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Upcoming Events

- *January 9, 2010 Winter Banquet. Pine Island, MN*
- *January 30th & 31st, 2010 Section COC Meeting*
- *April, 2010 Section COC Meeting*
- *May 14-16, 2010 Spring Conclave, Induction Weekend*
- *July 16-18, 2010 Summer Conclave, Induction Weekend*

Staff City Village Cabins



WOW !! These are some pretty impressive cabins! These are cabins that many of you in the OA have worked on over various conclaves during the past two years. Your hard work helped make this project a reality. Thank you to all who helped!!

These cabins have it all—electricity, heat, air conditioning, and a little front porch . . . What more could you ask for out at camp?

These cabins will be available for use by groups that utilize Gamehaven Scout Reservation for events.

The donors of the cabins are notated on the outside of the cabins—be sure and thank them for their donation!!



Ordeal Corner

You've done your ordeal and received a logchain—What's this bead & logchain all about?

The logchain is a necklace that is worn by Blue Ox Lodge members as a record (or log) of their service to the Lodge, Council, and/or Order of the Arrow.

The cord will hold beads which are the symbols of service or other recognition approved by the Lodge.

Beads are worn on the logchain to show participation in Lodge, Section, Regional and National Order of the Arrow activities as follows:

Light Blue Beads - current dues are paid.

Blue Bead indicate participation in a major event (conclave, etc.)

White Beads—summer camp or week long high adventure

Transparent Blue Beads served at a Cub Scout or Boy Scout Camp or national high adventure base camp staff

Gray Beads Gray bead for working at GSR summer camp.

Neon Green Beads Elongomat clan leader

Gold Beads commemorate the lodge's 80th anniversary in 2007.

Brown Beads attended an OA Section Conclave

Yellow Beads section, regional, or national training event of at least a full weekend in duration.

Green Beads awarded for attending a National Order of the Arrow event.

Ivory Beads an active member of a Chapter or Lodge Ceremony team.

Light Brown Beads show service to the Gamehaven Scout Reservation.

Crystal Beads awarded the Blue Ox Exemplary Service Award

Red Beads a member is, or has been, a member of the Lodge Executive Committee

Purple Beads a member participated in the lodge Vigil weekend.

Black Beads Black bead are worn on the logchain to show that the member attended the Lodge Leaders Development Course

Orange Beads Orange Beads are worn on the logchain to show that the member participated or was a staff member for a council training event

White or Black 16mm Beads White or Black 16mm beads are worn on the logchain to show that a member did the Ordeal. White round beads are given if the Ordeal was completed as a youth. Black round beads are given if the Ordeal was completed as



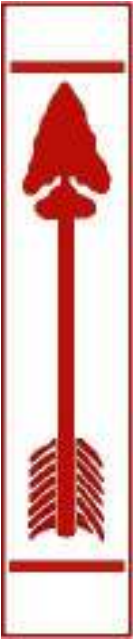
an adult. This award is retro-active.

Blue 20mm Beads Blue 20mm beads are worn on the logchain to show that a member obtain the Brotherhood Honor. This award is retro-active

Red 20mm Beads and Vigil Triangle Red 20mm beads and Vigil Triangle are worn on the logchain to show that a member obtain the Vigil Honor. This award is retro-active.



Brotherhood Corner



Brotherhood to some, seems like a piece of cake. That's what I was thinking and I was wrong. I tried to plan studying time for the first part of brotherhood, memorizing what you have learned from brotherhood. It seemed so simple to me, but here I come to spring conclave with no idea on the obligation. I was good at everything else but I kept on planning to do it another time, which turned out to be four hours before I had to have it memorized. Luckily, I had help.

Mrs. Sanders took the time to help me and Casey Balausky so that we would be able to be in the Brotherhood on time. It did take awhile, but after awhile you get the hang of it. The second part is one of the most important. You had to be involved in the OA for 10 months. You might think you need to go to every single event, but you're wrong.

It's much simpler. I did it from being Co-Elangomat chair and I'll admit... I didn't do much at that

position. But I still went to every event I could make. I started doing different things. I was in ceremonies, was an Elangomat, and on the LEC.

But that is much more than you would need to do. I know a lot of the adults would like to see you just come to one or more conclaves. The only thing that you need to do is help out and make sure things go smooth.

It is important to get to know the scouts and the adults because they will push you to do your best and turn you into a wonderful scout.

