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Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge 40

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Bowl Project Starts!!!



The first stone is placed on the first row. Cinder blocks will be use as a foundation



The first row of seats... Dave Bruecks and the Kuzmanoff's demonstrate the beauty of being level!

We have started the biggest OA service project ever at camp Makajawan. Under the supervision of Dave Bruecks and his crew of 24, ground was broken, literally at the WES worker's weekend in early September. Using two tractors and lots of strong backs, several yards of material were moved to make the bowl floor level. They also started to lay the foundation for the new seating. They hope to complete two complete rings of seating around the perimeter of the bowl by start of summer camp next summer. The seats will be built out of used railroad ties and capped with a new piece of treated lumber for the actual seat. The Key 5, who is trying to maintain the traditional turtle shell shape, has designed the bowl improvements. It just happens that our Lodge Chief's father is an architect, so Glenn Wilson has put in many, many hours drawing out the plans for the bowl.

We expect this project will occupy most of our time for the next WES (Wilderness Engineering Society), and Memorial Day Worker's weekends...and perhaps even a couple of other special events. So, get involved and help make the bowl both safer and attractive. These are historic times. Be part of history. Join the fun.



After marking out the proper size for the bowl and leveling the floor, a trench was dug and cinder blocks put in place.



Hey all you OA members,

This is your Vice Chief of Committees and boy do we have a great time setup for the rest of the year. We still have the Fall Conclave and the Winter Banquet, just two of our awesome events that are happening in the this busy end of the year bustle. We have a big season coming up and we need somebody to serve on a great committee we have. The job we need one of you to fill is Troop Rep. Chairman. This position needs to be filled by someone who is great at organizing people and making phone calls (e-mails would be good too) the main task of this great job is to help chapters spread the word about the Order of the Arrow and its great service to the troops

Yours in the Order of the Arrow.

Special Service Project

Help do construction and maintenance at the Native American Center

We are embarking on a new level of service for the OA. We are reaching out to the community in ways we have never done before. The Native American Center in Chicago took over an old Masonic Lodge many years ago. Before they took ownership, the building sat in disrepair and was set for the wrecking ball. During the past 20 years, the Center has worked diligently to just get the building serviceable. The basement and first floor are open to the public, but the upper floors are in had need of rehabbing. Our project is to help them build an office and re-engineer some of their bathrooms. For adults, we are seeking carpenters and tile experts... for the youth, there are plenty of demolition projects and stuff to move. We hope to work Saturday November 1 and Sunday Nov. 2. The Native American Center is located 1650 Wilson Ave. in Chicago.

For the adults, if you have construction experience and can help lead a crew, please call Rob Orr (847-724-5228 or roborr156@aol.com) or if you are a youth and want to help, call Brian Lichtenheld, youth leader (bice44@comcast.net). Food will be provided, but you must sign up in advance. (See attached form)

If you cannot come to the work projects, how about coming to the UIC Pow Wow to get a little better sense of the natives in our area.



Hey all you Whip receivers,

Most of you know that there are many, many more lodges out there besides ours. We'll we found a few more of our brothers at Section Conclave. Our lodge and seven other lodges met at beautiful camp Lakota to train, party, and overall have a good time. Well we succeeded. We had a GREAT time we learned how to run a lodge to its fullest by making a mock lodge, and then we played tons of sports and watched The Blues Brothers! There was also a soapbox derby and a potato launching range! At the end of the weekend we sat back and thought how good of a time we had. Plus the best thing is next year WE GET TO RUN IT!!! It'll be awesome we've already planned out a ton of stuff for us to do, so make sure you make it up to Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan next year for the Section Conclave.



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Catch the OA Spirit!!

Who is this Arrowman and why is he guarding the Section's Penguin?

Makajawan's 75th Birthday!

Winter Banquet and Section Conclave mark year long celebrations

In 2004, Camp Makajawan will celebrate its 75th birthday. To help kickoff the year of celebration the OA is planning two big special events. First, we will start the year off at our Winter Banquet with special guest speaker Jim Chandler. Mr. Chandler served as Camp Director at MSR for several years in the 70's, during a time when many of the Lodge traditions were established. Jim served as Lodge Staff Advisor and EC-3A Section Staff Advisor. He left our Council and worked at the Chicago Area Council as Camping Director. He then moved to the Regional Office as an Associate Regional Director of Program and then Scout Executive in Madison Wisconsin now he works at the National office. Jim is a Vigil Honor member and a recipient of the OA Distinguished Service Award. We will also show some vintage promotional films from the 60's to see how much camp has changed!

Then in the Fall of 2004, we will host the Section Conclave at Camp Makajwan. We hope to make this a real celebration. We expect at least 200 Section people, but would like to invite old staff members, former OA members, to help us celebrate our anniversary. If nothing else, we need people to help staff our Section gathering. We hope to put together grand ceremony in the newly restored OA bowl, so we are looking for some help from the historians in the crowd to help tell our story. Section Conclave/75th Anniversary will be September 10, 11, 12, 2004. The Winter Banquet will be 5:00 p.m. December 28. These will be the only two OA sponsored 75th festivities.

Because of the possible disruption to summer camp, we are strongly discouraging any other OA events during the Vigil weekend. The normal traffic for a Vigil fire is enough to drive everyone crazy - we don't need to add more people or activities. So, support these two events and help us celebrate our birthday.

Vigil Nominations Due

To be honest, the only reason for this issue is to remind you to nominate some one for Vigil. Inserted into this issue you will find the names of people we believe to be eligible. If you feel that they have demonstrated the high ideals of the Order of the Arrow, then write up a brief report telling the committee about the candidate. Deadline for the application is November 15, 2003. Send forms to the Council office.

Lodge leaders. We need you

How would you like to serve the Lodge? Be the Chief? Treasurer? Vice Chief of Committees? All you have to do is submit your name (or someone you think might be good for the position and get the name to the Council office. We have changed the way we run our elections...we will have a formal election at the Winter Banquet, but we need candidates.

Troop Rep and NME training.

Save Saturday November 15 for this great youth training opportunity. This is the same date and time as a council-wide training event for adults, so scouts can get rides from their leaders. The OA will have their own separate classroom to use. We will offer programs for Troop representatives, primarily teaching about their jobs responsibilities and duties to the Troop. We will also spend about half of the time on procedures for the New Member election process. This will start about 10:30 a.m. The Troop Rep training will start at 9:00 and end around noon with a feast. All OA members are welcome.

Advisor's Corner



Rob Orr, Advisor

You would be amazed how many people ask me what the purpose of the Order of the Arrow is supposed to be. For many, it is a popularity contest to get into a special group within scouting. For others, it has a deeper meaning. The OA is here to serve scouting and we start by following the very Oath and Laws that scouting has supported for years. One often overlooks the part of the Scout Oath that reads: "To help other people at all times." That embodies the spirit of the OA. We are here to serve our Troops, the Council and the communities. We do this as individuals and groups (Troops, chapters, Lodge). For years we have helped Council in many ways, and we are beginning to learn how we can better serve our Troops. I am particularly excited this year to try out a new kind of service project with the American Indian Center. I encourage all of you to reach out and help someone. That is the best part of the scouting tradition and if you follow that little line in the Scout Oath, you will be doing your part as a member of the OA.