

THE

Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge 40

WHIPPOORWILL



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Don't miss the Memorial Day Conclave, a weekend of Service, Fun and Fellowship

By Mark Mechlin, Conclave Chairman

The Memorial Day Conclave is approaching us rapidly. It starts on May 24th and ends on the 27th. For those new to OA or don't know what Memorial Day Conclave is, it is basically a weekend long service project in which we set-up and improve upon Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan for the coming summer.

Check-in time will be from 7:00pm on Friday night. On Saturday and Sunday we will work on numerous camp service projects. On Saturday night lodge youth members will hold elections for our 2002-2003 Lodge Officers. Also during the weekend Ordeal Members who have ten months tenure will be able to take the brotherhood challenge and seal their membership in the OA with the Brotherhood Honor. After long weekend of service, fellowship and fun we will depart for home on Monday morning. You will need to bring a tent as housing will not be provided. Cost of Memorial Day conclave is 15 dollars, and all meals are provided for the whole weekend. Those taking their Brotherhood will incur an additional fee of \$15.00 to cover the cost of the Sash. A registration form is located inside this issue. Registration is due by Tuesday, May 21st. If you have question contact the Conclave Chairman at 847-821-0958 or e-mail him at markmark129@attbi.com.

Winter Banquet sees large attendance and many Awards

The Winter Banquet took place on December 27th with 333 lodge members and guests in attendance making this one of the largest banquets that this Lodge has put on in a long time. Chairman and emcee for the event was Gary Goosman.

After an tasteful and filling dinner the program began with the presentation of the Lichtenheld Service Award to Garret Wilson; Troop 671, Michael D. Kline; Troop 79 and Neil Brinkworth; Troop 64. The Founder's Award was presented to youth member Brian Claggett with the adult award presented to Joe Jordan. Gary Goosman received the OA Service Award. New Ordeal plus Brotherhood and Vigil members were recognized for their new honors. The guest speaker for the evening was , Michael Kuryla, who is a WWII survivor of the USS Indianapolis. His video presentation and talk explained how he and only 300 others out of twelve hundred sailors survived after their ship was hit by torpedoes. To close the banquet our lodge's new Vigil Honor candidates were called out. Special thanks goes to Gary Goosman, the Banquet Chairman and his advisor Mrs. Sandy Rhodes, for planning and outstanding evening.



Lodge Staff Advisor, Mr. Neubaum presents the OA Service Award to Gary Goosman

MEMBERS OF THE KEY 5 SPEAK OUT

This is your Lodge Chief **Peter Alonzi**. Even though we have had some great accomplishments, we must always look ahead. With all the Chapter's increasing attendance our ranks are widening. Activities such as Scout Jam are helping the Chapters get more active. But with every peak you climb there will always be a higher one to conquer. So my challenge to you is to bring two or three new members to your next Chapter meeting, and bring them into the lodge. Sometimes all a person needs is a little nudge to become fully active in the lodge.

Yours in the Spirit,
Peter Alonzi
Lodge Chief

Hello again it's your Vice-Chief of Committees, **Brian Claggett**. If you want to be a nominee for the Arrowman Service Award go to your chapter meetings to get the criteria all marked off. The annual Memorial Day Conclave is coming up in May on you guessed it Memorial Day Weekend. This is the time when we get to together to help set up camp for the summer.

And if you have never been on staff before you get to see where the staff sleeps and sleep in those quarters for two nights, just don't tell non-arrowmen. Hey the lodge needs your help so if there is anything that you would like to do call the particular chairperson there number is in this whipp. If you want to call me and say "Hi" and asked me a question go for it.

Yours in the WWW,
Brian Claggett
Vice-Chief of Committees.

Hi it's **Aaron Hoffberg**. Working with the budget and members of the executive board we are planning to use some money to redo the camps regalia. Even after what will be a somewhat pricey endeavor the lodge will still be in the good financial position. Still, don't forget to stop in the trading post at any OA function and help the lodge out. The budget is finalized! The new buys for the Lodge are almost completely finalized.

In Brotherhood
Aaron Hoffberg
Lodge Treasurer

Joe Pinkowski here, and hope that all the events that the lodge has to offer are reaching you through the Whippoorwill. Recently, my self and the Dues Chairwoman (Ms. Rhodes) are trying to get together a full and complete list of all those who are in Lodge 40. Some of the responsibility also falls on you. You need to get to the Chapter meetings, you need to bring the new members to become more active, and most importantly you all need to get the Troop Representative program working. With all these in place there is nothing that the lodge can't do. I personally apologize for the lateness of this last Whipp. It has been a collection of things there is no real one thing to blame it on, but myself. Again I apologize and hope this does not tint your view of how Lodge 40 gets business done.

