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WORDS FROM OUR LODGE CHIEF

EXCERPTS FROM THE STATE OF THE LODGE REPORT

First, I would like to start off with our commitment to the outdoor program. This past summer, we had 26 OA members on Camp Staff, which made up 75% of our council camp staff. We had several people go out to promote our camps to troops that continue to return, and to troops that have never been to our camps before. During the Camp Dittmer camp season, we hosted an ice cream social that was open to everyone in camp. Many lodge brothers helped serve the ice cream and clean up.

We held two ordeal weekends. The first one in the spring was held at Camp Sam Wood, where we set up the Cub Scout camp for the summer. Some of the projects we did included setting up the tents, putting in a water diversion system, clearing brush, and much more. The second ordeal weekend was held in the fall at Camp Dittmer. At Camp Dittmer, we closed down the camp for the winter. This involved folding all the tents, storing all the cots, repairing cots, and doing some landscaping by the new shower house. This past November we had our annual fun weekend at Camp Sam Wood. We were able to obtain a wood splitter from Elitsac Lumber; we split the wood in the parking lot and put it at the director's cabin, and the campfire circle. We estimate that we had a total of 4,687 man hours donated in total to both camps.

As of now, our total membership in the lodge is 274. We have 106 ordeal members, 93 brotherhood members, and 75 vigil honor members. This past year we inducted 62 ordeal members, converted 23 brotherhood members, and had 6 members receive vigil honor. Fortunately, we had a 34% brotherhood conversion, which helped our Lodge qualify as a quality lodge.

We have had a productive year, and I hope that there are more. I would like to see more youth come involved in our lodge. It is the youth that help our lodge grow; they're the ones that will continue our traditions and take our lodge into the future.

Austin J. Boyd
Lodge Chief
Ashokwaha Lodge #339



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 Executive Committee for more information about the Troop Representative qualifications and responsibilities.



Help Wanted

<p>Participants Needed: The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be held in Bloomington, Indiana, August 1-6, 2009. A \$100 deposit is required for all participants by March 1st. Our Lodge is able to send 15 delegates. Space is limited, so send in your reservation and deposit to Council Office today, c/o Lodge 339 NOAC Delegation. Contact the LEC for more info.</p>	<p>Help Still Needed: 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</p>
<p>Positions Remain Available Youth volunteers are needed for the Lodge Ceremonies Team. We would like to be able to field separate teams for Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. Please contact Mr. Boyd if interested reboyd2@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Please Join The Dance Team is seeking new members. Applicants should be energetic and willing to be the center of attention. Any adult or youth interested in participating, please contact Phil Crane or Mr. Crane at: maccam@aol.com</p>
<p>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. McNutt or Mr. Drury if interested.</p>	<p>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 NJ Solis or any LEC Officer.</p>

Greetings from our new Lodge Adviser

Hi,

My name is Mike McNutt and I was introduced as the new lodge advisor at the annual lodge banquet and patch auction. There are probably a lot of people who don't know much about me so I will start with a brief of my scouting years.

I joined Cub Scouts (Pack 531, Akron, NY) when I was in third grade, earning Bobcat and Bear, and crossing into Boy Scouts after Webelos. I was in Troop 559 (Akron) for 1 year, skipped a year and joined Troop 463 in Clarence NY. While in Troop 463 I moved up through the ranks to Life Scout, held a position in the Leadership Corps and was Troop Quartermaster.

I was elected into the Order of the Arrow in 1977 in Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge 159. I turned 18 in 1979, was away and not very active with scouts until my oldest son came home from school and said he wanted to join Tiger Cubs. I registered as a committee member when my younger son joined cubs and helped out as an assistant den leader until he crossed over to boy scouts.

I transferred into Ashokwahta Lodge 339 the first year of the borderless patch and soon became Brotherhood. I was Troop committee member and Troop advancement chair, and have been a unit commissioner since 1998. In the spring of 2006 I was honored with Vigil Honor in our lodge. I have served the lodge on many weekends and in many tasks, all that are made more joyful by the brotherhood of our fellow Arrowmen. It seems the task is much lighter when we join together and work side by side with old friends and new friends.

