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FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Brothers,

This summer has been great! Between Philmont, National Jamboree, and Summer Camp the summer has flown by. But, where one thing ends, another begins. As school starts, remember your "solemn obligation" to help other people at all times. We are counting on you to help others whenever they are in need whether whether it is at school, on the field, or in the community.

Remember you have to make a decision to count to twelve. Is what you're about to do Trustworthy or Loyal? How about Courteous? You, with or without the sash, are an Arrowman. You represent the ideals of Scouting, your troop, and your Lodge and you must act accordingly. We know it is hard, but if it was easy, everyone would be an Order of the Arrow member.

Your Brother,
Sam Stocker

FALL FELLOWSHIP COMING UP!

by Andrew Whaley

Coming the weekend of October 26-28. There will be lodge training on Saturday morning. Starting that weekend is the Order of the Arrow University, where you can learn about all aspects of the Order of the Arrow. Also during the afternoon will be some fun games. If you have any ideas for games give Chapter Chief Andrew Whaley at (734)671-0675.

OA SERVICE CREW

by Mike Ruzala

As we are all well aware, the Order of the Arrow is an organization based upon the principle of cheerful service. Arrowmen give graciously of their time to do service to our camps and local communities throughout the year. Dave Morosky, along with the Service Committee, have developed a program that will allow Arrowmen to give service to our Council camps even more throughout the year.

The "O-A Service Crew" program will take place the first weeknd of every month. Chapters will volunteer to provide at least two adults and ten to twelve youth to work on projects around camp. The projects will focus on the upkeep of the Pedro trail as working on the new OA museum. A new lodge flap has also been proposed for those who take part in this excellent program. Arrowmen tell your chapter chief that you want to be a part of this and have him volunteer your chapter for a weekend.

2001 ARROWMAN SERVICE AWARD

Applications should be turned in to Mr. Bruce Maxim at the Fall Conclave. If you want to purchase the award turn in \$5.00 with the application.

ACHOWALAGEN CHAPTER

We are planning the annual dinner which is scheduled for December 5, 2001. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available now, contact your chapter chief or adviser for details. We hope that everyone attends.

We are working on honor chapter for the second year.

Hope to see everyone at the dinner and have a great fall.

LOWANUE KUWE NEWS

As summer comes to a close, one thing comes to mind. No, not school, I'm talking about the Fall Conclave!!! That's right. I encourage everyone in Lowanue Kuwe to come to D-A Scout Ranch and take part in this weekend of fun and fellowship. If you are interested in being an Elangomat or helping out with ceremonies please contact me at (248)280-4646. Our next chapter meeting will be at the Fall Conclave. I hope everyone had a great summer and I hope to see you at the Fall Conclave.

Yours in Brotherhood,

George Blackmore

Lowanue Kuwe Chapter Chief

MAHICAN CHAPTER EVENTS

Mahican Brothers,

Coming up in the next months will be very important meetings and fellowship.

Starting in September is the Fall Conclave on the 14-16. All members are welcome and encouraged to come and do service to camp. Second is the Chapter meeting on the 20th at Wayne County Community College on Northline between Telegraph and Allen. Next in October is the Chapter meeting on the 18th at the same location.

On the weekend of October 26-28 is the Fall Fellowship where there will be lots of games and lots of information. In November, on the 15th there is another Chapter meeting.

There we will be discussing, nominating, and voting for next years officers. All are encouraged to attend. At that meeting you will be able to buy tickets for the Annual dinner. The Annual dinner is on December 4, in Sterling Heights. All are encouraged to come to vote for next year's lodge officers. Your attendance is vital at the dinner. Also in December is the chapter meeting on the 20th at WCCC. Lastly to end the year is WINTERCAMP!! The dates are December 27-31 at D-A. Remember to mark your calendars.

In WWW,

Andy Whaley

TRAIL TO EAGLE! UNTIL NEXT YEAR!

Trail to Eagle Camp in a weeklong provisional camp focused on developing Scout Skills and Leadership. That's why many members of our Lodge are involved in this great event.

Wednesday night was the ice cream social and some Ordeal member sealed their membership as new Brotherhood members. The Friday night campfire was a time for Great Spirit. As the campfire was opened with members from Lowanue Kuwe and Mahican chapter, dressed in regalia entering the Trout lake fire bowl from Turtle Island, the ending was simply spectacular. Twelve dancers displayed their skills with a twist. Towards the end of the show, the dancers invited over 160 youth and adults to join them for a simple dance. The basic two-step was taught. It was a little slow at first, but once the dance got moving, wow, that many people dancing around the campfire.

