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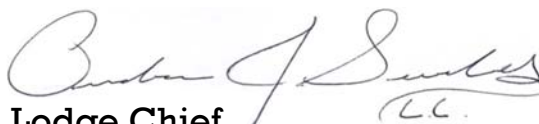
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Chiefly speaking

Brothers,

I have had a great and exciting year being your Lodge Chief and I can't wait for what is to come. All of our events have been wonderful especially with your strong dedication to the lodge. This years lodge fun event ski trip was great fun and I can't wait for next years. We also just recently had our 55th annual Potawatomi Hike and it was a great turn out of hikers that's for sure. And don't forget the Spring Fellowship is just around the corner. So have fun, see you at the rest of our events and thank you for making my year as lodge chief a fun and exciting one. So let's finish this year strong and hope you all do good as the school year comes to its end. Thank you again and have a great day.

Andrew J. Swibes


Lodge Chief

Vigil & Founders Award

All Vigil and Founders Award nomination forms are due by May 1st to the Council Office on Calumet Ave in Munster, IN.

See links below for nomination forms

Vigil: <http://www.calumetcouncil.org/Documents/OA/Nomination/Vigil%20Nomination%20fillable.pdf>

Founders: <http://www.calumetcouncil.org/Documents/OA/Awards/Founders%20Award%20fillable.pdf>

Spring Fellowship

The Spring Fellowship will be held at Camp Frank S. Betz from June 10th-12th, 2011. It will cost \$20 for Lodge members, \$42 for Ordeal candidates and \$28 for Brotherhood candidates if you have received your Ordeal before 2010. For Brotherhood candidates that did their Ordeal in Spring of 2010 you are free.

Remember to bring your Class A uniform, your own tent and personal gear. If you are an Ordeal Candidate, you will need a ground cloth, work clothes, gloves, and rain gear. This year's Hodag theme for the fall is still to be determined (so come to our LEC meetings to help decide). Come on out and do some cheerful service at Betz and get some root beer at the Hodag!

For more info and to get the Spring Fellowship registration forms go to the Lodge website. www.oa110.org



Have you ever experienced the magic of a perfect ceremony? Or watched in awe at the movements of a dance team? Or had to take a second glance at the intricacies of an outfit? Whether you simply appreciate these experiences, strive for them, or helped make them happen, Indian Summer is for you.

A weeklong event in Asheville, North Carolina, Indian Summer 2011 will expand your understanding of the American Indian culture. Depending on your interests, you will have the opportunities to focus on improving yourself as a ceremonialist, learning to dance, making outfits and crafts, and singing, among many other areas of the American Indian culture. You will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with the most knowledgeable members of our organization and the best craftsmen in the Scouting movement.

If you are a new Arrowman don't be deterred because it's a national event. Talk to your Lodge leadership about your interest in attending and start saving now. And if you are a seasoned veteran of Indian Affairs Committees, Indian Summer will be the perfect forum to share ideas, learn something new, and inspire the same enthusiasm in others.

While Indian Summer 2011 will focus on building your dance or ceremony skills, there will also be plenty of time to participate in other recreation. The Activities and Recreation Committee will sponsor a number of programs and events throughout the conference for all Arrowmen to enjoy. Participants will be divided into nations, each consisting of tribes and clans. Clans will be grouped by age while maintaining the diversity of our organization, giving you the chance to network and gain knowledge from numerous Arrowmen across the country.

You can learn more about Indian Summer at event.oa-bsa.org. Cost is \$425, and you can sign up at the council office with your \$100 deposit before April 15th. Full Fee is due May 1st.

Mark Your Calendar

Section Conclave
April 29-May 1st
Rainbow Scout
Reservation

Spring Fellowship
June 10-12, 2011
Camp Betz

110 Gift Shop

Don't forget about the Lodge's great apparel!!! We have the coolest T-shirts, some awesome sweatshirts, and you can even get the very sleek Lodge Jacket! You can even get your name on the jacket! (Jacket is pre-order only) How Cool Is That!!! So Don't forget to ask about our awesome apparel next time you're at one of our meetings or events. Or ask for Ted Karns at the Council Office. Oh, and we also have the newly designed Vigil Patches available at the Council Office as well.



