



Wulamoc

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Upcoming Events

- *Unit Elections are being held now. Has your unit held theirs?*
- *May 14, 15, 16, 2010 —Spring Conclave at GSR*
- *July 16-18, 2010 Summer Fellowship at GSR*
- *August 20-22, 2010 Fall Conclave at GSR*

Here is your next Wulamoc. I am sorry that my timing of getting this out was not to good. We have Spring Conclave on May 14th, 15th, and 16th. The night of the 15th is our LEC elections where we elect new people or we re-elect people for positions like the Lodge Chief. And the Vice Chief of the OA who will be the head of our events and anything else to do with our group. Vice Chief of the BSA— this person will be our head of the ties we have with the Boy Scouting within the Gamehaven Council. Next we have our Secretary who does what I do which involves minutes for our LEC meetings, work on our quarterly newspaper, the Wulamoc, and works on keeping the lodge informed. Next is the Treasurer who helps with the lodges finances. Finally, our great Chapter Chiefs who manage the districts of Hiawatha, Sugarloaf, and the one of which I belong to, Wakpaota. We have one Chapter Chief and a Chapter Vice Chief for each district.

From: your Wulamoc editor Michael Holmblad



Now within in your new Wulamoc, we have Brotherhood, Ordeal, and Vigil corners. The answers to our last crossword and precious forms for your dues, lodge elections, and pre-registration forms for events coming up. You will also have a special article on our wonderful winter banquet. I would like to give a special thanks to Gini Plote, because without her, I do not think I would manage to get this out to everyone of you great arrowmen.

By: Michael Holmblad

HELP! I've been Elected / Inducted—Now What ?

First—**Congratulations** on your election and for completing your Ordeal / induction weekend. Welcome to the Order of the Arrow and the Blue Ox Lodge!

Don't hit the panic button. When you first join any organization, it takes some time to get familiar with the group. You heard a little bit about the organization during the election process.

Let's look at the basics:

The mission of the Order of the Arrow is to fulfill it's purpose as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive **youth leadership** under the guidance of selected capable adults.

An OA lodge helps the local Boy Scout council provide a quality Scouting program through recognition of **Scouting spirit** and performance, **development of youth leadership and service**, and **promotion of Scout camping and outdoor pro-**

grams, and enhancement of membership tenure. Every Boy Scout council is encouraged to have an Order of the Arrow lodge. Each lodge operates under a charter granted by the National Council, BSA, and must apply annually for its renewal.

Induction

The induction ceremony, called the Ordeal, is the first step toward full membership in the Order. During the experience, the candidates maintain silence, receive small amounts of food, work on camp improvement projects, and sleep apart from other campers. The entire experience is designed to teach significant values. All candidates for membership must complete the ordeal.

Brotherhood Membership

After 10 months of service as an ordeal member and fulfilling certain requirements, a member may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which **places further emphasis**

on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the Order.

Vigil Honor

After two years of **exceptional service** as a Brotherhood member, and with the approval of the Order of the Arrow committee, a Scout or Scouter may be recognized with the Vigil Honor for their **distinguished contributions** to the lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout camp. This honor is bestowed by special selection.

The lodge is here to help the Council, promote camping and out door programs, **develop youth leadership and service**—and have fun while doing it.

You've taken the first step by completing your Ordeal—**stay involved to experience what OA has to offer!**



Brotherhood Corner



At upcoming conclaves try to get this wonderful honor and my current honor right now. All you have to do is memorize our obligation which is "I do hereby promise on my honor as a scout that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the order of the arrow.

Wimachtendienk, Wingolausichik, and Witahemui

As lasting and will seek to preserve a cheerful

spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities and will endeavor so far as in my power lies to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others." You have to know our song. "Firm bound in brotherhood gather the clan that cheerful service brings to fellow man circle our council fire weld tightly every link that binds us in broth-

erhood wimachtendienk." You have to know the sign which will be taught to you at the conclave. Finally you have to write a letter to our lodge chief and be an ordeal member for ten months.

By: Michael Holmblad

Vigil Corner

Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation.

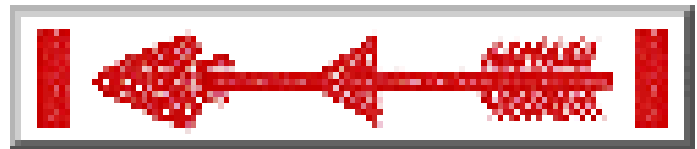
The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following:

- Lodge
- Order of the Arrow
- Scouting community
- Scout Camp

Under **NO** circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered lodge is eligible for recommendation to the National Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a Brotherhood member for a **minimum of two years**. A lodge may nominate a maximum of two percent of their registered Arrowmen once a year, through the Vigil Honor petition, found in the annual re-charter packet. At least 50 percent of all nominated must be under 21 at the time of nomination.



