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Arrowhead

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Chief Bill

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Whether he was lodge chief, area chief, or editor-in-chief, 'Chief Bill' set an example for others. Born July 5, 1943 in the small town of Winchester, Kentucky, William (Bill) Grant was the first of R. Russell and Mary Mitchell Grant's five children. His father was a lawyer, and his mother, a former schoolteacher, managed his law office. Formal education and academic achievement were expected in the Grant household and would later serve Bill well.

Bill was eager to join the Scouting program saying, "I can't remember a time that I was not interested in Scouting." He joined Cub Scouting in 1951 and became a Boy Scout in 1954 at Troop 75, First Methodist Church of Winchester. Serving his troop in various leadership roles, he was recognized early for his ability to lead and motivate others, eventually becoming an Eagle Scout in 1958.



1963 National OA Conference Kawida Lodge delegation: left to right, Back Row: J.B. Morris (Lodge Adviser), Jim Porter, Bill Grant, Harry Clover (Staff Adviser). Front Row: David Sullivan, unknown, Chuck King, George Vise, Jr., John Cafferty.

The Grant family was active in the program. His father received the Silver Beaver; brother Walter became an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor recipient; and his brother, Mike, also became an Eagle Scout.

Serving on the Camp Offutt waterfront staff in 1958, he was inducted into Kawida Lodge, Blue Grass Council. As lodge secretary he developed a keen interest in journalism that would become a lifelong passion. The longest

serving chief for the lodge, he was elected to four terms (1961-1964). This is why he is known as 'Chief Bill', a local term of endearment. Longtime staff adviser Lucien Rice, who was also Grant's Vigil guide, clearly remembered, "Chief Bill was a tremendous youth leader. He was a self-starter, highly motivated, and someone who showed great vision. Under his

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The Tenderfoot Scout



Eagle Scout Arthur Wood, Circa 1921

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It was October 1917. The Tenderfoot Scout looked dejectedly at the small heap of grass and twigs and the two burned matches on the ground beside it. He had failed again the fire lighting requirement for Second Class rank. The fire building test in those days stated that not more than two matches could be used, and the local custom permitted only one trial each week. This was the fourth attempt to start a fire, but the Scout was inexperienced in campcraft, and each time wet wood or an unexpected puff of wind had prevented his success.

He had trouble holding back the tears, because his troop leaders had said that this was his last chance. The troop was a camping outfit,

and they had no use for a Scout who couldn't take care of himself. At the troop meeting that night some members favored "kicking him out," but a patrol leader pleaded on his behalf. "Give us another week," he said, "and I'll see that he can build a fire." So it was agreed that the tenderfoot would have one more opportunity.

The next week the patrol leader met the tenderfoot at the camp ground. He showed him how to select the dry, brittle branches from the small bushes, how to split the larger sticks to expose the quick-burning wood inside, how to form the tepee fire lay, and how to shield the feeble flame from the wind. The lighted match was applied to the tinder. A crackle of igniting twigs came forth and a wisp of smoke arose from the tepee, and then the fire burst into a glorious blaze.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As recipients of the Distinguished Service Award, you will be especially pleased with what has been going on with the Order of the Arrow.

This past summer we had a wonderful partnership with the New River Gorge National River building trails near the site of the new Bechtel Family Scout Reserve located in West Virginia. This will be the site for the 2013 National Jamboree. Our partnerships with the National Park Service,



State of West Virginia, and the West Virginia Army National Guard, culminated in September with the Department of Agriculture naming the trail system we built, "Arrowhead Trail."

Next summer at the 2012 National OA Conference at Michigan State University, we plan to commemorate with the National Eagle Scout Association, the 100th anniversary of the first Eagle Scout recipient. This will be a landmark moment for both organizations. We are expecting a record number of Arrowmen and NESA participants; we hope you are among them.

Our efforts to support our units, chapters, and lodges continue to grow. We have developed an exchange on the Web that allows local OA leaders to see the best ideas of their brothers across the nation and modify them for use in their own programs.

We have developed a Kids to Camp program, an initiative to financially support and help local Scouts get to summer camp. Unlike other Scouting camperships, this program works in partnership with lodges and local councils to create a matching grant program to cover camp fees for qualified and trained adults to serve as leaders for chartered or provisional units lacking adult leadership. This provides inactive Arrowmen, who are past lodge leaders, an outlet to support Scouting through an adviser/Scoutmaster role while increasing summer camp participation.

