



# The Whippoorwill

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## Winter Banquet

by Matt Ludmer

This year's Winter Banquet went extremely well. Our speaker, Mr. Hoel, a World War II P.O.W., regaled everyone present with his amazing true story of prison camp in Germany. The film "The Great Escape" was based on a similar prison camp.

We also held our yearly Vigil call out

ceremony and presented the Founder's award.

This year we also started a new award in our Lodge, the John Lichtenheld Memorial Service Award. A special thanks goes out to all those who helped with this year's banquet. I hope to see you all there again next year.



## Congratulations

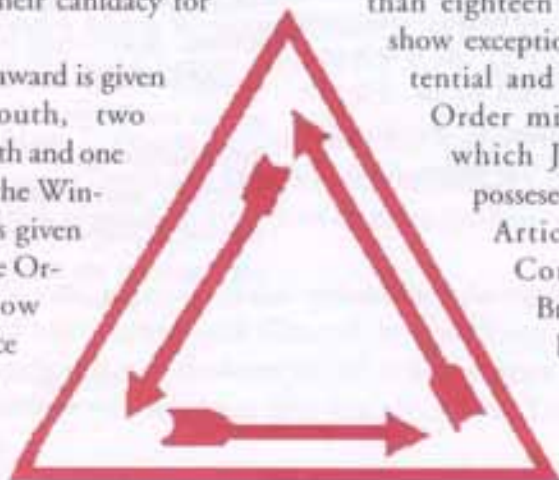
from Lodge 40

Vigil is the highest honor in the Order of the Arrow and candidates are selected by a panel of their peers. It is a great testimony to their hard work and dedication which perpetuates this lodge. Congratulations to the following: Joe Lepper, Joe Figueroa, Gary Goosman, Neil Elver, Bill Macfadden, Peter Kupfer, Matt Ludmer, Warren Fellingham, Tom Macfadden, Steve Applebaum for their candidacy for the vigil honor.

The Founder's award is given to either one youth, two youths or one youth and one adult annually at the Winter Banquet. It is given to members of the Order who show exceptional service above and beyond the re-

sponsibilities of their position. Congratulations to the following: Mike Landgraf and Tom Mooney for receiving the founders award.

This year's Winter Banquet also brought the introduction of a new award, the John Lichtenheld Memorial Service Award. This award was instated to recognize those scouts who have been a member of the Order, for less than eighteen months and who show exceptional leadership potential and dedication to the Order mirroring the traits which John Lichtenheld possessed. (See Lichtenheld Article on Page Five) Congratulations to Brian Lichtenheld for being the first recipient of this award.



## Coming Soon

Memorial Day Conclave  
May 25th - 28th

Executive Board Meeting  
April 18

National Leadership Seminar  
March 30 - April 1

Yakwahay Chapter Meeting  
April 8

Aptaskic Chapter Meeting  
April 9

Namachani Chapter Meeting  
April 11

## Help!

This Whippoorwill has been printed and produced in a lower quality than we are capable of because of high printing costs. I am currently looking for some sponsors of an outdoor sporting nature to help deflect costs. I am also looking for a printer that may be able to offer the Order of the Arrow a lower rate. Any help would be appreciated. Please call Will Kehoe at his home phone number (listed in the back).

## Lodge Records Update

Generally the first Whippoorwill is sent out to all members listed in lodge records. All subsequent mailings are sent only to dues-paid members. There is a slight change in this procedure this year. This mailing has been sent out once again to all members in the records system. The rest of them won't be. From now on only those members holding a dues-paid status will receive mailings from the lodge. Every new year we will send the first Whippoorwill to dues paid members from both the current and previous year. If you do not receive a mailing either pay your dues or contact Will Kehoe at home to verify your dues paid status. He can be contacted at home at the number listed in the back of this publication.

## New Records System

by Will Kehoe

After compiling a couple former records systems I have created one system to take care of all the Lodge's records and mailings. This records system is currently the most up-to-date system we have available. It is currently configured to sort through the records for very specific lists of names.

For instance, we can pull up all Scouts who received their Ordeal in 1998 in the Namachani Lodge. If anyone is interested in obtaining a list for mailing or other purposes, I can either print one out or give it to you in Excel for Windows 95 form. It is far from perfect and I plan on updating it throughout the rest of the year.

