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Special Edition

Winter Banquet

... a publication by Ashokwahta Lodge #339

Editor's Note: due to problems copying and mailing this edition, the nomination period for LEC Officers has been extended until December 18, 2008 by the authority of the Lodge Chief.



NOAC 2009
August 1–6, 2009
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana



CHIEFLY THOUGHTS



Dear Fellow Lodge Brothers:

Recently, our lodge held the annual Fun Weekend. Many people were there and many brought their X-boxes, Play Station 2's, and TV's. It was a lot of fun, and there was no set bedtime, so everyone who could handle it stayed up all night. Saturday we awoke to a delicious breakfast prepared by Mr. Brounschiedel. After breakfast we set out to do two hours of cheerful service. We spent those hours splitting wood for the director's cabin and the campfire circle. After the work was done we went back to the Call Lodge for lunch and continued with the playing of video games and watching movies.

On January 10, 2009 our lodge will be holding the annual Winter Banquet at the Batavia Party House. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. At the banquet, aside from wonderful food, we have our annual Patch Auction to raise money for improvements at our Council Summer Camps. If you have any items to donate, please get them to the Batavia Scout Office as soon as possible. Also at the Banquet, we will be holding our annual election of officers.

Because of the many goals I have for our lodge, I feel that the only way I can fulfill all of them is by serving for two terms as Lodge Chief. Therefore, I intend to run for re-election as your Lodge Chief. One thing that bears repeating is that it is the youth that make our lodge what it is. The youth leadership is the key to the success of our lodge. I want to encourage all youth who haven't been to a lodge meeting or event during the past two years or more to come out and give the lodge a little bit of your time. I have to say that if you attend our events the food in our lodge is the best food there is and if you go away hungry it is your own fault.

The Spring Ordeal weekend is June 5-7, 2009 at Camp Sam Wood. Unit elections for Ordeal Candidates will begin in January. If your troop needs an election, contact NJ Solis at sonickittyininja@aim.com or you can contact myself at lodgechief339@yahoo.com.

Over the past few months, I have been pleased to see that the number of people attending our Lodge Executive Committee meetings has increased. Please come to these meetings. It is always good to know what is happening in your lodge. Recently, we voted on issuing a new lodge flap, which Doug Johnson designed for us. We will be introducing the new design at the winter banquet.

I hope to see more lodge brothers at our meetings and events throughout the year. I said it once and I will say it again, it is the youth that make our lodge. Without the youth who are active in our lodge, we wouldn't have a lodge. If you have a friend in the lodge that doesn't come to meetings, or other events, bring him with you. Also, NOAC 2009 is approaching us. It will be held August 1-7th at Indiana University. We are presently seeking a youth and adult chairperson. Beginning in January, we will start attending District Roundtables to promote camping, NOAC, and other Order of the Arrow High Adventure Programs. I look forward to meeting new youth members in our lodge.

Along the Trail,
Austin J. Boyd
Lodge Chief



Does your unit have an OA Troop Representative?

"Let it be remembered that the Order of the Arrow was created to help the unit - to help it present its membership a better ideal of the inner qualities of the good scout camper. Qualities of character, like cheerfulness and service are hard for a boy or a man to understand in the abstract. They come easier when seen in human life.

Let us realize the significance of the Order in the unit - for the unit is our best hope in scouting."

*Dr. E. Urner Goodman
Founder, Order of the Arrow*



Contact your Lodge Chief for more information about the Troop Representative qualifications and responsibilities.

Is your OA Troop Representative attending monthly Lodge Executive Committee meetings? Are you receiving monthly updates from your OA Troop Representative? Being the OA Troop Representative is more than wearing a patch to fulfill a rank advancement requirement. We hope to see as many OA Troop Representatives as possible at all Lodge Executive Committee meetings.



Help Wanted

Last Chance: Your donations to the annual patch auction are still needed. Go through your patch collection (or your brothers, or fathers) and dig out those Amo'chk, Tuighaunock, Camp Sam Wood, and Camp Dittmer patches and donate. Proceeds fund camp improvements. Please send your donations to the Batavia office, care of Mr. Don Ames, OA patch auction.

