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WORDS FROM OUR LODGE CHIEF

Fellow lodge brothers,

My name is Kyle Smith and as the new Lodge Chief I want to take the time to introduce myself. For those of you who don't know me I will give a brief scouting history. I received my Eagle in 2010 and also have served on the LEC both as Ordealmaster and the Lodge Vice Chief. In addition to holding these positions for the lodge I have also been the unit elections chair and the banquet chair.

As Chief I would like to see a greater turnout of lodge brothers attending the LEC meetings held the third Wednesday of every month. All are invited to attend and the input provided will help us to improve our program. If there is anything that you would like to see the lodge participate in, you need to come to the meeting to provide input. Without participation from the youth of our lodge we cannot plan exciting events like a Fellowship Fun Weekend. It is also important to attend in order to receive important information on unit elections so that your troop can hold an election and elect new members into our lodge.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming meeting and I am looking forward to serving as your Chief for the next year.

YIS,
Kyle Smith
Lodge Chief



OA High Adventure

Do you need an escape from that 9-5 job, summer classes or the monotony of staring out of your bedroom window longing for something new? If your answer is yes, the Order of the Arrow has the answer for you.

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs whether its wetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base; maybe hiking is your passion, what better place to go than the Philmont Scout Ranch where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors as a part of your Trail Crew experience.

Have you ever given thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders, maybe the OA Voyage is for calling. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

Along with your one week trek completely designed by you, each Arrowmen will be afforded the opportunity to leave their mark in history by helping to sure up portage trails, backpacking trails or coral reefs. Aside from providing a good deed to each of these high adventure bases, every participant will have the opportunity to work closely with Arrowmen from across the country, who have a similar interest in the future of both the program and the adventure base.

You may be thinking that this is a daunting task but it is an experience unlike any other afforded to you in scouting in that it takes you out of your world and places with people, who want to do something different. It's not everyday that you can tell your friends that you climbed into Cypher's Mine, watched the Northern Lights from a canoe or went scuba diving in the Florida Keys.

These programs help to insure that the future of scouting has a place to live, work and interact. This summer, try something new or do something you thoroughly enjoy, but do something with the Order of the Arrow High Adventure opportunities. For more information about these High Adventure programs, please visit Adventure.oa-bsa.org or talk to your lodge chief. Your destiny awaits you...

Article courtesy of Order of the Arrow High Adventure

OA High Adventure

Have you ever watched the Northern Lights dance across the sky over the Canadian Border? Carried a canoe a mile to see a spectacular waterfall? Worked to repair historic trails? Paddled forty miles in one day, seemingly chasing after a perfect sunset across countless still lakes?

This summer, take advantage of an opportunity to have experiences like these at the Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage or Canadian Odyssey at the Northern Tier High Adventure Bases in Minnesota and Ontario. On a two-week trek with one of these programs you can give service through trail building, make unforgettable memories, and canoe in beautiful remote country.

The service at the foundation of our Order acts as the cornerstone of this program. During your first week, you will work with your crew to repair and restore portage trails in the Superior National Forest or Quetico Provincial Park. This crew is composed of Arrowmen from around the country and led by two outstanding foremen trained in trail building, outdoor skills, and the Scouting and OA programs.

During the second week you will embark on a voyage where you will explore pristine wilderness, make leadership decisions, and face up to the challenges of nature. The friendships and memories that you make in the North Woods will stand the test of time.

You can attend one of these two-week programs for only \$200.

Arrowmen must be between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one to attend. For applications and more information on the opportunities please visit adventure.oa-bsa.org.

-Article by Frank Sturges



From the Lodge Adviser's Desk

There are several things that I would like to remind all brothers of. First, for the youth members, now is the time to be doing elections in your troops. If your unit hasn't setup a time to do one, work with your Scoutmaster to do it **now**. Our lodge will not continue to grow unless we do all we can to have an election in every troop that have members eligible. Volunteer to help the lodge do them in your nearby troops. They need to be complete by the last week of April. Remember adults can only be nominated when a youth is elected.

Second remember this upcoming spring week-end. The youth have decided that we should put in the next group of Gabien baskets up-stream at Barlow's Cabin. Many hands and a lot of tools will be needed. If you know of any members that may have tools or equipment that might be willing to assist let me (Mr. Schmidt) know. The signup sheet will come out early May. We have begun to discuss things we can do during fall week-end also. If you have suggestions bring them to an LEC meeting.

