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WORDS FROM OUR LODGE CHIEF

Letter from the Chief

Hello Brothers,

My apologies for my recent absences from recent LECs and other OA activities, college has kept me busy. However I will be returning shortly and can't wait to get back to work with all of you! Entering 2016 is a big year for us, as we have our annual lodge banquet but with a special centennial twist. Not only that, but election season is here once again, and we can always use arrowmen to help during this time were it is so important to get out to troops and promote the higher purpose that is the Order of the Arrow. If you are interested in helping out, don't hesitate to contact any of our Lodge leadership to show your interest! Sorry for my quasi-leave of absence, but I look forward to seeing you all again at LECs and this year's banquet.

Peace,

Spencer Cottman
Lodge Chief

A Taste of Scouting.

As an OA Member do you know what The Taste of Scouting is? Well, if you don't it is an opportunity for youth who want more information on Scouting, who may be thinking of joining a Cub Scout Pack to actually try it on for size and have the real deal experience you can't get from a website or brochure! While the weekend was wet, we had quite a few staff that was made up greatly with fellow lodge members. Some staff came in and spent the entire weekend, Cub Candidates come in Saturday morning, participate in all kinds of Scout activities, eat great meals, and may or may not camp overnight. Many did. I look forward to volunteering at Taste of Scouting each year, this year I worked the BB Gun Range. That was pretty awesome, the kids have such a great time at various Scouting activities. This is one of the many great things that if you have never volunteered to do you are missing out! It is very refreshing to bring the opportunity of Scouting to youth who have not had the opportunity to really know how much fun it is. Taste of Scouting is definitely one of those OA perks, and opportunities to make a difference in your life and the life of a future Boy Scout! I look forward to seeing you at Sam Wood next October for the 2016 version of Taste of Scouting!

Jacob Eggleston, Lodge Secretary



Hello Arrowmen,

As you know it's beginning to that time again to start doing elections for the upcoming Spring and Fall weekends. I am the Elections Chairman this year and I am currently working to have a good turn out at the spring and fall weekend with new ordeal candidates. If you are a scoutmaster and want to have an election, I or someone else would be more than happy to come out and put an election on for your troop. Just remember to have a scout elected into the Order of the Arrow he needs to hold the First Class rank as a minimum, the scout must have 15 days or nights of camping including one long term camp-out of six consecutive days and nights of camping. (You may only count one long-term camp-out towards these 15 days and night of camping.) The scout also has to have the permission of his Scoutmaster to be elected into the Order of the Arrow.

Chris Neal, Election Chairman

Dear Ashokwahta lodge 339,

My name is Trevor Cole and I am currently an elangomat for our lodge. I am also a life scout from troop 4074 and go to Livonia High School. Before I talk about how awesome elangomats are, I have to explain what they are. Elangomats are the people who guided you through your ordeal, so without elangomats, we wouldn't have anyone for the ordeal members to follow through their ordeal. Being an elangomat can have its challenges and may be difficult at times but it provides great leadership skills and makes the boys you are leading feel comfortable through their ordeal. I have only been an elangomats twice so far, but I plan on doing it for years to come because being an elangomat makes you feel like you're going through the ordeal again. I know that some people didn't like their ordeal and probably wouldn't do it ever again, but doing the ordeal for a second time provides you with a better understanding of the ordeal and yourself. Elangomats are also the ordeal member's first connection to the Order of the Arrow. So in order to keep boys in the OA, the elangomats need to put in the effort to show the boys how fun OA really is. Lately, we've had a shortage of elangomats, so it has been hard to lead the boys. If we could get new elangomats that were to put in the effort, then I think our lodge truly would flourish, and the new boys would be much more interested in what they really signed up for.

-Your fellow brother, Trevor Cole



Dues payment

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 after the December rechartering is done. We will send newsletters to those who have paid dues thru 2013, but only those who have paid thru 2014 will be on our National charter. Payment of the 2014 and the 2015 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 last year your dues are paid through. If you don't get a newsletter and you believe you should, please contact Mr. Schmidt as the Council office does not work with Lodgemaster and doesn't have the ability to check our records. You may email Mr. Schmidt at headchef339@yahoo.com or call [585-356-7692](tel:585-356-7692)

Calendar of upcoming Events

Dec. 16	LEC Meeting
Jan. 4	Banquet Registration Due
Jan 9th	Banquet Batavia Methodist Church
Jan 16th	LEC
Jan 30th	Section COC Mtg. TBA
Feb 7-13	Scout Week
Feb. 17th	LEC
Feb. 24th	Chili Dinner/Camp Kickoff
March 11-13	NLS-NLATS
March 16th	LEC
March 19th	Section Training/COC
March 25-27th	NLS-NLATS
April 15-16th	NLS— Plymouth Mass.
April 18th	Conclave Trading post closes
April 20th	LEC Election results due
April 30th	Conclave Registration closes
May 6th	Spring Registration due
May 13-15th	Spring Weekend Camp Sam Wood
June 3-5th	Conclave Camp Gorton
June 15th	LEC New Officers
July 30-Aug 3	NEXT Indiana University

The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meetings are held at the Batavia Presbyterian Church on the corner of main St. and Liberty St. This meeting is for Lodge Officers, Troop Representatives, and any interested members.

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



Ceremonies is a crucial part of any lodge. The ceremony team is the group of people who put on regalia (native American style clothing) and perform various induction ceremonies at the spring and fall fellowship weekend, and it is at these weekends in which the newly elected candidates go through their ordeal. There is usually at least two teams of ceremonialist that makes up the whole group. There is the brotherhood team and the ordeal team. Our lodge has one of each team. There are two ceremonies which the ordeal team performs they are the pre-ordeal and the ordeal ceremonies. The pre ordeal is when we issue the challenges in which they must pass in order to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow. The ordeal ceremony is the actual induction and is when we explain the trials in which they have completed. Then after they have waited one year they then go through the brotherhood ceremony in which they seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow. Our teams work hard year round to perform great ceremonies for the newly inducted. But we are lacking in understudies and we need more people to join. We meet on the last Sunday of every month at the First Presbyterian Church in Batavia from 1 to 4. If you are interested in acting or anything similar to it, I highly recommend you join and we would appreciate the help.

Ceremonies Chairman:
 Dominic Brown
 Call or text me at (585)815-5284



On the next page you will see 2 pictures of things that the LEC is considering doing to improve the ceremonies. Come join us on the 3rd Wed. at the Presbyterian Church in Batavia as we discuss these and other projects to help both the lodge and our Council



Jak Kohmann receives the Founder's Award Presented at the Fall Weekend at Camp Dittmer





Winter Banquet 2016 Registration

Batavia First United Methodist Church

8221 Lewiston Rd., Batavia

6 pm. January 9th, 2016

\$17.00 Registration Due before Jan 4th

Name _____ Unit _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Qty _____ Additional Names of OA Members included with this payment _____

_____ \$17.00 Per Member _____

_____ \$17.00 Guests Parents are welcome to come. _____

_____ \$8.00 Dues number of years your paying for _____

_____ Total reservations _____ Total enclosed *

_____ Pay by Credit/Debit Card _____ Check Enclosed Make Checks payable to: Ashokwahta Lodge #339

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Pre-register with payment in advance: By Phone call 585-343-0307 or 1-800-592-0242

Mail to: Ashokwahta Lodge #339: Batavia Service Center

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All participants are expected to register in advance* by mail or phone.

There are no registration taken at the door

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