We would like to thank all those who came up for the day or stayed the week to provide this very unique display of love for scouting. This was our Lodge's sixth year being involved and we look forward

to helping out next year.

AMAZING SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

By Ethan Rein

Well, brothers, another summer has gone by. For many of us, it was a chance to enjoy many things the Scouting program has to offer. Whether it was training, working at camp, a Jamboree or High Adventure, there is something that we can all enjoy.

One opportunity unique to Arrowmen is the Trail Crew program at Philmont Scout Ranch. This is a chance for Order of the Arrow youths to work building a trail for a week and then take a week long trek anywhere in the 127,000 acre ranch. The program costs \$100 without transportation fees. This summer, four members of our Lodge participated in this program. Arrowmen may go by themselves or with other Lodge members. It is a unique way to meet people from all over the country, as well as enjoy the beauty of the mountains of New Mexico. Scouts from New Hampshire to Texas to California and everywhere in between participate in this program. It is a great way to get out to Philmont for members who wish to enjoy the Scouting program as well as help build it at the same time.

SERVICE COMMITTEE

The 2001 Spring Ordeal was a weekend that could not have better modeled the principles of our Order: cheerfulness, brotherhood, and service. Candidates and members worked together as a team accomplishing the many tasks placed before them without flinching. The Mahican chapter did the Lodge proud by totally "redecorating" the Lakeview cabin. They constructed a new stairway down to the lake, fixed up the latrine area and stained the inside of the cabin. The

Lowanue Kuwe chapter painted Trout Lake cabin, spread woodchips, cleaned windows, and cleared brush out from the Family Camp area. Along as an elangomat, our Lodge Chief told Candidates where to place rocks(LOL)! The Wapanue and Achowalogen chapters made the many Scouts spending the summer in Beaver Creek happy by setting up their tents and platforms. Last, but absolutely not least, the Wsigau chapter could definitely be identified by the end of the weekend styling the fashionable D-A black paint. They had the hard work of painting both sides of just about a half-mile of fence, as well as the jambo boxes for this summer. Groups from our Lodge also painted the OA Museum, 60 picnic table frames, and cleaned out some of the storage barns. With camp projects finishing earlier than expected a service project along Wilder and Sutton roads was organized which cleaned up trash and debris for our camp's community. The hard work and determination of all involved allowed the weekend and projects to be a success.

Hope you had a great summer,

Mike Ruzala

Service Chairman

"THOSE WHO CHOSE YOU, NEED YOU...."

Brothers, the Brotherhood Committee, with the help of every chapter has been working to reach the goal of 100 new Brotherhood members by December 31. To reach this we have reintroduced "The Hike" program in conjunction with the new "Journey to Brotherhood" program. This include more coaching, more interaction and more meaning to what we do as members of the Order of the Arrow and our Lodge. This is an 8-step program, which starts at the call out after a unit election and goes into the sealing of a

member's membership.

Those of you who seek the meaning of the Order or who just want to be more involved should not hesitate to contact Sam Stocker or Jay Bottorff (speedinc@aol.com - 734-692-8839).

If you are an Ordeal member and see yourself being more involved in the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. Below is a list of upcoming ceremonies where you can seal your membership. Being a Brotherhood member shows your unit you've taken your election into the Order of the Arrow seriously and want to learn more about Scouting and leadership. Do you have what it takes to be a Brotherhood member? The cost is \$15.00 which covers the cost of the Brotherhood sash and your new Lodge flap.

Fall Ordeal at D-A Scout Ranch, Saturday, September 15, 2001.

Fall Fellowship at D-A Scout Ranch, Saturday, October 27, 2001.

Your chapter will be contacting you about other in-house opportunities right in your neighborhood.

Lastly we would like to give a big round of applause to those new Brotherhood members who sealed their membership during Summer Camp.

Our committee location is: <http://www.migisi.org/committees/brotherhood/>

Stay tuned for new and exciting committee updates.

LODGE PAGE

If you haven't visited the Lodge page lately, maybe you should. It's at www.migisi.org and it always has the latest news and events for members of our lodge. Suggestions should be sent to webchairman@migisi.org.

CALENDAR

September 14-16 Lodge Conclave at D-A
October 26-28 Fall Fellowship/Training at D-A

November 4 Deadline for Next Eagle Pipe

ARTICLES NEEDED!

Wondering about all this blank space? Us too. It turns out that no other articles were submitted and we're all out of news. If you know of something that should be in the newsletter, drop us a line at eaglepipe@migisi.org or mail your submissions to the Communications Adviser:

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