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By: Jon Fuller
NE-3A Vice Chief

In the past year I have had the opportunity to serve in the incredibly unique position of Section Vice Chief in the greatest section in the Nation. As part of this job, I have the opportunity to visit specified lodges to check on their progress as a lodge. This year I had the privilege to visit Ashokwahta and attend your banquet all in one day. I can speak from this experience to tell you all that you all have the great opportunity to be members in one of the finest lodges I have ever seen. After visiting with your lodge leaders I can see that Ashokwahta Lodge is poised in more of a way than most other lodges to become one of the next "great lodges" in the Nation. Now, in order to be 'great' do you have to register 5,000 members, have a 95% Brotherhood conversion rate, and contribute thousands of dollars to your council? These feats would all be great; however the kind of greatness I am referring to is quality, not quantity. What marks this lodge as great is the ability to use the resources presented to you and use them in the most effective manner possible. President Theodore Roosevelt perhaps put it best when he said "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." It is this unique appreciation and pride of your lodge's identity which all of you contribute to that will carry your lodge through the rough times and into true greatness.

Upcoming Calendar ---2005

Jan. / April 2005 ----- all unit elections to be completed
May 20-22-22, 2005 ----- Spring OA Induction Weekend (CSW)
June 3-4-5, 2005 ----- Section #A OA Conclave
TBA -----Ashokwahta Fun Weekend
September 9-10-11, 2005 --- Fall Induction Weekend (Dittmer)
August 2006 ----- NOAC Conference

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ORDER OF THE ARROW SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

BURNING ISSUES

Hey, all you Ordeals (and other members). I know you may think, or someone has told you, that Ordeal Weekends are just hard work. That's not true. The weekends are meant to give the privilege of being in the Order of the Arrow to newcomers, and to help the council camps. Sure, there may be work involved, but that helps the camps that give to you. To the previous Ordeal members from May of last year- come and do your Brotherhood. To the members that are Brotherhood, live up to what you have pledged in OA, cheerful service. Come back to Ordeal Weekends to help other Arrowmen help you.

CUB / PARENT WEEKEND

The Cub – Parent Weekend is a gathering for Cubs and their parents and is run by the Order of the Arrow. This gathering is very interesting and fun. There are several activities to do their. There are sports, arts and crafts, BB gun shooting, archery, etc. There are competitions, shows skits, bonfires, hiking, camping out in tents, patch collecting, patch trading. The Trading Post is stocked with items to purchase and look at. It is loads of fun to go exploring the camp and see the activities.

This is a full weekend of fun and relaxation that is packed with activities. Please come and join us this year ----- August 26 – 27–28, 2005.

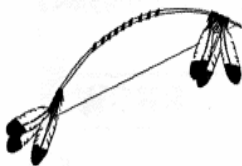
Sincerely, Richard Neal

National Order of the Arrow Conference

will be held on July 29th through August 3rd, 2006 at the University of Michigan.

NOAC IS LOTS OF FUN AND I REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD GO IN 2006. YOU WILL HAVE THE BEST TIME OF YOUR LIFE.... THEY HAVE LITTLE TRAININGS IN THE MORNING OR AFTERNOON , PATCH TRADING ALL WEEK AND SO MUCH MORE.. SIGNED JONATHAN DOHERTY

BEN METCALF SAID THAT ALL CAMP PROMOTIONS AND OA UNIT ELECTIONS FOR 2005 ARE DONE. WE DID 7 TROOPS IN ORLEANS DISTRICT FOR BOTH PRESENTATIONS THIS YEAR AND THREE TROOPS DID NOT WANT TO BE A PART OF IT THIS YEAR, A SPECIAL THANKS TO BILL APPLLEGATE FOR TAKING THE OA UNIT ELECTION/CAMP PROMOTION TEAM FOR 2005.. IT WAS A GREAT YEAR
SIGNED BEN METCALF



DUES / NEWSLETTER UPDATE

The Ashokwahta Tehtas is a paper put out by the Order of the Arrow Lodge to keep its membership up to date on happenings in the Lodge. Activities are listed, reservation sheets are included, and news is needed.

This edition is the first that has begun the reduction of members that have not paid their dues to bring them in to current status. The 1999 non paying members were deleted (38 members) from the mailing list as of the last edition when they did not forward their dues for current status. Payment will bring them back on line.

