After dinner, they were off to Stone Mountain where they witnessed an absolutely awesome and inspiring light show. The next morning started early as they made their way to Endless river adventures in Bryson city for rafting on the Nantahala River. The exhausted contingent crowded into a "To Go" pizza place for dinner and then on toward Tennessee.

Upon arrival in Knoxville, the contingent attended a Pre-NOAC trade-o-ree while the leaders went on the NOAC to check everyone in. The rest of the day was spent settling in and getting the lay of the land until the evening scavenger-hunt puzzle game.

Training and competition began on Day 2 at Knoxville. Everyone took off in different directions (in pairs of course) to take full advantage of what NOAC had to offer.

We won awards all over the place. Chris Witt was recognized as the 2nd best dancer in the nation in the Traditional Dance category and James Sweat II barely missed being in the top there in the nation in Grass Dance. Although our Straight Dancers did not walk away with top honors, they put forth an extremely good effort. Our contingent stole the show and was nicknamed the "Riddlen Rangers". Everybody knows exactly who we were by our Texas Flap hats and our uncontested spirit. This effort earned Mikanakawa Lodge the Lodge Spirit Award for NOAC 2000. Our Brotherhood team of Daniel Lowery, Ken Utz, Jr. Stephen Whittington, Joe Fishpaw, Tony Gregg, Cade Butler, Jay Foster, and Ed Schirm were awarded an "Honor" citation (That's the highest level), complete with medal and certificate, Our Pre-Ordeal ceremony team consisting of Daniel Gobar, Andrew Reilla, Kevin Fielder, Patrick Whittington, Steven Whittington and Daniel Lowery earned an "Achievement" rating and our Ordeal ceremony team consisting of Daniel Canafax, Ken Utz, Jr., Nathan Farley, Eric Jackson, Cade Butler, Allen Houston, Eric Becker and Paul Texxitori took a "Participant" rating.

Our Council Camping Video took 2nd place and our Where-to-Go-Camping Book, Guide to Camping and the Outdoor Experience, won 3rd place overall. This newsletter, the Mikanakawan was awarded the National Merit Designation, the second highest level and our website, www.miki.org was selected as a NOAC National Honor Web Site.

The trip home for this exhausted group included our Bi-Annual NOAC Banquet and gag-gift presentations. Everybody had a blast. Our two lady-killers (Michael "Chipper" Haynes and C. A. Sanders) got bumper stickers to warn parents. Eric Becker got a cell phone to help out on all of his calls. All of the dancers got a special award, except for Michael Larson (Phantom Dancer). Then it was on the Little Rock Air Force Base for the night. The next day we rode the ducks and then on towards home after 10 days of Fun, Fun, Fun.

Ken Utz, Jr. and Brandon Bubeck

Memories of Aubrey Leveridge

Then in 2000, I became the ring leader of the group singing You've Lost That Loving Feeling, just like in Top Gun, to every attractive girl we saw between home and Tennessee.

2001 – Jamboree Service Fort A. P. Hill Virginia

Memories of Harry Bubeck

I was the Chapter Adviser for one of the seven chapters in the OA Service Corps. Mikanakawa had 10 youth attend. I recall that Ben Martin, Brandon Bubeck, and Aubrey Leverage ushered people into the arena shows, staffed the GMAC booth, helped in the exhibit area and assisted in other areas as needed. The OA Service Corps was organized and served under the overall direction of Matt Walker, who served as the Chairman of the OA Activities at the Jamboree. Serving under this OA Activities Committee were other Mikanakawans including Brian Bennett, Roy Cassell, Glenn Haynes, Jim Ince, and Trini Munoz.

2002 - NOAC University of Indiana in Bloomington, Ind.

Youth contingent lead: Jay Foster

Adult adviser: Harry Bubeck

Article from the Mikanakawan:

Bryan Wheels into NOAC

The old and wise Mikanakawans render a tale of a long journey to NOAC 2002, held in faraway Bloomington, Indiana. On July 26, 2002, 112 Arrowmen from Mikanakawa Lodge traveled to NOAC. Among our numbers was a very remarkable young man named Bryan Heard. Bryan is a Brotherhood Warrior, a Life Scout and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 325 from White Buffalo District. Bryan decided in December of 2001 that he wanted to make this summer trip to Indiana. He was one of eleven members of Wacondi Hatachi Chapter who attended the conference, but Bryan was the only one to take his own wheels—his battery-powered wheelchair, that is!

Bryan told the Mikanakawan that the all-night bus trip to Branson, Missouri was “long and sleepy.” He used his travel pillow for comfort, but his seatmate, Joe Fishpaw, snored loudly and all night, long! The all-night ride ended with a great breakfast at Shoney’s in Branson, Missouri. Bryan’s appetite was hearty and he declared that the food was “fantastic.” One of Bryan’s favorite activities is eating good food, so he was happy with the many choices and meal stops made by the Miki Party bus.

Next we stayed at Fort Leonard Wood which Bryan said was a “little too noisy at night”: the artillery practice lasted until 1:00 a.m., and then the squad drills began at 3:00 a.m. with marching troops and singing drill sergeants. Bryan said that the following night at the Scout Camp gave a good night’s sleep, due to the brand new meeting room which had crisp, cold air-conditioning. The next day Bryan went up into the St. Louis arch with help from his friends Patrick Norton, Brett Bayne, Joe Fishpaw and Eddie Reitz. Since the “pod elevators” were so small, Bryan left his power-chair on the first level and rode on the shoulders of his pals.

Bryan found that our arrival at the University of Indiana was quite different. Miki stayed in dorms without air-conditioning with temperatures always above 88 degrees and where the showers felt like saunas all week. However, the nights were cool and with the help of their electric fans and a seventh-floor widow, Bryan and his roommate, Travis Bentley were able to stay cool. Travis and Bryan also built-up their patch collections during the week, collecting flaps from lodges across the nation. Both traded for a copy of the rare National Chief’s commemorative Lodge flap.

The Arrowmen visited the Scout Trade-O-Ree and spent every waking moment during the week trying to trade for those special and rare patches. One night a root beer social was held, and being Bryan’s favorite carbonated beverage, he chugged four or five mugs!

On the way home, Miki toured the Corvette factory near Louisville, Kentucky. Later, Bryan boasted that he was the only Arrowman to race through the factory and to lay some tire-rubber on the plant floor. Those mechanics had never seen a wheelchair with power like Bryan’s had.

NOAC was four days of uproarious fun for Bryan and his Miki brothers. They learned about Indian Lore, camping skills, leadership techniques, but mostly to bond together as in the message of our Founder, E. Urner Goodman, to serve and care for one another. Bryan met many new brothers from our own lodge and they all met members of the NOAC staff, the OA National Chief and members of the BSA National Camping Committee. The final day of classes ended with an outdoor ice cream party where the National Chief served ice cream to the Scouts, and presented Bryan with his personal apron, designed especially for NOAC 2002.

The many physical and mental challenges that Bryan met were rightly exemplified in the theme of NOAC 2002: “To “Test Yourself and So Discover.” He did all of the things that everyone else did, but from a different perspective. Bryan Heard loved the challenges put before him, and further, he loves the Order with its tradition of service and the camaraderie of his OA Brothers. Bryan wants to give a special thanks to these Arrowmen for their help on the trip: Patrick Whittington, Joe Fishpaw, Jay Foster, Brett Bayne, Patrick Norton, Brandon Bubeck, Ms. Markie Nathan, Ms. Petrash, Mr. Wade Graves, Mr. Harry Bubeck, Mr. Retiz, Mr. Trini Munoz, Mr. Welpo and Mr. Scott Thompson. Bryan has already asked the Lodge to “sign me up” for more adventures in 2003 at the NOAC in Ames, Iowa.

Memories of Aubrey Leveridge

Oh and speaking of the yoyos, I remember in 2002 at the region gathering, we weren't able to give those things away! There were hundreds and hundreds of them left all over the place when we walked around cleaning up afterwards!

Again from 2002, during the Council of Chiefs breakout sessions, I asked other Lodge chiefs and advisers whether they thought conducting multiple ordeals simultaneously would be a good idea. I knew we were big, way big, compared to almost every other Lodge, but I hoped they would still be able to offer advice on the idea. In the end though, they were amazed to hear we had multiple camps, multiple ordeals during a year, and the fact they had the resources to contemplate such an idea. The result was that rather than getting any advice, I spent the afternoon describing what we did, its scale, and defending our practices against their criticisms of the size relative to the quality of the experience for the participants and staff.

2003 – Indian Summer Ridgecrest Conference Center – Asheville, North Carolina

The Order of the Arrow sponsors an event called Indian Summer. The Order only holds this event on rare occasions as there have only been two in this Millennium. All Arrowmen who are interested in the Native American program are invited to attend a weeklong conference of intense training about crafts and culture. The crafts include: silver-smithing, bonnet construction, beadwork, moccasin construction, fan making and many more.

Participants also learned of the many customs of several Native American nations. The nations were separated into geographic regions so participants could identify which nations were indigenous to the participants' home areas.

One of the most popular events was a nightly pow wow that reflected the customs of certain groups i.e. the long house dance, the northern circle and the southern circle.

The advantage of this conference is the small class size and personalized instruction. Participants also met folk from all over the nation with similar interests. They were assigned into small groups or clans for fellowship and information. Everyone went home with a much clearer understanding of the complexity of the Native American culture.

Monika Kriechbaum

2004 - NOAC Iowa State University

Mikanakawa youth participants: 47

Mikanakawa adult participants: 21

Mikanakawa chapters represented: 12

NOAC first-timers: 33

Youth contingent lead: Si Robson

Adult adviser: Keith Nathan

Itinerary: We traveled in one coach and one van. On our northbound leg, we visited Woolaroc Ranch in Bartlesville, OK; spent the night at Fort Leonard Wood, Kan.; toured the Strategic Air Command museum in Omaha, Neb.; and spent the night at Camp Dodge, Iowa before arriving in Ames. On our return trip, we spent the night at Tinker Air Force base in Oklahoma City and visited the Oklahoma City Memorial before returning to North Texas. Thanks to Sheri Robson for arranging our itinerary.

Highlights: Air-conditioned dorm rooms!

Article from the Mikanakawan:

2004 NOAC – Another Success for 101

For the 64 members of the Lodge contingent that traveled to Ames Iowa for the 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference, their experiences will not soon be forgotten. The Lodge won the NOAC Participation Award for the third time and its ceremonies teams performed and scored well in the competitions.

Pre-Ordeal Ceremony Team - Woapalanne Chapter
Sandy Walker – Allowat Sakima

Nicky Fullerton – Metau
Chandler Croney – Nutiket
Jake Christensen – Kitchkinet
All performed Sunday and scored high in the Merit range.

Brotherhood Ceremony Team – Mixed Lodge Team
Matthew Miller – Allowat Sakima
Derek Brozowski – Metau
Thomas Joyce – Nutiket
Sandy Walker – Kitchkinet
Performed Monday and scored high in the Merit range.

Pre-Ordeal Ceremony Team – Canupa Chapter Team
Andrew Wicker – Allowat Sakima
Mark Denman – Metau
Sean Ryan – Nutiket
Nick Mettatal – Kitchkinet
Performed Monday and scored high in the Participant range.

Pre-Ordeal Ceremony Team – Mixed Lodge Team
Lee Nathan – Allowat Sakima
Matthew Miller – Metau
Brad Owen – Nutiket
Alan Joyce – Kitchkinet
Performed Monday and scored in the Merit range.

Vigil Ceremony Participants

Lee Nathan and Si Robson performed Tuesday and each scored in the Honor range.

Mikanakwa Lodge had good success throughout the three days of ceremony competitions at NOAC 2004. On Day One, our youngest team from Woapalanne Chapter drew a lot of attention by competing at such a young age at the national level.

Congratulations to all participants and thank you to everyone that made this competition a success. The ceremonialists are out front, but the coaches, memory judges, drivers, and a huge cast of others participated and made this event a success.

-Keith Nathan, 2004 NOAC Adviser

Memories of Wade Graves:

2004 when Markie Nathan won the Iron Arrowman competition . . . besting some men twice or three times her size. Also that year that we had the flashing Texas magnets and Joseph Nathan earned part of his Vigil name.

2005 – Jamboree Service Fort A. P. Hill Virginia

Article from the Mikanakawan:

For the first time in Lodge history, members of Mikanakawa Lodge became Brotherhood members at the National Jamboree. Under the leadership of Aaron Zaraga, the history-making Brotherhood and Callout ceremony teams added a new dimension to the Jamboree experience for 58 Ordeal Members who sealed their membership in the order by becoming Brotherhood members. The ceremony was held in a dell very close to the campsites of Subcamp 17. All who witnessed the event commented on its beauty and simplicity. The reflected light from the glowing “fire” was reflected by the canopy of trees, thus adding to the illumination of the area. The ceremony was followed by a callout ceremony the following evening. During this time, 14 campers were called to become candidates for Ordeal membership.

Word of this historical event spread quickly throughout the Jamboree. By the end of the Jamboree, at least three other Lodges from various parts of the country, held Brotherhood ceremonies. The Mikanakawa Lodge Brotherhood ceremony had the most participants of any of these ceremonies. We congratulate Aaron Zaraga and all the members of both teams for a job well done!

2006 - NOAC Michigan State University

Mikanakawa youth participants 96

Mikanakawa adult participants 34

Youth Contingent Lead: Matthew Kolodoski

Adult Adviser: Brian Bennett

We took two youth from Laquanne Allangwh (NetseO Trails, Paris, Texas)

Itinerary – We traveled in two coaches and five follow up vehicles. We stopped at Six Flags St Louis, Chicago – Sears Tower, Navy Pier, Shedd Aquarium, Notre Dame. On the way back was Lamberts in Sikeston, Mo. Special thanks to Michael “Chipper” Hayes (past Lodge Chief) and Michael Larson for itinerary and operations support. Our professional coach drivers were also members of our Lodge Robert Norris – and Dennis Welp who was also the 1985 Lodge Chief.

Ours was the largest single Lodge contingent to NOAC. Our youth attendance was the largest of any single Lodge at any single conference to that date.

We won the Spirit Award and 1st place in Lodgeball

2007 – NCLS University of Indiana in Bloomington, Ind.

2008 – ArrowCorps5 USDA Forest Service sites in CA, MO, UT, VA, and WY

Article from the Mikanakawan:

Arrow Corps 5 is the largest, most complex, and challenging conservation project ever conceived by the Order of the Arrow. In cooperation with Conservation USA and the United States Forest Service, 5,000 Arrowmen, both youth and adults, will attend one of five project sites in our national forests. Over eight days they will have the opportunity to participate in activities that include, trail-building, brush removal, reconstruction, and one fun filled day of recreation. The impact of these projects will last for generations. Participants at the Mark Twain National Forest site will be provided a day of recreation near Branson, Mo.

