

# NUTSHELL NEWS

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## Lodge Leadership

**Lodge Chief:**  
Michael Swibes

**Vice-Chief of Committees:** Leo Aldana

**Vice-Chief of Chapters:**  
T.J. Vanek

**Lodge Secretary:**  
Dominic Podsiadlik

**Lodge Treasurer:**  
Orrin Chaplin

We're on the Web  
[WWW.OA110.ORG](http://WWW.OA110.ORG)

**JumpStart! For New Arrowmen**  
<http://www.jumpstart.ou-bsa.org>

Calumet Council  
[www.Calumetcouncil.org](http://www.Calumetcouncil.org)

## Chiefly Speaking By: Michael Swibes, Lodge Chief

My fellow Brothers and Sisters in the Wimachtendienk,

Our Lodge marks 41 years of service to the Calumet Council and over 70 years of Cheerful Service to Boy Scouting in our area.

Here is a recap of 2007.

This year 76% of the Ordeal Candidates elected completed their Ordeal. This year we had a Brotherhood conversion rate of 40%, a new record. It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the youth and adults of the Lodge and to the members who have made the commitment to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Michigamea Lodge #110 has earned the **National Quality Lodge Award** for the Seventh year in a row. I would like to thank everyone who made this possible, from the Chapter Chiefs who promoted Brotherhood conversion in their Chapters. I would also like to recognize our fantastic Ceremonial Team's who conducted the Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies and proved that even when it rains they can get the job done.

In September of this year the Lodge hosted the Section C-3C Conclave at Rantoul Airport, site of the Retired Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul Illinois. The Conclave was the first Section event that we hosted in over twenty years. I am happy to report that the Conclave was a success and we received rave reviews from the Section. While attending the Section Conclave, elections were held for the Section Leadership and I am happy to report that Leo Aldana was selected as Section Vice Chief. I would like to personally thank Leo Aldana and Mr Stegmann for spear heading the event. Thank you.

In early spring of 2007 a number of arrow men braved a spring snow fall at Camp Betz to erect the light poles and turn on the lights for the first time. That was followed at the Spring 2007 Fellowship with the construction of the back drop for the fire bowl and the construction of the new bridge lead by Smokey Loquist and Russ Loquist. The project is not complete...we will build the approaches to the bridge at the 2008 Spring Fellowship to make the Michigamea Fire Bowl Handicap accessible and we will dedicate the bridge at that time in the memory of Bud Halsey

We have estimated that over 1200 man hours have gone into the planning and actual construction on the Fire Bowl Project and I know we will add many more hours to the project this year and for years to come.

Due to the hard work of every member in the Lodge we were recognized by the National OA Committee for outstanding service to our Camp and Calumet Council. The Lodge is the recipient of the National Lodge Service Award which I had the honor of accepting on the Lodges behalf at the National Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia in May of 2007.

I have seen nothing but success for our Lodge and I am confident that this success will continue in 2008.

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Michael Swibes  
Lodge Chief

# Section C-3C Conclave-2007



Section C-3C Conclave Patch

On the weekend of September 28-30, Michigamea Lodge, hosted the Section C-3C Annual Section Conclave; which was the first time we hosted this event in 21 years. The Section Conclave is an annual gathering of Arrowmen from six different lodges in our section that we work with to help strengthen our program in the Order of the Arrow. The purpose of this weekend was to have fun and enjoy the fellowship with Arrowmen from not just Michigamea, but from the entire section. Out of 206 participants, 112 of them came from our Lodge, which was really impressive. Our theme was "He who serves his fellows", and I think that says a lot about the men and women who have and are currently serving our country. I also think that it means that and more as we discover who we are as members of the Order of the Arrow (or also known as the OA).

OA members were able to participate in inflatable games, lodge vs. lodge shooting sports competitions, Lodgeball, ceremonies competitions, training cells, patch trading (of course), and much more. There was even a pie auction and whoever raised the most money would get pied in the face; our Lodge Chief, Michael Swibes, won that competition. On Saturday night there was a big show, followed by elections. There was really a lot packed into this event, which made it an awesome conclave. I am really thankful for the way in which our Arrowmen from Michigamea came and helped out to make this Conclave such a success.

So now that you've heard such astounding things about the conclave, don't you want to come the next one? But you're going to have to wait until next year when the next one comes along.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Leonardo Aldana

Michigamea Lodge Vice Chief of Committees

Section C-3C Vice Chief

The Mission of the Lodge  
"To achieve the purpose of  
the Order of the Arrow as  
an integral part of the Boy  
Scouts of America in the  
council through positive  
youth leadership under the  
guidance of selected  
capable adults

## 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-3C:  
<http://www.SectionC3C.org/>

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

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

## Nominate Arrowmen for the Vigil Honor

Nominations are now being accepted for the Vigil Honor. Nominations must be submitted by May 1st to the Calumet Council Service Center or at any Lodge Executive Committee meeting up to and including the May meeting.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and

recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of



their position of office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout Camp. Under no circumstance should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

## Ceremony Team Needs You

The Ceremony team is looking for new ceremonialist for the next Spring and 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, re build the ceremony rings. If you have talents that we can use, we need you! We will train you too. Call Andrew Swibes at 708-862-4051.