The last thing is write a letter to your lodge chief on how you have been using your leadership though out scouts, the lodge, and in your everyday life. **It is not just important to be a leader in OA, but to keep moving that leadership throughout everything you do**—be an SPL, join an organization at school, or



help the community. The things you could do are endless.

All in all, just don't put trying to memorize your lines off your mind, and be a good leader by spreading your leadership.

Submitted by
Kodey Weiss

“... Be a good leader by spreading your leadership.”

Vigil Corner



Vigil Member inducted Arrowman Jeff Schmidt during the Spring Conclave.

Indian Name:
Tschitgussin Weuchsouwagan

Translation:
Silent One Who Has Knowledge

Vigil Member inducted Arrowman Eric Stafford during Vigil Weekend.

Indian Name: Aschowin Allogagan
Translation: Swimmer Who Serves



Vigil Member inducted Arrowman Ryan Saufferer during Vigil Weekend.

Indian Name: Glakelendam
Translation: Excited One



Blue Ox Lodge Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Comments / Notes / Activity
DRAFT PLANNING CALENDAR - DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE		
January—March 2010	Unit Elections	Contact Chapter Chief / Lodge Chief
January 9, 2010	Winter Banquet	United Methodist Church, Pine Island
January 30 & 31, 2010	Section C1B Meeting	
March 20, 2010	Merit Badge Fair	Lourdes H.S., Rochester, MN
April 2010	Section C1B Meeting	
May 14-16, 2010	Spring Conclave	GSR, Register by April 30th
July 16-18, 2010	Summer Conclave	GSR, Register by July 2nd
August 20-22, 2010	Fall Fellowship	GSR, Register by August 6th
September 17-19, 2010	Section Conclave	L E Phillips
October 8-10, 2010	Lodge Leadership Dev.	Register by September 24th

Regional and National Events

- **National Planning Conference** December 27-30, 2009, Marriott Solana ,West Lake, TX
- **NLS/NLATS** February 19-21, Canton, MS
- **NLS/NLATS** February 26-28, Rochester, IN
- **NLS** April 23-25, High Ridge, MO
- **June 8** Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins
- **June 9** Northern Tier OA Voyage / Odessey Begins

Lodge Vital Statistics

(As of 11/15/09)

Current Membership Totals

Youth	124
Adult	126
Total	250

2009 Membership Count

Ordeal	109
Brotherhood	68
Vigil	73
Total	250

Websites to Visit:

<http://www.oa-bsa.org/> - for any OA member
<http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org/> - Jumpstart Training for new arrowmen
<http://www.central.oa-bsa.org/> - Central Region Website
<http://www.gamehavenbsa.org/orderarrow.html>

Blue Ox Lodge Contact Emails:

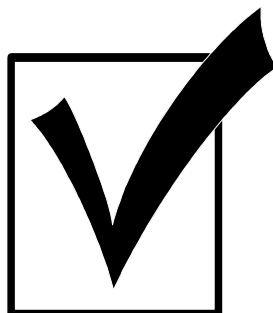
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Lodge Adviser Shawn Peters	lodgeadviser@gamehavenbsa.org

New Event Registration Form

Check out page 13 of this newsletter for the new event registration form. This form covers all events for the entire year.

The Lodge will again offer a "Golden Ticket" to cover all the main events of the year. By purchasing the Golden Ticket, you are saving \$3 if you attend every event. The deadline to purchase a Golden Ticket is January 9th at the Winter Banquet.

Be sure to read the Adviser's Minute !!



Adviser's Minute

Arrowmen, as the 2009 year rolls to a close, and 2010 starts to kick off, there are just a couple things to bring up. As a lodge, we are looking for new ideas and new changes to help our program.

Some of the changes we have made so far are intended to provide a better head count to our registration numbers for meals and activities during the events. Therefore, the registrations for each event will now be due two weeks prior to the events. Any registration postmarked after the deadline will be assessed a late registration fee. In addition to the registration deadline, the lodge will also be looking to use colored meal tickets, based on the Arrowmen's registration. The ticket will be asked to be presented at meals, and those with the pre-registration tickets will be allowed to the front of the line. Those who fail to pre-register will have a different color ticket and will be at the end of the line.

The Lodge is also looking at restructuring the Lodge Leadership to fall more inline with the National Guide of Officers and Advisers.

With the restructuring, the officer's titles and duties may change. In the end, this will allow a clearer job description for each position to be filled.