I see many good and admirable things in the youth of our lodge and look forward to serving with them for the good of our lodge. We have many things coming up fast such as NOAC, Conclave, and our spring and fall weekends. Anyone wishing to go to NOAC should sign up at council fast, deposits must be in to National by March 1. This is a great way to meet fellow Arrowmen from across the country and increase your patch collections.

Also we are getting requests from many Packs to have a dance or ceremonies team, or members come to Blue and Gold Banquets to help with the Webelos crossover or just dance. By helping our Cubs, we can get them excited about becoming Boy Scouts, carrying on the traditions of camping, and everything else that is great about our organization. Scoutmasters, if you know of any youth or adults that are willing to help out let us know. Thanks.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Mike McNutt
Lodge Adviser



Calendar of upcoming Events

February Key 3	02/18/09
February LEC	02/25/09*
March LEC	03/18/09
April LEC	04/15/09
May LEC	05/20/09
Ordeal Weekend	Jun 5-7, 2009
Section NE-3-A Conclave	Jul 14-16, 2009
National Order of the Arrow Conf	Aug 1 - 6, 2009

* to be held at the United Methodist Church, Rte. 63, Batavia

The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meetings are usually 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

Members who have not paid dues, as per the guidelines of the Ashokwahta Lodge, will be dropped from the mailing list soon. Those members no longer current with Lodge dues will be considered inactive for the mailing list after the Spring 2009 OA Weekend. Payment of the 2009 dues (\$8.00) will continue active membership for those members who have remained current in dues. Payment of 2008 and 2009 dues will bring current any inactive member — \$8.00 per year or \$16.00 total. The upper right 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 (585-343-0307).

COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER



Lodge Brothers Garrett DeFilippis, Brandon Lewis, and Austin Boyd conduct the opening ceremony at the annual Iroquois Trail Council Recognition Dinner held in January at the Batavia Holiday Inn.

The Ashokwahta Tehtas would like to thank everyone for their pictures and articles during the past year. Keep them coming! Without your contributions our newsletter would be a flyer!!

The Ashokwahta Tehtas encourages Lodge Brothers to send in articles or pictures about Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. We encourage our more experienced members to send in "then-and-now" pictures and stories.

Editorials are always welcome.

The Ashokwahta Tehtas strongly encourages our members to send in camping promotions, articles and pictures from Council events, and news about service projects performed by Packs, Crews, Troops or other Scouting-related groups.



Cheerful service, right Bambi?



Fun weekend participants Spencer Plummer, Ian Lawson, and Austin Boyd.

Reflections from our National Vice Chief

I was inducted into the Order way back in 2002. At first, I was reluctant to attend the different events my lodge was holding. It wasn't actually until 2003 when I decided to convert to Brotherhood that I finally stepped up and took an active role in the lodge. Looking back, I personally feel that I never came back during the first year because I just was not familiar with the program. I just didn't know what the Order of the Arrow was as a brand new member. In addition to that, I didn't know many people in the lodge, so I took the easy way out - just not coming back. If I had not returned a year later to take my Brotherhood and to work on the kitchen staff, then I may not have had the chance to experience our organization enough to understand it.

Since receiving Brotherhood, I have served in a number of different leadership capacities. I started out as the Activities Chairman, and then I played a dual role by being the Service Chair as well. After those two positions, I decided to run for lodge office to serve as the Vice Chief and eventually Lodge Chief. My plan worked out and it wasn't long until I was attending COC's and section gatherings. From there I worked toward becoming the Section Chief in order to impact the section level as much as I could. While in section office though, I really evaluated what I wanted to do from then on. I could step up and lead our organization using my talents as a leader to hopefully leave a positive impact and legacy, or I could just not run for section chief again and focus more on school. I chose the path that would lead me to the most personal satisfaction of leaving an impact on something greater than myself, and now I am honored to say I am serving 175,000 Arrowmen and 4.5 million Boy Scouts.