We also are hoping to get as many as 20 to go to the Conclave this year. The lodge has decided that our cost will be \$40 dollars. That will cover the cost of the conclave and a T-Shirt. If we get enough signed up it will be a special made shirt. The dates are Aug. 19-21 at Camp Gorton. We will be sending a sign-up sheet out in the May newsletter. We will assist in finding rides for anyone that wants to go. We will show the video from last several times during spring week-end.

Long range::

NOAC 2012! We will be sending a group , hopefully it will be a good size group. We will travel by car or van to Michigan State University. The dates are July 30-Aug. 4 2012. More information will be available in the near future.



Ron Schmidt
Lodge Adviser





Vice Chief Alex Kieffer

Hi, My name is Alex Kieffer. I am the new Vice Chief of Ashokwahta Lodge. I'm from Troop 16 in Pavilion N.Y. I'm currently a Star Scout soon to become a Life Scout. Some of you will know me as Kichkinet on the Ceremony team for the last year and a half. I am hoping to help make this year one of the best for the Lodge, and I will be there to help everyone with their duties. I have attended NYLT and I'm planning on attending NLS at Regional.

Thanks for electing me.

Alex Kieffer

Lodge Secretary Allen Reid

Hello. My name is Allen Reid. I am the new lodge secretary. I am a member of Troop 25 and I've been in scouting a total of 8 years. The Troop I belong to is from Lyndonville, New York. I have been a member of the Order of the Arrow for 2 years. I also served as an Elangomat this past spring. To help the lodge, my goal is keeping track of the Lodge info at the LEC meetings and other Lodge events.

*What are you doing this summer?
Consider an OA Wilderness experience!*



An overloaded canoe during last year's OA High Adventure

For more information,
Visit the official website:
adventure.aa-bsa.org

2010 Founder's Award



On January 8, 2011, Ashokwahta Lodge #339 proudly honored Alice Barrett of Troop 85, Leicester, New York. Alice's Scouting accomplishments begin with her own Explorer Post membership, Cub Pack and Scout Troop leadership during her son's Scouting career. She has continued on the Nundawaga District Committee and now serves as an Iroquois Trail Council Commissioner. Alice continues to be a member of Iroquois Trail Council's Dewalt Crew at Camp Sam Wood as well as an active Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow. She has extended her Scouting experience as a membership/training coordinator for the Area 3A eight-council program at their yearly Commissioner College. Alice is a valued member of the Nundawaga Eagle Board of review as a project reviewer, and also as co-chair of Boards of Review.

In addition to her Scouting Activities, Alice Barrett works at York Central School, York, New York, in various community activities, and with her family and grandchild in family activities.

Congratulations to Alice Barrett for her concern for Scouting's youth/adults, programs, and her gracious devotion to helping others.

Congratulations Alice on being recognized with the Order of the Arrow's 2011 Founder's Award.

From the Desk of the Immediate Past Lodge Chief:

Dear Brothers,

I would like to take this time to personally thank you for allowing me to have served you as lodge chief over this past year. Although it was a difficult time for the lodge, we all came together and united as a lodge more than I have ever seen during my time in the Order of the Arrow. We were able to complete two major projects, one at each of the council's camps. Ashokwahta Lodge's influence in the Iroquois Trail Council Camping Program has made it stronger than ever.

At the annual banquet I stepped down and handed the reins to Kyle Smith of Lima. I thank Kyle for stepping up, being elected, taking and taking on the responsibilities as our Lodge Chief. I am sure he will do a spectacular job.

However, Kyle cannot do this job on his own. He needs your help. I would like to once again, urge you to step forward and ease the burdens from the shoulders of your fellow scouts. Remember as Allowat Sakima said, "... membership in our Order is given, not only for what you have done but for what you are expected to do in the future." Thank you for what you have done and for what you will do in the coming future.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Jake Horner



Calendar of upcoming Events

March 16	LEC
March 25-27	NLS
April 13	LEC
April 18	Unit Election results due.
May 13-14	COC at Camp Gorton
May 13-14	Camporee; Camp Troutberg
May 18	LEC
June 3-5	Spring Weekend, Camp Sam Wood
June 15	LEC
August 19-21	Conclave at Camp Gorton
Sept. 9-11	Fall Weekend, Camp Dittmer
July30-Aug 4 2012	NOAC at MSU

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.