In addition to the Goodman Society for larger (\$10,000 +) gifts to the Order of the Arrow Endowment, we have created the Legacy Fellowship to honor those who have already earned the James E. West knot, a chance to add \$1000 to the Order of the Arrow endowment and permanently wear a gold arrowhead device on the knot to signify their continued support of the OA program in perpetuity.

The National Council has decided to move away from its long-standing use of the Quality Council, Quality District, and Quality Unit programs. The BSA is transitioning to a Journey to Excellence program (JTE), which emphasizes continuous improvement. In turn, our Order will support districts, councils and areas through its own JTE program. We plan to encourage every chapter, every lodge, and every section to measure "where it is" in 2011 on a number of success-variables and improve on those each and every year going forward.

Finally, this year, four members of the National Order of the Arrow Committee and four members of our key volunteer structure have been recognized by their respective regions with the prestigious Silver Antelope Award. Thank you for your own distinguished service to Scouting and the Order. I look forward to meeting you down the Scouting Trail.

In the Spirit of cheerful service,

Ray Capp

OA Team Leader receives Distinguished Eagle Scout Award



Ray Capp and Nelson Block present Clyde Mayer with the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

This past May at the BSA National Annual Meeting, OA Team Leader Clyde Mayer was presented the national Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. Created in 1969, this award recognizes Eagle Scouts who have distinguished themselves in their profession and community for a period of at least twenty-five years since attaining the rank as a youth.

Clyde has been a professional Scouter for thirty-seven years, serving the Order of the Arrow since 1993 as national director. Prior to joining the national staff, he worked in field positions including district executive to Scout executive for councils in South Dakota, Colorado, Iowa, and Illinois.

The longest serving director, his leadership has spanned three national committee chairmen, eight national conferences, stewardship of the high adventure programs, and

an overall growth in the programs offered by our Order.

National OA Committee Chairman Ray Capp shared, "I don't know anyone more committed to our principles than Clyde. He knows where the center of the universe is and constantly points us toward it; the center focusing on developing youth." Active members on the national OA committee who are also recipients of this prestigious award include DSA recipients: Nelson Block, Ray Capp, Brad Haddock, Ed Pease, Dr. Carl Marchetti, Tico Perez, and Tom Reddin.

He met his wife Patricia while she was working for the Girl Scouts. Currently, she is an elementary school teacher. They have three children: Jacob, Kala, and Cole. Both sons are Eagle Scouts and have served as OA Trail Crew foremen at Philmont.



Highlighted at the 2011 National Boy Scouts of America Annual Meeting are these Arrowmen who recently received the Silver Antelope Award for their contributions to Scouting at the region level. Front Row, Left to Right: Dr. Glenn Ault (1988), Kay Trick (2009), Dr. Chris Grove (2006), Charles Harbin, III (1988). Back Row, Left to Right: Mike Philbrook, Jeff Goldsmith (1992), Russell Votava, Dr. James Flatt (2009). Not pictured: Gary Christiansen (1981).

Perseverance and second chances

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A good many years have passed since then, and the tenderfoot has watched many a campfire. He has never ceased to be thankful to the patrol leader who so well exemplified "A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout."

How do I know all this? I was that Tenderfoot Scout.

*Arthur Wood,
February 1963*

Arthur Brownlow Wood was born in Knoxville, Tennessee on February 20, 1904. He was the oldest of five children to his father, Harry King Wood, Sr. and his mother, Mary Louise Brownlow. His mother was a descendant of Governor William G. "Parson" Brownlow, who succeeded President Andrew Johnson as Governor of Tennessee.

Arthur was interested in Scouting as a youth, joining the movement on March 6, 1916, only two weeks after his twelfth birthday. A loyal member of Troop 6 since the day he joined, he held various positions and responsibilities within his troop. He received his Life and Star ranks on May 6, 1921, qualifying for the Eagle rank only one month later.

Upon finishing high school Arthur attended the University of Tennessee (UT) eventually graduating with a bachelor's degree, and later a master's degree, in electrical engineering. In 1926, he joined the UT faculty as a professor of engineering. He excelled in academia and in 1960 was appointed Assistant Dean of the College of Engineering and Professor of Basic Engineering and Graphics. By 1966 he was promoted to department head.

In his Scouting life, Dr. Wood became a Scoutmaster serving Troop 5 from 1926 until 1958, after which he served on different committees for the troop. In the February 25, 1944, 29th anniversary edition of the Troop 5 banquet newsletter, Eagle Scout Jack Morgan scribed an article about Professor Wood in which he stated, "Mr. Wood is a man of strong character who is devoted to his fellow man and who has a desire to contribute worthwhile service. It is these qualities and his fine patterns of manhood that we quickly want to follow. He is our hero. Our affection and respect for him will increase with the years. He makes fine men of boys."