Blue Ox Lodge Calendar of Events

2010 Dates	Event	Comments / Notes Activity
DRAFT PLANNING CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE		
May 14-16	Spring Conclave	GSR
July 16-18	Summer Fellowship	GSR
August 20-22	Fall Conclave	GSR
September 17-19	Section Conclave	L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation, Haugen, WI
October 8-10	Lodge Leadership Development	Wabasha
October 16-17	Vigil Weekend	GSR
November 13	Winter Banquet	TBD

Websites to Visit:

<http://www.gamehavenbsa.org/orderarrow.html>—Gamehaven Council OA Page

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

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

<http://sectionc1b.org/index.html>—Section C1B Website

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

Lodge Vital Statistics

(As of 05/01/10)

Current Membership Totals

Youth	19
Adult	72
Total	91

2010 Membership Count

Ordeal	20
Brotherhood	28
Vigil	43
Total	91

2010 Dues

Have you paid yours?
It's only \$13 a year!!

**Section Conclave
is at Camp Phillips**
**Join us for the first
Section Conclave
of the new
and improved
Section C1B**

Upcoming Trainings:

- **National Leadership Seminar**
October 15-17, 2010
D-Bar-A Scout Ranch,
Metamora, MI
- **National Leadership Seminar**
November 5-7, 2010
Heartland Conference
Center, Parkville, MO
- **National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar**
November 5-7, 2010
Heartland Conference
Center, Parkville, MO

The Importance of paying your dues

Every year the time comes when you have to pay your dues to the Order of the Arrow. This is never fun because it comes with an event or your annual BSA dues and you have to pay more money. There is **a lot** of good that comes from paying your dues though. Your dues are what help the lodge function on a day to day basis with supplying the operating budget. Your dues are also important for the lodge to keep a positive membership growth. This allows Blue Ox Lodge to get Quality Lodge and keep the outstanding track record it has with this award. And then finally there is a reason that really is important to the individual member of the Lodge. You have to keep your Order of the Arrow dues and your BSA dues current to be eligible for Lodge Awards and Honors. Every year there is a list of members that are eligible for their Vigil Honor membership but the fact that they have not paid their dues makes them illegible and they cannot be considered for the honor. If you keep your OA dues current every year then you are helping the lodge, and you can be eligible for all honors and awards that the lodge can award its members. Please remember the importance of paying your dues, both to the lodge and to yourself.

Written by Stith Wiggs Vigil Adviser

Winter Banquet 2010

This year's winter banquet was a huge success. The entire fellowship room at the Pine Island United Methodist Church was packed. We had a large potluck dinner of the wonderful foods our guests brought. This year's theme was sports and the tables were covered in different sport items (sadly some were Packers). We had many guest speakers to tell us on how to be a good lodge and also there were awards handed out. A slideshow presentation was given, showing the past years events. Some old scout and Blue Ox Lodge items were brought such as old scout books, uniforms, and badges. I was delighted to see the turnout and am hoping to see more of you next year.

By: Your present Vice-Chief of Committees
Kodey Weis

Congratulations to our Lodge Awardees for 2009 !!

<u>Golden Fiscars</u>	Alex Prather
<u>Nechochwen</u>	Justin Moreback
	Alex Prather
	Danny Robb
	Bill Butts

Chapter Service

Hiawatha— Sam Monahan
Sugar Loaf—Skylar Butts
Wakpaota—Ray Goranson

Ox Hoof Margaret Holmblad
National Eagle Center

Distinguished Arrowman

Jim Kruchowski, Joel Reid, KC Reed, Lorin Pohlman, Jeff Tri, Alejandro Zeller, Gini Plote, Lucas Schad

Founder's—Tim Riechman, Gini Plote

Adviser's Minute

"The Wolves Within"

An old Grandfather, whose grandson came to him with anger at a schoolmate who had done him an injustice, said, "Let me tell you a story. I too, at times, have felt a great hate for those that have taken so much, with no sorrow for what they do. But hate wears you down, and does not hurt your enemy. It is like taking poison and wishing your enemy would die. I

have struggled with these feelings many times." He continued, "It is as if there are two wolves inside me; one is good and does no harm. He lives in harmony with all around him and does not take offense when no offense was intended. He will only fight when it is right to do so, and in the right way." "But the other wolf, ah! He is full of anger. The slightest thing will set him into a fit of temper. He

fights everyone, all the time, for no reason. He cannot think because his anger and hate are so great. It is hard to live with these two wolves inside me, for both of them try to dominate my spirit." The boy looked intently into his Grandfather's eye and asked, "Which one wins, Grandfather?" The Grandfather solemnly said, "The one I feed."

