

# The Silver

# Arrowhead

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## The Seeker

Brian L. Kasal

*Class of 1981*

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*Class of 1996*

In 1954, the Boy Scout troop meeting was in another part of Chicago, but boyhood friend Robert Sublette encouraged his buddy to make the trip. They had to be on time to catch the train, and then transfer to a bus to the South side of the city. The trip took effort but that commitment has lasted a lifetime for Ron Temple. A few years later he was working at summer camp, where he thrived and developed as a leader; energized by engaging his colleagues and being involved.

Owasippe Scout Reservation, located in Michigan, has served the Chicago area Boy Scouts since 1911. The reservation is comprised of several independent camps and at its peak covered 11,000 acres and served over 10,000 Scouts each summer. Steeped in history, both E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson had served Chicago Area Council as professional Scouters. Edson brought the Order there in 1921, later forming four additional

lodges serving different parts of Chicago. When Goodman became Scout executive he consolidated all five forming Owasippe Lodge with a new totem, the “hand of fellowship holding an arrow”, representing the union of brotherhood.

Scouter John McCann, who now lives in Massachusetts wrote, “All Scouts have memories of camp staffers who loom as giants. Ron Temple was mine. I first met him when I was a camper at Owasippe’s Camp Blackhawk in 1958. He could lead 300 Scouts in camp songs, that sound would reverberate across a mile of the open water of Big Blue Lake. Ron’s fellow staffers and campers at Owasippe often just referred to him as “Mr. Blackhawk” or “The Spirit.” That pretty much summed up how we all felt about him.

By 1960, I was on one of the staffs and Ron was still at Blackhawk. The staff from all of the camps trained together for at least a week before we opened and this was when I had the opportunity to know Ron as a peer rather than as a camper. I think that was when the hero worship might have really started.”

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Left to right: Carroll A. Edson, Ron Temple, and E. Urner Goodman. Courtesy of Johnson Publishing Company, Inc. All rights reserved.

## The return on Scouting’s investment of youth



John Berry (right) presents the Distinguished Service Award to Lance McAlister (left) at the 2000 National Conference.

John Berry

*Class of 1998*

The well-known adage that, “It takes a village to raise a child” applies when I think of my good friend Lance McAlister. What we need is “more villages” like the one that helped raise him, which is a true testament to the importance of Scouting, the Order, community, and humanity. I first met Lance in 1991, at the George W. Pirtle Scout Reservation, when he had completed his Ordeal. Immediately you could identify his burning desire and passion for the organization that would afford him countless opportunities, role models, and would reap the benefits of an example of a true friend and brother, for years to come.

Lance’s story is amazing. Many people would look at his life and believe he had the

cards stacked against him. Yet many times as he told me, “I never thought of things being ‘bad,’ because, I never knew things to be any other way.” Upon losing his father to cancer when he was four, Lance was like many young people in America, being reared in a single parent home. Growing up in Liberty City, Texas, a town with a population of just over 400 people, there were few opportunities for a young man to get involved in that didn’t involve trouble.

Lance’s life changed when he was introduced to Andy Cain, a member of the Liberty City Lions Club, a school teacher, a Scouter for over 50 years, and the local Scoutmaster. “Mr. Cain,” as he was affectionately referred to by Lance and many other Scouts, became a strong role model

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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As we approach our 100th Anniversary in 2015, the Order has begun the process of reaching out to Arrowmen who have allowed their service to lapse, but who may wish to reconnect. You will see us reaching out through our OA Alumni Outreach similarly, to Founders' Award recipients, Vigil Honor members, and previous lodge, section, regional and national officers. We wish to act out Dr. Goodman's vision of the Order as a living breathing thing of the spirit, a fellowship.



Our Order made significant and exciting contributions during the 100th Anniversary of Scouting. We increased our membership and thereby deepened our ability to retain older youth in Scouting. We created web resources to support chapter meeting ideas, better OA troop practices, lodge best practices, and tips to improve our support of council summer camps.

Regarding our high adventure program, we ran fully staffed programs at Philmont and Northern Tier for the fifth year in a row. Continuing our proud tradition of the OA Service Corps at the Centennial Jamboree at Fort AP Hill over 600 Arrowmen dedicated themselves to ensuring that the other 40,000 participants had as fun, safe, and productive experience as possible.

So what might you expect in 2011?

