

# NUTSHELL NEWS

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Nutshell News

## Chiefly speaking

Greetings fellow Arrowmen. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Ordeal Candidates to Michigamea Lodge. I hope that your Ordeal is one of thoughtfulness and purpose.

I'd like to remind everyone including our new Ordeal members of the upcoming events over this summer; the Cub Camp weekend and this year's Section Conclave!! Cub Camp is a great Event that allows the Lodge to show case to Cub Scouts and their families who and what we are about, please come out and support us for the day. Also, please support the Section Conclave again. Our goal is another 100 members so we can go out with a bang as we move to a new Section in the fall. See inside the Nutshell News for more information.

In closing, I think Michigamea is one of the premier Lodges in the country and it's because of you that we have succeeded. As I step down at the Spring Fellowship as Lodge Chief, I'd like to say thank you to everyone in the lodge for your support and guidance over the last two years. It has been tough, fun, exciting and rewarding and I have learned a great deal from each one you. We have complete the fire bowl and built a great bridge which we will dedicate at the Spring Fellowship in Honor of Bud Halsey.

I want to wish the next LEC good luck I know you guys will make the right decisions for this Lodge and carry it forward and do even better than we have done. Good Luck.

Michael Swibes  
Lodge Chief  
Michigamea Lodge

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### Lodge Leadership

#### Lodge Chief:

Michael Swibes

#### Lodge Vice-Chief of Committees:

Leo Aldana

#### Lodge Vice-Chief of Chapters:

T.J. Vanek

#### Lodge Secretary:

Dominic Podsiadlik

#### Lodge Treasurer:

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#### Edditor in chief:

Mark Cordell

## 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference

The National Order of the Arrow Committee is pleased to announce that the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana from August 1-6, 2009. Please make sure you have this date on your calendars. The lodge will start accepting deposits in September for this great event. We are also looking for ideas for our NOAC flap set.

## Mark Your Calendar

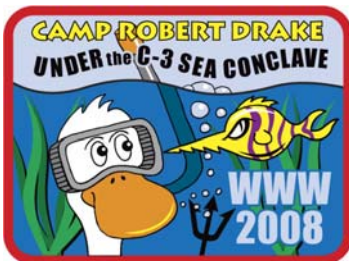
### Lodge Sponsored Cub Camp Weekend

July 18-20, 2008  
Camp Betz

Section Conclave  
August 22-24, 2008  
Camp Robert Drake,  
Fairmount, IL

Fall Fellowship  
September 5-7, 2008  
Camp Betz

National Order of the  
Arrow Conference  
August 1-6, 2009  
Indiana University,  
Bloomington, IN



On July 18-20 the lodge will be setting up and staffing the first of the Betz Cub Camp Weekends. Come out and help us as we give a great outdoor experience to all the Cub Scouts at Betz. Help is needed running all stations from archery to the waterfront, food service, and also for guides for each group. Relive your days as a Cub Scout with the fun of Betz Summer Games. The cost for this entire weekend of fun is Cheerful Service. See you at Camp Betz.

## Fall Fellowship

The Fall Fellowship will be held at Camp Frank S. Betz from September 5-7. It will cost \$15 for lodge members, \$42 for ordeal candidates and \$20 for Brotherhood candidates if you have received your Ordeal before 2007. For Brotherhood candidates that did their Ordeal in 2007 you are free. Please register by August 29th to attend the spring fellowship. There is a \$5 late fee if you do not turn in your money by the end of Tuesday, September 2nd.

Remember to bring your Class A uniform, your own tent and personal gear. If you are an Ordeal Candidates will need a ground cloth, work clothes, gloves, and rain gear. This year's hodag theme for the fall is Tailgate Party. 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 Fall Fellowship registration forms go to the Lodge's website.

By: Paul Ritchey

## Section C-3C Conclave 2008

Hello Brothers and Sisters of Michigamea Lodge 110,

Yes, it's that time again for another exciting conclave. The Section Conclave is an annual gathering of Arrowmen and women from six different lodges in our section that work to strengthen our program in the Order of the Arrow. The purpose of this weekend is to have fun and enjoy the fellowship with the entire section through training, entertainment, and different types of activities. The theme for this year's conclave is "Under the C-3 Sea". This whale of a weekend will take place August 22-24, 2008 at beautiful Camp Drake in Fairmount, IL.

Just some exciting activities are: Belt-sander races, RC boat races, giant slip 'n' slide, cardboard canoes, belly flop contest, Section Leadership belly flop against the champ of Camp Drake (Cameron Hahne-who was just the past Section Chief), Titanic Pancakes, beach volleyball, instructional swim, and a duck pond.

Arrowman and women have a wonderful time at conclave; our lodge was in charge of the last one and a great time was had by all. So, come and join us for fellowship, training, and most importantly, fun in the C3-Sea. It will be a wet and wild weekend as we enjoy the great aquatic outdoors. Ready to experience all the sea-national things at conclave; sign-up today, either at the council shop or @ [www.oa110.org](http://www.oa110.org).