Thank you
Joe Pinkowski
Lodge Secretary



CHAPTER TALK

Aptakistic

The Aptakistic chapter is having a great season. Our crossover team is doing very well. We are running a fundraiser, which is being a great success. We are looking forward to the upcoming lodge game/campout. We are selling beaded mini sashes, if you are interested please call the chapter chief or vice chief. The chapter would like to congratulate Andy Stone, a member of our chapter, for being chosen to receive the Vigil Honor. For more Chapter info call Chapter Chief, Mick Lee at 1-847-224-1564 or e-mail me at pim@calcon.net or you can contact Vice Chief, Matt Heid at 1-847-949-8659.

WWW, Mick Lee

Letter from the Lodge Associate Advisor

The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the spirit rather than of mechanics. Organization, operational procedure, and paraphernalia are necessary in any large and growing movement, but they are not what count in the end. The things of the spirit count. Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service. These are the things of the spirit.

These are the ideals which E. Umer Goodman and Carrol A. Edson based the founding of the Order on at Treasure Island in 1915. These are the same ideals we operate with today.

With the help of the Key five, the executive board, the chapters and all of the arrowmen our lodge can grow and prosper.

The unit election team training meeting in January went very well thanks to the efforts of Andy Hoose and his helpers. This is where we should shine, as this is where the future of the order begins.

We have many exciting events to offer our members in the coming months, Spring Conclave, summer camp call outs, and the fall conclave to name a few. Remind your fellow arrowmen and get them involved. Together we can have a great adventure. How's your spirit?

Earl Knodel
Associate Lodge Advisor

The Lodge Advisor Speaks a few Words (or more)

I am pleased to introduce myself to all Lodge 40 members as your new Lodge Advisor. As some of you may know, I recently retired as Scoutmaster from Troop 156 in Glenview. Last year, I also was Scoutmaster for Troop 1024, a Jamboree Troop composed entirely of scouts from my home Troop. During my time as Scoutmaster, I have also had a hand in many other things related to scouting -- I served on several advisory Boards (Outdoor, Properties), helped develop the camp promotion video (which is still in use), and remained active in the Order of the Arrow. I have done all of this while maintaining a career as a video producer, father to two children (Clare and Ben) and husband to my wife, Julie, of 22 years.

I am excited to be involved with the Lodge at this time in its history. I think we can claim great accomplishments -- many good things have happened last year that will provide a solid foundation for our future. I also know there is a great deal still to do. I would like to see us continue to build on the work that previous groups have started to rebuild our information infrastructure (membership, dues, newsletter and training). These are the bottom line issues that this Lodge must have in place to survive. Then, I would like to build on that by trying to increase our active membership, better support our Council and its Troops, encourage more service and improve our ceremonies.

I hope to use this forum (the newsletter) to let you know how we are doing. Right now, I feel we have some great momentum building -- but we need a good team to continue to keep things on a roll. What does that mean for you?

Well, you have Lodge elections coming up soon. Make every effort to attend the elections (at the Spring Conclave) and help get the right people to the top posts. Meanwhile, we will also be seeking new advisors where we need them to help support your activities. (I know we need someone for service, since that was my last post.)

We are taking a small group NOAC (The National OA gathering) this summer. It has been some time since we have sent a full contingent to this event -- hopefully this will bring a new level of energy to our organization.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Goosman for faithfully serving the Lodge. We will miss his humor and steadfast concern for the Lodge. Under his leadership, this Lodge has made some significant advances -- including training, organizational management and leadership development. We wish him all of the best and hope to continue to see him somewhere again along the scouting trail.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Rob Orr

Lodge Adult Opportunities. We need you!!!

As we grow this Lodge, we are looking for more willing Scouters to join our Advisory Board. Basically, we help the boys run their Lodge. Here are a few positions currently available:

Lodge Publications/ Communications

We are looking for several people to help coordinate the articles written for our quarterly publication, the WHIP. Also, we are seeking some people with WEB experience to help develop our web site.

Lodge Service Advisor

You will be working with the youth in charge of the Lodge's service projects - and helping to continue the Troop service project program started last year.

Lodge Winter Banquet

We need some one to help our youth organize this year's winter banquet.

Lodge Training

There are always positions for folks who enjoy training. We already have a fine team of experienced adult trainers, but we need to expand our core to accommodate the need for more training activities.

Ceremonies

We have a strong team already in place, but we also have large plans. We need folks who can help build Native American costumes - as we have hopes of improving and replacing some of our outfits.

