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# Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge 40

# WHIPPOORWILL



Spring- 2003

## Fabulous Winter Banquet

The 2002 annual winter Banquet was a huge success thanks to the fine work of Mark Fleisher, adult advisor Buff Hoffberg and their team. Beside the fellowship and fun, Lodge Chief Garret Wilson presented a state of the Lodge address that included highlights from the newly written Long Range Plan. He said that this was the first time the Lodge had ever written a strategic plan. This will be a way for the Lodge to begin to prioritize some of the many issues before it. The plan is available in its entirety for anyone interested on the NEIC web or in brochure form at the Scout Center.

Awards, as usual, are always a big part of the evening. Kevin Lawler presented the annual Lichtenheld Award to Keith McCammon from Namachani, Charlie O'Brien from Aptakasic and Andrew Campell from Yak-Wa-Hay. This is special and unique award to our Lodge celebrating the good work and short life of John Lichtenheld. This award is presented only to newer members who have done outstanding work for their chapters or Troops.

Mr. Orr, Lodge Advisor, presented the Founder's Award to scouter Paul Schmidt and Lodge Vice Chief of Chapters, Andy Stone. Both were recognized for their service in developing program events for Scout Jam, held at the Lake Country Fair Ground last October. The Founder's Award is the highest award available to members of a Lodge. It recognizes people who have performed outstanding service to our community. He also recognized the work of last year's Key 5, Peter Alonzi, Lodge Chief; Brian Claggett, Vice Chief of Committees; Andy Stone, Vice Chief of Chapters; Joe Pinskiowski, Secretary; and Aaron Hoffberg, Treasurer.

Associate Advisor, Earl Knodel presented the 2002 Service Award to 20 scouts and scouters. This is an annual service award that every Arrowman can earn by simply getting involved and filling out an application. For this award, you must fulfill three criteria: 1) Personal - show how you have remained active in scouting; 2) Demonstrate work you have done for the Chapter or Lodge and 3) work on a major service project. You will find forms for this award at the Council office.

Finally, Vigil Chairman Matt Kasriel presided over an impressive Vigil call out.



### Special Fund Raising Flap

This special flap was introduced at this year's Winter Banquet as a way to raise money to help repair the OA Bowl at camp MaKaJaWan. That is why it is priced a little higher than most flap patches. Cost of the flap is \$10.00.

This is a very limited edition patch and less than 100 are still on sale at the Council office.

So far, we have raised about \$3000. Thanks.



Despite the nasty, cold weather spring time is here. To the Lodge, that means it is a busy time filled with opportunities and events. Two come to mind being the most important being; new member elections and Memorial Day worker weekend.

It is going to take a dedicated effort by each Chapter to accomplish the high standards we have set for elections this year. Though it has been a relief to know that we have the best NME committee I have ever seen, with new and ambitious plans to make things run smoothly. It is through them and our mighty Chapters that we will see this finely oiled machine is driven and I have no doubt in my mind that our chapters are up for the test. I have witnessed a huge improvement on all areas of the Chapters and it is my advice to the Chiefs is to keep up the good work.

However, I still need to see more service on behalf of the chapters but let us not forget the immense service project that is just around the corner. Memorial Day worker weekend will be run through the service chairmen in each chapter and headed up by the Lodges service chairman, Paul Bolisko. This will create a very productive and fun environment to accommodate our growing work force. Remember that everyone is welcome to come up to Ma-ka-ja-wan that weekend to provide the biggest service of the year to our beloved camp. Start spreading the word today and I hope to see you all there in the highest of spirits!

## Scoutreach Spreads Scouting's Spirit

I have been a very lucky guy. Growing up in Wilmette and joining Boy Scouts, going to camp Ma Ka Ja Wan, and working on camp staff have all been very rewarding and life shaping decisions in my life. Part of the fun of camp staff is to be a part of so many Scouts' summers, in hopes that the experience I have gotten over the years can be passed along in service to the next generation of campers. In the off-season though, I have been living far away from my hometown and troop and council, and have been missing that important part of my life, so here in Richmond, VA, I went to the Robert E. Lee council office to volunteer at a local Troop or Pack.

I then found out that there is a whole other world of Scouting that never has the opportunities that I did growing up. In the inner city, around 5 public housing projects, there are no Scouting programs. I was devastated by the thought that these kids wouldn't have the opportunities I had, since I have reflected many times on how important my Scouting experience has been to me. But, the situation is not so desolate as it seemed at first.

There is a relatively new program in Boy Scouts called Scoutreach. Places like Richmond and its situation are very common all over in America, in more than just inner cities; Suburbs and rural areas often have the same problem, that there are no scouting programs because there isn't enough money or people to start one. What Scoutreach does, in essence, is to help provide the necessary funding to start up a Troop or Pack, get uniforms and books and help pay for campouts and programs. What they need most to be successful is volunteers, scouts who have had opportunity and know how the Scouting program works, to help lead the Troops and Packs. As of now, my pack, 401, is just a deputy sheriff, some professional scouters, 15 boys, with no committee or other leaders, and me as the Cubmaster, but it is considerably better than having no Pack at all. Hopefully in time Pack 401 will have its own sustainable program.