The project at Mark Twain is working in the Hercules Glades Wilderness (located south of Ava, Mo). We will remove cedar trees from glade areas in the wilderness to help restore native grasses.

Each Arrowman who participates will be provided one day of recreation to experience the sights, sounds, and activities that our national forests and surrounding towns offer. They will have the opportunity to experience everything from white water rafting to water skiing and fishing on picturesque lakes. They will be able to hike, mountain bike, or horseback ride on miles of beautiful trails or visit historical sites within the national forest and in their surrounding areas.

Both youth and adult Arrowmen are invited to attend this event. Participants must meet the Philmont Guidelines for height and weight as shown on Arrow Corps 5 website. In addition to being in good physical condition, all Scouts must be at least 14 years old by June 1st, 2008. Participants will camp in or near the Mark Twain National Forest and will need to bring their own tent and everything else needed for a week in the wilderness minus the cooking gear. Once registered, members of the contingent will be given a list of items to pack.

The cost for the event is \$290. The fee covers all the food at the project site, one day of recreation, round trip bus transportation to and from the Mark Twain National Forest, and meals on the return trip to Dallas. The provided lunch on Saturday, June 14th, will be at Lamberts, home of the famous throwed rolls! The event fee is payable in two payments. The first \$100 due with the interest form. The remaining \$190 is due before April 15, 2008.

As a side note, I know that in many Troops it is hard to find activities that suit the needs of both the older and younger scouts, and at times, it can be very difficult to keep older scouts interested and involved in the Scouting program. The Order of the Arrow and ArrowCorps 5 is a way to do just that. Though we encourage all Arrowmen over 14 by this coming June 1st to participate, it will really be an extreme benefit for the older scouts in you troop. This program is a great opportunity to keep those older scouts interested in the Boy Scouting program while instilling within them the concept of cheerful service and leadership that they can use to help strengthen and lead your Troop and communities both now and in the

future. Additional information is available at Mikanakwa Lodge's ArrowCorps 5 contingent Google Group.

If you have any questions please contact me, Lodge Coordinator Frank Cusimano at 214-538-8052 or by email, or my advisor Ken Meaders at 214-632-8742 or by email.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Frank Cusimano

2009 - NOAC University of Indiana in Bloomington, Ind.

Mikanakawa youth participants: 76

Mikanakawa adult participants: 27

Mikanakawa chapters represented: 17

NOAC first-timers: 66

Youth contingent lead: Justin Carson

Adult adviser: Keith Nathan

Itinerary: We traveled in two coaches and one van. On our northbound leg, we visited the US Air Force museum in Dayton, Ohio; spent the night at Cricket Holler Scout Reservation in Dayton; visited the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio; and spent the night at Camp Redwing in Muncie, Ind. before arriving in Bloomington. On our return trip, we spent the night at Calvary Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark., before returning to North Texas. Thanks to David and Judy Johnson for arranging our itinerary.

Athletic competitions: Mikanakawa was the 2009 NOAC basketball champion. Markie Nathan was the fastest female adult in the 5K run at NOAC 2009.

Article from the Mikanakawan 2009:

Last as the letters OA cannot accurately describe what the "Order" truly means, the letters NOAC cannot come close to describing what a "National Order of the Arrow Conference" experience truly encapsulates. NOAC has something for everyone, including patch trading, ceremonies, athletics, dance, classes, and so much more. Not only is there plenty to do at NOAC, the bus trip to and from promise to be eventful with several stops along the way.

The 2009 NOAC University occurred at Indiana University, which required some serious transportation to get the 103-large Miki contingent from Dallas to Bloomington. With ample preparation from youth lead Justin Carson and adult adviser Keith Nathan, Miki Lodge 101 was in good hands, leaving from Circle Ten's offices, even though we left in the evening and bussed through the night to Ohio. Hitting delays we eventually got to tour both the Professional Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, and the massive Nation Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio.

We eventually reached Indiana University Campus and right away went to a patch trade-o-ree, looking at the multitude of patches, and getting some quick first day trades in. The 103-strong Miki group attended a quick info session from the Southern Region officers and learned another important fact: Mikanakawa Lodge brings a large contingent to NOAC as one of the five mega lodges across the nation. As we settle into our rooms, we can see the campus crawling with activity in preparation for the start of another NOAC. During the opening arena show that night, we experienced the theme of “The Power of One” first-hand.

Descending on the campus that day, Mikanakawans attended many classes in their area of interest, after orienting themselves on Indiana’s large campus. After classes, some started the conference with strong patch trading, while others prepared for their chance to show everyone their dancing skills. In other areas of interest, one of the ceremonies team the Lodge entered won honor team, the highest award for ceremonies. While some displayed their excellence wearing regalia, other members of the Lodge represented Mikanakawa in gym shorts and tennis shoes, with our Lodge ball team taking 3rd place and our two basketball teams taking 1st and 4th place. Miki spirits were high even as rain continued to fall down in Indiana.

Eventually the final days of NOAC were upon us, and it was time to settle down...NOT! Miki lodge finished strong, with a successful Founder’s Day and a classic crazy hat night at the closing area show. As we ordered out last pizzas for the 5th night in a row, we packed our bags in preparation for the trip toward home. After spending a night in Little Rock, the Miki contingent arrived back in Dallas.

While the story of what NOAC is represents a nice summary of the events, it cannot signify the brotherhood, the jokes, and laughs, or the fun that the group of 103 experienced. As anyone from the contingent will say NOAC 09 was a memorable one.

Jason Follis

Mikanakawans who attended on the contingent were: Connor Atnip, Joe Atnip, Tyler Bahnman, Alex Bareis, Aaron Batteiger, Brian Bennett, Richard Berry, Patrick Blonien, Preston Bloskas, Jacob Blount, Sam Blount, Robert Brown, Nathan Bubeck, Sam Bubeck, Patrick Bus, Mark Cappio II, Justin Carson, Nicholas Clark, Kaleb Cockrill, Scott Cowan, D Quaylon Davis, Camden Dewberry, Alex Dixon, Edmund English, Jason Follis, Rusty Follis, Taylor Franklin, Jonathan Franks, John Frietsch, Nick Fullington, Rasheed Furlow, Tyler Gerdes, Dakota Gilliland, Juan G Gonzales, Wade Graves, Matt Hall, Jim Hampton, Monty Harris, Ben Hartmann, Bobby Hartmann, Charlie Hartmann, Joe Hartmann, Jami Hayes, Joe Hayes, Nick Hernandez-Sepper, Jeffery Hodgkiss, Kara Hodgkiss, Todd Hodgkiss, Ryan Hughes, Banks Ishmael, BJ Ishmael, Judy Johnson, L. David Johnson, Travis Jones, Danny King, Ronnie King, Brian Kirkwood, Reece Knox, Adam Koestner, Matt Koestner, Steven Lovett, Susan Lovett, Kevin Lovett, Jr., Kevin Lovett, Sr., Dameron Mason, Jake McAdams, Aaron McKinney, Andrew Meaders, Ken Meaders, William Meyer, Luke Midkiff, Ken Miller, Kyle Miller, Tanner Miller, Reno Morris, Jr., Reno Morris, Sr., Michael Mynxx, Keith Nathan, Markie Nathan, Bob Norris, Carlos Ochoa, James Patrick, Richard Phillips, Rohan Pinto, Nathaniel Porter, Jakerrion Rodgers, Mark Roemisch, Sean Ryan, Timothy Skipworth, Jacob Smyth, Stephan Stenger, James Sweat, Samuel Sweat, Travis Taber, RJ Tarpley, Josh Tates, Jared Taylor, Terry Tucker, Drew Umberger, Garrett Virgin, Roger Virgin, Renardo Walker, Dennis Welp, and Dominique Williams

2010 – Jamboree Service Fort A. P. Hill Virginia

From July 22nd through August 6th, the over 170 members of the Order of the Arrow Service Corps (OASC) served as a select number of the more than 43,000 attending the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. The 2010 OASC was made up of Arrowmen from lodges around the country who were split into “chapters” for the duration of the jamboree. Members of the OASC choose to spend their jamboree with long hours and strenuous work to provide cheerful service to their peers. These Arrowmen continued the legacy of the OASC in its 60th year by participating in projects and tasks including conservation, flag ceremonies, security/crowd control, logistical support, and guest services.

Aaron Parks-Young

2011 – SummitCorps New River Gorge National River, West Virginia

When the call was sent across the country for Lodges to participate in the four-week Service Project SummitCorps – The New River Experience hundreds of Lodges answered the call of service, building the first of its kind Mountain Biking Trail in a National Park. Divided into four one-week programs with a different staff and participants each week, our Order answered the call and completed the largest youth project in National Park Service history. SummitCorps 2011 had a special meaning for the members of Mikanakawa Lodge of Circle Ten Council in Dallas. The Incident Commander for Week 4 was Lodge member Matt Walker and another Lodge member Jack D. Furst is a leading contributor to the Bechtel Summit and the 2013 National Jamboree. Jeff West, Chief Ranger for the New River National Park stated that the Scouts built world class Trails and he expected this to be the mecca for Mountain Biking in the National Parks. This trail will be the prototype for Mountain Biking Trails built in other National Parks across the country. The National Park Service renamed the trail the Arrowhead Mountain Biking Trail in honor of the OA members that built the trail.

To recruit participants, Mikanakawa Lodge used internet and media promotions Facebook, its own website www.mikankawa.org, displays at Lodge events, email and face-to-face encouragement.

Mikanakawa Lodge rallies its members for SummitCorps 2011, sending 31 youth, seven adults, and 14 staff for a total of 52 Mikanakawa Lodge Members to SummitCorps 2011 in West Virginia. Mikanakawa was the only Lodge to charter a coach for the trip. Lodge Vice-Chief of Service and the Lodge SummitCorps Youth Lead Aaron Parks-Young said “It took two full days to reach the Glen Jean National Guard Armory in West Virginia. We chartered a motor coach to build up the Spirit of Brotherhood and had a blast!” Members of Mikanakawa served on staff and as participants. Special thanks to Mikanakawa Lodge members David Johnson and Judy Johnson and BJ Ishmael. These three dedicated members led the efforts with SummitCorps Food Service Group through Mikanakawa’s own "Arrow Bistro" team for all four weeks of SummitCorps. During Week 4, thirteen more staff members came in on Food Service, Finance, Operations, and Program.

Mikanakawa also took time one night to hold a Brotherhood for three of its members. The Lodge holds a Brotherhood wherever they find the time and opportunity for a quality program and ceremony. Lodge Chief Nick Clark served as Allowat Sakima. He said “We have held Brotherhoods at ArrowCorps5 - Mark Twain National Forest, the last two National Jamborees and on the way to a NOAC. SummitCorps was very special because of the work on the service project accented Cheerful Service. One of our new Brotherhood members had been an Ordeal member since 1987!”

How many youth can say that they have left a legacy to those that follow? Not many. But the Arrowmen that worked at SummitCorps in some capacity have done just that.

Some historical facts about SummitCorps for the record book: SummitCorps 2011 hosted 1,404 Arrowmen, for most their first time to West Virginia. The farthest distance traveled was an Order of the Arrow member traveling from Taiwan. Some 4,200 non-perishable meals were given by the Order to two local organizations that provide community meals and food giveaways. Each meal was valued at \$6 each making this a \$25,000 donation from the Order of the Arrow to organizations in the community.

Some 5,600 pounds of food was donated to Pinehaven Homeless Shelter, located in Beckley, W. Va. During the second week of the project, a Bake Sale was held to raise money for a local 911 dispatcher who serves the National Park Service. Arrowmen raised more than \$1,000 in two hours to help defray the dispatcher's medical costs.

The 1,404 Arrowmen performed volunteer service supporting and constructing public trails at New River Gorge National River for a total of 78,544 hours. This month-long project is valued at more than \$1.6 million by the National Park Service. Of course, the focus of the project: All of the more than 12 miles of the stacked loop trails in Craig Branch were completed.

Each of the four weeks sponsored a patch auction, which netted \$15,358 in total. All proceeds from the auctions were donated to area organizations including the Mt. Hope Children’s Health Council, the Youth Museum of Southern West Virginia, Just for Kids, Inc. (a child advocacy center), the Burlington United Methodist Children’s Home, the Women’s Resource Center, Brian’s Safehouse, and Three Rivers Avian Center, an animal shelter for endangered wild birds.

2011 – Indian Summer Ridgecrest Conference Center – Asheville, North Carolina

The Order of the Arrow sponsors an event called Indian Summer. The Order only holds this event on rare occasions as there have only been two in this Millennium. All Arrowmen who are interested in the Native American program are invited to attend a weeklong conference of intense training about crafts and culture. The crafts include: silver-smithing, bonnet construction, beadwork, moccasin construction, fan making and many more.

Participants also learned of the many customs of several Native American nations. The nations were separated into geographic regions so participants could identify which nations were indigenous to the participants’ home areas.

One of the most popular events was a nightly pow wow that reflected the customs of certain groups i.e. the long house dance, the northern circle and the southern circle.

The advantage of this conference is the small class size and personalized instruction. Participants also met folk from all over the nation with similar interests. They were assigned into small groups or clans for fellowship and information. Everyone went home with a much clearer understanding of the complexity of the Native American culture.

Monika Kriechbaum

2012 - NOAC Michigan State University

Mikanakawa set off on its journey to Michigan State University from the Circle Ten Council office and filled up two charter buses with excited Arrowmen ready for the festivities to come. The first night we slept on the bus and woke up to Six Flags of St. Louis with many cars waiting for the gates to open.

Arrowmen enjoyed the hospitality and excitement of the winding roller-coasters and other rides. In the evening we spent the night inside a football locker room graciously lent to us by a college in Illinois. We woke up the next day heading for the Willis Tower in Chicago and scaled up the historic building. We departed from Chicago and headed toward Notre Dame University in Indiana. Arrowmen toured most of the campus and saw many sites from the movie "Rudy" and the church located on campus.