As the Lodge looks at the restructuring, we are also looking at the lines of communication. As part of this communication line, we are asking the Chapter Chiefs to take a more active role in attending the monthly roundtables, as well as working with each troop to acquire an OA Troop Rep for each one. The role of the

Troop Rep has always been a communication link between the Order and the Troop, but since the start, has not worked entirely correct. Please contact your Chapter Chief with the information on your troop's OA rep so they can be sure to have the correct contact information they need.

The next change many of you have heard about, but deals with the section. As of Oct 1, there is no longer a Section C1-C. The national office has changed the areas of their directors to allow for less travel, which means that the Blue Ox Lodge will be joining five other lodges in the Section C1-B. This section now includes a touch of Iowa, Minnesota, and Western Wisconsin.

Please keep an open mind with these changes as they will take time to work out the wrinkles.

Over the past year, I have also been approached on questions regarding what activities each Arrowman can participate in. The only event that has a restriction is the Vigil Weekend, which serves the purpose of inducting new Vigil Honor members into the Lodge.

The Spring and Summer Conclaves serve as Ordeal work weekends, where new Ordeal Candidates are inducted. These weekends are service projects at camp and as a Lodge, we are looking to increase the fun at these weekends. The Fall Fellowship Weekend is set up to be a fun filled weekend with various activities. Next fall, we are looking at the possibility of opening this weekend to families to join in the fun as well. LLD is a local training opportunities for youth and adults.

The Winter Awards and Recognition Banquet also is a family af-



fair, and serves the purpose of providing recognition of the accomplishments over the past year. The Banquet also is a time to reflect on the highlights of the events.

Additionally, the Lodge also sends a contingent to the Section Conclave each year, and to NOAC about every other year. These events are full of fun, fellowship, and training at the levels above just the Lodge. National Training such as NLS and NLATS are also available each year.



“As a lodge, we are looking for new ideas and new changes to help our program.”

Vice Chief of Communications, Michael Holmblad



Hello my name is Michael Holmblad. I am a Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow, and a past ceremonies chair. I am a life rank in scouts and go to Medford school.

I am the new Vice Chief of Communications. What I do is work on blast emails, the Wulamoc itself, and I take minutes at the LEC meetings. Also, it is a little harder than it sounds, trust me. This

will be my first time experiencing the job. I hope I can do a great job for you guys.

I think it is a great idea to be in the Order of the Arrow— you meet new people, try new things, you even get to go to big events like NOAC, and Section conclave. Another thing the order has taught me— it is a great idea to pursue what you want because you will eventually do it. Like

how I terribly wanted to be on the LEC. I looked and looked for a job to suit me and I eventually found one.

Bead Chair, Leif Bauer

My name is Leif Bauer I was accepted into the order in May and became the Bead Chairman at the Ordeal. I am 13 years old and am going into my 8th grade at Friedell Middle School in Rochester,

Mn. I am part of the Hiawatha district and I belong to Troop 80 we are stationed at Good Sheppard Lutheran Church.

Hiawatha Chapter Chief, Sam Monahan



Hi, my name is Sam Monahan. I am the Hiawatha Chapter Chief. I have been involved in scouting for the past 8 years starting with Tiger Cubs. I am currently a Boy Scout, First Class. I am with Troop 80 out of Rochester. I enjoy golfing, baseball, fishing, hunting and camping. I always look forward to camping with

the Scouts. I would eventually like to go to a High Adventure Camp and earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

Fired Up for NOAC, by Michael Holmblad

NOAC 2009, the Power of One, took place August 1st-4th. Our contingent of eight people met at the scout office at 6:00 a.m. July 30th. Then headed toward Indiana University on Bloomington, IN. Drove for 13 hours, stayed at a church in Crawfordsville, then arrived at the University the next day where the fun began.

Training you could take went from new arrow man to part of merit badges to service projects to Native American stuff and much more. The major thing that excited me the most was the shows. They had fire works, free stuff, sky box seats, native Indian dancing, awards and more. And all of that took place indoors.

Another big thing at NOAC was the Hodag. At the Hodag there was shuffle board, ping pong, a potato bar, root beer floats and my favorite patch trading. Patch trading was a huge event at NOAC, what happens is each lodge makes a patch, they buy that, they then trade with other lodges for patches that they made for this event.

Finally, we had the Founder's Fair. It is a fair put on by the lodges, lodge volunteers make a booth and at the different booths they have games, t-shirts, painting, food, and more. The Founder's Fair also has patch trading.

