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## DANCE TEAM SEEK MEMBERS

YOU can join the Dance Team or the Ceremonies Team. !!!

The dance practices will be at the council office in Batavia on Sunday afternoons. Don't be bashful, join us. We have a lot of fun besides learning Indian ways. Dave Brown will teach your beginning steps and begin construction of a dance costume.

Also the Ceremonies Team needs more Arrowmen ( youth ) for the various parts. We would like to get a second team started. The team rehearsals are at 1:00 PM the same day as the Dance Team practices at the Scout office in Batavia.

Check the dates for practices ( about every two weeks ---- or call Cory Hall, chairman ) March 5<sup>th</sup> , March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup> ,April 23<sup>rd</sup> , May 7<sup>th</sup> ,June date will be selected by the Dance Team. Congratulations to the members of the Indian Dance Team for their first public presentation.



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ORDER OF THE ARROW SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

## Chief Speaks

Brothers,

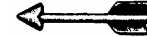
Recently I had the privilege of traveling to a Model United Nations conference in The Netherlands, something non OA related. After attending the conference and learning of the suffering of many of the world's people, I am convinced that the OA is needed now more than ever.

The Order of the Arrow exists to uphold the principals of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service. That doesn't mean just serving ourselves and our Scout camps, that means serving our fellow man.

We should work harder than ever to serve those who don't wear the sash or the uniform. We should serve those in our own country devastated by Hurricane Katrina, in the impoverished area of Appalachia and in poor urban areas. We should commit ourselves to helping those across the world fighting HIV, Malaria and poverty. Those people need our help now more than ever.

Today, more than any other point in history we can end hunger, poverty and make steps towards a brighter future for all. We as Arrowmen, should commit ourselves to be ever mindful of our part in this service, the service to help our fellow man, the ones who don't wear the sash or the uniform, at home and all over the world. I ask that you take this monumental step with me in helping our fellow man, the ones that need our service need it the most. Our country needs it. The world needs it. Let's get to work.

In Service-  
Dan Jones  
Lodge Chief



## NOAC 2006

Where can you go for a week during the summer and have your transportation, board, and complete meals as well as a little money left over covered for only \$450? Well if you are up for a true value and tons of excitement, sign yourself up for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 lodges from all over the United States will meet up on Michigan State University's campus in East Lansing, Michigan. Unlike the Jamboree, you will be staying in dorm rooms where running water, bedding and meals are provided. Our lodge will be traveling by carpooling and the cost of gas or possible rental is built into the price. Also, you will be responsible for your own conduct. At NOAC, we want you to have fun! If you want to hear testimonials from people who have gone in the past just ask and you will hear nothing but good stories. **There are still spots available! Also, the ratio of youth to adult attendees has been lifted, so if you have the money and want to go we will be delighted to make room!** The down payment is \$100 and you will need to pay the remaining \$350 later this spring. The cost may sound a bit steep, but remember the only money you will need to bring with you on the trip is for souvenirs or additional items you wish to purchase. All meals to and from NOAC are covered in the price. To attend Jamboree, which is not anywhere comparable to NOAC in excitement, you would be paying nearly twice the amount. If you want to go to NOAC but you think you can't afford it, please do not disregard this opportunity! Please contact myself or Ed Grabowski (NOAC Committee Advisor) and we will work something out. Every lodge member should experience NOAC and there is no reason you can't experience it this upcoming summer!

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Steven Olsen  
NOAC Committee Chairman



## Ceremonies

The ceremonies team has been meeting regularly for the last two or three months and should be well prepared for the Spring Ordeal Weekend. We now have four people committed to the positions, but we are always interested in having more people involved to be backups or torchbearers / Elangomats. The team will be traveling to the Section Conclave in June to compete in the ceremonies contest, which should be good. The team that is going is composed mostly of the same team that went to conclave last year and took third.