This edition of the Ashokwahta Tehtas will find the deletion of those members that have not paid their 2000 dues and are in arrears. Payment needs to be as soon as possible. The cost of the postage, printing materials and printing does not warrant continued subscription for those that do not bring their dues in to current status.

Thank you for the immediate submission of delinquent dues. (\$6.00 of one year -- \$12.00 for more than one year in the arrears.) Please see your mailing label as to your last paid dues date.

Along the trail,

FUN WEEKEND UPDATE

This past year the Order of the Arrow held its first FUN WEEKEND at Camp Sam Wood. The response to the weekend was that it should be held again. As per the plans, the next FUN WEEKEND is to be held at Camp Dittmer. Plan on bringing your ideas for the weekend to the Spring OA Induction Weekend. At this time serious planning can begin for those that are interested. Many of the ideas of the past weekend need to be followed to make it a FUN WEEKEND. BRING YOUR IDEAS --- May 20 – 22, 2005.

Work will be limited to two hours, believe it, and camping, fun, activities, and food are to be great. Volunteerism is acceptable.

Planner is to be held at the Spring Induction Weekend

OA Newsletter To Go To Scout Masters

The Order of the Arrow newsletter, ASHOKWAHTA TEHTAS, is to be sent to Scoutmasters in order that they may know of the planned programs, activities. It also lets the Scoutmaster know what is happening in the Order of the Arrow and what the OA Troop Representative should be returning to the troop. The last newsletter was sent on to the Scoutmasters without an explanation; but this mailing should be continued.

Should any troop not have their elections, receive a newsletter, please contact the Order of the Arrow for further information?

Along the trail,
Dave Hawley



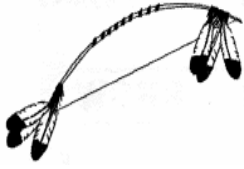
Conclave 2005

ARRRRGGG!!! It's time to board the ship and shove off to Babcock Hovey. Our pirate themed Section Conclave will take place June 3-5, 2005 in the heart of the Finger Lakes. Our lodge will be in charge of making sure the shows during the Conclave go off with a bang. What we plan to do is start the Saturday evening campfire with the Langundowi Lodge Dance Team taking stage and performing for everyone to see. We will follow that up with the all new Section Officer Jeopardy, challenging the minds of our hierarchy and confusing everyone else. After the game has completed and a winner has been chosen, we will run a slide show with music of the weekend's events. Now where do you fit in? WE NEED YOUR HELP! Sign up to come to the Conclave, if you can't make it or cannot afford it, just contact the lodge officers and they will figure out a way to get you there. We need; people to help us build fires, stagehands, scholars, comedians, artists, computer assistants and anything else in between. Even if you don't want to help, just come on down and enjoy the Conclave. Ashokwahta will show everyone that we are the # 1 lodge in the section and we will not be upstaged. If you are interested in helping out during the Saturday night campfire, please email Steve Olsen at steveo686@excite.com or if you don't have computer access, give him a call at (585) 356- 3445. Come on down and hang out with us; you won't regret it!

Steve Olsen
Conclave Coordinator
steveo686@excite.com

Being an **Order of the Arrow Representative** is very easy. You go to the OA Lodge meetings, take notes, and report back to your troop. You keep other OA troop members informed on OA events, such as Conclave or Ordeal weekends. Also, you may be asked to help in OA troop elections, at least in your home troop. Besides being a fun job, being an OA Rep. also counts towards rank advancement of holding a position of office within your troop.

Joe Smith
goosmith@msn.com



Order of the Arrow
2005 Spring Fellowship & Ceremony
Weekend Registration May 20-22 2005
Camp Sam Wood

Fill out the form below and mail to the address listed

Ashokwahta Lodge #339 **2005 Spring Weekend** **Pre-Registration** **Account #339**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Make checks payable to: **Ashokwahta Lodge #339**

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

Check One:

- Ordeal Candidate \$24.00
- Brotherhood Candidate \$22.00
- OA Member \$10.00
- My 2005 Membership
Dues are enclosed (\$6.00)



Did You Know ...

Order of the Arrow Programs and Awards:

E. Urner Goodman Scholarship fund program.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to assist Arrowmen preparing for a professional Scouting career by helping them with financial assistance towards their college. Applications can be obtained at the national office and must be submitted by Jan 15 for scholarships granted that year.

Maury Clancy Indian Campership fund.

