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## Greetings Everyone!

*You probably have already noticed a change in the Wulamoc format. I apologize for this unannounced change. The computer that I write the Wulamoc on had a virus and I lost all of the Newsletter formats.*

*We will go back to the normal format as soon as that computer is repaired.*

*Thanks for your patience!*

*Brandon Simonson*

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## Notice:

Help is needed in one or more of the following Areas:

- Unit Representatives
- Ceremonies/ Dance Team
- The Service Lodge
- Pyrotechnic Crew

For more info, turn to pages 2&3.

## Did you know:

973 Scouts in Gamehaven Council attended Summer Camp last year? That is 66% of all the Scouts in the Council.

## Chiefly Speaking

Mike states his challenge to us all. Go to Page 2...

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Top Ten Reasons to attend the Spring Conclave on May 18!!

- 10. To see banana boy himself: Central Region Chief Dominique Baker!
- 9. Section Chief Andy Huston and Vice Chief Brian Kelly will attend at some point!
- 8. To have a meal made by the Iron Chef himself, Dennis Lee!
- 7. Meet your Lodge Chief and Vice Chiefs.
- 6. Be a part of the construction of a new Archery Range and A new Gateway for

Gamehaven Scout Reservation, sure to make huge improvements for the camp!

- 5. Be a part of the exciting ceremonies, the first thing a new arrowman gets to see!
- 4. Come and participate in the activities taking place!
- 3. See the evening show (new and improved)!
- 2. Achieve your brotherhood, seal your membership.
- 1. Be an Elangomat, someone the new members can look up to!

## Service Lodge Corner

Spots are still open in this year's Service Lodge team for the Section conclave. Turn to Page 3 for more information.

## Interested in Indian Dancing?

Join the Brand New Blue Ox Dance Team! Go to Page 3

## Did you know:

There are 7,743 youth served in 216 community based Scouting units in Gamehaven Council. Just imagine how many of those we could get to go to summer camp. If you are interested in helping out with Camp Promotions in our Lodge, call Stith Wiggs, our Vice Chief Committees, for more information.

## Spring Conclave

Hello everyone! It is that time of the year again when we have our Spring Conclave. If you attended the last Fall Conclave you may have noticed the changes that the Blue Ox Lodge has gone through, some for the good and maybe some for the bad. This year we are better than ever! It is a very historic Conclave, it will feature both the Central Region Chief and the Section C1-B Chief! Yes, our own Dominique Baker and Andy Huston. When I said that it was historic, I meant it in more than one way; this is the first Conclave of the 21st Century!

When it comes to program, we are full up of it! We have a brand new program this year, the Dance team. This team will have a first meeting at our conclave and you are welcome to join! Also the Ceremonies team will be there and will have its meeting. If you are interested in joining the ceremonies team, this would be a perfect opportunity for you to get in touch with the ceremony chair

Another fairly new Great program offered by the Blue Ox Lodge is the Elangomat Program. In this program, you will spend your time assisting the Pre-Ordeal Candidates. This program includes many benefits including: Tightening your bond to the order and increase your ties of Brotherhood.

Speaking of Brotherhood: Have you been an Ordeal Member for One year or more? You may have heard of the Brotherhood, but do you know what it is? Well, find out at the Spring Conclave!

### Where is this Conclave?

It is located at Gamehaven Scout Reservation, which is in Rochester Minnesota, on Simpson Road.

### When is this conclave going to be?

It will be May 18– 20, 2001. There will be a Chapel Service on Sunday led by our Service Lodge chair Trey Jensen.

### Who all can come to this Event?

All Order of the Arrow members and of course Pre-Ordealers are invited and Welcome to come.

### How much does this exciting weekend cost?

Well, it Depends:

- Pre-Ordeal \$30.00
- Brotherhood \$21.00
- Other \$10.00

Other includes all meals, and Program Costs.

