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Upcoming Events

- *January 10, 2009 Winter Banquet*
- *Cub Polar Days in January & February— Check the detailed Calendar*
- *January 17, 2009 Council of Chiefs Section Meeting*

Season's Greetings to all !!



Winter Banquet Details

Come to the Banquet - help us celebrate the accomplishments of the Lodge in the past year, honor our members, and see what is coming in the new year.

Who - Every Arrowman and their family

When - January 10th. Doors open at 6:00 pm, Dinner starting at 6:30 pm.

Where - Calvary Baptist Church (near 55th ST and Hwy 52 in Rochester)

Dinner - Lasagna, Salad, etc. Please bring a dessert to share

Cost - \$15.00 — Pre-registration is required.

Pre-register at the scout office

Chiefly Speaking . . .

The coming months are very important to the lodge this year. Not only will we be starting our Unit Elections, we will be planning the 2009 Section Conclave, which we are hosting. The Section Conclave is a time for our lodge and 4 other lodges to get together and have fun and fellowship. It is also a time to get some local training.

We need all the help from you, the members, to pull this event off smoothly. We need people who are willing to plan activities for during the afternoon. We also need people who want to put on a great show for Saturday night.

We have a lot of things to do for Section Conclave and we need to start getting them done right away.

We will also be starting our unit elections. We have a new Unit Elections packet, so make sure your unit gets the correct one. Also make sure your unit requests a Unit Election team to come to your troop meeting as soon as possible. The earlier you contact us with a date, the better your chances of getting the date and time you want.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Matthew Sanders
Lodge Chief

LLD—Lodge Leadership Development

Lodge Leadership Development was held in Wabasha on October 10th and 11th was attended by several arrowmen. We started the weekend with learning about the history of the OA and the Lodge on Friday night and bowling. We camped overnight at the Wabasha Fair grounds.

Saturday morning we opened with a training session and then participated in the Wabasha Pumpkin Derby. After the pumpkin Derby, we finished up with a session on budget planning, and then held an LEC

meeting. We finished up with a tour of the Eagle Center and a chance to have our pictures taken with an Eagle.

A fun time was had by all that attended. We had some great food prepared by Cindy Saufferer and were supported by several businesses in Wabasha including the Americinn, the American Legion, and the Eagle Center.

Another LLD session is in the planning stages for the spring. Watch for details and plan on attending!!



Ordeal Corner

For new arrowmen, the national Order of the Arrow website has an awesome "jumpstart" online training for new arrowmen. This online session explains the basics of the OA. You will need your Order of the Arrow handbook as this site is password protected and the password is in the handbook (the site tells you exactly where it is in the handbook).

As an Ordeal member, you accepted the Obligation. The final step of the Induction sequence is to become a Brotherhood member. Becoming a Brotherhood member is easy—especially with the training provided on this site!! Here is the web address: <http://jumpstart.aa-bsa.org/>

This site is actually very good for all members as reminders as well.

You can become a Brotherhood member 10 months after completing your Ordeal.

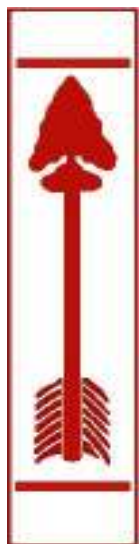
Don't do the dash after receiving your sash—continue on your journey with the OA—who knows what adventure is right around the corner for you!



Camp-O-Rama

Camp-O-Rama was held on October 18th. Those that attended had an opportunity to talk with representatives from several different camps as well as some Council program representatives including Jeff Pilgrim and the canoe/kayak program along with the National Youth Leadership Program. It was a great time to learn about all different kinds of programs offered to Scouts. **Don't miss it next year!**





Brotherhood Corner

The Challenges of Brotherhood Membership.

You must meet five challenges before you can the Circle of the Brotherhood. The first of these you should meet now. The next three require steady effort over a period of months. The last challenge you must meet after you are satisfied that you are meeting the first four.

1) Memorize the signs of

Arrow membership.

2) Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal.

3) Serve your unit. Retain your registration in Scouting.

4) Plan for service in your lodge.

5) Review your progress and write a letter to your lodge explaining what you think the meaning of the obligation is describing how you have fulfilling the Obligation and your specific plans for giving service in

the lodge program.

Brotherhood membership can only be conferred by an Arrowman's home lodge.

The Blue Ox Lodge holds brotherhood ceremonies at each of the conclaves it offers. More details are provided in your OA handbook.

Ordeal members—rise to the occasion and take the "plunge" into Brotherhood!!

