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 **ORDER OF THE ARROW**



THE ASHOKWAHTA TEHTAS

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Be Active and Visible...

Welcome to our newest brothers from both the Spring and Fall Ordeals. I really do hope you are looking forward to the many lodge functions in the coming months. There are several activities advertised throughout this edition of our newsletter. Make your plans to attend now and reacquaint yourself with some of those brothers that you spent your Ordeal with as well as getting to know some of our lodge members who have been involved for years.


The summer months provided a great opportunity for all of our Arrowmen to take an active role in the many functions of our summer camping programs and to be a good example to those Scouts who hope some day look forward to being Arrowmen themselves.

As you gear-up for a fall full of troop, district and council activities, be the one who goes the extra mile, does the jobs that others may not like to do, volunteers first for the extra duties and by doing so, you will show those who elected you to this organization that you truly do live the Scout Oath and Law and to your fellow Arrowmen that you really do embrace the ideals of “cheerful service”.

The Order of the Arrow really is a wonderful brotherhood, but you never know how much you will get out of it until you invest yourself in the many facets of our lodge.

Yours in the Brotherhood,
Jamie Shearer,
Scout Executive

Visit our Lodge Site @ itcbsa.org/oa



ORDER OF THE ARROW SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Hello Brothers in the Order.

As you may know we had an **Ordeal Weekend** on September 9th, 10th, and 11th. We got many projects done at Dittmer and inducted 14 new Ordeal members and 13 Brotherhood members. Welcome to the new Arrowmen in our Lodge! There are lodge meetings the third Wednesday of every month. The next lodge meeting is at GCC for the camp kickoff. There is also another Fellowship (Ordeal) Weekend in the spring at Camp Sam Wood. This reminder is mainly for the new Ordeal members, but is also a refresher to the members who have not come to any meetings yet. Again, welcome to the new Arrowmen.

Connor Grabowski
Ordealmaster

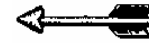
National Order of the Arrow Conference -- 2006

The National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held July 29 TH through August 3 RD in 2006. There will be over 10,000 Order of the Arrow men at the conference at the University of Michigan. The cost for the NOAC may run from \$300 to \$600 depending on the mode of transportation, and activities, meals to and from the conference. Your meals will be in the college cafeterias, your stay is in the college dorm. NOAC is a lot of fun and you meet a lot of new people from all over the world. NOAC is so much fun and there are so many cool activities that you can do by yourself or with your lodge. One of the BIG THINGS at NOAC is the Trading Post where you buy lots of cool stuff.

The training and shows, the friends and learning experiences are a great reason to journey to Michigan in the summer of 2006.

..... NOAC 2006 will be the best ever and you should go to NOAC. The best time of your life.

Jonathan Doherty



Office Move

The Main Scout Office has relocated from Lockport to Batavia. The phone number is 585-3430307. Temporarily the address is PO Box 479, Batavia, New York 14021. It is location at 45 Liberty Street Suite 2, Batavia, New York 14020

Please give Judy, in our new office every consideration as she learns the ins and outs of her new responsibilities. It may take some time to really get organized. Please consider attending the next LEC Meeting at the new office on November 16



ACTIVITY / PARTICIPATION / ENJOYMENT

Be it known that the Order of the Arrowmen who get the most ENJOYMENT of the Order are those that PARTICIPATE in ACTIVITIES that are continuous. The youth and adults that attend meetings of the Lodge find those activities will cause you to meet more people and do many things. Best of all, the Order of the Arrow benefits from the enhancement of Scouting. Should you, the Order of the Arrow member, sit at home waiting for an invitation / phone call; you might sit a long time. You must be actively volunteering your time to do fun activities, participate in an organization that promotes camping, volunteerism and Boy Scouts. Need a ride, call an adult in your community to get a ride to activities. They might just welcome you, asking and enjoy renewing friendships themselves.

Monthly meeting in Batavia ----- third Wednesday ---
- 7:00 PM --- Scout Service Center.

