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2014 Calendar of Events

January		
5	Winter Banquet	Veteran's Terrace (Burlington, WI)
April		
25-27	Section Conclave	Mandt Park (Stoughton, WI)
May		
3	Spring Fix-It	Indian Mound Scout Reservation
9-11	Spring Conclave	Camp OH-DA-KO-TA
June		
13-15	Summer Conclave	LeFeber Northwoods Camps
July		
31-10	State Fair Parking	WI State Fair
September		
5-7	Fall Conclave	Indian Mound Reservation
13	Fall Fix-It	Camp OH-DA-KO-TA
October		
24-26	Lodge Leadership Development	

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Bylaw Amendments

As a newly-developed and growing organization, there comes a time and a place that we realize there are certain aspects of what we intended our organization to do, and how it practices its intentions, become two different concepts. Furthermore, our Lodge Executive Committee has come to the consensus that we would like our bylaws to be holistically accurate of how our Lodge actually functions. It is for these reasons that we have come before you to inform you of two proposals that have been laid on the table and approved by our Executive Committee, both of which have been inserted within your newsletter.

To summarize, amendment 2013-01 proposes to split the conjoined Activities and Service committee under Article III, Section 3.04. We as an Executive Committee feel that these two facets of event planning are substantial enough for each to serve as their own committee and can work independently of one another. Amendment 2013-02 proposes to terminate the Unit Relations committee and its respective sub-committees under Article III, Section 3.04. We as an Executive Committee feel that all the work that has been done under this committee will be the primary function of the Chapter System which was enacted on November 1st, 2013.

Our bylaws state the following with regards to amendments under Article IV, Section 4.01:

> "The rules shall be subject to an amendment at any regular or special meeting of the Lodge, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing to the Executive Committee for at least 30 days prior to its approval by a two-thirds majority vote at an Executive Committee meeting at least 30 days prior to the Lodge meeting. All active members must be notified of the proposed amendment at least 10 days prior to the Lodge meeting. A two-thirds majority vote of the members present and under the age of 21 shall be required to approve any change."

The 30 day consideration period was upheld and both proposals were passed and approved by Lodge Chief Tyler Waiss, and attested by the Lodge Secretary Dylan Jensen at the October 6th, 2013 Lodge Executive Committee meeting. Considering the Lodge Meeting at which these proposals will be voted upon will be almost 3 months since October 6th, 2013, we have passed this stage. Finally, this newsletter article will have been published and distributed before December 26th, 2013, passing the final stage of proposing a bylaw amendment.

At our 2nd Annual Lodge Winter Banquet, scheduled for January 5th, 2014 at the Veteran's Terrace of Burlington, Wisconsin, those active members in attendance under the age of 21 will have the opportunity to voice their opinion in favor of, or against the bylaw amendments that the Executive Committee has proposed. Pending a two-thirds majority vote, these amendments will be passed and take full effect upon approval.

We ask you to review these proposals in detail, as there will be an opportunity to voice discussion before voting upon these. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Winter Banquet and wish you safe Holidays!
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Chiefly Speaking: The Lodge Chief's Corner

Arrowmen!

Over the past few months, our Lodge Executive Committee has been hard at work preparing for this upcoming year. Since our Fall Conclave, we have added a few new members to our Executive Committee, put on a Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) weekend and hosted several LEC meetings. Upon completion of all these, I'm very excited to move on into our second year and start finalizing the types of programs that we would like to put on.

Our LLD coincided with the OH-DA-KO-TA Haunted Hayride weekend during October 25th – 27th. We helped run different parts of the council fundraiser during the nights and trained during the days. Some of the different training cells covered topics like "Developing a Mission and Purpose Statement", to "How to Utilize Parliamentary Procedure". Lots of information was covered and everyone that attended the weekend learned information that will help better the program that we put on.

I would like to give a shout out to a couple of different people for their efforts in making this weekend a success. First of all are our speakers, Mr. Ryan Prestil as the Secretary of Section C-7 and former Lodge Chief of Takoda Lodge, Bryan Hoff of Troop 336 and former Lodge Chief of Mascoutens Lodge, Mr. Doug Reed of the Council Camping Committee and former Lodge Chief of Mikano Lodge. Next, the NYLT Staff that so graciously helped us in the kitchen while we worked on our training, and finally, Mrs. Cari Hush who was our contact and helped us get a cabin and coordinated the logistics of our weekend and how we fitted into the Haunted Hayride Program. Thank you all for the work that you all did to make the Lodge Leadership Development a success!