Help Still Needed: Promoting camping is one role of the Order of the Arrow. Youth members are needed to serve on the Camp Promotions Committee. Participants travel to units, present a video or slide show and let cubs and scouts know of the wonderful activities they will experience at our Council summer camps. Contact Mr. Boyd if interested: reboyd2@hotmail.com

Positions Remain Available

Youth volunteers are needed for the Lodge Ceremonies Team. We would like to be able to field two separate teams for Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. Please contact Mr. Boyd if interested: reboyd2@hotmail.com

Please Join

Due to openings as a result of graduations and college entry, the Dance Team is seeking new members. Any adult or youth interested in participating, please contact Phil Crane or Mr. Crane at: maccam@aol.com

Brothers Needed

The National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held August 1-6, 2009. A youth and adult chairperson are needed to coordinate Lodge participation. Please contact Mr. Grabowski if interested.

Volunteers Needed

Youth volunteers are needed from each District for Unit Election Teams. A volunteer is also needed to serve as the chairperson for the election team. If interested, please contact any LEC Officer.

Sash and Dash

When was the last Lodge activity that you attended? Was it your ordeal weekend? Is the lodge flap proudly worn on your uniform and you have no idea what it means or the history behind it? Did you wear your sash for OA Day at Camp Dittmer and then put it away until summer camp next year? Have you read the oath that is taken upon receiving the honor of being inducted into the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America?

Sash and dash is a terrible concept, yet it happens. Youth (and adults) successfully complete the ordeal weekend and are never seen again at lodge activities. Youth will list membership in the Order of the Arrow, or are shown in pictures wearing their sash, but they have never been seen actively serving their Council by participating in lodge activities.

One of our responsibilities as members of the Order of the Arrow is to promote camping. The OA promotes unit camping, Council sponsored campouts, and summer resident camps. Our responsibilities as OA members do not end once the sash and pocket flap have been received.

Our Lodge is only as strong as the members it has. Thanks to a few active youth, we have a good Lodge. With the active participation of more youth (and adults) our lodge could go from simply being a good lodge to being a great lodge.

Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief	Austin Boyd	boydfamily17@gmail.com
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Assoc. Adviser	Ron Boyd	reboyd2@hotmail.com

Calendar of upcoming Events

December LEC	12/17/08
Winter Banquet	01/10/09
January LEC	01/21/09
February LEC	02/18/09
March LEC	03/18/09
April LEC	04/15/09
May LEC	05/20/09
Ordeal Weekend	Jun 5–7, 2009
National Order of the Arrow Conf	Aug 1 - 6, 2009

The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meetings are held at the Batavia Service Center located at 45 Liberty Street in Batavia (side door). This meeting is for Lodge Officers, Troop Representatives, and any interested members.

The LEC meetings begin at 7 P.M. and end around 8:30 P.M.

Mailing List and Dues Payment

During the past five years we have diligently attempted to bring the mailing list of OA Members into line. Members who have not paid, as per the guidelines of the Ashokwahta Lodge, have been dropped from the mailing list. Those members no longer current with Lodge dues were considered inactive for the mailing list after the Spring 2008 OA Weekend. Payment of the 2008 and the 2009 dues will bring into line those members who have not remained current in dues — \$8.00 per year or \$16.00 total. The upper corner of your mailing label indicates the year your dues are paid through.

Reminder : If a fellow Arrowman tells you they are not receiving the newsletter, please have them update their home address by calling Judy Anderson at the Batavia office.

Phone number 1-585-343-0307

***Reflections on Fun Weekend
November 20—22***

At Fun Weekend, we accomplished quite a bit (even though there was some frozen water on the ground.) Sure, we split and stacked wood and we moved a footbridge. But on Saturday afternoon, after finishing our cheerful service and tweaking the Lodge By-Laws, we had some time to kill before dinner was ready. I and three other lodge brothers decided to visit with the Cub Pack that was enjoying Barlow's Cabin. When we got there, many of them were cubs that we had seen at Cub resident camp. As we entertained the Cub Scouts, I longed to be a Cub Scout again. I can't, but we were doing the next best thing, which is making sure that those younger than us (where we once were) have not only as much fun as we did, but to provide them with the opportunity to have even more fun.

