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## New Lodge Off to Great Start

The Order of the Arrow's newest lodge started with a bang last January with the annual Winter Banquet. Over 350 devoted Arrowmen attended to show their enthusiasm for the new lodge. Fun, fellowship, and a cheerful spirit were felt by all as the night progressed. Special congratulations go out to all members who received awards. In addition to the ceremonies, a silent auction was held. Over \$2,000 were raised on the auction, which will certainly help fund our upcoming endeavors as a lodge. Thank you to all those who donated to the auction, as well as those who bid on the fabulous items. We look forward to the outstanding future events! Pictures on Pg 4.



## Winter Banquet Award Recipients

Arrowman of the Year (Youth Award)

Matthew Frick

Lodge MVP (Youth Award)

Clayton Zortman

Honored Scouter (Adult Award)

John Ballogh

Joe Ceci

Lodge Adviser's Award

Bob Moorland

Clayton Zortman

Logan Zortman

Founder's Award

Peggy Daily

Tommy Leuenberger

David Pecard

Tim Shea Sr.

## Chiefly Speaking: The Lodge Chief's Corner

Arrowmen!

My name is Tyler Waiss, and our lodge's youth elected me as your 2013 Lodge Chief, and might I say, what an honor it is to serve you all! This first quarter of the year has been a very busy one for all of us! I've appointed my Lodge Executive Committee, had multiple meetings with Bob Farrell and Wally Smith, and been formally elected as a Council Executive Board Member. Our election team is hard at work reaching out to all the troops to build the relations between our lodge and the troops in the council. We've just passed our budget for this year, and we are very excited that we budgeted in the black! Our LEC Meetings have been very productive and successful, and we plan on continuing things this way!

A couple of big dates I'd like to emphasize are the following. April 15<sup>th</sup>, Unit Recharterers are due back to the council offices. **Dues are \$12 now, and they will double to \$24 after April 15<sup>th</sup>!** April 19-21 is Section Conclave at the DeKalb County Fairgrounds in Sandwich, IL. It's going to be an awesome experience to meet other members of Section C-7, and 2012 National Chief, John Rehm! Register at [regis-ter.oac7.org](http://regis-ter.oac7.org)! Finally, come on out to our May 3<sup>rd</sup> fix-it at OH-DA-KO-TA, and come to our first induction weekend, and Spring Conclave May 10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> at Camp IMR!

In the event you haven't heard, Wally Smith will be handing over the reins of the role as Lodge Staff Adviser to Robert Garrett. Wally, with his many other council roles, is unable to devote as much time and effort as he had hoped, and respectfully stepped down. He will still support the OA and our lodge, and continue his roles in the council. But for the first few months you've served us, thank you Wally! We are also very excited Robert on board, as he will be able to bring his experience from other lodges and council to help better ours!

This all sounds great and peachy, however our work is not yet done. The LEC will continue to meet, working out issues like patch designs, how we are going to tackle the Vigil Inductions this year, what we are going to do with our combined regalia, and other similar issues. However, I have complete faith in our LEC, and these issues will be addressed and worked out to the most beneficial solution we can come up with!

Stay tuned for more information, like us on FaceBook, and get your elections scheduled and recharterers in!

Yours in Service,  
WWW,  
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## 2012 Vigil Honor Recipients

Youth	Adults
Josh Crouse	Dan Aguilar
Peter Dziejwiontkoski	Bob Farrell
Matthew Frick	Richard Harycki
Jacob Fullmer	Brian Hrpcek
Tommy Leuenberger	Jack Marshall
Tyler Schneider	Mike Moser
Andrew Semancik	Robbie Schneider
Tyler Victory	Rob Thomas



# Lodge Executive Committee Reports

## Treasurer Report

On January 6th, all of you got your official Kanwa tho lodge flap at the banquet, right? WRONG. The patch committee and I, your lodge's treasurer, have come up with a new and improved official design. If you want to know what it is, stop by the trading post at one of the upcoming events and pick up yours. The price is still pending, but stop by at one of our next Conclaves or Fix-Its and this could be yours. We will be working on a three totem patch as well to get out to our fellow arrowmen by Jamboree.

Also, stop by the trading post at one of our upcoming events or our LEC meetings if you would like to grab a clothing item. If you have any questions, please email myself, Zach Semancik at zach-attacks24@yahoo.com.

Thank you.

WWW

Zach Semancik, Lodge Treasurer

## Ceremonies and Dance Report

Kanwa tho Lodge 636 is in need of new and enthusiastic dancers for the dance team! The team adds color, fun, and excitement to Lodge weekends other Scouting events. The team meets Wednesdays at 7:00 in the downstairs area of the Milwaukee Scout office. For more information, contact Peggy Daily at peggy.daily@yahoo.com.



## Communications Report

Hello fellow Arrowmen! My name is Clayton Zortman and I am the communications chair for the Lodge. I hope that you are thus far enjoying our first Kanwa-Tho newsletter. We plan on sending out a newsletter quarterly. Please make sure your contact information is updated during the season of rechartering and elections. Thank you!

