



## Michigamea Lodge 110

# Nutshell News

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### Lodge Leadership

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## Chiefly Speaking

Happy Holidays fellow Arrowmen!

I just wanted to start off and say that 2009 was a great year for our lodge. We went to the 2009 NOAC and won many awards, our brotherhood conversion rate hit 41% which is 11% above the national average, and we successfully ran many events. We also became part of a new section by moving from section C-3C to section C-7B.

In our new section, I would proudly like to congratulate Michael Swibes for becoming our Section Chief and Paul Bilanzic for becoming our Section Secretary

Another good thing this year is we are about to become quality lodge for the 9<sup>th</sup> time in a row. This is a very prestige accomplishment and not many lodges even get 9 total quality lodge awards let alone in a row.

Don't forget that even though this year is ending, we have many events coming up next year. We are having our winter banquet coming up on January 2, 2010 (the first Saturday of January). We also will have the Lodge Fun event, Lodge Leadership Seminar, and we will be starting troop elections for new OA members. Lets make 2010 even better than 2009!

Also I would like to wish everyone in our lodge and their families a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Paul Ritchey

Michigamea 110 Lodge Chief

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## Committee of the month & LLD



Hello fellow Arrowmen, My name is Eamon

The committee



Polanski, I am the Training Committee Chairman for our lodge. It is my duty to inform you that this year for the LLD we are going to try something new, instead of having the LLD at

Camp Betz we are going to have it at Bass Pro Shop, February 20th, 2010. For those people who are not familiar with the LLD it stands for Lodge Leadership Development. A training program teaches

[Directions to Bass Pro Shop](#)

leadership in the lodge. It is very similar to the training we did at the section conclave. If you are interested in helping with the training, please contact me.

of the month is a new feature that we are going to be trying out, each month a committee chairman will describe their committee. What it does, and how it benefits the lodge.

## Lodge Fun Event

The fun event is a one day overnight event held at Omni 41, January 29-30, 2010. Omni is an all night recreational center that has allowed us to use their facilities to host our event again this year. The night includes basketball, ultimate, dodgeball, all the way down the line to playing XBOX. You name it we could most likely play that sport. We get pizza and pop later in the night and it ends at 6am the next morning!! This year, like in years past, as a lodge member you are able to bring one non lodge member to get to know them. If there is any more information that you would like to know about this event please contact Sean Brady.

## OA Dance Team

For all of those members interested in the Native American craft and culture, the Mascoutin Society will be holding its Winter Benefit Pow Wow February 13, 2010 at the Will County Fair Atrium. There will be dancing, singing/drumming, and native crafts. This will be an excellent opportunity for those interested in becoming a member of the new dance team. The doors will open at 12:00 noon, and there will be intertribal dancing (open to all) from 1:00 - 5:00 and again from 7:00 - 9:00. For additional information please contact Tim Loquist.

## OA Winter Banquet

The winter banquet is a time for fun recognition and fellowship, come out and meet your fellow Arrowman. Talk with old friends,

[Sign up for](#)

and make new ones.

[the Winter Banquet](#)

The Annual OA winter banquet this year will be held at the Villa de Bruno in Lynwood, IL, January 2nd, 2010. Doors open at 4:30, dinner is served at 5:45. The cost is \$20.00 for adults, and \$17.00 for youth under 21. Reservation deadline is December 23, after which a late fee of \$5 will be enforced. No reservations will be accepted after December 30th. Please be in full boy scout uniform with sash, no blue jeans.

## OA High Adventure

The O/A currently offers three High Adventure Programs:

[OA High Adventure Site](#)

Wilderness Voyage, Philmont Trail Crew & Ocean Adventure. These are great once in a lifetime opportunities to have fun and fellowship while providing cheerful service with fellow Arrowmen throughout the United States.



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