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### Message from the Section Chief

Arrowmen,

It is my extreme honor to be able to serve as your 2013-2014 Section Chief. I have grown up in this section and have enjoyed every moment of it.

I'm ready to use the experience that I have gained over the years to make the 2014 Conclave at Camp McKee in Mt. Sterling, KY great. Be sure to save the date - Conclave will be April 25-27 next year.

There are a lot of things I'm hoping to work on this year, but I need your help

to do it. Please let us know of any of your ideas or comments not only about Conclave but anything about the Order of the Arrow.

Another date you should save is the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference. This event will help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, August 3-8, 2015, at Michigan State University.

Yours in Service, **Aaron Shepherd** Section SR-6 Chief <u>chief@oasection6.org</u>

### Message from the Service Lodge

Chicksa Lodge 202 was proud to put on the 2013 All-American Conclave at Camp Yocona. We were glad to cheerfully serve our section and hope you all have enjoyed the 2013 conclave. As Lodge Chief, it was good for me to walk around and see smiling faces, this showed to me that everyone was having a good time. While walking around, I was asking people questions about, "How their weekend was and how could we improve camp to make this a better experience for you?" The answers I received will help this camp be more prepared for the upcoming summer camp, as well as any events the lodge and council will be putting on in the future. I am also thankful to be elected as your new Section Secretary, I will do my best to uphold my honor while in this position. We can only get better from here on out, so I hope to see you all at the 2014 Conclave which is only a year away.

Yours in Service, **Noah Robertson** Chicksa Lodge Chief

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#### 2013 All American Conclave

## Message from the Section Vice Chief

As the All-American Conclave has come to a close, the journey is still not over. I would like to encourage each of you to take back what you have learned over the course of the weekend back to your lodges, chapters, and troops. The knowledge and skills you have each gained from this years Conclave will prove to be invaluable.

Also, the Service Lodge has provided an excellent Conclave experience. The members of Chicksa Lodge have put in many hours of hard work and dedication which culminated together into a phenomenal weekend!

Soon, each person who attended Conclave will be emailed a link to an online survey regarding your thoughts about the weekend. Please take just a few moments to give the Section your feedback. Your comments will then be used in correcting any issues and/or implementing any new ideas into our Conclave program.

It is an honor and a privilege to have an opportunity to serve our Section in the coming year as your Vice Chief. I congratulate both Aaron Shepard and Noah Robertson on being elected as my fellow officers. I look forward to working with my fellow officers and the Section COC in planning an excellent Conclave for 2014 as we travel to Camp Mckee. If I can help with anything for any Section members in any way, feel free to contact me.

Yours in Cheerful Service Hunter Jones SR-6 Vice Chief vicechief@oasection6.org

### Section Website Updates

If you haven't yet checked out the section website, http:// oasection6.org, I really encourage you to do so! It's a great resource for everything you need to know about the section, Conclave, and more! All known issues have been fixed and the website is updated regularly with the latest information. If you have any questions, ideas, or comments, please send me an email at webmaster@oasection6.org. I'd love to hear from you!

The next few months are going to be really exciting for the section website as we release a totally new version. It will be a complete redesign from the last website, and we're working on some pretty cool features. First and foremost is that it will be responsive. That means that the new website will automatically resize to fit your device, whether you're on a computer or a phone! Other cool things we're working on include reorganizing the menu, redesigning several pages, and a mobile icon. The website will be offline for a week or so while we make the change. Instructions for accessing necessary section content will be posted at that time.

I'm really excited for this new website, the awesome photos we took at this Conclave (watch for them on the current website soon!), and all the other things going on! If you ever have any questions or comments, please let me know and I will do my best to get back to you!

Yours in Service Nathan Vick SR-6 Webmaster webmaster@oasection6.org

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#### 2013 All American Conclave

# What is a Conclave?

#### By Jerry McKenzie and the Elogamgussit Staff

This is my third conclave. While the first consisted mostly of ceremony competition, as a lodge chief last year, I was asked to teach a class on OA purpose. My friend, Matt Brown, was teaching 'What is a Conclave'. After many different interviews and perspectives, this is what I have prepared.

A Conclave is a gathering. This gathering has many different views and purposes to its use and function to our society. However, these many different views can be summed up.

To the new Arrowmen, a conclave is a fun place to go with friends. They get to have fun competing in different games and ceremonies to what they want to compete in, to bring out the best in each other.

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the Arrow, according to the Field Operations Guide, it is a training event. This training event encompasses many different arrowmen, students, and instructors, to learn many different parts about leadership or American Indian Activities, and maybe even learning about the order itself.

To some of the average participants, it is a time to trade patches. Patch trading is symbolically a process of learning about your brothers through their artwork and experiences. Then keep that patch as a token of this process.

Some other average participants; it is a time for service. They can help give back to the society what they have learned or serve in order to feel a part of this society.

To other average Arrowmen, a break from the real life they have. The busy endeavors of businesspersons, doctors, and even lawyers, conclave gives them a time to get away from work.

For more experienced Arrowmen, it is a reunification. Old friends that they hardly see, or have wonderful experiences with, allow people to meet and



share the magic of being a part of the organization together, in fellowship.

As Section Officer, 1 а thought a Conclave is a masterpiece. It is a symposium of our brightest people working together for the common aood of the order. The 10 leaders that selected 3 important Arrowmen to help lead this event, that was staffed by over 100 people from the service lodge to the class trainer.

Dr. James Flatt, Southern Region OA Chairmen, shared at the very important Arrowmen dinner that Conclave is an opportunity. An opportunity for youth to travel and be a part of organizations not limited to their lodge. This purpose is also used at NOAC, and creating those opportunities to develop youth.

The question is not, "What is a Conclave?", but the statement, "A Conclave is what you make it. "

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# 2013-2014 Section Agenda

Name	Location	Dates
Fall Council of Chiefs & Section Leadership Summit	Camp Boxwell, TN	November 1-3, 2013
Spring Council of Chiefs	TBD	January 25, 2014
Conclave	Camp McKee, KY	April 25-27, 2014

# 2013 Section Service Award



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