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Fred's Fantastic Fun Farewell

Hello fellow arrowmen!!

The summer is almost upon us, but do not forget everything that we have accomplished this year. Our winter banquet was a great success. Also we tried a new idea, an OA open house. One thing that I would strongly like to recommend to all of you is the Section Conclave coming up this September 8,9,10. What is the Section Conclave you might ask? Or maybe, what is the Section? Well, as you should know our lodge has three chapters, going on to a larger scale, the Section C-3A has eight lodges in it, of which Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan in one. Now what exactly goes on at the conclave? It is a wonderful time for fellowship, brotherhood and a great opportunity to meet arrowmen from other lodges. There are training sessions in the morning, such as, How to Run an Effective Chapter,

The Mission of the Lodge

"The mission of the lodge is to achieve the purpose of the Order of the Arrow as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America in the council through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults"

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other such team sports that a lodge can participate in. Another wonderful asset we will have at this section conclave is the access to an indoor/outdoor climbing facility. There is also an Indian Dance ceremony competition. Aside from all of that you will also be able to vote for the new Section officers for the coming year. If I can offer you only one tip of advice for the future, sealing your membership in the Order of the Arrow would be it. Attend the Memorial Day Conclave and earn the Brotherhood honor. I have enjoyed being your Lodge Chief this past year, it has been a great honor to serve you all over this time. I hope to see many of you at our Memorial Day Conclave and the Section Conclave.

Forever in the Brotherhood,

-T. Fred Skeppstrom

Where To Go Camping?

Hey guys, this is Andrew Johnston your lodge Where to Go Camping Chairman. I finally took up the resolve to do the Where to Go Camping Booklet and am now nearly finished with all the final details. Currently it contains the descriptions of all the state parks, including Illinois's, Wisconsin's, and before long Indiana's. It will contain the local and national trails (in the area), local Boy Scout Camps, local forest preserve information, High Adventure camps, and as well as a great deal of other information. So, before long, hard copies as well as CD-type versions of the Booklet will be available at Council and possibly a version will be placed on the lodge's web site. If anyone has any questions, comments, or concerns, please call me at (847) 615-8060.



Calendar of Events

Brotherhood Ceremonies July 1, July 15, July 29, 2000 at Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan.

Ordeal Call outs June 30, July 14, July 28, 2000 at Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan

Vigil Weekend July 14-15, at Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan

National O.A. Conference July 29 - Aug 3, 2000 at University of Tennessee - Knoxville

Check out the National OA Web Site @ www.oa-bsa.org

Central Region Web Site @ www.host.scouter.com/oa-central-region

Chapter Links:

YAKWAHAY Chapter - <http://hometown.aol.com/ICCJLC/page/YAKWAHAY.htm>



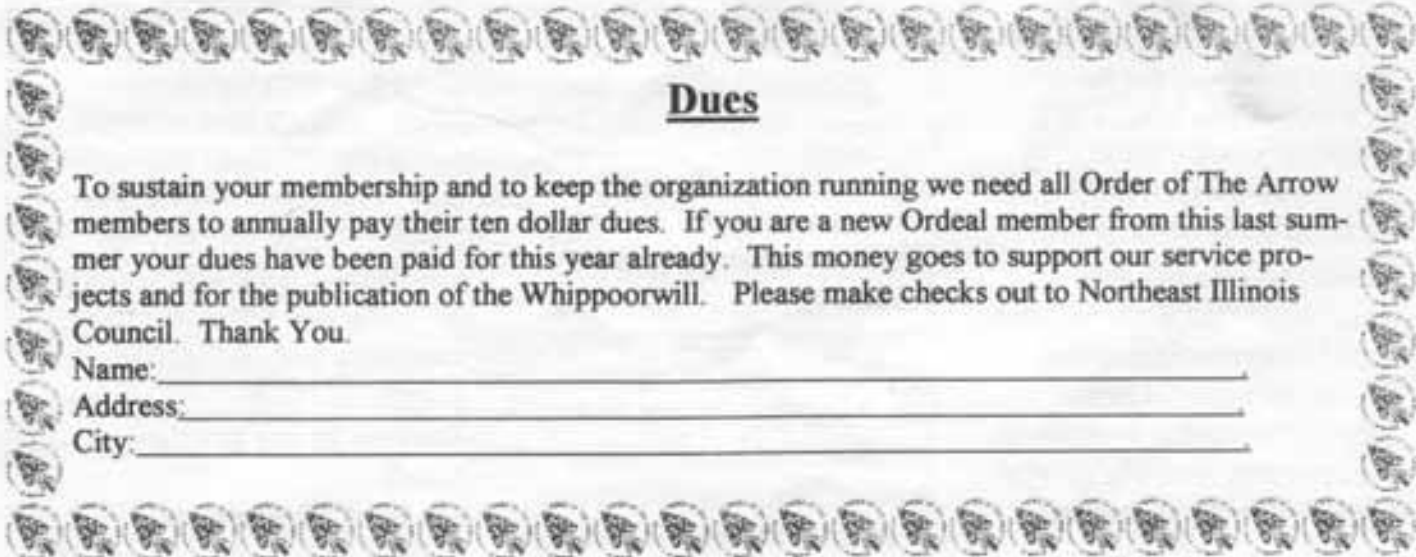
Dues

To sustain your membership and to keep the organization running we need all Order of The Arrow members to annually pay their ten dollar dues. If you are a new Ordeal member from this last summer your dues have been paid for this year already. This money goes to support our service projects and for the publication of the Whippoorwill. Please make checks out to Northeast Illinois Council. Thank You.

