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# Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge 40

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## SPRING CONCLAVE -- BIG HIT

By Mark Mechlin, Conclave Chairman

Ninety workers came to the Memorial Day Spring Conclave. While the weather was often wet (it even snowed slightly) it never affected our spirits. We accomplished everything we had set out to do, including, cleaning the OA bowl, clearing and saving brush for the OA fires. We completed latrine improvements in East Camp, cleaned out and delivered supplies for the Country Store. We built platforms; Troop 156 replaced the dock at Whitney (some still call it North Camp!!). We replaced many outriggers throughout camp, repaired the fences at the horse ranch and the doors to the barn. There were several young ladies from Troop 156's Venturing crew on hand to help out.

Camp itself looked a little bleak because of the extremely late spring. Very few trees had leaves and a late season snow damaged many trees... otherwise the place looked to be in great shape.

I would like to thank to Claudia and Connie, who created a fine set of tasty meals for the crew, including steak Saturday night. I would also like to thank Jim Neubaum and Ranger Trent Zelmer for assisting us and setting up the work. My advisor Dick Raup also helped to make this conclave a great success.

Now, while this was great, we really need you all to plan on coming to Fall Conclave at Camp Crown in October 4-5 2002. We need help with cooking, and leading work projects. If you would like to help and work the Fall Conclave give me a call at (847)-821-0958 or email me at [markemark129@yahoo.com](mailto:markemark129@yahoo.com). I expect to see all of you guys up there, so I am expecting plenty of phone calls.

## New Lodge Leadership elected at Conclave

### *Garrett Wilson new Lodge Chief*

The 2002-2003 lodge officers were elected at the Spring Conclave during a general lodge meeting. Garret Wilson was voted our new Lodge Chief and will officially take office on September 1st. Garret, a Brotherhood Member, served as Yakwahay Chapter Chief during this past year. The other officers elected to serve with Garret are:

Vice Chief of Committees	Andy Hoose
Vice Chief of Chapters	Andy Stone
Treasurer	Mark Mechlin
Secretary	Mike MacFadden



The new Lodge Officers. Front row, Mark Mechlin, Mike MacFadden, Andy Stone. Back row, Garret Wilson and Andy Hoose



Several months ago our Lodge Advisor stepped down for personal reasons, and I was worried about how we would carry on without the key adult member of the Lodge. Luckily for us all Mr. Earl Knodel stepped up to the plate and acted as interim Lodge Advisor while we looked for a full-time replacement. Mr. Knodel began working with us last year as an Assistant. Lodge Advisor and learned the ropes quickly. When we needed his help and guidance during the early part of 2002 he was more than willing to cheerfully serve the Lodge. Under his guidance the Lodge completed nine of the 14 quality Lodge requirements. We are well on our way to regaining the quality Lodge honor. I am absolutely sure that we would not be where we are today without his help.

Last month Mr. Rob Orr stepped up to the plate and assumed the role of Lodge Advisor. He served wonderfully as Scoutmaster of Troop 156 for eight years. Previously Mr. Orr served as Advisor for the Winter Banquet and he understands how the Lodge works. I have been working with him for the last month and am extremely impressed with his work ethic and the selflessness he has demonstrated so far.

With camp soon approaching our Lodge is in great shape and I am excited to see all of you up at camp this summer. Also there is a new Lodge chief email address: lodgechief40@hotmail.com. Write me sometime.

## THE KEY FIVE *SPEAK OUT*

### Treasurer's Report:

Although our Lodge is still doing well, we really need everyone to get their annual membership dues in as soon as possible if you did not already pay them. The amount due is \$10 and you can make checks payable to the Northeast Illinois Council. If you have already paid your dues for the year, thank you. We are doing our best to get everyone's name on the roster, but with over 700 names to maintain, things happen, so please be patient with us as we work through this. We are trying to improve. Also, I would like to say congratulations to the new Lodge Treasurer, Mark Mechlin  
Yours in the Order,  
Aaron Hoffberg

### Secretary Report:

First I would like to thank everyone that was at the Memorial Day Conclave. I would like to report on the results of the recent Lodge elections. Garret Wilson was named new Lodge Chief. Garret surrendered his position as Chapter Chief to accept this new responsibility. Also, Mike MacFadden was elected Secretary; Mark Mechlin named Treasurer, Andy Stone will continue in his role as Vice Chief of Chapters and Andy Hoose will serve as our next Vice Chief of Committees. Congratulations to all.

Finally, I would like to ask that Troop Reps need to be more visible and help get more members of their Troops active in the Lodge or Chapter. Make sure that all of the members of your troop are getting the Whipp. Ask if they have paid their dues! If we have paid your dues, you should be getting a Whipp!

Thanks for all the support see you soon.

