

# The Elogamgussit!

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## Chiefly Speaking – 10,000 Miles Down

What a fantastic group of lodges we have in our section! Over the past several months I have been privileged to visit with many of the lodges, and have had a remarkable experience. I have been lucky to visit a wide variety of events from Fellowships and Leadership Developments to Winter Banquets and Winter Camps.

I first started out by visiting Ngut-titehen and Kawida Lodges in Kentucky for their Fall Fellowships. We had a great time with inflatables and movies, and wonderful food. Next was Fall Fellowship with Talidandaganu' where their lodge and I had a wonderful experience helping the camp with service projects and preparing the food for the cub scouts that weekend. Soon after, I was able to go visit Pellissippi Lodge for their Winter Fellowship. Between the all-night movie

and dodgeball, I'm still not sure how many of us were awake for the training sessions! At the end of 2015 I had the opportunity to visit Kia Kima Scout Reservation, 2016 Conclave site and home camp of Ahoalan-Nachpikin, for their annual Winter Camp. The indoor climbing wall was a huge success and along with the outstanding tour of the camp, made me that much more excited about Conclave.

On my way to Arkansas to visit Kia Kima Scout Reservation, I was able to stop in with Wa-Hi-Nasa and see their Winter Camp program at Boxwell Scout Reservation. The opening campfire with the fireworks at the end was nothing short of astounding. Most recently, I was fortunate enough to join Ittawamba for their Winter Banquet. With the venue and awards that were presented, it

was an enjoyable night for the changing of their lodge officers.

I went to each of these events with really only one idea of how they would happen, and that was how Sequoyah had always carried out the events. Now that I have seen how other lodges have done things, I have new ideas and motivations for not only my home lodge, but also to hopefully share with other lodges in the Section. I highly encourage every Arrowman to go visit another lodge's event at least once. You never know what traditions might be shared.

**Anthony Johnson**

*Section Chief*



## From the Desk of the Secretary- Conclave Ready!

The Spring Council of Chiefs meeting was a huge success! The meeting began with the election of a new Section Chief to fill the vacancy left by Hunter Jones upon his election to National Chief. As you have probably heard, my friend and our former Section Vice Chief Anthony Johnson was elected. Soon after, Zach Callicutt from Chicksa was elected as Vice Chief. After that, Anthony spoke to lodge leadership about upcoming national programs- NEXT, Prism, and the Order of the Arrow High Adventure programs.

Next, lodges discussed their attendance goals for these events and this year's Conclave at Kia Kima Scout

Reservation. In order to plan ahead and be prepared, talks began about Conclave 2017. A theme was selected- Wimachtendienk. It was felt that the theme embodies the "brotherhood" experienced at Conclave, while still keeping our AIA area focused on and giving a tribute to our Native American roots. A patch design sketched by Benjamin C. from Nguttitehen was also approved. After that, focus returned to Conclave 2016. Committee chairmen from across the section gave presentations about specific areas of the event. Quest Games look to be a blast again this year, the campfire is going to be *very* entertaining, and training will be just as great as always! These are just

a few of the aspects talked about at the meeting.

All in all, Council of Chiefs was incredibly productive and provided an exciting view into Conclave and what the rest of the year holds for lodges. Going forward, I hope to see everyone at Conclave and want to work with as many of you as possible. If you want to help Ignite the Spirit by helping with section publications at Conclave, send me an e-mail asking about it. Let's have a great Conclave!

**Harrison D. Fry**

*Section Secretary*





## From the National Chief- National Update

With our centennial year coming to a close, it was time once again for section chiefs and advisers to travel to Dallas, Texas to take part in the Order of the Arrow's National Planning Meeting. From December 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, the section chiefs lead the way in selecting the national, youth leadership for 2016. I am honored and humbled to say that I have been elected to serve as the 2016 National Chief of the Order of the Arrow.