Let Your Voice Be Heard !

The spring conclave is right around the corner- and that means officer elections. This year, the Lodge will be electing five positions to run the Lodge: the Lodge Chief, two Vice Chiefs, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. In addition to these five Lodge Officers, we will also be electing a Chapter Chief for each chapter.

Here is a brief description of each position: **Chief**- responsible for the overall direction of the lodge. He attends all lodge and council events as necessary. The chief is the start of any communication chain. **Vice Chiefs**- One will help the chief run everything on the Order side of the lodge: Ceremonies, programs, service projects, etc. The other **Vice Chief** will work on the Scout Side of the lodge: Promotions, training, health and safety, elections, etc. The **Secretary** takes control of

the registration and membership, as well as the majority of the media of communications. The **Treasurer** controls the lodge financing. Helping with the trading post, merit badge fair, and the awards of the lodge. The **Chapter Chiefs** are the local youth to make the connection between the Lodge and the Troops. You will be helping find members to conduct unit elections and camp promotions, as well as seeing if the troops need the Lodge's service on anything.

Ok, so Scouting and the Order are youth run- don't worry, you're not doing this alone. Adult advisers are selected to help guide the youth in the right direction. Many of the advisers have been around the Order for some time and have an understanding on where to

go. They will be the backbone and let you take the show.

Not ready to run for office- that's alright! These elected officers are only the start. Each one will have a variety of committees that work under them, and they need your help. By serving on a committee, you can help the lodge run and function and get to know the Order better.

If you are interesting in serving your lodge, please seek me out at the conclave.

Shawn Peters
Lodge Adviser

Section News

Hey Blue Ox,

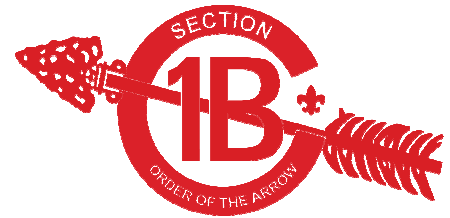
This is your Section C-1B Vice Chief Nathaniel R. Binversie, don't know what in the world a Section is, well it's a group of lodges in an area. Sections exist in order to better all the lodges within the Section and broaden the horizons of all their Arrowmen. The Section that your great Blue Ox lodge belongs to is the New Section C-1B which is made up of six amazing lodges; Awase, Blue Ox, Ni-Sanak Tani, Otyokwa, Sac-N-Fox, and Tom Kita Chara.

The Section officers, Matt Dienger – Chief, Nathaniel Binversie – Vice Chief, and Troy Seehafer – Secretary have been hard at work this year having attended the annual Section Officers Seminar held last November at the beautiful Florida Sea Base. I had a great time attending your Winter Banquet in January and would like to thank you for inviting me and giving me the opportunity to speak to you that night. Your Section Chief Matt Dienger also attended the annual National Planning meeting in Dallas, Texas with our Section Advisor Dick Amelse. Besides planning major events at this meeting they also elected new National and Regional officers. Our new National Chief is our Central Regions own Brad Lachota and our new Central Region Chief is

Richie Ferolo.

Our Winter Council of Chiefs (COC) meeting, held this past January 30th and 31st, went smashing well and the planning for our upcoming Section Conclave (AKA – The Must Attend Event of the Year) has gotten off to a great start and success is looking good for the future of Section C-1B. Our next Section event is our Spring COC held on the site of our upcoming Section Conclave, L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation in beautiful Haugen Wisconsin. At our Spring COC we will meet with all the lodge Chiefs, Section Chairmen, Section Officers and anyone else who would like to be a part of the final Section Conclave planning or anyone who would just like to see a higher level of the Order of the Arrow while making some great friends and getting a plethora of priceless information from Arrowmen representing other lodges of our great new Section C-1B.

Don't forget to mark the Section C-1B Conclave on your calendars today for the weekend of September 17-19. This Section Conclave, entitled Aloha 100 years Aloha Many More, is definitely the Can't Miss event of the year for any Arrowmen and will be an experience you will never forget. For more information or if you have any questions



Mark Your Calendars



Section Conclave 2010

~Aloha 100 Years, Aloha Many More~

September 17-19, 2010

L.E. Phillips

Scout Reservation

about the Section C-1B conclave or anything else Section related feel free to contact me.