Arrowmen also visited the campus store filled with university clothing and accessories for the Fighting Irish. From there, we continued on the road to Michigan State and NOAC. Arrowmen from across the nation made their way into the dormitories preparing for the week ahead. Ceremony teams and dancers were constantly practicing and athletes of all kinds prepared for the competitions. NOAC opened with a fantastic show focusing on the theme: United We Leave a Legacy. Throughout the week, Mikanakawans attended many classes and in the afternoon competed to their hearts desire. Mikanakawa ceremony teams were successful in the end, having several Honor Teams for both the Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies including the Vigil Ceremony. We had various Arrowmen competing in all forms of Native American Dance, with the most notable dancer being Timothy Jarrell. Timothy placed 2nd in Northern Traditional, which is a high honor being from the National Order of the Arrow Conference. In the sports competitions, Mikanakawa competed in all activities with the most notable victory being the basketball competition. Mikanakawa pushed its way through the tournament and came out on top with winning 1st place in basketball, a coveted trophy and accolade. As NOAC was winding down with classes, shows, and other activities, the excitement for this NOAC concluded with eagerness and excitement for the next. As Mikanakawa traveled back to Dallas, we stopped in Missouri and ate at the famous Lambert's restaurant, home of thrown rolls. Finally after dinner, Mikanakawa spent the night at a local Methodist Church where we enjoyed fellowship and stories about the NOAC experience. Mikanakawa arrived finally back in Dallas where it had set off for NOAC and Arrowmen joyfully departed from the Council office to spread word of their fantastic experience in the Midwest.

Sam Bubeck and John Davidson



Timothy Jarrell



Nick Clark



Cooper Blount and Sam Bubeck

2013 – Jamboree Service Summit Betchel Reserve West Virginia

In the summer of 2013, the Order the Arrow continued its legacy of service at the first National Boy Scout Jamboree at the new Bechtel Summit National High Adventure Base. The Service Corps saw the continuation and expansion of the work begun by the OA at the 2011 Summit Corps. This included trail maintenance and construction, wildlife conservation projects, and community outreach through acts of service. The Service Corps also served as the part of the main Jamboree support team that is the Arrow Corps. This allowed for activities such as greeting all the incoming Scout buses on the first day of Jambo and cleaning up trash after every major gathering. Through all of these actions, the Service Corps upheld the highest ideals of the Order of the Arrow.

Grant Tucker



Miki OA Day of Service Guides Jack Harling and Niklas Hayes

▪ NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS

By Scott Lollar

Deep in the roots of our Order, there was a wise and aged leader named Chief Chingachgook. His people--the Delaware Indians--were at peace with one another, with their Creator, and with the land they loved.

But one day, word came that fierce tribes from the North were planning an invasion. Chingachgook called all of his braves together. He asked for volunteers to risk their lives to preserve the tribe. Only one stepped forward: his son, Uncas, saying:

“Oh my Father, I am ready

Send me on this gracious errand.”

Uncas traveled throughout the territory, seeking others willing to sacrifice their personal interests for the good of others. Eventually, he built a formidable army of warriors. And they succeeded in fending off the northern tribes, giving of themselves so that others might live.

When Dr. E. Urner Goodman stumbled across this story in 1915, he wanted to weave its message of self-sacrificing service and dedication into the fledgling Boy Scouts of America. He and co-founder Carroll A. Edson reasoned that the best way to let the spirit of Uncas live was to make Indian Lore an integral part of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service he was building.

“So we have an ‘Order’ (instead of a fraternity), a ‘Lodge’ (instead of a club), ‘Chiefs’ (instead of presidents), and ‘Brotherhood Warriors’ and ‘Ordeal Warriors’ (instead of vice presidents).

As members, we hold plenty of meetings indoors. But we are only really at home in the outdoors, where we, too, can be at one with the land and our Lord.

And membership in our Ordeal--similar to membership in the group led by Uncas--is not open to anyone. A candidate must be at least a First Class Scout, have completed at least 14 days and nights of camping and be elected by his Troop on the basis of his willingness to serve others. Yet even then, he is not a member.

The candidate must be called out and successfully complete a fourfold Ordeal without flinching. Only then can he wear the sash of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

Yet the new brother's work is not completed simply with the passing of an Ordeal. Indeed, one simply does not ‘make OA’ as one ‘makes Eagle.’ For the Eagle badge is a symbol - similar to the feathers in a brave's bonnet - of a great accomplishment one has completed. The red arrow of the OA sash, on the other hand, is a symbol of what one is continuing to do. For the message from Uncas rings true:

He alone is worthy to wear the arrow who will continue faithfully to serve his fellow men.”

In Mikanakawa Lodge, the Spirit - and the look - of Uncas is alive and well, 100 years after Dr. Goodman first revived the story of the young brave.

The Order of the Arrow has a tradition of ceremonies and events based on the American Indian's Heritage. The Indian Lore Committee promotes this heritage. They organize dance teams that perform at camporees, troop and pack meetings as well as civic events. They help members to build authentic regalia of their own and give them opportunities to use them.

Mikanakawa Lodge has its own Indian Lore Committee, many Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremony Teams, Dancers, Singers, and crafts-persons. Members of the various teams have won countless competitions at Area, Section and National conferences and conclaves. The dance and ceremonial teams are often called on to give presentations before the public, both in and out of Scouting.

Native American Program Founding

In the early years, both ceremonies and dance costumes were very simple. Early members like Jim Cavalleri and Jim Hodge recall that runners in Knock Out ceremonies frequently wore only a simple breech clout and some paint. But by attending Area Meetings and National Conferences, Lodge members learned how to make higher quality costumes, making the ceremonies much more impressive. In the early years of the lodge, young men such as Frank Knickerbocker, Fred Haynes, and others worked hard at establishing the legacy of a proper and respectful Indian Lore program within the lodge.

In the 1950s the allure and pageantry of the Native American powwow found several Explorer Posts being created in the Dallas area. An Indian Lore Committee was in existence by 1954. And by, 1955, costumes started looking very professional. With the help of young men like Johnny Swindells, Donno Adams, Jimmy West, Donald Robb and Billy Wayne Curts who were part of Explorer Post 15, the Lodge was setting the groundwork for a vibrant program.



Explorer Post 15 members Johnny Swindells, Donno Adams, Jimmy West, Donald Robb and Billy Wayne Curts in 1955 or 1956

Sam Gratke

1892-1972

Sam Gratke's involvement in Native American programs began in the 1930s when he learned some of the crafts from some Mesquakie ladies and later made an outfit for his son Philip to wear in a Thanksgiving Parade. He was awarded the Silver Beaver in 1959, and his Vigil Name is Tireless Music Maker for his efforts in music, teaching music in schools, and creating several Scout bands as well. He was the band director for Carrollton High School from 1948 to 1950. He returned to Carrollton High School in the fall of 1954 as a science and math teacher. He retired from R.L. Turner High School at the age of 75 in 1967. Mr. Gratke continued his interest and involvement in the American Indian and Boy Scouting into his final days. He passed away 10 days before his 80th birthday on Monday, May 15, 1972 after attending a Vigil Honor ceremony the previous weekend.



Sam Gratke in Navaho outfit

In the 1960s, there were many young men and adults who contributed to the success of the Native American Programs. Sanders Bailey, Jimmy Harris, Jerry Davis, Barry Hardin, Clint “Sandy” McNabb, Ken McEntire, Gary Gimbel along with advisors Frank Knickerbocker, Sam Gratke, & Bob Hooks were instrumental in educating members to current trends, teaching historical references and stories, and driving dancers to the various dances in the area and to Oklahoma and New Mexico. Members of the Lodge took their dances and shows on the road, including a display at Northpark Mall in North Dallas, where they setup several teepees, danced in front of crowds, and slept in the teepees in the Mall’s Atrium overnight.

The First Order of the Arrow Dance Competition

On the morning of August 26th 1965, a delegation of 40 Mikanakawans left Dallas. The event was the 50th Anniversary National Conference on the campus of Indiana University. The bus hit Bloomington Friday morning and from there on there was little rest for anyone.

Then came Monday, August 29, a day to be remembered by all those in attendance. It started with the Campcraft Fair. Our Lodge entered an exhibit of the way of life of the Pueblo Indians, including demonstrations of Indian cooking, sand painting, pottery making, blanket weaving, and metal work. The delegates that were involved in the demonstration were dressed in Pueblo-style costumes which added much to the overall impression of the exhibit. It was awarded the 1st award over the nearly 100 contestants from all of the nation. This phase of the Conference was advised by Mr. Jimmy Harris.

That evening was one of the most colorful and enjoyable events of the Conference - the Indian Pageant. The Lodge entered the San Juan Deer Dance under the direction of Mr. Sanders Bailey in this event. There were several other lodges entered in this event, and the competition was keen. It was agonizing to wait while the judges considered the winners and read the list, but it was all worth it when our entry was named the Most Outstanding Performance in the Pageant!!

In conjunction with the Indian Pageant, the First Annual War Dance Competition was also held. Individual competition was also a hard fought contest and as the crowning glory to Mikanakawa's achievements, Jerry Davis, was named the First National Order of the Arrow War Dance Champion!

In all, our lodge won four first-place plaques out of the five that were given (the lodge did not enter the fifth contest). This is a record that was set in competition with other lodges throughout the nation.

The Guide Book

In 1966 and 1967, Mikanakawa Brothers Sam Gratke and Gary Gimbel assembled a pamphlet with sketches and notes for the construction of the three principal Indian costumes. This was the second iteration, the first was only a few pages without drawings or diagrams. This one was 39 pages filled with drawings and diagrams for the various pieces of the Fancy Dance Costume, the Ceremonial Costume and the Straight Dance Costume. Numerous members through the years have designed their costumes based on the report by Gratke and Gimbel. It is reprinted, in part, below:

Fancy Dance Costume - The Feather Bustle and Beadwork Costume worn for the slow, medium, and fast wardances of the Plains Indians. This fancy dance costume is the one worn at Pow Wows throughout Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Ceremonial Costume - Evolved from the Sioux and Blackfoot, now universally worn throughout the United States. Any combination of various parts of the costumes shown (see illustration) may be worn

and still be proper. For Order of the Arrow ceremonies, either the Ceremonial Costume or the Straight Dance Costume may be worn. Refer to the Order of the Arrow Handbook for distinctions in headdress, from Chief Allowat Sakima down through Meteu the Medicine Man to Nutiket the Guard and Kichkinet the Guide.

Straight Dance Costume - Oklahoma Style - evolved from the old time War Dance Costume. The rules governing parts of the Straight Dance Costume are more strict than either the Fancy Dance or Ceremonial Costumes. This costume may also be used in Order of the Arrow ceremonies as mentioned above.

With the guidelines established by Gratke and Gimbel, and the Indian Lore expertise of Frank Knickerbocker, Bob Hooks, George Alford, Andy Griffith, Donny Tullis, Boyd Pease, Phil Chen, Ed Reitz, Chuck Wagner and many others, the Mikanakawa Lodge had become recognized throughout the nation as a leader in the field of Indian Lore.

In 2009, this book was re-written by Scott Lollar to be more in line with modern terminology and up-to-date with the modern dance techniques and styles. The book went from 39 pages to 116.



Frank Knickerbocker in the early 1970s (Jerry W. Lollar taking photos in the background)

The Order's Founder Makes Suggestions on Authenticity

In the 1973 First Issue and again in the 1974 Third Issue of the National Bulletin, Dr. E. Urner Goodman highlighted that one purpose of the Order of the Arrow is developing character and understanding. He advised that continuing to utilize the Native American elements of our ceremonies we could better understand the purpose of the ceremony and that the varied tribal influences, histories, and traditions of the American Indian civilizations represent the way of life the Order of the Arrow hopes to emulate.

“Dr. E. Urner Goodman, founder of the OA, reports that along these lines we should remember the respect and importance accorded to the American Indian culture by our founders. They believed that the Indians showed us a way of life that represented the highest ideals of the Boy Scouts America. In turn, we should concern ourselves with continuing and heightening this interest and respect.

One of the most enjoyable elements of the OA program is Indian lore. The phrase “Indian lore”, however, has come to represent a rather narrow approach taken too many times toward Indian culture by Scout groups. We in the OA have also been guilty of this. We should look toward the Indians as a civilization made of many varied cultures and representing the way of life we hope to emulate.

For instance, the dance team chief seeks a new type of dance and means of costuming from a particular tribe to widen the lodge team’s repertory. In doing so, he must make every effort to conduct a full investigation of the tribe, the dance, the costuming and its significance, etc. He should seek to discover if the particular dance is an acceptable performance for non-Indians to use. He should also be extremely careful to seek authenticity before conducting it. Above all, he should use the process of research and information to acquaint his lodge members interested in learning what the Indians, as a people, were trying to say.

The Order of the Arrow serves many purposes. Highest among these is developing character and understanding. We have a great opportunity to do this through study of Indian people and cultures. In this sense, by learning to better understand each Indian tribe, we can ultimately learn to better understand ourselves.”

- Order of the Arrow National Bulletin, First Issue 1973

“The American Indian has been many things to many people. To us, the Order of the Arrow, he is the symbol of nobility and freedom. This was true before the westward advance of the white Europeans. After this, however, he was all but exterminated from the continent and crowded onto government reservations.

Because the Order of the Arrow has borrowed the culture and crafts from the American Indian, we – as an Order – must maintain the highest standards of authenticity.”

Dr. E. Urner Goodman, Order of the Arrow National Bulletin, Third Issue 1974

The 1970s

In the 1970s, many of the same persons were still involved in the Native Program. Donny Tullis, Paul Newton, Shawn Wilkins, Bob Hooks, George Alford, Frank Knickerbocker, Don Moore, Sam Gratke, Asa Ledger, Robert Truitt, Jr., and Derel Hart

Under Asa Leger’s direction, Lodge members created an Indian Lore Explorer Post in 1970, which was still going strong in the mid-1980s. There were other external groups that helped contribute to this program as well – the Satank Dancers under the leadership of George ‘Indian George’ Alford from Troop 508 in Irving and the Ya-Ta-Hey dancers from Plano.

George Alford

1914-1984

Known to some as 'Indian George', or 'Uncle George', George Alford was a Comanche man from the Lawton, Oklahoma area. He grew up on the reservation and was given the name Iron Eyes by his relatives. But the Catholic sisters from the Mission insisted this name did not suit his demeanor and gave him the name of the priest at the mission where he lived and went to school after being orphaned at the age of 4. He served as a Forest Ranger before he enlisted in the Army during World War II and served in France. He served as Scoutmaster for Troop 508 in Irving for 30 years, and as the Advisor to the Satank Dance Troupe he created to promote Native American dancing and culture in the 1970s. These dancers performed at the Scout Show, civic events, and for various school, Girl Scout, and YMCA functions for almost 2 decades.