Professor Wood was inducted into the Order of the Arrow's Pellissippi Lodge 230 in 1944. He embraced all aspects of the Order and helped to develop and strengthen the lodge into a program with a purpose. In the fall of 1949, the first Vigil Honor tap out for the former Region 5 (Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana) occurred during an Explorer Trek event held at Cades Cove in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Volunteer Arthur Wood and two professional Scouters were the first candidates. However, the actual ceremony



1967 NOAC Pellissippi Lodge members - left to right: David Vice, Ed Jennings, John Nelson, Dr. Arthur Wood, David Vanaman

was not held until the spring of 1950 at Camp Pellissippi. National Secretary of the Order of the Arrow, Mr. Norman C. Wood (no relation), performed the ceremony.

Throughout the late 1940s and early 1950s, Arthur Wood served as an Assistant Scoutmaster to national and international events, including the 1947 World Jamboree contingent to France. Dr. Wood was among a group of Scouters who were honored with the Silver Beaver Award in 1947, the first year it was presented by the Great Smoky Mountain Council. In 1958 after he relinquished his duties as Scoutmaster, Professor Wood was appointed area lay adviser for Area V-B, which was comprised of the entire State of Tennessee and northern Alabama. He served as area adviser until 1962 and continued to serve as lodge lay adviser into the mid-1960s. At the 1967 National Conference, Arthur Wood and fourteen other Arrowmen were presented the Distinguished Service Award. He was the first recipient from the State of Tennessee.

In the words of Jim Montgomery, 1949 Pellissippi Lodge Chief and 1952 National Conference Chief:

"Arthur B. Wood stood approximately 5' 6" and had at best a medium build. However, as an educator and a Scouter he stood tall. The Pellissippi Lodge inducted Arthur Wood, an adult Scouter, as one of its first members, and he quickly became the adviser to the lodge. He provided a steady hand in the leadership of the lodge - never flashy, never threatening - simply a wise counsel to urge that actions be considered thoroughly and helpful decisions be made for the operation of the lodge. He devoted extensive time and effort to the Pellissippi Lodge."

Because Arthur was a professor at UT as well as an accomplished member of the Order of the Arrow, he was in a position to help facilitate the possibility for the university to be considered as a future host of a national conference. In a letter to the university president, Professor Wood described the Order of the Arrow as the "Phi Beta Kappa of Scouting." Eventually the University of Tennessee did host the 1977 NOAC, the first one in the south. Unfortunately Dr. Wood passed away in January 1971 and did not live to realize the fruits of his efforts. Regardless, he was a steward that transformed opportunity into reality.

Arthur B. Wood was not only an educated man, but also an educator of men. He believed in preparing young individuals with a strong foundation of basic principles that would serve them as people, professionals, and mentors to others.



DSA recipients who have gone to meet their maker.

Richard E. Gingras, Sr.
Southwick, MA
Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver
Class of 1981
February 18, 2009

Challen "Chuck" Wells
Denver, CO
Silver Beaver
Class of 1990
October 3, 2009

Paul "Gene" Wadford, Jr.
Mesa, AZ
Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver
Class of 2004
October 15, 2011

OA Archives needs your history

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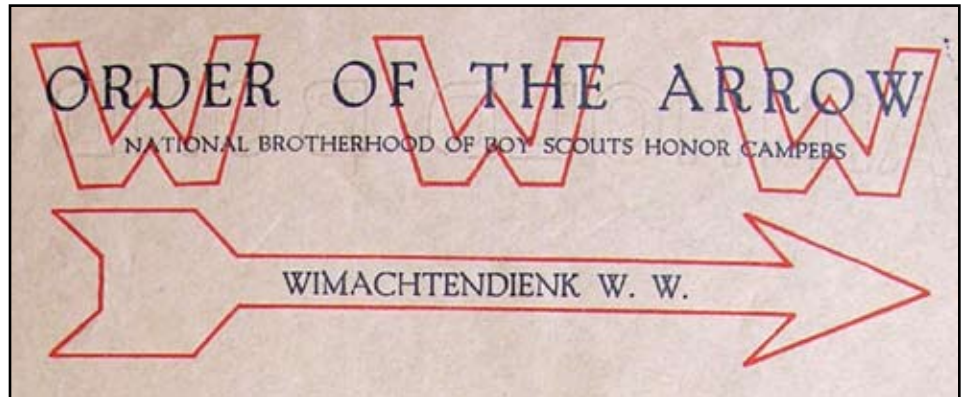
Being part of the OA Archives Committee is like revisiting Christmas – on a daily or weekly basis. However with the euphoria comes the realization that our Order’s history in images and documents is either lost or misplaced and yet to be rediscovered.