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General Information

Date: Sep. 8-10

Location: Camp Long Lake- Dundee, WI

Registration: Sign up at local council. Dead line is August 25 with money (\$23). After that it's \$28.

Medical Information

To attend the Section Conclave a Class 1 is okay. But, In order to use the climbing wall, each scout or scouter would need a Class 2 physical with a doctor's signature. This is the same one used for Summer Camp.

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Section

September 8-10, 2000

At Camp Long Lake



Conclave

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outdoor climbing facility. There is also an Indian Dance ceremony competition. Aside from all of that you will also be able to vote for the new Section officers for the coming year. Now if that doesn't sound like fun, then I don't know what fun is. If you want to know more, then talk to your Lodge Chief on how to sign up and what experiences he had at a Section Conclave. See you there. In The WWW, Fred Skeppstrom

Brothers,

Welcome to the Section Conclave!! Oops, that was premature. I get a little excited when I think of the fun I've had at other Section Conclaves. Before I went to my first Section Conclave, I said -so what's all this talk about? Well the technical definition, to paraphrase, says "A Section Conclave is held yearly for the purpose of having

lodges communicate and share ideas and brotherhood." While this is true, these words do not and cannot capture the feeling of a Section Conclave. And no words do. To find out what a Conclave is all about, get up and get out to one!

Do you have a question that you just CANNOT find an answer to? Just find Fred Skeppstrom

or myself and we would be more than happy to answer it for you! If you just want to say hi and talk, that'd be great too! Now go to Conclave! Go to a session! Go to volleyball! Go to something OTHER than your tent! GO GO GO!! ALLE ALLE ALLE!!

Sam Nitz

CHAPTER CHATTER

Namachani Chapter

Hi, Matt Horbal, Namachani Chapter chief here. It's been a great year and we've ended it well. Our spring service project, helping the Girl Scouts set up tents at their resident camp near Camp Crown, was successful and well attended. The Girl Scouts appreciated our help. We've also had our elections and I would like to congratulate our new chapter chief Brian Claggett, new vice-chief Edmund Berry, our new secretary Kevin Sullivan, and our new activities chairman Andrew Cole. And just a reminder our chapter meetings are the 2nd Thursday of every month at the church on the corner of Lake and Locust in Wilmette, but we've already had our last meeting of this "year" and our next will be in September. Thanks for a great year and see you at camp.

Yakwahey Chapter

As the scouting year comes to a close, we must remember our mission, to promote camping and cheerful service. Our chapter has grown by leaps and bounds and doubled our active member size, but we still need more support. Whether you are a new ordeal member or have been OA for a while yet never active, we want your support. The Yakwahey chapter wants YOU. We have participated in more projects and events than ever before and we can do more with your active membership. So come on out to our monthly meetings held at the Milburn church, on Grass Lake rd. & 45. It's at the same time and place as roundtable, so hitch a ride with a troop leader and bring a friend. If you ever have any questions, feel free to call me, Steve Villegas, your chapter chief at (847) 740-1003 at any time, day or night. I hope to see you soon!

Yours in the Brotherhood,
Steven Villegas

Aptikistic Chapter

Brothers,

It is I once again. At the last meeting, we decided to have our chapter elections up at camp when we head up there for Memorial Day Conclave. The logic behind this Advisor approved decision is that we had low attendance at the meeting designated for elections. So when going up to Memorial Day Conclave this year think about serving your chapter in a revered seat. Possible positions include Chapter Chief, Vice Chapter Chief, and Secretary. These positions all play a large role in the machine that is our chapter. So make sure you're at Memorial Day Conclave for service, fun, and elections.

WWW,

Aaron Ryskiewicz
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VICE CHIEF OF CHAPTERS

Hey, Matt Kasriel your Vice Chief of Chapters here, reminding all of you to make it out to your chapter meetings. The chapters are the glue that holds the lodge together, and the most important thing to do as a member of the lodge is to make it to your chapter meetings. Don't be afraid to call me or any of your Chapter Chiefs anytime you have a question. In addition to your meetings, I hope that you all will make it to our Lodge's and Section's events: Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Memorial Day weekend, Fall Conclave, Section Conclave, and Winter Banquet. Join us in our cheerful service and the good time we will have. See you at Camp!

In Brotherhood,
Matt Kasriel
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