



## Michigamea's Internet Presence

### WWW on the W.W.W.

In the past few years the Order of the Arrow has spread itself throughout the internet to supply arrowman with great resources at a few clicks of the mouse. The national website offers many such as the *National Bulletin* and the new *Jumpstart* program for new arrowmen who still have questions about the OA. The Central Region website offers information on programs such as the *One Day of Service* and links the various sections within the region. Our Section C-3B website offers information to the lodge concerning conclaves and COC dates and times. Then our own lodge website offers direct information to arrowmen at a local level concerning programs like the *Potawatomi Hike* and Junior Leadership Training. Our lodge website also offers links to other lodges surrounding Michigamea.

Michigamea Lodge 110-<http://oa110.org/>

OA National- <http://www.oa-bsa.org/>

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


OA Section C-3B-

<http://oa.scouter.net/sectionc3b/>



## ORDER OF THE ARROW Publishers Wanted

Any arrowmen looking to report about certain OA events should join the Lodge's Communications 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

March 8 - Potawatomi Hike

April 7 - Unit Elections Due

May - District Camporees

June 2 - Vigil Nomination Forms Due

June 13-15 - Spring Fellowship



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### Chiefly Speaking

Dear Fellow Arrowman:

The Lodge had a great beginning to the new year. The year started off with the achievement of the Quality Lodge Award. Michigamea Lodge has now received the award for two consecutive years and will strive to make this a yearly accomplishment. Also the Annual Camp Promotional Dinner was a great success, with the attendance of many camps and troops from Calumet Council. Again this year, we had over twenty-five Arrowmen receive the National Arrowman Service Award for the year 2002. The award is in the second year of its three-year run. It is available to all Arrowmen for 2003, its last year, and can be found on the National OA Website. Also on the website is a program for new Arrowmen to learn about the Order and help on their trail to Brotherhood. The site answers frequently asked questions, refreshes the principles of the ceremonies, and shows the fun aspects of our great Order.

Two great programs offered by the Order of the Arrow are Philmont Trail Crew and OA Wilderness Voyage. Both are great programs that are for the Arrowman that wants to improve upon the magnificent beauty of these parks.

They offer the regular trek with an amazing opportunity to build upon the trail that will be used for many times to come. The applications for these programs can also be found on the National Website.

Finally, unit elections are almost due. Please try to get the forms in on time. I know this is hard with large troops and the difficulty with troop schedules, but this is the base for all the membership we can gain each year. Information on Unit Elections can be found on the Lodge's Website. If there are questions or concerns I can be contacted or use the resources on the websites. I hope everyone has excellent Camporees and a wonderful year in Scouting.



### Camp Promotion Dinner

On Thursday, January 23, 2003, the Annual Camp Promotion Dinner was held at Munster High School in Munster, Indiana. Although the weather was cold, a large number of Scouts and Scouters attended the dinner. After an excellent dinner, there were presentations held by many Scouts camps from around the Midwest.

The presenters were definitely energized about their camps and what kind of programs they offered. In all, everyone had a great time and a lot of information and ideas were shared. Hope to see you at next year's camp promotion event.



## New Opportunities Await Arrowmen

"When are you going to complete your Brotherhood?" This is a question, you will hear many times as an Ordeal Member. But you may be asking yourself "Why should I do this, I already have my patch and sash?"

Becoming a member of the Order of the Arrow is a journey. It all started the night your fellow Scouts in your unit elected you, and you were then called out before your peers. You probably had a feeling of pride and accomplishment for being recognized by your peers for this honor. As you know, the Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. Then you had a decision to make, "Will I attend the Fellowship and complete my Ordeal?" You must have answered this affirmatively as you are now reading this article in the Lodge Newsletter sent to all members. That weekend, many concepts and principles were presented, which you may not have had a chance to grasp. To learn more about these, read your handbook, in particular pages 52-54. As an Ordeal member, you have been presented the Obligation and concept of Cheerful Service. The next step in this Journey is BROTHERHOOD, where you commit yourself to live your everyday life under the Scout Oath, Law, and Order of the Arrow Obligation ( found on page 10 of your handbook.)

This is your decision, but many have gone before you, and are ready to help you take the next step. A new recourse is available at the National Order of the Arrow web site that can help you complete the next step in your Journey. It can be found at: <http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org/>. you take the next step. There will be three opportunities to compete your Brotherhood this year. At the Spring Fellowship, Fall Fellowship, and Lodge Leadership Training Weekend. We look forward to seeing each of you Ordeal members at these events, as you take the next step on your Journey.



## Treasurer's Report

Hopefully by now everyone has received their brand new membership cards either for the 2003 year or for your lifetime membership. If you haven't yet received your card, you need to talk to the Professional Staff Adviser at the Calumet Council Service Center in Munster, IN. He'll check if your name is on the Lodge's Membership Database. Also, as always, membership dues for the 2003 year are only \$15.



## The National Leadership Seminar

The Central Region held its first National Leadership Seminar of the year from February 7, 2003 to February 9, 2003. All in all it was a great time. The Lodge sent eight people to the NLS. The training cells were very interesting. They varied in topics from "The Secret of Life" to "O/A Jeopardy." The knowledge gained over the weekend was absolutely enormous. The various Lodges in attendance exchanged many ideas and everyone learned how to cooperate with each other. The Central Region Chief, the Western Region Chief, and the National Vice-Chief were in attendance to help teach Arrowmen new leadership skills to improve the Lodge.

## Good Times at the Copa

Once again, Area 3 of the Central Region (where we are located) held its January Council of Chiefs meeting at the Copa Cabana Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. As it has been every year, this weekend proved to be very productive in the planning of Section C-3B's 2003 Conclave, which is to be held in September at Camp Loud Thunder. The business part of the weekend took place on Saturday morning and afternoon, so this left Friday evening and Saturday evening open for fun and fellowship. Activities Michigamea Lodge was involved in included swimming, playing arcade games, euchre, hitting the slopes of Snow Mountain, and just kicking back with members of lodges from around the section. For more information on the section or on events happening around the section (and in other lodges), please check out Section C-3B's website at: <http://oa.scouter.net/sectionc3b/>.



## OA Winter Banquet - 2002

On Thursday, December 26, 2002, the OA winter banquet was held at the After Four Supper Club in Cedar Lake, Indiana. Approximately 150 Arrowmen and guests attend the dinner. Chapter 7 hosted the dinner and they did an excellent job. At the dinner, the new Vigil members received their Vigil Certificates. In addition, two Arrowmen received the James West award. Also our Past Lodge Chief, received his lodge award. Other awards were also presented.

In addition 12 arrowmen received the Lodge Service award.

Our featured speaker for the evening was a Past Lodge Chief who is also a graduate of West Point Military Academy. He talked about his experiences at the Academy and being involved in Scouting and the Order of the Arrow helped prepared him for West Point.

Finally congratulations goes to Chapter 11 for having the most arrowmen attending the dinner. In addition, Chapter 11 regained the Indian head dress. The Chapter 11 Chief, proudly accepted the Indian head dress.



## Vigil Nominations

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 or office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout camp. The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to the Lodge, Council, and Scouting.

Any member of the O/A registered in Scouting and in good standing (dues paid) in a regularly chartered lodge is eligible for this recommendation provided that the individual has been a Brotherhood member for at least 2 years. Nomination Forms are now available and are due by June 2, 2003.