

SMOKE SIGNALS

Spring Ordeal

Was held at Fort Steuben Scout Reservation. We had a great turnout with Twenty four new ordeal members who took the oath in our great order. Also congratulations to the seven new brotherhood members who now seal themselves in our brotherhood.

In our order we give lots and lots of serves back to our council by having work days at both of our camps, Fort Steuben Scout reservation and Sand-screst in Wheeling. During the Spring ordeal weekend we got lots of work done at the camp. we repainted the Administration building, put up the trusses for the new staff shower house and lounge, helped with burning some brush, and also some plumbing got done around camp.

During the weekend we had a vigil candidate finish her vigil. A congratulation goes to Lori Abraham for a great job on getting this great honor. Also a congratulations to all of those who got there vigil honor this past year. The vigil is an honor we should all strive for it is a great and honorable level in the Order of the Arrow



Lodge advisers minute

Greg Stephens

Arrowmen,

So far we have had a very productive year. We had AIA weekend in January a fellowship in March a Vigil night in April Ordeal in May a Conclave where our Lodge did very in every category. We have a small group of Arrowmen going to George Washington Jefferson National Forest to be part of Arrow Corp. 5, the largest conservation project ever taken on by the O.A.

Now we need to gear up for summer camp we need to make sure the unit elections are done and we do camp promotions during these elections. Taylor Minger will be your AIA guy at summer camp be sure to give him a helping hand if you can.

Following summer camp will be our Summer Ordeal. We would love to see you there. I am sure the Council will be needing all the help they can get from the OA at this event..

In closing if you haven't been active or as active in your Lodge as you would like to be I encourage you to come to a couple events. You do belong to a great Lodge so come out and support it and have some fun.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me anytime.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Greg Stephens

SUMMER 2008

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Conclave 2008

What an OUTSTANDING Conclave! The food was awesome; we woke up to hot breakfast every morning we were there. This small camp is a very nice camp and did ONONDAGA SHINE!

As soon as we arrived we had already claimed the MOST MAN MILES award. Saturday morning began with a variety of training cells to which we had several Arrowmen teaching. Saturday afternoon became a battle field when the Ceremony team of John Cleaver, Shane Gamble, Ben Leone and Ian Rohing stepped up to compete in Pre-ordeal. Though Onondaga did not capture this competition this did not deter our Arrowmen, the Ceremony team of John Cleaver, Shane Gamble, Ben Leone and Danny Eaton came out and nailed the Brotherhood Ceremony earning them the right to perform the Conclave Brotherhood Ceremony that evening. Meteu Legend was recited by our very own Meteu, Shane Gamble. Though Shane did not win this, he did an excellent job. Thank you Ian and Danny for stepping up to a principal role

While the Ceremony teams were dueling it out, the Drum and Singers competed at the POW WOW Arbor. Taylor Minger, Kevin (Pickle) Abraham, Heath Minger, David Ward Jr., Dustin Coates, and Danny Eaton (Yes, Danny did double duty that day) belted out two impressive songs to nail second place. After the Drum and Singing Competition a guest drum arrived and sang for the Dance competition. Taylor went up against a brand new Arrowman to win first place in the Straight Style dance. Pickle had some tough competition against 5 other Arrowmen to win first place in the Grass Style Dance.

Saturday Evening while the Onondaga Ceremony team performed the Brotherhood Ceremony and our Drum team sang for the ceremony, Pickle was the Lead Male dancer for the POW WOW, and even the adult Arrowmen dressed in regalia and danced. That night at the closing show, our very own Meteu (Shane Gamble) went up against some tough competition in Celebrity Jeopardy.

If you didn't make this conclave, we highly recommend you check out next years which will be closer to us. You don't want to miss the fun!

A word from recruit Abraham

Hello brothers, for some of you who are not aware after this summer camp on the 18th of August, I will be leaving for Parris Island SC, to go through United States Marine Corps Basic Training. I regret to say that I will be an inactive Lodge Chief for those Three months. According to the chain of command the Vice Chief of Administration is next in line incase something like this comes up, so that means that Bob Schuerle will step up and be the active Lodge chief until my return. If anyone would like to step up and lend an extra hand during that time your help will be much appreciated. This lodge is one of the best and I'm proud to serve it as lodge chief, and even prouder to serve our great country.



Summer camp 2008

Here is the summer camp weekly calender .

On Monday nights after dinner we will be holding brotherhood ceremonies for all who have been ordeal members for at least ten months.

On Wednesdays after the campfire we will be holding our lodge tapouts.

Thursdays are for fellowship in our lodge, come and join the fellowship and some ice cream at the ice cream social. There will be live drum entertainment and Q&A if you are new or just need some answers. You can also **PAY YOUR DUES** here, the trading post **WILL** be open.

Upcoming Events

- **Arrow Corp5**

June 21 - 28

at Washington Jefferson national park

- **Boy Scouts camp Weeks at FSSR**

Week 1 June 29 - July 5

Week 2 July 6 - July 12

Week 3 July 13 - July 19

Week 4 July 20 - July 26

- **Cub Scouts**

July 31 - August 3

At FSSR

Need help On Aug 2nd for cub scout ceremony

- **Summer ordeal**

August 15, 16, 17

at FSSR

- **Fall Fellowship**

October 17, 18, 19

At Sandscrast

Put on by Papoukewis

- **ALTC**

October 31, November 1, 2

- **Winter banquet**

December 21st

Place TBA

Put on by Arrowhead

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CHEIFLY SPEAKING

KEVIN ABRAHAM

Hello again my brothers,

I would first like to congratulate all those Vigil candidates who now have the Vigil honor. It is a very great honor to hold which so few have and all should strive for.

We have a very great lodge and membership is always growing and this past ordeal shows that with all our new members. One of our goals for this year is to have all troop elections done before summer camp to do this please help by contacting your chapter chiefs thanks.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for a great year as chief.

Yours in Brotherhood

Kevin Abraham

2008 Onondaga Lodge Chief