I was actually a little disappointed to have to leave for dinner, but there was Pot Roast that needed to be eaten. We said our goodbyes and went on our way. Thanks for the memories (and cookies) Cub Pack 85 and Mrs. Streb!

- Garrett DeFilipps, Troop 59

I want to say that the OA Fun Weekend was my favorite OA event that I have participated in. Whoever came up with this idea is a genius. The food was good. The cheerful service was not that horrible, but staying up for 30 hours before didn't help. Altogether, OA fun weekend was great. *(Editor's note: even though he became ill and wound up missing two days of school, Brian assures us he had a great time!)*

- Brian Frail, Troop 26

The weekend of November 21st was the Order of the Arrow fun weekend at Camp Sam wood. During this weekend the lodge brothers did two hours of cheerful service: wood splitting and stacking wood. The rest of the weekend, lodge brothers played video games and watched movies. It was a good time to get away from home and spend time with other scouts.

- David Karcz, Troop 164

FUN WEEKEND PARTICIPANTS



Front (l to r): Brian Frail, Jon Doherty, Garrett DeFilipps, Brandon Lewis, David Karcz, back (l to r): Mr. Boyd, Mr. Grabowski, Kevin Rushlow, Peter Brounscheidel, Johnathon Hoste, Ian Lawson, Austin Boyd, Spencer Plummer, Nick Muoio, Mr. Lewis. Not pictured: Mr. Brounscheidel (cook); Mr. Crawford, Mr. Taylor, John Luby, and Mike Hynes (Section Secretary, taking picture)

Splitting wood at Camp Sam Wood as our cheerful service.

Assured that the wood bin at Barlow's was filled, lodge brothers filled the bins at the director's cabin and at the campfire circle.



NOAC 2009

The National Order of the Arrow Conference, or NOAC, will be held in 2009 at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. The cost to attend is \$395, with a \$100 deposit due by March 1st.

The shift of the National Conference from even years to odd years, resulting in a three-year gap since the last NOAC, was planned so that the National OA Conference will not conflict with the 2010 National Jamboree. This schedule change also allows for a National OA Conference in 2015 – the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow.

Jon Doherty, Troop 60, wants everyone to know that NOAC is an incredible amount of fun. If anyone is interested, Jon would enjoy sharing pictures from the last NOAC in 2007. Jon also has lots of memorabilia to share. Jon can be contacted at jonathandoherty754@hotmail.com.

The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) is looking for a youth and an adult chairperson to plan and organize the itinerary for participants from Lodge #339. Anyone interested, youth or adult, should contact Mr. Grabowski or Mr. Drury.

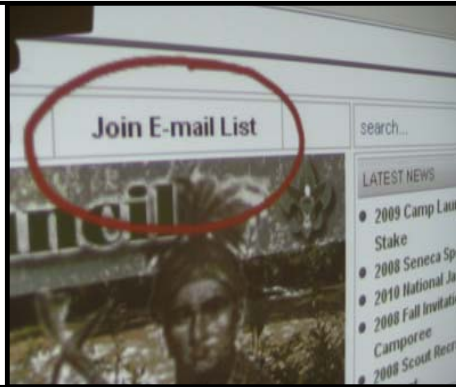


The NOAC 2009 website is up and running. It has any and all of the information needed regarding the National Order of the Arrow Conference. This site will be updated frequently as NOAC approaches, so check back often.

<http://event.aa-bsa.org/events/n2009/index.htm>

Please Join the Lodge ListServ

With a simple click of the mouse you can join the **NEW** Lodge ListServ!! Please navigate to the Council web site, select "Join E-Mail List", select "OA", then input the information asked for. Help us keep you better informed.



WORDS FROM THE LODGE ADVISER

Fellow Arrowmen -

Thank you to those who attended the fun weekend at Camp Sam Wood. We got a lot of wood split during our two hours of work, and loaded up the director's cabin storage area to carry someone through part of the winter.