Pre-Ordeal includes Sash, Book, Patch, Card, Program Costs and Membership fees.

Brotherhood includes Class, Sash, Card, and Program Costs .

Do I have to work all Day? The answer is "No". You do not have to. However, You should keep in mind the oath you took when you were inducted.

It is required for all Pre-Ordeal Candidates to work during the scheduled work time.

Is the Brotherhood class hard to complete? The Brotherhood class is a challenge for some, but every arrowman that takes it has a good chance of completion.

### What does the Brotherhood Class involve?

Brotherhood class is the stepping stone of becoming more involved with the lodge. Once I obtained my brotherhood, I became very interested in how the lodge works. The Brotherhood class involves memorization of the Oath (NOT hard at all), memorization of the song (I could sing it in my sleep), and a letter to the chief. Prior to the Brotherhood

class, candidates will work cheerfully in a separate group from the Ordeal.

### Will I be able to join the Ceremonies team?

Yes, we need extra help with the ceremonies. Everything from the Speaking parts to the Pyrotechnic Crew.

I encourage you all to attend this years spring conclave, It will be a grand spectacle for one and all to come and see.

### The Low Down:

What: 2001 Spring Conclave

Where: Gamehaven Scout Reservation, Rochester MN

When: May 18 - 20, 2001, 6:15 pm start.

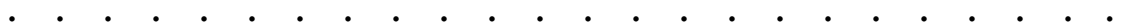
How Much: \$30 Pre-Ordeal, \$21 Brotherhood,\$10 Ordeal

Why: FUN! FELLOWSHIP!

## Help Wanted

### Ceremonies:

Take a moment and think back to when you joined the Order of the Arrow. What do you remember (besides the cheerful service)? I bet the ceremonies you went through are some of the things you remember. The call-out, pre-ordeal, and ordeal ceremonies are a large part of the OA experience. The Blue Ox Lodge has openings in the ceremonies team and they need YOU. There are openings in the performing and speaking parts, as well as the setup and props group. When you join the team you commit to attending ceremonies meetings that generally happen once a month (see the ceremonies team schedule) and to attending the spring and fall conclave. The only requirements you must meet are to be a member in good standing of the OA and have a willingness to serve your



brothers. We still need people for the Spring Conclave ceremonies so do not delay in signing up. To sign up call Thomas Steele

or attend the next ceremonies meeting. The ceremony team has meetings scheduled at Gamehaven Scout Reservation. The meeting times are 2:00PM until 4:00PM. You will receive a reminder call if you are signed up for the team. The dates are: June 3rd, July 15th, August 5th, and September 2.

### Pyrotechnics Team

Wow, what a name. This team is actually an extension of the Ceremonies Team. What this team does involves building the fires for ceremonies. To join, Contact Thomas Steele.

### Dance Team

The Dance team is involved in the Ceremonial Dances during the Call-Out Ceremony. If you are interested, contact RJ Oleslager: 611 5th Av. SE, Rochester, MN

### Unit Representatives

Blue Ox Lodge started the Unit Rep Program about two years ago and it is running smoothly. This title is an official Junior Leadership Position and entitles you to transfer information from the Lodge to your Troop. If you are interested in helping out with the unit Representative Program Contact your Chapter Chief.

### The Service Lodge

Blue Ox is the Service Lodge this year for the Section Conclave. There are spots open and any members are welcome to join. If you are interested in helping out, contact Trey Jensen.

## Chiefly Speaking

I remember when I was elected in to the Order of the Arrow; it was a huge honor for me. It was the best things that could ever happen to me. It was because of one phone call late in the evening from the Lodge Chief Dominique, three years ago asking me if I would come to a meeting and serve as a chairman. I never thought that would lead to tonight. Standing here in front of my family, friends and fellow arrowmen giving a speech on the goals of mine as Lodge Chief. Wow.

