



The Standing Brave

First Quarter 2008

March

Chickagami Lodge 180

National Leadership Seminar

This past month several of our Lodge members attended the National Leadership Seminar (NLS) in Rochester, Indiana. Travis Thompson and Thomas Jordan shared new ideas with other OA members, in order to help spark interest in lodge activities and their units. The OA and Cub Scouting, meeting Quality Lodge requirements, the Lodge's role in Council support were several of the training sessions held. We also met a 2008 & 2009 Quality Lodge requirement, by having two youth attend NLS.

While we attended NLS, Mr. Lesinski attended the National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS) the same weekend, there were about 40 lodge advisers involved in discussion topics aimed at helping their lodge,

while giving support to their local council.

Mr.L is asking OA members to help out with our council's Scoutreach program. Today, young people are faced with many challenges including fragile families and disintegrating neighborhoods, and need extra help with providing positive role models, learning and just having some fun. Scouting can help to provide this for them.

Leslie Butler needs your help working with the Scoutreach Cub Scout Program. She works with four Cub units in Port Huron. Youth and adult members can call her at the SSC, and offer a little time for "Cheerful Service".

Call Leslie today: 888.987.2688

Up Coming Events

April 11, 12, 13

Order of the Arrow

Spring Conclave - S.T.S.R.

April 18 Registration Deadline
Section C2A Conclave

April 19-20 Camp Clean-Up
Silver Trails Scout Reservation

May 2, 3, 4 Section Conclave
Camp Agawam - Lake Orion, MI

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"Jumpstart"

The Order of the Arrow encourages new OA members to visit the National OA website at:

www.aa-bsa.org

Select "Jumpstart for new Arrowmen" at the bottom of the Home Page. "Jumpstart" provides valuable information to new members of the OA on the Ordeal they just completed – the

pre-Ordeal and Ordeal ceremonies as well as helping them prepare for Brotherhood membership.

Ordeal members are eligible to seal their membership in the Order after 10 months service.

Numerous members have been Ordeal status for several years. Join us at the Spring Conclave and obtain your Brotherhood status.

Purpose of the Order of the Arrow

The purpose of the OA is simple. To recognize those campers - Scouts and Scouters - who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition, cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant recognition.



NOAC 2009 – Start Planning

The second largest BSA gathering, the National Order of the Arrow Conference, will be held in late July, 2009. Second only in size to the National Jamboree event, the last NOAC was held at Michigan State University with nearly 10,000 arrowmen and our lodge sent 11 arrowmen. In 2009, NOAC will be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN – about 6 hours from Detroit and southwest of Indianapolis.



Our lodge is preparing to announce preliminary plans for the 2009 NOAC contingent. The reason for

announcing at this time is to give youth members and parents time to plan and budget for this very popular OA event. We want as many youth as possible to attend; so why not start now and allow small installments over the course of the next 15 months. Please make sure other arrowmen know about this extra special opportunity just around the corner in 2009. Questions: Contact Cindy Gulyas at the SSC or Dave Lesinski

All 2008 OA High Adventure Programs are full

Wilderness Voyage \$125
Trail Crew \$150
Ocean Adventure \$500

For High Adventure & ArrowCorps 5 go to oa-bsa.org and check it out for additional information!

Due to overwhelming demand these three High Adventure Programs are now full for "08" If you are still interested in a National Activity, check out ArrowCorps5, several of the National Park sites still have openings for your reservation, but act soon because they too are almost full!

2009 OA High Adventure Applications will be available later in 2008.

Don't miss out, remember to register early!

OA Camperships are available to youth members, from the Lodge and our Section.



Brotherhood: A major goal in 2008

In 2008, we are going to focus on helping our Ordeal arrowmen seal their membership in the Order; that is, to become Brotherhood members.

Recently a youth member asked me about the difference between Ordeal and Brotherhood membership. Smiling, I suggested it might be compared to earning Tenderfoot rank as a new Scout and then later achieving First Class rank. It was at that point, you knew you were a solid member of the troop and different than the other newer Scouts; you had made it!