The OA Ocean Adventure program at the Florida Sea Base will be renewed this summer; our Indian Summer will help Arrowmen learn more about Indian Lore and refine their ability to deliver quality ceremonies for every council event, from Crossovers through the Vigil Honor.

Due to the success of our ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> service project, this summer we launch our first efforts to support the Bechtel Family Scout Reserve and the National Park Service with the building of hike and bike trails in the New River Gorge in West Virginia.

Our continued support to local councils, the Order will introduce the Legacy Fellowship, a new program, vetted by Scout Executives which builds on the James E. West Program—encouraging gifts to the Order's Endowment after having first made a gift to their council. Another exciting project is dramatically improved programs to support the promotion of council summer camps.

In the Spirit of cheerful service,



Ray Capp  
National Chairman

# President FDR inducted at New York Scout camp

*Bill Topkis*

*History, Preservation and  
100th Anniversary*

On August 23, 1933, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt became the first and only President of the United States to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow. The induction took place at Camp Man of Ten Mile River Scout Camp (TMR) and was conducted by Suanhacky Lodge of the Queens Borough of New York City, Greater New York Councils.

Roosevelt's service and support to Scouting had begun long before he assumed the President's customary role of BSA Honorary President. In 1924 Roosevelt led the New York City Boy Scout Foundation and was its president. The New York City Boy Scout Foundation was dedicated to securing a permanent campground that could accommodate the tens of thousands of Boy Scouts in the greater metropolitan New York and surrounding areas. Ten Mile River Scout Camp was a direct result of Roosevelt's efforts. In

## A request for an invitation from Dan Beard to Dr. West

*My dear Dr. West:*

*What is the dedication over at Ten Mile River Camp? I understand that the President of the United States will be there. It might excite unfavorable comment if your National Commissioner is not invited to attend a function of such national character.*

*Hastily yours, Dan Beard  
National Commissioner*

1930, in recognition of Roosevelt's extraordinary dedication to Scouting, the BSA awarded the then Governor of New York the Silver Buffalo Award at TMR.

There was great excitement that the President would be coming back to TMR to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow. National Commissioner Dan Beard wrote to Chief Scout Executive James E. West hopeful of a coveted invitation.

Following his induction into the Order of the Arrow, President Roosevelt toured TMR in his open-air convertible complete with Presidential Seal proudly wearing his new OA sash for all Scouts to see.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower was made an honorary member of Zit-Kala-Sha Lodge in Louisville, KY.

The OA History Timeline, an interactive Internet website, is scheduled to launch early Summer 2011. This image of President Roosevelt featured in this article was found by accident among postcards and other early photographs of TMR. The group preparing the OA History Timeline researched and uncovered the facts behind the photograph. This photograph is both iconic and demonstrative of the relationship of our Order and our nation's history.



**President FDR after his  
induction into the Order.**



# DSA recipients gather in North Carolina

Robert Mason  
Class of 2009

It was a rainy, chilly day in the mountains of northwest North Carolina, but that did not keep 22 recipients from attending the SR-7B DSA Reunion. This event brought together Arrowmen living in the state for a day of fellowship and reflection.

Recipients were identified and invited in early January to attend a special one day gathering at the 2011 Cardinal Conclave. The purpose of the reunion was to reconnect recipients with one another, reintroduce brothers to the conclave program and to conduct individual reflection interviews. The interviews sought to capture memories of Scouting and OA involvement, as well as the individual DSA presentation that each of us has experienced. Some Arrowmen brought memorabilia to assist in telling their personal story, which were scanned and preserved.

Mike Feeney (Class of 1977) made the trip

from the Atlanta, Georgia area. He reflected, "It was great to see so many that I had lost touch with and renew our friendships. The conclave was also a great reminder of how much I learned as an Arrowman, and how much opportunity the Order still provides to young men today."

In addition to the individual interviews, a luncheon was held at the G. Kellock Hale Wahissa Lodge Building. Kel Hale (Class of 1946), in addition to being considered the founder of Wahissa Lodge, also served as the first National OA Committee Chairman in 1948. The lunch featured a group photo and introduction from Section Adviser Bud Harrelson (Class of 1998). National Committee Vice-Chairman Tony Steinhardt (Class of 1992) spoke to the assembled group about the current state of Scouting and the ambitious plans that the Order of the Arrow is working on to prepare for the centennial anniversary in 2015. The day concluded with a tour of the Old Hickory Council Museum and repository. Outside of these three program

elements of the reunion, participants were encouraged to observe and engage with the other 1,300 Arrowmen in attendance at the conclave.

