



## Fall Fellowship at Sandscrest

This October, on the 17th, 18th, and 19th, Papoukewis Chapter will host the Fall Fellowship at Sandscrest Scout Reservation in Wheeling, WV. Although not final, plans have already taken shape. Friday night there will be training as part of our Lodge Leadership Development. Courses that we plan to offer are as follows: The Troop Representative Program, American Indian Activities Within the Lodge, Introduction to Trail Indians, So You Want To Be An Elangomat, and Ceremonial Pyrotechnics. On Saturday, we will start the day with service projects around camp. During the latter part of the day there will be an LEC meeting, free time, and a craft making session as well.

After dinner, those who choose to go will head to Foggy Bottom for the Foggy Bottom Festival of Fright. The weekend will conclude Sunday morning with a lodge meeting before departure. As always, it will be an enjoyable and memorable Fellowship with plenty of training, service, and most importantly, good food. Fellowship Weekend cost \$20.00 plus cost of Special event to be announced later. Be sure to register online at [www.onondaga36.org](http://www.onondaga36.org). See you there!!

## Congratulations

Congratulations! New Vigil Member Bobby Schuerle, who received his Vigil honor August 16, 2008.

Congratulations! New Brotherhood Members from Summer Ordeal: Kenny Cline, Kenny Murphy, Dylan Filbert and Jimmy Ross and from Summer Camp: Andrew Barrows, Eric Auber, David Beiter, Greg Beiber, Zach Davis, Cody Forster, Cole Demis, Dylan Dixon, David Hooseholder, Nick Carte, George Jackson, Rowan Clouston, Bret Nadolski, Corey Ptaszek, Billy Yoho, Anthony Clements. And from Conclave Cole Coates.

Welcome new Ordeal Members, who went through ordeal August 15-17, 2008 they are Albert, Nassif Jimmy; Allen, Richard; Anderson, Logan; Baker, Brennan; Benson, Andrew; Borrell, Stanford; Cline, Chris; Diegmiller, Rocky; Erste, Ben; Fallon, Joe; Gill, Devin; Hall, Daeman; Hall, Donald; Klar, Seth; Kreider, Jacob; Lucas, Gage; McGee Sr, David Lee; Murphy, Chris; O'Connell, Cassidy; O'Leary, Vincent; Patrizi, Jimmy; Persinger, Jacob; Powley, Aaron; Surgent, Stephen; Swickard, Steven; Thompson, Brian; Thompson, Daniel; Thornburg, Zane; Wentzel, Willie; Zombek, Jacob; Zombek, Joe

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## **N.O.A.C.**

Onondaga Lodges 2009 National Order of the Arrow contingent Leaders were announced at the Summer Ordeal. They are Youth Chairman Bob Schuerle and Adult Adviser Ron Pickens. The 2009 event will be held at Indiana University in Bloomington Indiana August 1 to August 6 for more Information please contact either Bob at 740-425-4024 / [swimmerdude444@yahoo.com](mailto:swimmerdude444@yahoo.com) or Ron Pickens at 304 242 8773 / [RSMCHP@aol.com](mailto:RSMCHP@aol.com) you can also find information at [www.event.oa.bsa.org](http://www.event.oa.bsa.org)

## **2009 NOAC Patch Designs**

Arrowmen send your submissions in for the NOAC patch and Council Strip. This is the first year we are allowed to design the council patch to match the NOAC patch. Any designs are welcome but we will need to get them submitted to be printed soon. You can give your drawings to Lodge Advisor Greg Stephens or Acting Lodge Chief and NOAC Chairman Bobby Schuerle at the next Lodge Event. All Submissions are welcome.

## **Dues!!!!!!!!!!**

Fellow Arrowmen, Dues are an important part of our lodge, without them we cannot function. Dues are \$10.00. It has been decided that there will be a late fee of \$2.00 added to the dues each year you do not pay. if you are 2 years behind now and don't get caught up by the end of the year your name will come off the data base and mailing list. It is important that you pay dues, they fund your newsletter and they keep your membership current to name a few. Membership gives the youth the right to vote and run for offices.

Please fill in the following membership card and return to the Scout Office or turn in at the next Lodge or Chapter function

## Fund Raising Ideas Needed

Do you have a fundraising idea for the Lodge? Maybe you would like to do a pancake breakfast at Applebee's, or night at Long John Silver, or Bake Sale, or a Car Wash? If you have an idea for a fund raiser send it to Lodge Advisor Greg Stephens at [newolenno@gmail.com](mailto:newolenno@gmail.com) or at PO Box 417 Empire OH 43926-0417 or call him at home 740.537.2998 or his cell 740.632.8889

## ArrowCorp<sup>5</sup> Revisited

At the Papoukewis August Chapter meeting Lodge Advisor Greg Stephens and Lodge Chief Kevin Abraham recounted the Experience of a Lifetime. They were part of a 7 man contingent from Onondaga Lodge that went to Washington and Jefferson National Park in Virginia. The goal was 1000 Arrowmen became a reality of about 800 Arrowmen working the 9 plus mile of new trail. The assistant Director of Forestry told the group they placed them 125 years ahead of schedule. Our 7 Lodge members who attended put in 300 hours of service to the Nation. They had one day off and visited the historical town of Lexington, Virginia, home of Stone Wall Jackson, VMI, and Washington and Lee College. Thank you Greg Stephens, Kevin Abraham, Bobby Schuerle, Ron Pickens, Greg Starcher, David Risnear, and Steve Shields for representing our Lodge!

