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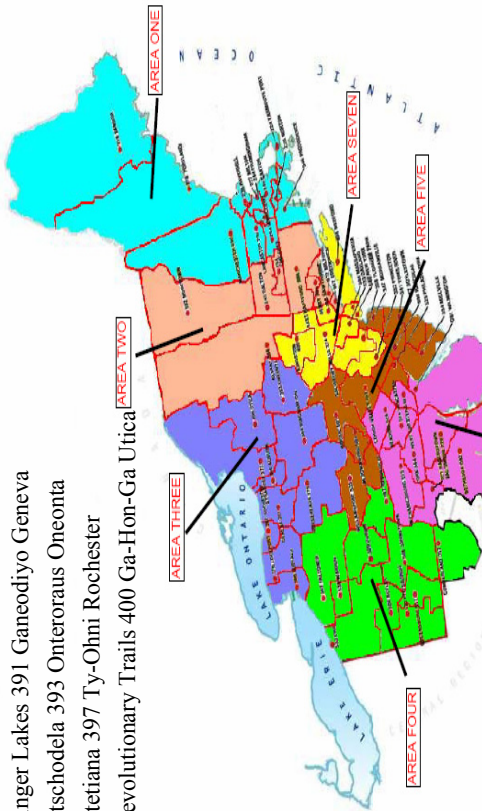
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SECTION NE3A CHANGING!! Losing and gaining—we're expanding!

Beginning this fall, Section NE3A will no longer be, and the northern 5 Lodges will become part of the new Section NE3, combining with 5 Lodges to the east. What does this mean to us? We will complete our next Conclave at Scout Haven, but after that, the Conclaves will be realigned at the first new Council of Chiefs for Section 3. Given the geographical area, the COC will likely be held in September in the Syracuse area. We will also be traveling further for Conclaves—Sabatis in the Adirondaks is Hiawatha Trails camp, as is Camp Russell for Revolutionary Trails. Otschodela in Oneonta is also quite a drive. What do we gain? 10 Lodges instead of 8. More participation within the section. New and exciting fellowship with other Lodges. New locations for Conclaves. This is your last chance to attend a Section NE3A Conclave—sign up now and reserve your collectables !!!

NEW SECTION NE3 COUNCILS AND LODGES

- Cayuga County 366 Tahgajute Auburn
- Baden Powell 368 Otahnagon Binghamton
- Hiawatha Seaway 373 Kayanemh-Kowa Syracuse
- Five Rivers 375 Tkaen Dod Horseheads
- Iroquois Trail 376 Ashokwahta Batavia
- Greater Niagara Frontier 380 Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Buffalo
- Finger Lakes 391 Ganeodiyo Geneva
- Otschodela 393 Onteroraus Oneonta
- Oretiana 397 Ty-Ohni Rochester
- Revolutionary Trails 400 Ga-Hon-Ga Utica



May LEC05/21/08
 BoyPower Dinner at Batavia Downs 05/27/08
 OA Spring Induction Wknd (CSW) 5/30-6/1/08
 OA Section Conclave 6/6-6/8/08
 June OA LEC06/18/08
 NO JULY LEC MEETING
 August LEC08/20/08
 Cub Parent Weekend..... Date to be Announced
 Sept Fall Induction Wknd ... Dittmer 9/5 -9/7/08
 September LEC9/17/08
 October LEC10/15/08
 OA Fun Weekend11/08
 November LEC11/19/08
 December LEC12/17/08



WORDS FROM THE INCOMING CHIEF

Dear Fellow Order of the Arrow members,

My name is Austin Boyd, many of you might know me from previous Order events, or from National Youth Leadership Training. Recently, the lodge elected me as the Lodge Chief for the year 2008-2009. I would like to start off by saying that I am honored to serve as Lodge Chief, and I would like to thank all of you who voted at the Winter Banquet.

For the upcoming year, I aspire to get the Lodge ran by more youth. Unfortunately I cannot do this by myself. Which is why I need all of you who get this newsletter to go back to your troops and tell your Scoutmaster what the Order of the Arrow is about, and what we're here to do. We're not here to take youth away from troops. We are Scouting's national honor society.

I want to increase the membership of the Lodge. If anyone from any troop has a member that hasn't paid their dues in years, just tell them they have to pay a year in arrears, and the current dues, in order to get back onto the active roster.

I would also like to encourage all of you to attend our spring Ordeal Weekend, which is May 30th - June 1st, 2008. Camp Sam Wood could really use your help getting set up for the summer season, there is a lot to get done, and we need a lot of the youth to help us set up camp.