All throughout my journey of learning about our organization and becoming an active member - as well as a leader - has taught me a great deal on leadership and life. The most important thing I have been able to do is grow as a person, which is the underlying goal of our entire organization. I learned how to work with people, how to have fun while accomplishing great tasks, and how to be a strong leader. The skills I have learned over the years have helped me become a better person that knows how to connect with those he serves. I am now able to apply the skills I have learned to help develop new leaders and pass on the legacy of growing as an individual and truly gaining the most out of life: understanding and fulfillment.



Yours in Service,
Dan Higham
2009 National Vice Chief



Attention Founder's Award Recipients

Is the ribbon on your Founder's Award worn and faded? Or, would you like a second ribbon so you can keep the original in pristine condition and still be able to proudly wear your award? In either case, if you would like a new ribbon for your Founder's Award, please bring a copy of your award certificate to the Council Office by February 29, along with \$5.00 to cover the cost, and we will place the order.

Introducing: the DeWalt Crew

From time to time you may have heard reference to the DeWalt Crew, usually thanking them for a project that was completed at Camp Sam Wood. While many have heard of the DeWalt Crew, some may not know who they are, how they came into existence, and what it is that the DeWalt Crew does. At the January Lodge Executive Committee meeting Mr. Don Ames, Vigil Honor member, briefly shared how the DeWalt Crew began.

Approximately twenty years ago, there were several work weekends at Camp Sam Wood throughout the year. Many older, adult members of the Lodge would turn out for Beaver Weekends or Red Jacket weekends to perform service projects at camp. It seemed as if the same core group of eight or ten adults would consistently show up, along with others who would show up from time-to-time. It was also observed that most of the core group were Vigil Honor recipients.

About ten years ago this group determined there was a need for a maintenance team, or for a service group, dedicated to maintaining the buildings and grounds at Camp Sam Wood. The core group of eight or ten noticed that between them they owned a lot of DeWalt tools, hence the name "DeWalt Crew".

If you're at Camp Sam Wood on one of the 40 to 45 weekends each year that the DeWalt Crew is there, please take the opportunity to thank them for their contribution to our Council's camping program. Ashokwahta Lodge #339 salutes the members of the DeWalt Crew for their dedication and cheerful service, including: Don Ames, Dan Murray, Dave Hawley, Dave Maskell, Shawn Tiede, Rick Tiede, Jim Barrett, Alice Barrett, Stan Mierzwa, Ron Schmidt, Jeanne Yencer, Gary Clark, Jeremy LeFort

2009 WINTER BANQUET



The patch auction is a great place for beginning patch collectors to add to their collection. Many rare and collectible patches are available, several at the youth only auction



Mr. Ames and Mr. Schmidt exhorting bidders to raise the ante . . .

2009 WINTER BANQUET



Registration and dues, Mr. Hawley; Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Yaw, Kevin Volk, Mr. Volk, Mr. Olsen, and various others at arrival.



Mugs, patches, township shoulder strips, and much more, at the patch auction !!

OA Fun Weekend

From an adult observation and point of view

I had the opportunity to attend the last OA fun weekend and, based on my observations, it went very well. There were only 20 who participated in this event and we must start looking into why there were so few in attendance. I know there are several who may not agree with the fun weekend due to the type of service organization that OA is, but we must realize that we are now living in the 21st century and our youth of today have many opportunities which many of us old timers didn't have in the past.

We as adults must remember that our work ethic is different from our youth's due to the advancements in technology and our backgrounds. Our youth today have so many more challenges and opportunities - such as sports, cars, computers, work, college and other functions - that we must change our way of thinking in order to keep them involved. This does not mean that the work ethic of one or the other is unacceptable, it just means that change is good and makes us a more rounded society.

When it came down to doing the service projects, everyone including the adults pitched in to accomplish the tasks at hand. In addition to splitting and delivering firewood, we also assisted the De Walt crew in moving a footbridge to the Barlow's cabin trail area. The LEC worked together to revise the constitution while many of the other youth and adults played games and had fun.

