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# Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge 40

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Spring 2005



## Hey OA Members! Memorial Day Workers Weekend May 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005

To all OA members and all other friends of Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan – we need your assistance for our spring workers weekend and conclave Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-30. This Spring we have a huge list of projects to get Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan ready. In addition to the regular clean up and fix up we have the OA Bowl restoration to finish.

Who can participate? Anyone who wants to volunteer and can put in a good day's work! All scouts, scouters, and their family and friends are urged to help out. OA members – this is when we need your help! And, this year we need your cheerful service more than ever!

Ordeal Members – this is a terrific opportunity to seal your membership in the order and re-commit your obligation by accepting the *Brotherhood Honor*. All Ordeal Members (new and old) are welcome to the Brotherhood. There will be a Brotherhood ceremony and WE WANT YOU!

The weekend is not all work, but also FUN. You will have time to enjoy opportunities like fishing, hiking, canoeing, crafting, or sitting around a campfire with some old (and maybe new) friends. Enjoy the great Northwoods Cooking prepared by Chef Claudia and her terrific staff of gourmet assistants. Send in the enclosed registration form today!

Yours in the Brotherhood,  
Keith Schwartz (Conclave Chair) and Lee Haak (Advisor)



Some thoughts on Becoming Brotherhood Members...

The first thing I did when I decided to write this article about Brotherhood Conversion was to go to the National Order of the Arrow Website, to look at their stunning array of resources and acronyms. I thought perhaps I could find some snazzy quote about Brotherhood from, say, E Uner Goodman, that would inspire all of the lodge's Ordeal members to convert to Brotherhood.

No such luck.

However, while wading through their clipart I did come up with a revelation about Brotherhood: no one knows what it is. That sounds negative, but after a moment's reflection I realized that it really isn't. Just like Ordeal membership, Brotherhood membership is being continually defined and redefined by the Arrowmen who choose to take that step.

So, I will dedicate this article to various interpretations of the Brotherhood membership that I have encountered. No one idea is better than the others, and if one Ordeal member finds something that resonates with him, and is inspired to go for Brotherhood, than I will not have wasted my time.

Some lodges are very explicit that they don't consider Ordeal members to be "full arrowmen" until they convert to Brotherhood. While Makajawan does not follow this policy, it is true that Brotherhood is a more complete and higher level of membership than Ordeal is.

Many people think of Brotherhood as "sealing your membership in the Order." The bars affixed onto the Brotherhood sash symbolically bind you to the obligation you made, an obligation

reaffirmed through the Brotherhood ceremony.

I think that Brotherhood is a golden opportunity for the average Arrowman. Maybe you didn't make it to as many chapter meetings as you would have liked. Maybe other lodge events conflicted with your busy schedule. Maybe you are unsure of how to get back into the Order.

If you meet that description, Brotherhood provides an opportunity to reenergize your OA experience, getting you back into the flow of Lodge activities. The lodge provides opportunities to convert to Brotherhood at Memorial Day Worker's Weekend and Makajawan.

Yours in the WWW,  
Keith McCammon

## Indian Center Article

Hello everybody! Dave Stone here. Well, I would have to say that the Native American Center service project was a success. Although we did not have too many people show up, we were able to get a lot done. We cleaned and waxed the floor of their banquet room, cleaned and painted the floors of their kitchen and front desk area, moved books, and cleared out a huge room full of old electronics as well as straightening up their gift shop. It was also a good time. We got to work with our fellow arrowmen and to learn about everyone else during lunch (which was AWESOME). All in all, it was a great project. I recommend it to everyone next year and I will hopefully see more of you there.

