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Lodge Sends Delegates to National Convention in Indiana

NOAC – the National Order of the Arrow Conference, held this year at the University of Indiana, is an almost indescribable experience. First there is the size of the group – 7300 Arrowmen from all over the United States. They fill the Bobby Knight-made-famous Basketball arena – 7300 scouts and scouters, with their sashes – 7300 folks with Lodge patches and shared OA experiences. There was even one group representing OA Lodges serving members on military bases throughout Europe and North Africa!

Then there is Indiana University itself...the campus is large, but once you find your way on foot, you can begin to comprehend its scale. It was best to abandon the car and hike to all of the events. We all stayed in various dorms throughout the campus and ate our meals in the dorm's cafeteria.

Some have likened this event to a Jamboree – however it is not a true analogy since this is both a business meeting and a gathering of like-minded people. Everyone takes classes on hundreds of topics in the morning. In the afternoon, much like the Jamboree, there is wide variety of activities. You can play sports, go to clinics on Native American regalia, and visit workshops or even trade patches. The emphasis is on having fun and socializing.

Another part of the NOAC experience is to meet the many people who serve the Lodge on other levels. There are National and Section level people, most of whom we rarely see, but feel the power of their work. For instance, the National group has been working on a 5 year strategic plan for the OA, which they unveiled at this conference. (See Advisor's corner for more details)

The heat was oppressive...but it didn't keep our spirits down. Our Lodge was well represented by newly elected Lodge Chief Garrett Wilson, Andy Hoose, Danny Clarke, Matt Cleveland, Mick Lee, Joe Re, Pat Riggs, Steve

Smith, Andy Stone, Craig Utterbach, Jeff Rapp and Paul Bilisko. Adults were Cindy Belisko, Sandy Rhodes, Chuch Gilbert, Bud Hoose and Rob Orr. We had a very large group from our Lodge who served on staff, they were: Adam Snyder, Seth Schrank, John Leslie, Mike Currier, Rawlette Kraut, Lee Kraut and Jim Neubaum. In total, we had close to 30 people from our Lodge represented.

This was the largest MaKaJaWan Lodge 40 contingent to go to NOAC in many years. Ask any of the participants what they thought of NOAC and you will get many different answers, but most will agree that it was very much worth the trip. The next NOAC will be in 2004 at Iowa State.

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Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge's contingent at the National OA Conference.



regalia. But our Lodge is continually plagued with the problem that these committees are committees of one. The chairman often finds himself overwhelmed. And there are many members of the Lodge who are looking for jobs and no one is there to find a place for them. There is no reason why this trend has to continue. Working together we can stop it. The easiest way for you to get involved is to go to your Scoutmaster and ask to be an OA Troop Representative. Or if that position is already filled you can go to your Chapter meeting which is the same time as your District's round table.

There are many of you who are looking to get involved and there is also someone who is looking to all of you for help. Garret Wilson is your new Lodge Chief effective September 1, 2002. As a Chapter Chief he led his Chapter to be the best in the Lodge and he is carrying this attitude over into being your Lodge Chief. But despite what Garrett will tell you, he needs help to do this job. Garret

will choose all of his Committee Chairmen well and he will build a great team. There is only one more piece that must fall into place for our Lodge to continue to succeed, you. If you are interested in helping send an email to lodgechief40@hotmail.com attn: Cheerful Service.

I have had a great time as your Lodge Chief but do not think that just because my term is ending I will fade away. Garret and I are working harder than ever to give our Lodge the best start that it can have for the next year. And I will be back for the Fall and Memorial Day Conclaves.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who helped me with the Lodge this year. I could not have done it without you. If anyone would like to contact me my new email address is LPALON@WM.EDU.

And remember, "He who serves his fellows is of all his fellows greatest."

~ Peter Alonzi

Large group going to Section

Fall Conclave, Spring Conclave, Section Conclave! What are all of these Conclaves? In general they are gathering that provide a chance for members of the OA, to provide service, learn or to just have fun. Our Fall Conclaves are designed to give candidates who missed the summer induction a chance to fulfill their membership by participating in the Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. Our annual Spring Conclave has been held up at Camp MaKa-JaWan and is a service weekend (also our annual business meeting where we have elected new officers.) The Section Conclave brings representatives from 8 Lodges in our immediate area together to share ideas and fellowship. This year the event was held at Camp O-Da-Ko-Ta, near Burlington, Wisconsin, September 5, 6, 7. We had about 30 members from our Lodge in attendance and Alex Gooding demonstrated some of our ceremonial team's

regalia. There are many ways you can get involved with your Lodge - help your Troop, your Chapter, go to a National (NOAC) or Section event. Get involved with some of the really fascinating opportunities available only to Order of the Arrow Members.



Upcoming Lodge Events

We will be attending a **Section (BSA Region) gathering** in September 6-8. Call Jim Neubaum at the Council office if you want to attend.

Fall Conclave, October 4,5,6. Camp Crown. Induction for members who did not attend summer camp. Call Mark Mechlin for details 847-821-0958

The Order is helping with **Scout Jam**, October 15, 16, 17. We will be building several activities for the TOAP course. Call Andy Stone for more information 847-367-0498.

