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Cheerful Service



OA SERVICE TEAM HELPS AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER

14 Lodge members went down to the American Indian in Chicago on Saturday November 1 to help out with some much needed floor restoration. In order to get rid of forty years of built up wax, we spent approximately eight hours removing, cleaning, and reapplying wax to shine their dull marble floors. We were able to reinvigorate the appearance of the Indian Center, making the place more attractive and presentable for their future events. I'd like to thank the following Arrowmen for attending: Brian Snider, Charlie O'Brien, Michael Kline, Brian Kline, Evan Williamson, Garret Wilson, Richard Kuzmanoff, Andrew Crowe, John Marnet, Evan Williamson Sr., Brian Fish, Ryan Lawler, and Rob Orr. We could not have completed the project without their hard work.

In helping the American Indian Center, we're attempting to reassert one of the focal points of our Order, cheerful service. We're hoping that this service project will jumpstart the Lodge's interest in getting out into the community and demonstrating the capability of the Boy Scouts "service organization".

For those of you who couldn't make this event, and are interested in service, do not worry. We're planning two additional community service projects this winter. We're preparing to help the Marines with their annual Toys for Tots drive and we're also planning on helping Lake County restore some old signs. If your at all interested in any of the upcoming service projects or have any questions, you can reach me at bice44@comcast.net or at (847) 291-7643.

Yours in Brotherhood, - Brian Lichtenheld, Co-Service Chairman





Chief's Corner

Garret Wilson -Lodge Chief

Hey, You! Yeah, you. Ask yourself when was last time you got involved with the OA? Two weeks, two days, two years? The Order of the Arrow is going through a time of change, a good change. We need you to be apart of the programs. There are a thousand and one ways to participate and it's just an e-mail or a phone call away. So let's hear from you!

A thanks to all those who helped at the Native American Center on the 1st. It was a huge success, and we refinished a lot of marble while having a blast doing it!

To all you party animals out there, you know who you are, don't let the Winter Banquet pass you up. It will be a good time had by all and a can't miss event! This year is more important than ever for several reasons. Number one, the elections for our new officers will be happening that night and, IT'S THE 75th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LODGE!!!! Our chairman, Danny Clarke, has his hands full so let's keep him on his toes by seeing how many people we can get there. Call the council office and reserve your spot today!

Go Chapters!!

Hello all! I would like to say that I am very please so far with our Chapters and the involvement. have seen vast improvement in the leadership of each chapters. Kudos to the Chiefs John O'Malley (Namachani), Charlie O'Brien (Aptakasic), and Matt Cleveland (Y'akwahay).

I encourage everyone to come to Chapter meetings. We would like to invigorate the Troop Rep program. The Order of the Arrow would like to help your Troop. We would like to who is out there. So, contact your respective Chapter Chiefs for detail on the meeting. Lets get involvement up and help our Troops and community.

Mike Schaeffer, Vice Chief of Chapters

OA Bowl Project update



The bowl reconstruction project has begun and is in good shape. It will, however, occupy this Lodge for the next two years. It too is a large project. We need to set our sights on another aspect of the project – raising funds. Last year, we sold a commemorative patch that got the project started. With those funds we bought over 350 ties (before this project is over we will need close to 1000). Since then, the project grew in design and scale. We discovered that to do the project properly, we needed to build a better foundation for the ties and use reinforcing techniques to strengthen the wall. These ideas coupled with some nice design elements inspired by the design team, have made the project much larger. So we will be announcing some fundraising programs in the next couple of weeks to help us raise the necessary funds (We need to raise about \$15,000).

Also, we are announcing here that we will have multiple work weekends in the spring. Beginning with the WES worker's weekend, May 21 – 23 (this is for adults only or for adults with their sons only). The Memorial Day Worker's weekend will be our big push. However, as we have to also get camp up and running, we need to a much larger work team this year. We are also looking to attract about 10 additional people to stay one week longer, after Memorial Day so keep the momentum going. This event will happen if we have enough people. We hope to put in one weekend before camp start, with a crew of 10, if we have the people. Let Rob Orr know if you have an interest in any of these dates.



WINTER BANQUET KICKS OFF 75TH CELEBRATION!



This year's Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet promises exciting new developments in an environment of celebration and fellowship, kicking off our year of celebration of the 75th anniversary. Most of you are already aware that the Key 5 elections will be held before the start of the banquet (**the process starts promptly at 4 PM**) instead of at camp during the Conclave. During the evening, the new officers will be announced and presented to our Lodge. Later that night, new Ordeal and Brotherhood members will be recognized.

As we prepare to celebrate its 75th anniversary, our keynote speaker, Jim Chandler, will be offering insight to the long history of the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation. Jim was one of the first West Camp Directors when that facility opened in 1959. With pictures and stories and humor, Jim will entertain all of us who love Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan and the Order.

Our Lodge Chief, Garrett Wilson, will bring us up to date on last year's activities, plans for the upcoming year and a view of our Lodge's five-year plan. This will also be an opportunity for us to acknowledge the work of last year's Key 5 as they retire from their positions. You will also see our "Year in Pictures" presentation. Throughout the ceremony, the Lichtenheld, Founder's and Service Award recipients will be presented and congratulated for their achievements. The presentation of the Vigil Honor will conclude our evening's celebration as this year's candidates are announced.

The banquet will be on December 28. Lodge elections/Business: 4:00 p.m. Fellowship 5:00 p.m. Dinner 5:45 pm. Youth members of our Lodge are eligible to vote for the new slate of officers for the Key 5.

To help defray the cost of the banquet, the Lodge is selling advertising space within the program. A one-third page is once again \$25.00 and a full page is \$60.00. The

cost to attend the Banquet is \$20.00 per person if your response and payment are received at Council by December 22nd. Ticket requests received after December 22 will have a late fee of \$10.00 added. Please respond as soon as possible to avoid that surcharge.

Questions? Please contact Danny Clarke, Chairman, (Irishtrackstar@aol.com) or Buff Hoffberg, Advisor, at buff636@aol.com



OA Lodge circa 1965?

A TOY CAN BRIGHTEN A CHILD'S LIFE—Toys for Tots Service project

Don't we all remember one special toy that stays with us no matter how old we get. For a child who is less fortunate, a toy can make a huge difference. Other than the religious aspects of Christmas, it also represents the giving of gifts and the showing of people caring for each other. A gift can mean a great deal to anyone especially a child.

The Toys for Tots Program was started by the U.S. Marine Corp. and has been an successful program for many years. The purpose of the program is to make sure that those less fortunate children are able to enjoy that special gift for Christmas that they may remember their entire lives.

It is my hope that all OA members will realize how we can make a difference in helping the Toys for Tots Program. Please join me at Fort Sheridan on Saturday, December 13th and December 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. to help the Marines separate and distribute toys for needy children.

OA members should contact Paul Bilisko, Lodge Service Chairman, at 847-526-8899 or by e-mail at pbilisko@aol.com to confirm your participation.