## Lodge Leadership Development

The Lodge Leadership Development course, or the LLD, is an event that is designed to build a team of Lodge Leaders who will guide our Lodge for the upcoming year. The LLD consists of a number of training cells for both youth and adults. Training cells are conducted by current Lodge Leaders to prepare future leaders. The training cells will also help us to focus our attention on tasks that our Lodge needs to complete to earn the National Quality Lodge Award. The annual O/A Jeopardy Competition, held on Saturday night, is always fun and the youth Arrowmen will take on the adult Arrowmen. The youth are planning to continue their winning streak.

The 2008 LLD will be held at beautiful Camp Betz on the weekend of February 29 to March 2, 2008. Any Arrowmen, regardless of honor or position, who would like to learn more about the principles and fundamentals of the Order of the Arrow, may attend. All lodge members including chapter officers, committee members, and those that wish to hold a position in the lodge or chapter are encouraged to attend. The cost for the course is \$20 if paid no later than February 22, 2008. This includes lodging, food, and materials for the weekend. Arrowmen may register online at [www.oa110.org](http://www.oa110.org) or by completing the LLD Registration form, which can be found and turned in at the Calumet Council.

I strongly encourage you to attend this course. Not only do participants learn a great deal about the principles of the O/A, they have fun in the process; especially during O/A Jeopardy. So come on out and see for yourself what the Order of the Arrow is all about.

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Leonardo Aldana

Michigamea Lodge 110 Vice Chief of Committees

Section C-3C Vice Chief



## Winter Banquet



The Lodge held its annual Winter Banquet on Saturday January 5. The night began with food and then moved on to recognizing the accomplishments of the lodge and many of its individuals. The idea of service was felt in the air when the recipients of the Lodge Service Award received their awards for showing outstanding service to scouting. The Vigil recipients were also recognized for their continued support of scouting and the community. The coveted James E. West award was given to Lodge Chief Michael Swibes and Council Professional Staff Adviser Ted Karns. The final award given was the Founders Awards given to Don Swibes III and John Brown.

The night also featured a guest speaker. This year Dr. Ronald Temple, a past National Chief, came to speak about changes he has seen in our society and com-

pared the values of the past to now. Dr. Temple started his scouting career in Chicago and since has been active in several different states. He spoke of his years in scouting and how they made him into the person he is today and why he is glad that the OA still exists. In the end his point was that no matter how much a society can change the values and principles that the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow stand for will forever stay the same and have just as much importance.

Yours in Brotherhood, Don Swibes III



## Crazy Horse Chapter

Crazy Horse had a very good year in 2007. We did our lodge service project at the Wolf Lake Conservational Project. We were recognized as a quality chapter, had a number of arrowmen serve on the Lodge Executive committee, and at the winter banquet we earned the rotating head dress for a second year in a row! For 2007's Conclave, we had a large group of our members on the Section Conclave Planning Committee, which was hosted by our Lodge, and had many arrowmen attend the Conclave. Our Chapter also assisted in the planning and construction of the new firebowl at camp Betz. Also, three of our Chapter arrowmen received the Lodge Service Award and two received their Vigil honor.

This year, one of our goals is to continue to grow larger as a Chapter. To do that we will need help from every troop to continue our growth. You can get information about our Chapter from your OA Troop rep, our Chapter Chief, or our Chapter Advisor. Let's make 2008 even greater than last year!

Paul Ritchey

## Lodge Fun Event

To everybody that wasn't able to attend the fun event, or didn't want to go you definitely missed a great time. The fun event was held at Omi 41 again this year February 2-3. We all had a great time. There was racquet ball, basketball, dodge ball, ping pong and swimming. And when you needed a quick brake there were plenty of video games, and tons of food. The fun event is a great way to get your friends in your troops who aren't in the OA interested in what we do, because at this event you are allowed to bring a scout that isn't in the OA to come hang out with us. For those of you that were with us be sure to thank your chapter chiefs for the great job they did at getting all of the activities together. If you have any suggestions for next year's lock in feel free to give them to your chapter chief as well.

TJ Vanek  
Vice Chief of Chapters



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## The Responsibility of Chapter Officers

Chapter officers in the OA have many responsibilities. If you are interested in becoming a chapter chief, vice chief, or secretary you have to know what they do. Here is a list of some of the responsibilities:

### Chapter Chiefs

- Is in charge of the chapter
- The chapter chief is a voting member of the Lodge Executive Committee.
- Plans meetings for the chapter (at your District's Roundtable meeting).
- Must show up at every chapter meeting.
- Is in charge of chapter elections.
- Is in charge of OA events run by his chapter. Must go to lodge meetings

### Vice Chapter Chief

- Is second in command.
- If the Chapter Chief cannot make it to a chapter or lodge meeting he will go in his place. Works with the chapter chief to plan meetings.

### Secretary

- Takes notes at the chapter and lodge meetings.
- Takes attendance at chapter meetings. Records everything done by the Chapter.

One important responsibility of all of the chapter officers is that they must be able to contact each other. The better contact the officers have with each other, the smoother the chapter runs. Use these responsibilities as a guideline, but if you have any questions, ask your chapter advisor for help.

For more information about running for office, contact your chapter adviser.

Paul Ritchey