Once edited and finalized, the interviews will be included in the National OA Archive as well as added to the growing resources available for the commemoration activities in 2015. The DSA reunion was a tremendous success and is a great opportunity for sections to reconnect with Arrowmen.

Resources for developing a similar event will be made available on the national website soon. This project will not only help compile a more comprehensive history of the organization, but will reconnect recipients with the larger Scouting community.



Front row, left to right: David Bone ('92), Charlie Garwood ('86), Robert Mason ('09), Marcus Bailey ('06), Dr. Louis Marchetti ('61), Bud Harrelson ('98), Larry Warlick ('88), Craig Leighty ('06). Back row, left to right: Randy Cline ('73), Tony Steinhardt ('92), Jim Martin ('83), Tommy Murray ('94), Seth Brown ('96), Marty Tschetter ('96), Dr. Jay Dunbar ('77), Rob Akes ('83), Brad Starr ('83), Seth Dearmin ('06), Nathan Finnin ('04), Mike Feeney ('77), Mark Torbeck ('73), Terrel Miller ('98).



## DSA recipients who have gone to meet their maker.

**Bob G. Westmeyer**  
Fountain Valley, CA  
Silver Beaver  
Class of 2004  
April 13, 2011

**Paul W. Moore**  
Bloomington, MN  
Former Professional Scouter  
Class of 1977  
September 21, 2010

**Bill F. Ketron**  
Murfreesboro, TN  
Eagle Scout,  
Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope  
Class of 1979  
March 16, 2011

**William C. Story**  
Cincinnati, OH  
Class of 1992  
December 12, 2010



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# 50 years ago Order made important social change

**Ron Temple** *continued from page 1*

Temple was an extremely popular staff member who was gregarious, charismatic, and zealous. He served as lodge chief for two terms starting in 1959. The following year in 1960 he received the Vigil Honor; his Indian name was appropriately "The Seeker."

That same year he was elected area chief for 7-DK and attended the National OA Planning meeting in December 1960 where thirty-four area chiefs gathered to plan the next national conference.

What happened next in Temple's life was an important testimonial to him by the youth area chiefs, all products of Scouting.

Ron Temple reflected on the atmosphere at the planning meeting, "I could tell that this was a meeting of leaders. There was fantastic energy and I clearly remember intuitively feeling that there was great talent present. We only had a few days together so we immediately started to work in committees on various projects and getting to know each other. I don't recall any sort of politicking – there really wasn't any time for that."

When the meeting moved onto the always-anticipated matter of electing the national and deputy conference chiefs, Temple recalls being nominated by an area chief from the South. One of about eight nominees and similar to the current election format, each had to give a short speech.

Temple further shared, "You didn't have



**National Conference Chief Ron Temple at a press conference at the 1961 NOAC. Courtesy of Johnson Publishing Company, Inc. All rights reserved.**

time to prepare beforehand, the speech was an extemporaneous presentation of yourself. You had to speak from your heart – to share your vision for the Order. I was passionate about what the Scouting spirit represented."

Ron Temple was elected by his peers to serve as the 1961 National Conference Chief.

This was quite significant for the Order of the Arrow and the Boy Scouts of America and most importantly, it was due to genuine feelings. At this time in 1960, the Civil Rights Act was still over three years from enactment. He was

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**Ron Temple after his award presentation. Courtesy of John N. Brown, Class of 1994.**



# The spirit of brotherhood at its finest



1961 National Conference Planning Committee. Courtesy of Norbert “Nobby” Schnabel.

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the right man at the right time and the chiefs had entrusted their confidence in him and exemplified the meaning of “brotherhood” in the Order of the Arrow.

Norbert “Nobby” Schnabel was one of the area chiefs from Southern California at the meeting who shared, “I remember well when we elected Ron Temple to be our national chief. He was the ideal leader, obviously the most qualified. He had a natural leadership trait that we all saw. He was quite a guy, and I really enjoyed serving under him. I still have my OA sash signed by Ron Temple, E. Urner Goodman, and Colonel Edson. I will always cherish that year of 1961.”

Another area chief Dr. Robert Behn, originally from New Jersey, recalled, “Ron was an excellent choice — he handled the challenge very well. He had an excellent stage presence and was an exceptional song leader.”