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Dave Stone, Treasurer

## American Indian Center (AIC) – One Day of Service

OA Lodge Members and Advisors visited the Native American Center in Chicago on March 19<sup>th</sup> for One Day of Service. We were welcomed by Nizhoni Hodge, Navajo and Cherokee, AIC Program Director who organized our projects for the day. Clean up, floor washing & waxing and painting were on the job list for the day. David Stone, Lodge Treasurer, and Tom Macfadden, Service Advisor, Evan Jr., and Evan Sr. Williamson, represented the Lodge. Yakwa'hay Chapter was well represented by Tim Godsey, Stephen Buncik, and Rick Campbell along with Chapter Advisor Jean Norkus and her husband Dave. Some community volunteers also joined us for the day. As in previous years, the Center was very appreciative of our help. Nizhoni prepared a delicious lunch of native chili and fry bread that we all shared together. Note: Units that are looking for a simple community service project are very welcome at the American Indian Center! Please contact Tom Macfadden (847-924-0432) or Rob Orr (847-724-5228) for more information.



Every Fall the American Indian Center sponsors a Pow Wow. If enough people would be willing to work as a service crew, we could pursue this as a future service project? Call Rob Orr for details.

## Johnson® & Evinrude® Outboards Donates PFDs

While helping at the December Toys-for-Tots service project, scouter Larry Koschak (who is also a Product Manager at the Johnson & Evinrude division of Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. in Sturtevant, WI) proposed to donate 250 PFD's to Camp Makajawan. The offer was quickly accepted and the PFD's are now at camp ready for the summer swim season. Johnson & Evinrude outboard motors has a history at Camp Makajawan as you can see from this 1940's era photograph from the East Camp waterfront. See the "Johnson Sea Horse" outboard motor? It's a vintage is from the 1930's! Thank you Johnson & Evinrude Outboards for your generous donation!



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## Donations Wanted for Special Projects

Could your Troop make a contribution towards one of the annual camp improvement projects? Help to purchase new posts and outriggers to be installed in East and West campsites. Also, we will be rehabbing Staff bungalows in East and West camp. We need special contributions to fund these projects. \$100 to \$200 goes a long way to help. Contact Tom Macfadden at 847-924-0432 (tom.macfadden@wonderlic.com).



## Unit Service Projects

Troop! Crews! Chapters! Now is the time for you to sponsor a service project at the Memorial Day Conclave. OA Troop Representatives – round up your members and other scouts from your unit and come along. Camp supplies the materials and equipment (and even the know-how). You provide the muscle-power, enthusiasm, fellowship and fun. Pick your project and work as a group on special camp improvement projects. For more information – call Tom Macfadden, Service Advisor at 847-924-0432 (tom.macfadden@wonderlic.com).

Project list:

Tent posts and outriggers	Staff cabin Refurbishment	East Office Painting
Clear Winter Treefall	Trail Clearing	OA Wigwam Construction
Install Docks	Install new West Boat Dock	Rifle Range Construction
Ranch Fence Repairs	East Dining Hall Painting	Family Camp Painting
OA Ranger Trail Building	OA Commemorative Wall	Commissary & Country Store

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## OA Lodge 40 Recognized by U.S. Marine Corp

OA Lodge 40 was recognized by the United States Marine Corps - Air Control Group 48 stationed at Great Lakes Naval Training Station at the NEIC Executive Meeting on March 16, 2005. Gunnery Sergeant Joseph Kappus, who led this year's Toys-for-Tots program, made the award to the OA in front of the entire NEIC Executive committee. Gunnery Kappus presented a plaque to Lodge Chief Keith McCammon who accepted on behalf of the 360 volunteer Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venture Crew members who helped over two weekends in December of 2004. The plaque shows a marine in dress blues with children receiving gifts. It states – Toys-for-Tots Top Contributor 2004, presented to Boy Scout National Service Organization, thank you for your effort and outstanding support! You may see the plaque on display at the Scout Service Center. Gunnery Kappus also presented individual certificates of appreciation for each unit that participated in the event. Unit leaders found the certificates in their drop boxes at the April Roundtable meeting.