Ceremony Team Needs You

The Ceremony team is looking for new ceremonialists for the next Fall Fellowship. If you have a desire to be part of the team we need you. You do not have to be part of a drama team at school just a willingness to learn and have fun. Being a principle in one of the ceremonies is not the only responsibilities there are. We need people to help set up, build fires, rebuild the ceremony rings. If you have talents that we can use, we need you! We will train you too. Call Mr. Swibes at 708-862-4051.

In 2010, the Order of the Arrow announced its second National Service Project: SummitCorps – The New River Experience. Based on the successes of *ArrowCorps*⁵ and the OA High Adventure programs, SummitCorps will combine cheerful service with adventure. The experience will take place over four weeks during July 2011: July 3-9, July 10-16, July 17-23, and July 24-30. SummitCorps will be held at the New River Gorge National Park in West Virginia benefitting the National Park Service.

The goals of the project are to improve the Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail which will link The Summit: Bechtel Family Scout Reserve, home of the new National Scout Jamboree site, with the New River. This critical link will give Scouts and Scouters access to outdoor recreation adjacent to The Summit as well as various activities on the river. The removal of invasive species will be a key component of this service project.

Participants at SummitCorps will be actively involved in both of these projects and still have plenty of time for recreation. Brotherhood will be strengthened as Arrowmen work and play together. Arrowmen will not want to miss out on this experience.

SummitCorps will be staffed by youth and adult Arrowmen. The leadership for the month-long project will be provided by members of the National Order of the Arrow Committee using the Incident Command structure. The Order of the Arrow will hire approximately 40 Arrowmen to serve on the Instructor Corps who will lead and train SummitCorps participants working on the service projects.

The Michigamea Lodge has elected to attend during the week of July 10-16. Cost is \$350. To sign up pay the fee at the council office on or before April 15th. For more information visit event.oa-bsa.org today.

Philmont Trail Crew

The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program is one of the best ways to experience Scouting's premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch. For two weeks, participants see and experience all that Philmont has to offer and much more.

For the first week, participants have the chance to make a significant difference to Philmont by participating in trail building in the backcountry. Work will include clearing terrain for trails and constructing switchbacks, retention bars, and several other erosion controls. The impact of this service will be felt by Scouts for decades.

The second week of the program is spent experiencing Philmont in its finest. Unlike regular treks, Trail Crews make their own itinerary instead of selecting from pre-planned routes. You can do and see just about anything, from the Tooth of Time to Baldy Mountain - your crew decides!

Applications are available at <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org>

As of this printing there are 52 spaces available.



A new Vigil patch is now available for sale at the Calumet Council Office for \$5.50 each. The Lodge Executive Committee also approved an Indian Summer/Summit Corps patch that is anticipated to go on sale at the Spring Fellowship. Also, coming soon is a new 45th Anniversary Jacket Patch.



Chikara Yasuda Scholarship

The Chikara Yasuda Scholarship is given in memory of Chikara Yasuda who served on the Calumet Council Summer Camp Staff at Kishwaukee Scout Reservation. In addition to serving on Summer Camp staff, Chikara was the first international Scout elected into Michigan Gamea Lodge #110.

Because of the excellent qualities and concern for others that Chikara showed, to those of us on Camp Staff with him, and because of his great Scouting abilities, we of Michigan Gamea Lodge offer this fund for a Scout to go to camp because we know Chikara would not want to see anyone miss the excitement of Camp.

This scholarship pays the full registration cost of attending one week of summer camp for one scout in the Calumet Council each year, whose name will be added to the Chikara Yasuda Scholarship Plaque at the council office.

Applications are due on May 1st.

For Application see link:

<http://www.calumetcouncil.org/Documents/OA/OAScholarships/Chikara%20Yusuda%20Scholarship.pdf>



NOAC 2012

National Order of the Arrow Conference, more commonly known as NOAC, excites Arrowmen across the country. Why you ask? Just ask anyone in our Lodge who has been to one, and they will probably say it is among the greatest Scouting experiences they have ever had.