"[In goal setting] The greatest danger for most of us is not that we aim too high and miss it, but that our aim is too low and we reach it."—Author Unknown

We all have goals. Some more exuberant than others. For example, Dominique Baker had a goal of going to the National Planning meeting in Texas and come back the Central Region Chief. Or, Andy Huston, who was elected the Section C-1b Chief this past January.

As some of you know, Blue Ox Lodge attained Quality Lodge for this past year, has increased their membership on all events, and has taken on a more active role in Council. My goals for this up coming year are simple. Attaining Quality Lodge again for this year, is once again a goal for this year as well. Quality Lodge status is a challenging goal. One of the most challenging items in the petition is brotherhood conversion. Vigil members and Brotherhood members, I challenge you to seek out an ordeal member and help him or her on their way to sealing their membership in our Order of Brotherhood. Guys we did it last year, lets do it again this year!!!

Becoming more involved in the Council is one of these goals. We have taken many steps to become more involved by, the chapters having their chapter meetings at the district round tables, and to do training for the Unit Representatives on how to properly conduct awesome unit elections at these times as well. This year the Lodge hosted one of the Council's annual events, the Camp-o-rama. This event allowed for scouts and scoutmasters to come to one place and learn about all different kinds of summer camps. After all, one of the things our Order does is promote camping.

Another goal of mine is to successfully run Unit Elections for the 2001 year. The Unit Election process is the way we arrowmen get "voted" into the Lodge by our peers. This process has just begun for this year. Unit Elections are vital for our Lodge because, they bring in new members and it gives more people the chance to do great things. And when people are given a chance to work on a committee or dance in a pre-ordeal or brotherhood ceremony, it keeps them involved and they leave with the feeling that they just did the coolest thing in the whole world and they want to keep coming back.

Another goal I had was to start up the One day Of Service program that was started in the Southern Region a couple years ago, and adapted by the Central Region about two years ago. What this program does is, it is a day set-aside for the Lodge to do a service project that benefits the community. An example of this would be, to help the Rochester Park and Recreation Department clear brush from bike trails this spring. The One-Day program, as it is nicknamed, is still in the discussion phase for our Lodge.

Finally, my last goal is to successfully run the Section C-1b conclave this upcoming fall. The section conclave is

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a gathering arrowmen from the seven lodges in Minnesota, and parts of Michigan and Wisconsin that make up our section. All these arrowmen get together for a weekend of fun and fellowship. On the weekend of September 14-16th the Blue Ox Lodge will be the Service Lodge for the 2001 Section Conclave. We need all the help we can get to help run this great event. Around on your tables you will find brochures. Write down the information and don't forget to attend!! This honor only comes around once every six years. Arrowmen, lets make this conclave the one that the Section will remember years to come!!!!

So, my challenge for all of you tonight is this, if you set your eyes on a goal go for it and don't let anything stand in your way. Remember this quote when you are having troubles achieving your goals. It is by Gilbert Arland, "When an archer misses the mark he turns and looks for the fault within himself. Failure to hit the bull's eye is never the fault of the target. To improve your aim, improve yourself." Thank You.

MikeBuss,  
Blue Ox Lodge Chief

this banquet off the ground, but Brandon Simonson & Stan Toner were the main organizers. A big thanks to both of them and to everyone else who helped with the event.

This year's Spring Conclave is just around the corner and we have a great event planned. I strongly encourage all of you to come out and join us for a weekend of fellowship. See you all on the 18th of May!

Dave Moertel  
Blue Ox Lodge Adviser

## Adviser's Minute

Since our last newsletter, more exciting things have been happening with the Blue Ox Lodge. The first notable event was the election of Andy Huston as the Section C1-B Chief. This was an outstanding accomplishment for Andy and well deserved. Andy was also one of two recipients of the Founders Award at this years Winter Event: Banquet & Lockin. Please join me in congratulating Andy on his new office and his award.

The 2001 Blue Ox Winter Event was another outstanding success. A large number of people helped with getting