It is important to emphasize that Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil Honor members all share the same rights and privileges in the lodge. Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Honor are less like "ranks" and more like "honors" in the lodge. They are not distinctions that should separate or classify Arrowmen as different from one another. Instead, they are simply honors that have been bestowed to recognize a Brother's commitment to the Lodge.

Vigil Corner

Steven James Kuehn (2008)

Indian Name:

Gischhatteu Mechmauwikenk

Translation: Ready Camper

Tim Riechman (2008)

Indian Name:

Lippoe Wulantowan

Translation: A Wise one who has good spirits.

Bill Butts (2008)

Indian Name:

Achtschinkhalan Takachsins

Translation: Persuasive Leader

Virginia Plote (2008)

Indian Name:

Gegekhuntschik

Wulaptonaelchukquonk

Translation: Chosen One Who Advocates Our Cause

Vigil weekend was held Oct 17th at GSR. Here are the newest Lodge Vigils!

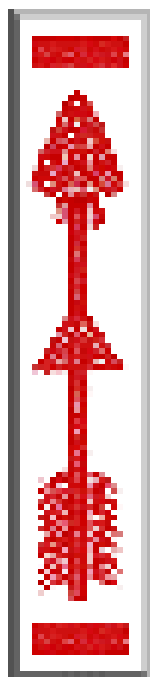
Jeff Pilgrim (2007)

Indian Name:

Lippoe Amocholes

Translation:

Experienced Canoeer



OA Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Comments / Notes / Activity
DRAFT PLANNING CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE		
January 10, 2009	Winter Banquet	Calvary Baptist Church, Rochester
January 17, 2009	Council of Chiefs Meeting	Section Meeting
January 17, 2009	Cub Polar Days	Arrowmen are Needed to Help Staff—contact the Lodge Chief
January 24, 2009	Cub Polar Days	Arrowmen are Needed to Help Staff—contact the Lodge Chief
January 31, 2009	Cub Polar Days	Arrowmen are Needed to Help Staff—contact the Lodge Chief
February 7, 2009	Cub Polar Days	Arrowmen are Needed to Help Staff—contact the Lodge Chief
April 18, 2009	Council of Chiefs Meeting	Section Meeting at GSR
May 15-17, 2009	Spring Conclave	GSR
July, 2009	Summer Conclave	GSR
August 1-6, 2009	NOAC	Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
August 21-23, 2009	Fall Conclave	GSR
September 18-20, 2009	Section Conclave	GSR
October 2009	Camp-O-Rama	
October 2009	Vigil Weekend	GSR
January 2010	Winter Banquet	

2009 Dues

Have you paid yours?

It's only \$13 a year!!

Use the form on page 11.

Websites to Visit:

<http://www.oe-bsa.org/> - for any OA member

<http://www.jumpstart.oe-bsa.org/> - Jumpstart Training for new arrowmen

<http://www.central.oe-bsa.org/> - Central Region Website

<http://www.central.oe-bsa.org/docs/QualityLodgeGuidebook2008.pdf>

Lodge Vital Statistics

(As of 12/19/08)

Current Membership Totals

Youth	153
Adult	148
Total	300

2008 Membership Count

Ordeal	140
Brotherhood	86
Vigil	74
Total	300

Blue Ox Lodge to host the Section Conclave in 2009

The Blue Ox Lodge will be hosting the Section Conclave in 2009. We will need some awesome participation from the Lodge.

If you would like to be a part of that, we are looking for youth and adults to participate in hosting this event.

WE NEED YOU!! Let's give them the Blue Ox Special !!

The Role of the Arrowman

When I returned to an active status within the lodge at the last spring conclave, I saw a couple areas of concern. In seeing these areas, I chose to help out by becoming the ceremony advisor, but little did I know, my role was going to change. As of January 1st, I will be replacing Jim and Gini Plote as the lodge adviser. I have been working with them and with our lodge chief to prepare for a smooth transition.

Growing up, I was an active member of Troop 98, including the leadership roles of Assistant Patrol Leader, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, and Assistant Scoutmaster. I was also very active in the lodge as the publication chairman, Vice Chief, and Lodge Chief. I have been a member on the ceremonial team and have served as an elan-gomat. I have attended multiple NOACs, Section Conclaves, and a Jamboree with the OA ServiceCorp.

Currently, I serve as an Assistant Scoutmaster with troop 231 in Kasson, where my son has recently joined the troop. I did have the opportunity to join the troop at Tomahawk Scout Reservation this past year, and have helped to re-organize the troop. I feel this background led me to this newest position where I am again being asked to help provide guidance to our new leaders.

