

THE

Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge 40

WHIPPOORWILL



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BANQUET AND LODGE ELECTIONS

WINTER BANQUET

On Thursday, December 29th our Lodge will be having its 76th anniversary Winter Banquet! The banquet will be held at Chevy Chase Country Club. If you are a youth in the OA, you should promptly arrive at 4:30 PM to participate in the Key 5 election.

During the banquet the Lichtenheld Award will be presented, recognizing new members who have made contributions to the OA. We will also present a Founder's Award for one adult and one youth who has done something remarkable for the Lodge this year. We will also announce this years Cantagalo Award nominee for some one who has done distinguished service to the council.

Also, our Lodge will recognize the new ordeal and new brotherhood members that who were inducted this past year. We are particularly pleased to have a special guest speaker for the evening, Jim Shellard, educator, mountaineer and Scout leader. The night will be conclude with the Vigil honor call-out. The Winter Banquet will be a night to remember, so please fill out the form (see flyer Whip) and send it in.

Lodge Elections:

On Thursday, December 29th, starting at 4:30 PM, the Lodge will elect new officers, our Key 5: Lodge 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

Looking for a challenge? Want to do something with your life? Want to run an organization with 1000 members? Why not consider running for one of the top Lodge positions? 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. But you must act now!!***

We are particularly seeking candidates from Yakwahay Chapter. Nominations will be open until December 1st (Just call Keith McCammon).

The election will be held at the Winter Banquet starting at 4:30 PM. Be sure to be there on time, because the election will run promptly at 4:30 PM. Also, as the bylaws a state, candidates will not automatically run for the next position in line from the one for which they are nominated. Each candidate must be nominated for all positions in which he is interested.

The current nominees are:

Lodge Chief:
Chris Alonzi,
Will Schaeffer

Vie Chief Committees:
Chris Alonzi,
Will Schaeffer

Vice Chief Chapters:
Connor Williamson,
Jack Morrison,
Jarett Rodrigues,
Grant Adams

Secretary:
Grant Adams,
Jarett Rodrigues,
Nick Garzone

Treasurer:
Grant Adams,
Jarett Rodrigues,
Nick Garzone

TRAINING! Were You There?

The Council Training Day was a huge success. Once again the OA did their annual training right along side the rest of the Council. We had 6 big courses! We had a folks from all over the council, willing participants in our awesome training sessions. Our training staff included many of your very own Key 5 members. Our Lodge Chief Keith taught vital leadership skills, with Vice Chief Brian. Our other sessions included Crossover ceremonies ,team building games, Native American Culture, skills for more experienced Arrowmen, and a session explaining all of the various opportunities that the OA has for its members. We also had a very popular course on the roll of the OA in the Troop. If you would like to have any of these courses brought to your Troop let us know. We can go on the road!!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Jack Morrison
Training Chairman



2006 Dues — slight increase and new procedures!

Each member pays dues to the Lodge to help us maintain our alliance with the National organization and give us funds to run this Lodge. We have had to make a few changes this year: 1) Dues for 2006 can only be paid in 2006. So, please do not send in your money early or with the Winter banquet registration – it is too difficult for us to track and it is against the new accounting rules set up by Council.

Also, make sure that you fill out a **dues form**...for each member of your family who is an Arrowman. We need a form for every single Arrowman. This will greatly help us when we do our book keeping. Please note on that form your current membership status (Ordeal, Brotherhood ,Vigil) Forms can be downloaded from the NEIC web site...just go to the forms section.

Finally, because our national dues have gone up, we are raising dues to \$11.00....this is for all OA members including new Ordeal members. In some years, the most recent class of Ordeal were granted membership for one year and a half. This is now changed. Everyone pays their dues at the same time. We hope you will stick with us and continue to pay your dues.

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



Chief's Corner

Keith McCammon -Lodge Chief

Summer and warmer temperatures may be a distant memory, but the wealth of opportunities that you have to serve your community through our Lodge remains. Please read the articles in this Whippoorwill carefully, look for something that is interesting to you, and make the time to make the OA part of your life.

Humans are the only creatures who consciously work for the betterment of their species, without an expectation of a reward. Because of this, every act of service you do, every hour spent, is an affirmation of your own humanity. I don't mean to imply that members of the OA are more human than others, but that you make me proud to be a human.

On an unrelated note: at the Winter Banquet, you all will have the chance to elect your Key 5 officers, the five youth who will guide the lodge for the next 12 months. It is not too early to start thinking of what qualities you think are important in a Lodge Officer.

Yours in the WWW,
Keith McCammon

"He alone is worthy to wear the arrow who will continue to serve his fellow man!"



We want to thank all of our ritual teams for their incredible hard work and dedication this summer. We have some of the best ceremonies in the country. Have you done your Brotherhood up at Camp? This one is outstanding —GO FOR BROTHERHOOD AND FIND OUT!

Fall Conclave

This year's Fall Conclave was held from September 30th to October 1st at camp Sol. R Crown. The conclave was a great success! Our Lodge would like to thank the Yakwahay chapter for running the event, Chuck Brandon for preparing the food for the event, and for everyone who showed up for the event. We had more than 112 attendees! And we got a lot done... painting, clean up, brush cutting—Council counts on us to do this kind of work every year at one of our close in camps. The event is not just for new Ordeal members either. Everyone in this Lodge is invited to help out. There were some projects we couldn't complete because we didn't have enough of the right manpower. Also, our Lodge congratulates all of our new ordeal and brotherhood members that were inducted during the Fall Conclave. We encourage all of our new members to attend the Winter Banquet in which they will be recognized. This year we inducted more than 300 new members to our Lodge. Remember — stay active and complete your Ordeal by going for Brotherhood next summer. Get involved. Find out what your Chapter is doing. Find out what National programs the OA has to offer!

-Chris Alonzi

Advisor's Corner



Sure it is great to be nominated into the Order of the Arrow. It is a great Honor. It shows the faith that the members of your Unit have in you and the values you hold. The question I ask is now what? What do you do now that you can wear that sash and patch? How do you demonstrate your Scout spirit? Do you know that one of the strongest guiding principles of the Order is to provide service to others? Remember "To help other people at all times" from your scout oath. Ever think about what that means? So my question is what are you doing to demonstrate the OA principles in your Troop? Are you leading service projects? Are you encouraging camping and promoting long term summer camping? Being a part of the OA is not a summer thing...it is year round. Every day. What you do in the OA will guide you throughout your life. Now is a good time to practice the skills...what have you done lately?

Rob Orr

Toys for Tots Special Notice

We have been too successful. Several years back the Marines asked us if we could help with their gift distribution/sorting. We had almost 300 people last year! And it was a little hectic. The Marines are very appreciative but have asked us not to help with their sorting —. Instead, they are asking us to donate gifts to their cause. Thanks everyone. It was a great project.