



Treasurer's Report

Just a friendly reminder to everyone to make sure your dues are paid up. Many don't realize this but the reason you may not be getting the OA Mailings is because you let your dues expire. The annual dues are only \$10 and can be paid at either the Council Service Center or by flagging me, Dan Crooks, down at any lodge function. Also, I will carry around new Brotherhood Honor patches and brand new sashes if your other one is turning cheerful service brown.



Michigamea's Internet Presence

Michigamea Lodge 110 and Calumet Council just took the next step into the Internet with the purchase of a new server and a brand new look! Come check it out at:

Calumet Council- <http://www.calcouncil.org>
Michigamea Lodge 110:
<http://www.oa110.org>

The Lodge's new website is maintained by Webmaster Dan Crooks, while the Calumet Council Homepage is maintained by veteran Webmaster Mike Guillemette.



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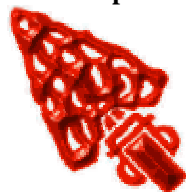
Any Arrowmen looking to report about certain OA events should join the lodge's Publications Committee. All you have to do is report about a few events for each edition of the Nutshell News, which is published quarterly. The committee meets at every LEC at 7:30. Do not hesitate, **JOIN TODAY!** You won't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



Lodge Leadership

Upcoming Events

December 26: Winter Banquet
January: 23 Camp Promotion Dinner
March: 28 Potawatomi Hike
June: 13-15 Spring Fellowship



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Chiefly Speaking

Dear Fellow Brothers:

As I address you again we are nearing the end of the year. The lodge had a great fall. The Lodge Executive Committee ran a successful Lodge Leadership Development Course, which implemented the new program from the National Conference. All of the trainers that attended did a great job with the new material and all had a great weekend.

At the last Lodge Executive Committee meeting we passed out our Lodge Plan. This Plan outlines all of our goals that we must meet each year. The Council Executive Board will review the plan for final approval in January. With this plan we hope to set an even higher standard that will be met and improved upon each year.

The executive officers and I attended the last Section Council of Chiefs meeting in November. At the meeting we began to plan the next Section Conclave, which will be held at Camp Loud Thunder in September 2003. We also discussed plans to create a sectional CD-ROM that would encompass materials from all nine lodges. The executive officers and I will also be attending the January Section Council of Chiefs and planning meeting at a weekend in Wisconsin Dells. This meeting is another opportunity for fun and fellowship with our fellow brothers, where we will plan the upcoming year for the section.

I am looking forward to several upcoming events. I am very excited to be presenting many of our members with several awards at our upcoming Winter Banquet. We will be presenting twelve Vigil Honors, ten Lodge Service awards and two National Founders awards along with some very special presentations. The other event is the Camp Promotional dinner on January 23, 2003. This is going to be a great time, with the attendance of many camps from as far as Ohio.

I hope everyone has a fun filled and safe holiday season and have a great year in Scouting.



Section Conclave Very Successful

This past September, our Lodge sent a contingent of 18 Arrowmen to our Section's Annual Conclave. At the conclave, Arrowmen took part in training cells in addition to activities and a POW-WOW that occurred on Saturday. In addition to this, our Lodge Vice Chief of Committees, was elected to the office of Section C3-B Secretary for the upcoming year. We wish him good luck this year, as he will take on the dual roles of both Lodge Vice-Chief and Section Secretary.



Ideas that have been implemented are Becoming Successful

As we come to the end of another year, it is time for reflection and goal setting for the next year. As a lodge we had some major accomplishments this year, including earning the Quality Lodge Award, making major improvements to our record keeping system, establishing a Quality Chapter Program, updating our Lodge Strategic Plan, and starting the implementation of the new Arrowman Jump Start Program.

For this next year, your youth officers have many new exciting ideas that you will be seeing in the next few months. These all have the goal of improving our lodge to be a FUN program that provides active service to our council, camp, and units. Two new programs I would like to tell you about are the OA Scoutreach Mentoring Program and the Arrowman Jump Start Program.

The OA Scoutreach Mentoring Program is available for all Arrowman, Youth and Adult, to sign up and provide needed support to the Scoutreach program in our council. As a Scoutreach Mentor, you work with your District Executive to set a goal that will help one of the units. This can be as simple as going to a meeting and teaching Scout Skills or taking the group on a campout or hike with your home unit. The goal can be long term or short term. This gives us the opportunity to provide Cheerful Service to some much deserving youth in our council. As a reward for your participation, you can earn one of three levels of Awards for being a Scoutreach Mentor. More information will be coming to the lodge web site, but you can learn more about the program at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/scoutreach/>.

The Arrowman Jump Start Program is another new opportunity for our lodge. This program is designed to guide all our new members into becoming an active part of the lodge and achieving their Brotherhood honor. It begins with a new orientation program that was first held at our Fall Fellowship this year and will be a part of all future Fellowships. New members learn more about the Order of the Arrow and what it means to be an Arrowman during this program. The second part of this program is an interactive website for new Arrowmen to help guide them in their journey. You can check out the new web site after January 1, 2003 at <http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org/>.

These are just a few of the exiting things to look forward to during 2003. Wishing you and your family a Happy New Year.



New Vigil Members to Be Recognized

At the Winter Banquet, 12 new Vigil Honor Members will be publicly recognized with their Vigil Certificate.



Fellowship Fee Increase Being Considered

At the Dec. LEC meeting, a motion was made to increase some of the fees charged for the Fellowships. The motion would increase the fee for Ordeal Candidates to \$25 and apply a late fee of \$5

for everyone that does not register more than four days prior to the Fellowship. The Brotherhood fee of \$20 and Member fee of \$15 would remain the same.

The reason for increase is because of all of the materials the candidates receive: sash, beads, flap, and Handbook. This would reduce the amount the Lodge is paying to support inducting the Candidates.

The reason for the late fee is that, usually half of the people that attend a Fellowship do not register prior to arriving at camp resulting in the kitchen staff having to go to local stores to purchase additional food. Without pre-registration, our Lodge has an inaccurate food count which could result in not enough food being made available to people or the Lodge spending more money on food then it needs to.



Deep River Hike

The annual Deep River Trails Hike was held on Saturday, October 26, 2002 at Deep River County Park. Anyone who wanted to take the hike could have hiked five, 10, or even 20 miles. What a great place to do so much! Our lodge had a concession stand available for the hunger needs. We sold over 1200 patches and made over \$6,000 with all proceeds going to the Camp Betz fund.



Lodge Leadership Development Course

The 2002 Lodge Leadership Development Course was held up at Camp Betz as usual. The presenters did fantastic jobs with their subjects. An arrowman gave a very informative speech on the Principles of education into the Order

of the Arrow. Many different activities were created for learning purposes. Such activities included solving mock problems for the Lodge as well as running a mock Lodge Meeting. An excellent game of Jeopardy was played, in which the youth team prevailed over the adults. On a more personal note, I would like to thank all those who made the LLDC possible. A special thanks to all those who gave presentations at the LLDC, you all did excellent jobs. I would also like to thank all of the cooks. Finally, I would like to thank the participants for coming to listen to the presentations and showing their enthusiasm. One member did convert to Brotherhood, which caused the Ceremonial Team to give yet another one of their outstanding performances. Thanks again everyone.



Founders' Award Recipients to Be Recognized

At our Lodge's Winter Banquet, two Arrowmen will be awarded the Founders' Award. The Founders' Award is presented to a youth and an adult who have given exceptional and outstanding service to our lodge.