Joe Pinkowski

### Vice Chief of Chapters:

I'd like to congratulate all the Chapters for all the hard work this past year. The Chapters had great successes with attendance and I'd like to thank, Mick Lee, Garret Wilson and Joel Lizinski the out-going Chapter Chiefs for making their Chapters great. Chapters did many new things this year including starting monthly Newsletters, many new service projects and activities including Bowling, Pinewood Derbies, Weenie roasts, and general fun. Good job. I look forward to serving you again next year.

Andy Stone

Everyone Should Have a  
**BROTHERHOOD SASH!!**



**FIELD TRIP - The True meaning of Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan**

By Rob Orr

During the Spring Conclave, a couple of us visited some of the tribal nations near camp. This was a great adventure that yielded some surprising results. We were trying to establish some kind of advisory relationship with the tribes.

We met with the Menominee, whose tribal name, "means wild rice gatherers." We sat with the Tribal Historical Preservation Officer, David Grignon and some of his staff. I was quite surprised to learn that they were hoping that we would set up a Boy Scout program for their youth. They are always looking for positive programs for their youth and, initially, they thought that is why we were visiting them. While we weren't prepared to do that, we did leave it that we would continue to discuss ways we might be able to work with their younger folks. They also expressed an interest in helping us with some of our regalia and ceremonies.

Peter Alonzi and I visited with some elders from our neighbors to the north, the Chippewa. These people live just north of camp near Mole Lake. Their real name is

actually Sokaogon and are also known as Ojibwa. Among other things, they told me that our camp staff used to race against them in canoes on their Lake. They won the last race and have the trophy, a paddle on display in the tribal community house (which was only recently returned to our camp). I was amazed how many people from the tribe knew of this event. In fact, the first question out of one of the elders mouth was, "Did you want to start that tradition again?" (He was only half kidding) We had about an hour and half conversation with Uncle Richard Ackley and Peter McGestick. We met them in a modern elder center and explored a wide range of subjects. We talked about scouting (his son is an Eagle scout!), regalia, ceremonies, food, and Native ways. Among other things, he told us that the real meaning of the word "MaKaJaWan." He always laughed when he would pass our camp sign on his way to Antigo because in his native language, the word "MaKaJaWan" means: "this way"!

**Lodge 40 sending largest contingent ever to National OA Conference at Indiana University**

Summer is rapidly approaching and thus the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is right around the corner. The OA is expecting 7,000 participants and staff members to attend the conference July 27 through August 1 on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington. MaKaJaWan Lodge is sending its largest contingent ever with 12 youth and 6 adults, plus 7 lodge members will be serving on the Conference staff. NOAC will include many interesting training sessions, exciting games, tough athletic competitions, awesome shows plus much more.

Arrowmen who are not able to attend the conference can keep up with the action by viewing the NOAC Live section on the national OA web site at [www.aa-bsa.org](http://www.aa-bsa.org). The site will be updated several times each day throughout the conference.

**Photos from the Conclave**

**ATTENTION ALL ORDEAL MEMBERS—NEW and OLD**

By Brain Dennen

At the recent Memorial Day conclave nearly 20 ordeal members chose to accept the Brotherhood Challenge and seal their memberships in the Order. This was a great start towards fulfilling the quality lodge requirement of having a 30% conversion rate for newly inducted ordeal members. So I challenge all ordeal members to seek out the Brotherhood honor this summer. Brotherhood ceremonies will take place on the following dates this summer: June 28th, July 3rd, July 12th, July 17th, July 26th, July 31st and October 5th at Fall Conclave at Camp Crown.

**Save the Date—****You will not want to miss the Fall Conclave**

It seems like only yesterday that we returned from a fun filled three days at Ma Ka Ja Wan Scout Reservation and a great Memorial Day Conclave weekend. Now is the time to think ahead and plan to be at the Fall Conclave which will be held at Camp Crown, Wilmont, WS on the weekend of October 4—6, 2002.

This Conclave will offer many camp improvement projects along with opportunities for both Ordeal and Brotherhood candidates to accept their challenge.

Keep these dates open. We are looking forward to seeing you and many other members there.

**Attention Adult Membership**

Do you remember what it says on the election form for adult members? "Election into the Order of an adult Scouter should take place only when the adult's job in Boy Scouting will make Order of the Arrow membership more meaningful in the lives of the youth members."

How have you helped to make this happen in your membership? Are you active in your chapter? Do you support the job of the Troop Representative for the Order of the Arrow in your troop? Have you given youth members encouragement to go to chapter meetings, service projects, conclaves or other Order of the Arrow events? Do you know where and when your chapter

holds their meetings? Have you encouraged an Ordeal member to seal their membership by taking their Brotherhood challenge? As an adult member of the Order, these are just some of the ways that you can help the Lodge grow and to retain membership. Help us to become an active and useful lodge. Encourage the youth that we serve to take pride in their membership. Always remember that you were honored by your peers. They set you apart as one from whom they expect much. They expect you to give leadership in camping and cheerful service.

Remember to share the spirit. Stay active and actively seek to help others grow in their spirit. We were not honored for what we have done but for what we will do.