Furthermore, our LEC as a whole has been working towards planning the various aspects of our Winter Banquet, and our lodge program as a whole. We have been working on amending our bylaws, which you will see in another part of this newsletter. We have been working diligently to train our chapter chiefs in how to run their respective chapter programs. Of which, I please ask you to get involved and attend the chapter meetings. We want this upcoming winter season to be as successful as possible, but we need you to meet us halfway. Check your emails, watch out for phone calls, and ask questions if you have any!

I thank you once again for all that you do in support our Lodge and the Order of the Arrow program, and I look forward to seeing each of you at our Winter Banquet in January!

Yours in Service,
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OA Obligation

I do hereby promise, on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk Wingolauchsik Witahemui.
I will always regard the ties of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit, even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

IronHorse/Southshore Districts

Hello fellow Arrowmen,

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Zachary Semancik and I am the Chapter Chief for the Iron Horse and South Shore Chapter. As all of you know, to be selected for induction, you were first voted in by the scouts from your troop. One of my main duties as Chapter Chief is to get these elections completed in all of our Chapter's units. With all that I am involved in, I cannot help run 33 elections by myself before March. I am trying to create a list of all the OA Reps from this Chapter's units. Also, if you are interested in helping with elections, please let me know. We are planning a training session on elections so even if you never have helped with one before, you can be trained before the elections start.

I am working on some new things for our Chapter and will be getting information to the OA Reps as soon as the plans are finalized. So keep your eyes out for important Chapter information.

WWW,

Zach Semancik, Iron Horse/South Shore Chapter Chief

Lighthouse/Gateway Districts

My name is Ricky Carrillo and I'm the new Chapter Chief for the Gateway/Lighthouse Districts. A little bit about myself I'm 15 years old a Life Scout and a Brotherhood member in the OA , I have served on the LEC since I was voted in the OA. Within the LEC, I have held several positions that would help me with this position I have been appointed to. Brian Coe is our Vice Chief, Dominic Geminani is our secretary, and Mr. Ken Walton is our adviser.

In our chapter I am working to achieve a good attendance and is growing every meeting, thank you to the membership. So far we have been meeting at the Roundtables for Lighthouse and Gateway. We have been rotating the meeting every month. We plan, a neutral place between Racine and Kenosha, starting in December, on a Sunday. As there is too much happening on Thursdays for Roundtable.

So far, we have discussed and are working on a Chapter name, setting up troop elections and camp promotions, a Chapter Budget, and ways to improve the chapter and our strength within the Lodge itself.

If you have any questions to can contact my adviser via email: Mr. Walton; kwalton@wi.rr.com. We look forward to seeing more members of Gateway and Lighthouse at our next meeting.

Yours in scouting,

Ricky Carrillo, Chapter Chief LH/GW

Polaris/Heart of Milwaukee Districts

The Mizheekay Chapter (comprised of the Polaris and Heart of Milwaukee Districts) is still getting organized and looking for scouts that would like to take on leadership roles within the Chapter. We were well represented at fall work days at both ODKT and IMR. We also held our first Chapter meeting at the IMR work day with over a dozen members attending.

We are now working to help support the Lodge effort scheduling and holding elections at all troops within the Chapter and promoting the summer camping program. If you are interested in becoming part of the chapter leadership team, please contact the Chapter Adviser at bobfrick@wi.rr.com.

Special thanks to Quinn Siebers (Brotherhood member and Eagle scout from Troop 400) who represented the Chapter at the November LEC and presented designs for the creation of patches for participation in chapter events. We are looking forward to an active winter/spring season and demonstrating cheerful service within the council.

Chapters are Here!

The Kanwa tho Lodge has implemented a chapter structure this last fall. What are chapters, you ask? Just as the council is divided into districts, a lodge may be divided into chapters. And, just as the lodge is aligned with the council, chapters usually (but not always) align with districts.

The Consolidation Committee that worked so hard to bring the legacy Mikano and Mascoutens lodges together outlined the basic chapter structure for the Kanwa tho Lodge. There are four chapters in the lodge, each corresponding with two of the districts within Three Harbors Council. The chapters are as follows: Fox River / Root River Chapter, Gateway / Lighthouse Chapter, Heart of Milwaukee / Polaris Chapter, and Iron Horse / Southshore Chapter. Each chapter will eventually choose its own name.

