



July/ August/ September 2001

Fall Conclave

It's that time of the year again. Our Fall Conclave is just around the corner. This year's Conclave will be held at Gamehaven Scout Reservation, located in Rochester, MN, on Simpson Road. The dates for this great event will be September 21 through September 23, 2001.

All Order of the Arrow members and of course, Pre-Ordealers, are invited and welcome to come. If you have been in the Order for at least a year, then you are eligible to become a Brotherhood member. We hope that you will take this important step in sealing your membership in the Order. A trading post will be open on Saturday, so remember to bring extra spending money.

The opening Call-Out Ceremony will take place at 7:30 and is open to the public and will conclude about 8:30. The weekend will end Sunday morning at about 10:00.

Did you ever think that you could make a difference in our council camp? Well, last conclave we didn't just clean up the campsites or move tent platforms. We built a gateway and bridge into camp! Everyone who worked on the project should be commended for your hard work and effort. Fall continued on page 2

Section Conclave

Are you ready for a weekend of Fun, Fellowship, and a ton of new people to meet? Join us at the Section Conclave the weekend of September 14 through September 16 at the Winona Middle School, in Winona, MN.

The cost of this great event is only \$28.00 if you pay prior to August 30. Registration after August 30 still be only \$38.00. Use the preregistration form and get signed up today.

Blue Ox Lodge=
Service Lodge 2001

Fellow Arrowmen, my name is Trey Jensen. For those of you who do not know me yet, I am the Service Lodge Chairman for Blue Ox Lodge. The 2001 Section Conclave is right around the corner, and it is a great opportunity to help serve your lodge and your section. Section continued on page 2

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The gateway project had an indirect positive influence on the many young campers this year at camp. They were amazed to see the sight of the large arrow that reads "Welcome to GSR". We hope that you all return to help our camp again and to aid in making a difference in one more Scout's camping experience!

How much does this exciting weekend cost?

- New Pre-Ordeal: \$30.00
- New Brotherhood: \$21.00
- Everyone else: \$10.00

The cost of this event helps cover the program costs of running the conclave. The Pre-Ordeal cost is for members just coming into the Order and the cost also includes a new sash, OA handbook, Blue Ox Lodge Flap, membership card, and membership fees until 2002. The Brotherhood cost is for Ordeal members who will seal their membership by becoming Brotherhood members at the conclave and includes the Brotherhood class, new sash, and membership card. Everyone else just needs to help with the program costs. The meals for the weekend are included in the cost.

The Low Down:
2001 Fall Conclave at Gamehaven Scout Reservation, September 21-23, starting at 6:15 pm. Cost ranges from \$10-\$30.

See you there!



Section Conclave Preregistration Form

Name _____

Honor Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

Address _____

District Sugar Loaf Hiawatha Wakpaota

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # () _____

Date _____

Registration Due: \$28.00 before August 30

\$38.00 after August 30

Please send form and payment to: Blue Ox Lodge, 1124- 111/2 Street SE, Rochester, MN 55904

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Blue Ox Lodge is the Service Lodge for this conclave, which means we are in charge of facilitating the location, events, and manpower to operate this annual event. The lodge will need approximately 125 people to make this conclave run smoothly and efficiently.

If you are interested in being a part of this huge event filled with fun and excitement, contact me via e-mail at

Please include your name and first, second, and third choices for an area you want to assist in. Some of the areas include: Registration, Security/ 1st Aid, Trading Post, Program Stations, Facilities, and more.

Please contact me whether you can make it or not.

Trey Jensen, Service Lodge Chairman



Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Arrowmen,

The great event of the 2001 Section Conclave is upon us. We need all the help we can get. When you come and help out, you will receive a service lodge t-shirt. Please join us in this great event.

Help out! Win Free Stuff! Play Awesome games! Have a great time and meet fellow arrowmen from all over Section C-1b. Remember to sign up and contact Trey Jensen if you want to help out, or you can contact me at

So, remember that the Section Conclave is going on September 14-16, 2001 and will be the best time of your life.

Don't forget about our own Fall Conclave the following weekend, September 21-23.

In the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service,

Michael Buss, 2001 Lodge Chief



Advisor's Minute

We had an outstanding Spring Conclave this year. Thanks to everyone who helped out. The Gamehaven Scout Reservation now has a new gateway into camp and the Blue Ox Lodge can be very proud of this fine accomplishment. If you haven't had a chance to see it, go to the Blue OX Web site and take a look.

We have two more events for the lodge, and I hope all of you can participate. The first is the Section Conclave. The Blue Ox Lodge is the Service Lodge this year and the event will be held at the Winona Middle School on September 14-16. We need as many lodge members as possible to join us and help out with this event. This year's Section Chief (Andy Houston) is from our lodge. Let's all help Andy make this the best Section Conclave ever.

The next event comes the following weekend, September 21-23. This year's Fall Conclave will be held out at GSR and we have another great weekend planned. At the Fall Conclave, we will be electing the 2001/2002 Lodge Officers. If you are interested in a position for the coming year, please contact Mike Buss, Tom Wright, or Dave Moertel prior to the Saturday afternoon business meeting at the conclave.

We've had a great year so far. Let's continue making the rest of 2001 a banner year for the Lodge. I hope to see you all at the September events.

Dave Moertel, Lodge Advisor

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