There was also a TOAP, which is a fair type thing with a bunch of activity's like a rope swing, climbing walls, environmental booths like an erosion exhibit and a bunch of games. Then I went to a VIA (Very Important Arrowmen) Luncheon which was a fancy lunch where we got to talk to the National Chief and the National Vice Chief. At my table I set with the Central Region Chief Michael Beckman (the guy who is chief of the Midwestern states in the U. S.) and our old section C1C Vice Chief Spencer Washburn now the section C1C chief until section C1C which is destroyed in the beginning of November. That was a lot of what happened at NOAC 2009. If you want to experience it go to NOAC 2012 in Michigan.



2009 Summer Conclave, by Kody Weis

Our lodge's second summer conclave went much better than last year. In 2009, there were only 5 candidates, but this year, there were around 20.

The ceremonies were performed well and we had new people involved with them. Saturday went smoothly. For the ordeal projects the candidates put up Scout Law signs along the road to Boy Scout Land and a fire bowl at the Boy Scout Land too.

The food was delicious as always and everyone had a good time. I hope next years will be even better.

2009 Section Conclave By Paul Kuehn

Section Conclave is a mix of learning and fun at the same time. On the weekend of September 18 thru the 19th, we had approximately 195 Arrowman from the five Lodges in our Section gather at GSR for a weekend of fun and fellowship.

Learning how other Lodges run in Lodge Chief / Adviser forums, what can you do as arrowman in Arrowman 101, what does OAHA (Order of the Arrow High Adventure) do and many more training cells, mostly in the morning. Activities in the afternoon which I catalyze this fun like the Kings Race (iron arrowman) a race of team of 4 Arrowmen doing a obstacle course, then running down to the waterfront, and take a canoe around the lake, the Castle Siege throwing sponge ball around the castle, Tomahank throw, and many more activities. Columbia, an Eagle from the National Eagle Center in Wabasha also paid a visit. That pretty much summarizes the best Section Conclave ever at Gamehaven scout reservation.

We will be joining with Section C-1B for their conclave at L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation in September of 2010.