George Alford in 1984

The 1980s and early 1990s

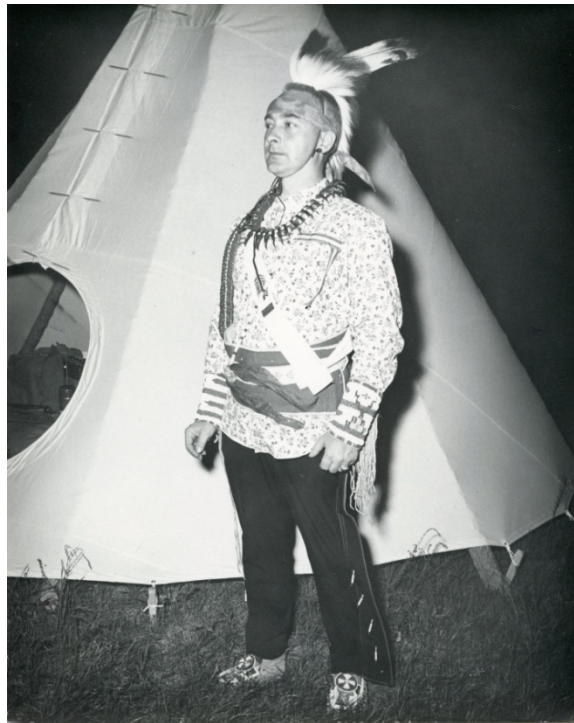
In the 80s young men such as Steve Rackley, Lee Boyd, and Scott Lollar with advisors Bob Hooks, George Alford, Frank Knickerbocker, Doug Sekishiro, Adolf Schorn, Bruce Bishop, Trini Munoz, and Gary Schulz - many of whom were also members of the Dallas/Ft. Worth Intertribal Association – contributed widely to the dance and ceremonies of the Lodge. Their contributions were recognized in 1984, when the National Order of the Arrow program planned one of three national American Indian Activities programs in Dallas, hosted by Mikanakawa Lodge. Unfortunately, this program was cancelled

due to poor attendance. But, Mikanakawa was on the forefront of recognition in the Order for knowledge of Native American culture and crafts.

Robert L. 'Bob' Hooks

1922-1999

Mr. Bob Hooks, of Sac & Fox, Shawnee, and Cheyenne descent, was a Mikanakawan Arrowman who was instrumental to the development and success of the Lodge's Native American program for more than 30 years. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Later, he owned and ran his own Trading Post, Tipi American, for many years and would help Arrowmen with projects for their outfits, often providing authentic and rare Native American items to his many customers. He appeared in parades in the Dallas area often showing off his regalia - even going as far as to make a matching feather bonnet for his dog for one parade. After he passed away in 1999, an award in his name was established in his honor. His wife, Lucia, has continued to visit the Lodge Annual Dinner for this recognition.



Bob Hooks in the 1960s

The 1990s to 2000s



Thomas & Alan Joyce 2005 Lodge Powwow

In the 1990s to early 2000s, young men like Danny King, Chris Witt, Daniel Lowery, James Sweat II, William Beatty, Jeremy Payne, William Hoage, Bill and Matt Miller, Thomas & Alan Joyce, and Dustin Bridges with advisors like John Sanders, David Nutt, Jim Wintle, James Sweat, and Scott Lollar kept the love of the program alive. Each contributed to dance and ceremonies in great ways. Many of the dancers still dance and are involved in various aspects of Native Culture today. Sadly, a couple young men were taken from us too early.

James Sweat II

1981-2001

James Sweat fully immersed himself in the Native American culture both in the Order of the Arrow and out. As Chapter Chief, he began caravanning with others to visit powwows throughout Texas and Oklahoma. Several of these dancers became good enough to begin winning dance competitions at these dances. Even as Lodge Chief later, James Sweat performed ceremonies, competed in Grass Dance competitions, competed and won 1st place in Grass Dance at the Lodge Powwow and Section Conclave in 1998, and competing at and winning at local powwows in Oklahoma & Texas. He went on to win other awards at several Section Conclaves. He was also highly effective in ceremonies – eliciting emotion and interaction with his audience every time he donned his regalia. The last time James performed a ceremony, he was very ill but would not let the opportunity to portray the principal characters again slip past him - it has been said this performance was the best of his life. The Indian village at Camp Trevor Rees-Jones is named in James' honor and based on a design he created.



James Sweat Grass Dancing



Original Design idea for the James Sweat Indian Village

William Hoage

1984-2007

William Hoage came into his own under the tutelage of James Sweat, and though he was not very good with ceremonies to begin with, before long he was teaching ceremonialists across the Section the best ways to portray their roles and to take on the mantle of the character they would portray. Before his untimely passing, William was regarded as the best ceremonialist in our Lodge at the time - some would argue, ever. William danced in the Northern traditional style and was known everywhere for playing the Native American flute. He never went anywhere without one, and would play for ceremonies if he was not acting. He once developed a plan to portray each of the four primary roles in the Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremony by having stands with each role's headdress stationed there for him. His intention was to put on the headdress of the role for which he was speaking lines, then move to the next position and switch headdresses for the next role. No one doubted he could do it and make the audience believe he was a different person each time, if he'd been allowed to perform it.



William Hoage in his last performance for an Eagle Ceremony in September 2006

The Mikanakawa Lodge Pow Wow



Miki drum donated by Bob Perkins of Satank Chapter

From the early days, the Mikanakawa Lodge has held an annual Pow Wow - usually in the spring. These Pow Wows give members an opportunity to get together for fellowship, fun, ceremonies, dancing, and singing. Native American Indians are usually invited, giving the events an even more authentic flavor. Workshops are given on outfit construction and various crafts, singing and dancing, as well as ceremonies acting.

In 2004, riding the wave of the great leadership of Dance Team Lead, Thomas Joyce, and Pow Wow Advisor James Sweat, and Dance Team Advisor Scott Lollar, the Lodge Pow Wow had 60 dancers in dance clothes, and many in attendance. Lodge Advisor Wade Graves said, "It was a great turnout! I stopped counting at 400 guests!" This was probably the largest guest attendance at the Mikanakawa Lodge Pow Wow since the early 1980's, and certainly the largest number of dancers in memory.



Carlos Ochoa, Jeff Hodgkiss, Steven Lovett, and Tim Jarrell dancing at Scout Expo 2012

At each of the Mikanakawa Lodge Pow Wows, the dance in the evening always requires a drum and singers. In the 1980s that drum was the Eagle Mountain Singers, led by Preston Tahchawiccah a Comanche man from Dallas. Several times beginning in the late 1990s, Frank "Kiowa Jim" Tongkeamha was the head singer. The Bearlaw singers, led by Sonny Blackbear from Dallas, helped out in 2005. At least once in that time frame, a group of singers was not available, and the lodge was forced to use

“canned” music from CDs. Texas Connection, made up of members of Colonneh Lodge in Houston, would travel up to support the program and sing for the evening dance for seven years.



Miki singers teaching a song at 2012 Lodge Powwow

In 2011, after years of trying, Mikanakawa Lodge formed our own Drum Team. With weekly practices, several performances at Winter Camp and other scouting events, and with the assistance of the Crows Nest Singers, many of whom are members of the lodge, the Mikanakawa Lodge Drum sang for the entire Lodge Pow Wow beginning in 2012. At the 2013 Lodge Pow Wow at Camp James Ray, Randy White said, “This is not just a Boy Scout Pow Wow. It is the perfect marriage of Boy Scouting and the Native community.”



Lodge Advisor Chuck Wagner dancing in 2014

National Awards and Recognitions

Mikanakawa Lodge dancers and ceremonialists have been bringing home many awards and recognitions from Section Conclaves and National Conferences - consistent through the intervening decades since the National Conference Contests in 1965. Pete Hooks, son of Bob Hooks, won the Fancy War Dance Champion title for Mikanakawa Lodge in 1967. The 1982 Lodge Chief, Shawn Wilkins, won a 3rd place in Northern Fancy Dance in 1977 and 2nd place in Straight dance before coming to Mikanakawa Lodge from Odessa, TX where he was part of an Explorer post dedicated to Native American dancing.



Pete Hooks in the 1960s

Since that first Dance Competition, there have been nine National Indian Seminars and 23 NOACs. But, after Pete Hooks took First Place in the Fancy War Dance contest in 1967, our next champion dancer did not step on the scene for over 30 years. In 2000, Chris Witt placed 2nd in Northern Traditional Dance at the University of Tennessee. Since the early 1990s we have had multiple dancers get into the Top 20 - Thomas Joyce got into the top 10 in 2003 - but we hadn't had another Top Five finisher again until 2012. Tim Jarrell, a new Arrowman on his first trip to NOAC, mirrored Chris Witt's accomplishment when he came out of nowhere at his first NOAC and won 2nd place in Northern Traditional dance in 2012. Tim, who is part Lakota and Choctaw, had been brought up in the culture and had been dancing since he was a child.



Timothy Jarrell dancing in 2014 Lodge Powwow

Starting in 2000, NOAC stopped awarding 1st place awards for ceremonies, but began ranking teams as Honor, Merit, and Participant. In 2000, our Brotherhood team won honor recognition. Since 2004, Mikanakawa Lodge has had at least one team earn the Honor recognition at each NOAC. In 2012, seven out of eight ceremonies teams earned that distinction. But, in that same year, NOAC re-introduced National Champion ranking again, which should encourage competition between lodges once more.

Ceremonies at National Events

Mikanakawa Lodge performed a Brotherhood ceremony at a National Jamboree in 2010 at Fort A.P. Hill. This coincided with the 100th Anniversary of the National Jamboree and just happened to be the last Jamboree at this location.

In 2011, at the SummitCorps program in West Virginia, Lodge Chief Nick Clark served as Allowat Sakima for the Brotherhood ceremony we held. He said “We have held Brotherhoods at ArrowCorps5 - Mark Twain National Forest, the last two National Jamborees and on the way to a NOAC. SummitCorps was very special because the work on the service project accented Cheerful Service. One of our new Brotherhood members had been an Ordeal member since 1987!”

Members of the Lodge repeated this performance at the first Jamboree at the new Summit Bechtel Scout Reservation in 2013. Part of the Lodge Ledger article by Joe Donahue is reprinted here:

Lodge Ledger: Mikanakawa Lodge performs first brotherhood ceremony at the summit Bechtel Reserve,
By Joe Donahue

The 2013 National Scout Jamboree presented a series of firsts for the new Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. Not only did the event mark the opening of the permanent base for future jamborees, it was also the first time that Scouts were able to use the property and its any features. Another first at this Jamboree was a Brotherhood ceremony on the property, a true highlight for those in attendance.

Members of Mikanakawa Lodge of Circle Ten Council in Dallas, Texas performed the first ever Brotherhood ceremony at the Summit. The lodge sealed 51 of its members in Brotherhood on Sunday, July 21, 2013 at the top of the AT&T Summit Stadium in the Scott Summit Center.

Steven Lovett, who played Meteu in the Brotherhood ceremony and served on OA Service Corps at the 2013 National Jamboree, said that the lodge had no idea that they were doing the first Brotherhood ceremony when they started planning. “We’ve done Brotherhood ceremonies at Jamborees in the past, but when we found out that we were doing the first one on the property, we were surprised“, he said.

The 2010s and Beyond



Kara Hodgkiss teaching beadwork at 2012 LodgePowwow

The passion and dedication of youth members such as Carlos Ochoa, Kevin Lovett, Jr., Jeff Hodgkiss, Tim Jarrell, Jack Schwab, and Dakota Birdsong has been infectious – they continue to ‘reach across the bench’ to pull dancers and ceremonialists into the arena. Advisors like Waid Davis, Scott Lollar, Daniel Gobar, Monika Kriechbaum, Michael Twidal, and Jim Schwab continue to improve the program and

provide the best experience and education available. Our Lodge has been fortunate to receive the assistance of members of the Texas Indian Hobbyist Association who have helped at various Lodge Powwows and other events as well.

Mikanakawa dancers and singers have been called upon to put on dance demonstrations at nearby elementary and middle Schools. Members have performed in high school talent shows, and we are proud to say that we were the first OA Drum and Dancers to perform at the National Scout Museum in Irving, Texas. Every year, the Mikanakawa Native Program puts on the Mikanakawa Lodge Pow Wow, assists in the Winter Camp Indian Village, and sings and dances at the Fall Fellowship, for the Winter Camp Pow Wow, and for many of the induction weekends throughout the year.

With the energy and effort of the current youth and adults, combined with the traditions established by previous generations, the Native American Programs will thrive and continue growing.



Dakota Birdsong at a dance in 2014



Daniel Gobar at 2012 Conclave



Michael Twidal at 2012 Conclave



Scott Lollar dancing at the 2010 Council Camporee



Waid Davis at 2012 Conclave



Monica Kriechbaum and Judy Johnson 2011 Powow



Sam Bubeck and James Sweat Sr. 2012 Conclave



- **The History of Circle 10 Council Winter Camp**

by Richard M. Phillips, Sr.

What most people today don't know about Circle 10 Council Winter Camp is that its history goes back much further than 1980 when Mr. Ric Wilkins came to Circle 10 Council.

The first Winter Camp for Circle 10 Council was in December 1922. It was held just after Thanksgiving, on December 1 and 2, with 250 members of the Dallas Boy Scouts and Scouters. They met at Daddy Wisdom's farm, what is now called Camp Wisdom. It was done under the direction of Scout executive Jack Carberry. This two-day camp went on every year until World War II started and they stopped the camp.

During the two-day Winter Camps, there were only a few merit badges worked on, mainly Eagle-required ones like camping, pioneering, cooking and signaling. One of the most outstanding staff members was Daddy Wisdom.

1980

Circle 10 Winter Camp was restarted in December 1980. Ric Wilkins, Director of Camping, set it up for Scouts to be able to go to camp after Christmas to be able to have fun before heading to go back to school.

All Winter Camps since 1980 have been held at Clements Scout Ranch near Athens, Texas.

Winter Camp program director was Shane Phillips.

Winter Camp professional staff director was Ric Wilkins.

The first camp only had 45 Boy Scouts and staff. As its camp logo, the staff chose a deer with antlers. That logo was used from 1980 to 1992.

Outside of the merit badges, a Brotherhood Ceremony was offered at Winter Camp in December 1980 conducted by Steven Dean, Brotherhood Warrior for Mikanakawa Lodge.

1981

Winter Camp program director was Brad Benford.

Winter Camp professional staff director was Ric Wilkins.

In 1981 was the second year for the Winter Camp in Circle 10, run completely by the Mikanakawa Lodge. In just one year, the camp grew from 45 Scouts and Scouters to 140 Scouts and 22 Scouters from 15 Troops.

Merit badges offered at this camp included cooking, first aid, emergency preparedness, pioneering, and camping. Program activities included nature hikes, rifle and shotgun, the Paul Bunyan award and various campfire programs.

Camp rifle shooting awards went to the following:

First Place	Joel Featherstone	Troop 376
Second Place	Bruce Neal	Troop 574
Third Place	Corbin Choate	Troop 574
Staff	Walter Off	Troop 138

Participating Troops:

Troop 11	Troop 114	Troop 573
Troop 13	Troop 183	Troop 574
Troop 28	Troop 343	Troop 674

Troop 36	Troop 376	Troop 835
Troop 57	Troop 573	Troop 1021

1982

Winter Camp program director was Brad Benford

Winter Camp adviser was Harry Bubeck

Winter Camp professional staff director was Ric Wilkins.