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

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. If your dues paid line on the address label says dues paid in 2009, you will not remain on the mailing list after the end of the year charter is completed. Payment of the 2010 and the 2011 dues will bring into line those members who have not remained current in dues — \$8.00 per year or \$16.00 total. The first line of your mailing label indicates the year your dues are paid through. If someone isn't getting their newsletter it may be because they have been dropped for this reason.

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.

WINTER BANQUET

The Ashokwahta Winter Banquet was well attended. There were 90 in attendance, With 57 of them paying dues that night. That leaves us in a good position with almost a third of our membership with their dues already paid for the year. It was nice to see a few families in attendance this year as well as some Scouters and former leaders of the Lodge that returned for the Banquet. The former Lodge officers Garrett DeFilipps and Jake Horner were presented the Past Lodge Chief awards, and Mike McNutt was given the Past Lodge Advisor awards. Due to the weather our Section Chief was unable to attend. Jake Horner updated the Lodge with his yearly Lodge report. As he stated, our Lodge was able to give 5,500 service hours to the Lodge as well as giving nearly \$7,000 to the council for items to help the council camping program. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the founder's award to Mrs. Alice Barrett.

The Lodge youth held the election of Lodge officers after dinner with the following youth elected to office:

Kyle Smith	Lodge Chief
Alex Kieffer	Lodge Vice Chief
Dakota Chilson	Lodge Vice Chief
Alan Reid	Lodge Secretary
Max Lord	Ordealmaster

We still need to elect a youth to the position of Treasurer.

The final part of the evening was the Patch auction. We had nearly 100 lots that brought \$2,294 for the Lodge. The top selling lot was the nearly complete set of Amo'chk S-series patches. The new Lodge 339 neckerchief was sold for the first time. The first order was nearly all sold out, and there has been more ordered.



Ordeal/Fellowship Weekends

June 3 –6, Camp Sam Wood
September 9-11, Camp Dittmer

Hey Lodge Brother! We don't get together very many times during the year. When we do get together, there is plenty of cheerful service, fun and fellowship. There are lots of things to do, like: service projects around our summer camps; helping in the kitchen; become a Brotherhood member; work with Ordeal candidates; take part in ceremonies; and, meet fellow Scouts from all over our Council area. Watch for the registration information in your mail. We hope to see you there!

Plan ahead for this year's

CONCLAVE

Save the Dates: August 19 to 21

Plan to join Lodge members from eight other Lodges across New York at Camp Gorton in the Five Rivers Council area, near Bath. The cost will be between \$35-\$40. The exact cost will be set at the next LEC meeting. Plan to attend this year's Conclave as our Lodge is scheduled to be the host in 2014. By attending the Conclave you will have a better understanding of what we will need to plan for and be responsible for as the host Lodge.

More Dates to Remember

Beaver Weekends at Camp Dittmer
Saturday, May 21 & Saturday, June 11

Most of you are probably wondering, "what is a Beaver Weekend?". Well, I'm glad you asked! Beaver weekends, as in "busy as a beaver", are work weekends that help prepare Camp Dittmer for the summer camp season and to assist with the maintenance and preservation of the buildings and facilities located there.

A lot of the volunteer workforce is made up of local residents seeking the coveted Lake Remick Fishing Permit. Scouts, Scouters, Troops, and OA members are also encouraged to participate. Breakfast and lunch on Saturday are provided to registered participants.

What can you do to help? Help is needed with replacing the shingles on the roof of the Health Lodge and Camp Office. Half of each roof was re-shingled last year. Persons with chainsaws and appropriate protective gear (chaps, ear/eye protection) are needed to help remove deadfalls along roads and in campsites. Troop 23 from Middleport usually stays for the weekend and performs service projects in the campsite they reserve for summer camp. There is always brush that needs to be trimmed!

Anyone interested in participating on either (or both) of the scheduled work weekends should contact Council Office for registration information. Although there is no fee to participate (or camp!) Council does need to know how many people are attending for meal planning.