A SCOUT IS

TRUSTWORTHY

LOYAL

HELPFUL

FRIENDLY

COURTEOUS

KIND

2009 Spring Conclave

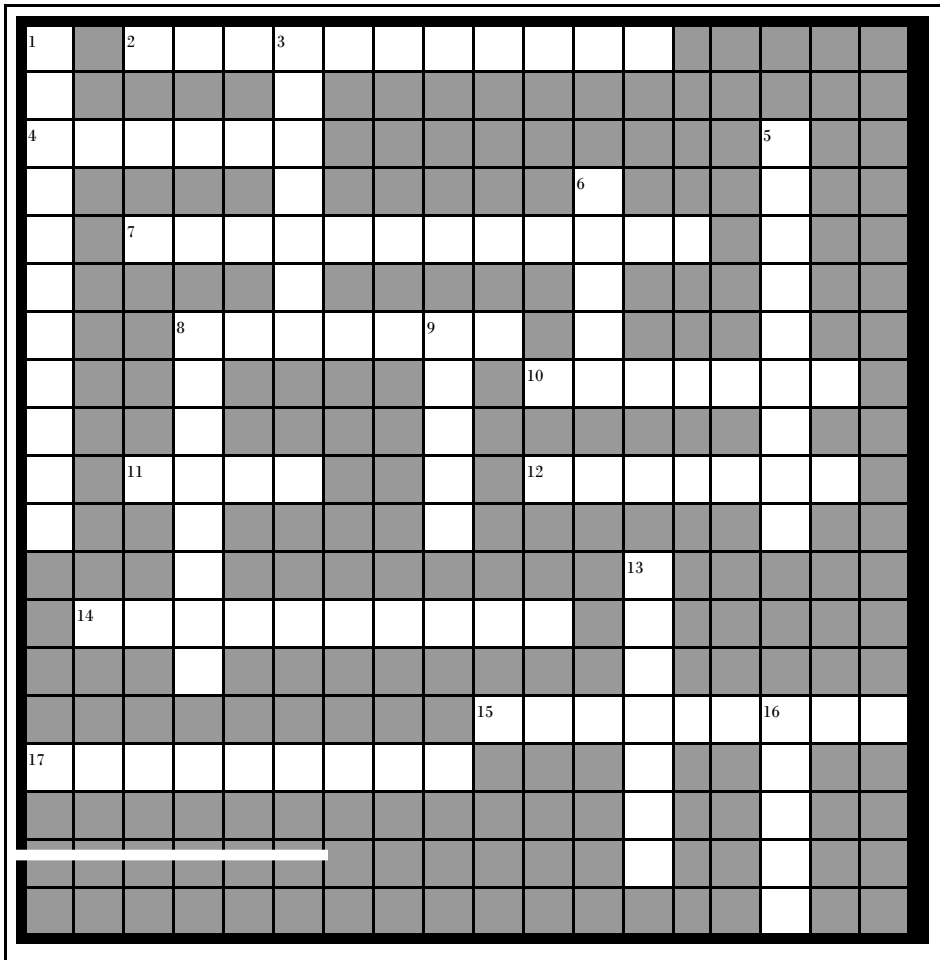




2009 Summer Conclave



Crossword Challenge



ACROSS

2. Our Lodge Chief
 4. First Honor received in the Order
 7. Our Lodge Adviser
 8. The Guard in the Ceremonies
 10. Our Lodge's Newsletter
 11. Supreme Chief of _____
 12. OA Co-Founder Dr. E Urner
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14. Lodge _____ Development
 15. The name of our Council
 17. The Guide in the Ceremonies

DOWN

1. 2ND Highest Honor in the OA
3. The Mighty Chief in the Ceremonies
5. Lenni Lenape word meaning friend
6. The Medicine Man in the Ceremonies
8. _____ Order of the Arrow Conference
9. OA Co-Founder Carroll A. _____
13. The name of our Lodge
16. Highest Honor to get in the OA

TOTEM POLE DESIGN OPPORTUNITY— Check out the totem pole the next time you are at camp. The lodge is looking to add another totem pole (actually replace one that came down last summer). If you like designing and wood carving, do some research and design a totem pole for the lodge. We have members that are securing poles already. Submit your designs to Lodge Adviser Shawn Peters.

The OA Troop Representative Guidelines

The Order of the Arrow Troop Representative is a youth liaison serving between the local OA lodge or chapter and his troop. In his unit, he helps meet the needs of the unit and will serve as a communication and programmatic link to and from Arrowmen, adult leaders and Scouts who are not presently members of the Order. He will do this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the lodge, purpose of the Order and the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. By setting a good example, he will enhance the image of the Order as a service arm to his unit.

OA Troop Representative Duties

- Serves as a communication link between the lodge or chapter and the troop
- Encourages year round and resident camping in the troop
- Encourages older Scout participation in high adventure programs
- Encourages Scouts to actively participate in community service projects
- Assists with leadership skills training in the troop
- Encourages Arrowmen to assume leadership positions in the troop
- Encourages Arrowmen in the troop to be active participants in the lodge and/or chapter activities and to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members
- Sets a good example
- Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly
- Lives by the Scout Oath and Law and OA Obligation
- Shows Scout Spirit

Qualifications:

- Under 18 years Old
- Appointed by the SPL with SM approval
- OA Member in good standing

Reports to:

- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Flow of Information

The following is a list of the information that needs to flow between the OA Troop Representative and the Lodge or Chapter

Lodge/Chapter to Unit:

- Lodge/Chapter Calendars
- Unit Elections Visit
- Camp Promotions Visit
- Community Service project opportunities
- Invitations to Ordeal members to obtain Brotherhood membership
- Invites to candidates to attend their Ordeal
- Resource lists
- OA Representative Registration Forms
- Encourages OA members to be active in their Lodge/Chapter

Unit to Lodge/Chapter

- Does the unit conduct monthly campouts?
- Does the unit attend a long-term camp?
- Do the units older scouts participate in high adventure programs?
- Does the unit need assistance with its outdoor program?
- Does the unit need assistance with community service projects?
- Does the unit need assistance with training?
- Do the unit's OA members participate in Lodge and Chapter functions?



- Name of the new OA Troop Representative
- Reaction of the Troop members to the Lodge and Chapter program.

More information regarding the Troop Representative program can be found online at: <http://oa-bsa.org/programs/ttr/troop.php>

What would you like to see in your Lodge Newsletter?

Submit articles and suggestions to the Vice Chief of Communications, Michael Holmblad

at

vccomm@gamehavenbsa.org

Leaderthink—Resisting Stereotypes

By Thomas Eliopoulos, Copy Advisor

(Taken from the National OA Bulletin, September 2009–November 2009 Edition)

[<http://www.oa-bsa.org/bulletin/nb-q3-09.pdf>]

The recent national OA conference offered a chance to observe not only a congregation of nearly 7,000 Arrowmen, but also how they interacted with one another, responded to challenges, and carried themselves. Without a doubt, there were many similarities among us Brothers; after all, we are all role models in Scouting and in our communities. When so many men and women who occupy these roles come together in one place, a degree of commonality is only to be expected. However, at the same time, the differences between us are equally as important to emphasize because these individualities are what make our organization such a dynamic one.