### Newly elected officers

The newly elected lodge officers are as follows :

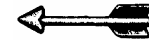
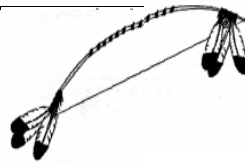
Lodge Chief: ..... Cory Hall  
Lodge Vice Chief:..... Ben Metcalf  
Lodge Secretary:..... John Luby  
Lodge Assistant Secretary:..... James

Franclemont

Ordeal Master: ..... Connor  
Grabowski

I think I speak for all of us when I say it will be an honor and a privilege to serve the lodge for the course of this year. I look forward to the upcoming year and with the leadership and support from the lodge we can strive to make it a great year. Together we can achieve anything.

Yours In Scouting,  
Cory Hall



## Newest Co-Editor Views Banquet

On January 7th, 2006, the Ashokwahata Lodge held its annual Winter Banquet at the Batavia Party House. The evening's activities consisted of an OA presentation about the history of OA and the Founder's Award by Letchworth District Executive Harold Teller, the unit elections, and the presentation of the Founder's Award to Wes Hall and Dave Brown. The new officers are as follows: Lodge Chief Cory Hall, Vice Chief Ben Metcalf, Secretary John Lube, and Ordeal Master Connor Grabowski. The evening concluded with the traditional patch auction held in two parts, one for youth Arrowmen and one for adults and all attending. Overall the evening was an informative and entertaining event attended by approximately 75-80 people. We look forward to another productive year and hope to see everyone there next year.

Yours in Scouting,  
Arrowman Chas Streb  
Leicester Troop 4085

## CONGRATULATIONS / BEST WISHES :: Wes Hall / Jon Fuller

At a recent meeting of the Council of Chiefs; Wes Hall was elected to the office of Section Chief of Section 3 A. We, of Ashokwahta Lodge, # 339, want to congratulate him on his new office and wish him best of leadership. Wes takes the place of an OA friend, Jon Fuller who also deserved the best of wishes and congratulations for his being elected to the office of North East Region Chief. These two young men exhibit the values of leadership and sincerity to lead. CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes to you both in your Scouting endeavors and college pursuits.



## FROM THE SUPREME CHIEF OF THE FIRE:

Have you seen a good movie or tried a new flavor of ice cream lately? If you really enjoyed either one or both, the first thing you wanted to do was share the news with your best friends. The same is true with the Order of the Arrow.

When was the last time you told some of your best friends, who are not yet Arrowmen, about the fun you've had at some of the activities and events of Ashokwatha Lodge these last few months? Better yet, when was last time you shared some of these activities with your friends by attending any one of the many activities or meetings of the lodge? Lodge activities are more fun when we can attend with our friends from our troops or communities.

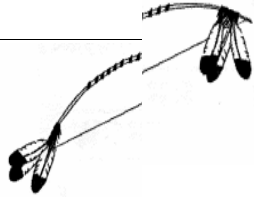
We are coming to that time of the year when all of our Iroquois Trail Council troops should be signing-up to hold unit elections at troop meetings. The only way to bring new members into the Order of the Arrow and have them start enjoying the fun of being an Arrowman is to make sure that they meet the requirements to be elected and then hold a unit election in your unit.

Every Arrowman can do their part to assist in the unit election process. Volunteer to help one of the election teams in your district schedule elections. Be part of the team that goes to each troop meeting and makes a presentation about the Order of the Arrow and conducts the election. There is no better way to help your fellow Scouts and friends find out about all the fun of Ashokwatha Lodge than to have them elected, take the Ordeal, and begin attending lodge events together. Get busy, volunteer, and get it done. Just do it!  
 Jamie Shearer

## LODGE AUCTION

The auction in conjunction with the annual banquet was very successful once again. All of those folks who contributed to, and bid on items are to be thanked for their generous support. The proceeds totaled \$3016.00 which is one of the latest high totals. As has always been the case, the proceeds are intended to be used for camp improvements. Our last 11 year total stands at \$28,476.00. This a remarkable figure !!!