When you look back over the past several years, you will see that many of our Ordeal candidates turn out for the Ordeal weekend, receive their sash and then dash. Some may come back for their Brotherhood sash and then dash. If we want to retain our present members, increase our active membership, and increase our turnout for future functions, we must change accordingly. This does not imply that we should not have work weekends and events like we have had in the past, it just means we must change to provide something additional to attract and keep our youth and adults participating in these events.

As we preach in scouting, we are here to learn and to have fun, and that should carry through with the OA. We can all learn from each other and still accomplish the tasks that we have in front of us by working together and changing for the times. All in all the weekend was a great success and everyone had a great time.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Paul A. Lewis



Know Your LEC Officers

Austin Boyd, Lodge Chief — This is my second term as your Lodge Chief. I reside in Klarendon, where I am an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 59. I have also worked on camp staff for the past three summers at both Camp Dittmer and Camp Sam Wood. I am presently a senior in high school, applying to local colleges. I am a Brotherhood member of the OA and an Eagle Scout.

Brandon Lewis, 1st Vice Chief - Hailing from Troop 650 out of Alexander NY. Earned my Eagle in '06. I've held basically every position at the Troop level from Bugler to Troop guide, Patrol Leader, ASPL, SPL, JASM and currently an Assistant Scoutmaster. Went through JLT in '04. Went to Jambo in '05. Been in the Lodge since '02 (I'm pretty sure it was 02...). Been workin on camp staff since 07. I've done ceremonies, inductions, elections, tapouts, callouts, and have been to most OA events that have existed. I was an elangomat for a loooooong time (I was elangomat for the current Chief, as well as for Garrett, kinda). My goal for this term of office is to maximize Lodge-Troop communication to try to increase participation in the Lodge, as well as grow the newsletter (oh yea.....kinda in charge of that too...). UMMMMMMMM I go to St. John Fisher College in Pittsford NY and am studying psychology (or am i.....). LOST and Entourage basically run my life. That's all for now, I think I hear cupcakes calling . . . Bipple out.

Garrett DeFilipps, 2nd Vice Chief - I am a Fall 2008 Brotherhood member, and a 2007 Eagle Scout of Troop 59 from Klarendon. This will be my first full term as Vice Chief of Program. I also work on Camp Staff, where I am nick-named "Bambi". I am a freshman at SUNY College at Brockport where I am majoring in History and Political Science. As Vice Chief of Program and also Lodge CVC, I would like to see Ashokwahta send the largest contingent in Section NE3A to the Conclave.

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Nate DeMare, 3rd Vice Chief—I was elected as one of the Lodge Vice Chiefs for the next year. I will start by apologizing for leaving the banquet before we got to any business, I do a lot of extra-curricular activities with school and band and stuff, but I promise to at least be at LEC's and Ordeal weekends part of the time. Anyway enough tangents. I am a Life Scout with Troop 69 of Batavia, where I am a sophomore at Batavia High school. My goal for the next year is to help the lodge as much as I can in any way I can. If you would like to contact me my e-mail is nd925a@yahoo.com.

Evan Magnussen, Lodge Secretary - I am a Life Scout working on my Eagle rank requirements. I am from Troop 4070 in Geneseo. I am in the 10th Grade at Geneseo Central School.

Chas. Streb, Lodge Treasurer - I am a member of the Leicester Boy Scout Troop 4085, where I am currently the Senior Patrol Leader. I am working on finishing my Eagle Project for the York Historical Society and training for NYLT staff as an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. I have enjoyed being in the OA for the past several years. During that time, I have worked with Mr. Hawley on the Ashokwahta Tehtas Newsletter, OA Troop Elections, and I have served as the Ordealmaster. I am looking forward to further helping the lodge in my new position as OA Treasurer.

Kyle Smith, Ordealmaster - Kyle hasn't sent us a bio, but we can tell you he is a member of Troop 29 from Lima. We call him "gnat" because his brother Joe is known as "bug". Kyle has worked on several committees, including the Winter Banquet, is a Brotherhood member of the lodge, and is a Life Scout working towards Eagle.