Winter showed up in force for the 1982. Ice on the ground and a crisp breeze really made it fun and gave it a true Winter Camp feel. This Winter Camp once again was at Camp Cherokee. The 1980 group of 45 had and more than doubled to 115 Scouts in 1981 and quadrupled to 175 Scouts in 1982. More than 40 Arrowmen volunteered to assist in various areas. Members of the kitchen staff also taught merit badges and helped with maintenance at Cherokee preparing it for another year of summer camp.

This Winter Camp offered more merit badges than any other Winter Camp. Twenty-one merit badges were made available including archery, athletics, camping, canoeing, citizenship in the world, communications, cooking, emergency preparedness, environmental science, first aid, and wildlife management, Indian lore, nature, orienteering, pioneering, rowing, soil and water conservation and wilderness survival. Yes, canoeing and rowing were offered at camp even though there was ice on the water ice on the ground in the early-morning and it was cold.

The 1982 Winter Camp staff members included: Brad Benford, Harry Bubeck, Ray Chambers, Tom Christ, Chris Cormier, Marty Crawford, Clifton Dean, Larry Dean, Steve Dean, Jack Field, David Gribble, Jerry Gribble Jr., Scott Hancock, Brian Harvey, Mike Harvey, Doc Hearn, Bill O'Pry, Kelly Quinn, Kelly Reed, Pete Savage, professional staff adviser Ric Wilkins, Shawn Wilkins and Tony Woodard. Connie Killman, wife of Clements Scout Ranger Ken Killman, prepared the staff meals.

Winners of the Polar Bear Award were Bryan Adams, Val Cook, Doug Hancock, Pat Lacour, Joey Lamb and Kelly Reed. Troop 36 won the canoeing race. Troop 1681 won the rowing competition. Top shooters on the rifle range were from Troop 57, Troop 574, Troop 183 and Troop 835.

1983

Youth Scout Leader was Kelly Quinn.

Staff adviser was Harry Bubeck.

Professional staff adviser was Ric Wilkins.

A bitter winter turned the camp into a frozen tundra. Pipes were frozen, prompting the cancellation of camp. This was the only year Winter Camp was ever canceled.

1984

Youth Scout Leader was Kelly Quinn

Winter Camp adviser was Harry Bubeck

Winter Camp professional staff director was Ric Wilkins.

The 1984 Winter Camp at Camp Cherokee had mostly the same staff as the 1982 Winter Camp. Winter Camp cost went up from \$10 to \$12 for Scouts and \$6 for Scout leaders to cover patches, materials and insurance. Campsites in 1984 were on a first-come, first-serve basis, instead of being assigned in advance by the Council service center.

Areas opened to the campers in that included Scout craft, nature, field sports and the waterfront for canoeing and rowing instruction. The Horseback program was provided for Troops wishing to take rides, but no merit badges instructions was given.

Bill O'Pry once again did a special program for the adult leaders and bass fishing which was the highlight of the camp for the adults.

1985

Winter Camp Chairman was Kelly Quinn.

Winter Camp Adviser was David Davis.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser was Harry Bubeck.

Professional Staff Adviser Ric Wilkins.

Kelly Quinn was known as Reverend with the title of W.C. Chairman.

Dennis Welpé was known as the Executive Babysitter with the title of floater.

Ric Wilkins' nickname was the Prince of the Pines and had the title of King and Head Honcho.

The same merit badges were offered as at previous Winter Camps and the numbers grew even larger.

1986

Winter Camp Chairman was Scott Vornberg.

Winter Camp Staff Adviser was Harry Bubeck.

Professional Staff Adviser for Winter Camp was Ric Wilkins.

In 1986 once again had 200 Scouts and Scouters enjoying a nice cold Winter Camp with water temperatures of 45 degrees. Twenty-five hearty campers and staff members jumped into the water, turned boats upright to get the water out, got back in and rowed back to land as part of Rowing Merit Badge.

Polar Bear participants were from Troop 376, Troop 57, Troop 42, Troop 43, and Troop 754.

One special thing that a Scoutmaster that shall remain nameless will never forget was the trip around camp on the backboard that his Scouts used as part of their First Aid Merit Badge. Yes, he was tied to a backboard but they did so well they carried him upside down and he survived.

Another outstanding point of this Winter Camp was the Mountain Man program. It showed how to skin and cut the meat from a deer in the traditional old ways. The meat was used as part of their meals. The

adviser of the Mountain Man program was Mark Brown. He was assisted by staff members Boyd Pease and Mark Wornberg. Ranger Ken Killman would check in on them from time to time to ensure safety.

The nature area had and a new director, Chuck Haseman, assisted by Brian Bennett and Scott Allred.

The project for the camp this year was rebuilding the staff camping area for summer camp. Many Scouts and Scouters volunteered to help.



Brian Bennett



Jonathan Bailey



Will Dalzel

1987

Winter Camp Director Scott Vornberg.

Winter Camp Assistant Director Kevin Smith.

Winter Camp Adviser was Tim Woods.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser was Harry Bubeck.

Professional Winter Camp Adviser was Ric Wilkins.

Scoutcraft director was Tim Woods. Field Sports was Everett Paramore. Fred Cobot kept the rifle range safe. Director of archery was Dennis Welpe.

Mountain Man director was Mark Brown. Jason Smith was director of handcraft badges and leather work.

In the astronomy merit badge, something was taught that you don't see nowadays: how to determine North by charting the sun's shadow. This is very similar to a sundial.

And, yes, even though it was cold at Winter Camp with water temperature being up close to 45 degrees, they still offered Rowing Merit Badge, Canoeing Merit Badge and the Polar Bear Swim.

The Mikanakawan newsletter reports, "At one of the camp fires they had drizzle, but this did not stop or put a damper on the enthusiasm of the Scouts and staff. Lodge Chief Brian Bennett arrived to serve as the emcee, and Troops took the chance to even the scores with staff members, singing songs, and make fools of each other and themselves. The Mountain Men joined in for a while, sharing some of their experiences, relating to tales of the frontier, and other Indian dancing as a taste of the Mikanakawa 's upcoming Pow Wow. Bob Hooks and Lee Boyd headlined the performance."

1988

Winter Camp adviser was Harry Bubeck.

Winter Camp professional staff director was Ric Wilkins.

No information at this time.



Lee Dillard and Alfonso Silva



Lee Boyd

1989

Winter Camp Director was DeYo Leonard.

Winter Camp Assistant Director Jared Farley.

Winter Camp adult adviser was Russ Rose.

Winter Camp Professional Adviser Ric Wilkins.

With more than 200 Scouts and leaders in camp for the week, 35 staff members assisted in every way possible. Support staff in the kitchen included Rex Lewis, Ron Wallace, Bobby Brandon, Tom Blew, Steve Lewis and Scott Vornberg.

There was a wide variety of merit badge skills taught, including photography, environmental science, soil and water conservation, fish and wildlife management, nature, mammals, basketry, leatherwork, model design and building, and archery. Several of the Eagle-required merit badges were also taught.

Mark Brown and his staff gave a demonstration of how we used to live back in the 1800s by showing how the mountain men lived off of the land and didn't have a need for money. The Mountain Man area also prepared their own meals, and provided guests different types of food including deer jerky. The mountain men also dressed like the old mountain men would dress. By doing this, other Scouts wanted to dress the same way, this made it hard for Mr. Brown to pick a staff.

The camp had a cold Polar Bear Swim (water temperature was approximately 50 degrees). Other water sports merit badge including rowing and canoeing.

1990

Winter Camp Scout Lead Director was Jared Farley.

Winter Camp Assistant Director Dan Johnson.

Winter Camp Adviser was Harry Bubeck.

Winter Camp Professional Adviser was Ric Wilkins.

The 1990 Winter Camp started awfully cold with threats of bad weather to come. Due to the threatening weather conditions, Winter Camp closed one day early. Even so, the event was a tremendous success and was enjoyed by all.

The Mountain Man program was a success and added two new programs: blacksmith and Indian lore outfits-making. Amos Burdett instructed any and all Scouts and Scouters on the history of Indian outfits and the materials used to make the outfits in the 1800s.

Down at the waterfront, let's just say we had brave Scouts and Scout leaders in the conquest of that Polar Bear Swim patch. All survived even though the temperature was approximately 38 degrees. This was the coldest that it had been in more than 10 years at the camp.



1990 Winter Camp Staff

1991

Winter Camp Director Jared Farley.

Winter Camp Assistant Director was Henry Dawson.

Winter Camp Adviser was Dennis Welpé.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser was Harry Bubeck.

Winter Camp professional staff director was Ric Wilkins.

Winter Camp started a Trail-to-First-Class program run by Director John Richardson who was assisted by Barry Anderson.

The Mountain Men program was run once again by Mark Brown as Director with his assistant Danny King, Stewart Gills and many others outstanding Scouts and Scouters. Once again some of the most talked about parts of mountain men was how they were dressed, the type of food they ate and their living accommodations. Part of their living experience was how accurate they were with ax-throwing, knife-throwing and animal traps that were used at the time.

The normal amount of merit badges were done, and, yes, the Polar Bear Swim.

1992

Winter Camp Scout director was Henry Dawson.

Winter Camp adviser was John Richardson.

Winter Camp professional staff director was Ric Wilkins.

The logo of the camp for 1992 through 1995 was the Polar Bear.

Attendance in 1992 was 520 Scouts and Scouters with 40 staff members and 35 volunteers staff members from Troops. Camping was done like the National Jamboree and Philmont. The emphasis on this camp was to have fun in the afternoon after working on their merit badges in the morning.

Top area of interest in the afternoon was rifle and shotgun. Horseback-riding came in a close second.

Merit badges offered at camp covered all of the Eagle-required and others. The Polar Bear Swim was done as one of the last activities at camp. One of the adults taking part was Roger London of Troop 261 from Plano, Texas. He continues to swim the Polar Bear every year to this day.

1993

Winter Camp Scout director was Henry Dawson.

Winter Camp adviser was John Richardson.

Winter Camp professional staff director was Ric Wilkins.

Winter Camp outdid itself one more time. More than 40 Troops with 558 Scouts and Scout leaders participated in various activities.

Among the programs offered in 1993 was backpacking track, trail conservation, Texas certified hunters, and many other activities. One of the activities was the cope course where Scouts loved to climb to the tops of trees.



Travis Rubelee

1994

Winter Camp Scout director was Josh Migliazzo.

Winter Camp Adviser was John Richardson.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser John St. Denis.

Winter Camp professional staff director was Ric Wilkins.

The goal for 1994 was set to have 600 participants including Scouts and Scouters and 50 on staff.

Waiting program at it Winter Camp was computers, electronics was being introduced under the new technology merit badges. The adviser conditioning program was led by John St. Denis.



JR Richardson and Henry Dawson

1995

Winter Camp Scout director was Kenneth Wilkins.

Winter Camp adviser was John Richardson.

Winter Camp professional staff director was Ric Wilkins.

A new addition to Winter Camp was how to write a newsletter with the chief editor being R. Kirk McPike and his adviser John St. Denis. This was also part of computer merit batch.

The 1995 Winter Camp had 742 Scouts and Scouters and 78 staff.

1996

Winter Camp Scout Director was Lee Hinton.

Winter Camp Assistant Director was Aaron Sampson.

Winter Camp Adviser to Lee was Gene Smith.

Winter Camp Adviser to Aaron was Richard M. Phillips, Sr.

Winter Camp Professional staff Adviser/Director of Camping was Ric Wilkins.

Average temperature for camp in 1996 was 65°.

1996 Winter Camp attendance went over the top by having 773 Scouts and 127 staff members from 63 Circle 10 Troops and three out-of-council Troops. One of the Troops was from Houston.

The camp mascot was the Penguin. The patch design was submitted for approval but was denied because the Penguin and the Polar Bear had large handkerchiefs tied to the tops of their heads. The design was changed so that the Penguin and the Polar Bear no longer had handkerchiefs on top of their head.

A new program was introduced called Horsemanship and Horse Tracks. The horse track had 10 Scouts and two advisers. The Senior Adviser was Dale A. Phillips. To be able to complete the horse tracks and the Horsemanship Merit Badge, Scouts and their advisers departed camp the afternoon that they arrived and returned at 3 p.m. the day before departing camp. They cooked all their meals on the trail, made shelters when they had bad weather, and slept under the stars. The winter weather was nice.

Some 1205 merit badges or partials were earned in areas ranging from business technology, safe hunters education, handicraft, and many other merit badges.

1996 was known as the camp that sent half the camp home with the flu. It was found out the day after registration was completed that the assistant director Aaron Sampson had the flu during all of registration and talked with many Scouters before being sent home.

A new program was added that had been part of the Mountain Man which was now known as the Indian village. The Scout director was Chris Sanders and his adviser was his dad John Sanders. Indian Lore Merit Badge and Leatherworking Merit Badge were taught in the Indian Village. They also had Indian Fry bread, fried corn (not popcorn), and other Indian type foods. The staff and their advisers wore Indian outfits during the whole week and stayed in teepees.

Roger London was recognized for his double and triple duty at Winter Camp that year. Outside of helping the camp in teaching nine merit badges, helping with maintenance and serving on the rifle range for safety, he was also the Scoutmaster of Troop 261.



1997

Winter Camp Scout Director was Lee Hinton.

Winter Camp Assistant Director was Aaron Sampson.

Winter Camp Adviser to Lee & Aaron was Gene Smith.

Winter Camp Assistant Scout director for registration and administration duties was Dan Townsend.

Winter Camp Adviser for registration and administrative duties was
Richard M. Phillips, Sr.

Winter Camp Professional staff Adviser/Director of Camping was Ric Wilkins.

There were no reports of flu in camp or immediately after camp.

The weather condition for camp was you got up in the morning, dressed for icy cold weather and by noon put on a T-shirt and shorts with the temperature of about 73 degrees.

Another breaking-record for Winter Camp with 981 campers and more than 120 staff members.

They switched from using motorized vehicles to golf carts called gators to get around camp. One of the problems we had was with our Scout Director, Lee Hinton, who could not keep from running over trees. Lee was given the nickname "watch out for that tree".

Gene Smith was given the nickname "I'm way too happy with way too little sleep" and then assistant adviser Richard Phillips was given the nickname "Santa Claus" and also was known as the night owl.

Fifty Scouts other than staff spent the night in Mountain Man and 25 Scouts spent the night in the Indian Village. During their time in the Indian Village, 12 Arrowmen completed their brotherhood.

