
Michigamea's Internet Presence

Michigamea Lodge 110 is the host of its own website in addition to the Council Website. Due to the changes throughout the year to the Lodge Program, the best way to find the most current information about the Lodge is at the website. Come check out the awesome look at:

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

ORDER OF THE ARROW
Publishers Wanted

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Calendar of Events

- January**
- 5: Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
: Unit Elections Begins
February:
- 2: Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
March:
- 1: Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- 27: Potawatomi Trail Hike



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Chiefly Speaking

So far, this year has been excellent. The Fall Fellowship went very smoothly and the Hodag was a lot of fun. The Deep River Hike and the Camp Promotional Dinner went extremely well too. More than 40 people attended the Lodge Leadership Development Course, where I saw a lot of enthusiasm in both the participants and the trainers. These people are the future of the Lodge and I was extremely happy to see this enthusiasm. I see many new faces attending events and participating at both the Lodge and Chapter level. Many of these new faces are Arrowmen who became Ordeal members this year, which tells me that they want to become more active. This is what we need in the Lodge, new members stepping up and helping out in the Lodge. They, just like those who attended the LLDC, are the future of the Lodge and without them the Lodge will cease to exist. On another note, the Lodge had its first ever Brotherhood Ceremony/Pizza party, and it went very well. About 15 Ordeal members converted to Brotherhood, giving the Lodge a 31% Brotherhood conversion ratio and making us eligible to receive the Quality Lodge Award

for the third year in a row. I would like to thank all those members who attended and helped in planning this event, because without your help and support, the Lodge would not have been eligible to earn the Quality Lodge Award. I look forward to the beginning of the 2004 year with hopes of more successes in the Lodge.

It's NOAC Time

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the most premier event the OA offers and the second largest scouting event held. It's a week long conference from July 31, 2004 to August 5th held on the beautiful campus of Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. Over 7,000 Arrowmen from around the country get together for training, patch trading, American Indian events, outstanding arena shows, lodge competitions, and the Founder's Day celebration! NOAC is open to all Arrowmen looking to have a great time and meet new people. Our lodge is attending NOAC as a contingent so all transportation will be provided. All the members will be able to get there own stock supply of NOAC 2004 edition lodge flaps featuring the "Blues Brother Squirrels!" To sign up all you have to do is go to the lodge website or to the council service center and fill out a form. Any other questions about NOAC can be taken by any lodge officer or simply go to the Official OA website at www.oa-bsa.org. Don't miss out on a week of fun that will last you a lifetime!!

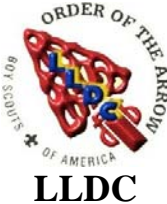


Advisor's Remarks

This year has been great for Michigamea Lodge. There have been many accomplishments which could not be achieved without the support of many people. We purchased and installed a new Swimming Dock at Camp Betz at the Spring Fellowship that was used all summer in support of our many programs at camp. Our new Scoutreach Committee ran a special campout that was held at Camp Betz to help prepare our Scoutreach youth for their first summer camp experience. During the Cub Scout Adventure Day, we ran the concession stand to provide food during the event. We ran two great hikes, the Deep River Hike and Potawatomi Hike that provided activities for our youth. We implemented the highly requested change of date for the Camp Promotion Dinner, which resulted in a very successful event this past November.

Our Camp Promotion Committee finalized the new 100+ page Where To Go Camping Book on CD-Rom, that was provided for FREE to every Scoutmaster in the council. This past November it looked like we would not be able to meet the requirements for Quality Lodge because we did not have enough people complete their Brotherhood this year. Our youth officers decided that this was unacceptable, and watching them put together a plan to solve the problem and implement it shows us the great things our youth leaders can do. Many people helped us put the last push on for this honor, and I thank each and every one of them for helping us be a success and be a QUALITY LODGE.

As we move on to 2004, our youth leaders have many new and exciting plans to help us all become the honor campers that support our Scouting program with cheerful service. This summer the lodge will be sending a contingent to the National Order of the Arrow Conference in Ames, Iowa. This is one of the most exciting events the Boy Scouts has to offer. Just imagine yourself as one of over 8,000 Arrowmen learning and having fun together. Be sure to sign up early as we still have spaces available. Also our youth have started putting together preliminary plans to create a real fire bowl at Camp Frank S. Betz. This has been lacking for many years and is a need seen by our youth. I look forward to working with them as they show their leadership and build their vision into a reality.



This years Lodge Leadership Development Course was a big success. This event offered many presentations developing leadership skills and expanding OA knowledge. There were different sessions for youth and adults in the morning. The youth sessions including Innovative Programming, Dynamics of Leadership, Elangomat System and concluded with a team building activity. In the afternoon there were more educational training sessions and then a heated game of ultimate frisbee. There was then a brotherhood workshop and camp service. After a delicious dinner, a brotherhood hike and ceremony took place followed by a friendly game of OA Jeopardy. There were 12 brothers who obtained the honor of Brotherhood. A special congratulation goes out to two Arrowmen who obtained the high honor of Vigil. A special thanks goes out to all those who helped and those who attended and made this event a huge success.



Fall Fellowship

The annual Spring Fellowship was held September 5th – 7th, 2003. It was a successful event overall. Congratulations to the new Ordeal and Brotherhood members on a job well done. Most of the tasks were completed. Our second HODAG was a very big hit.



NEW VIGIL MEMBERS

For the year 2003, ten Arrowmen had the Vigil honor bestowed upon them. The Vigil members were inducted at the Fall Fellowship and also at the Lodge Leadership Development Course.



New Products for Sale

The Lodge has new Michigamea items for sale. The new Jacket patch is out now along with the new Vigil Flap Patch. The new Vigil Flap marks the completion of all three honor flaps. So why don't you stop by the Lodge Treasurer and pick up these new items.



Secretary Report

I have had a great year as secretary of our lodge. I would like to again thank all of those who helped out at the LLDC. A note concerning motions, please write down your motion and hand it to me. This will make the meeting faster and more effective. Thank you for your help and the occasional abstention.

Camp Promo Dinner a Hit

The lodge's Camp Promotional Dinner, which was held on November 20th, was very successful. The change of the date from previous years being held in January gave many more scouting troops and packs the opportunity to sign up for several scouting related programs. Everything went quite well and had several camps and programs from the Midwest showcase what they had to offer. A special thanks goes out to all the scouts and scouters who attended and for the scouting programs as well.

Section C-3B Conclave

The conclave was held at Camp Loud Thunder on September 26th -28th, 2003. It was a great experience and we had an opportunity to learn such things as Indian Lore beading, leadership skills, and more about the OA.