The fund provides financial assistance to American Indian Scouts to attend resident camp. Lodges may contribute to this fund "at will" thereby increasing the fund and enabling more camperships to be awarded.

E Urner Goodman Camping Award.

This award is presented to two outstanding lodges in each region for increased effectiveness in camp promotion within their council. Applied for at charter renewal.

National Service Award.

The NSA was created to recognize two lodges in each region for providing both qualitative and quantitative excellent service to their council. Applied for at charter renewal.

Founders Award.

The Founders award was created to honor and recognize those arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the lodge. The award is given annually, and if more than one recipient is awarded, one must be a youth.

Red Arrow Award.

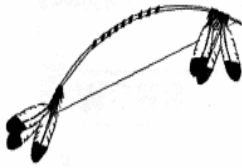
This award recognizes individuals who are not members of the order, for outstanding service to the order. The awards are presented at NOAC.

Distinguished Service Award.

The DSA honors those who rendered service to the order beyond the lodge level (sectional, regional and national levels). Nominations are open to both youth and adult members.

There you have it folks. Do you recognize a fellow arrowman above? If so, get the ball rolling!

Thanks - Paul



Ceremonies Regalia Update By Dan Jones and Dave Brown

The Ashokwahta Ceremonies team has received an almost total overhaul with our regalia and in particular our headdresses. We have invigorated our formerly fading headdresses with almost totally new feathers, fixed the ones we have and basically redid them totally. Secondly, we took a serious look at redoing the Indian regalia. Both of us agree that if we are going to use Plains Indian regalia, we should do it right, Dave Brown has graciously loaned the lodge the use of several of his ribbon shirts and is putting together a package of material both of his own, and of the lodges for each principal. The ENTIRE ceremonies team is very excited about this work and with pride we will use them at the Spring Weekend, the Conclave and every event thereafter.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Dan Jones -Allowat Sakima, Lodge Vice Chief

Dave Brown-Champion Indian Dancer, Vigil Honor Member

My Fellow Arrowmen,

What a year, what a year. Since this is possibly the last time in a newsletter as your Lodge Vice Chief, let me say first and foremost that it has been an HONOR to serve you in Ashokwahta. I would like to thank many people who live worked with over the year that have enriched my OA experience. Specifically, I would like to thank Paul Crawford and Harold Teller; as both of them have done a phenomenal job as our advisors. I would like to also thank the other members of the LEC whom also made this lodge great, Jeremy Hulse, Kevin Volk and John Luby. I would especially like to thank our Lodge Chief, Wes Hall for his service to us, he did a great job and it has been a privilege to be his subordinate, if any of you see him, thank him for his service. Mostly, I would like to thank every single Arrowmen that I did not mention before, the guys clearing a trail at a weekend, the elangomats supervising a task or the guys and girls that just come to "help out", you guys are the ones that made a difference in this lodge. Thank You.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Dan Jones Lodge Vice Chief



Attention All Unit Leaders:

The Order of the Arrow Ashokwahata Lodge would like to open up the lines of communication between the lodge and all unit leaders.

The youth leadership has voted to send out all quarterly Lodge bulletins to all unit leaders beginning with this issue.

Please take a few minutes to review these bulletins. They contain important information for your troops' arrowmen, and that information should be announced by your troop OA representative. The position of OA troop rep counts towards rank advancement, so if they are updating the units at **least** quarterly, they are earning their rank.

If you have any questions or concerns about the OA such as unit elections, ordeal weekends, dues, membership cards or bulletins, please feel free to contact us. We are here in brotherhood, to cheerfully serve.

Wes Hall, Lodge Chief , lodgechief339@yahoo.com, Harold Teller, Staff Advisor, hmteller@juno.com, Paul Crawford, Lodge Advisor, pcraw61@juno.com .

Yours in Brotherhood,
Paul

Attention all Adult and Youth Order of the Arrow Alumni:

Were you a member of the OA and let your dues fall behind? Did you know that if you are still a registered Scouter, you can get current as an OA member with only one back year of dues and the current year- a mere \$12.00! Why not support a great organization- one that helps all other facets of Scouting?

You can also pay your dues several years in advance if you'd like, and skip the hassle of check writing in the future.

Most importantly, we have an outstanding lodge. Come join us at a weekend event and re-energize the awe you felt at your induction ceremony. Many times we feel there is not enough hours in the day. Life is short, take the time, make the time. You'll be glad you did.