So, looking forward to 2008, I'm asking each of the OA Ordeal members to convert to Brotherhood. Proudly wear the OA sash with the "red bars" and our lodge flap as Brotherhood members. Seal your membership in the OA's Honor Society.

Thinking of Running for a Lodge Position?

Are you thinking about running for a position this spring? Well before you do, make sure you know what you're getting into because we need people who are both reliable and dedicated to there position, and are not going to bail out on us half way through the term.

Chief

- Responsible for planning and conducting lodge activities. Is to attend Section Council of Chief meetings and encourage the participation and attendance of other Vice Chiefs and interested Lodge members.
- Attends Blue Water Council Executive Board meetings and Blue Water Council Camping Committee meetings. (If excused absences are necessary, will arrange for an alternate Vice Chief to substitute.)
- Represents the lodge in outside events in a positive manner and works closely with the program and camping committees to support their mission in a manner that reflects positively on the Lodge acting as the honor society of Scouting.
- Responsible for the proper operation of all lodge functions, committees, and chapters
- Works closely with the adult advisors, both on the volunteer and professional level in a timely results oriented manner with follow-through that accomplishes the task and mission at hand. Will have regularly scheduled Key Three meetings that are utilized to resolve any open issues, engage in long range planning, and coordinate activities and services of the Lodge.
- Sees that agendas are prepared prior to meetings and coordinates reports such as treasury, committee follow-through, minutes, etc.
- Is to create an article for each issue of the Council newsletter, the Bridge, and the Lodge newsletter, Standing Brave.
- Will develop and maintain a list of short and long term goals and objectives for the lodge and review them and set priorities at each lodge council meeting.
- Is a "spark plug" for membership and Lodge professionalism, cheerful service, and growth



Lodge Secretary

- Works with Lodge Chief and advisors in preparation of the agenda and minutes for all meetings.
- Creates the final product of the Lodge newspaper, the Standing Brave
- Responsible for general Lodge correspondence.
- Sends notifications for all Lodge Chief Council meetings (i.e., postcards, etc., in a timely manner).



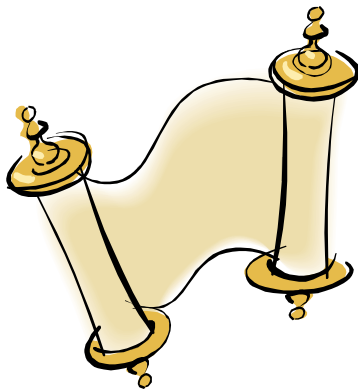
Lodge Treasurer

Supervises Lodge finances:



- Prepares a monthly financial statement and detailed quarterly budget and updates
- The financial statement for each month are to have handwritten entries to clarify any that are not clearly obvious as to content and purpose (i.e., an expense for food needs to be identified as for visiting Ceremonies team training session from Clinton Valley Council, for example).
- Is to work with Membership Vice Chief to assure that as dues are paid the membership roster is updated.
- Is to send out appropriate notices in the Brave and the Bridge as to when dues are required and will utilize letters and other available means to address information to Arrowmen relative to dues payment and/or when they may lapse for non-payment.

Membership



- Will maintain a current roster of members and a roster of lapsed members who are potentially eligible for reinstatement or return to the lodge. Will have a clear roster available for Conclaves to assist in verification of status for elections and participation of Lodge events. Only fully paid and B.S.A. registered members can participate.
- For Conclaves, will sent out letters to Brotherhood eligible members at least six weeks prior to each event so that they may be encouraged to go through the conversion. Sample letters to be maintained in hard and electronically through the Scout service center.
- Will maintain such records relative to Conclaves, Sectional Conclaves, etc., so that there will be historical tracking of attendance and participation over extended periods of time.

Conclave/ Activities



- Is expected to attend and participate in all Conclaves and be at the Conclave site for the duration
- Is responsible for the coordination, development, and delivery of quality Conclaves Spring and Fall
- Will coordinate with the Advisors and the Properties Committee to determine the work projects for the Conclave and communicate same before and at the beginning of the Conclave to eliminate confusion. Flyers should indicate what type of projects are planned so people can dress and bring appropriate tools.