Lodge Leader Training, November 2

Winter Banquet, December 29. All are welcome.

OA—Serving the Council at Scout Jam “Gettin’ your Sash Dirty”

Service, has been a guiding principle of our Order since its foundation. Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge will be representing this aspect of the OA at Scout Jam 2002 during the weekend of October 18–20.

Scout Jam, never heard of it? Well it's the new and improved Scouting on Parade. The OA will be helping put on several activities in the TOAP (The Outdoor Adventure Place), supplying Arrowmen for a service corps, and any other duties assigned to us.

TOAP is a blast if you have experienced it at NOAC or the Jamboree with many different obstacle course stations and lots of fancy camping demos. The major part of the OA's involvement will be our TOAP stations, which will include a monster swing thing, a vaulting wall, and a bucking bronco. After Scout Jam

these stations will be shipped up to camp Ma-ka-ja-wan and assembled there for campers to enjoy for many years to come. These stations will take lots of help to make and run during Scout Jam, which is where you can help. We will be working on the stations at least once on the shore during September.

To help construct or run the TOAP stations or to be on the service corps, call Andy Stone at 847-367-0498 or send an e-mail with your name and phone number to oascoutjam@neic.org. New OA members this is a great way to get involved in the OA!

Vice Chief of Chapters

Hey everybody I'm back again serving a second term as Vice Chief of Chapters. For those of you who don't know me I've worked at camp for 4 years and have been active in the order of the arrow since 1997. I'm the Lodge's link between the Chapters and the Lodge. I look forward to seeing everybody at their Chapter meetings. If you are new to the Order of the Arrow, going to Chapter meetings is the way to get involved in the Order. To get to your Chapter meetings and to get more information about your Chapters look for their articles in this Whippoorwill. Keep up the good work and go to those meetings.

Andy Stone

We are working to fix our Membership Records

In the past three years, our membership records have collapsed owing to many circumstances that sometimes happens to human organizations. We have reconstructed our records and now have about 1500 names of people who have been inducted, but only have about 600 people who have actually paid their \$10 annual dues.

We hope to contact every Troop in the Council this Fall to ask you to help us confirm our membership. Meanwhile, if you are not receiving our newsletter or if you are not certain that your membership is current, please call Rob Orr (847-724-5228) or e-mail at rob@robarrproductions.com.

Chapters will soon pick Lichtenheld Award nominees

Every year a deserving Arrowman from each Chapter will be honored with the Lichtenheld Award, named after John Lichtenheld from Troop 156. Arrowmen who demonstrate the true spirit of the OA – participate in Troop, Chapter, or Lodge OA activities (service projects, new member elections, crossover ceremonies) - can be nominated for this award. The awardees are named by the Chapters and will be presented to the scouts at the Lodge's Winter Banquet.

HELP WANTED

The Lodge is looking for a few adult volunteers to help with these departments:

- Web site development
- Publications Advisor
- Service Advisor
- Treasury Advisor
- Spring Conclave Advisor

If you would like to get more involved with some of the best scouts in our Council, give Rob Orr a call, he can tell you more about these positions.

NEW LODGE LEADERS

Garrett Wilson, Lodge Chief
Mark Mechlin, Treasurer
Mike MacFadden, Secretary
Andy Stone, Vice Chief of Chapters
Andy Hoose, Vice Chief of Committees

Call these gentlemen if you would like to get more involved with your Lodge

Personal Perspectives on NOAC

Had Great Time

Hey everyone, I'm writing this paper on Monday of NOAC and I'm having a great time. We're having lots of fun patch trading, training, going to shows and playing games. We signed up to represent Lodge 40 by playing basketball, volleyball, and ultimate Frisbee. We're always busy with great things to do. That's all for now, I hope to see you all at Section Conclave.

*Andy Hoose
Vice Chief of Committees*

Participated in Sport Events

Our lodge's sporting events started Sunday afternoon with our first basketball game. We had many great players and won by a landslide (20-8). Later, we won the volleyball game the same way. On Monday we had our second games. In basketball we led 13-2 at the half, but we slowed down in our second half, only scoring 2pts. We ended up winning 15-14 but the referee failed to count correctly and end the game at the correct time. From that morale blow we lost the volleyball game also. We tried to make the best of this by taking it as a way to concentrate ourselves in only one sport, Ultimate Frisbee, but it started to rain and was cancelled even though we would have enjoyed even better with wet shoes and slippery grass. Half the time we won, half the time we lost, but all the time we had fun.

Joe Re

Awesome Experience

It's Wednesday of NOAC, today is the last day, and also the Founder's day celebration. Things have wound down for the day, it was a very busy and fun week. We have had the opportunity to attend several very informative training sessions. Those of us who went to NLS (National Leadership Seminar) in February also had the opportunity to talk to lots of the friends we made there. We got to meet the national officers of the OA. They are just as enthusiastic and cool as they were when we first met them. This has been a totally awesome time, something I would recommend to ALL ARROWMEN.