If you haven't reserved and paid for your spot at the Banquet on January 10th, please do so very soon. We need all the youth there in order to have a great election of new officers. We also need you there to bid on the great articles that were donated for the auction. Mr. Ames does a great job with the auction, and the funds are very helpful for our camps - we need you to bid. Thanks to all who have donated, or will donate auction items prior to December 20th. Our is a great organization - be an active part of it.

Yours in WWW,
Ed Grabowski,
Lodge Advisor.



Patch Donations still being accepted

Hey! Time is running out!! Donations are still being accepted for the patch auction to be held at the winter banquet. We are looking for Order of the Arrow patches, Tuighaunock and Amo'chk flaps, and summer camp patches from Camp Sam Wood and Camp Dittmer. We are also looking for felt patches and patches commemorating special events and anniversaries. Unfortunately, we ask that you do not donate event patches, such as camporee, seasonal campouts and Scout-O-Rama patches.

Donations will be accepted until December 20. So go through your collection, your brother's and your father's collections too, and donate!! You may bring donations for the patch auction to the Batavia office or contact Mr. Don Ames.

NEW FOR 2009

Coming soon in 2009 from your Lodge Executive Committee are re-aligned Lodge Rules and By-Laws and a new design for our Lodge Flap. Your Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) has been hard at work. Over the past several months we have been working at simplifying our Constitution into Rules & By-Laws, and aligning those rules and by-laws with current National Order of the Arrow guidelines.

Something else to look forward to in 2009 is a new design for our Lodge Flap. Our thanks to Mr. Doug Johnson for submitting a fantastic design. The design is being sent out for bids. The new pocket flap should be available no later than the Spring 2009 Ordeal Weekend. Of course, this means that if you want to purchase a flap with the current design you should do so soon. Once they're gone, they're gone!!



Nominations are being accepted for Lodge Executive Committee officers

The nomination period for lodge officers is still open. Any youth member, having received Brotherhood honors, is eligible to run for any elected office of the Lodge Executive Committee.

Nominations are being accepted for the following Lodge Offices:

- Lodge Chief Lodge Vice Chief
- Lodge Secretary Lodge Assistant Secretary
- Lodge Treasurer Lodge Ordealmaster

Nominee's must submit a letter of intent detailing their qualifications, along with a letter of recommendation under separate seal from the leadership of their registered unit.

Nominations and recommendations must be received no later than December 11.

Lodge Elections to be held January 10 At the Winter Banquet

Although the winter banquet is a time for fun and fellowship, the Lodge also assembles at this time to elect officers for the next term of service.

Eligibility—any youth member having attained Brotherhood honors may run for office; only youth members are eligible to vote for lodge officers; in the Order of the Arrow, a youth member is defined as anyone under the age of 21 years.

Winter Banquet 2008

Trouble comes in three's

Bill Louvain, Doug Johnson, and Bob French enjoying the wonderful food prepared by the staff of the Batavia Party House.



Preparing to bid on the "good stuff"



Tim Brounscheidel, Charlie Lenhardt, Dan Murray, Ron Schmidt, and Hugh TenHagen peruse items to bid on at last year's patch auction.



Winter Banquet Menu
Salad

Bread and Rolls

Sirloin Roast of Beef au jus

Chicken and Biscuits

Marga Whipped Potatoes

Steamed Vegetables

Pasta

When: *Saturday, January 10, 2009*
Dinner will be served at 6:00pm

Where: *Batavia Party House*
Stafford, New York

Cost: *\$15.00 per member*
Reserve by January 2, 2009

Mail the enclosed reservation form and payment
OR— reserve by phone (585-343-0307) and pay at door



Order of the Arrow
2009 Winter Banquet
January 10, 2009

Batavia Party House

Ashokwahta Lodge #339

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City, St, Zip: _____

Cost per member: **\$15.00**

Reservations must be received no later than January 2, 2009

By phone: 585-343-0307

Payable at door. Make checks payable to: Ashokwahta Lodge #339

- or -

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