—Clay Zortman

## Recognitions and Vigil

Hello Kanwa tho lodge. It is a privilege to be serving you as your recognitions and vigil officer. I have many plans for our new lodge and right now I am pleased to report I am head of the patch creation committee. For the last few weeks my committee has been working hard to design the new patches for our lodge and I hope you will be proud of our efforts.

So far we have many incredible patches in the works including our official patch, a three totems patch celebrating the new lodge, and one for the upcoming jamboree. Rest assured we are hard at work designing these patches and we hope to impress you when they are shown. Keep an eye out for us and once again you can count on us.

Thank you,

Tyler Schneider

Recognitions and vigil

## Committee Report

### “Generic Title” Rename

As many of you have noticed, our newsletter has yet to be officially named! To fix this grievous issue, we want you (yes, YOU!) to vote on the newsletter’s name. From the many wonderful suggestions on Facebook, the LEC narrowed the choices down to four. Hop on Facebook to vote for your favorite!

The choices are:

Panther Press

The Kat’s Meow

Kanwa tho Quarterly

Panther Publications

## Vice Chief—Administration Report

Greetings my fellow brothers of Kanwa Tho Lodge 636. I am Andrew Semancik, and I will be serving you all this year as the Vice-Chief of Administration.

In the past 2 years on the LEC of Mikano, I had served as the Vice-Chief of Operations, and as Scribe. I am an Eagle Scout, 16 years old, and hailing from the fabulous town that many people may know as Greenfield. I also am a member of the NYLT staff and have attended NLS in Rochester, Indiana.

This year, I will be representing our Lodge at numerous Sectional and National events around the nation! As of now, I am officially a member of the O.A. Service Corps for the 2013 National Jamboree at The Summit. With this role on staff, I am going to be showing just what our lodge is made of as I work alongside some of the top-notch O.A. Leaders from around the nation.

My second journey this summer will entail traveling to Philmont with brothers from around the nation once again, in an adventure that we like to call O.A. Trail Crew. To sum it up, the crew goes on a 2 week trek at Philmont. The first week is spent giving back and unifying the group, while the second can be spent doing whatever you can possibly imagine at Philmont.

Finally, Section Conclave is right around the corner! April 19th-21st in Sandwich, Illinois! It is going to be an amazing time, with one of my personal friends,

### SNARE Committee Report

I'm Robert A. Scheidt and I'm your SNARE Committee Chairman. I'm a Brotherhood member in the OA from Troop 525 in Kenosha. I've been very active in the OA and have Elangomatted. The SNARE position stands for Sectional, National, and Regional Events. I'll be bringing you info about all the upcoming gatherings for this year. I encourage you all to go to as many events you can. They're sure to be a lot of fun. I'll probably be seeing you at one of our OA events and hopefully at this upcoming Section Conclave. WWW.

Robert A. Scheidt  
SNARE Committee Chair  
Kanwa tho Lodge 636

### Historian Report

I am Paul B. Scheidt and I am your lodge historian. I am part of Troop 525 out of Kenosha, Wisconsin. I am a Brotherhood member and an elangomat. I have been very active in the O.A. since I was inducted and have recently gone to NOAC in 2012. My job is to take pictures and collect other sources of information that contains significant importance to the lodge history. My goal is to form a strong collection of history for our newly formed lodge. Please feel free to contact me with any unique lodge history.

WWW  
Paul B. Scheidt  
Historian Committee Chair  
Kanwa tho Lodge 636

### Attention All Cold Weather Campers

The Kanwa tho Lodge of the Order of the Arrow would like to recognize units who participate in cold weather camping, so we have created a "Freeze Out Award" patch for that purpose. Patches can be purchased using the form included in this mailing, which is also available at either Scout Service Center. Complete the form, include payment of \$4 per patch requested, and submit to the Council Services Desk at the Milwaukee Scout Service Center or the Scout Shop at the Racine Scout Service Center, who will then provide you the patches. This award is open to all units and Scouts, and is not restricted to OA members. This is a great opportunity to recognize those Scouts and Scouters who have proven they are truly Year 'Round Wisconsin Campers.

## Lodge Executive Committee Reports

### Service Committee Report

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is "Service to Camping" there will be three opportunities for you to fulfill your obligation in the Order.

May 4, 2013 Oh-Da-Ko-Ta

A **Council wide** day of service will take place at Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta to prepare the camp for the summer season. There will be many different projects like splitting firewood, spreading mulch, roof repair, table repair, and much more. Being that this is open to anyone in the Council please promote this within your Troop. This could be a Troop camping outing or Scouts and Scouters as individuals. Pre-registration will be required so please watch for more detailed information as the date approaches.