Also, I want to invite all of the members of our lodge that have been Ordeal Members for 10 months or longer to come to the Weekend and become a Brotherhood member of the order. The process is painless; all you have to do is write a letter stating why you want to become a Brotherhood member, what you've done to help the Lodge out. You must also memorize the Lodge song, and the obligation.

I would like to thank all of you for taking the time to read this, and I hope to see you all at the Spring Ordeal weekend.

Yours in Brotherhood, Austin Boyd, Lodge Chief Elect, 2008-2009

A Note From the New 2008-2009 Council President

Dear Arrowmen,

It is my pleasure to address you as the new President of the Iroquois Trail Council. I would like to thank you on behalf of the Executive Board for your past many contributions to the council, and ask for your additional help in the future.

How can you help? Many of you already participate in the Lodge's ongoing support of Camp Sam Wood and Camp Dittmer. If you don't I recommend it highly. The spring and fall weekends are great opportunities for cheerful service and fellowship.

Our Lodge has an outstanding Dance Team. If you have interest in Native American Culture, the Dance Team is an excellent venue to learn more about an active part of that Culture. Two of my sons have participated with the team and they enjoyed it immensely.

Consider applying for a Councilor-in-Training or Staff position at our camps. Applications are available on line at our website.

Most importantly, live the oath and law in your daily life and bring them alive for your home Troop. You were elected to the Lodge because your brother scouts viewed you as an exemplary Scout. Make sure that you are giving leadership back to the Troop that fostered your growth in scouting. Help to make your Troop a Quality unit, and your Lodge a Quality Lodge.

I look forward to seeing you at many events this year.

Yours in Scouting,

Thomas J. Madejski M.D.

Brothers:

This is the first time I've ever written for the newsletter, but probably not the last.

My name is Nate DeMare, and I am the Lodge Financial Secretary elect for 2008-2009. I'm willing to organize the Ceremonies team. Anyone interested can contact me by e-mail at nd925a@yahoo.com, or I attend many LEC meetings. You can also contact Mr. Boyd at boydntam-ilvl5@gmail.com. WE NEED PEOPLE TO DO THIS. The ceremonies team makes a big difference showing that OA is a good thing to be in, because it's the first thing you see upon starting your ordeal. If we have a good ceremonies team it will help prevent "sash and dash" which we desperately need to find a solution to. Please contact me, and be an active part of "YOUR" Lodge.

Thanks,
Nate

2008 OA AUCTION --- JANUARY 5th. 2008

The memorabilia auction, held in conjunction with the annual OA Lodge banquet, was once again a great success. Thanks goes out to the few who contributed items and to those who made spirited bidding alive and well !!!! As the one who has donated heavily, and assembled the items for the auction for many years, it is always comforting to know that my efforts have been worth the time spent. I have heard rumblings that the money raised from the auctions is not being used for the original intent. These are somewhat accurate in that the Lodge is not close to investing the total proceeds towards camp improvements. Auctions were originally meant to provide funds for the improvement and maintenance of Barlows Cabin. Years later, when there was a great surplus above what was needed for Barlows, it was chosen to be designated for camp improvements. Since 1996 the auction proceeds have totaled \$33,918.00 which is ALL PROFIT !!

Our 2008 auction proceeds were \$2804.00 of which \$255.00 was from the silent auction. I would like to do more with the silent auction but the \$\$ do not warrant going too far in that direction. The bidding spirit is not there and some items go too cheap. Another growing problem is the donation of items that will bring some decent money. A few Arrowmen, besides myself, have dug pretty deep into their stash through the years, and like the fellow says "the well is going dry" I still try and pick up things during the year that may be good auction items. I would ask that you start gathering auction items throughout the year so when the deadline for donations arrives you are not frantically digging through your stash looking for a goody that you are willing to part with.

I would highly recommend that when a legitimate request for camp improvement funds is brought to a LEC meeting that you give it serious consideration. That is what the auction funds are meant to be expended on.

Auction Coordinator / Lodge Financial Adviser, Don Ames

FINAL WORDS FROM THE CHIEF

Hello Brother Arrowmen - This is my last newsletter article as Chief, as Austin will be taking the helm at the Spring Ordeal Weekend at the end of this month. It has been a pleasure working with you as Chief. We have accomplished much this year, and I look forward to being involved with the Lodge to accomplish even more in the future. There have been some challenges in the Lodge, but we have worked to overcome them. They are certainly a learning experience. Some of the things I enjoyed most: giving praise to those who have helped the Lodge via the Arrowman and Silver Arrowman certificates; helping to paint a much needed Barlow's Cabin; working with the Cubs at Cub Parent Weekend; and working with Mr. Brown on the Indian Dance Team. I hope your participation continues with the new officers this coming year. You only get out of something what you put into it—and I certainly have gotten a lot from my tenure as Chief of the Ashokwahta Lodge—Thanks to all who helped.