Your auction-master, Don Ames



# Order of the Arrow 2005 Section 3A Conclave Registration June 2,3,4, 2005 Camp Olmstead

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

Ashokwahta Lodge #339      2006 OA Conclave      Pre-Registration      Account #339

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:

Weekend      \$35.00  
 Fee After April 15      \$45.00  
 Walk in Fee      \$60.00

Section Back patch      \$20.00 BY4/10

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

Enclose and mail to:  
 Ashokwahta Lodge #339  
 Iroquois Trail Council, BSA  
 45 Liberty Street Suite 2  
 Batavia, NY 14020-3207

Catholic \_\_\_\_\_ Protestant \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_



## Conclave 2006 Fun & Game Details

What is a conclave and what is a section?

Each council has a Lodge, 6-8 Lodges in a area make up a Section, Sections are grouped by regions, and we all are under one nation. Our Section is comprised of 8 lodges in western New York and Pennsylvania. Each spring the sections gather for FUN, fellowship, to share ideas, and elect a new officers.

This year the section Conclave will be hosted by Chief Corn Planters Council at Camp Olmstead. Please join us and as a contingent

Responsibility	2006	2007	2008	2009
Service Council / Lodge	255	165	159	30
Ceremonial Competition	165	159	30	46
Golden Arrow Competition	159	30	46	95
Newsletter / Web Site Comp.	30	46	95	339
Training	46	95	339	417
Dance Teams Competition	95	339	417	255
Silver Arrow Competition	339	417	255	165
Shows	417	255	165	159
Best Overall Lodge Comp.	V-Chief	V-Chief	V-Chief	V-Chief

Our responsibility will be the Silver Arrow competition

## LODGE HOSTS KICK OFF

Pass the chili and spoon!!! MMMMMMMMMMM  
Several Order of the Arrow members heard at the January meeting that their help was needed to allow Cub and Boy Scout Masters learn about camping experiences in the Iroquois Trail Council. Also the NYLT Training Program, Philmont and Day Camp experiences were discussed. Each OA Members was asked to show up to set up, eat, and clean up at the Methodist Church in Batavia on Route 63 so the adult troop and pack leaders could learn of camping experiences available to our council's youth during the summer of 2006.

A good time was had by all as members joined in a meal, quick clean up, and a short lodge meeting. Reminder that the third Wednesday meetings will reconvene at the Batavia Council office next month at 7:00 PM----- don't be left out.

## NEWSLETTER ALIGNMENT REACHES 2003

During the past four issues of The Ashokwahta Tehtas, the alignment of dues paying members and the mailing list has been brought closer together to determine up to date membership for this mailing of newsletters. This constant update has brought us to the point that should you see a number [ 2003 ] on the mailing label of your newsletter, you are in danger of receiving your last newsletter in hand as you read. We have found that the listing of 2003 is really only a very few compared to the 2004 list upcoming in the Fall 2006.

The cost of mailing out newsletters to non-paying members is too much and does not benefit those that are current in their dues. To those 2003 Brothers ----- please up date your self and send in one year's past dues plus current dues.

One past year ----- \$6.00 and 2006 ----- \$8.00 equals a total of \$14.00 dues as per the rules for active mailing list members. Dues were increased for 2006 but LEC vote.

## Elangomats needed

Hello,

It's that time again - time again for the Spring Ordeal Weekend (June 9,10,11). As always we need Elangomats to help guide the new candidates. You all probably remember your Ordeal; how fun it was and how helpful your Elangomat was. Now, it's your turn to help the lodge. You may not know, however, that the Elangomats get to eat "regular" food as well as the "candidate" food. We will be having a training session(s) for those of you who want to be an Elangomat, so don't let the fear of the unknown stop you. Volunteer today and help the lodge. Further information will be released later. If interested contact Ordeal Master Connor Grabowski or any officer.