From cool 1931 vintage OA letterhead, to brag clothes to NOAC clothespins, one never knows what they might ‘discover’ and then share via the Order’s OA Digital Archives. Although there is much we know about the Order’s history, there are items that we do not have that we would like to share with our members.

Until six months ago, the OA did not have a photograph of its only two-time National Chief, Robroy Price (1929-31, 1931-33). The photograph from the 1960s was taken shortly before his death. From that image, archivists were able to discern “there he is” seated in front of E. Urner Goodman while Goodman was addressing the 1927 Grand Lodge Meeting.

Of course that leads to another mystery. How did the former Deputy Region 9 Executive, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, manage to attend a grand lodge meeting at Kanohwanke Lake, New York, and later become Scout executive in Schenectady, New York? Thus one discovery leads to another mystery, which leads to another discovery, and so forth.

Did you know that the OA still does not have



OA Letterhead, circa early 1930s

a complete collection of *National Bulletins* or Grand Lodge Minutes from the 1920s, 30s and 40s?

By the way, the Digital Archives went ‘live’ earlier this year. It can be found on the left side of the OA’s homepage at www.oa-bsa.org. This information is being shared with all members.

Not everything has been uploaded. In fact less than 10% of the documents, photos and videos, has been uploaded because it takes time and lots of volunteers.

This is where you come in. You can help with the discoveries to fill in the history gaps of the Order. You can volunteer to do research for the Archives Committee; digitize photographs, bulletins, or slides; or just find “stuff” and then share it with the Archives.

You can especially help with the archiving

process at this year’s NOAC as part of the “Archives in Action” team. Do you have an old *National Bulletin*? What about photographs from a NOAC or Jamboree Service Corps? Do not assume that the Archives already has these items. Contact one of the Archives members listed below and ask. Happy hunting! Help solve the mysteries as you contribute to our storehouse of knowledge about ourselves.

Arrowmen may contact Ian Romaine (ian.m.romaine@vanderbilt.edu) or Tracy Mesler (tracymesler@yahoo.com).



1927 Grand Lodge Meeting, E. Urner Goodman addresses the gathering. Sitting in front of Goodman facing outward is Robroy Price, the only two-time national chief (1929-31, 1931-33). At the moment this is the only known photograph of him as an Arrowman.



Minsi Lodge 5 “Brag cloth” circa 1920s

Distinguished journalist for the public story

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leadership Kawida Lodge, Areas 4-B and 4-G grew in strength through stronger program. Bill's character was of such quality that he naturally became the kind of individual that everyone was willing to follow."

As a youth Chief Bill served on the OA's area level, specifically involved in training, ceremonies, and communications. John Cafferty who was part of the contingent to the 1963 National Conference reflected, "Chief Bill was the ideal Arrowman, leader, and friend. He was the kind of person everyone could depend on as he always put the interest of others before his own." At this conference, Bill Grant received the Distinguished Service Award. At age twenty, he was one of the first youth members to receive the award. He is the only recipient from Kawida Lodge, and one of only four from Kentucky. In 1964, he was elected Area 4-G Chief and had the unique distinction of serving his term as a recipient of the DSA, and served on the planning committee for the next national conference. Former national OA committee member Don Thom served as the area adviser and recalled that Grant was a 'strong youth leader'.

Professionally, Bill Grant made his mark in journalism. As a sophomore at Winchester High School he founded the student newspaper Smoke Signals, serving three years as editor. The paper was twice judged the state's best high school newspaper. In 1961, the Louisville Professional Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, a national honor society recognizing professional journalism, named Bill the outstanding high school journalist in Kentucky.

Starting in the fall of 1961, he studied journalism and political science at the University of Kentucky (UK) and joined the staff of the student newspaper, the Kentucky Kernel. As its editor-in-chief, Bill developed the plan that removed the school newspaper from control of the journalism faculty, and placed it under a campus-wide board, a tradition maintained to this day.

During college he interned at the Louisville Courier-Journal newspaper, and served as

director of the Collegiate Press Service in Washington, DC. Graduating with honors in 1965, he worked as a reporter for the Lexington Herald-Leader. In 1967, he received a Master of Arts in communications, the first awarded by UK in that field.