Yours in the Brotherhood

Earl Knodel Associate Lodge Adviser Ma Ka Ja Wan Lodge 40

**Section C-3a Conclave**

Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge 40 will be joining seven other lodges from Illinois and Wisconsin at the Section C-3A Conclave September 6-8, 2002. The Section Conclave is the perfect place to meet and talk with Arrowmen from other lodges about Scouting, the OA and lodge operations.

National Vice-Chief Riley Berg will be in attendance, as well as our Region Chief Brian Herron. Competitions in sports, ceremony evaluations and Native American dancing are just some of the fun activities. There will also be training to improve yourself and lodge operations along with entertainment and food. On Sunday morning the section will vote for next year's section officers.

The Conclave will be held at beautiful Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta just South of Burlington, WI. Cost for the weekend will be \$28 if paid by August 26, 2002 and \$35 after. The fee includes all meals, activities and a patch.

For more information and a registration form talk to a lodge officer or check the [www.naic.org](http://www.naic.org) website.

**From the Lodge Staff Advisor**

Over Memorial Day Weekend, ninety members of our Brotherhood gathered to help in preparations for the 2002 MaKa-JaWan Camp season. From cleaning trails, building tent platforms, preparing the Country Store or putting a new fishing pier at North Camp. Totally over 1,000 hours of CHEERFUL SERVICE to prepare our Camp for the nearly 2,200 Scouts this summer.

So on behalf of a GRATEFUL Council, **THANK YOU**, Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge.

Yours in the Brotherhood,  
Jim Neubaum  
Council Program Director/  
Lodge Staff Advisor

## CHAPTER TALK

### Aptakisic Chapter, New Chief: Trey Klatt

Hello. My name is Trey Klatt and I'm the new Chapter Chief of the Aptakisic Chapter. I will be a junior at Carmel High School. I'm a Brotherhood member and beginning my 3<sup>rd</sup> year in the Order. I'm a Life scout and the SPL in Troop 79 in Long Grove. I have been in many OA projects and I'm very active in the Lodge. This is my second year that I will staff up at camp. In this next year I hope to have many service projects going on, hopefully one every month. We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at the Community Christian Church in Lincolnshire.

Your friend in the Order,

Trey Klatt

### Yakwahay Chapter Chief says Thank You!

Hey guys! This is your former chapter chief Garret Wilson. I would like to thank you guys for making this a great year. I have had a lot of fun working with all of you, but have had more fun watching you guys take on the work yourselves. You all really have a grasp on being a leader.

Conclave was a blast! Every second was packed full of fun and cheerful service. Just ask me for some stories, because I have so many just from that weekend.

To all you active members, you never cease to amaze me in what you can do, you guys were awesome and I couldn't have pulled off the best year of our chapter without you. Those of you who have not had the opportunity to make it to my very enjoyable and entertaining meetings, I'm sure, have the same potential to become just as good as citizens and thrifty people as the rest. All you need to do is, go to the next meeting (every second Monday of the month at Milburn Church) and see what's going down. I've left you in good hands with our new Chapter positions and advisors. Once again, thanks guys for creating this fun and efficient year, and look for me in the lodge for this upcoming season.

Cheerfully yours,

Garret Wilson

### Greetings from the Namachani Chapter

Hey everybody! My name is Mike Schaeffer and I am the new Chapter Chief for the Namachani Chapter. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 57 in Glenview. I was inducted into the Order in 1999 and am currently a Brotherhood member. I have served on camp staff for 3 years and have attended many leadership seminars such as NLS. For this upcoming year, I plan to build and expand the Chapter to it's potential and in the process have a lot of fun! I encourage you to come to our meetings. They are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Church of Latter Day Saints, which is located at the corner of Lake and Locust in Wilmette. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there and having a great year.

Mark Schaeffer

## Advisor's Corner



### Two Points of Pride

Most Scouts I know are extraordinarily proud to have been selected to be members of the OA. And well they should be. They have been selected for their outstanding leadership or camping skills by their peers, and many of these are not themselves members of the OA! Non-members electing members. Pretty unusual.

There is another point of pride – one that I see in the eyes of those very few who elect to explore the full potential of their OA membership, by getting involved with the their Lodge. MaKaJaWan Lodge 40 has a rich and varied history. Like most organizations, it has had great years and lean years. It should be a source of pride for all of us. After all, you wear the Lodge flap on your uniform. How do you become more active in your Lodge? How about by becoming a Brotherhood member? How about going to a Chapter meeting? What about becoming an OA Troop Representative? Or better than all of this, join us at a Lodge service project. Discover this second source of pride that comes with your membership.

Rob Orr

Lodge Advisor

### Upcoming Lodge Dates

July 12 –13	Vigil Weekend at Camp MaKaJaWan
July 27—Aug 1	National Order of the Arrow Conference
Sept. 6—8	Section 3A Conclave
Sept. 18	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
Oct. 4 – 5	Lodge 40 Fall Conclave at Camp Crown
Oct. 18— 20	ScoutJam 2002