YIS,  
Connor Grabowski

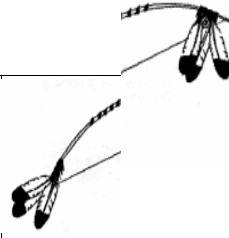
## Elections Target New Members

Fellow Arrowmen,

As you might not know elections have been running smoothly. The Lodge has successfully completed about half of the elections needed to be done to achieve 100% efficiency. We are still under our 'quota' for the year. If your troop has not had an election yet, please don't hesitate to call any one of the chairmen for the district in which your troop meets. We will always look for more participation in the individual districts. Thank you for all of your cooperation this past election time.

Bob Lawson-Niagara District (716)-434--7529  
Dan Jones-Genishaua District (585)-343--1366  
James Franclemont-Letchworth District (585)- 237--5683  
Jame Madejski-Orleans District (585)- 589--6877

Yours Along the Trail,  
Bob Lawson  
Unit Election Chairman



# Order of the Arrow 2006 Spring Fellowship & Ceremony Weekend Registration June 9,10,11 Camp Sam Wood

Fill out the form below and mail to the address listed

Ashokwahta Lodge #339

2006 Spring Weekend

Pre-Registration

Account #339

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ordeal Candidate \$26.00

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Brotherhood Candidate \$24.00

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

OA Member \$12.00

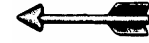
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

My 2006 Membership  
Dues are enclosed (\$8.00)

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

Enclose and mail to:

Ashokwahta Lodge #339  
Iroquois Trail Council, BSA  
45 Liberty Street Suite 2  
Batavia, NY 14020-3207



## Spring Weekend 2006

Yah its that time of year again, time to induct more members into our organization, and have a great time of fun and fellowship. Yes, it's the annual spring Ordeal weekend and it will be at Camp Sam Wood, hopefully without any rain (knock on wood!!). It will be held the weekend of June 9-11. The price for Ordeal candidates is \$26, Brotherhood candidates are \$24, and Lodge members are \$12, and you can renew your lodge dues for only \$8. Come on down to Camp Sam Wood for a great time. Included in this Newsletter is a registration form. Please pre-register so that we can plan accordingly. Trust me when I say it's a good time; I know from experience.  
Cory Hall

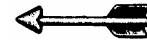
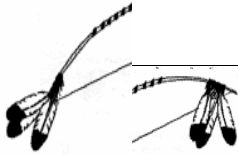
## LODGE # 339 CONVENES MAY 2006

Ashokwahta Lodge, # 339 Lodge Members need to mark their calendars for May 9 – 10 – 11, 2006 as we hold our Spring Induction and Fellowship Weekend at Camp Sam Wood. This weekend benefits the Iroquois Trail Council in getting Camp Sam Wood ready for the summer camping season --- 2006 ----- Cub Resident and Day Camp.

During this weekend our lodge will induct new members elected by their troops as " Honor Campers. " These new members will be the nucleus of future team members / representatives from our local council troops. Brothers whose membership spans one or more years need to advance to the Brotherhood rank as they can " seal their membership " by becoming Brotherhood Members. Our conversion ratio is a consideration in whether we qualify for "Honor Lodge. " Should you be one who could qualify as a newly sealed member ( Brotherhood ) of Ashokwahta Lodge, # 339, contact Connor Grabowski --- Honors Master or Paul Crawford, Lodge Advisor as to the requirement if you do not find the requirements in your OA Handbook.

Looking forward to seeing you in May for a weekend of fellowship / help to others.

Registration in this and in an upcoming newsletter -----  
BUT ----mark your calendar.



## FOUNDER'S AWARD PRESENTED

At the recent Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet, January 7, 2006, two Founders Awards were presented. David Brown of Batavia, New York was one of the recipients. This Award is presented to an OA Member that has exhibited outstanding service to his OA Lodge, Scouting, and community.

In part, ..... David Brown entered Scouting in 1948, in Fairview, Pennsylvania outside of Erie, Pennsylvania. There he became an Ordeal Member of the Eriez Lodge, # 46. He received the Vigil Honor in 1954; the same year he became their Lodge Chief. He became the first Indian dancer in that Lodge. He formed the first dance team in that lodge which became Langundowi, # 46. After moving to California he was elected Lodge Chief of Siwinis Lodge in the Los Angeles area in 1957. It was there that he formed another dance team.

