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Words from our Lodge Chief

Hello fellow members of Ashokwahta lodge. My name is Jacob Dawson and I am your 2016-2017 Lodge Chief and I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself so you can get to know your Lodge Chief better. I have been very active in scouting for the past 12 years of my life starting in first grade in Cub Scouts and into Boy Scouts where I earned my Eagle Scout award at the age of 15. Throughout that time, I have been very involved with the Order of the Arrow, which was my favorite part of scouting. I have been to nearly all of the conclaves and weekend campouts along with other events, such as Taste of Scouting, since I joined the Order 5 years ago when I was 13. I also received the Vigil honor in the spring of 2015. I have been to 2 NOAC's, NYLT, NLS and two high adventure camps (Sea Base and The Summit). I hope to put my vast knowledge of the OA and my leadership skills to work to keep the lodge running smoothly and improve upon membership retention and add more events to our yearly calendar including a lodge ball/lock in event. I am looking forward to a fun and productive year in the lodge and am hoping to get as many youth involved as possible to make the lodge the best it can be.

-Jacob Dawson



Do you want calves of steel? Do you want to make memories and friendships that will last forever? Then look no farther than Order of the Arrow Trail Crew. Philmont partnered with the Order of the Arrow in 1995 to bring a program that emphasized Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service through trail work and trek. The program consists of a two week adventure in the backcountry. The first week provides the opportunity to cheerfully give service through constructing hiking trail to make it safer for hikers. The second week is Trek Week, where crews hike through a trek you help design.

Having hiked the trail that is being replaced by the one we are building, I can say with certainty that it is a very necessary job. The backcountry really opened a world that you cannot experience in western New York. Along with building trail, Order of the Arrow Trail Crew provides some of the most pristine landscapes you will ever see. Mountains, stars, valleys, and the wildlife truly make Philmont one of a kind. When you add the Order of the Arrow into the picture, the benefits only expand. In recognition of the service provided, Philmont has allowed the cost of the program to be significantly cheaper than that of any other treks. The cost of the program is \$300, and Section NE-3A offers a scholarship you can apply for through www.ne3a.org, that will cover the entire program cost!

I had never been to Philmont before OATC and I believe the program has a lot to offer to all who participate. To learn more, visit www.oa-bsa.org or talk with me, Tyler at the next LEC meeting, I'll be there; will you?

Yours in Brotherhood,

Tyler Davis



Have you ever been to or heard of NYLT? It is a leadership program created for youth in the Boy Scouts of America. Have you heard of NLS? You have now!!

The National Leadership Seminar is a weekend conference on the skills and attributes of leadership. The term conference is used very liberally as it in reality is a weekend that will expand how you view your role in the Troop, Lodge, and Section. The event is entirely run by a specially selected training staff from across the Northeast Region. Program elements make it a dynamic conference that will help prepare you for future leadership in all areas of life. The next opportunity for you to experience this one time only training is November 11-13th at Camp Alpine. There is no cost to you for attendance because the lodge covers the cost. So if you are determined to grow your involvement in the OA, look no farther than the National Leadership Seminar! For more information, feel free to contact Jacob Dawson, our Lodge Chief, Tyler Davis, or Mr. Schmidt.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Tyler Davis



Hello and welcome to our Summer addition of Ashakowta Lodge News. I was recently elected Vice Chief for our lodge and I would like to share a little about myself. I am Jacob Eggleston, I am a Senior at Pavilion Central School. I am an active member of my Troop in Pavilion and for the past year I have been SPL. I soon hope to have my date for my Eagle Board and will be able to proudly wear the Rank of Eagle. In my spare time, outside of Scouts and School I am an avid electronics hobbyist.

I am a Brotherhood member of the Lodge. I know that it can be hard working at Lodge meetings and events with our already busy Scout and School schedules, but I assure you that the hard part is just getting there. I know that meetings are not on the top of our things we want to do list, believe me I know. But, I know that if we want to make a difference in our lives and those of others, that we have to. We plan everything at our LEC meetings and if we want events to be well planned so we look good, that will make us feel good, but more important that it makes for a fun event. I know we are spread out and that our meetings can be a hour and a half long and many of us do not drive so our parents need something to do, maybe that can be an item for our agenda, we can figure out a place for them to meet, have a treat and chat while we work on Lodge Business.