Conclave Co-Advisor

Help to develop our Fall and Spring Conclaves. Help the current Advisor

develop two annual gatherings - the Spring Conclave is at MaKaJaWan over Memorial Day and the Fall Conclave is held at a close in camp

Ad Hoc committees

Help serve where and when you can on special short-term projects.

Benefits: you get to work with some really terrific young people (and a few adults!!!), who are committed to the program and want to make a difference. In other words, they are motivated - and want some encouraging guidance.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please call Rob Orr, Lodge Advisor at 847-724-5228 or e-mail at rob@roberrproductions.com. Or you can always call our Staff Advisor, Jim Neubaum, 847-433-1813.

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**Memorial Day Conclave
May 24, 25, and 26
Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan
Scout Reservation**



Clear your calendar! The Annual Memorial Day Conclave is coming! What is it, you ask? A big get-together for Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge #40 Order of the Arrow that will provide a weekend of Cheerful Service to Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan.

If you ever wondered how Camp gets prepared to serve nearly 3,500 Campers and Visitors each year, here is your opportunity to see it happen. We restore parts of camp, fix anything and everything and prepare for the summer induction fires.

For those inducted last summer or before as an Ordeal Member, this weekend will give you an opportunity to seal your Membership in the Order of the Arrow as a Brotherhood Member. You can also participate in Lodge elections and help decide the Leadership for the coming year.

The cost of the entire weekend including food, fun and fellowship is \$15.00 per participant. Those taking their Brotherhood, incurs an additional fee of \$15.00 to cover the cost of the Brotherhood Sash.

Registration is due by Tuesday, May 21st!

Questions? Please contact Mark Mechlin at 847-821-0958 or e-mail him at markmark129@attbi.com, or you can contact his advisor Dick Raup at 847-918-0322 or e-mail him at rdraup@nscorp.com or Jim Neubaum at the Council Service Center at 847-433-1969, ext. 612 or e-mail him at jneubaum@neic.org.

COUNT ON ME TO PROVIDE A WEEKEND OF CHEERFUL SERVICE AT MA-KA-JA-WAN!

Name _____ Youth _____ Adult _____
 First MI. Last
Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____
Hm Phone _____ - _____ E-mail Address _____

Check your Membership:

☐ Ordeal ☐ Brotherhood Candidate
☐ Brotherhood ☐ Vigil Honor

Enclosed Is My Conclave Fee Of \$15.00 \$ _____

Enclosed Is My Brotherhood Induction Fee Of \$15.00 \$ _____

(The fee for your Sash)

TOTAL \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **NORTHEAST ILLINOIS COUNCIL**

Also, include event code **1-2371-050-00** on the memo line of your check. Thank you

☐ I am a skilled _____ and would like to offer my experience in being a Crew Leader

(Please bring your specialty tools)

☐ I would like to go, but I need a ride

☐ I can help drive Arrow Men to the Conclave

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**Memorial Day Conclave
c/o Northeast Illinois Council, BSA
2745 Skokie Valley Road
Highland Park, IL 60035-1091**

Lodge to participate in Scout Jam

a council wide-event

By Andy Stone

Remember Scouting on Parade? Well, Scouting on Parade is a thing of the past—now it's called Scout Jam. Scout Jam is October 18-20th 2002 at the Lake County Fairgrounds. It's a council wide jamboree with many scouts in attendance from Tiger Cubs to Ventures. The OA will help put on the TOAP area, TOAP stands for The Outdoor Adventure Place. We will be building a climbing tower that should be huge (telephone poles for the supports). Making a vaulting wall which is pretty much a huge spider web. Putting together the biggest craziest tire swing you can imagine and several other activities including a Native American dance show. To help out at Scout Jam give Andy Stone a call at 847-367-0498 or attend your chapter meeting for more information.

This Scouting Adventure will **Rock**



Scout Jam

Northeast

October 18-20, 2002
Lake County Fairgrounds

Not just events,
it's a weekend of fun-packed
Experiences!

Here are just a few of the experiences you will be able to participate in:

Rapelling
Inter-Troop Sports
Model Railroading
Kayaking
Archery
Bait Casting

Canoeing
Interactive NASCAR Racing
On going entertainment
Zip Lines
Vaulting Wall
Lima Lima Flight Team

For more info talk to your Scoutmaster or check our website neic.org

Lodge 40 members giving Cheerful Service



Our lodge members worked many hours helping to collect and sort thousands of food items for "Scouting for Food". Their work had a great impact on feeding the hungry in our area.



Above lodge members are helping the Marines sort toys for "Toys for Tots"

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