As Lodge Chief he was instrumental in the building of the Mt. Baden Powell Monument atop of Mt. Baden Powell in southern California. Dave's interest led him to organize the Witiyapi, also known as the California Hobbyist Association which celebrates its 50 TH year. He danced as a solo Indian dancer at the Hollywood Bowl for a Walt Disney " Disneyland Under The Stars program; " then his continued dancing brought him to many stages in California.

Dave has been a Lodge Advisor, Staff Advisor, Associate Section Advisor and one of seven judges for the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference in Austin, Texas. He has judged Indian dancing and other Indian items in many states.

After 41 years in California, Dave moved back to Batavia, New York with a retirement from Disneyland, in Anaheim, California. He has been active in Ashokwahta Lodge, # 339 for over 10 years. As a champion Indian dancer, hoop dancing; he has started a dance team here in Batavia, New York.

Congratulations to David Brown and Wes Hall. Wes's close-up will be in the next issue. Please look for it.



## Section NE-3A News



Hello everyone it's me again your favorite former Lodge Chief, except this time I've taken another step up. As many of you know I was elected Section NE-3A Chief the week-end after our lodge banquet. But enough about me, I was asked to tell you about what's happening in the Section.

First off go to Conclave!!!! What's a Conclave you say?? Only the best event of the year. The eight lodges from our Section come together once a year for a weekend of training, fellowship, and of course FUN. This year's conclave promises to be one of the best ever. At the last Council of Chiefs meeting, the eight chiefs from our section decided that they wanted to use \$1000 to improve our games. We also will be bringing in an all star training staff to make our training better than ever. Not to mention the ever present fellowship that we all love. So that settles it go to Conclave June 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> it will be great.

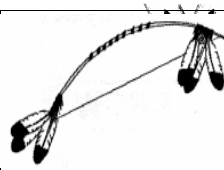
Second if you are interested in stepping forward as a leader in the lodge I would highly recommend the National Leadership Seminar(NLS), or for adults the National Lodge Adviser Seminar (NLATS). And since I'm talking about them, there is one coming up March 31<sup>st</sup>- April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Camp Alpine in New Jersey. I will be training at this NLS so if you're interested talk to Dan Jones or Paul Crawford to take advantage of this opportunity.

The last thing I want to talk about is the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). This year's conference will be the largest ever with approximately 15,000 arrowmen in attendance. The Conference will be held at Michigan State University and will feature interactive training sessions, tons of fun activities, outstanding shows, and of course good old fellowship. If you are interested PLEASE sign up soon with Steve Olson

Any Questions shoot them my way and I'll be more than happy to respond.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Wesley A Hall  
2006 Section NE-3A Chief  
hallwa@clarkson.edu



## What Is LLD?

LLD, or Lodge Leadership Development, is the Order of the Arrow's nationally standardized way of teaching leaders the proper methods of how to run the lodge. The National Order of the Arrow's website has over 40 training modules on various aspects of the order from involving new members, to obtaining Quality Lodge status.

Our lodge is currently training its youth leaders on how to properly conduct unit elections. Over the course of the next year, at the Lodge Executive Committee meetings and on lodge weekends, other LLD sessions will include: Elangomat, Ceremonial Team, Lodge Treasurer, and involving new members training.

If you are interested in helping plan and/or run an LLD session, please contact me, as your help is always welcome.

If a lodge or unit is faltering, it can almost always be traced back to untrained leadership. Every scout deserves a trained leader!

Yours in Service,

Paul

### Calendar Update 2006

March LEC ----- 15<sup>TH</sup> @ 7: 00PM

April LEC ----- 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM

May LEC ----- 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM

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

June Spring Wknd -- 9-10-11 Camp Sam Wood

June LEC ----- 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 PM