UPCOMING CALENDAR ----- 2005 -- 2006

October LEC ----- 19 Th @ 7:00 PM

November Activity -- 11 - 13 TH FUN WEEKEND @
CSW

November LEC ----- 16 TH @ 7:00 PM

December LEC ----- 21 ST @ 7:00 PM

2006

January Banquet --- 7 TH @ 6:15 Batavia Party
House

January LEC ----- 18 TH @ 7:00 PM

June Conclave ----- 2-3-4 Camp Olmsted

June Weekend ----- 9-10-11 Camp Sam Wood

July / August ----- NOAC --- Michigan



Arrowmen -

The **jamboree** was a blast! Those of you who attended know what I am talking about, and those of you who didn't attend should think about going in 2010. Unfortunately, in order to attend as a scout, you have to be under 18 years old. Those of you who will be over 18 will have to apply to the OA Service Corps, or go on staff at one of the many areas in order to attend. OA Service Corps does just what it says - it helps out all over the place. There are OA display areas that you might be able to get on staff - and the displays were great - but if not, there are plenty of other areas to work. We had a ball visiting the conservation area, Twelve Cubed (the OA show), the Action Centers, TOAP, Merit Badge Midway, and naturally the Trading Posts. There is TONS to do and see there - I would recommend you start thinking about it now - even though it won't be until 2010 and the 100th Anniversary of BSA, time flies! It only seems like yesterday we were there.

YIS, Ed Grabowski

Hello arrowmen,

I am Bob Lawson the Chairmen of the **Lodge Unit Elections Committee**. I am currently in the process of putting together a Unit Elections team (one team per district). We need at least 4-6 Arrowmen from each district to be a part of their Unit Elections Team for their respective district. Your help will bring in more candidates to your Lodge making it even stronger. If you would like to help, please don't hesitate to call me at (716)434-7529





PATCH AUCTION

Arrowmen, it is time to be checking your stash of Scouting mMemorabilia to see what you can donate to the annual auction to be held at the Lodge banquet on January 7th, 2006. We need any kind of Scouting items, including patches, neckerchiefs, books, old uniforms, camping gear or any collectible items you can part with.

The auction will include a **youth only** section so the younger Arrowmen will not be bidding against the adults. Youth can also bid in the adult/open section of the auction, but those items will go to whoever has the deepest pockets and wishes to help the major fundraising event of the Lodge. It has been the policy of the Lodge to use the proceeds to benefit the Council camping program. The promotion of camping has always been the priority of the Order.

I will accept all donated items until December 21st. I need the additional time to catalog, package, price and organize the items so they can be ready for another spirited evening of bidding. We will accept cash, check or credit card, so remember to bring one of these with you. We do not extend credit. If you contemplate bidding on several items, our cashiers will keep a running tab so you can pay for all your items at one time.

Items can be left at the Batavia office or at my home. NO items will be accepted for auction at the banquet. It becomes too confusing!!!! I look forward to another evening of great bidding.

Donald Ames 585-757-6661
4788 Ford Rd.
Elba, NY 14058
carsnquilts@geneseeit.com



MEMBERSHIP / DUES UPDATE ----- OCTOBER 2005

Once again I write concerning non-payment of dues to the Ashokwahta Lodge # 339. This issue of the ASHOKWAHTA TEHTAS will find another year's membership loosing their newsletter delivery. This "LAST ISSUE" notice for those that have not paid their 2002 dues will find an ending of newsletters.

For the past four issues the lodge, mailing list has been trimmed due to non-payment of dues. [This issue concerns the year 2002.]

The adjusted list brings paying membership and active members into alignment. Thank you for looking at your mailing label. If it is not 2005 but 2002 ----- you are receiving your last issue unless payment brings you current ----- present year and one year past --- \$12.00.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Brandon Luce / Andrew Stich ----- Co - Editors

It is with pleasure we welcome Brandon Luce and Andrew Stich of Batavia as the co - editors of the ASHOKWAHTA TEHTAS, our Ashokwahta Lodge #339 of the Iroquois Trail Council. These young OA members are coordinating the news articles and setting up ideas for future newsletters / articles.

If you are looking to write for the newsletter; PLEASE contact Brandon or Andrew including your name, address, email and phone number.

Please send to : Brandon / Andrew
Iroquois Trail Council Inc.

P. O. Box 479
Batavia, New York 14020

Thank you for your interest in OUR NEWSLETTER.



OA HOSTS FUN WEEKEND ---- CSW

Brothers, do you want to attend a Fun Weekend where the food is good, the work is sparse (actually two hours of it,) and the lights do not go out all night????? That is right. !!! The weekend of November 11 - 12 -13, 2005 we will arrive at Camp Sam Wood for the Second Annual Fun Weekend. This will be a very relaxing weekend ----- don't expect breakfast early. Anticipation will include ----- playing computer games and video games (YOU MUST BRING AND BE RESPONSIBLE) for the whole time. Remember to bring things that you are familiar with and have extension cords in case you will have to find an outlet to share as there might be too many games going on at once. Movies to be brought need to be screened for content. Some one must bring a video player and screen for each movie theater.