Your Section C-1B Vice Chief
Nathaniel Binversie
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Vigil Candidates

Youth:

- Tim Boecker
- Dylan Carlson
- Max Dylla
- Ryan Friedrich
- Kevin Mayer
- Kyle Mayer
- Jake Olson
- Alex Prather
- Michael Robb
- Lucas Schad
- Jesse Schmidt
- David Scott
- Thomas Tincher
- Robert Waara

Adults:

- Debra Altchuler
- Thomas Boecker
- Donald Borland
- Ronald Carlson
- Douglas Crowson
- Michael Hansen
- Ronald Heim
- Eric Heins
- Jeffrey Huhn
- Mark Huneke
- Roger Jirele
- Tom Karas
- Bruce Koerner
- Karl Ladin
- Karen Lee
- Michael Leslie
- Susanne Leslie
- Richard J Long
- Mike Oberholtzer
- Michael Pagelkopf
- Glenn Pederson
- Lorin Pohlman
- Mark Robb
- Mark Ross
- Cindy Sanders
- Timothy Schatz
- Matt St. Onge
- Eric Trehus

Blue Ox Lodge #26 2010 Vigil Honor Nomination Form

Nominee Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ District: _____ Unit: _____

Years in OA: _____ Ordeal Date: _____ Brotherhood Date: _____

**Nominees need to be a Brotherhood member in good standing at least two years with the lodge.

Scouting Contributions: Does he/she live up to the Oath & Law? What, specifically has he/she done for the scouting movement in Gamehaven Council?

Lodge Contributions: How has he/she contributed to the Lodge and/or OA? Be specific.

Community Contributions: How has he/she contributed to the community?

Support Information: Is there any other info you think is relevant that the committee should know? Include future commitments, what traits, vocations, hobbies, or any other happenings in this person's life should we know about?

Optional: Nominated by: Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____	RETURN TO: Stith Wiggs / Tony Debusk Gamehaven Council 1124 11 1/2 Street SE Rochester, MN 55904 stithw@gmail.com
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If you need more room to write, attach a sheet to this one.

Nominations due on or before May 14, 2010 at Spring Conclave.
Nominations can also be emailed to stithw@gmail.com before
May 13, 2010.

Blue Ox Lodge #26 2010 Dues Renewal Form

You can use this form to pay your dues !!

2010 Blue Ox Lodge Dues Renewal - \$13

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 CC: 501

Blue Ox Lodge Conclaves & Fellowship Registration Form

To attend one of the Conclaves or the Summer Fellowship, indicate which weekend and sent to the Scout Office with the appropriate fee.

- Spring Conclave— May 14th–16th, register by May 7th [cc 518] - Induction Weekend
- Summer Fellowship—July 16th-18th, register by July 2nd [cc 528]
- Fall Conclave—August 20th—22nd, register by August 6th [cc530] - Induction Weekend

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

1) To pre-register, complete the following:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (H) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Honor: (circle one) Pre-Ordeal Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

Weekend Fees:

- \$40 Pre-ordeal (individuals who are going through induction)
Meals for the weekend, membership dues, Order of the Arrow Handbook, Sash, & Lodge Flap.
- \$30 Ordeal members obtaining Brotherhood— Meals for the weekend and new Brotherhood Sash
- \$15 All other members Meals for the weekend.
- \$6 Saturday Night Supper Only @ 6 PM — Please arrive by 5:30 PM

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

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

News from a fellow Lodge Member

Teed Howard writes:

Good for me to hear that the camp now has an official name. Nothing on the Jamboree, but did attend the OA conclave at Mentone, Alabama to teach Native American subjects: feather law, Northern and southern give-a-ways, pow wow protocol, and applique beadwork. It is tied in with the American Indian Seminars as part of the conclave. 272 attended. Last year I helped at NOAC too, Taught and Judged, Southern singing, and we sang for the pow wow and big stage show. I have been very active with the OA in North Carolina too, but the local Council is not interested. Too bad. Looked for Blue Ox at NOAC but just couldn't find our members. **Still, I think Blue Ox is the best OA Lodge around !**

Crossword Answers

Across

2. Lucas Schad
4. Ordeal
7. Shawn Peters
8. Nutiket
10. Wulamoc
12. Goodman
14. Leadership
15. Gamehaven
17. Kichkinet

Down

1. Brotherhood
3. Allowat
5. neteap
6. Meteu
9. Edson
13. Blue Ox
16. Vigil