

# THE

# Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge 40

# WHIPPOORWILL



Winter 2005

## WINTER BANQUET HUGE SUCCESS

This year's Winter Banquet was one of the finest dinners this Lodge has seen in many years. The evening started off with the youth of the Lodge voting in the Key 5 elections. Our new Key Five is Keith McCammon, Lodge Chief; Brian Buesing, as Vice Chief of Committees; Will Schaeffer, Vice Chief of Chapters; David Stone, Lodge Treasurer; and Chris Alonzi, Lodge Secretary.

Many awards were handed out during the course of the evening. The Lichtenheld Award was given to one member of each Chapter in order to recognize up and coming members in their chapters. This year's award recipients from the Chapters were Nick Bradford from Aptakisic; Robert Brooks from Namachani, and Matt Cleveland from Yak-wahay.

One of the finest, long standing members of our Lodge, Arnie Gregorski, received the Ambrose Cantagallo Award for his plethora of service for the Lodge. This year's Founders Award recipients were Kevin Sullivan and Glen Wilson. Our Lodge also nominated 8 candidates for the Vigil. The candidates for this year are Brian Buesing, Paul Bilisko, Keith McCammon, Ricky Kuzmanoff, Mark Snider, and adults Vicky Henderson, Bob Markoff, Tom Buesing. These Vigil candidates will go through their Vigil induction at Makajawan, during the second OA fire.

Next year's dinner will be December 29, Thursday 2005 at Chevy Chase. It promises to be just as good as this year's. We hope to see all there!

### Meet your new **Secretary**

Hello everyone, I am Chris Alonzi your new Lodge Secretary. One of my main responsibilities is putting the Whip together, so if you have any ideas for any articles in the Whip I am listening. Yours in brotherhood,

Chris Alonzi  
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### Meet your new **Vice Chief of Chapters**

Hey All! My name is Will Schaeffer and I am your new Vice Chief of Chapters. Basically what I do is go to all of the different Chapter meetings and relay information between the Lodge and the Chapters. If someone in the Chapter has a question about something they can contact me and I will most likely have the answer for them. I am also going to work to help make our Chapters more interesting places for our members to go. To learn, to help and to grow their own Troop programs. If you are interested in helping me out, such as filling in at Chapter meetings if I am unable to be present please contact me.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
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## Chief's Corner

Keith McCammon -  
Lodge Chief

My name is Keith McCammon and I am honored to serve as your next Lodge Chief. The Key 5 and I are putting together the rest of our Leadership Team; so if you want to become involved please give me a call. I am always happy to talk to Arrowmen who are looking for ways to serve the Lodge and the Order. Let's work together to have an awesome year.

Yours in the WWW,  
Keith McCammon

### Meet your new Vice Chief of Committees

Hey everyone! I hope you're all excited for this coming year. As the newly elected Vice Chief of Committees, I have a lot of work to deal with regarding the committees. As you probably know, there are too many events in the Lodge for one person to deal with, so there are several committees that help with conclaves, training, elections, and pretty much everything else that the Lodge does. If you are interested in helping out on a committee, we are always looking for people to help out as committee chairs or co-chairs. Want to start off with something smaller? See if you can help out at a Chapter level. It's a great way to get active. Being a committee chair doesn't take a lot of special talent, so you don't need to feel like it's an impossible task. And if you have a special skill, there may be a way to help the lodge with it. If you're an artist, you can help out by designing a patch for some event. If you like doing crafts, you could help make regalia for a Chapter or Lodge dance team. If you want to help, there are opportunities for you to help in the Lodge.

Hope that you will have fun this year!  
Brian Buesing

## Memorial Day Worker's Weekend May 27-29

Dear Order of the Arrow members,  
Mark your calendars! It's that time of year again where the feeling of cheerful service is amongst us. That's right..... Memorial Day Worker's Weekend! Come up to camp MA-KA-JA-WAN for a Weekend of food and fun. This is a very important year to help your fellow brothers in the Order get camp ready to be operational and continue to finish up our bowl renovation. Who knows, maybe you'll meet new friends. For all you Ordeal members who are eligible for Brotherhood, and wish to continue in the circle, may do so up at Conclave. If you are interested in running a project, call me, if you and a group would like to take charge in one. Hope to see you all there.

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Yours truly in the Order  
Keith Schwartz  
Memorial Day Chairman

Hey! Check out this website!  
**WWW.OATRADITIONS.COM**  
This website has no affiliations with any organization. The website will grow and the intent is to create a repository for interesting photos of sash collections, ceremonies and documents of OA history. Five percent of the sales of these sashes are donated to the Order. The sashes are stamped as replicas to prevent them from being mistaken by collectors as originals. OA Sash Replicas for:

Inductions  
Ceremonies  
Conclaves  
Presentations  
Recognitions

A link for your Lodge and Officers.  
A link to observe and preserve the traditions.  
A link about the past.

[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

### Meet your new Treasurer

Hello brothers. I am David Stone, your Lodge Treasurer for the 2005 year. I would like to thank you all for re-electing me for a second term. I would like to let you all know that I will continue to work hard throughout the year to keep the lodge funds in order and to continue working on an official budget that could be used as a model for future years. I would also like to take this time to advertise to you a new line of Lodge clothing, that consists of fleeces, hooded sweatshirts, polo shirts, and hats that will now be available at the council office. I look forward to a good year and to working with you all.  
David

### Brotherhood conversion-

#### (for adults too!)

During Memorial Day Conclave, Ordeal members will have an opportunity to go for Brotherhood. We strongly encourage this, because the Brotherhood is a great way for every arrowman to gain a much deeper understanding of the Order of the Arrow. The requirements for Brotherhood are to be an Ordeal member for at least ten months and write a letter explaining how you have been a good member. We strongly urge you to seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow.

We would like to remind adults to serve as a good role model for the youth members by becoming Brotherhood members themselves. The Brotherhood ceremony at Camp is one of the best in the entire OA lexicon! Check it out and wear your Brotherhood sash proudly.

# Advisor's Corner

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Business obligations took me away for the Winter banquet, but from what I have heard and read, it was a terrific evening. Also, I think the membership selected a terrific group of leaders to serve as the new Key 5. I thank Ric Kuzmanoff and Terry McCammon for organizing the nomination process for this election.

As we move into the next year, we hope to further stimulate the spirit of the OA at the Troop and Chapter meetings. We have already been conducting "Fireside Chats" with some Scoutmasters at Summer camp, but now we want to roll out an even more ambitious program. Tom MacFadden has been conducting Troop Rep training at several Roundtables and leader training events. I think we are all beginning to recognize that this Lodge can only remain healthy if we have supportive Troops. If the Troop has integrated the OA into their program, by having a Troop Rep, by helping their Troop OA members move to Brotherhood, by getting the adults involved, by promoting camping and doing Cub Scout Crossovers, you will be doing the work of the OA and supporting Scouting at the same time. So, the hope is to get Troop more engaged in the OA. I think you will find that by building a Scout program with the OA as an integrated part, you will retain your older scouts longer and helping to make the Scouting program strong.

If you would like to schedule a Troop Rep training session for your Troop, just give me a call and we will get a team out to talk to your youth leaders about how this position can work for your Troop.

### Help Wanted

The Chapters and the Lodge have plenty of great leadership opportunities for OA members — both for youth and adults. Most of the jobs can be very easily defined and can be easily done even while serving your Troop. For instance, you could help run a Lodge or Chapter service project. You could help the Chapter run new member elections. Have a special skill? Web site designer? Electrician? Carpenter? We can put all of you to work right now!! So call Brian Buesing or Rob Orr to find out how you can "serve your fellows."