As I begin my leadership role, I am going to present a challenge to each and every arrowman in the lodge- for the youth, I want to see you at the events, help take ownership of the things you do, and be proud to wear the lodge flap on your uniform. For the adults, even though your opportunities may seem to be less than our youth, your challenge will be to find a way to help build the characters of our youth, and allow yourself to be

available to help guide and mold our young arrowmen.

As we roll into the new year, I will be looking for interested adults to help advise a couple areas of the lodge. Please let me know if you are interested in learning more about how you can help with the growth of our lodge.

I look forward to working with each of you.

WWW,
Shawn Peters
Lodge Adviser

As the Adviser Rambles . . .

This is my last "official" rambling as Lodge Adviser - OA is the Honor society of Scouting and what a great privilege it is to be a part of this group of scouters who have take pride in scouting and the program it provides for youth. The brotherhood of our Lodge truly contains some special people. I would like to thank you for all the time and support given me in the past two years.

I have been working with Shawn Peters during this transition time and I am confident of Shawn's ability to fill the role of Lodge Adviser. Please support him as you have supported me - it will only ensure that good things will happen for and within our Lodge.

The next two years will be exciting ones for Scouting, our Council, our Lodge, and GSR. The Blue Ox Lodge will be hosting the C1C Section Con-

clave in 2009 at GSR. There are many tasks to complete to be ready for this event. I ask all arrowmen to come and enjoy the fellowship and lend a hand make this a great experience for all. The 100th Anniversary of Scouting is just around the corner - be ready and willing to participate in the celebration events as doing so will generate memories for years to come!

Arrowmen - you make Scouting the program it is by your participation!

W.W.W.
Jim Plote
Lodge Adviser

The Lodge has a new Supreme Chief of Fire in Bob Bock, the Council's new Scout Executive.

Bob comes to us from Garden City Kansas where he is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

Welcome Bob !!



Central Region News

OA Approved as Official Certifying Organization

Arrowmen can now earn the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Mighty Leader Staff

Arrowmen can now go online and record their service to earn the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Arrowmen need only to go to www.presidentalserviceawards.gov and complete an online profile. Insert the key **VGH-33042** to group your service under the Order of the Arrow. The National Office will receive your record of service and review, approve, and order the awards.

All Arrowmen are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity as we increase our focus on service to not only Scouting, but to our communities as well. ■

From the October 2008 issue of *The Mighty Leader*.

Blue Ox NOAC 2009 Plans,

Steve Kuehn, NOAC Adviser

What is NOAC? NOAC is an acronym meaning Nation Order of the Arrow Conference. About every two years, the Order of the Arrow has a national conference. The next conference will be at the University of Indiana, Bloomington, on August 1-6, 2009. This will be the 10th time the conference will be at the University of Indiana.

Come and join 6000 other arrowmen from around the world for a time of education, fellowship, and fun. This next year the OA will have a special set of classes called OA Conservation School - learn how the OA builds trails and carries out other conservation projects. There are also classes on Lodge Leadership and Development, History of the OA, how to run the Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil ceremonies, how to build your ceremonies regalia and other Native American activities. Come and cheer on other arrowmen as they compete in sport competition and in Native American Dancing. You may even want to trade a patch or two.

The estimate cost is \$600.00 for conference and contingent fees (including transportation). There are only a limited number that can attend from our lodge— (about 12 youth and 6 adults). To reserve your spot fill out the application (found elsewhere in this newsletter) and send in a check for \$100.00 to the scout office. Slots will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Steve Kuehn NOAC Lodge Contingent Adviser. Any questions should be directed to Steve at sjkuehn@us.ibm.com

NOAC Patch Design Contest

Are you good at Art or Design? You are challenged to design a Blue Ox NOAC 2009 patch. The patch should include Babe the Blue Ox, a Flur-de-lis or the letters BSA, and the words NOAC 2009. The patch should be no bigger than a shirt pocket.

The winning design will be chosen by the LEC. The winner will receive a Framed NOAC 2009 patch.

For more information about the design contest, please contact Steven Kuehn, 507-254-4395, sjkuehn@us.ibm.com.

**Arrowmen, it's time to step up to the plate!!
The time to get involved is now !!**

Section C1C—Section Conclave

2009

In 2009, the Blue Ox Lodge is scheduled to host the Section Conclave. We will need the combined efforts of all Arrowman, so be prepared to get involved! We will definitely need help cooking and serving food as well as planning activities. This will all be done with help

and guidance from the section officers.

Contact Lodge Chief Matt Sanders, Conclave Vice Chief Paul Kuehn, Lodge Adviser Shawn Peters, or Adviser Jim Plote for more information.



