



# Smoke Signal



### **Lodge Officers**

Alex Ast – Lodge Chief  
Nathan Huerter – Vice Chief  
Andrew Tate – Secretary  
Kevin Dawson – Treasurer

Garrett Mzachek – Shawnee  
Chapter Chief  
Andy Weaver – Sojadi  
Chapter Chief  
Jesse Snyder – Oregon Trail  
Chapter Chief

### **C-6A Section Conclave**

The last section conclave for C-6A was held October 8-10 at Camp Arrowhead near Springfield MO. This was our final conclave with our friends from the Kansas City, Springfield, Columbia and Quincy, IL lodges. Although our attendance numbers were low we did fare well in some of the competitions. Our lodge is now part of the C-5A section with lodges headquartered in Salina, Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island. The section conclave will be September 9-11 at Camp Brown near Abilene KS.

## Chief's Corner

### *From the Chief*

Thanks to everyone for a very successful 2004 in our lodge. We knew it would be a challenge to become a quality lodge again but thanks to you we were able to do that. Our lodge membership grew to over 300 members for the first time in several years, and we increased ordeal and brotherhood induction numbers from last year. We have needed a trailer to store our OA supplies and thanks to the fundraising efforts we will purchase one in early 2005. We had a very successful NOAC,

went through a section realignment and have gained a lot of experience and knowledge. Our past successes will make it harder to earn quality lodge honors for a 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year. The biggest challenge will be increasing membership again. We recently voted to raise lodge dues \$2. No one wants to see their dues increase but it was necessary to keep from losing money. The other big challenge is to get more youths involved. We have a very motivated committee this year but

we always need assistance with ceremonies, unit elections, along with website and newsletter preparation. With your help we can make this a special year for Dzie Hauk Tonga. Don't forget to promote the 2005 winter banquet. This is a chance for your family to see what the OA is about. Thanks again and I look forward to serving you for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term

**In Brotherhood**  
**Alex Ast -Lodge Chief**



## OA Trailer Fund

I wish to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ toward a trailer purchase for Dzie Hauk  
Tonga Lodge.

*Donations of \$100 or more will receive an UNCAS lodge flap*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Pay at JAC Scout office or mail with donation to:

*Jayhawk Area Council, BSA*

*1020 SE Monroe*

*Topeka, KS 66612*

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## 2005 OA Dues - \$12 Pay at JAC Office or mail to

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# 2005 OA WINTER BANQUET

For OA Members & Families

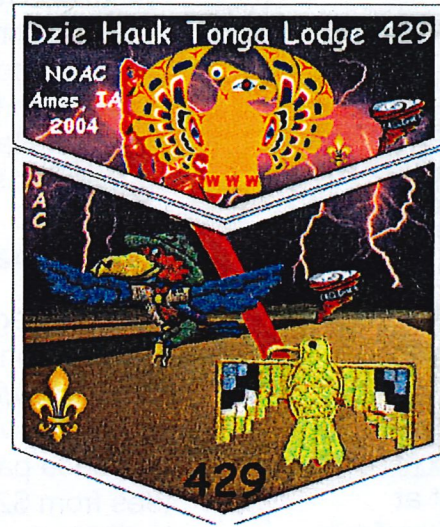
Saturday, February 12th - 6-9 PM

Christ the King Catholic Church

25th and Wanamaker - Topeka

Price \$11 - No reservations after Feb 9th

Featuring Puffy's Catering



Lodge LEC Meeting at 430PM

(OA Members only)

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @\$11 each

Total Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Submit with fee to JAC store or mail to

Jayhawk Area Council Office B.S.A

1020 SE Monroe

Topeka, KS 66601

## Unit Elections

The beginning of the year means that is time to conduct OA unit elections. A representative from the chapter unit election committee should be contacting you within the next 1-2 months to schedule an election from your troop. If you are not contacted email Alex Ast at [dast2@cox.net](mailto:dast2@cox.net) or Dave Ast at [david.ast@bnsf.com](mailto:david.ast@bnsf.com).

Remember that the first ordeal ceremony is April 22<sup>nd</sup> and most troops meet on Monday's so submit your reservation early.

## Lodge Dues to increase

The lodge executive committee recently voted to increase 2005 OA lodge dues from \$10 to \$12 per member. National dues increased \$1

per member and the other \$1 increase was necessary to offset increased publishing and postage charges so we can continue to communicate to our

membership. We must increase membership to remain a quality lodge so please continue to support us and pay your dues.

## Participant fees at fellowships to decrease \$2

To encourage participation at the lodge fellowships the committee voted to decrease participant fees from \$20 to \$18 in 2005. Participant

fee at ordeal weekend will remain \$5. Also fees for Ordeal candidates will increase \$2 in 2005 to offset

rising material costs. Brotherhood costs will not change



## Fall Fellowship

We had a very fun fall fellowship in September. 18 candidates completed their

Ordeal and 6 earned Brotherhood. Saturday supper and cracker barrel was a big luau Hawaiian

style. The lodge elections were held on Saturday after supper for the 2004-2005.



## George Goldring 1943-2004

**George Goldring** passed away on December 15<sup>th</sup> after a 2 year struggle with cancer. He has been one of our lodge advisers since he moved to Topeka in 1997 and many of us have very fond memories working with him. Since 1997 he has planned and coordinated the meals at almost every fellowship, winter banquet and conclave in our council. He maintained the trading post inventory and assisted the youth with running the store at OA functions. He has also assisted many youth making indian regalia and recently he and his wife made new regalia for the lodge. He has been active in Scouting

since joining as a cub scout 53 years ago. Throughout his career he has worked in various capacities with scouts and the OA at Peoria, Galesburg and Quincy Illinois; Hannibal and Columbia, Missouri; along with Denver and Topeka. He has attended several Jamborees, Philmont expeditions, and almost every NOAC since 1971.

Since I have been involved as an OA adviser I realized what a big heart George had and how he has inspired and motivated the youth in our lodge. He wasn't afraid to speak out on issues but would always support the youth leadership. He was always available to provide

adult leadership at all OA functions. He has donated thousands of hours and dollars in time, materials, and gas to scouting and the OA. I don't think I have worked with anyone as generous as George. He was a dear friend, trusted leader and a very special person and we will miss him very much. As a lodge we cannot replace everything that George has done for us so we must pull together to help fill the void that George left. I am sure that right now he is up in heaven working with other arrowmen making their lodge better.

**Dave Ast – Lodge Adviser**



**Trading post items  
on sale at JAC store**

Do you need to pickup an extra OA pocket flap? The lodge now sells pocket flaps, neckerchiefs and other lodge OA items at the JAC store. OA items for sale are on display the north wall of the store.

**We're on the Web!**

See us at:

[www.Lodge429.com](http://www.Lodge429.com)

Nation Web Site  
OA-BSA.org

## Vigil Honor



### Calendar of Events

Feb 12 – LEC 4:30 p.m.  
at Winter Banquet

Feb 12 – 6:00 p.m.  
Winter Banquet

Mar 6 – LEC 2:00 p.m.  
Service Center

Apr 3 – LEC 2:00 p.m.  
Service Center

Apr 9-10 – Section  
Rendezvous – Abilene

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JAYHAWK AREA COUNCIL  
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