Yours in WWW - Connor Grabowski, Lodge Chief

Dues Payment 2006 Is Called Into Question

During the past five years we have brought the mailing list of non-paying OA Members into line. Those who are not paid as per the guidelines of the Ashokwahta Lodge are dropped from the mailing list. This issue is to alert those non-paying Members that their last payment of 2006 will be considered inactive for the mailing list after the Spring 2008 OA Weekend. Payment of the 2007 and the 2008 dues will bring into line those behind in dues -- \$8.00 per year or \$16.00 total. Thank you for looking at the upper corner Of your mailing label.

Reminder : There is a concern as to the correct Addresses on the mailing labels. If a fellow arrowman tells you they are not getting a newsletter, please have them leave their corrected address with Judy Anderson at the Batavia office. Phone number 1-585-353-0307



WORDS FROM THE SUPREME CHIEF

In the upcoming months we have several challenges ahead of us. Chief among them: to make sure that every 5th grade Webelos moves up to join a quality Troop and that he joins you at summer camp. It's the single thing most likely to get a new Scout engaged in your troop activities.

As we head toward the summer months, do your best to make sure that every Scout in your troop is prepared and excited about summer camp and other spring and summer outdoor adventures. From the youngest to the oldest among us, each of us has something new yet to learn from the outdoors and from each other.

Please join us for our spring fellowship and work weekend. Many of your lodge brothers have invested enormous time, treasure, and talent to ensure that our camp properties meet the needs of our Scouts and Cubs, and every hand is needed to prepare them for the summer. I look forward to seeing you on the camp trail.

- Jim McMullen-Supreme Chief of the Fire

A Message from the Associate Lodge Advisor

Brothers,

Unit elections are being held, and the spring Ordeal weekend really isn't too far away. The Lodge executive committee has already begun planning for the weekend. As we start to think about tasks and responsibilities for the spring weekend, please keep in mind that the Lodge ceremonies team has openings for youth members.

The ceremonies team plans to meet at the Batavia Scout Office on Sundays at 1:30pm, with, and according to, the Dance Team schedule. If you are unable to attend, but would still like to participate, please contact me (reboyd2@hotmail.com). We will also have more information available regarding rehearsals through e-mail announcements.

Our goal this year is to perform all parts of the Ordeal ceremony and the Brotherhood ceremony without scripts. Ideally, we would like to have one team for each ceremony. Memorizing scripts and practicing the choreography needs to begin now, so please come to the meetings or contact me as soon as possible.

Yours In Scouting,

Ron Boyd



words from the lodge advisor

Arrowmen, we need your help. On May 17th we will be doing a "call out" at the Spring Camporee at CSW—wear your sash. On May 30,31, and June 1st we have the Ordeal / Work Weekend at CSW—if you have been an Arrowman a year, please do your letter and Brotherhood conversion. Look in your handbook for details. If you are available that weekend, please attend to help at CSW—it's our camp and it needs work. We also need youth to attend the Conclave the following weekend, June 6,7,8th at Camp Scout Haven. It is the LAST Conclave in Section NE3A—your last chance for collectibles! Be a part of YOUR Lodge—pay your dues and participate. Thank you for all you do. Yours in WWW Ed Grabowski

Conclave update: Ashokwahta Lodge is in charge of the training aspect of the Conclave to be held at Camp Scout Haven in the Greater Niagara Frontier Council on June 6, 7, and 8th. (the weekend after our Ordeal) Chairpersons for the Conclave are Stephen Parsons (youth) and Keith Oliver (adult). If you are interested in attending Conclave, or helping with our responsibilities while there, please contact Mr. Oliver or Steve at MrOliver0502@yahoo.com. This is YOUR Lodge, be a part of it! Reserve your spot at Council for \$55.00.

Camp Samuel Holden Wood, Pike, NY

Order of the Arrow
2008 Spring Ordeal Weekend
May 30, 31, June 1, 2008

Pre-Register by May 22nd, 2008

2008 Spring Ordeal Weekend

Ashokwahta Lodge #339

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Name: _____
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