NOAC 2009

AUGUST 1-6
 Mark your calendar NOW

I'm there



2002
 1996
 1990
 1969
 1965
 1961
 1956
 1950
 1948

NOAC's held at Indiana University

www.event.oa-bsa.org



Great Ordeals— Starting and Continuing the Magic!

(from <http://www.oa-bsa.org/features/gordeal/>)

As Arrowmen we each completed the same Ordeal, however each of us had our own unique experience. There is no question about the importance of conducting first-class Ordeals, however the more pressing question is how to make it happen. The first step to making a great Ordeal is easily stated, but is much harder to achieve. This first step is communication.

Communication is perhaps the most mentioned idea you will hear from an individual about creating a great Ordeal. The bottom line is that there is no escaping the continuing need of communication. Some people may be tired of hearing it, but it is key.

It is important to remember that a large part of a successful Ordeal is the induction of new members. Everything that happens throughout the weekend becomes a first impression for each of the candidates. Making each candidate feel welcome by those who will become his **brother** by the end of the weekend is important.

To help insure that each new brother feels welcome, many lodges have employed a program known as the Extended Elangomat Program. The Extended Elangomat Program helps at both making new members feel welcome, and also helps the lodge with Brotherhood Conversion. In short, the Elangomat from each clan keeps in contact with each new member from the clan, and truly becomes a friend to him. Initially the Elangomat will make the member feel welcome after completing his Ordeal, and further down the line will personally contact him to make sure he is coming to the next Ordeal.

Rather than employing an Extended Elangomat Program, some lodges have decided to utilize the OA Troop/ Team Representative Program to help welcome new members. Basi-

cally the Troop / Team Representative keeps in touch with the new members that come from his unit, instead of the Elangomat. This method works well for some Lodges, others use the Extended Elangomat program, and some lodges use both approaches.

Ceremonies are what basically begin and end the Ordeal experience. The Pre-Ordeal Ceremony is arguably the most important, as it is in fact the first glimpse a new member gets into what the Order of the Arrow really is. In order to have exceptional ceremonies ceremonialists must truly get into character. When you step into the ring, you are now the principal you are playing. Each line of the ceremony should be natural, and the best way to do that is to learn the part. The most successful ceremonial teams have numerous practices outside of Lodge Ordeals to help them prepare for a great experience.

The Order of the Arrow is obviously rich with Native American Culture, and exposing new members to American Indian elements can do nothing but enhance first impressions made by new members. Some lodges choose to have their Dance Team perform between ceremonies, others will host a busk or pow-wow. Regardless, it is important to allow new members the opportunity to be introduced to such elements of the OA.

The bottom line is making members feel welcome throughout the weekend. After the Ordeal the Lodge Chief should be out and amongst the candidates thanking them for the work they have done. Furthermore, candidates should have an opportunity to ask any questions they may have about the Order. Each lodge seems to have a mildly different approach to this. Some just have a casual Question and Answer session, others go as far as having a new

member breakfast where the new members get to meet the lodge leadership, and learn some more about the OA, and the ceremonies they have gone through.

Helping new members get oriented to both their lodge, and the Order as a whole is the key here. Many have heard about the new Jumpstart Program launched in January of 2003. The first part to this program is an orientation session designed specifically for new members. The [Lodge Orientation Guide](#) can be found here on the national web site. The second part of the Jumpstart Program gets a little more high-tech, and finds itself online. For those who have not heard the [Jumpstart web site](#) has numerous resources designed specifically for new members.

In addition to the Jumpstart program, the [2003 Lodge Program Resource Book](#) provides lodges with a number of resources including membership retention, and Brotherhood conversion. The key thing to remember is that each lodge is unique in its own ways. The most successful Ordeals will come from the lodge leadership coming together, identifying the needs of the lodge, and ultimately developing a strategy on how to meet the needs of the lodge.

Inducting new members is a wonderful thing, but equally important is keeping them around. Making them feel welcome, and exposing them to just how dynamic of an organization the OA is will undoubtedly make the new members of your lodge as excited about the OA as you are. Things like Brotherhood Conversion will happen naturally when the many pieces of the puzzle fall in place, and new members feel welcome from the moment they arrive for their Ordeal.

Unit Elections

January —Unit Election Packets are handed out

January through April 15th—Units hold Elections

April 15th (approximately) - elections results should be turned into the Lodge

Before the end of April, letters to elected candidates should be in the mail informing them of conclave opportunities to complete their ordeal.

OA has published guidelines on how elections are to be conducted—there is even a video/dvd to assist with this process that should be shown (half the work is done with this video).