Having been a camp counselor and active Lodge member for many years in Illinois, I know that Lodge 40 is downright blessed to have the amount and quality of dedicated Scouts and Scouters it has. I see hundreds of people from across our council every summer who may take for granted the opportunities they have. I don't intend to get preachy here; I just want to tell you all that there are places very close to your homes that could benefit tremendously from your service, probably in a more direct way than a fundraiser or weekend of service. I'm sure that if you contact your council office (or even a neighboring one) and ask them if they need any help at any other places or troops, to help establish a quality program, that they will have plenty to offer you. Scoutreach helps make it possible kids all over America have the opportunity to become Scouts, but it needs the help of people dedicated to Scouting and its ideals, people like Arrowmen, to help it succeed.

Jive Monkey

## Spring Fellowship

Hey you! Yeah you! Do you want to have a lot of fun? Of course you do! So sign up for the spring fellowship today!!! This year we're going bowling at Mundelein Lanes at 900 S. Lake (Rt. 45) Mundelein, IL. 60030. It is on April 12, 1:00- 3:00, and it is bound to be a blast! So sign up today because spots are limited and you don't want to miss out on the FUN! Contact Ya-wa-hay for more information or to sign up TODAY! Matt Cleveland 847-740-0136 or Andrew Campell.

## Get involved. Support your Chapter.

Just a reminder, **all** members are welcome and encouraged to attend their Chapter meetings. These meetings are not just for officers. Important information and key decisions are made there. Getting involved with your Chapter assures that you and your Troop know what goes on in the Lodge and assures you will have a voice about the future of the OA. The Namachani Chapter (Potowatomi District) meets at the LDS church in Wilmette every second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The Ya-kwa-hay Chapter (North Star District) meets at the Milburn Church in the town of Milburn on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The Aptakisic Chapter (Aptakisic District) meets at the Community Christian Church in Lincolnshire every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Thank you for paying your dues and remember there are many ways you can get involved. At the Troop level, help organize service projects; At the Chapter or Lodge level, help organize larger projects and become part of the fellowship of our organization. The Order of the Arrow is the brotherhood of cheerful service...what service have you done for scouting or your community lately?

Yours in scouting,  
Mike Macfadden  
Lodge Secretary



## INDIAN SUMMER IS COMING

National training event in Asheville, North Carolina in early August. We can take 10 scouts. Great way to learn about Native American culture, regalia, ceremonies and fellowship. Cost to be determined but it will be around \$400—450 depending on transportation. Interested? Call Rob Orr 847-724-5228 or check out the OA website [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org) for additional information.

## CALLING ALL CROSSOVER AND DANCE TEAM MEMBERS

(AND ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN)

Bozho Nikan (Hello Friend)! We are extending an invitation to all crossover and dance team members from all three chapters. We are also looking for new members to join and continue this long standing tradition. Our first gathering was held at the council office on March 8. The reason for this meeting was to bring the three chapter teams together to set up a lodge crossover and dance team. We would also like to see the other crossover scripts and choose the one that is acceptable and would best impress the cub scouts and parents. Chippewa native and teacher, Mr. James DeNormie, addressed the group on ways to improve our regalia and taught us the different types of dance. He also spoke about the importance of the drum. If you would like to be part of forming our own Lodge drum team, then give us a call.

If you have any questions or need information call or email Chris (lilspeedy) at 847-537-7700 or [c.lilspeedy@attbi.com](mailto:c.lilspeedy@attbi.com)

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## Advisor's Corner

The OA is an honor society with a purpose. It is indeed an honor to be selected by your peers and then, once you have sealed your membership, it is hoped that you will continue to reflect upon the aims of the organization by providing service to others. Simply surviving your weekend ordeal and wearing your pocket patch does not constitute active membership. Members should 1) live the ideals of the scout oath and laws in their daily lives; 2) get involved with the many kinds of service that we provide to troops and our community and 3) financially support the Lodge and our Council (hint: pay your dues). You will note that the OA paid for the printing of the new Ma-KaJaWan brochure. That is one way the Lodge supports our Council and scouting.

The OA supports the Council by supporting the scouting program. The OA has a very broad charter to serve scouting on many levels. We go where we are needed. For instance, the Council needed people to help with popcorn distribution last Fall and the OA was there to assist. Some of our members help with many Cub Scout crossover ceremonies. But these are just two of the many projects we do.

There is incredible strength in our numbers. If each of us focused on just one additional service project, think of the possibilities! Start a new tradition by having your Troop's OA members sponsor a service project for the community. Join your local Chapter in helping them promote camping and run elections for new OA members. Help serve your Lodge on the many committees that need people, like help us maintain a web site, run a service event or get involved with the many service initiatives we are developing. The OA is just another way for you to practice your leadership skills and do some good for our communities.

Wear your patch with pride...but remember our purpose to serve others.

Yours in brotherhood,  
Rob Orr  
Lodge Advisor