

SMOKE SIGNALS

Winter Banquet

The Winter Banquet was a success!! Thank you to all who made it through the bad weather and icy roads. We were very successful in our attendance and with the Silent Auction. The food was great thanks to That's Italian Catering in Wheeling. Many awards, including Vigil Honors, Elangomat Recognition, Founders Award, and the Gold Mandela were given out to some outstanding Arrowmen. We would like to thank Taylor Minger for arranging the banquet, and everyone else who helped to make this event a success.

Hosted by Papoukewis Chapter

Date: Saturday, December 19, 2009

Place: The Rose, Steubenville, OH

Time: Doors open at 6:00pm, Dinner 6:30pm

RSVP online by December 6, 2009 at www.onondaga36.org

Cost: \$15.00 a plate, event patch separate

Dinner includes: Ham with pineapple glaze, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, pasta, and dessert.

Entire family is welcome to attend! Vigils, Gold Mandela, and Founders Awards will be presented.

Guest Speaker is Pastor Chuck Jerman, First United Methodist Church, Weirton

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WINTER 2009

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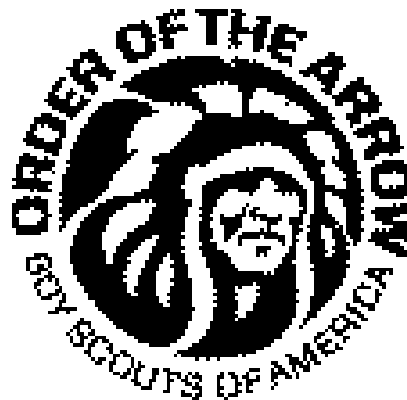
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Congratulations and Have a Great Year!

ALTC Revisited

Onondaga Lodge went to Camp Lazarus in Delaware Ohio the weekend of November 6, 7, & 8 for an Area Leadership Training Conference. Between Staff, those who pre registered and walk ins there were 140 people from 12 Lodges in our area. We counted for 28 of those in attendance, making us the largest group there. Our youth leaders and adult advisers took some great training classes and enjoyed some great fellowship.



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Lodge Building at FSSR

The Lodge has decided we would like to have our own building at F.S.S.R. to store our equipment and maybe have meetings or get ready for ceremonies ect... Well we have a long way to go. We sold pizza hut cards and had 4 families sell them, kind of disappointing considering the size of our Lodge. We would really like to thank those of you who did sell them, we profited about \$240.00. We still need to raise some where in the neighborhood of \$3800.00. We are trying to work out a deal with Krogers to sell root beer floats. If any one had any ideas for a fundraiser, or a donation please contact either Greg Stephens or Shane Gamble. We are aiming to have this project done my summer camp.

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.



Lodge Advisor's Minute

Greg Stephens



Arrowmen and women,

As my time as Lodge adviser comes to a end I have to admit it has been the most rewarding job I have ever had in scouts. Getting to work with the finest scouts in our council watching them grow into fine young men and our future leaders wow what a great experience. I would like to thank all my youth officers and my adult advisers in the last 5 years for making Onondaga Lodge one of the greatest Lodges in the region. I am proud to know and be affiliated with each and everyone of you.

I have all the confidence in the world in Kevin Frank as your new Lodge Adviser he has a proven track record in Scouting and I am certain he will lead us in the right direction during his term.

I will not be disappearing I plan on being involved and helping out anywhere im needed. If there is anything I can do for you please feel free to contact me, I am here for you. Yours in Brotherhood,

Greg Stephens L.A.

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Greetings brothers! My name is Kevin Frank it will be my honor to serve you as Lodge advisor after Greg Stephens steps down following the Winter Banquet. I promise to you that I will do my best to maintain the quality program that Greg has watched over. As I have been told by past leaders, the OA program is laid out for each Lodge to use. We can not go wrong by following it.

For those who do not know me well, I have been a member of the council since 1997 when we moved to the Wheeling area. I have served as Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 6 and Scoutmaster with Troop 5. I was also the Scoutmaster with the 2005 National Jamboree contingent. I have been a member of the OA since 1973 joining the Shawnee Lodge in St. Louis. A very large active Lodge then as it is now.

Our Lodge being much smaller is both a curse and a blessing. The youth members have a greater chance to be known by all other members improving the opportunities for leadership within the Lodge. On the down side it reduces our individual resources, which is our challenge.

In closing I want to thank Greg for his past and future service to the Lodge. I also want to thank Shane Gamble for continuing to serve as your Lodge Chief. His involvement will help with the transition to new youth and adult leadership. Finally, I will sign off with a common phrase used at all Lodge meetings, "Onondaga Rocks!"

Yours in Brotherhood,

Kevin Frank, Incoming Lodge Advisor

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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, we are hoping to make this event a huge success.

ATTN: Pow Wow Committees

If you are on a pow wow committee, you need to start working on your assigned tasks.

Advertising: Make Signs and if they were done on the computer send them to powwow36@gmail.com. Also start thinking of media outlets in the area to publicize our event

Drum: Start Looking for drum teams and get in contact with them.

Dance: Start Looking for Dancers

If your committee needs to contact people email or message me for access to the pow wow email address.

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact myself or Lori Abraham.

Trevor Reed, Chairman

Troop Elections

With Spring on its way its time to start planning Troop OA Elections, all elections are to be done before Summer Camp. For more information on troop elections please contact the Chief of the chapter in your area.

Upcoming Events

In 2009

- December 19 Winter Banquet
Rose in Steubenville, Ohio

In 2010

- January 8-9-10,
AIA Weekend-Sandscrest
- March 12-13-14,
Spring Fellowship FSSR
- April 9, 20 Vigil Night
Sandscrest
- May 21-22-23 Conclave
- June 12-13 POW WOW
Jefferson Co. Fair Ground
- June 4-5-10 Spring Ordeal
Ft. Steuben Scout Reservation
- August 20-21-22, Summer
Ordeal Ft. Steuben Scout
Reservation
- October 15, 16, 17
Fall Fellowship-Sandscrest
- ALTC November 5, 6, 7
- Winter Banquet December 18

**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO
CHANGE!**

Price Increase

Reminder

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

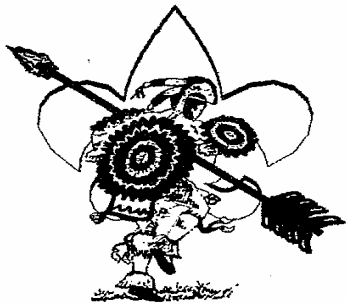
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Chiefly Speaking...

Brothers,

Once again, I look back on another year with Onondaga Lodge and am more than pleased. I am constantly reminded of what a great lodge we are and will continue to be. This year, apart from inducting many new members into the brotherhood, we sent a contingent of twenty five arrowmen to the National Order of the Arrow Conference in August and then a large contingent of twenty eight arrowmen to the Area Leadership Training Conference in November. Our members have represented us well in the nation and in our area only to come back home and put in hours of cheerful service at our camps and our service projects. They represent the true spirit of Scouting.

I would like to thank everyone, especially the other lodge officers, the LEC, and all advisers for another great year. It has been a pleasure to serve this lodge with such great people at my side. As this year closes, let us look forward to the great things to come in 2010.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Shane Gamble