Ceremonies

- Is responsible for the selection of guides, torch bearers, and appropriate staff for the Lodge readings, especially at Conclave.
- Is to train and monitor the skill and commitment of the lodge members involved in the ceremonial teams and to assure they have memorized their presentations, rather than read them.



Trading Post

- Provides and trains adequate youth O/A members to properly staff the trading post during its operation.
- Schedule staff on a rotating basis so there will be free time for all members. Coordinates adult staff help as needed. Keeps in contact with



Adviser's Corner

QUESTION: I see a number of other flaps worn by the Chickagami lodge members. What are they? We frequently issue flaps for the National Jamboree and other special events, like the National OA Conference. A special two-piece set is created for OA members that attend the National Jamboree. Two piece sets are very popular at the NOAC and the Jamboree. They are often traded by youth and adult members. A limited edition patch will be designed for those OA members that attend the 2010 National Jamboree. Perhaps you would like to start to think about some design possibilities..... Several older style flaps are worn proudly by many lodge members today! These flaps can be worn on an Arrowmen's uniform, but the current official flap with pocket cover is my favorite.

QUESTION: If an arrowman needs a new sash or an extra lodge flap, how do they get it? These items and more are available for purchase at our Scout Service Center, conclaves, and the annual dinner banquet. I carry a small supply with me should you need something on a more immediate basis. Please email me at davesinski@hotmail.com and I will help you.

QUESTION: My son returned from his Ordeal trying to pronounce Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, and Witahemui. How do you say them and what do they mean? These names are easy to say if you pronounce them syllable-by-syllable - Wi-mach-ten-dienk, Win-go-lauch-sik, and Wi-ta-hem-u-i. These are the Indian names for the three principles of the BSA's national honor society: Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. The three W's have been around longer than the Internet and definitely do not mean World Wide Web.

QUESTION: Any suggestions on how to remember the OA obligation and song? Well, just like the Scout Oath and Law, repetition will help you remember it. I have printed up a copy that I use at meetings and by reciting it often, you do learn the obligation. The song came much easier for me. I've noticed that the youth members can memorize much easier than me. Like everything else..... Practice, practice, practice!



Spring Conclave

This years spring conclave is the weekend of April 11-13. Many work projects will be ongoing during the weekend so we need lots of help. We will need elangomats to help supervise the work projects and Ordeal candidates. Anyone interested should email me at aaxcountry@gmail.com. Spring Conclave is also the time for elections so come out to vote for our new chief and vice chiefs. It should be a fun event, so lets see if we can do as good as we did at the Fall Conclave - which was the best one in years.

Section Conclave

Our section C-2A is holding its Section Conclave at Camp Agawam in Lake Orion during the weekend of May 2-4. This years theme is Las Vegas and should be a fun event. Our Lodge is hosting the training for the event so if you would like to help out sign up at the Sunday business meeting at the Spring Conclave. Last year we didn't have enough votes because of low attendance so everyone should make an effort to attend to support our lodge and secure our votes for section officers.

Supreme Keeper of the Fire

Fellow Arrowmen,

Many moons have passed since I first came to your campfire. The warmth of your brotherhood welcomed me as your new Chief of the Fire. Now seasons change and I find that my trail once again has me moving to a new campfire, and a new group of arrowmen. Although this is exciting, it also is a source of sadness in leaving good friends made here.

I have been most impressed with the progress of Chickagami Lodge the past two years. Reaching Quality Lodge in 2007 is a fine example of the new enthusiasm and commitment to the ideals of the order. Keep these successes in mind as you all work towards cheerful service to the lodge and your fellow Scouts.

I commend the lodge leadership to re-commit themselves to being good leaders, positive examples for our younger members to emulate. Dedicate yourselves to leading by example, so that those who follow know the correct path.

And for those who are new to the Lodge, or have not accepted a leadership role, I commend you to boldly put forth your very best for Chickagami Lodge. Follow the example of your Lodge Leaders, and embrace the spirit of "Cheerful Service".

Keep your campfire burning.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jeffrey L. Purdy

Scout Executive