At the closing camp fire, director Lee Hinton announce that he was stepping down as director for 1998 and announced that the new director would be Ken Utz, Jr. and his advisers would be Russell George and Richard Donelson.

1998

Winter Camp Director Cody Baun.

Winter Camp Assistant Director for Programs was Ken Utz, Jr.

Winter Camp Lead Adviser Russell George.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser Richard Donelson.

Winter Camp Professional Adviser Jordan Ray.

Program Director Dan Townsend.

Staff/Business Director Cody Bann.

Adviser to all of the Advisers of the week was Monika "Fuzzy" Kriechbaum.

The camp mascot was the Walrus, and the camp motto was "Coo-Coo-C'Choo!"

Basic Winter Camp cost was \$17.

Activities for the week was merit badge sessions, Indian Village, Mountain Man camp, Cope Course, fishing, nature museum, rifle, shotgun, archery and many others, including the week-long horse trek and backpacking.

Some of the activities included: Taste of Cherokee, Frisbee Golf, patch trading, patch designing, Polar Bear Swim.

A callout ceremony and the Brotherhood took place. The Indian Village.

1999

Winter Camp Director Ken Utz, Jr.

Winter Camp Assistant Director for Programs was Eric Becker.

Winter Camp Lead Adviser Russell George.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser Richard Donelson.

Winter Camp Professional Adviser Jordan Ray.

Program Director Dan Townsend.

Staff/Business Director Cody Bann.

A new attendance record for Winter Camp was set on December 27, 1999, with 1,400 Scouts and Scouters and 135 staff members of which 40 were volunteers from Troops.

The 1999 fee for Winter Camp was still \$17 and this included a patch, insurance, program supplies, and 10 rounds of .22 rifle ammunition and targets.

Programs that were offered included rifle and shotgun shooting, archery, fishing, night-time hikes and night-time astronomy.

A new program called " Show and Do" allowed each Troop to have something in their camp area for Scouts and Scouters to do or be able to taste a special dish. Some of the Troops would even have a program in the afternoon for the whole camp such as a game. Sometimes, there would be a camp-wide contest that would include the waterfront activity area and shooting sports.

Also offered to Scouts and Scouters in 1999 was wilderness first aid and CPR certification. Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense, and Youth Protection were available free to all Scout Leaders.

2000

Winter Camp Director Ken Utz, Jr.

Winter Camp Assistant Director for Programs was Eric Becker

Winter Camp Lead Adviser Russell George.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser Richard Donelson.

Winter Camp Professional Adviser Jordan Ray

Mascot for the Winter Camp 2000 was a Snowman.

The fee for Winter Camp was still \$17, but as a new incentive to register early, the fee for registering late at the door was set at \$21. By doing this they were able to get a better count of food so that they would be able to have enough supplies and different items in the trading post. .

Repelling/climbing was done at the new climbing tower across from the dining hall. It was nice enough to have sports challenges of flag football, volleyball and cross-country running. Many brought their bikes and rode them around camp. Some didn't quite make it up the hill to the campsites behind the pool and trading post so they had to walk the bikes from that point. Coming down from the campsites on the hill on a bike was very fast and some of them didn't quite control the turns, bolted over and slid across the sand.

It was cold, but we had fun.

2001

Winter Camp Director Dan Townsend.

Winter Camp Assistant Director for Programs was Brandon Bubeck.

Winter Camp Assistant Director for Business was Ricky Pierce.

Winter Camp Adviser Richard Donelson.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser Dr. Carter Hallmark.

Winter Camp Professional Adviser Jordan Ray.

Mascot for the camp was an Indian chief head with a bonnet.

Cost for the camp was \$20 paid by December 1, otherwise a late fee of \$25 was charged.

Outside of the merit badges programs offered by day was "Aqua Thursday", Winter Camp Olympics, blastoff rockets, Climbing and Repelling, Taste of Cherokee, short-term trail- biking, and much more activities for all.

2002

Winter Camp Director was Brandon Ledbetter.

Winter Camp Assistant Director and Programs was Jay Foster.

Winter Camp Assistant Director and Business was Kevin Fielder.

Winter Camp Adviser was Dr. Carter Hallmark.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser for Programs was Randy Griffeth, Sr.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser for Business was Greg Hughes.

Winter Camp Associate Lodge Adviser Richard E. Donaldson.

Winter Camp Professional Adviser Jordan Ray.

Camp attendance was 1,500 Scouts and Scouters and 170 staff members to present an effective program.

2003

Winter Camp Director was Billy Lockridge.

Winter Camp Assistant Director and Programs was Chris Fenton.

Winter Camp Assistant Director and Business was Kevin Fielder.

Winter Camp Adviser was Dr. Carter Hallmark.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser for Programs was Greg Hughes.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser for Business was Kevin Fielder, Sr.

Winter Camp Associate Lodge Adviser Richard E. Donaldson.

Winter Camp Professional Adviser Jordan Ray.

Winter Camp attendance was more than 1,400 what an awesome staff of 150 Arrowmen presenting a fantastic program and merit badges.

Weather was good except for the second day of camp when 180 Scouts and Scouters took part in the polar bear swim.

2004

Winter Camp Director was Billy Lockridge.

Winter Camp Assistant Director and Programs was Chris Fenton.

Winter Camp Assistant Director and Business was Josh Lindsey.

Winter Camp Adviser was Greg Hughes.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser for Programs was David Lindsey.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser for Business was Michael Larson.

Winter Camp Associate Lodge Adviser Richard E. Donaldson.

Winter Camp Professional Adviser Michael Hunt.

This Winter Camp set a new record in attendance of over 1,700 and 241 staff members. Some 92 Troops out of which 12 Troops were out-of-council, some coming from Oklahoma and Louisiana.

2005

Winter Camp Director was Zach Francis.

Winter Camp Assistant Director and Programs was Adam Hunter.

Winter Camp Assistant Director and Business was Josh Lindsey.

Winter Camp Adviser was Greg Hughes.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser for Programs was David Lindsey.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser for Business was Michael Larson.

Winter Camp Associate Lodge Adviser Richard E. Donaldson.

Winter Camp Professional Adviser Michael Hunt.

The unofficial mascot for 2005 was the Duck.

Among the activities was a patch exhibit and a class on how to trade patches for youth and adults. One of the main points was to teach youth trade with youth and adults trade with adults.

For many campers, Winter Camp is the highlight of the camping year. The coolest place to be is Winter Camp at Clements Scout Ranch.

The Indian Village was the site for ceremonies, including a call-out and a Brotherhood.

2006

No information at this time

2007

No information at this time.

2008

Winter Camp Director was Adam Hunter.

Winter Camp Assistant Co - Director and Programs was Cody Achimon.

Winter Camp Assistant Co - Director and Programs was Trevor Hodges.

Winter Camp Professional Adviser and to the Director Russell Etzenhouser.

Winter Camp Professional Adviser Travis Taber.

Clements Scout Ranch once again had more than 1,800 Scouts and Scouters and 200-plus staff for the week.

In addition to a week of fun merit badges and Eagle-required merit badges, there was also a Pow Wow and sled races.

2009

Winter Camp Director was Cody Achimon.

Winter Camp Assistant Director and Programs was Winter Camp Director was Zach Francis.

Winter Camp Assistant Director and Programs was Adam Hunter.

Winter Camp Assistant Director and Business was Josh Lindsey.

Winter Camp Adviser was Greg Hughes.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser for Programs was David Lindsey.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser for Business was Michael Larson.

Winter Camp Associate Lodge Adviser Richard E. Donaldson.

Winter Camp Adviser to the Director and Programs was Matt Walker.

Winter Camp Professional Adviser Travis Taber.

The theme for this camp was Western.

Activities were centered around the old Western days with dress, food, play, and living. All of these activities were done after the merit badge classes in the morning.

Afternoon activities included "Great Sled Race", and a cook-off featuring cookies, beans and chili.

One of the most popular courses in 2009 was the Wilderness Extreme Survival (better known to some as W. E. S.) Course that was offered. This course spans the entirety of Winter Camp and provides a great experience for all for participants. Each participant upon completion met the qualifications for earning the wilderness survival merit badge, and learned techniques to be used in first aid, cooking, and emergency orienteering and navigation, shelter-building both above ground and below ground.

The North Texas area is made up of more than 10 Indian tribes, and Clements Scout Ranch and Camp Cherokee love to host any and all Native American Indians to the beautiful James Sweat Indian Village. This village was so named after James Sweat Jr. after he passed away. James had been the Lodge Chief and dearly loved Indian dancing and Indian lore.

2010

Winter Camp Director was Cody Achimon.

Winter Camp Assistant Director was Jack "Blue" McAdams.

Winter Camp Assistant Director and Programs was Justin Carson.

Winter Camp Adviser to the Director's was Dr. Wade Graves.

Winter Camp Professional Adviser Travis Taber.

No information at this time.

2011

Winter Camp Director was Cody Achimon.

Winter Camp Assistant Director was Jack "Blue" McAdams.

Winter Camp Assistant Director and Programs was Justin Carson.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser for Programs was Harry Bubeck.

Winter Camp Assistant Adviser for Business was Bill O'Neal.

Winter Camp Professional Adviser Scott Arrington.

No information at this time

2012

Winter Camp Assistant Co - Director and Programs was Cooper Blount.

Winter Camp Assistant Co - Director and Business was Nathan Bubeck.

Winter Camp Assistant Director of Morning Program was Carlos Ochoa.

Winter Camp Assistant Director of Afternoon Program was Rasheed Furlow.

Winter Camp Assistant Director of Evening Program was Sam Bubeck.

Winter Camp Adviser to the Director of Programs was Harry Bubeck.

Winter Camp Adviser to the Director of Business was Bill O'Neal.

Winter Camp Professional Adviser Scott Arrington.

No information at this time

2013

Winter Camp Adviser to the Director was Bill O'Neal.

Winter Camp Professional Adviser Scott Arrington.

No information at this time

2014

Camp Director – Don Birdsong

Professional Advisor – Scott Arrington

Youth Camp Director – Dylan Chan

Winter Camp Advisor – Bill O'Neal

OA Bistro – David Johnson

Camp Commissioner – Dee Miller

Mountain Man – Ernie Janecka

Indian Village – Jim Schwab

MM Youth Lead – Christian Kelly

IV Youth Lead – Jeff Hodgkiss

Lumber Jack – Steve Porter

Wood Turning – Tim Conard

LJ Youth Lead – Tim Seitz

Climbing Tower – Josh Scott

Shooting Sports – Ken Niederer

Trading Post - Bruce Bryant

900 Scouts - 300 Scout Leaders - 220 OA Staff Members

40 Merit Badges - TFC Area - Trading Post - OA Bistro

3 Reenactment Areas – Indian Village, Mountain Man, Lumber Jack

3 Program Areas – Wood Turning, Climbing Tower, Shooting Sports

Afternoon Activities/Contest – 5K Races, Caveman Golf, Dutch Oven Cooking Contest, Shooting Contest and Tug of War.

Evening Activities – Pow Wow, Brotherhood Ceremony, BBQ Dinner

Winter Camp is the largest single event that Circle Ten Council has for our Troops. Our week started off strong with an exceptional staff reporting to camp the day after Christmas. The camp was truly a buzz with the activities of setting up the program areas for the incoming Troops. The next morning tents were going up and the camp sites began to make Camp Trevor Reece Jones look like a small East Texas town in just a few short hours.

Camp began with an excellent opening camp fire conducted by our youth staff. After a good nights' rest camp shifted into high gear and everyone was hitting on all eight cylinders. Our commissioners were out visiting troops and giving direction to lost Scouts. Staffers were in place and presenting the first day of activities and merit badges for the morning. Our reenactment areas were exposing campers to how life would be living as a Mountain Man, Native American and as a Lumber Jack. In the Mountain Man area; Scouts learned about making black powder bullets, throwing tomahawks, and having a great time in our new cantina. Our Indian Village staff showed campers Native American crafts, history, and traditions. In our newest area, Lumber Jacks got campers involved in using a one-man and two-man buck saws, and then they tried their luck on the log role. After lunch, the scheduled afternoon activities were in full swing. That evening our OA drum and Native American Dancers welcomed us with the largest Pow Wow ever conducted at Winter Camp. "Whew," all that, and that was just day one.

The next two days were just as active as the first; the evening of day two our OA Ceremony Team conducted a Brotherhood Ceremony for 22 newly sealed members. On our final night, our very own OA Bistro prepared a BBQ dinner fit for any Texan to enjoy. We finished camp up with an enlightening closing camp fire conducted by our youth staff, and a showing of the OA hot air balloon that lit up the East Texas starry sky. I can go on and on about Winter Camp and how wonderful it was, but the people are what made it such a huge success.



The history of Circle 10 Winter Camp run by Mikanakawa Lodge 101 will continue to be updated as information comes in and can be edited into the next edition. So for updates, if you have any information about any of the years please send them either by land or by email to the Lodge historian Harry Bubeck, harry@texasbubecks.com, 469-235-1257.

Information came from the Scouts and Scouters, the Lodge newsletter, John Richardson, Ric Wilkins, Gene Smith, Harry Bubeck and David C. Scott, Richard E. Donaldson, Richard M. Phillips, Sr., and from the museum at Camp Wisdom, including records for Daddy Wisdom.



- **Cheerful Service**

By Peter McNabb and Tick Hayes

The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service has, at times, been criticized for emphasizing too much the Brotherhood and the cheerfulness--at the expense of the service. But such criticism is often levied unfairly.

Even in the earliest days of the Mikanakawa Lodge, service to others was the capstone for which the Lodge strived. Arrowmen at the time were mainly Camp Wisdom staffers. Thus, the line between service as a camp staffer and service as an Arrowmen could easily become cloudy. But the staffers who were always there to pitch in above the call of duty were, invariably, Arrowmen.

In the late 1940's, Mikanakawa Lodge Arrowmen were instrumental in taming the then-primitive Camp Constantin to become a suitable place where younger Scouts could camp.

From this point forward, Circle 10 Council always knew they could count on the Mikanakawa Lodge to come through for them in service to the camps. Ordeals became more work oriented. And Ordeal candidates began to realize from their earliest experiences in the OA the important role they played building quality camps for all to enjoy.

As adult leader Asa Leger recalls, "We instilled in new Arrowmen a chance to leave a camp a lot better than they found it."

In the mid-1960's, Circle 10 Council was given the land in East Texas where the Clements Scout Reservation now rests. This land had been timber country and was starting to run low on trees. Once again, Circle 10 turned to the Mikanakawa Lodge. And the Lodge began what has now become the Annual Clements Scout Reservation Tree Plant. Those trees--many full-grown by now--are helping to preserve the land from erosion and ensure its beauty for Scouts of today and tomorrow.

