



## Michigamea Lodge 110



# Nutshell News

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## Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Members of Michigamea Lodge 110,

Hello everyone. I hope you had a great summer. If you went to NOAC I know you had a great summer. This year we had 38 members go to NOAC. It was definitely a great event to go to. I want to recognize a few of our lodge members for winning awards at NOAC. Our Pre-Ordeal ceremonial team won a medal for having one of the best ceremonies, Matt Schaelein for winning first place in the talent show, and our lodge History Display took Honor (one of the top 5 lodge displays) in the NOAC Museum.

Coming up this month is another big event. Our last section conclave for the C3-C conclave is going to be on September 25<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>. It is very important that we have as many people as possible come this year. This is because we have Past Lodge Chief Michael Swibes and Paul Bilanzic from our lodge running for Section Officer positions.

Also coming up is our Fall Fellowship. This year we are going to have exciting changes to our hodag. Other than our usual fun games and delicious tasting root beer, we are going to have baked potatoes and karaoke at our hodag! Also we are going to move things around a little. The fire bowl is where we will have the food and karaoke and we are moving the games out to Gilwell Field. So come down to our fellowship on September 25<sup>th</sup> and to check it out! Also, remember that if you got your Ordeal in the fall 2007 or during last year, your brotherhood is free this fall!

I hope to see you all at our last section conclave and at the upcoming Fall Fellowship!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Paul Ritchey



## Fall Fellowship 09

This September we will be having our lodges fall fellowship on the 11-13<sup>th</sup>. We have many services projects this year including the painting of north cabin inside and out. This means that the ceremony team will be taking over South Cabin, so anybody who normally stays in South Cabin will have to make other arrangements. The [project list](#) is available online at the Michigamea lodge website. We are planning to try something new this year for Ordeal Candidates by holding one late Pre-Ordeal Ceremony at 11:30 PM Friday night for

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those that have Friday night school activities. We ask that if you plan to attend the late ceremony, please mark it on your registration form. Don't forget you can [register online](#) or turn in your [paper registration](#) to the council office, but do so before the late fee kicks in on Wednesday, September 9th.

## The Power of One

By Alex Acosta

For everyone that went to NOAC 2009, they now know the deep power and sense of "The Power of One." NOAC's theme this year was "The Power of One" and the theme could not have been portrayed any better. Through epic shows and great classes, our NOAC contingent learned a lot about how much one person can do, and how much of an impact that one person can make on a group of people. NOAC offered a plethora of classes this year and each one was as unique and impressive as the last.

One of the main attractions at NOAC 2009 was the "Meet the Man" class. It was a class, but most people described as a show. Hundreds of people filed into the Willkie Auditorium to listen to the inspiring speeches and lectures from various Boy Scout representatives. A lot had to do with Jamboree 2010, but they also spoke about High Adventure Programs and Service Corps programs. Another guest that brought a lot of attention was Mr. Alvin Townley. Alvin Townley, author of *Legacy of Honor* and *Spirit of Adventure*, spoke to the National Council of Chiefs at the IU Auditorium, while there, Mr. Townley, an amazing public speaker, shared with us his stories of interviews with various Eagle Scouts and the difference that they were able to make. Arrowmen heard about Eagle Scouts whose projects started organizations like the China Care Foundation. One Eagle Scout started an organization that helps drill wells in East Africa to provide clean water to the natives. The lecture that Alvin Townley gave was rousing and inspirational and left the crowd at a standing ovation at the end. Alvin Townley's books are really quite the epitome of "The Power of One."

Also there was the founder of The ArrowCorp5 program. He spoke to the arrowmen about the immense volunteer work that was accomplished by ArrowCorp5 members. The point of ArrowCorp5 was to take 5,000 volunteers and help restore and put new trails in five different national parks: Mark Twain National Park, Manti-La Sal National Park, George Washington & Jefferson National Park, Shasta-Trinity National Park, as well as Bridger-Teton National Park. Arrowmen there were inspired by the stories they heard of the volunteering spirit and the power of one idea. The lecture was then turned toward the audience to help come up with a way to make ArrowCorp5 more regional and how to make it more frequent. Many ideas were tossed around, and a new possible idea is ArrowCorp50, composing of more, smaller service projects. The atmosphere was very positive and productive. Anyone who attended the event can tell you how enjoyable the experience was and how contagious "The Power of One" is.

## Conclave 2009

Everyone get ready for an exciting conclave! This year our section, C-3C, is having its final conclave, because after this our section is splitting into three separate sections, similar to Gaul. This means we lose some lodges but we also gain a couple of lodges. This last conclave will be hosted by the Lowaneu Allaque Lodge # 41. This is good news for our adamant patch collectors. Get to conclave this year and pick up the last Section C-3C patch ever! This year's conclave will be held at the beautiful Camp Freeland Lesley which is in Oxford Wisconsin about 25 miles north-east of the Wisconsin Dells from September 25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> 2009. Although this location isn't exactly central, everyone should be able to make it to this conclave. It's the last one and no one should miss this. But before you get ready to leave for conclave, strap on your cowboy boots, because

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should miss this. But before you get ready to leave for conclave, strap on your cowboy boots, because this year's theme is The Wild Wild West. Be ready for some great learning and even better fun. Between training cells and Lodge ball, Conclave will be so much fun you won't want to go home. Also be aware that this year, our lodge is going to be in charge of the training. To sign up for conclave the cost is \$35 and the registration deadline is September 16<sup>th</sup>. The late fee is \$5. For more information visit our lodge website at, [www.calumetcouncil.org/OA/conclave.php](http://www.calumetcouncil.org/OA/conclave.php) Sign up for conclave and get ready for some Wild Wild West fun.



## Adventure Day Concessions

The lodge again this year will be selling hotdogs and Italian sausages at the Calumet Council Adventure Day on October 17th at the Munster Community Park (behind the council office). We are in need of 50 to 75 arrowmen to help us staff this event setting up, cooking, wrapping food, serving pop, crowd control, running cash registers, and then cleaning up. If you are able to help out, please contact [Don Swibes](#) and sign up for one of the three shifts.



## Deep River Hike

Mark your calendar for November 7th, when we will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Deep River Hike. As a part of this event this year, we will be hosting Scoutreach Boy Scouts and putting on a special program for them during the day to help them with their advancement. This is in addition to running our traditional 5 or 10 mile hike. Enjoy a great fall day with us at the Deep River County Park.



## Lodge Service Award

Applications are being accepted for nominations for this years Lodge Service Award Recipients. They are due to the council office by November 1st. Nominations forms are available at [www.oal10.org](http://www.oal10.org). The Lodge Service Award has been given in Michigamea Lodge since 1966. It is a continuation of the Golden Otter given in our predecessor Oposa Achomawi Lodge 189 in Gary, Indiana. The Lodge Service Award is given to youth and adult arrowmen who have rendered outstanding service to the Lodge, Chapter, Unit, and or their community. If you know of a someone that you would like to nominate, be sure to get the form in on time, as without a nomination they will not be even considered for the award.

[Lodge Service Award Nomination Form Download Due Nov 1st](#)



## Camp Promotional Dinner

This fall the camp promotional dinner will be held at Wilbur Wright middle school. The camp promotional dinner is a way for each troop to see different summer camps in our area, and other summer activities. The OA will be there to help setup, server dinner, and promote the lodge and it's activities. The cost for dinner for senior patrol leader and troop adult scout master is nothing, all other members of the troop will have to pay for dinner.



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