In large councils that span a large geographic area, each chapter may operate as a "mini-lodge". In our case, the responsibility of the chapters will primarily consist of conducting unit elections and camp promotions for units within their geographic area, although other functions will likely exist, such as being a part of district camping events.

Each chapter has its own "key 3" consisting of an elected Chapter Chief, an adult Chapter Adviser, and a Chapter Staff Adviser (from the Scouting professional staff). Chapter chiefs are voting members of the Lodge Executive Committee. Chapter meetings will be held monthly during the school year and all troop OA Representatives are expected to attend the chapter meetings and be a part of the unit elections teams. This will be another way for the units and the lodge to stay more connected and will create some additional substance to the OA Representative leadership position (your troop does have an OA Rep, right?). The initial plan will be for the chapter meetings to coincide with Roundtable meetings of one district or the other in the chapter, although the chapter Key 3 may eventually decide to meet at a different place and time.

The Chapter Advisers are Ken Walton (Gateway / Lighthouse), Fred Mikolajewski (Iron Horse / Southshore), Bob Frick (Polaris / Heart of Milwaukee) and Kyle Kaczmarek (Root River / Fox River).

We are excited about getting the chapters going and look forward to the new ways that the OA can be involved in serving Scouting at the district level.

2014 Elected Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief : Tyler Waiss
Vice Chief of Administration : Clayton Zortman
Vice Chief of Program : Andrew Semancik
Vice Chief of Chapters : Tyler Victory
Root River/Fox River Chapter Chief : Ryan Lafin
Heart of Milwaukee/Polaris Chapter Chief : Open
Iron Horse/Southshore Chapter Chief : Zachary Semancik
Gateway/Lighthouse Chapter Chief : Ricky Carrillo

Will **YOU** be at NOAC 2015?

Are you ready for the largest Order of the Arrow event ever? The 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), will be held August 3rd - 8th, 2015 and **ALL** Arrowmen are invited! With a goal of over 10,000 Arrowmen in attendance, NOAC will be an experience you will never forget! There will be lots of fun, training, and Brotherhood at this event. The 2015 NOAC will also be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, so be prepared for a party that you will not forget!

In 2015, NOAC will be returning to Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, which was the site of the 2012 NOAC. With such a great history of the conferences, you can expect greatness. NOAC will feature amazing evening shows and lots of great training programs. So mark your calendars now, and I'll see you at NOAC 2015!

Paul Scheidt
SNARE Chairman
Kanwa tho Lodge 636

A Call to Arms

I set foot on the Summit Bechtel Reserve on July 10th, 40lb bag on my back as my mind began racing. I was finally there; I was finally at the Summit. It was over a year ago that I accepted a position on the Order of the Arrow Service Corps, and it was finally time to join over 700 other Arrowmen from across the nation in 2 full weeks of cheerful service. The Order of the Arrow had a powerful presence at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree, making up almost 10% of the entire Jamboree staff. The Order had 4 major duties at the Jamboree. Arrowmen served in the Indian Village, teaching scouts about Native American Culture. They also served as Trek Guides that lead troops and crews up Gardenground Mountain, and Day of Service Guides that lead units in service projects across the towns surrounding the SBR. Finally, there was the Service Corps, a group of 150 Arrowmen that provided service, wherever and whenever it was needed, around the Jamboree.

I was a proud member of Chapter 5 of the Service Corps, nicknamed "The Fightin' Fifth." Our chapter was made up of Arrowmen hailing from as far west as Oregon to as far east as Boston, from as far north as Milwaukee to as far south as New Orleans, but we were all united in our drive to serve others. We spent our 2 weeks serving our fellow scouts, sometimes working from dawn to dusk. We were ushers for the stadium shows, escorts for VIPs, and even medics when the circumstance arrived. Despite all of the work, our Cheerful Service was filled with plenty of cheer. We spent 2 days testing everything from the gun range to the BMX course, and set the record on the Water Reality Cope Course. We even rafted the Class 5 rapids of the New River Gorge! Looking back, I came into the job knowing that it was going to be a challenge. But with the friends I made over those 2 weeks, coupled with the constant sense of adventure radiating from the SBR, it was one of the greatest times of my life.

I challenge each of you to take advantage of all the opportunities that OA High Adventure has to offer. I can vouch that it is truly a life-changing experience.