Another Lodge Super Service Project in the 1960's took place--not at a camp--but on Anson Road. For years, the council had existed without its own building. But in the mid-1960's plans were made for the construction of the present-day headquarters on Anson Road. The Lodge helped out considerably, clearing the land for the Scout Headquarters or brush, trees and junk.

In the 1980s, service in the Mikanakawa Lodge has borrowed a page from the 1920's. Each May, a group of Scouts and Scouters turns out at Camp Wisdom for White Sharks Weekend. They make repairs to the camp that normally would be costly and time-consuming--if not impossible--for the camp ranger to handle on his own.

But over the years, the Mikanakawa Lodge hasn't been limiting itself to improving camps and clearing land.

Camp Promotion has been a big part of the Lodge's contribution to Scouting. Tens of thousands of young Scouts have come to camps after first hearing about the camps through slide programs presented by Mikanakawa Lodge members.

Since 1980, the Mikanakawa Lodge has organized and staffed Winter Camp at Camp Wisdom. (See chapter on Winter Camp.) It is held for five days between Christmas and New Year's Day. Troops provide their own tents and adult leadership. Mikanakawa Lodge members provide the merit badge programs and evening activities. Mikanakawa Lodge Staff Advisor Ric Wilkins brought the Winter Camp concept to Circle 10 Council and the Lodge quickly latched on to it. Winter Camp has grown in recent years to attract nearly 2,000 campers per year. But service in the OA has not been limited to projects involving the outdoors. And one of the most memorable projects ever undertaken by Mikanakawa Lodge members did nothing to help the Boy Scouts.

It started in 1965 and is best depicted in the following article which ran in the Spring 1966 edition of The Mikanakawan. It reads:

Teddy--Llanos Clan Project

One year and three months ago, the Llanos Clan was asked to help a little girl who wasn't quite as fortunate as most girls. This little girl was born with extensive brain damage and since birth some eight years ago she has not been able to talk or walk. The boys gladly pitched in and began a program of giving physical therapy to Teddy. These exercises require five boys to come every night and move her arms, legs and head in a similar pattern to swimming for two five-minute periods with a 30-minute rest in between. The Clan has it set up in such a way that a boy has to come once every two weeks on a certain night, which makes a total of about 60 boys working on the project.

When the boys began the service, Teddy was rated as being eight days old in brain usage, and she is now rated at 19 months. The boys have been with it now for a little over 15 months, and they plan to do it another 15 months if that is what it takes. This is truly a most rewarding and worthwhile service project.

The 1990s brought to Circle 10 the Granddaddy of all projects undertaken by the Lodge, the Jim Ince Amphitheatre. The Amphitheatre is the brainchild of Bob E. Little, George Miller, and Jim Ince, together they realized Camp Wisdom needed a location for the Scouts to meet for special events and ceremonies.



Jim Ince



Jim Ince and Paul Cookson

After determining a suitable location, jack hammers were used to clear the way for the pouring of more than 50,000 cubic yards of concrete. “Maintenance free” was the buzz word used during the project. Any idea discussed had to be under the scrutiny of being maintenance free. The facility was built to accommodate 750 people and will be used for years to come.

Even before it became mandatory, handicap access was provided. Hand rails were included in the original design and the Lodge now has this on its radar to complete in the future.

The Amphitheatre project truly tested the resolve and dedication of the members of the Lodge. Using volunteer workers, the project took more than nine years to complete. It is interesting to note Jim Ince took early retirement so he could begin working almost every day for the last year leading to completion.

The 1990s also brought into existence the Camp Wisdom Indian Village for Cub World. This was a three-year project that provided teepees, medicine lodges, ceremony rings, an archery range, and other smaller projects. This area has been putting the smiles on the faces of scouts and leader since its completion in 1999. It is a frequent place to hold Arrow of Light and Crossover ceremonies.

In 2001, the Lodge renovated and dedicated the James Sweat II Indian Village at Camp Cherokee (now Camp Trevor-Rees Jones). James Sweat II passed away on August 6, 2001 at the age of 18 after a yearlong battle with cancer. We were fortunate to have James serve as the Lodge Chief for the Mikanakawa Lodge for two years, 1999 and 2000. James led with his heart and a maturity beyond his years. He provided a cornerstone for the youth program overseeing the largest Section II Conclave at Camp Wisdom in 2000 and led the largest contingent to date at the 2000 NOAC.



Harry Bubeck, Dr. Wade Graves, Aubrey Leveridge, Beau Bratcher and Gene Stone.



The Sweat family with Harry Bubeck

The Lodge also renovated the old Staff Lounge at Camp Cherokee into the new Mikanakawa Training Lodge. This involved more than 2,500 man-hours from more than 90 different volunteers. It was finished in time to turn it over to the camp for the 2009 summer season.



Tim Conard and Matt Walker



Rusty Follis, Carter Hallmark, Chuck Wagner and Ricky Watson Sr.



North Star Building



North Star Building



Ernie Janecka

In **2010** the Lodge recognized a dangerous situation on the Governor's Trail at Camp Meisenbach, due to a water crossing the trail left camp and placed the hikers on a 2 lane highway with no shoulder and cars traveling 60 miles an hour. The reality was this one impediment prevented the trail from regular use. Knowing that the Lodge had 2 graduates of the 2009 NOAC Arrowman Conservation School, Reese Knox and Ken Meaders along with Greg Krieg and Mark Bouma for construction expertise Tim Conard put together a group of Miki volunteers and installed a 40 foot steel and concrete bridge. In addition to the bridge a wooden walkway was installed to allow passage through a fairly large swampy area. This project was the result of the first National Service Grant the Lodge had received.



Conard Bridge

In **2012** the Lodge had the chance to use the experience learned on the Conard Bridge to build a 2nd bridge at Camp James Ray. Ranger David Carson was interested in establishing a hiking trail on the West side of camp and gaining access to over 300 acres to hike in. The ravine to cross meant another 40 foot steel and concrete bridge was to be built. This led to the award of the second National Service Grant for the Lodge. Mark Bouma again provided the construction expertise and was joined by Niklas Hayes as the youth lead. Several failed attempts at getting a concrete truck on a weekend led to a weekday pour. Thankfully the OUTSTANDING Summer Camp Staff volunteered on the Wednesday before the start of Summer Camp to help with this activity. Due to the sandy soil the concrete truck was stationed near the main road and the concrete was transported by Ranger Carson and a neighbor in the front of their tractor buckets. Near the bridge end 4 wheelbarrows were placed together so the concrete could be dumped. The wheelbarrows then took the concrete another 50 feet to dump on the bridge.



Perrin Bridge

In **2013** a Scoutmaster Lounge was built at Camp James Ray. An enclosed area for Scoutmasters was long overdue and with the new Dining Hall in place there was room at the old Dining Hall. Led by Bill Heaton a group of adult candidates framed the walls for their Ordeal. The rest of that day and part of the next the siding, insulation, and sheetrock was installed. Over the next couple of months on various weekends a great group of volunteers finished the project. A special thank you to Steve Healy for his time and effort.



Rory Costigan, Lukas Hayes, Hayden Meeks, Tim Meeks



Projection Wall at Camp James Ray Staff Lounge

In **2013** theLodge took on another large project. The renovation of the Staff Lounge at Camp Constantin. Unforeseen at the time was the challenge for volunteer help due to the distance and the price gasolinn had risen to. Beginning with the August Ordeal the gutting of the building kicked things off. Although not finished it was to a point where the Summer Camp Staff could use it that year. Although the floor was not on the original list with a little scope creep it became part of the project. With the help of John Byrne, Tick Hayes, Libby Odom, and Gordon Robinson the old floor was scraped up over 2 long weekends. Gaining support with the help of some very good people the Staff Lounge was ready for the Summer Staff of 2015.

VII. Lodge Achievements and Awards

- **Vigil Honor**

By Bill Jordan and David Lindsey



The annual banquet for the Mikanakawa Lodge met in late December of 1948 at the

Central Presbyterian Church in downtown Dallas with approximately 100 members present. At that meeting, Bill Jordan, an unknown Ordeal member of 16 months, was elected Lodge Chief for 1949 on the recommendation of Charles Rutledge, Circle Ten Camping Director. Fortunately, Jordan had a strong officer team of Donald Eastland, Don McCauley, Gene Long, Ed Lindsey and Frank "Bud" Haynes. They were mentored by the experienced Lodge Advisor, Tom Fowler, and his assistant, George Stepter.

In addition to this group being charged with the normal overseeing of the Lodge, they also undertook designing and having made the first Lodge patch, preparing for the organizing of Clans and attending an Area OA Conference for the first time. This conference was in the summer of 1949 in San Antonio. The greatest information our attendees learned was how to make application to get the Vigil Honor included in our Lodge. The speaker in this session was M.N. Leavitt, Camping Director of the host Alamo Council. Mr. Leavitt later was on the staff of Circle Ten Council and was inducted as a Vigil Honor member.

Mr. Fowler, after five years of outstanding service from overseeing the re-starting of the Lodge after World War Two, planning the expansion of the Lodge to include Clans and establishing the presence of the Vigil Honor, retired at the end of 1949.

At the 1949 annual meeting, Jordan was re-elected Lodge Chief with Mike Murphy, Robert Allison, Ira Whittenberg, Ronald Peel and Bill Abernathy filling the other elected positions. Phil Paul Sr. agreed to become the Lodge Adviser and contributed greatly to the Lodge's success for the next 10 years. It was this group that did most of the leg work on initiating the Vigil Honor. They served as the selection committee for the first Vigil class which consisted of Jennings D. (J.D.) Ross, E.E. Collins, Dr. Wesley Burgess and Joe D. McAdams.

Circle Ten Council did not have a Vigil Honor member on its staff and called on the service of Joe Galbraith, a Vigil Honor member and professional Scout Executive from San Angelo to do the honor of inducting our first Mikanakawa Lodge Vigil Honor members.

The four candidates met with the Lodge Advisor and Lodge Officers for dinner at the downtown Dallas El Fenix on the evening prior to the annual banquet. After dinner, we adjourned to Camp Wisdom on a cold and rainy night for the Vigil ceremony to begin. After a brief period of fellowship, Mr. Galbraith and the candidates were left alone for the solemn ceremony. This first class of Vigil Honor members in the Mikanakawa Lodge was introduced and honored at the banquet the following night.

There were no members inducted in 1951, but many have kept the Vigil since that time.

Mikanakawa Lodge Vigil names legacy

The naming of new Vigil members is a new threshold into the rites of the vigil honor. This is taken seriously by current Vigil members and the committee. Sometimes different circumstances come into play when a name is being considered for a new member.

Over the years, Mikanakawa Lodge as had the tradition of naming Vigil Honor members by using legacies when applicable. This has been done by family, chapter, other Lodges, history and incidents that have occurred over the years. These names may seem insignificant on the surface, but a little investigation into the meaning and history usually comes up with a deeper meaning or maybe a funny story. Usually on Vigil weekend, the highlight of the weekend is presenting the new Vigil names and to hear the older Vigil members tell the stories of how the legacy started and continued to the present day.

Here are a few examples.

Legacy through a chapter:

Any arrowman from the old Yellowhorse District or Canupa Chapter will probably have the yellowhorse, horse, pony, colt, etc.

Chase Carey	Cheerful Yellowhorse Wrangler
Hugh Brown	Yellow Horse Medicine Man
Nick Gillespie	Supersonic Colt
Sheri Robson	Yellow Horse of Great Vision

Any of the Okicyapi Chapter will usually have the Thunderbird attached:

Keith Nathan	Sarcastic Thunderbird
Joseph Nathan	Magnetic Thunderbird
Toby Dunlap	Redneck Thunderbird

Malia Cones will have the Turtle totem associated with their Vigil names-

Matthew Kolodoski Long Winded Turtle

Chris Fenton Chief of The Turtles

Greg Bennett Wired Turtle

As time and generations have come and gone, the names of legacies have been handed down through a family. Some as many as three generations. Some from father-to-son, brother-to-brother, some from son-to-father.

Don Lindsey Sr. – Firey Yellowhorse to Don Lindsey, Jr. – Yellow Colt to David Lindsey – Foal of The Yellowhorse to Joshua Lindsey – Dancing Yellowhorse. This one covers 3 generations.

Mark Stoddard – bitter root to brother Eric Stoddard – little root to son Thomas Stoddard – Ent Root.

As a reverse legacy from son to father is Michael Thompson – Friar Tuck to Scott Thompson – Father Tuck.

Humor may contribute to some such as:

Harry Bubeck – He Who Ropes Goats to his sons Brandon – He Who Inherits Goats - to Sam – Patch Trading Goat Roper – to Nathan- He Who Marches With Goats. Also three youth from the Bubeck’s Troop 42 troop are part the the legacy:

Carlos Vielma - Goats Horn

Evan Wilcox - Goats Hoof

Scott Canada Rope of The Goat

The leadership positions in the Lodge have contributed to the tradition of the legacy. The Recording Secretary or Vice Chief of administration has always had the Woodpecker Monniker-

Jordan Francis Diligent Pecking Turtle

Jason Mccoy Crazy Pecking Horse

David Denning Hard Working Woodpecker

Some other leaders have some obvious names associated with their positions-

Chipper Haynes	Chip of the Chief
Cody Robson	Chief Prancing Pony
Billy Gamble	Chief Who Prepares a Trail

Never are any names as unique as the ones who come from an incident or story from an OA event or trip. These names have a story behind them and are told for many years to come. Some are proud of these names, some not so, take Joseph Nathan for instance-

At NOAC 2004, Joseph Nathan was playing with magnetic blinking Texas trinkets before the evening show. Not to be out done by other Arrowmen attaching them to ears, hats, shirts, Joseph decided to attach to his nose. If one wasn't good enough, two would definitely be better. Not immediately picking up on the polarity of magnets.....after a visit to the health lodge to see a doctor for assistance to dig them from the nether reaches of his nasal cavities, all was resolved. And his new Vigil name was born: Magnetic Thunderbird.

Another incident that will be remembered fondly comes from Ricky Pierce who was part of the Key 3 at Winter Camp. After putting in many hours of diligent duty and restraining his urge to relieve himself, he finally relented and retreated to the latrine with radio in tow. After many attempts to raise him via walkie-talkie, he finally responded that he was not available due to "dangling feet." Thus the Willing Worker with Dangling Feet was born.

Due to an anonymous photo of a rather hideous advisor that slept in a rather abnormal manner, Greg Hughes has been labeled as the turtle who sleeps in a cave.

Another anomaly that has occurred over the years has been a way to associate a Vigil name with a profession of an arrowman.