Once the slate of officers was set, the task of planning the coming years program of emphasis, NEXT: A New Century, laid before the freshly elected national leadership and section chiefs. Within just a few short days, a program like no other before it had begun to form. NEXT had taken form to be a program that would assemble the current and up-in-coming leaders from across the country with the idea that those in attendance will be

given access to exclusive content and presented in ways that have never before been seen in our Order. Arrowmen should leave having thought critically about issues within our Order and understand how to approach them in innovative ways. Plans were also announced for a new program at the Summit-Bechtel Reserve. Prism will be the first program to offer an experience to that of the OA High Adventure programs, but to Arrowmen of all ages. To learn more about Prism, visit [prism.oa-bsa.org](http://prism.oa-bsa.org).

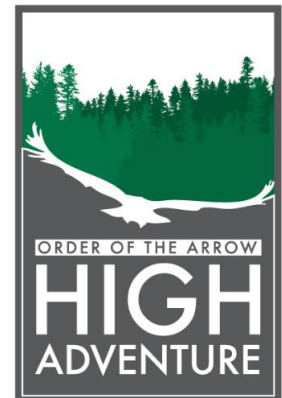
It has been an honor to serve as the Section Chief for SR-6. I look forward to seeing how final preparations for Conclave unfold and seeing a great event at Kia Kima Scout Reservation.

### Hunter Jones

*2016 National Chief*



Have you never been on an Order of the Arrow High Adventure trip? Are you seeking the Triple Crown? Looking for an amazing trip this summer that can also benefit Scouting's national community? If you participate in an OA High Adventure program this summer, you will get to experience a Canadian Odyssey, an Ocean Adventure, a Summit Experience, a Wilderness Voyage, or staff the Philmont Trail Crew. Check out <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/> for the adventure of a lifetime!



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## For the Vice Chief *sponsored by Chicksa Lodge*

Chicksa Lodge 202 would like to congratulate Zach Callicutt on becoming the SR-6 Vice Chief at the recent Council of Chiefs. Zach is also our 2016 lodge chief and has

previously served as an active ceremonialist in our lodge and as Vice Chief of Finance in 2014 and 2015. He is an Eagle Scout and recipient of the Vigil Honor from



our lodge. We wish him and the rest of the section's leadership the best as they head into Conclave.



## Kawida Event Flies Well

Indian Winter is an event held annually by Kawida lodge; typically the first event of the year. In the past, our lodge has put on this event to exemplify the Native American roots our Order has taken throughout the last century. The main classes we taught were ceremony trainings, drum team, and ceremony and dance regalia

design. This year, the event was used to strengthen the brotherhood of our many committees with how-to classes for all of them. We continued the tradition of exemplifying Native American



culture with what we called "Lightning Sessions". These classes were 90 minute sessions of intermediate level training with our Ceremony, Drum, and Dance teams. All lodge members were encouraged to sign up and be a part of these committees.

## Conclave Bound! *By Sequoyah Lodge*

In December, Sequoyah had the first of many fundraisers to help offset the cost of transportation to the 2016 Conclave. Over 30 people came and helped raise money. Even those who would not be attending conclave pitched in. Over the span of ten hours across two days we were able to produce and lay out 3,500 luminary bags at the

Oak Hill Cemetery in Kingsport, TN. In this service we were able to raise enough money to make a large dent in our transportation fees, lowering the cost for each individual going to conclave from our Lodge. This joyous and awesome opportunity, for the young men and adults that helped, illustrated the true meaning of the

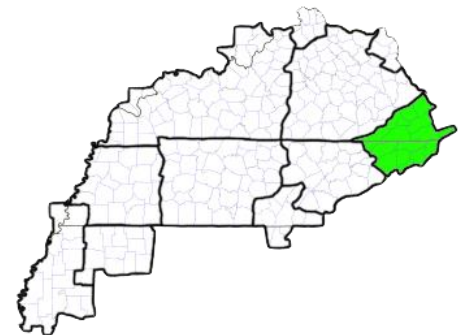
OA. Through Cheerful Service, our members were more pleased with the smiles on the families' faces driving through the completely lit streets of their loved ones final resting place, rather than the money they had raised for themselves.

## Congrats Chief! *From All of SR-6*

Congratulations to our own Hunter Jones, who was recently elected to serve as the 2016 National Chief of the Order of the Arrow! Hunter is from Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge 111, where he served as the 2012 Lodge Chief, and has continued to help out on multiple committees. On a section level, Hunter has been active for many 2013 years, serving as a committee chairman until January of, when he was elected Section Vice

Chief, an office he held until April 2015, when he was elected Section Chief.

