



Spring Fellowship

The Spring Fellowship this past June was a great success. We had 70 New Ordeal Members along with 30 New Brotherhood Members. With over 200 Brothers in attendance, we had an awesome time.

NOAC

This past July, our Lodge sent a Contingent of 22 members along with two staff members to NOAC 2002 at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. At the Conference, the contingent participated in various and unique training cells. The Lodge also took part in a ceremony evaluation of the Brotherhood and Pre-Ordeal Ceremonies. We also competed as a Lodge in Volleyball and Soccer. We are looking forward to NOAC 2004 at Iowa State University.

Membership Dues Increase

The LEC has increased the 2003 annual dues to \$10, with a late fee of \$5 if paid after December 31, 2002. The re-activation fee has been raised to \$20. Lifetime Membership dues may still be paid at \$75 until November 30. Starting on December 1, 2002, they will be raised to \$110. Payments may be made at the Council Service Center, at any of the monthly Lodge meetings, or Lodge events.

Publishers Wanted

Any arrowmen looking to report about certain OA events should join the lodge's Publications Committee. All you have to do is report about a few events for each Nutshell News, which is published quarterly. The committee meets at every LEC at 7:30. Do not hesitate, **JOIN TODAY!** You won't regret it!

Calendar of Events

- September:**
27-29: Section C3-B Conclave
- October:**
7: LEC Meeting
12: Cub Scout Adventure Day
26: Deep River Hike
- November:**
4: LEC Meeting
22-24: Lodge Leadership Development Course
- December:**
2: LEC Meeting
26: Winter Banquet



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Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Brothers,

I am looking forward to this upcoming year. It has started off well with our Lodge's trip to NOAC. We all learned new ideas that will help us tremendously this year. The ideas have worked well with other lodges and I think they will encourage our members to become more active. Also at NOAC, National unveiled the new strategic plan, which will benefit our lodge and keep us organized. The Strategic Plan is a tool to help provide leadership, service, and financial support to our local council.

I am also looking forward to starting the Quality Chapter program. The program focuses on Brotherhood conversion, participation on the Lodge and Chapter level, and Chapter growth. I believe that this program will strengthen our Chapters immensely.

The Lodge Executive Committee is in the process of planning the LLDC. This year's Lodge Leadership Development Course will include new courses that will help strengthen the new members and the older members that may have taken this course in the past. The course will help strengthen the youth adult relationship.

As you will see over the weekend, our Fall Fellowship includes a Hodag, which lets everyone get together and have some fun, food, and fellowship. We will also be starting a new National program called Jumpstart. Jumpstart is designed to help orient new members to the Order and to our Lodge. Jumpstart will help familiarize new members with the practices of our Order after their long and confusing weekend.

I hope to see you at the Lodge's upcoming events and have a great year in Scouting.



Change in the Guard

At this past Spring Fellowship, our Lodge Leadership experienced a change in the guard regarding both our youth and adult positions. The Lodge Adviser position changed from our outgoing adviser to our new adviser. He served the Lodge for four years as Lodge Adviser. His wisdom and experience helped influence the three Lodge Chiefs he was honored to work with. He helped guide us as we earned the Quality Lodge Award. Our Lodge is looking forward to working with our new adviser and we wish Joe best wishes for the future.



Cheerful Service to be a Guide For The Year

As we start this September with another Scouting year, we are reminded of the events of last September 11 that brought our country together. Just as last year, the value of cheerful service to others is alive and prospering in our Lodge, Council, and Scouting. As we move forward into a new administration of Michigamea Lodge 110, the values of cheerful service remain as the backbone of our philosophy and dedication. At NOAC this year, the lodge youth leaders came back with many new and exciting ideas. Some of which you will be seeing in the months ahead.

This fellowship, we have several new things that we are trying for the first time. The first of these is the new "Jump Start" for new ordeal members. This orientation program, put together by the National Order of the Arrow Committee, provides a great new tool for us as a lodge to help our new ordeal members understand the ordeal they just completed and help them on the trail to brotherhood. A new web site scheduled to be opened on January 1, 2003 by the National Order of the Arrow Committee at www.jumpstart.oe-bsa.org that will be another new resource for our new members. Also, on Saturday evening, our first Michigamea HODAG will be held. This event is a get together for the membership of the lodge at the fellowship for some much needed fun and fellowship. Depending on it success, it is our preliminary plan to add this event to future fellowships. Other new and exciting ideas are coming, and I look forward to giving advice and guidance to our youth leaders as

they lead our lodge. As always, we encourage our youth members to come out to the monthly Lodge Executive Committee meetings (held on the first Monday of each month), and help give the youth leadership that runs the Michigamea Lodge.



Treasurer's Report

At Lodge events like the Spring and Fall Fellowship or the LLDC, take advantage of the Treasurer's Travel Box. It's the easiest and cheapest way for you to get your hands on some OA Merchandise like stickers and belt buckles. As the Treasurer of the Lodge, part of my responsibility is to make sure you have the chance to own extra lodge flaps and new sashes when your old ones get dirty! Don't be afraid to come up to me and hand me your membership dues, forms, and money. Make sure your dues are paid on time. You don't want to miss out on any informative mailing.



Section Conclave

If you are looking for fun, outstanding training cells, fellowship, great food, and a chance to meet new people, then the 2002 Section Conclave is for you. The Section C3-B Conclave will be held at Camp Howard H. Cherry Scout Reservation, Central City, IA, between Sept. 27-29, 2002. Training cells for the Conclave range from Native American events to Understanding Your Honor. At the Conclave, there will be great games like Flag Football and Volleyball along with an outstanding Native American POWWOW. Also on Saturday night, come see the Section elect its new officers. For all of this fun and great times, the cost is only a low \$25. We need lots of Arrowmen to attend this event. You may register here at the Fellowship or at Council. But please register as soon as possible since the Conclave is only two weeks away. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.



Deep River Hike

The annual Deep River Trails Hike will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2002 at Deep River County Park. Registration for the hike will begin at 8:00 a.m. The Hike is available to everyone. At the Hike you can hike 5, 10, or even 20 miles. What a great place to do so much! Our lodge will also have a concession stand available for your hunger needs. The cost is \$4 per person. All proceeds will go to the Camp Betz Improvement Fund. We are looking forward to seeing all of you out there.



Cub Scout Adventure Day

On October 12, 2002, our Lodge will be having a concession stand at the Cub Scout Adventure Day to help raise some money for the Lodge. If you are interested in helping out, please see the Lodge Chief, Sean Gertsch.



Lodge Leadership Development Course

Our annual Lodge Leadership Development Course will be held on Nov. 22-24, 2002, at beautiful Camp Betz. At the LLDC, our Lodge will offer various training cells from the ABC's of Running a Meeting to running a successful website. We will also be having a Brotherhood Workshop and a Brotherhood Ceremony for those Ordeal Honor Members looking to seal their membership in the Order. Then on Saturday night, we will be having a great game of Order of the Arrow Jeopardy between the Youth Members and the Adult Members. So all of this fun is only \$10. Please register with Council by November 12.