

THE

Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge 40

WHIPPOORWILL



Winter Issue 2004

WINTER BANQUET SET

We will formally celebrate our Lodge's 75th birthday at our annual Winter Banquet, Sunday, January 2, 2005 (see enclosed flyer). There will be special presentations about our Lodge's history, guest speakers, awards and the presentation of this year's class of Vigil honorees. Our main speaker will be Jeff Hayward, who is the current National Chief for the O.A. Several of us met him at this year's NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference) and were impressed with his sincerity and dedication to the organization. We expect Jeff will talk about what he has learned while being the National Chief for the past year. This is a rare honor to be visited by one of the top youth members in the O.A. Plan on attending and get your reservations in early. Social hour begins around 5:00 p.m., dinner will start promptly at 5:45 p.m. Dinner will be buffet style.

Lodge Elections:

That same day, starting at 4:00 p.m., the Lodge will elect new officers, our Key 5: Chief, Vice Chief of Committees, Vice Chief of Chapters, Secretary and Treasurer. These men are charged with running the day to day operations of the Lodge, including managing a budget, setting goals and keeping the organization on track. All members are encouraged to attend this special election and take part in the proceedings.

Lodge Elections/Nomination Process

Key Five nominations have been coming in for several months. We have a number of good candidates for each position, but there is room for more. We are particularly interested in candidates from Yakwahay Chapter. Nominations will be open until November 30th. Remember, there will be no nominations from the floor at the election. The December Whippoorwill will have a brief biographic sketch of each candidate. The election will be held at the Winter Banquet, look for an announcement in the next Whippoorwill for the exact time of the election. Also, as the bylaws state, candidates will not automatically run for the next position in line from the one for which they were nominated. Each candidate must be nominated for all positions in which he is interested. The nominees to date are:

Lodge Chief

Keith McCammon
Brian Buesing

Vice Chief of Chapters

Connor Williamson
Will Schaffer
David Stone

Vice Chief of Committees

Keith McCammon
Brian Buesing
Connor Williamson
Will Schaffer

Secretary

Nicholas Garzone
Matt Bialek
Chris Alonzi
Jack Morrison

Treasurer

David Stone
Nicholas Garzone
Matt Bialek
Chris Alonzi

BUSY FALL!

The last couple of months have been very busy for the OA. First, after the National OA Conference (NOAC) at Iowa State in Ames in late August, many of us rushed back to prepare for our Section Conclave. This year we were the host Lodge and Camp Makajawan was the venue. Paul Bilisko and advisor Bud Hoose helped coordinate the Makajawan service team for the nearly 200 participants. Section is a mini NOAC - a time for training, fellowship and fun. For the first time ever, the host Lodge won the spirit award (personally I think it was for our singing of the famous dining hall songs). Thanks to all for their help.

We also inducted another 80 scouts into the Order at our annual Fall Conclave in held at Camp Oakarro. Thanks to Will Shaeffer, Namachari Chapter Chief, and his newly appointed advisor, Bill Eidson, for organizing the service team for this event. Charlie O'Brien served as Honorsmaster and led a group of ceremonialist through the Ordeal induction process.



TOYS FOR TOTS

Once again we plan to help the Marines with their distribution of the toys for their annual campaign. We are working the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays in December at Great Lakes Naval Academy. Since 2001, Lodge 40 has been helping the U.S. Marines at Fort Sheridan with their program to collect and distribute toys in this annual toy collection drive. Volunteer a couple hours of your time this holiday season to help some child get a holiday gift they won't otherwise receive. Call or write to Tom Macfadden for more information: tom.macfadden@wonderlic.com or 847-924-0432. Directons can be found on www.neic.org



www.neic.org—Northeast Illinois Council home page
www.oa-bsa.org—National OA home page



Chief's Corner

Ric Kuzmanoff

As my year of service is coming to a close, I would like to thank all of the members who have helped us this past year reach our many goals. Because of your efforts, we will be a quality Lodge again this year. That's a huge accomplishment. Because of your hard work, we also finished about 85% of the bowl restoration. That is an incredible thing, too. Still, there is much more to do so I hope to see many of you again next spring to help us complete the job.