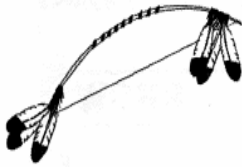
We're Looking Forward to Seeing You.

The Lodge

Hello everyone.

During the course of the past few months teams have been going out and holding their Unit Elections. So far we have elected 71 people in the entire council. I hope to see you all at the Spring Fellowship Weekend on May 20- 22 when we will get to meet the candidates.

Yours in Scouting,
James Franclemont



Greetings Fellow Arrowmen,



I want to share with you my vision for this lodge. A vision is a picture of what future success looks like. If we can see it, we can be it.

My vision for the lodge will be a model of how every lodge can succeed. In the best tradition of Scouting, this is and will continue to be a boy run lodge. My vision has three parts.

First, as Lodge Advisor, I will study the policies and principles of the OA and see that they are followed in the lodge. To the best of my ability, I will attend all lodge functions, and aid the lodge officers in transportation and facilitation of all lodge activities. I see the lodge continue to operate according to the OA Obligation, and of course, the Scout Oath and Laws. We are all here to help one another to have the best possible experience.

Second, I see the adult leaders continue to give the responsibility for leading the lodge to the Lodge Chief, and the other lodge youth leaders. We will always be available to coach and mentor them, but as much as possible I see us staying on the sidelines while the Lodge Chief and youth leadership carry out a great program for the lodge.

Third, my vision of success includes everyone on the staff, both youth and adult, seeing himself as here to carry out the traditions of the Order- Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui (Brotherhood, Cheerfulness & Service). We are here for you. I see us doing all we can to make it possible for you to get the most out of being a member of the Order of the Arrow.

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Paul

ITC Spring Camporee

On May 13-15, 2005, Iroquois Trail Council will hold its "Claim Jumpers" Spring Camporee at the Leroy Conservation Club. Activities and competition will make the weekend a spectacular event for your troop! Come on out and stake your claim!



Conclave 2005 Fun & Game Details

COPE will be offered as a separate stand alone activity. Brothers wishing to use the COPE Course will be charged a separate fee. Pre-signup required (an additional \$6 is due for COPE along with long pants and a class 3 medical form)..

-Lodge 417 will operate a Trading Post with food and lodge apparel and the section will be selling pre-ordered polo's and other section clothing.

-Section apparel forms will be made and distributed soon.

-Lodge 255 is in the process of planning for Ceremony competitions, they will be using NOAC rules as guidelines and the competition will be held on the parade field.

-The competitors in the Golden arrow games will meet at the backstop in the big field to receive instructions in the afternoon after the business meeting.

-Lodge 159 requested one person from every lodge to help judge the websites and newsletters; this person should not be extremely knowledgeable about these subjects. -Lodge 30 proposed nine sessions for training at the conclave and proposed a pre- registered session on building regalia.

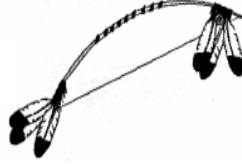
-Lodge 46 will be making the dance team competitions more exhibition and less of an actual competition. They would like to incorporate the dance teams into the Saturday night show if possible.

-Lodge 95 is in the process of gathering ideas for the Silver Arrow games, but would like to involve the pond and a lot of Jell-O.

-Lodge 339 would like to make the theme shows more Native American and theme based and will decide for sure at a later date, now knowing what facilities they have to work with.

-Section Vice Chief Jon Fuller passed out information on the Best all Around Lodge competition

-Matt passed around two designs for a Section Back patch and the prices of \$15 for a pre- order and \$20 for regular sale was decided on. The lodge chiefs unanimously picked one of the two designs.



Order of the Arrow 2005 Section 3A Conclave Registration June 3-4-5, 2005 Camp Babcock– Hovey

Remember to bring a copy of the enclosed Medical Form

Fill out the form below and mail to the address listed
Attendance Limited Please Reserve a spot now **Reservations Due by 5-10-05**

Ashokwahta Lodge #339

2005 OA Conclave

Pre-Registration

Account #339

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Check One:

Weekend \$27.00

Fee After May 10th \$35.00

Walk in Fee \$50.00

_____ Friday Night Hot Dogs \$1.00 each

COPE Course Elective \$6.00

Section Back patch \$15.00 BY5/10

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