

# Order of the Arrow

## Woapink Lodge

Lodge Chief - Tyler Goeckner  
Lodge Adviser - Matt Kaufman  
Lodge Staff Adviser - Doug Zaring

### New Lodge Officers Elected

At the 2009 Woapink Lodge Fall Fellowship the arrowmen of the lodge elected their new leaders. Tyler Goeckner of Troop 137 in Teutopolis was re-elected as the Lodge Chief for 2009-2010. Andrew Martin from Troop 134 in Decatur was elected as the Vice Chief of Activities. The new Vice Chief of Inductions is Chris Buchanan of Troop 31 in Argenta. Christian Rau of Troop 202 in Decatur was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the lodge.

Chapter Chiefs were also elected at the Fall Fellowship. The new Redhawk Chapter Chief is Jesse Muhs from Troop 156 in Newton. Michael Weber of Troop 3 in Effingham was elected as Two Rivers Chapter Chief. Drew Monney of Troop 31 in Argenta was elected as Railsplitter Chapter Chief.

### New Vigil Honor Members Inducted

At the 2009 Vigil Honor Weekend held September 12th and 13th Woapink Lodge inducted 9 arrowmen into the Vigil Honor. They were Christian Rau (Troop 202), John Salogga (Troop 104), Tyler Goeckner (Troop 137), Alex Wetzel (Troop 81), Daniel Hinze (Troop 104), David Salogga (Troop 104), Fred Saurmann (Railsplitter District Unit Commissioner), Doug Zaring (Two Rivers District Executive) and Chris Long (Council Scout Executive). Congratulations to these outstanding Scouts and Scouters.

### Annual Dues

Woapink Lodge has started collecting dues for the 2010 year. Arrowmen who have not paid their dues will receive a notice in the mail reminding them to do so by December 4th. Any arrowman who does not do so will be dropped from membership in Woapink Lodge.

Remember, you must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America to be a member of the Order of the Arrow. Those who are not will be removed from the lodge membership roster.

**Remember, all Lodge mailings are sent only to current paid members. To check whether your dues are currently paid please contact Matt Kaufman at the Council Service Center.**

## Pack 121 Says Thank You

Friday I went to Cardinal-Glennon in St. Louis, to see Evan Springman. I was a bit worried on the way to his room, because of the number of things that could be wrong with Evan after a surgery like he just endured. When I got to his room in the PICU, I rounded the corner, and there on the bed in front of me was, Evan!! Not another version of Evan that was different in some way because of a side effect from surgery, but the same Evan that I last saw at a den meeting. His mother said that even the doctors could not believe how well he is recovering from the procedure. While I was there, he got out of bed, climbed up on and stood on a chair, and got his Nintendo DS out of a bag, and then got down and back in bed. Angie (his mother) said the doctors told her that his balance may be messed up for a while due to the pressure that they relieved in surgery. She looked at me and asked "does it look like his balance is messed up?". I stayed and talked for a few minutes (while Evan played his DS) and said a prayer with them thanking God for answering all of our prayers, which leads me to the point.

I want to say THANK YOU to each and every one of you who is praying for, and supporting Evan and his family. Words cannot describe how honored I am to know you, and be a part of our organization. Truly, there are no better people in the world than Scouters, and the concern that I have seen shown for one of our own is incredible. Evan is not "out of the woods" yet, but he will hopefully be home in the next few days and is hopefully on the road to recovery. Again, THANK YOU for your continuing prayers and support, God has shown us a miracle.

May God bless each of you.

Yours in Scouting,  
Greg Blackburn

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