Also, I want to point to the future and ask anyone who would like to get more involved in this Lodge to come to the elections to be held at our Winter Banquet. We need to have strong, active members of the Key 5 to keep this organization strong. Right now, we have a very good list of willing candidates. Now we need your endorsement by voting. Come to the Winter banquet one hour earlier, at 4:00 p.m., to cast your vote and set the future of this Lodge. We have had some incredibly good years and the momentum is just beginning to grow.

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**STAY ACTIVE IN ORDER OF THE ARROW -
YOU NEVER KNOW WHO YOU MIGHT MEET!**

Thoughts on
A Thing of the Spirit
by Jeff Hayward, 2004 National Chief

In 1915, Dr. E. Urner Goodman founded an organization that would have a great impact on the Scouting movement. Our founder's vision for our Order was a program built on the principles of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service that recognized older Scouts for service to their unit. After nearly ninety years, his legacy is the organization that we know today - Scouting's National Honor Society.



Goodman spoke countless times throughout his life about a certain thought, about the *Things of the Spirit*. In the foreword to the 1961 edition of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook*, Goodman wrote:

"The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the spirit rather than of mechanics. Organization, operational procedure, and paraphernalia are necessary in any large and growing movement, but they are not what count in the end. The things of the spirit count..."

I'm sure that many of us have seen these words of our founder used at one time or another, and while it is easy to grasp the main idea of what he meant, I contemplate his words and wonder what these things of the spirit are that he refers to.

Recently, I attended my lodge's spring conclave. I had a great time seeing old friends, working on our lodge's new ceremony site, and playing the part of Meteu for the Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal ceremonies for the last time. It was during this time I came to a new realization. After I was inducted into the OA, I started to get involved, first in my chapter and then on the lodge level - working on and chairing committees, helping out with ceremonies, and running for various lodge offices. Getting involved and active in the Order gave me many responsibilities and required my attendance at all lodge functions, but this was not why I went to our lodge's meetings. I stayed active because of the feeling I got when the weekend or meeting was over - knowing that I had just spent some time with my best friends, that we had in some way given back to our local council or Scouting, and that we were part of a truly great organization committed to serving the youth of our nation.

Being an Arrowman is more than just wearing a white sash or going to lodge executive committee meetings or conclaves. While these too are important, it is about living up to the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law in our daily lives, about setting the positive example at all times, about being a friend to all, and about cheerfully serving others. It is about living by the three principles of the Order of the Arrow - Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. These are what make the OA a strong organization. These are the things that truly count. These are the *Things of the Spirit*.

Advisor's Corner



This has been an exhausting Fall schedule for me personally - with the combination of personal issues (my daughter had to go in for emergency surgery in September) and struggling to keep up with the OA's Fall schedule, I seemed to be playing catch up all the time. We did an awesome amount of good work this Fall and I am just beginning to sense from the Key 5 that we are just now catching up. Still, there is an amazing amount of work that this Lodge still needs to do. To get there, frankly, we need more help. All of our Key Lodge officers need an adult advisor to help them do their jobs. We have about 25% coverage in this area. We also need more youth members to get involved with the OA - and so we have begun a program to explain just what the purpose of the OA is for our Troops. Contrary to popular opinion, the OA is not a place that is here to take your scouts away from the Troop. In fact, the OA's first job is to support the unit. Often you will find very good older scouts who have done most of the Troop jobs and are looking for something challenging to do. For many of them, the OA is a perfect place to go. Same with adults, many adults enter the OA every summer, but few get involved. What does involvement mean? How about just setting an example? Get Brotherhood. Support the OA members in your Troop. Drive them to service events or Chapter meetings. If we each do our small part, we can all better meet the service needs of our communities.

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