## Community Service – Ideas Wanted!

As you know we do a lot of service work for council during Fellowship and Ordeal Weekends, but we also need to focus on our Community. Now our Community covers as south as Sistersville, WV to as north as New Cumberland, WV. Not forgetting east and West. We have hosted a blood drive at the end of summer 2007 when supplies were low, but we need more ideas from you no matter how small you may think the idea is send in to your Lodge Advisor Greg Stephens at [newolenno@gmail.com](mailto:newolenno@gmail.com) or at PO Box 417 Empire OH 43926-0417 or call him at home 740.537.2998 or his cell 740.632.8889. Remember no idea will be turned away and you might be the one to come up with the best idea ever. Thanks in advance for your ideas.

## Lodge advisors minute

Greg Stephens



Arrowmen,

I would like to welcome all our new Ordeal members from the Summer Ordeal to Onondaga Lodge. Welcome aboard we are glad to have you. You are now part of the National Honor Society of Scouting and one of the best Lodges in our region. So take pride in wearing your sash and representing the Order of the Arrow. I would also like to congratulate our new Brotherhood members from the Conclave Summer Camp and the Spring and Summer Ordeals Thank you for sealing your membership in the O.A.

We have been making some changes in our Lodge. I am sure there are articles pertaining to most of these changes in the news letter. A couple big things are we had to raise our prices \$5.00 per event due to the rising cost of food. But we did adopt a family plan so for example there are 3 in your family planning on coming to an event the 1st one will pay \$20.00 the 2nd will pay \$18.00 and the 3rd. will pay \$17.00 it levels off there 3 or more will save \$3.00.

The next big change is that we will be doing everything possible to collect dues from those members who want to remain on our data base and mailing list. There is a dues registration form and survey in this newsletter. We need to know your most up to date contact info and what you would like to be involved with in the Lodge. So please fill out the registration form if you owe dues and fill out the survey. If you don't know if you owe dues contact Kyle Jones at 740 425 4299 / [jimthome07@yahoo.com](mailto:jimthome07@yahoo.com)

Finally I would like to thank everyone who makes my job easy for me you know who you are and Thank you Thank you Thank you. If anyone has and questions or concerns please feel free to contact me, I am here for you.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
*Greg Stephens L.A.*

## Troop Rep Program

Our Lodge is working hard to make the Troop Rep program work. We need a Troop rep from every Troop to come to Chapter Meetings so they can relay the Lodge information back to our members in their Troops. It is a recognized position of responsibility for advancement, plus you will be part of the Lodge's Executive Committee. We will be having a training cell on this position at our upcoming Fellowship. So if you're a Scoutmaster needing a Troop Rep or a Youth interested in becoming a Troop rep please plan on attending our Fall Fellowship.

## Powwow

As you all should know the 2008 Pow Wow was canceled for a number of reasons. What we need to do now is see if there is an interest in doing one in 2009. It takes a lot of work to put a Pow Wow, and a lot of planning. We need Adult advisers for all parts of the Pow Wow from the Pow Wow Chairman and Adviser down to the Food Booth and everything in between. If I have gotten enough interested members volunteering by the Fall Fellowship I am afraid we will have to cancel it again.

## Winter Banquet 2008

The Winter Banquet will be here before you know it. Arrowhead Chapter is busy planning the banquet and more details will be out as soon as they finalize some plans and confirm dates and place. Cost usually runs between \$12.00 and \$15.00 per person. This is one event that you can bring your entire family to. The banquet comprises of a catered dinner, silent auction, awards ceremony, small singing performance, and a guest speaker.

## Event Price Increased!

As you all know the cost of food and gas have been on the rise, and as you can guess our cost of hosting events has gone over budget. The following increases will be in effect as of October 2008 at the Fall Fellowship.

**Fellowship \$20.00** (plus special activity prices)

**Brotherhood \$32.00**

**Ordeal \$40.00**

A family discount will be available for those bring more than two family members to an event.

Thank you for understanding how hard we tried to keep the prices from increasing.

## Upcoming Events

### In 2008

- **Fall Fellowship October 17-18-19**
- **ALTC October 31-November 1-2**
- **Winter Banquet December 21 (?)**

### In 2009

- **AIA Weekend January 9-10-11**
- **Spring Fellowship March 14-15**
- **Conclave May 15-16-17**
- **Spring Ordeal June 5-6-7**
- **Summer Ordeal August 14-15-16**

**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

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## **Chiefly Speaking...**

As I reported in the last issue of Smoke Signals I'll be leaving for the United States Marine Corp Boot Camp September 1st for the next three months, while I am gone Vice Chief of Administration Bobby Schuerle will be Acting Lodge Chief. If you have any questions or concerns please contact him or Lodge Advisor Greg Stephens.

I want to thank all of you for letting me be your Lodge Chief for 2008. It is a great honor that I take very serious, and want you to know that I appreciate your support this past year. As you read this newsletter I will be in my first three weeks of boot camp with ten more to go.

We are in need of a youth newsletter editor. If you are interested please speak to Adult Newsletter Advisor Bob Kagler or Lodge Advisor Greg Stephens. With this said I want to encourage each youth member to take a leap of faith and try your hand at a committee. I started out as the youth chairman to the Dance and Drum Team, it was a great way to get my feet wet and to get real leadership experience.

I have great faith in this AWESOME Lodge! Be sure to attend the lodge functions, enjoy the fellowship of the Order of the Arrow, Don't be afraid to get your sash Dirty!

Yours in Cheerful Service,  
Kevin "Pickle:" Abraham  
Lodge Chief