

# THE

# Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge

# WHIPPOORWILL



Winter 2006

## NOAC - NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND!



Every two years, Arrowmen from across the country gather on the campus of a major university for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). These gatherings draw thousands of Arrowmen, traveling from as far away as Europe and Asia, for five awesome days of training and fellowship. With each successive year, NOAC becomes more diversified, more fun, and larger than the previous one.

The main activities at NOAC include ceremony evaluations, training, Native American events, Nightly shows, Founder's Day, and patch trading. This year NOAC will be held on the beautiful Michigan State campus. It is definitely one of Scouting's most unique and entertaining events,

and **you will not want to miss it.** (Pictures of 2004 contingent)

Whether you are a new Ordeal member or a seasoned veteran, you can find something to do at NOAC. There are literally hundreds of classes, seminars, and discussion groups to choose from. If you don't want to spend too much time in a classroom, why not try out new beading techniques, enter a dance contest, or browse the massive NOAC trading post. At NOAC 2006, your only problem will be fitting so many fantastic activities into only a few short days. However, as a member of the 2004 NOAC delegation, the most important thing I took back with me was neither patches nor training materials, but good memories, strong friendships, and a greater appreciation for the Order as a national organization.

You can sign up to go by just dropping an email reservation to Rob Orr, Lodge Advisor ...his email is [Robi@roborrisproductions.com](mailto:Robi@roborrisproductions.com) or call at 847-724-5228. Cost is going to be about \$400...NOAC will be held on July 29 thru August 3, 2006 at Michigan State University. Money will be due at the end of March...scholarships are available. *By Corner Williamson*







# Chief's Corner

Will Schaeffer



**Chris Alonzi,**  
*Vice Chief of  
Committees*

Thank you for electing me your new Lodge Chief. I am very excited about the new Key 5 team. We already have made some big plans to make this one of the best OA years ever. For one, the Key 5 has set some ambitious goals to increase service and find new ways for us to have fun this year. Join us at our Day of Fun—Fellowship event in April (see enclosed flyer for details). Also sign up now for NOAC. This event is open to all OA members and from past reports this is really a terrific way to learn more about ways you can get more involved with the OA. Don't forget to talk up the Memorial Day Worker's weekend. We are looking for targeted teams to handle specific jobs...so if you have a Troop contingent that wants to help work a single project, let us know (see flyer on Memorial Day). I want every member to feel the pride of being part of a great service organization each time they wear their sash. If you have ideas of things we can do, give me a call. Looking forward to serving you this year.

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 all have fun this year!



**Conner Williamson,**  
*Vice Chief of Chapters*

Hey, my name is Connor Williamson, and I am your new Vice Chief of Chapters. Our new key 5 for 2006 is already off to a great start to the year, and I'm pumped for what we have planned. I plan to attend all the chapter meetings, so please feel free to talk to me with any questions or concerns you may have. Meetings are a great way to bond in the OA and get useful information. You can also contact me using the info on the back page of this Whippoorwill with any questions, especially about meetings. I'm looking forward to a great year!



**Jack Morrison,** *Treasurer*

Sleep soundly, brothers, the Lodge's money is safe with me. I hope for a fantastic year of OA service, and I hope to see more of you getting involved. All of this service takes some cash, and as treasurer, I'll be working to get you some...food! (What were you thinking?!)



**Nick Garzone,** *Secretary*

Greetings and Salutations Brothers! I'm Nick Garzon and I will be serving you, Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Lodge, this year as Secretary for the Lodge Key 5. I'd like to say how honored I am to be here serving you all, and rest assured that I will try my hardest to do my part and keep up communications in the Lodge. It's going to be a great year!



Scenes Winter Banquet



Almost 300 attendees....



Keith McCammon welcomes the new Key 5



Jim Shellard, mountaineer



Our first Lodge Leader Meeting for 2006



Ev Williamson, with the Jambo patches he helped produce.

Advisor's  
Corner

You got your sash, survived your Ordeal now what? Many of you still wonder what is the true purpose of the Order of the Arrow?

The OA is here to recognize our best scouts and scouters...and so we call you out at a special fire at camp and give you honorary membership to the Lodge. For too many, the trail ends here. Too few continue to complete their Ordeal by becoming Brotherhood members and even fewer accept the responsibility of the sash to help promote camping traditions, explore new leadership positions or devote themselves to a life of service to others. The by line for the OA is the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service....so who do you serve?

Well, a member's first responsibility is to his own Troop. Helping where he can in Troop activities and events, perhaps serving as a Troop Rep and helping organize OA activities for your Troop. We invite all members to further help the Chapter and at the Lodge level. The Chapters help organize local activities, like new members elections and service projects., It can also be the place where OA members can meet other members and explore ideas about how to improve their Troop programs. On a Lodge level, we organize service projects, help develop educational programs for the entire membership, we support the Council with volunteer and financial assistance and we represent our Lodge at National and Section events.

There are many ways you can get involved with the OA... I am only presenting a very short list to get you thinking. If you would like more information, give me a call.

**Rob Orr**  
Lodge Advisor

Pay your 2006 dues.

This will be your last Whippoorwill if you have not paid your dues by March 30. Download a form from our web site or just pay on-line. It is that easy!

Even if you completed your Ordeal last summer, you must pay your dues now!