Jim Ince worked a lot with IBM computers and was named Industrious Bear Man. Carter Hallmark, a dentist, was given the name Numbing Doctor. Sheri Robson, an optometrist by trade is known as the Yellowhorse of Great Vision. Scott Frank, who is rather tall (over 6-foot-5) and works in the technology sector is known as Giant Gigaturtle.

No one will ever know all the stories and all the tales that go into the backgrounds of names, the making of names and the overall thinking of how to name an arrowman. Most times in the Mikanakawa Lodge, we will tie an event, position or attitude to a new Vigil member. This makes for a great re-telling

of Vigil events for years to come. Never have we tried to be malicious in these names. We have even been philosophical at times.

Take U.S . Representative Pete Sessions who was given the name Buffalo Who Roams the Hill (Capitol Hill). Or take Willy Robson who turned around Canupa Chapter in the late 1990s and early 2000s. He is aptly named – Advisor Who Energized the Horse. Former camp ranger Bruce Cutting was named Organized Super Ranger. Another well-placed name is Far-Seeing Brazos Eagle that belongs to Jack Furst who went from Constantin summer camp staff to serve today on the Boy Scouts of America National Committee.

Speaking of summer camp staff....that has always had a place in our hearts for the beginnings of a good vigil name. Look at:

Leroy Tetens as Cherokee Snapping Turtle
Tim Hyde as Wisdom Worker
Steven Sticking as Cherokee Charley
Travis Taber as Skiing Buccaneer.

There are some names out there that we can only guess? Where on earth and why would that be a Vigil names like.....Big Pan, Two Ply, Spice, or Abacus? I guess we would have to find the source to really know the whole story.

Sometimes you see a Vigil name and you think... “Man, I would certainly like to know how he got that name”! Here are a few examples:

Brian Bennett as Scurrying Squirrel
Mazel Merrill as Amazing Horned Maize Raiser
Ben Stephenson as Camp Chief Who Returns Unharmd
Alvin Gamel as Unextinguishable Flaming Torch

Other instances there is no discussion needed, you can sometimes look at a name and tell everything you need to know about a person or incident. Maybe a snicker or two if you actually know that person.

Myron Shoemaker - He Who Cuts Himself

William Clark - Brave with Hand In Many Pies

Mark Vornberg - Rider of the Loose Saddle

Ben Clemens - Owl Who Wears Taped Up Moccasins

Some names start out with noble intentions and seem to get sidetracked in one way or another:

Bryan Heard – Trash Talking Buffalo

Phillip Howie – Fire Fighting Goose Lover

Aaron Sampson- Wind in His Pants

Leroy Taylor- Knife Carrying Thumb Cutter

Even some of our registration staff has become renown in the legend of Vigil legacies. What started out with one person has permeated the entire ordeal registration team and they seem to be proud of this accomplishment. These are somewhat in chronological order.

Paula Parrack – First Line of Defense

Jimmy Francis – Second Line of Defense

Frank Parrack – Bottom Line of Defense

Erica Claborn-Thunderbird Line of Defense

We in Mikanakawa Lodge Vigil circles like to see ourselves as a close-knit group and look out for one another. Some members who cannot seem to make other events due to work, school or life in general will usually make it back to Vigil weekend. This weekend brings out the best in what an Arrowman should be and represent. The Vigil legacy has become an important part of that weekend and we hope it encourages others to follow the trail of the Vigil honor with pride and joy. Humor is never the most important reason for the legacy, but it can certainly play a role as we have seen here.

Listed below are some of the Mikanakawa Vigils with unique--sometimes embarrassing--English translations of their Vigil names. A complete listing of Mikanakawa Lodge Vigils can be found in the Appendix.

Bill Clark (who held numerous leadership positions including 1986 Section Chief)--Brother Who Has Hand In Many Pies

Steven Dean--Warrior Who Talks To Self

Rick Diaforli (a disco buff and Ordeal Advisor in the 1970's)--Rubber Band Man

David Denning--Hard-Working Woodpecker

Eddie Denning--Farsighted Woodpecker

Glenn Dyer--Perfect Packing Woodpecker

Al Gamel--Unextinguishable Flaming Torch (or The Owl Who Bitches)

Randy Griffeth (quite a Cber at one time)--Good Buddy

Paul Heath--Quivering Bumper of Gums

Jesse Hinkel--He Who Comes Back From Dump

Charles Johnson (who always wore cowboy boots)--Tall Moccasins

Russell Keene--Flamboyant Heckler

Keith Kendall--Long-Legged Weasel

David King--Stone Head

Mike Lallier--Bad Tempered Woosie

Al Lee--Camp Finder

Rex Lewis--the Galloping Gourmet

Dan Levy--Bearded Turtle

Walter Marquardt--Chip of the Buffalo

Jack McKinney--Smiling Lazy Boy

David McPherson--Expectant Buffalo

Russell Owen Jr.--Faithful Dog

Russell Owen Sr.--Old Faithful

Shane Phillips--Fair-Haired Flopper

Bert Pigg--Animal Noise

Brian Reel (who worked at Braum's while holding two OA positions)--Double Dipper

Lon Sailors--Bald Eagle

C.W. Schimelpfenig--(former Lodge financial advisor) Teller of the Bottom Line

Henry Stampfer Sr.--Noisy Frog

Roy Stephens--White Buffalo Breechcloth

Lee Roy Tetens (a former camp ranger)--Cherokee Snapping Turtle

Edmund Truszowski--Old Sash

Ralph Truszowski--Dirty Sash

Donnie Tullis (a big man in many ways)--Beaming Brother

Chuck Wagner--Wily Western Warrior (WWW)

Steve Jung— Gift Giver

Scott Arrington-- Gray Owl of Many Camps

Wade Graves – Energetic Woodpecker who is a Leader

Chuck Haseman – Northwest Brother

Shane Herrington – Bear who Carries Tomahawk

Charles Holmes -- Globetrotting Fox





Vigil Honor Candidates – Called out at Lodge Annual Dinner, Jan. 2, 1965,

Camp Wisdom

Front Row John Clary, Jr., K.A. Griffin, Bruce Miller, Allen Griffin, Archie Hale

Back Row, Gary Davies, Dave King, Rusty Skelton, Roy Stewart, Sanders Bailey, John Byrd



ALONE WITH GOD, AND YOURSELF...
AND HE SPEAKS WITH YOU.



Vigil Class of 1997



Vigil Class of 2005



Vigil Class of 2009



Vigil Class of 2010



Vigil Class of 2011



Vigil Class of 2012



Vigil Class of 2013



Vigil Class of 2014

- **Stories from Lodge Members**

From Mike Blew

On my ordeal I was cooking on the grill and Rex brought out chicken with BBQ sauce. I knew that this would burn the sauce before the chicken was done and being on silence I had difficulty trying to tell him what was going to happen. Tried to tell him the chicken need to cook first and then put the sauce on just before you take the chicken off of the grill.

This was at the Star Wars Fall Fellowship and we gave some food different names. We named ray oysters, GAWK and the Lodge Chief had never eaten raw oysters. Being the Chief, he had to eat the first one. Well, we told him to put Tabasco on it and just swallow it. He was not a fan of Tabasco and did not put any on the oyster. Again we tried to tell him just swallow the oyster but he started chewing and had to spit the oyster out. Sorry, I have forgotten the Lodge Chief's name but he was from Yanush.

There was the time when Rex and I were cooking for a Fellowship and he was making the dry mix cobbler and I said that if you add the oil and water to the mix it made the cobbler a lot better. So we bet whose cobbler would be gone first and I would make half my way and he would make his the camping way. My cobbler was gone first and his half of was still there after my pans were empty.



Mike Blew

From Steve W. Jung

This incident happened when I was Chapter Advisor of Wacondi Hatachi . I was riding my motorcycle to an OA Ordeal at Camp Constantin. It was a beautiful evening with cool breeze and a star-filled sky. It was extremely relaxing and the miles went by without incident until I neared the camp. There are a series of sharp turns one after another. I negotiated the first turn and became distracted when I saw a shooting star in the sky. I missed the second turn and continued straight on into the path of an oncoming vehicle. The car narrowly missed me and I went off the road and just managed to stop short of plowing into a barbed wire fence. After recovering and regaining my composure, I made it into camp. I checked in and moved down to the staff lounge when Donny Tullis drove up. He was all in a huff and ranting and raving about the crazy idiot on a motorcycle that he almost plowed into. I sheepishly said, "Donny" ...and jerked my thumb to where the bike was parked.

Another time at another OA Ordeal at Constantin we were taking a break and headed over to the store for supplies. Donny Tullis was driving and it was decided to pile into the back of his pickup truck. The "we" consisted of the Lodge officers and several advisors. The Gribble brothers, Tullis brothers, Sean Wilkins and the adults climbed in. One of the boys ,who later became a cop in Mesquite, had a baseball bat. He stood up and took a few swings at some of the mailboxes we passed. He knocked a couple of them off their posts and mangled a few others before we got him to stop. Then all of a sudden Donny slammed on the brakes to avoid hitting a deer crossing the road. Everyone went flying forward and ended up on top of each other in a pile behind the cab of the truck. Somehow we managed to avoid any injury to ourselves and kept the ceremony drum from being smashed. Those were different times.



Steve Jung

From Thomas Joyce

When I was asked to write something about the history of Mikanakawa or one of my favorite memories of the group, I was at a loss for what to say. Do you talk about the many ordeal weekends, NOACs, conclaves or winter camps? Do you get personal and write about late night food runs with Ben and Brandon, the all -night strategizing for elections, the year Monica and my dad decided the lodge needed to have a presence at "Indian Summer" and the two of them and Victor loaded the Kreichbaum truck with Cody and me and headed to South Carolina? Or the less-than-fond memories like explaining to our NOAC staff adviser that it was not lack of "scout spirit" that keeps the section chief from spending more time with the lodge when the section has more than a dozen lodges at the meeting and all want to see the chief.

There's always the NOAC where we sweltered or the next one when my brother, Alan, and I turned our room into a refrigerator. Warm winter camps, cold winter camps or just the ones we herded scouts into the dining hall due to weather. Or maybe the year we put on a real powwow with princesses and headmen and so many dancers. Or maybe just the silly skits. Or just too many late nights and way too many meetings.

No, I think my best memories and stories are what I gained. I learned management and communication skills I use today in business. I learned and got to practice a level of leadership that never would be learned in another setting.

Mikanakawa is about friends. Friends of all colors and backgrounds. People of all ages that I never would have worked with or gotten to know. Friends who are on opposite coasts or sometimes only found on Facebook anymore.

Yes Mikanakawa has provided all these things. I can run projects, plan, set up a tent and navigate airports. I can cook on a stove, campfire or cafeteria kitchen and do it for 5 or 500. I better understand how to manage time, write reports and work with groups on large projects.

But even better the lodge teaches how to face each new challenge with anticipation instead of dread.

So I sum the lodge up by what I've gotten and what does it all mean. To me my memories of Mikanakawa mean opportunity. The opportunity to see, touch, feel, experience,, learn and master things that I couldn't anywhere else. And memories of values and friends I will keep forever. My only regret are all the scouts who do their ordeal and we never see again.



Thomas Joyce



Inspire Youth



What is the Inspire Youth symbol and how did the concept originate? Lodge Adviser Chuck Wagner relates the story of how he became a lodge officer in 1975 and went on to serve as Lodge Chief, Chapter Adviser and Lodge Adviser. It all started in 1974 when Lodge Chief Paul Newton asked him to take on the responsibility of the lodge officer position of Ordeal Warrior. Chapter split Ordeals didn't exist during that era so the Ordeal Warrior was completely responsible for all aspects of five lodge Ordeals, each one bringing in 200 to 300 new members.

Newton, a charismatic Chief, had a significant influence on hundreds of Scouts during his time in office. Not only was Paul an inspiration to Scouts by his example as an exceptional leader, he took the extra step of reaching out to younger Scouts and inspiring them to believe in their own latent abilities as leaders.

This is the essence of what Scouting attempts to do – develop youth with strong character who excel in the execution of activity planning and organizational leadership, but who do so with an awareness of the influence their performance has on younger Scouts around them. True leaders understand the influence they wield and they spend that capital by personally reaching out to younger Scouts and persuading them that they, too, can do great things.

Truly, one of the most powerful forces in Scouting is the youth member who has been inspired by another youth member. As Wagner frequently pointed out, “I’m not trying to inspire our youth to be like Mr. Wagner or any other adult. I want to inspire them to be Paul Newton! Be the kind of Scout and leader that other youth members look up to and hope to emulate.”

As youth, we don't always know how much power we have to change the life of another Scout. Paul Newton inspired one youth who went on to become a Mikanakawa Lodge Adviser, thereby making a difference in the lives of even more youth.

The purpose of the Inspire Youth campaign is to make each of our Scouts fully aware that what he does as a leader matters, and that he has an obligation to reach out to other Scouts and instill confidence in them so they realize that they also have what it takes to be successful leaders in our Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

Chuck Wagner

- **The Trail Continues - Aim Higher!**

Well, here we are at the end of this volume. But we are nowhere near the end of our story. Mikanakawa, our very name means, “I go to prepare a trail for you.” The name was not chosen lightly. Over 75 years ago our founders realized that they were at the start of something important and something vital. They started a lodge that recognized not just honor campers, but honor Scouts. However, the purpose was much more important than simply recognizing these Scouts. Those like L.L. Hotchkiss and Fred Haynes understood that as our boys matured and grew in their abilities, it was essential that we provide even greater opportunities for them to hone those skills and to develop ever greater leadership abilities.

Not knowing at the time that difficult war years were ahead of them, they still knew that for America to fulfill the promise of our nation’s founders, we would need men of character and men who would recognize that the Boy Scouts of America was not simply a boys club for fun and games, but rather it was an ideal – a nurturing environment that taught the timeless values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. They understood that as our Scouts grew, they needed ever bigger challenges and just as important they needed to be instilled with an obligation to give back to a community that had given so generously to them. This Brotherhood of Cheerful Service was perfectly suited for this purpose.

So here we are now, on a trail that began more than 75 years ago. A trail that was prepared for us by Arrowmen like Phil Paul, Bill Jordan, Jack Hammock, Asa Leger, David King and many more. What would they, as well as the many others who contributed to the great works of this lodge over the many years, say to us today? I believe that they would tell us it is good to acknowledge the accomplishments of those who came before us, but if we truly wish to honor the memory of those who founded and built this great lodge, we should adopt the simple two-word admonition that guided them along their journey – Aim Higher!

Don't allow our pride in our past accomplishments, however well justified, to lull us into complacency. The heights that were reached by our forefathers were attained because they weren't satisfied to rest on their own accomplishments. They caught the Higher Vision and now they have passed it along to us. We must be ever mindful of this tradition of excellence as we continue to strive to meet our own expectations for Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service. We should prepare for those who will follow us, for the trail continues!

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