Hopefully by camp it will be as complete as possible. In order to do this, I will be requesting information from troops. It is necessary that the information is correct and up-to-date so that things run smoothly. If you are not affiliated with a troop then hopefully I can get ahold of your information some other way. I will have forms at the council office and at all OA events. Feel free to contact me directly at my home number which is listed in the back of this publication. Most importantly, I need everybody's help to spread the word around that I need people's information to complete the records system. If anybody hasn't received any Lodge mailings and is wondering how to get on our listings then please pass this information on. With a little more work everyone who is an active member will receive appropriate mailings and other information via mail.

message board



# words from the chief

by Matt Kasriel  
Lodge 40 Chief

Hey all, Matt Kasriel, your Lodge Chief here. The Lodge just wrapped up it's annual winter banquet with a wonderful speaker, lots of friendship and fellowship and above all, a good time. I would also like to congratulate all of the Vigil Candidates who were called out at the banquet, way to go. The next big event for the Lodge is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend when our Lodge holds its annual Memorial Day Conclave up at Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan.

I look forward to seeing all of you up at camp for a great weekend of service and brotherhood. The Lodge has experienced a tremendous amount of positive growth and development since the fall, and I would like to congratulate all

of you who have stepped up your involvement on a Chapter and Lodge level. I am also pleased to announce that a special committee composed of past and present Lodge Officers has been assembled to reform the Lodge By-Laws and Operating Manual. This reformation will provide Lodge Officers of future generations with information that will guide them and provide insight as to how to run the Lodge effectively in addition to making the yearly transition of new leadership run smoothly.

There are still many different ways you can get involved in the Order; all you have to do is talk to a Chapter Chief or Lodge Officer and they will help find a way for you to become more active. In

addition, the Lodge has many operating committees that need members.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member all you have to do is call the Committee Chairman whose phone number is listed on the back of this publication. The Lodge needs the help of all its membership in order to succeed; without all of your help we will never be able to reach the full potential that we all know we can. Get involved in your chapter, and don't be afraid to call me with any questions you may have.

In Brotherhood,  
Matt Kasriel  
Lodge Chief  
(847) 945-5605



My name is Rod Goosman and I am your new Lodge Advisor. Allow me to introduce myself; I have been involved in Boy Scouts for about twelve years now. I am the outgoing Council Boy Scout Training Chairman. I will vacate that position in January at the annual meeting, when I will be able to devote more of my time to the OA. I have served as the Council Boy Scout Training Chairman for the last three years.

I received the Ordeal honor in 1994, Brotherhood in 1995, Example in 1997 and the Vigil Honor in 1999. My Vigil name is Tindey Mizin Woakew Wscheton Tuney. You think that's bad you ought to try and remember it! I was Chapter Advisor for Aptakisic last year and moved into Lodge Advisor this year.

We have some exciting times ahead of us! There are a multitude of tasks which the Key 5 and myself are looking into. Resurrecting the Drum and Dance Team, improved Ceremonial Teams (to include 3 - 4 times as many), expanding our focus to meet the needs of all members, is just the tip of the iceberg.

To do this we need you. Those of you who are reading this and are wondering how to get involved, call me, call the Lodge Chief Matt Kasriel, call Council, or even better attend a Chapter Meeting and get involved there. In order to perform all the tasks we want, need and are required to do, we need you. Believe me, we have jobs for all of you. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the events.

## April NLS, New Programs Scoutreach and Service Award

### Scoutreach

Recently Jim Neubaum brought about the induction of the Order of the Arrow's Scoutreach Mentoring Program to our lodge. The program is a joint effort of the National Scoutreach Division of the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow. Its purpose is to identify and assist urban and rural Scout troops whose camping and advancement programs are below standard. For more information please contact Jim Neubaum at the Northeast Illinois Council Office.

### Service Award Details

The John Lichtenheld Memorial Service Award was created in the memory of John Lichtenheld. He was an active scout both in his troop and in the Order of the Arrow. Sadly, John passed away last December. The award will be given to scouts who have been members of the order for less than eighteen months, have shown strong leadership potential, and exemplify the traits possessed by John Lichtenheld.

## Dues Information Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

Send this sheet in with your \$10 dues payment to the Northeast Illinois Council Office.



## Key 5

### Secretary Report Will Kehoe

I have been working hard on updating and maintaing the lodge records. Later this year they should be completed. We currently have approximately 425 dues paid members. This is the last mailing to non-dues payed members. If you are concerned whether or not you are listed as currently listed as dues paid or want to verify that you are currnetly dues paid feel free to contact me directly. I will get back to you. We currently are producing a low quality whippoorwhil due to lack of funds necessary to create a high quality newsletter. We are working on finding some sponsors of a camping nature to offset printing costs. We are also looking for a printer that can cut a deal for the Order of the Arrow. If you know anyone who might be able to help please contact me. Things are going well and a lot of little problems will be fixed by summer to make the OA run a lot smoother.



