



MICHIGAMEA LODGE 110



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Chiefly Speaking

Happy Holidays fellow members of Michigamea Lodge 110.

2008 is coming to a close, but I am happy to tell that the Lodge is heading in the right direction. Our membership is at an all time high with 640 members. Our Brotherhood Conversion rate is at 38%; the second highest so far. We have an average of 7 service hours per member. All the service that the lodge has done so far during the year; is proof of how dedicated and hard working our members are. I thank-you for your continued commitment of cheerful service. I believe as a new year dawns we can continue to work to be even more successful in the future.

It is my pleasure to announce that we have a new section leader from our lodge. Paul Bilanzic is now our new Section C-3C Secretary, and will represent us in the section well, along with Mike Duffee, the Section Adviser. I am extremely excited to inform you that the Lodge is on its way to become a Quality Lodge for 2008. If all goes well, we will be Quality Lodge for eight straight years, something that many lodges have a difficult time doing just once, let alone eight times.

I recommend all those interested in a Chapter or Lodge office to start considering whether or not they would want to run for an office. We need strong leaders to continue the lodge headed in the right path. If anyone has a question about a certain position and what it entails, please feel free to ask for advice and information.

Even though the year is half over, we still have many events planned and hope that you will attend. Coming up, there is the Lodge Winter Banquet, the Lodge Extravaganza, the Lodge Leadership Development Course, and of course the deadline for NOAC is approaching. For more information on all of our events, please go to the Lodge's website: www.oa110.org.

I have seen nothing but success in our lodge, and I am confident that this success will continue for the years to come. May you all have a safe and happy holiday season.

W.W.W.

Leonardo Aldana

Lodge Chief, Michigamea Lodge 110

OA High Adventure

The OA High Adventure consists of four different trips. These trips are OAHA, Philmont, Sea Base, and Boundary Waters. There are many different opportunities on these trips such as at the sea base you can get your PADI Scuba Diving Certification. At the Boundary Waters you can experience the canoe trip of a lifetime. At Philmont you will be able to hike many wonderful trails starting at a 40 mile hiking trip or you could go the distance and try all of the trails. At OAHA you will help rebuild and repair disheveled trails for a week and then have three days to relax and maybe even use the trails that you helped on. As you can see the OA High Adventure trips are surly something that you will love.

Adventure Day Recap

This years Adventure Day was a success!!!

We had over 50

Arrowmen attend and help support the Cub

Scouts, who had great weather and a great

time. The concession stand profits will help

support the Regalia that the Ceremony

team will buy and make for competition

at NOAC in 2009.

Thank you to everyone that helped and we hope you can make it next year.

JAMBO

Beginning July 26th and lasting through August 4th 2010, Scouts from all over the world will be gathering in Virginia to take part in the 2010 National Boy Scout Jamboree. This Jamboree will be the highlight of Scouting's 100th anniversary celebration and will be one of the biggest in fifty years!

The Calumet Council Jamboree Committee is currently looking for Scouts to represent the Calumet Council at the 2010 National Boy Scout Jamboree.

As a participant you will have the chance to participate in lots of cool activities. Don't miss your chance to scuba dive with the Navy Seals, repel down towers, skate board down the side of a hill, and much more!

This event is truly too big and amazing to describe with words. It will be a great experience for you and other scout's to enjoy. Come and be a part of history at the 2010 National Boy Scout Jamboree!

Dominic Podsiadlik



Lodge Fun Event

At the end of every year the lodge kicks back and has a lodge sponsored fun event.

This years fun event will be held at Omni 41 on Jan 30, 2009. There will be Pizza, Basket ball, Lodge ball, Volleyball, racket ball, video games, and access to the Omni's pool. The best part is that we do this all night from 10 pm till 6 am.

NOAC

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.

From July 31st through August 6th 2009, 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.

In 2006, our lodge sent 18 participants to the NOAC in Michigan. This year we hope to increase that amount to 40 and it all starts with your help! If you have never been, this year is a perfect time to go, and even if you have been before, why not experience NOAC again? Our Lodge needs your help in making this the best NOAC ever!

If you are excited and ready to attend the 2009 NOAC, talk to our Lodge Chief, Leo Aldana, Lodge Adviser, Albin Sporny III, Professional Adviser, Ted Karns, or our Contingent Leader Paul Ritchey for more information. You can also visit www.event.oa-bsa.org to find out more about the 2009 NOAC and for photos and videos from the 2006 NOAC. The Fee for this years Michigamea contingent will be \$475 per person and includes: NOAC Conference Fee, Contingent Shirt, Hat, Flap, All meals from Dinner on Friday, 7/31 to Breakfast on 8/6. We will be going to Bloomington on Friday 7/31, visiting the NOAC Patch Tradoree, and staying in a motel on Friday night, before check in on Saturday morning. Initial deposits are due NOW as the earlier we send in our reservation the more likely we will get the spots we need, as they are given on a first come first serve basis. To sign up go to the lodge web site, www.oal10.org and download the sign up form, or pick up a form at the council office. Stay tuned to www.event.oa-bsa.org for updates!

Remember, the theme is "I'm There". The question is, "Will you be there?"



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OA Connections

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

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

Section C-3C:
<http://www.C-3C.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>

Calumet Council
www.CalumetCouncil.org

Camp Promotion Dinner

The camp promotions dinner was a huge success this year. There were many great camps that came out to Munster and really had a lot to offer. It looked like many scoutmasters from many troops had a good idea what each camp had to offer.

I would like to send a special thanks to anyone that helped Tim and me throughout the evening. Hopefully next year's camp promotions will be even better.

Lodge Leadership Development

Want to learn more about the Order of the Arrow and our lodge? Ready to move up and take a leadership position in the lodge? Want to improve your leadership skills? Then Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) is for you. This year we will be holding our LLD at Camp Frank S. Betz the weekend of February 27 to March 1st, 2009. We will be having as our guest the youth leaders of our neighbor, Waupecan Lodge 197.



At LLD we learn about what the O/A is all about and how to be a better leader. Training cells are available for both Youth and Adult members of the lodge. Learn how to work with adults and as leaders how to be a better mentor for our youth. Learn the meaning behind our ceremonies and what it means to be an arrowman.

Also, if you did your Ordeal in 2007, you can attend for FREE and complete your Brotherhood. If you did your Ordeal at the Spring Fellowship 2007, this is your last opportunity to do your free Brotherhood. If you did your Ordeal at the Fall Fellowship 2007, then you have only until the Spring Fellowship to do your FREE Brotherhood. Take advantage of what you already paid for and take the next step in your journey of Cheerful Service.

Cost for the weekend is \$20 for members. Unit leaders should arrange transportation for their youth, but if special arrangements need to be made, please contact your Chapter Adviser.

See you at beautiful Camp Betz for some FUN, LEADERSHIP, and winter camping. See www.oa110.org for more information.