Food will be under the direction of a youthful crew (John Luby and crew) this time as they did a great job at Camp Dittmer during the Fall Induction Weekend. Menu plans are under way. The lights will not go out in the Dining Hall and are questionable for the Call Lodge. (HEATABLE ----- that is right ----- you asked for it,) we were able to have the benefactor come through in the planning for our camp.)

Now for those that must get some sleep ----- there are going to be places where the darkness will allow quiet slumber.

The main job will be ONLY TWO HOURS of helpful service to Camp Sam Wood and Scouting. We found it helpful last year and the job was quickly accomplished. All members are expected to help as we are a BROTHERHOOD OF CHEERFUL SERVICE>

David Brown has asked to be able to present (for those that are wishing) ----- beginning dancing steps, and regalia construction. Please see Dave's article on Indian Lore within this issue.

Looking forward to your attendance. 23 last year.

Reminder --- see the reservation form for the \$10.00 fee and registration date..



My Fellow Arrowmen -----

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Hello, my name is Dan Jones and I'm the Lodge Chief for Ashokwahta # 339 for the 2005 - 2006 year.



Let me tell you how exciting I am about the coming year.

I hope that everything that I've learned about leadership, along side that all of you can bring to the table, will invigorate this organization and create a better, more efficient lodge. I look forward to working with not only all of the Lodge Officers and the advisors; but I also am excited that I'm getting to work with so many other people that are part of our Order.

Its an incredible honor just to be a part of this. To lead it is something that's even more humbling.

I'm optimistic about the coming year, a year in which we all together will tie firmer the bonds of Brotherhood, uphold the spirit of cheerfulness, serve our fellow man and always remember our deepest principles.

" He who follows such a pathway of cheerful service, will be seen by many others and by inspiration, lead them. " --- Allowat Sakima.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Dan Jones
Lodge Chief

Ashokwahta # 339





Cub Parent Weekend Update

By Chas Streb and AJ McAdoo

On August 26-28, the Ashokwahta Lodge held the annual Cub Parent Weekend at Camp Sam Wood. The weekend was kicked off with an entertaining opening campfire, which got everyone energized for an exciting weekend. All of the Scouts had a wonderful time, and went to several activities through out the weekend. The activities were archery, arts and crafts, Indian lore, nature walks and swimming. All O.A. staff members did a fantastic job and all the Scouts and their families had a good camping experience. The weekend was ended with a great closing campfire that talked about what it meant to be a Scout and an American. We look forward to hosting the Cub Parent Weekend again next year on August 25-27, 2006. REMEMBER TO SAVE THE DATE!

Ceremonies team is looking for anyone interested in being on the ceremonies team; we need at least 4 more volunteers. On the ceremonies team you will be required to memorize a part in either Brotherhood or Ordeal ceremony, depending on the status in the lodge membership (Ordeal or Brotherhood). It's a lot of fun and fairly easy if you memorize your part beforehand. If you are interested, please contact Cory Hall at 6925046 for what you can do to help. Any help is appreciated. Also anyone interested in making regalia or learning Native American dancing come to the Fun Weekend (November 11-13) and talk to Mr. Dave Brown.

Greetings Fellow Arrowmen

What a great Fall Ordeal weekend we had at Camp Dittmer in September. There were a record amount of Brotherhood conversions (14) and a great amount of Ordeal candidates (13). It's great to see so many brothers sealing their membership in the Lodge.

Thank you Dave Brown for all of your help in the kitchen. Looks like we have a youth cooking crew being formed and some new dish dogs to boot. Youth-run is the name of the game in all aspects of Scouting.

I had the pleasure of going through the Wood Badge Course with many of the adult leaders and staff in the council this last weekend at Camp Sam Wood and previously Camp Dittmer. I am very glad to say many of the tickets (projects) being written involve building a stronger Lodge.

It's hard to believe that we are already beginning to form election committees for each of the Districts. Although the year has yet to end, we hope to have fully trained and functioning election committees to have nearly 100% unit participation in 2006. Adults and youth are both encouraged to sign up for a committee. We'll be happy to train you and assign you to troops in your district to hold elections for in the new Lodge year.

I'm looking forward to fellowship at the Lodge's second annual Lodge Fun Weekend (LFW) at Camp Sam Wood November 11-13. In addition to mass video games and movies, training will be available for the various formed and forming committees-don't be afraid to do your part! As a reminder, bring your favorite video games and platforms, movies (PG-13 and under of course) and TV sets, and don't forget the cables, extension chords and popcorn as well. Dress warm and don't forget mess kits- we'll see you there!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Paul



Native American Regalia / Dancers / Beaders / Bonnet Makers.