### Vice Chief of Committees Ryan Sweetwood

Welcome to the New Year. Last year had many adventures and some awesome times. For example, if you haven't heard, the Winter Banquet was a huge success with a lot of new and old faces. Kudos to Matt Ludmer for a job well done. But the season is not over yet. The two most important things in the next 6 months are Memorial Day Conclave and Troop Elections. Troop elections are very important and we need your support. Please attend your chapter meeting to find out what you can do for the Lodge. Don't hesitate to call any of us. For questions about elections, contact Brian Claggett at (847)869-4169

### Treasurer Perer Alonzi

Lately I have been working real hard on preparing the Trading Post for this summer. We are trying to liquidate some of our inventory to free up money for items that we haven't seen in the past year or so. We are going to re-make the hanging pocket flap that has been so popular in the past. We also passed the year's budget at one of our executive board meetings. Things are going well. See you soon.

# Committee Reports

from Lodge 40

## Section Liason - Ryan Metz

To start out the new year our section, C3-A, elected officers to take care of official section business. The incumbent, Sam Nitz, was reelected as Section Chief for the upcoming year. Eric Freville was voted in as our new Section Vice-Chief. Some of the lodges will probably be seeing Eric in the next few months for the Lodge Visitation. Finally, Ben Kinney was elected to the position of Section Secretary.

## Where to go Camping

Now that the new year is here, its time to make good on those new years resolutions. The brochure is turning out great, I've updated the campsites, and all i have left to do is write the programing for the cd's that we will be making for a complete on the computer brochure. If you want to help me out, all you have to do is give me a call at (847)-821-0958. It's very easy to help, all you hafta do is give me a call.

## Service Chair

On September 18<sup>th</sup> our Lodge participated in the Nationwide One Day of Service. We performed our service project at the Northfield Park District. We help the district by raking and moving leaves while helping them prepare the park for the winter. We moved out 50 bags of leaves in a morning of work. With that amazing product, when the next One Day of Service this fall, if we can get double the people there we can produce an amazing project. I was glad to see those of you who helped out, but I want to see more in the future.



# Chapter Reports

from Lodge 40

## Aptakisic

Things have been very good lately in the Aptakisic chapter. The chapter has had the best turn-out at all lodge service projects. Thanks to Mrs. Z, we sold beaded pocket flaps at the winter banquet and made \$150 for the chapter. We had a service project on January 27, we cut buckthorn at a forest preserve. Our dance and drum team is moving along we had several members in regalia at the winter banquet. If you are interested in joining our native American dance and drum team, youth or adult, contact Evan Williams at MRhockee@aol.com. Please come to our chapter meetings, they are every second Tuesday of the month at the Community Christian church of River Woods. For directions or information on anything in the chapter, contact me Andy Stone @ 367-0498 or rjsres@aol.com

## Yak'wa'hay

Hi, all you Arrowmen out there. Yak'wa'hay's got a lot planned for the next few months. We need to get about 6 to 8 guys for a crossover team. The crossover team will provide Cub Scout Arrow of Light and Crossover ceremonies. The ceremonies do not usually have dancing involved in them. They're a lot of fun. If you want to join, but aren't involved with the Chapter, call Mike Parker, our Dance Team Chair, at 546-1659 or me, Andy Hoose at 546-1659. We'll give you info on when the meetings are.

Chapter Meetings in April and May will include Brotherhood Readiness Training. So all you Ordeal members who what to pursue Brotherhood at the Memorial Day Conclave can come out and get a jump start on the requirements.

## Memorial Day Conclave Workers Weekend

Clear your calendar, the Memorial Day Conclave is coming! What is it, you ask? It is a big get-together for Lodge 40. Lodge 40 Arrowmen come crawling out from the woodwork to help out at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan. On May 22nd, 23rd, and 24th we expect YOU to be at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan to help out. We restore parts of Camp, add to Camp, fix anything and everything, prepare for the summer's fires, and party! You can also go for the Brotherhood Honor while at Camp or run in the Lodge Elections. Everything including food, entertainment, and tools are provided. All you need to bring is your cheerful OA spirit. Sign up now!

Yes, I will be there or be square to help fix up Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan for the summer, count me in! Please enclose 10 dollars food.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

- I am a skilled \_\_\_\_\_ and would like to offer my experience as a crew leader.
- I have these tools and would like to bring them. I take responsibility for them and will clearly mark them.
- I would like to go, but I need a ride, can you help?
- I would like to seal my membership as a Brotherhood member while I am there. Please enclose an extra 15 dollars for your Brotherhood fee.
- More info please.

If you have any questions please contact:  
 Aaron Hoffberg or Brian Nicholson, Memorial Day Conclave Chairmen

