

SMOKE SIGNALS

FALL 2009

Fall Fellowship

This years Spring Fellowship will be hosted by Meechgalanne Chapter, at Sandscrest Scout Camp, October 16th - 18th. Saturday morning, we will start out the day by working on projects throughout the camp. The afternoon will include LLD training classes such as Elengomat Training, OA Troop Rep Training, OA and Cubscouting, Ceremony and Drum Team Practices, and will end with a Service to the Community and Lodge Open Forum. A trip to Kenneywood is in the works for Saturday Evening. Sunday morning we will wrap up the weekend with a Lodge Meeting.

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Winter Banquet

This year the Papoukewis chapter will be hosting the Winter Banquet at The Rose in Steubenville, Ohio on Saturday, December 19th. Please RSVP by December 6th online at www.onondaga36.org. If you can not RSVP online please contact one of the following, Dustin Coates at 304.723.5181 or Trevor Reed at 740.282.8170. The doors will open at 6:00pm and we will begin to eat at 6:30pm. This is the event were your entire family is invited to come! The cost will be \$15.00 a plate and patches for the event will be sold seperate at the door. Vigils, Gold Mandela, and Founders Awards will be presented and we will have a guest speaker for the night. The Rose is located in Steubenville, Ohio off of Lovers Lane Exit on Route 22. Hope to see you there!

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This August, a group of arrowmen had the opportunity to be part of the largest Order of the Arrow event there is, NOAC, at Indiana University. Over 7000 arrowmen from across the nation and many from around the world came together for what is the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Throughout our six day stay, we were kept busy by classes, patch trading, vendors and daily OA Shows. Onondaga Lodge competed in drumming and ceremonies, taking home National Honors for our Brotherhood Ceremony. The Ceremonies Team, consisting of Shane Gamble, Ben Leone, Dustin Coates, and Danny Eaton would like to thank Dave Ward Sr. for his time and hard work creating new, authentic regalia for our team. On behalf of all who enjoyed NOAC this year, we would like to thank Ron Pickens for serving as our Contingent Leader, without him this trip may not have been possible. We hope to see an even better turn out for NOAC 2012 at Michigan State.



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Chapter Meeting Times and Places

Papoukewis Chapter

Meets the second Tuesday of each month at Grace Lutheran in Steubenville at 6:30p.m.

Arrowhead Chapter

Meets the second Monday of each month at Thornville Church in St. Clairsville at 7:00p.m.

Meechgalanne Chapter

Meets the third Thursday of each month at Simpson United Methodist Church at 7:00p.m.



Chiefly Speaking

Shane Gamble



Brothers,

As we have progressed through another year so rapidly, let us pause and look back on our endeavors. The year started early and chilly with the American Indian Activities weekend in January and moved right into the Spring Fellowship in March where we tackled work projects around camp. In April, five members came out to the Vigil Night to complete their Vigil and receive the highest honor in OA. Thirty one Onondaga “Joined the Brotherhood” at Camp Stigwandish for the last big C4-A Conclave in May and came back home for the Spring Ordeal in June to work around camp and help several candidates become members. Summer Camp rolled around in July with four weeks of Brotherhood ceremonies, Call-out ceremonies, and ice cream socials. Months of preparation proved worthwhile when 25 members spent a fun, memorable week in Bloomington, Indiana for NOAC 2009, and only had a week to rest until the Summer Ordeal. There, we inducted 31 new Ordeal members as well as tackling even more work projects out at Fort Steuben. Now, as school starts and summer closes, we can look forward to a Blood Drive in September, another fun Fellowship in October, and a Winter Banquet to close things out in December.

Not only has this year been chock-full of awesome events, but many improvements and future plans also went underway. For instance, be sure that your phone number is on our new automated calling list so you can receive information about upcoming events. Also, be prepared to sign up for a committee to help with the 2010 Clyde Willis Memorial Pow-Wow. It is important to remember that our lodge does not function without active membership. It's never too late to get involved, for after all, we are and always will be the brotherhood of cheerful service.



Yours in Brotherhood,
Shane Gamble Lodge Chief

SUMMER CAMP 2009

This was a very productive summer for our lodge. In four weeks, we had a total of 19 members obtain their brotherhood honor level, and 55 future brothers called out. We would like to thank our AIA Trevor Reed, and all who helped our ceremonies team this summer.

2010 POW WOW

The Powwow will be returning for 2010, Trevor Reed has volunteered to serve as Chairman for this event. Planning is underway and anyone with ideas or willing to help should contact Trevor (webmaster.bsa_troop_3@bluetie.com), we are hoping to make this event a huge success.



Upcoming Events

In 2009

- Fall Fellowship
October 16-18
at Sandscrest
- Winter Banquet
Saturday, December 19

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Event Prices

Fellowship	\$20.00
(plus special activity prices)	
Brotherhood	\$32.00
Ordeal	\$40.00

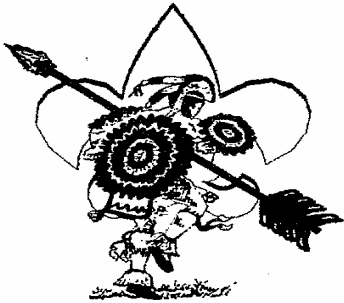
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Scouting's National Honor Society

Advisors Minute

Greg Stephens

Arrowmen,

The Order of the Arrow and Onondaga Lodge, what a great organization and part of Scouting. A youth run organization brings on a whole new meaning in the O.A.. What a fine group of youth we have in our Lodge, I have been blessed with my youth officers. I am so proud of the way they run our Lodge they have so many great new ideas for improving our Lodge as well.

We have the youth officers and adult advisers trained on a Area and National level, so they can become better leaders in the Lodge, their Troops, Communities and our Nation.

If you are a member and haven't been active in the Lodge I challenge you to get involved, there is something for everyone. We have several committees and you could be used somewhere. So come to our next event and help us be all we can be.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me, I am only a phone call or a e-mail away. Thanks for letting me serve you as Lodge adviser.

Yours in Brotherhood,

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