

NUTSHELL NEWS

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Chiefly Speaking By: Michael Swibes, Lodge Chief

Fellow Brothers and Sisters, I am happy to report that the Lodge has achieved the Quality Lodge Award for the 5th year running. We could not have done it without your help.

I would like to congratulate all of our new Brotherhood Members who have made the commitment to continued service in their Troops and the Lodge. And Welcome to those brothers that made their Ordeal in 2006. Don't forget you can make your Brotherhood conversion 10 months after you have completed your Ordeal.

Planning for the 2007 Section Conclave is progressing well. We are going to need your help. Please contact your Chapter Chiefs for more information.

The Fire Bowl is also coming along and I am happy to report that we have secured a structure that will be used for the bridge across the ravine near Pine that will be used for the main entrance to the fire Bowl. Plans are under way to reinforce the bridge before we bring it up to camp. We are also rethinking our main entrance and my install the gate way from the Jam-boree at the bridge entrance and build a back drop behind the stage. Staff tuned!

Brotherhood Conversion's By: Joe Rutkiewicz, Brotherhood Conversion Chairman



Throughout 2006 I have been honored to help the members of our lodge Seal their Membership in the O.A. We have Achieved our 30% Brotherhood conversion rate for the Quality Lodge Award and All but one district has achieved their 30% Brotherhood Conversion rate for the Quality Chapter Award. I look forward to helping the Ordeal Members to continue their Journey in The Order of the Arrow. I also hope to see all you Eligible Candidates at the Spring Fellowship! Keep checking the council calendar for conversion dates!!

Lodge Leadership

Lodge Chief:

Michael Swibes

Lodge Vice-Chief of Committees:

James Stegmann

Lodge Vice-Chief of Chapters:

Marcus Majszak

Lodge Secretary:

Reid Thacker

Lodge Treasurer:

Kurtis Blankenship

Lodge Dues

Lodge Dues are due by January 1, 2007. The cost is \$10.00. A late of \$5.00 will be assessed after January 2, 2007. You can go on line at the Lodge Trading Post and pay your dues. (www.oa110.org)



Section C-3C Conclave-2007 By: Leo Aldana



2006 C-3C Section Conclave Participants

The Section C-3C section conclave planning is underway. The conclave will be held September 28-30, 2007 at the Rantoul Air port in Rantoul Il. The Air port is home the Grissom Air Museum were will hold the conclave training events and Lodge Events.

As Conclave Chairman I am asking for your help at the Conclave. We will need help setting up at the Conclave, Camp site set up, meal service, security, training and shows.

If you would like to be in the Conclave show and you can act or help build the stage please contact me, Leo Aldana 219-922-4516 or Michael Swibes 708-862-4051 for more information.

We need your help youth and adults. We will need at least 150 to 200 members to make this the very best conclave. Please consider volunteering.

Leadership in Service Award

“He who serves his fellow man” -Meteu

In recognition of the Order of the Arrow's heritage of service, the National Order of the Arrow Committee created a new three-year Leadership in Service Program which was announced at the 2004 NOAC. The Order strives to strengthen Scouting's foundation of service by further fostering in Arrowmen the



ethic of servant leadership. By promoting and rewarding service that benefits the Boy Scouts of America's outdoor program, and the communities in which Scouts reside, the Order will be acting to sup-

port Scouting at the most important level. For more information please go to Michigamea web site (www.oa110.org) and download the form. All forms can be turned into Michael Swibes the lodge chief by the February LEC Meeting.

Lodge Leadership Development

In November 30 youth and adults participated in the Lodge Leadership Development course. The course is open to all Arrowmen with a desire to learn. Look for the next LLD coming in 2007.

NOAC 2006 Ceremony Team Competition

Congratulations to Kurtis Blankenship, Michael Swibes, Marcus Majszak and Jimmy Stegmann for their participation in the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony Competition.

Congratulations to Don Swibes who was an Honor Award Medalist for doing the Vigil. All of the ceremony teams worked hard and we should be proud of them. The level of preparedness shows in our Fellowship ceremonies and we should all be very proud of all of our teams.

Ceremony Team Needs You

The Ceremony team is looking for new ceremonialist for the next Spring and Fall Fellowship. If you are part of a drama team or have a desire to be part of the team we need you. 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 Mr. Swibes at 708-862-4051 or Dustin Conrad at 708-352-5333

Fall Fellowship Recap

Congratulations to all our new Ordeal Members that participated in the fall Fellowship. Welcome Thank you to all the Ceremonialist's who participated in the Fall Fellowship. The teams did a great job again and we had some of the best ceremonies in years. Pre Ordeal was great and the Ordeal was again masterfully staged. The Brotherhood ceremony was one of the best attended and largest group of members we have inducted in a long time.

Camp Promotion Dinner Recap By: Reid Thacker, Secretary

The Camp promotional Dinner was held on 11/15/05 at the Wilber Wright High School. There was an excellent turnout for both youth and adult's at this event. Nineteen Boy Scout Camps as well as seven Cub Scout camps from the surrounding Council's came to present their camp and different programs that they offer. A special thank you to Leo Aldana who put together this event for everyone to enjoy.

Nishnabec One Day of Service



The Nishnabec Chapter 1 Day of Service was held Saturday December 16, 2006 at the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno, Illinois. The Illinois Veterans Home is a residential facility which provides skilled nursing home care for Illinois Veterans who served during a war time period. Nineteen chapter members and family met for lunch at Monical's Pizza in Manteno where they were given an overview of the activities and service that we would be assisting with. South Holland VFW Post 9964 provided 3 cases of fresh fruit for the chapter to take to the veterans home residents for their enjoyment. After lunch the chapter went to the Illinois Veterans home at Manteno. There we aided in the movement of some of the residents from their living quarters to Veterans Hall where they enjoyed an afternoon of Bingo games hosted by the Department of Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary. Chapter members assisted some of the residents with playing their Bingo cards while other chapter members helped administer the games as other OA members aided in distributing presents, also provided by the Department of Illinois VFW Auxiliary, to each resident of the home. After the games had concluded refreshments were served by the OA and VFW Auxiliary members while additional gifts and prizes were distributed to the players. OA members then returned veterans to their residence halls and helped with the clean up of the Veterans Hall game room.

The VFW Auxiliary members, the residents and staff were appreciative of the OA being a part of the activities of the day and asked if we could assist with future activities. A total of 76 service hours were provided by the Nishnabec Chapter during this holiday season recreational activity.

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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."

Miami Chapters' One Day of Service

Miami Chapter's One Day of Service was held on Saturday November 11th, the weekend following the Deep River Hike, at Deep River County Park. In total 7 youth and 2 adult members of the chapter walked the trails and grounds of the Park picking up litter in groups of two or three. The trails and parking/starting point of the hike were surprisingly clean. The majority of the litter was collected along the park's Northern side bordering Ainsworth Road. Although the participation wasn't as strong as in previous years, several new faces popped up and the entire cleanup was a great success.

No, he's not dead! Our mascot is just taking a break after the Hodag in the Fall. Don't miss the next one at the Spring Fellowship, 2007



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.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](http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org)

Calumet Council
www.Calumetcouncil.org