—Andrew Semancik, Vice Chief-Program

Lodge Adviser's Corner

We've done it! We are about to celebrate our lodge's first birthday at the upcoming Winter Banquet. What a year it's been. While we may not have had the polish of a more mature lodge, we have every reason to be proud of our successes in our first year. We held three conclaves at three different council camps and two fix-it days at our two Cub Scout camps. The attendance at the Spring and Fall Conclaves both exceeded 170 Arrowmen. With 1,114 dues-paying members, we're slightly larger than we were when we combined the former Mikano and Mascoutens lodges. This year, we've inducted 165 new Ordeal members, 94 new Brotherhood members, and 22 new Vigil Honor members. We conducted the first-ever Brotherhood inductions at the LeFeber summer program. We held a successful Lodge Leadership Development weekend. We've kicked off our Chapter program. We've participated in Section events, sending delegations to the Section Conclave in April and to the Winter and Fall Council of Chiefs meetings. And we've had fun all along the way.

But, we cannot rest. We've gotten off to a great start, but we've a long path in front of us. Unit elections are right around the corner. Before we know it, we'll be planning for our Spring Conclave and Spring Fix-it, and so on … Plus, there are things we will strive to do better next year. We will particularly need your help to create strong chapters. Scoutmasters, please make sure you appoint an OA Unit Representative and ensure that he gets to the Chapter meetings. I suspect that the youth members will gain a lot by getting out helping with OA elections (I know that I have).

I have many people to thank for such a successful year. The Lodge Executive Committee, made up of youth members with counseling from their adult advisers, has done a great job. Just like a troop, where the Scoutmaster's job is so much easier with strong youth leadership and active Assistant Scoutmasters and committee members, so too has my job been made easier.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any comments, questions, or concerns about the Order of the Arrow or the Kanwa tho Lodge. In the meantime, I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Winter Banquet on January 5.

Bob Farrell
Kanwa tho Lodge Adviser
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Trading Post Announcement

This year's National Jamboree flap is still available for purchase! Due to the desirable nature of the item, the limitation on the number of flaps that can be bought by each member has been increased to FIVE per member. The cost of the flap is still $5 each. Flaps can be bought at the Milwaukee office, or at any Lodge event or LEC. Don't miss your chance to own a piece of Kanwa tho history!

SNARE Committee Report

My name is Paul Scheidt, I am the new SNARE Committee Chairman for your Kanwa tho Lodge. I am a Brotherhood member and I have been to NOAC 2012, National Jamboree 2013, and to several section conclaves. Some upcoming SNARE events are the 2014 C-7 Section Conclave and the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC).

The Section Conclave is going to be hosted by Takoda Lodge at Mandt Park in Stoughton, WI on April 25th to the 27th, 2014. The conclave is going to be James Bond theme and is going to be a blast. I have been to many Section Conclaves and they are a lot of fun.

The 2015 NOAC is planning to be the biggest event for any Arrowmen. The conference will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the OA and will be held August 3-8, 2015 at Michigan State University. NOAC is a six-day conference, which includes top-notch training sessions, amazing night shows, and much more. Over 10,000 Arrowmen are expected from all over the nation to be coming to this event.

OA High Adventure

Do you need an escape from that 9-5 job, summer classes or the monotony of staring out of your bedroom window longing for something new? If your answer is yes, the Order of the Arrow has the answer for you.

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs whether its wetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base; maybe hiking is your passion, what better place to go than the Philmont Scout Ranch where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors as a part of your Trail Crew experience.

Have you ever given thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders, maybe the OA Voyage is for calling. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

Along with your one week trek completely designed by you, each Arrowmen will be afforded the opportunity to leave their mark in history by helping to sure up portage trails, backpacking trails or coral reefs. Aside from providing a good deed to each of these high adventure bases, every participant will have the opportunity to work closely with Arrowmen from across the country, who have a similar interest in the future of both the program and the adventure base.

You may be thinking that this is a daunting task but it is an experience unlike any other afforded to you in scouting in that it takes you out of your world and places with people, who want to do something different. It's not everyday that you can tell your friends that you climbed into Cypher's Mine, watched the Northern Lights from a canoe or went scuba diving in the Florida Keys.

These programs help to insure that the future of scouting has a place to live, work and interact. This summer, try something new or do something you thoroughly enjoy, but do something with the Order of the Arrow High adventure opportunities. For more information about these High Adventure programs, please visit adventure.oa-bsa.org or talk to your lodge chief. Your destiny awaits you...