Hunter served on NOAC 2015 training staff, and headed up the Conclave Training Initiative on a national level. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the OA. He has received the Founders Award, the James E. West Fellowship, and the SR-6 Distinguished Service Award. Hunter is



currently studying at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

We wish Hunter the best as he continues to serve the Order through the coming year- Congratulations, Chief!



**April  
15-17,  
2016**



**Kia Kima  
Scout  
Reservation  
Hardy, AR**

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## ***Ignite the Spirit*** By Zach Long, SR-6 Promotions Chairman

Flame...burning, warming, illuminating, but where does it start? The spark- the ignition. Ignition is vital to any flame, and now is your time to light the fire of fellowship. Conclave 2016, a time of fun and fellowship, but also an opportunity to Ignite the Spirit! Come to Kia Kima Scout Reservation in Hardy, Arkansas, April 15th through the 17th to ignite the spirit!

There will be limitless opportunities to meet fellow Arrowmen from across the Section, compete

against them in the infamous Quest games, and strut your stuff in the ceremony competitions! The fire of cheerfulness requires a spark, will *you* be that spark? How will you fan these flames so they grow? As you take classes in the different colleges you will learn valuable skills to help your Lodge, Chapter, and Troop fulfill the high ideals of Scouting. You made the pledge, now is your time to live it! Come join your fellow brothers for an unforgettable weekend. The tinder and kindling have been brought together, will *YOU* be the spark?

Register today at <http://mtcbsa.double-knot.com/event/2016-sr-6-conclave-cc690/1851358>. We are counting on you to ignite the spirit!



## Adviser's Minute

Dear Brothers,

As the 2015 chapter of our Order's history has come to a close, we have all been challenged to build upon our first Century of Service. In our personal, work/school, Scout, or civic life, we may be declared "experts" in what we do. The Order of the Arrow is considered by many to be an expert in service to Scouting and to communities. When we are proclaimed as experts, we must not stop what we are doing. We must continue to strive to better ourselves so that our homes, families, units, lodges, and councils are the beneficiaries of our proficient skills.

"The expert in anything was once a beginner." --Unknown

I ask you to ponder that quote for a moment. In 2016, there are numerous opportunities available to both the beginners and experts of our Order. If you are an "expert", I challenge you to mentor a "beginner" in whatever facet that you can find. If you are a "beginner", take an opportunity to broaden your knowledge and find a way to serve others. Here are just a few opportunities to build upon your wealth of knowledge:

1. Attend NEXT at Indiana University
2. Recruit or serve as an Elangomat
3. Attend Prism at the Summit
4. Serve on your chapter's unit election team
5. Coordinate a Chapter or Lodge Service Project

6. Participate in or recruit a participant for OA High Adventure at Philmont, Seabase, Northern Tier or the Summit
7. Help a new Ordeal member complete his Brotherhood
8. Serve on LLD Staff
9. Attend another lodge's event
10. **Attend the 2016 SR-6 Conclave**

There is something on this list that every person in our Section can complete. Make your own list. As we begin 2016, let us all rededicate ourselves to serving others and rekindle the spirit of being a "beginner" in the Order of the Arrow.

Yours in Service,

**Jim Cheatham**  
Section Adviser



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***Thanks for reading! See you soon!***

**March 1, 2016-** Conclave Early Bird Registration Ends (\$5 Added)

**March 18, 2016-** NLS Registration Due (Browns Summit)

**April 1, 2016-** Conclave Walk-On Fee Applies (\$10 added)

**April 1-3, 2016-** NLS

*Haw River State Park- Browns Summit, NC*

**April 15-17, 2016-** Conclave 2016-

*Kia Kima Scout Reservation- Hardy, AR*

**July 30- August 3, 2016-** NEXT

*Indiana University- Bloomington, IN*

**October 28, 2016-** NLS Registration Due (Talladega)

**November 4-6, 2016-** Fall Council of Chiefs

*Location TBA*

**November 11-13, 2016-** NLS

*Shocco Springs Conference Center- Talladega, AL*

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