During his professional career he spent nearly fifteen years in the newspaper business working as a reporter and editor for the Detroit Free Press and the San Francisco Chronicle. His work earned him professional prestige and numerous journalistic and literary awards. In 1983, he joined the public television staff at WGBH in Boston serving as managing editor of *Frontline* followed by ten years as executive editor of *NOVA*. He also served as executive producer of *Who Made America?* and *Living Against the Odds*.

In 1995, he became director of 'Science, Natural History and Features' programming for WNET, New York Public Media, the flagship of U.S. public television. At this station he was in charge of one of the largest documentary production departments in public television. Grant was the executive producer of two PBS anthology series titled *Innovation* and *Going Places*. Two ground breaking productions that he was especially proud of bringing to television were *Slavery*, the *Making of America* and *The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow*. Programs under his supervision have won fourteen National News and Documentary Emmy Awards, and nine George Foster Peabody Awards.

He also was a founding member of the Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival, the largest international film festival focusing on nature films. Serving as chairman from 2001 to 2009, he is now chairman emeritus. Lisa Samford, executive director of the film festival said, "Bill is a constant leader, and he's got this ability to rise above the fray and resolve conflicts. He has a real knack for getting right to the heart of an issue." Noteworthy post-collegiate accolades include being honored as a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University, being inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame, and being named to the UK Hall of Distinguished Alumni.


Chief Bill retired from WNET in the spring of 2011 after a fifty-year professional career in journalism. By Bill's own account, the foundation for his lifetime of media successes was formed in both Scouting and the Order, remembering... "For he who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows greatest."

Other DSA Recipients from Kentucky include Don Thom (Class of 1961), Charlie Weber (Class of 1961), Tom Fielder (Class of 1971).



Bill Grant, Class of 1963





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Butler awarded Arrowhead of Service



Jack Butler, Class of 1986

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During the Boy Scouts of America National Annual Meeting in May, National Chairman Ray Capp presented the Arrowhead of Service Award to Jack Butler. Jack is the second Arrowman to receive this award. Given annually by the chairman, it recognizes recipients for going above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a member of the national committee.

A member of the Mowogo Lodge, Butler has been a member of the committee for 21 years. He is a former vice chairman of communications and marketing, and has also served in the roles of lodge and section adviser. Jack brings an incredible level of knowledge and passion to his work in the Order. He is

currently serving on the unit, chapter, and lodge support subcommittee of the national committee.

When Capp was appointed to chair the national committee, he led a review of the current program and noted several areas of focus for the members of the committee. One such area was support of chapters. Out of this realization, the unit, chapter, and lodge support subcommittee was formed. Ray staffed the subcommittee with an exceptional team, including three former vice chairmen and a Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. Jack quickly started working to meet the group's mission of support.

The subcommittee recognized that lodges and chapters across the nation are succeeding, and that we should be sharing those successes and providing recognition. "Jack distinguished himself against a motivated group by leapfrogging into action," according to Ray. Jack began building a network of Arrowmen across America to seek out great ideas. The concepts ranged from inspirational adviser's minutes, to chapter meeting activities, to best practices for lodges. From these ideas, a repository

was created on the national OA Website, www.oe-bsa.org, for all Arrowmen to help improve their lodges through others' experiences.

For his exceptional service as part of the unit, chapter, and

lodge support subcommittee, Jack Butler received a crystal arrowhead and an invitation to serve a one-year term on the Order of the Arrow steering committee.

Arrowmen serve at SummitCorps

SummitCorps, a national service event that attracted hundreds of Arrowmen to New River Gorge National Park in West Virginia this past summer, was a resounding success. The program gathered hundreds of Arrowmen at the national river to work on the construction of a new, one-of-a-kind mountain biking trail.

The event ran smoothly due in part to the tremendous help of the National Park Service, the West Virginia Army National Guard at the Glen Jean Armory, and of course, all of the Arrowmen who gave generously of their time to serve.

In total, nearly thirteen miles of trail work were completed during the four-week project. Participants removed 1,218 square feet of invasive species and

completed several beautification projects along the river. Another highlight was the \$15,000 raised during the program along with \$25,000 in food to a local food bank, which the OA donated to several charities in the area. Evening activities were great fun and kept all the participants in high spirits after working long, hot hours in the West Virginia humidity.

Lodges had the opportunity to paint giant lodge flaps that will be displayed at the Summit Bechtel Reserve to commemorate the lodges that provided service to this project.

As our relationship with the National Park Service continues to develop, the Order looks forward to what the future holds as we continue our legacy of cheerful service across the nation.

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