There are approximately 60 troops in our council—that is a lot of troops to hold unit elections or contacts to make during a 12 to 15 week time frame.

As we all know, variations in the timeline exist for many reasons. Our goal is to complete as many as possible. In order to do this, we need OA members to help hold OA unit elections.

If you would like to be part of a unit election team, please let us know by contacting the Lodge Chief, Matt Sanders.



Your Lodge Needs You!

How can you help out the Lodge? There are many ways in which you can help out the Lodge, just let us know what you are interested in.

Are you interested in camping?

Would you like promote camping?

Do you like being around younger kids?

Are you interested in Communications?

Are you interested in Finances?

Are you interested in planning fun activities?

Are you interested in Native American Indian Lore?

Are you interested in logistics and planning?

Do you like to make presentations?

Do you like theater and the arts and to be in plays?

Do you like to dance?

Are you interested in event planning?

Are you interested in service opportunities?

Would you like to be on an election teams?

Would you like to work on one specific project or more than one?

Would you like to help out with special events?

Are you interested Native Crafts?

Do you like to cook?

Do you like to work on websites?

Do you like to work on newsletters?

Are you good at scheduling?

Do you like contacting people—either by phone or email?

There are plenty of ways to help out the lodge. This help can be on a one time project or it can take the form of an extended period of time.

You are challenged to get involved and see how you can make the lodge grow? Contact the Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser and get involved now!!

Blue Ox Lodge 2009 Golden Ticket Form

Golden Ticket, What is that? -- The Golden Ticket is a new way for you to pay one fee that covers all 3 of the Lodge Conclaves , the Winter Banquet and a Lodge Leadership Development Course or a Fellowship Weekend and Lodge dues for 2009. The cost of all of these items if paid separately would be \$88. However, the

Golden Ticket is \$75.

Deadline for the Golden Ticket is January 10th 2009 Winter Banquet.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number (H): (_____ -) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current Honor: Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

Other Information:

If you do your brotherhood at any event then you will have to pay the difference between the Brotherhood Cost and the Arrowman Cost.

Dates of Events:

Winter Banquet	January 10 th
Spring Conclave	May 15 th - 17 th
Summer Conclave	TBD
Fall Conclave	August 21 st - 23 rd
LLD	TBD
Fellowship Weekend	TBD

Mail this to:

ATTN: OA Golden Ticket
Blue Ox Lodge #26
Gamehaven Council – BSA
1124 – 11 ½ St. SE
Rochester, MN 55904

OALM Recorded: _____

Blue Ox Lodge #26 2008 Dues Renewal Form

You can use this form to pay your dues !!

2009 Blue Ox Lodge Dues Renewal - \$10

Today's Date: _____ Fee Paid: \$13.00

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Troop _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State __ Zip _____

Email Address: _____

Birthday: _____

Honor: (Fill in dates if known) Ordeal _____ Brotherhood _____ Vigil _____

Return this form to the Gamehaven Council Office with your payment.

OA Cost Center: 501

Blue Ox Lodge #26

2009 NOAC Reservation Form

Event Date: August 1-6, 2009

University of Indiana

Today's Date: _____

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Troop _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State __ Zip _____

Email Address: _____

Birthday: _____ Gender: M ___ F _____

Honor: Ordeal _____ Brotherhood _____ Vigil _____

Return this form to the Gamehaven Council Office with your payment.

OA Cost Center: 514 Remittance Amount \$ _____

The cost estimate on this trip is \$600. Down payment of \$100 is due with the balance due by April 15, 2009.

Questions should be directed to Steve Kuehn, 2009 NOAC Adviser.

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Living the Legacy—check out the National Strategic Plan at www.aa-bsa.org

What is missing from this newsletter?

Contributions from other OA members and officers, either youth or adults.



Send your contributions to:
jvplote@embarqmail.com

Burning Issue

(From page 8 of the OA National Bulletin, Oct-Nov 2008 Issue)

Q—A lodge chief from North Dakota writes:
“I would like to make sure that the American Indian aspect is never taken from the Order of the Arrow, and that we will not be transformed into Scouting’s mere conservation corps.”

A— Indian Lore is at the core of our Order—silent in every ceremony and the narration of the ideals to which we aspire as Scouts and Scouters. With this as a launching point, it would be impossible for the Order of the Arrow to ever remove this cherished aspect from our organization. That said, in the wake of Arrow Corps 5 successes, the Order has established itself as an organization committed to conservation, and this will be increasingly reflected in our future programs and initiatives.

Check out more and read the National Bulletin online at:
<http://www.aa-bsa.org/bulletin/nb-q3-08.pdf>