Take a look and see what awesome events we have coming up and think of some things you think would be really cool to do. If you are a new member and are unsure of what or why we do something please feel free to ask one of us, we were once in your shoes! You know you want to be an active member but aren't sure where to jump in at, I recommend joining our Ceremonies Team. They meet once a month, the last Sunday of each month, and are a vital part of our lodge, and it is fun! We have great events coming this fall, and I look forward to see you at all our OA Lodge events.

Jacob Eggleston

Hello Arrowmen:

My name is Christopher Neal and I am your 1st vice chief for our lodge, Ashokwahta 339. I am fifteen years old and I will be a Junior, at Notre Dame high school in Batavia, NY. I am a brotherhood member in our lodge and I have just finished my Eagle Scout project. I am a patrol leader in Troop 6069 located out of Batavia, NY. I earned all four of the Catholic religious scouting emblems as well as the Bishops Award. I am the treasurer of venture crew 556 in Bergen, NY. I attended the 2013 jamboree at the Summit serving as the Chaplains Aide for Iroquois Trail council's troop B345. I will also be attending the 2017 jamboree. I also attended the 2015 NOAC at MSU. Last year I was the election chairman for the lodge getting around 100 New scouts elected to go through their Ordeal. I also serve as Allowat Sakima on the Ordeal and Pre-Ordeal ceremonies team. I have attended NYLT and NLS and I will be attending NEXT at the end of July to further help our lodge. I am excited to see what will come with this year and I am looking forward to the improvements that will be made to our lodge as I work with Jacob Dawson and Jacob Eggleston as well as our other officers. I hope all you arrow men have a fun and exciting year!

Yours in Brotherhood,
 Christopher Neal
 First Vice Chief



This pictures shows the porch that was added to the Trading Post at Camp Dittmer. The project was funded by Ashokwahta Lodge.

Below is the Ga Ga pit that stands ready for use at Camp Sam Wood



As we are all aware, fall is coming soon, and that means time for taste of scouting. For those who aren't aware, Taste of Scouting is just that: New registered Cub Scouts are invited to come to Camp Sam Wood, to spend the day having fun learning about scouting as they do activities that would normally be done at camp. This year it will be held Oct. 8th and 9th.

We are always looking for lodge members to assist in program areas and the like. If you can join us and help with any part of the weekend, let Mr. Schmidt know. There will be signup sheets at the fall weekend.

Jake Eggleston

Below is the Ga Ga Pit at Camp Dittmer that the Lodge provided, and it is in full use. It proved to be a welcomed addition to the activities of camp.



Fellow Brothers,

My final activity as you Lodge Chief was to go with 20 of my fellow brothers of Ashokwahta Lodge to our 2016 Section Conclave at Camp Gorton. The event was great from beginning to end, with something for the young Order of the Arrow member and those who have been going to Conclaves for decades (cough cough Dave Hawley). The trainings were the best they have been in years thanks to our own Tyler Davis, and anytime there was a "dull" moment it was filled with GaGa ball or Ultimate Frisbee. Our guys had a lot of fun and I would recomed that anyone who can attend should attend conclave. It is put on by us for us and it is a fun experience that only come every once a year, but no two are alike so it is truly a once in a lifetime experience.

YIS,



My name is Trevor Cole, and I am your lodge secretary. I am fifteen, an honor roll student, a Life Scout from Troop 4074 of Livonia, and a brotherhood member of this lodge. I am working on my Boy Scout Eagle Project, and hope to become an Eagle Scout by the end of this year. I am an active OA member, and go to nearly every event. OA is a huge part of my life, and I really enjoy being a part of it because I think it is a great way to meet new people and just have a good time while doing service to Boy Scouts and the community. Being a lodge officer, I will strive to improve our lodge by taking excellent notes, participating in as many LEC meetings as I can, and working with the other lodge officers to assure that we maintain good communication and organization. Thank you for electing me as your lodge secretary, and, together, we can make Ashokwahta Lodge 339 great again!