Arrowmen ----- Indian Regalia makers and dancers, plan on attending the " Fun Weekend " this coming November 11 - 12 -13, 2005 at Camp Sam Wood. I am listing things that you should plan on bringing to the weekend so that you, who participate, will have materials and / or an idea of what is to happen.

These are things that you should plan on to participate in the weekend activities. A good many have expressed this desire to build an article of regalia and or learn a dance step.

- 1.) If you are going to learn to dance, please bring along a pair of tennis shoes so that you can have proper footing as you learn to dance a few steps.
- 2.) If you want to learn to do beadwork ----- loom beading or without loom beading; bring along some money (no more than \$5.00) to pay for the beads. Also bring along three (3) pieces of wood --- PINE BOARDS. One board needs to be 28 inches long ----- three (3) inches wide by 3/4 inch. The other two boards are smaller -----3 inches long, three inches wide by 3/4 inch. I will provide needles and the thread plus any leather we will use.
- 3.) If you want to learn to make a war bonnet, the only charge will be for the feathers at \$.35 per feather. You will need 36 feathers for the bonnet. Beadwork will come later ----- not this weekend. If you have an old felt hat --- bring it along.
- 4.) No charge for material for the hair roaches. I will show you how to make them and provide the materials. They are very easy to make.
- 5.) If you are interested in drumming, singing --- no special materials are needed. I will provide the music to start with.
- 6.) If for any reason you cannot afford to pay for the materials --- see me personally to work out a plan.

Dave Brown, Indian Lore Merit Badge Counselor



SECTION NE-3A

How is everyone doing?? Good I hope. Because from everything I've heard it sounds like Ashokwahta lodge is off to a dazzling start this year. As you may or may not know I have moved on from the office of lodge chief to pursue bigger and better things and am currently the Vice Chief of section NE-3A. One of the most common questions I get is what does the Section Vice Chief do??

Our section runs from the Finger Lakes Region through northern Pennsylvania and consists of eight lodges. The Section is organized to assist the lodges in their quests for greatness. My job as Section Vice Chief is to run the Lodge Assistance Program or LAP. It is my duty to visit with two of the lodges in our section and observe what they are doing as a lodge. From this information the lodge and I will formulate a plan as to how the section can help that lodge.

One of the plans created in the past is the CORE leadership training conference. This year's conference is shaping up to be the best this Section has ever seen and I would strongly recommend that any one interested attend. As a section we just voted to purchase a state of the art sound system and video projector to bring CORE into the 21st Century.

My other duties include helping with the planning of the Section Conclave. At the conclave it will be my job to organize and run the best all around lodge competition. But most importantly my job in the section is to assist the lodges in their goals. If there is anything you would like to see the section do don't hesitate to contact me.

Ashokwahta lodge is headed in the right direction and I can't wait to see what you will all accomplish this year. Good luck and good Scouting,

Wes Hall

OA Fun Weekend Reminder

Order of the Arrow Members of Ashokwahta Lodge, mark your

Sign up for **OA Fun Weekend**

Let us know you are coming.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

\$10 Fee Enclosed

Will pay at Camp

Enclose and mail to: Ashokwahta Lodge #339
Iroquois Trail Council, BSA
7121 Rochester Road
Lockport, NY 14094-1625

Conclave 2006

Are you ready for the Cornplanter Challenge? I know I am and I hope you all will join me June 3-5, 2006 at Camp Olmstead near Warren, PA. We understand it may be a little bit of a drive, so we will be making plans for transportation whether that be carpooling, taking a bus or something else. We understand that everyone is busy, but this is an event which is important to every lodge member, so set the date aside NOW so you can join us and the other 8 area lodges in FUN and EXCITEMENT!!! Also, so everyone knows, this is a weekend where you will NOT be required to work, but you will be required to have a good time! All year 'round you work hard and this is your time to play hard! The cost for the weekend is \$35, but the price is subject to change with transportation and t-shirt costs. This year our lodge will be in charge of the Silver Arrow Games which the adults (ages 21+) will be participating in during the afternoon. In the months to come I will reveal our plan of attack; however I do know I will need a few people to help judge and participate in the game, but not to worry, it will only be for a few hours and the rest of the time you will be able to have fun! Also, shirts will be made for all lodge members attending and will be given out prior to departure so our lodge can show our spirit when we step into "Cornplanter Territory." If you have any ideas for the t-shirt design please submit them at the Lodge Executive Committee meetings which are held every third Wednesday of every month in Batavia. The deadline for shirt designs is January 18, 2006 so get drawing! The winning design will get a prize handed out at Conclave 2006. Keep reading your *Ashokwahta Tehtas* for upcoming news and sign up forms for Conclave!

Written by: Steven Olsen (Conclave Chairman)