Imagine for a moment, you and eight thousand of your closest friends, descending on a major college campus for 6 days of brotherhood and fellowship, training and recreation, competition and friendship making. That is what a NOAC is all about.

Tentatively from July 30th to August 4th, 2012, at Michigan State University, you will experience training, sports competitions, arena shows, gatherings, ceremony competitions, dance competitions, college dorming with your best friend, great food, the Founders Day Fair and Parade, patch trading, tons of lodge spirit, among many other great and amazing things.

Watch future editions of the Nutshell News for how to sign up for NOAC!!

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OA Connections

Are you a cyber geek? Can you not get enough of the internet? Well then "link" up to some awesome OA resources available to you on the online:

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

Section C-7:
<http://www.oac7.org/>

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

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

JumpStart! For New Arrowmen

<http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org>

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Wilderness Voyage

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota has to offer.

The first week of the program is spent giving back to the Boundary Waters through portage trail restoration work. Participants have the opportunity to leave their mark on the Boundary Waters that will enable millions of visitors each year to better enjoy their experience. Trail work involves restoring and protecting trails that have existed for centuries and are in dire need or repair. The second part of the program is a trek planned by the Crew. From the 8-1/2 mile "Grand Portage" leading to Lake Superior, to the Height of Land, even the pictographs on Fishdance Lake, crews have done and seen all in the Boundary Waters.

Application are available at <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org>

Section C-7 Conclave

What Is A Conclave? Conclave is the biggest and best Scouting event of the entire year, and it's something that you don't want to miss! It's a gathering of OA members from the eight lodges in Section C-7. Over 300 Arrowmen will converge upon Rainbow Scout Reservation for a weekend of fun and everything OA.

Why Should I Attend ? Conclave is a great opportunity to go out and meet your fellow Arrowmen. It is one of those few opportunities you get to go out and see the true meaning of Brotherhood. It is an awesome weekend full of food, fun, games, training, and brotherhood. There will be something for everyone at conclave.

When And Where?

- **Location:** Rainbow Scout Reservation
- **Dates:** April 29-May 1st, 2011
- **Host:** Waupecan Lodge #197
- **Cost:** \$30 Youth/ \$35 Adults if paid before April 11, 2011

How Can I Attend? You must register at register.oac7.org. Then pay the fee at the Calumet Council office.

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Day Camp & Betz Family Camp OA STAFF

Order of the Arrow members, your help is needed to provide program to our Cub Scouts this summer. Adult and Youth Arrowman, now is the opportunity to sign up for Day Camp and Betz Family Camp Staff.

We have several weeks of Day Camp and weekends of Family Camp where the council needs our help. Pick a week or weeks below to help out with Cheerful Service.

All staff will need to fill out a BSA health form and may be asked to attend a training session before camp. You will have to provide your own transportation to and from camp. All staff is subject to the needs of the camp and is subject to selection by the Camp Director. You must be at least 15 years of age or older by the first day of camp, to serve on staff.

Please choose which programs you are interested in staffing and turn this form into the Calumet Council office before May 31st. Then watch your email for more details on your job at camp.

Name _____ Age _____ OA honor _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email address _____ Phone number _____

Family Camp Dates

_____ July 8-10

_____ July 15-17

_____ July 22-24

_____ July 29-31

All dates are at Camp Frank S Betz,
Berrien Springs, Michigan

Day Camp Dates

_____ July 12-15 Christ Evangelical Lutheran
Church, 14700 S 97th Ave, Orland Park, IL

_____ July 19-22 St John Church, 4247 183rd St,
Country Club Hills, IL

_____ July 26-29 Izaak Walton, 1100 Ridge Road,
Homewood, IL

_____ July 12-15 Pulaski Park, 139th & Sheffield,
Hammond, IN

_____ July 19-22 International Union of Operat-
ing Engineers, 2193 E 84th Pl, Merrillville, IN