Yours in Brotherhood,

Leonardo Aldana

Michigamea Lodge 110 Vice Chief of Committees

Section C-3C Vice Chief

## Nishnabec Chapter Report

My name is Paul Bilanzic and I am the Nishnabec Chapter Chief. We have done many things as a chapter this year in my term in office, some of which are stated below.

1. Chapter Service Projects
2. Hold Chapter Meetings
3. Coordinate and Present Crossover and Blue and Gold Ceremonies

Elect new candidates into the OA (Unit Elections)

As you can see these are just some of the things we do as a chapter. You may think this is all done by the Chapter Chief and his Advisor; however it is really the youth and adults that are involved in the chapter and volunteer their time for the good of the order. As a chapter this year we excelled, completing 7 crossover ceremonies and almost all of our unit elections. All in all, I had a great time this year working with the members in our chapter and learning about the OA in general and how it operates.

P.S. Anybody who is interested in running for a Nishnabec Chapter OA position talk to myself or Mr. Stegmann (Unless he's in some other part of the world on some kind of Corn Products thing)

## Crazy Horse Chapter report

I just want to start out by thanking everyone in our chapter that helped out with the OA elections this year. The elections went very well and smoothly. I also want to thank all of the scout masters for being very cooperative with setting up election dates.

Because our chapter had the highest attendance at the winter banquet, we had a pizza party at our April chapter meeting. I hope everyone who attended the party had fun and left the meeting full.

Keep up the good work Crazy Horse Chapter!

## Scoutapalooza Tap Out

On Friday night, at the Council wide Camporee, "Scoutapalooza", the Michigamea Lodge held its tap out for the recently elected ordeal candidates. The tap out started at dusk with torch bearers going to each district campsite and each troop was lead in a silent procession to the tap out ceremony. As the Lodge Ceremonial team took charge each candidate was escorted to the Chief or the Guard to be tapped out. A total of 139 scouts and 39 adult leaders were elected into the Order of the Arrow this year. The candidates were lead away to receive instructions on the upcoming Spring and Fall Fellowships. All OA members and candidates were then treated to ice cream and the members met the candidates.



## Ceremony Team Needs You

The Ceremony team is looking for new ceremonialist 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, 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.

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

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

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

JumpStart! For New Arrowmen

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

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

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## History of the Lodge - Part One

While on a camping trip at the Indiana Dunes, Archie E. Wilson, Scout Executive of the Whiting-Robertsdale Council, and a group of boys were invited to attend an Ordeal Ceremony being put on by scouts of Chicago Council. The group later was invited to Chicago where Mr. Wilson was inducted as an Ordeal Member. Returning to Whiting, Nissaki Lodge #110 was formed and received its Charter in 1934.



In 1940, the Councils of Whiting-Robertsdale and Hammond in Indiana merged to become Pokagon Council. Hammond did not have an Order of the Arrow Lodge. The members of the Nissaki Lodge of Whiting helped set up a Lodge for the new merged Council. The Lodge name became Pokagon Lodge #110.

Potawattomi Lodge #122 (Harvey Illinois and surrounding areas) was formed in 1938 by Harold G. Boltz, Scout Executive of the Potawattomi Trails Council. During 1942, Potawattomi Trails Council merged with Pokagon Council forming the Pokagon Trails Council. The two Lodges merged the same year and Potawattomi sacrificed its name and number to be part of Pokagon Lodge #110.

In 1940, Oposa Achomawi Lodge #189 was formed out of the Gary Indiana Council. By happy coincidence, it was members of the old Nissaki Lodge who helped start and advise this new Lodge.

For the next twenty-five years, both Lodge #110 and Lodge #189 were very busy. The ceremonial teams of both Lodges conducted ceremonies in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, and Iowa for Lodges that had no teams of their own. In 1950, the Pokagon Lodge ceremonial team conducted Vigil Honor ceremonies at the OA National Conference in Bloomington. Their Lodge's "Rules of Conduct" were adopted by the National Committee with few revisions, and put into the OA Handbook in 1952. Pokagon's ceremonial costumes were illustrated in the OA Handbook for 10 years.

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## The Bud Halsey Bridge

One day back in October of 2007 a group of scouts and scouters began the construction of the bridge behind Pine Tree cabin to lead to the new fire bowl. It was a long day but they finished it. On April 19<sup>th</sup> 2008 a group of arrow men along with the help of Troop 271, built two ramps on each side of the bridge for easy handicap accessibility. The same day we pored the foundation for the dedication plaque in honor of Bud Halsey the father of John Halsey the first Lodge Chief of Michigamea Lodge 110, He was also the man who donated the money to make this Bridge possible. The dedication of the bridge in honor of Bud Halsey will be at the Spring Fellowship on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>. The bridge is now ready for all to use and enjoy.

Andrew Swibes

Ceremonial Chair.