In groups large and small, politics can often play an important role in helping us achieve our goals of getting elected to an office or swaying public opinion and having our ideas adopted by the rest of the group. However, it is important to recognize that there is no set formula to be an effective and inspirational leader—no universal manner of dressing, behaving, or even set of background characteristics which exists that will allow you to typecast yourself as the ‘ideal’ role model. Often, and especially for younger Arrowmen, it is easy to look up to someone like an adviser or OA Section Chief and believe that mimicking their leadership style or adopting similar mannerisms is necessary to achieve our own success to follow in their foot-



steps. This is not always the case. Evidence of this is found even in the highest offices of our government, where our current president and the most recently appointed Supreme Court justice have both had pasts more atypical than any of their predecessors—but nevertheless have still maintained a very high degree of success as leaders.

Several years ago, I encountered a young man who often liked to quote a line from the famous Robert Frost poem, *The Road Not Taken*, in his speeches when running for elected offices in the OA. “Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.” By far, this is a pattern that has proved itself true time and time again. It is important to remember that we are all distinct leaders, each with unique strengths and weaknesses, and that because of this there are always several roads that can lead us to achieve the same goal.

Don’t be afraid to take on a

Merit Badge Fair —March 20, 2010

Are you planning on participating in the Merit Badge Fair? Either attending as a youth scout earning a merit badge or as an adult doing some training—or how about volunteering at the event?

Contact anyone on the Merit Badge Fair Committee by sending an email to: mbfaircomm@gamehavenbsa.org

Troops—plan on participating in the opening ceremony by bringing your troop flag.
OA Members—Be sure to wear your sash to this event !!

challenge or to try something new just because it is hard or has never been done before. In the end, it will be these differences—this individuality in the choices you—that will distinguish you as a leader and a friend. In this way it is possible, then, that by simply not blending into the crowd as much you can render yourself an even greater service to others.

*“Two roads diverged in
a wood, and I—I took
the one less traveled by,
and that has made all
the difference”*

*-The Road Not Taken,
by Robert Frost*

Blue Ox Lodge #26 - 2010 Events Registration form

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

Registration fee is due by Registration Deadline. If registration is made after registration date, the late registration will apply. Guests are welcome to join the arrowmen at a cost of \$5.00 per guest.

Dates	Event	Cost	Registration Deadline	Late Reg	Arrowmen Attending	Guests Attending	Total Cost
CC 500	2010 Dues	\$13.00					

Main Lodge Events

Jan 9 CC: 512	Winter Banquet	\$5.00	Dec 23	\$7.00			
May 14-16 CC 518	Spring Conclave	\$15.00	Apr 30	\$20.00			
July 16-18 CC 528	Summer Conclave	\$15.00	July 2	\$20.00			
Aug 20-22 CC 530	Fall Fellowship	\$15.00	Aug 6	\$20.00			
Oct 8-10 CC 541	Lodge Leadership Development	\$15.00	Sept 24	\$20.00			

Candidate Events- Covers the cost of the event attending

	Ordeal Candidate	\$40.00					
	Brotherhood Candidate	\$30.00					

TBD CC 530	Vigil Weekend (For Vigil Members only)	\$15.00		\$20.00			
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CC 500	Golden Ticket (Covers All main Lodge Events and Dues)	\$75.00					
	Grand Total						

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

Section News

We are now part of Section C1B. The section is looking for a few good arrowmen to become Section Chairmen.

If you are interested in learning about our Section or want to know more, contact either our Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser.

Lodge Chief: Lucas Schad at lodgechief@gamehavenbsa.org

Lodge Adviser: Shawn Peters at lodgeadviser@gamehavenbsa.org



Join us for the Winter Banquet to celebrate our successes!!

January 9, 2010

**United Methodist Church
200 N Main Street
Pine Island, MN**

Registration Deadline—

December 23, 2009—\$5.00

(After December 23rd, Registration is \$7.00)

**Potluck—Bring your favorite dish
or desert**

**Wear your favorite sports Jersey over
your Scout Uniform!!**

Registration @ 5:30

Supper at 6P.M.

Awards at 7 P.M.