Mick Lee

A Blast!

Hey fellow Arrowmen, today is Wednesday the last day. NOAC has been a blast! Today is the Founder's Day celebration. Most Lodges have their own booth. Many booths have food and freebies. We have been busy the whole week, but I've had fun and have met many new people. I'm looking forward for NOAC 2004!

Steven Smith

The NOAC Grand Hodag

The grand Hodag???? Huh???? What's that? Ever hear of that mythical creature that's all over Rhinelander Wisconsin? Well this is a different kind of beast. The grand Hodag was a different kind of beast. It was a grand extravaganza with 70 kegs of root beer and the Tripping Billies, a Dave Mathews cover band that was almost as good as the real thing. This whole shebang started Tuesday night at NOAC after the Section meeting which was a sleeper compared to the Hodag. The highlight of the Hodag to many others and myself was Tripping Billies. I'm really not a big Dave Mathews fan but they kicked major booty after a summer at Ma-ka-ja-wan and NOAC. What's better than free good live music? I can't think of much else, it has to be one of the highlights of my NOAC. Good work Seth Shrank, he was one of the dudes behind this bash.

On Sunday, July 28, myself and new Arrowman Craig Utterbach went to a special luncheon at the Indiana Memorial Building at Indiana University. Each Lodge Chief was invited along with one of the younger Arrowmen from his Lodge. It was a time to meet the Chiefs from all around the nation including National Chief, Clay Capp and the esteemed Region Chiefs. There was a very positive environment, great food and extremely good company. It was a great opportunity to socialize and learn from others.

*Garret Wilson
New Elected Lodge 40 Chief*



*Photo left:
Andy Hoose and
Mick Lee in the
grand parade.*

*Photo right:
Pat Riggs, Garret
Wilson, Andy Hoose
enjoying Founder's
Day activities.*



Andy Stone's OA Lingo

OA: The OA is the abbreviation for the *Order of the Arrow*

Whip: Is the Whippoorwill or Lodge newsletter sent 4 times per year

Whippoorwill: A bird that is our Lodge's totem, it is on your OA flap and can be heard periodically at camp Ma-ka-ja-wan

Regalia: Regalia is native American apparel, crafts, or costumes, it is the proper politically correct terminology

Conclave: A conclave is an OA gathering taking place for many reasons including **NOAC:** The National Order of the Arrow Conference, which was during the end of August at Indiana University. This conference is held every 2 years. It is when members of every lodge get together for a week of training, fun, and fellowship and is the OA's equivalent to a National Jamboree

Chapter: A Chapter is similar to a District. Our lodge has 3 chapters which coincide with the 3 Districts of our council. The Aptakasic chapter is associated with the Aptakasic District, Yakaway Chapter is associated with the North Star District, and Namichani chapter is associated with the Potawotomi District. The Chapters are the heart and soul of our Lodge and are the best way to get active since they offer many more positions and opportunities for new members.

Exec Board: The Executive Board is the group of lodge level committee heads that meets once a month at the Exec board meetings to take care of Lodge business.

Key 5: Is the group of the 5 elected Lodge officers including the Lodge chief, Vice Chief of Committees, Vice Chief of Chapters, Secretary and Treasurer.

Help Wanted

Conclave Charman

We need an able minded youth to serve as the Lodge's Fall and Spring Conclave Chairman. Responsibilities include arranging facilities, food, work projects and coordinating ceremonial teams. This is a great way for you to practice some leadership skills - and provide a very useful service to the Lodge. Any youth OA member is eligible. If interested, please call Garret Wilson, Lodge Chief. Also, there are many other ways you can help the Lodge, call Garret for more information.

Do you develop websites?

Did you know there is a national web site devoted entirely to the OA? Check it out at www.oa-bsa.org. You can get to this site through our Council's website www.neic.org. Our own site can be found here but needs attention and updating. If you are interested in helping to develop a better web site for our Lodge, call Mike MacFadden, Lodge Secretary.

Advisor's Corner

This was my first OA National Conference and it very enlightening on many levels. The fellowship with 7000 other Arrowmen was a treat in itself. It was great fun to learn how other Lodges get their work done and to see so much talent in one place.

On the more serious side, the National Conference is like an annual business meeting. The new five-year plan was unveiled at this conference. It sets the strategic course for all local Lodges to follow. To summarize briefly, the emphasis for the next five years will be: Service, Leadership and Financial support to councils.

We have been known for years as the premiere service organization to scouting. This continues to be our strength, but there are plans to expand our charter beyond scouting to offer our services to other local community organizations as well.

The OA is a scout run organization and we strive to teach our leaders the same leadership skills that are taught in the Troop. This trend will continue, providing OA leaders with multiple opportunities to practice their skills.

The newest, and perhaps most challenging goal, is help provide financial support to our Council. Boy Scouts, like so many other not for profit organizations, needs to build a stronger financial foundation in order to remain vital. To help keep Scouting vital, the National OA Committee is asking Lodges to find ways to help provide financial support to our local Council.

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