Thinking about his time as National Conference


Chief, “My experience was very special, one that you never forget. I felt very privileged. I was comfortable and felt welcomed. I didn’t sit on the sidelines, rather took the moment on. Scouting was one of the early institutions that accepted social change and I have been very proud to be a part of that important transformation. Scouting allowed me to travel all over and more importantly, it taught me how to relate to all kinds of people.” He was bestowed the Order’s Distinguished Service Award in 1975.

Always seeking opportunity and motivated to be involved, Temple has had a distinguished career in education. He graduated from Eureka College in Illinois and earned a Ph.D. in History at the University of Cincinnati and was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He has served as the President of Wayne Community College in Detroit, President of the Community College of Philadelphia, the Chancellor of the University of Cincinnati, and the Chancellor of the Chicago City Colleges. Currently he is the Chairman and

Chief Executive Officer for the Center for Global and International Education and consultant to the Peralta Community College District. He received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Eureka College and currently serves on the board of trustees.

His expertise as a teacher in American urban history served him well as Chairman of the National Scoutreach Committee, which focused on serving urban and inner city demographics. In addition, he has served on the BSA National Executive Board, currently serves on the Chicago Area Council Executive Board, and BSA National Advisory Council. As a youth he earned the Explorer Silver Award, and is a recipient of the Silver Beaver and Silver Buffalo Awards.

*Dr. Temple has graciously donated the special red beaded sash that he wore as National Conference Chief to the National OA Archive.*



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# Youth are only limited by what they dream

**Lance McAlister** *continued from page 1*

and mentor. He counseled Lance through his achievement of Eagle Scout and later helped recruit him into the Lions Club.

Once in the lodge he was introduced to long-time lodge adviser Marvin Ellis who became a lifelong friend of Lance's and provided that much needed role model that helped Lance further his interest and desire in Scouting and serving the Order of the Arrow. Because Lance was being supported by a single parent, he expressed the concerns of not being financially able to pursue additional positions and events in the Order. Marvin told Lance that money should never be a barrier to his desires to succeed as a lodge officer and if he was interested in pursuing lodge chief that he should and things would take care of themselves. He did go on to become that lodge chief, and oversaw the implementation of several key lodge initiatives.

Lance said that every time he needed help with something, someone was there to support him. "My biggest support outside of my mother came from Ronald and Judy Williams, Richard and Susan Berry (John's parents), and Butch and Sharon Mefford (parents of Kevin Mefford, Class of 1992). They were always there with advice, time, and financial support if needed."

Lance's support network allowed him to participate in national events that included the national jamboree, NOACs, NLS, and subsequently was motivated to run for section chief (SR-2). His section adviser Chuck Haseman (Class of 1996) shared, "Lance was one of the hardest working section chiefs I had the privilege to advise. He is an example of the humble leader. I remember how he focused

his attention on the younger members of the Order and took the time to listen and share with them."

At the 1997 National OA Planning Meeting he was elected to serve as the 1998 Conference Vice-Chief of Communications and Public Relations. Bob Szczys (Class of 1969) shared, "Lance was my first vice-chief. He was a great person to work with, mature beyond his years, and a great example to the younger Arrowmen."

Chris Harrison, shared, "When I served as lodge chief I worked on his NOAC staff. I am a couple of years younger than Lance but I learned tremendously from his example of how to work with others and how to handle the problems life can throw at you as both a youth and now as a husband and father. Lance sets the bar high for those that know him and he consistently projected an example that others should strive to achieve.

I can recall days when Lance would call me after he finished band practice, he would then go to work until late in the evening to help support his family while many of us never had those worries. Through it all Lance was positive. He was a mentor to those around him and he helped make sure his family was taken care of. I am lucky to have worked so closely with Lance and am proud to call him my friend."

After his term, Lance returned to assist the section with its first webpage and advise the section secretary. In 2000, I had the privilege of presenting Lance with the Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to Scouting and the Order. After his active tenure in the Order, Lance served his troop as the chartered organization representative and as assistant Scoutmaster. He



**Left to right: Lance McAlister, Scoutmaster Andy Cain, and Roy Dudley.**

also went on to complete a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems. He married an amazing woman Melissa, who has brought him much happiness. Lance is pursuing a career with Wal-Mart Stores. They reside in Roswell, New Mexico, where he is currently the store manager.

Through his example, Lance is a testament to young people everywhere that they are only limited by what they dare to dream. For those of us who have benefited from seeing firsthand the nurturing of Scouting and the Order, I think it is a responsibility to recognize and continue to foster those relationships with young people - who might just be the next success story.

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