Trevor Cole

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 for the Spring 2017 OA Weekend. Payment of the 2015 dues (\$8.00) will continue active membership for those members who have remained current in dues. Payment of 2015 and 2016 dues will bring current any inactive member --- \$8.00 per year or \$16.00 total.

Remember: The top line on your address label list the last paid dues years

Reminder : If a fellow Arrowman tells you they are not receiving the newsletter, please have them update their home address by calling Mr. Schmidt at 585-356-7692 or by email at headchef339@yahoo.com.

I am sure there are few things about “your” Ordeal Weekend that you remember, that stick out, in your mind. Like the scant food you were given or the wonderful feast the cooks prepared for you at the end of the weekend. You probably don’t remember the irksome task you were assigned, or the names of some of the other candidates with you that weekend. I am sure the one thing you do remember is the awesome characters that performed CEREMONIES. The lodge is in dire need of people to be on the ceremonies teams. We cannot do spring or fall weekends with them. So PLEASE, give back to the lodge and help give other candidates an awesome experience too by joining the teams!! We need full time participants and alternates. We look forward to seeing some new faces at the next practice. Practices are held on the last Sunday of every month from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Batavia, 300 East Main St. (corner of Main and Liberty)

Hope to see you soon,
Mr. Brown
Ceremony Team Advisor



Calendar of upcoming Events

July 30—Aug 3	NEXT at Indiana University
Aug 17th	LEC Meeting 7 pm
Sept. 2	Fall Weekend Registration Due
Sept 9-11	Fall Weekend at Camp Dittmer
Sept. 21st	LEC Meeting
Oct. 2nd. ways office	COC meeting . Seneca Water-
Oct 8-9th	Taste of Scouting
Oct. 19th	LEC meeting 7pm
Oct 30th	After Effect Training
Nov. 11-13th	NLS at Camp Alpine
Nov. 16th	LEC meeting 7pm
Dec. 21st	LEC meeting 7pm
Dec 30th	Banquet reg. due
Jan 7th	Winter Banquet / Auction
Jan 18th	LEC meeting 7pm

I am Daniel Grabowski, your newly elected Treasurer for Ashokwahta Lodge #339. My home troop is #164 Albion. I am a Brotherhood member and have been active in the lodge for the past two years. During that time I have attended NOAC, went to this year's NE3A Conclave for the first time and am looking forward to participate in this year's event, NEXT at Indiana University. I look forward to being your Treasurer, an active member of the lodge, and maintaining the principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service.

Yours in Brotherhood

Daniel Grabowski

Lost & Found Items

At the end of Spring Ordeal weekend, several items were left behind by lodge members. Some of the items are shown below. There are things such as ground cloths, tarps and plastic rain coats that are not shown. If you are missing any of this things contact Mr. Schmidt. 585-356-7692 or head-chef339@yahoo.com





Fall 2016 Fellowship Weekend Registration Camp Dittmer

Sept. 9-11th, 2016 Phelps, New York

Reservations due in the office by Sept. 2nd, 2016

** After Sept 2, Add \$5.00 Late Registration Fees*

Name _____ Unit _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

<u>Qty</u>	<u>Additional Names of OA Members included with this payment</u>
_____ \$40.00 Ordeal = _____	_____
_____ \$35.00 Brotherhood = _____	_____
_____ \$15.00 OA Members = _____	_____

_____ \$ 8.00 Membership Dues (Last dues paid listed on the mailing label of newsletter) must be up to date for Brotherhood

_____ Total reservations _____ Total enclosed * Add \$5.00 Late Fee After 9/2/2016 for each reservation

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

___ MC ___ Visa _____ exp. Date ___ / ___ Security Code ___

Signature required for credit/debit payments: _____



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
201 East Main St.
Batavia, New York, 14020

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

BSA Medical forms, parts A&C are required to be on-file for each participant attending the weekend. They are available online at itcbsa.org.

Checks payable to: Ashokwahta Lodge #339

Reservations due by Sept. 2, 2016 * * After 9/2/2016 Add \$5.00 Late Registration Fees

For more information on the Ordeal Weekend contact
Ron Schmidt, at headchef339@yahoo.com or 585-356-7692