

THE

## Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge 40

WHIPPOORWILL



Winter 2004

# LEADERSHIP MARKETING AND SERVICE

## LEADERSHIP — TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

As part of our strategic goals, this Lodge has decided to focus on three areas: Leadership, Marketing and Service. This Lodge is committed to developing great leaders both by giving our youth lots of opportunities to demonstrate their skills and, more importantly, training. We are offering a number of training opportunities that are available to anyone in the Lodge.

### LODGE LEADER DEVELOPMENT

Feb 28 – Lodge Leadership Development. Open to anyone, even if you don't have a Lodge or Chapter position. While it is particularly suited for anyone who holds an OA position – Troop Rep, Chapter Chief, Service Chair or Lodge Secretary, anyone would gain some knowledge from this training event. Anyone – including adults. It will be held at the Great Lakes Naval Base, Saturday, February 28, 2004 from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. \$5.00. Contact Max Green for more information (847-913-9417 or at legoman7@aol.com.) Wear a uniform and check in at the main gate. Bring a photo ID.

### NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

This is a national OA Training event that is a fabulous, eye-opening experience for any OA member. Held at the Indian Mound Scout Reservation, Oconomowoc WI. Cost Youth: \$60 Adults \$70. We can send up to 8 Arrowmen. Starts at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Call Jim Neubaum at the Council Service Center to sign up. This is advanced training and spirit building – good for anyone who is serious about getting involved with the OA.

### NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL TRAINING

Everyone is invited to the Lakota Dancers Indian Events 2004, sponsored by the Northwest Suburban Council's OA Lodge. See their web site for pictures in their scrapbook of the 2003 event at <http://units.nwsc.org/users/crew476>

Great for Order of the Arrow members and for Boy Scouts working on the Indian Lore Merit Badge. Hands-on sessions will cover subjects such as quillwork, heddle loom beading, lazy stitch, leather bags, bustle construction, floral beadwork, rosettes, roach construction, hand ornaments, shawl construction, outfit design, dance, and Pow Wow etiquette. A special session is also conducted for OA ceremonial teams. In the evening, an instructional Pow Wow & dance competition will be held.

Date: April 23-25, 2004

Location: Camp Indian Trails, Janesville, WI

Cost: \$30 before April 15, 2004 & \$35 after

Arrowmen, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, non-Scouts are also welcome! The workshops are geared for those 12 and older. Attendees are from throughout the Central Region Area 3. Talk to Rob Orr or Jim Neubaum if you want to attend.

### NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE /CROSSOVER TRAINING

This will be our own event to be held in April. This is specifically for any Chapter or Troop who is currently doing cross-overs and using the native American culture as a theme. Contact Sam LaSilvia for more information or Rob Orr.

### NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE (NOAC)

Every two years Arrowmen from across the country gather on the campus of a major university for the national OA Conference. These gatherings draw about 7000 Arrowmen for five days of training, fun and fellowship. Our Lodge took 10 Arrowmen last time and we hope to double that number this time. Dates: July 31, 2004, Saturday through Thursday, August 5,

## TRAINING BUILDS LEADERS

2004 at Iowa State University. If you want to attend, you must apply to Rob Orr. Call early to reserve a spot. Cost is \$335, plus transportation costs.

Check out the website for more information [www.oa-bsa.org/events](http://www.oa-bsa.org/events)

Ask any of the participants from past NOACS and you will hear consistent praise for the programs, the fellowship and fun. Plan on attending this summer — but let us know now as space is filling fast.



## SERVICE

**He Who Serves his Fellows is of all his fellows Greatest**

Service is another point of focus for our Lodge. Last year this Lodge did a remarkable 10,500 hours of service. This includes projects we did for the Council, like the bowl restoration or Camp Oakarro cleanup or Chapter service. If your Troop OA develops a service project for your Troop, tell us about it. We must report the total number of hours for all our service to National.

We have two great projects coming up:

### NATIVE AMERICAN CENTER SUPPORT DAY

On Saturday March 6th, the Lodge is heading back to the American Indian Center of Chicago for an all day service project. We are looking for 20-40 Arrowmen to help move objects and clear space. The American Indian Center is in vast disarray and desperately needs our help. We're meeting outside the Borders in the Eden's Plaza in Wilmette at 7:00 AM (take the Lake exit off of the Eden's Expressway). We plan on working until 5:00 PM. Delicious Native American frybread will be provided for lunch. If you're interested in attending, please contact me at [kml999@comcast.net](mailto:kml999@comcast.net) or (847) 291-7643. Keep in mind one of the Order's chief tenets, CHEERFUL SERVICE.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Brian Lichtenheld  
Co-Service Chairman

[www.neic.org](http://www.neic.org)—Northeast Illinois Council home page  
[www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org)—National OA home page



## Chief's Corner

Ric Kuzmanoff -Lodge Chief

Hello my brothers

I am Richard Kuzmanoff and I am your newly elected Lodge Chief, I am very proud to accept this position and pledge to serve in a manner that will bring integrity and respect to the Lodge.