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[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

**National Leadership Seminar – It's not just for Youth**

I had quite a busy April Fool's Day – I worked a full day and then raced home to put on my Scout uniform and meet up with 6 of Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan's youth leaders. They were all finishing spring break, but I guess that's the price adults pay for not going to school every day. We raced down the Tri-State at a blistering 5 miles per hour, trying to get the OA's National Leadership Seminar (NLS) before the sun set.

We made it to Hoover Outdoor Education Center on time, but it was dark and rainy when we arrived. We were all a little anxious about the unknown challenges facing us, but I can safely say we each looked forward to the program. A staff member was at our table and I was amazed to learn that he had come all the way from Nevada and was about 8 years younger than me (I'm only 27). Ross Armstrong introduced himself as the Western Region Chief of the Order of the Arrow and a sophomore in Economics from the University of Nevada in Reno. Wow! Here's a young man who's got it together – he's a college student, an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor Member, and he's come all the way to Yorkville, Illinois to teach us about leadership.

I was equally impressed with the introduction of our other staff members: the Central Region Chief (Paul Jensen is a student at the University of Minnesota and is our Region Chief), various section officers from Illinois and Wisconsin sections (including Alex Enerson, our Section C-3A Chief), and our very own Jim Neubaum. Finally, they introduced a special guest on the staff – imagine my surprise when Patrick Murphy stepped forward. Who, you might ask? Patrick Murphy is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Member and a student at Northern Arizona University. He also happens to be our National Chief of the Order of the Arrow.

As the NLS program progressed, we all had the opportunity to learn all sorts of leadership skills, ethical decision making, and had some great social time to talk to the participants and the staff. The course was phenomenal and gave each of us a chance to learn and discuss the skills, apply the skills, and explore some examples of how they have been used successfully or unsuccessfully.

I have attended quite a few Boy Scout leader training programs, and I can tell you that, as an advisor, the NLS was unique. We explored many of the same concepts taught in the Wood Badge for the 21st Century, but the course was still new and fresh, with the unique OA perspective and youth driven concepts. The NLS is also unique in that it's the only BSA training course I've taken where the adults and youth members go through the same course together. I was able to watch our leaders develop new skills, understand the things they've been doing for years and why they're successful, and identify ways to bring their skills back to the Lodge. The best part of all this was seeing the "light bulb" come on for all of them and hearing the excitement in their voices as we drove home, talking about how they can apply their training in the programs of the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge.

The NLS was one of the best training courses I've participated in. Please believe me when I say that it's a great way to spend a weekend – having done it, I wouldn't trade it for anything. And not only do the young men of our Lodge learn how to become even better leaders, the adults learn how to help them get there. Carpe Diem. WWW.

-Bill Eidson  
Namachani Chapter Advisor

## Advisor's Corner

Rob Orr, Lodge Advisor



For the Lodge, April ends one of our busiest seasons, conducting new member elections for our Troops. Hopefully, all of the Troops have completed their elections and have turned them into their chapters for processing. This includes all adult applications, by the way.

This year we are asking the Scoutmasters to welcome their new Arrowmen to the Lodge. We used to have morning after sessions on Sunday, after the Ordeal at Camp. Most scouts do not attend...either they sleep in or they have already left camp! So, we are asking the Units to explain the purpose of the Order to their youth and suggest ways they can continue their participation in the Order by serving their Troops.

We have a very busy summer season coming up, including conducting the Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil ceremonies at camp. To get ready for this, we have two big Worker events planned to complete the work on our Bowl. I hope all of you find some time to help out. We are very near to completing our historic restoration and we are very excited about the results. Thank you to everyone who has either donated time, money or equipment to this great cause.

On a personal note, I have just returned from a business trip to Russia. I spent about a week in Moscow and have come back with a new appreciation for the incredible freedoms and opportunities we have in this country. Travel does indeed provide a great education. I had an opportunity to visit the Kremlin, essentially their Capital—and historical fortress. Having grown up in the 60's, during the Cold War, when no one was permitted into this walled city, walking around freely today was a special experience.