



## MICHIGAMEA LODGE 110

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## Chiefly Speaking

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### Lodge Leadership

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Fellow Members of Michigamea Lodge 110,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new Ordeal Candidates to our lodge. I hope you will remember your ordeal and retain the values that you have learned and I challenge to take the next step and complete your Brotherhood. Also, I congratulate all new Brotherhood members. You have now sealed your membership in the Order of the Arrow, and your cheerful service will be needed throughout the year.

As some of you know, we had a few activities to start off this year of 2008-2009. I appreciate all Arrowmen that came out to help with the Spring Fellowship and the various work projects. The Spring Fellowship was a great success, as we had the most attendance in our lodge's history. We also had Arrowmen assist with Cub camp, and just recently we attended the Section C-3C Conclave; where we had the second most in attendance. The host lodge were the only ones to have more Arrowmen at the event.

I only wish that we continue to grow and build a stronger lodge so that we can have a strong presence as we move into a new section next year. One goal of mine is to earn the National Quality Lodge Award for the seventh year in a row. I hope to see new and old members to attend meetings at both the chapter and lodge level, and take leadership roles to help run our chapters and lodge.

As was mentioned at the Spring Fellowship, next summer is the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference, or more commonly known as NOAC. We have already started to plan for this remarkable event and we have a goal of sending at least fifty Arrowmen from our lodge. This is an event that you truly must not miss; for more information go to [www.oa110.org](http://www.oa110.org).

The Lodge Executive Committee, or the LEC, is also currently preparing for the Lodge Leadership Development weekend. This is a weekend where any Arrowmen, both new and old, can come and learn new skills in both in the Order and life in general. These skills, that will be taught, can help Arrowmen become better leaders in the Order and furthermore.

I am looking forward for a year of success and productivity, and I hope all of you will help and take part in that. I leave you with a line from The Legend spoken by Meteu,

"For, said he, who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows greatest!"

Yours in Brotherhood,

Leonardo Aldana

Lodge Chief

Michigamea Lodge 110

# Winter banquet

The order of the arrow 2009 winter banquet is going to be held on Saturday January 3ed, at the Villa de Bruno in Lynwood, Illinois. The cost is \$18.00 for adults, \$15 for youth under 21, and \$9.00 for children under 9. This banquet is to honor :

the new ordeal members,  
new brotherhood members,  
new vigil members,  
lodge service award recipients.,  
Founder award recipients,  
James E. West recipients,

The Dress attire will be the Boy Scout Uniform with sash or semi formal (no blue jeans). Social hour will start at 5:00 PM followed by dinner at 6:00 PM.

If you know of any one who you think should receive a lodge service award please fill out a nomination form and turn it in to the council office. Forms are available at [www.oal10.org](http://www.oal10.org).

Registration at the council office or online at the Michigamea lodge web site. The reservation deadline is December 22, 2008, for any reservation received on or after December 26, 2008 there will be a \$5 late fee. Also please note that after December 30th we will not be taking reservations.

## Fall fellowship

The Grand HODAG will be a tailgating theme, so pull out your favorite teams jersey or team shirt to wear tonight at the HODAG.

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## Adventure Day

Calling all Lodge Members: We need your help. The Lodge is supporting Calumet Council's Cub Scout Program by running the concession stand for Adventure Day Saturday October, 18, 2008. Location is at Munster Community Park (behind the Scout Service Center) from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We will be serving Pop, Hot Dogs, and Italian Sausage. We will be serving lunch to the about 2000 people attending this event. Proceeds this year are going to be partially used to help improve our ceremony team regalia. Come out and provide some Cheerful Service.

# NOAC

NOAC or National Order of the Arrow Conference is kind of like a jamboree only with OA members. Generally every 2 years one is held. The last one being in 2006 at Michigan State University was a ton of fun and an all around great time by all 10,000 OA members who participated in it. This year however it is at Indiana State University in Bloomington Indiana and our lodge is looking for more participants and to have twice the fun as last time.

Some features of NOAC are listed below:

HODAG – which is the huge party on Thursday with cotton candy, peanuts, and of course the most important element, 80 kegs of root beer!!!

Founders Day – which is all of the lodges promoting the OA and their different camps, and all kinds of free stuff.

Ceremonial Competitions – competitions of different lodges in one thing that we all love the ceremonies.

Training Cells – so that we can learn about our favorite parts of the OA.

Evening Shows – Shows at night with all Participants packed into a basketball stadium to sit and relax and watch an awesome show.

Patch Trading – my personal favorite as most of you know. However here it is unbelievable because of all the different variety. If you didn't have a patch collection before NOAC you will start one during the week.

Lets make this the most memorable NOAC's ever 110 sign up today at the council office

Yours in Brotherhood

Paul D. Bilanzic



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## Deep River Hike

The deep river hike for 2008 is coming up, it will be on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Parking, registration, the concession stand, and hike kick off are all at the county Line Road Parking Lot. Registration begins at 8:00 and the hike at 9:00. There are 3 different tracks: 5 miles, 10 miles, and a 20 miles. All members should talk to their chapter leaders about how they can help. Also promote this to your troop as well as anybody body who would like to participate because everybody form tiger cubs, and cub scouts, to venture crews, and families are welcome. The cost is \$4.00 per person, this includes parking a patch, and entrance to The "Old Mill"

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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](http://www.CalumetCouncil.org)

# Camp Promotional Dinner

By: Paul Ritchey

This year's camp promotional dinner is on November 19, 2008 at Munster High School. Registration is at 6:00 pm and the dinner will be at 6:30. The camp promotional dinner is a great place to plan your troop's 2009 camping schedule. There will be summer camps, high adventures, and cub camps for you to check out. When you're done looking at the camps you can head over to the cafeteria for a delicious dinner. Scouts and Scouters cost \$5 and need to register by November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Calumet Council office. Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders are free. This is a good opportunity to learn about many camps in the area so check it out!

## OA high adventure

Do you need an escape from that 9-5 job, summer classes or the monotony of staring out of your bedroom window longing for something new? If your answer is yes, the Order of the Arrow has the answer for you.

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs whether its wetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base; maybe hiking is your passion, what better place to go than the Philmont Scout Ranch where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors as a part of your Trail Crew experience.

Have you ever given thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders, maybe the OA Voyage is for calling. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

Along with your one week trek completely designed by you, each Arrowmen will be afforded the opportunity to leave their mark in history by helping to sure up portage trails, backpacking trails or coral reefs. Aside from providing a good deed to each of these high adventure bases, every participant will have the opportunity to work closely with Arrowmen from across the country, who have a similar interest in the future of both the program and the adventure base.

You may be thinking that this is a daunting task but it is an experience unlike any other afforded to you in scouting in that it takes you out of your world and places with people, who want to do something different. It's not everyday that you can tell your friends that you climbed into Cypher's Mine, watched the Northern Lights from a canoe or went scuba diving in the Florida Keys.

These programs help to insure that the future of scouting has a place to live, work and interact. This summer, try something new or do something you thoroughly enjoy, but do something with the Order of the Arrow High adventure opportunities. For more information about these High Adventure programs, please visit [Adventure.oa-bsa.org](http://Adventure.oa-bsa.org) or talk to your lodge chief. Your destiny awaits you...