I am also honored to follow such a diligent and productive set of Chiefs before me and gladly accept the challenge of taking this Lodge and continuing the prosperity made by them.

My plan for the next year is to continue the state of wellness in the lodge while introducing new programs that will encompass more individual's thoughts and ideas.

### MEMORIAL DAY WORKER'S WEEKEND

One of our biggest projects of all time is rebuilding our ceremonial bowl at summer camp, but we also need to help get camp up and running. We are sponsoring a workers weekend open to anyone. You do not have to be an OA member to attend. Last year we had 125 attendees...scouts, scouters, families, girlfriends, Venturers. This year we need 150...skilled and unskilled workers. There is plenty to do so mark your calendars for Memorial Day weekend.

Dues...make sure you pay your 2004 dues. They must be paid by the end of March or you will be dropped from our roster. Used the enclosed form.

### BROTHERHOOD CONVERSION.

So, you did your Ordeal. You've got a nifty patch and sash. Now what? How about getting involved? If you have been in the Lodge for 9 months, you should seal your membership by becoming a Brotherhood member. This is one of the more memorable ceremonies in our program. You are asked to write a brief letter explaining your involvement in the OA, you will need to memorize a few lines and participate in a great ceremony. Make it your goal to become Brotherhood this year. Talk to Nick Ludmer about ceremonies and opportunities.

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### LODGE ELECTIONS

This was the first year we held Lodge elections before the Winter Banquet and from all indications it was a success. We had nearly 60 members attending the elections that saw the following results: Ric Kuzmanoff, Lodge Chief, Matt Newman, Vice Chief of Committee, Keith McCammon, Vice Chief of Chapters, Brian Buesing, Secretary and Charlie Hogan, Treasurer. We all thank these Arrowmen for stepping up to help grow this Lodge. Support them.

### UNIT ELECTIONS

Elections for new OA members have started. All units must have their elections completed by April 15. Not too late to be on an election team...contact your Chapter Election Chairman at the monthly Roundtable meeting. If you have any questions about the Election process, please contact Earl Knodel, Lodge Associate Advisor.

### WINTER BANQUET

330 Scouts and scouters packed into Chevy Chase's main ballroom to hear Jim Chandler talk about the formation of this Lodge and stories about early MaKa-Jawan. He was one of the first recipients of the Ambrose Cantagalo Distinguished Service Award. Ambrose was also presented with the award bearing his name.

John Landgraf and Garret Wilson received the Lodge's Founder's Award. This is the highest award a Lodge can present its members.

We also honored this year's Lichtenheld Awardees: Jon Miller, Tim Godsey, Alex Haak. Vigil Candidates: Peter Alonzi III, Danny Clarke, Chris LaSalvia, Mick Lee, Joe Lisinski, Nick Ludmer, Charlie O'Brien, Mike Schaeffer, Jr., Kevin Sullivan and adults Buff Hoffberg, Tim LaSalvia, and Stan Umbdenstock.

Thanks to Danny Clark, Chris Alonzi, the Vigil Team, and Buff Hoffberg for putting on a really great show

### YOUR 2004 DUES ARE DO!!! USE THE ENCLOSED FORM!!

### TROOP REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

The OA has had a Troop Rep program in place for about 8 years now...this is a recognized leadership position for Eagle Scout. The Troop Rep job is to help the Scoutmaster organize OA activities and events within the Troop.. He can help organize service projects, serve on the PLC to advise on camping matters, maintain communication with the other Troop OA members and serve as a conduit for information to the local Chapters.. It seems that less than half of the Troops we serve have a Troop Rep in place. The question is why? In the next couple of months we will be reaching out to you to find out how we can help get your Troop Rep program moving. Dick Raup, the adult Advisor and youth Art Bratton will be working to develop a Lodge assistance program for the Troop Rep. We would also like to develop a video to share your ideas with others. So, if you have had successes or failures with the program, let us know so that we can improve this exciting program to your Troop.



## Advisor's Corner



We had a great Winter banquet. Lots of recognition of the accomplishments of our Arrowmen. Incredible service record – nearly 10,500 hours. It has been a pleasure working with our out going Key 5. Garret Wilson, Andy Hoose, Mark Snider, Kevin Sullivan and Mike Schaeffer. This was a very dedicated group...and through them this Lodge has really grown. We welcome the new Key 5 to their positions...the transition was relatively smooth, largely due to the number of people who remained in their positions. With this transition comes a renewed energy – take some time to find out how you can help the Lodge.

Of particular interest, we need more adults to help support the youth members. There are several vacancies – places where you can make a difference. Call me if you are interested. Rob Orr