May 10-12, 2013 IMR

The Lodge's spring conclave (FKA May Fix-It) will be held at Indian Mound Scout Reservation this weekend as a service and inductions weekend. In addition to getting the camp ready for the summer programs, Candidates will have the opportunity to do their Ordeal and eligible Ordeal members can become Brotherhood members. Service will have many different projects like putting in the pier, opening Turtle Creek, cleaning and checking the firearms, and much much more. Pre-registration is required so please watch for details. **This is an OA only event.**

June 14-16, 2013 Lyle

The Lodge's summer Conclave, which is an inductions and work weekend to prepare both Robert S. Lyle Scout Reservation and LeFeber Northwoods camps for the summer season. For those of you who have participated before you are familiar with the weekend. There will be many repair and fixing projects in addition to fun, fellowship, and service. The crews will be split on Saturday with some Arrowmen going to LeFeber to work. Pre-registration is required so please watch for details. **This is an OA only event.**

David Pecard  
Service Chair

### Charter Member Lodge Flaps

Special "charter member" Kanwa tho Lodge flaps are available. If you did not have a chance to buy one of these limited edition pocket flaps at the banquet, you can still purchase one at the Milwaukee or Racine Council Service Centers for \$5. Former Mikano members must purchase the flap at the Milwaukee office; former Mascoutens members must purchase the flap at the Racine office. Purchases are limited to one flap per registered lodge member (dues paid in 2012) until the Spring Conclave in May. We expect to allow additional purchases from the remaining inventory at the Spring Conclave.

### Unit Elections

It is nearing the end of unit election season. Scoutmasters, if you do not have an election scheduled yet, please contact [KanwathoLodgeAdviser@gmail.com](mailto:KanwathoLodgeAdviser@gmail.com) to schedule yours before April 15.

### Order of the Arrow Rechartering

All Scoutmasters should have received an OA recharter packet (not to be confused with a council recharter packet) to renew the memberships for all Arrowmen associated with their unit. Please be sure to check with your Scoutmaster to ensure your contact information is correct (including e-mail). Annual membership dues double from \$12 to \$24 on April 15, so please get those recharter packets and fees in before then.

## 2013 Calendar of Events

### April

19-21 Fri-Sun Section Conclave, Sandwich, IL

### May

4 Sat 8:00 a.m. Fix-It at OH-DA-KO-TA

10-12 Fri-Sun Spring Conclave, IMR

### June

14-16 Fri-Sun Summer Conclave @ Lyle

### August

23-25 Fri-Sun Fall Conclave, OH-DA-KO-TA

### September

7 Sat 8:00 a.m. Fix-It at IMR

### October

25-27 Fri-Sun Lodge Leadership Development

### January

5 Sun Winter Banquet

## Winter Banquet Photos





**Section C-7 Conclave  
DeKalb County Fairgrounds - Sandwich, IL  
April 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013**

**Daring Greatly!**

As an arrowman, we have many situations that can expose us to uncertainty and risk, and there are often occasions that bring out fear. The ability to accept and embrace the unknown as a part of life should be our calling card not only in our troops, chapters, and lodges, but in our everyday life and interactions with other people. DARING GREATLY is our conclave theme. As you meet and do activities with your brothers from other lodges, hopefully you will get a glimpse of what brotherhood really means! The aim of a conclave is to provide a central place for arrowmen throughout the Section to gather for a weekend of fun and fellowship. The event includes leadership development training, as well as various competitions and games. Come to conclave!

**Come and meet the Man!**

Come and meet the 2012 National Chief, John Rehm; he is from the Williamsport, Pennsylvania area and is a student at Susquehanna University. John is a resident assistant and a member of Phi Mu Delta Fraternity. John is also an avid American Indian dancer, and enjoys the hoop dance. He is gracious enough to find time out of his busy schedule to come to the conclave! Make sure to stop by and talk to him!

**Section Conclave Fee**

The early bird fee for the section conclave is only \$30, so be sure to sign up today! April 1st, the price goes up to \$40, so be sure to register today at <http://register.oac7.org/>. The deadline to register through the Section C-7 Conclave Registration System is by Sunday, April 14th. Hope to see you there!

## Kanwa-tho Lodge 636

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.



### Lodge Adviser's Corner

Bob Farrell

I am excited to be writing this column for our new lodge's first newsletter. As I write this, we just finished a marathon meeting that included the lodge's annual budget meeting, immediately followed by the monthly Lodge Executive Committee meeting. We covered a lot of ground planning the expenses and activities for the year. There is a lot going on in this new lodge of ours!

In all honesty, I never expected to be a Lodge Adviser and am very honored to be asked to serve as the first adviser to the brand new Kanwa tho lodge.

Like many Scouters, my adult Scouting career started when my son joined Cub Scouts. After initially serving on the Pack committee as the Camp Coordinator and Newsletter Editor, I took a big step forward by becoming a Webelos den leader for two years. I crossed over into Boy Scouts when my son did, and have served as an Assistant Scoutmaster ever since (he's now 18). I also wear the hats of a Unit Commissioner and of a committee member of a Venturing crew.

As a youth, I was a Brotherhood member of the Pa-Hin Lodge in the Northern Lights Council in northwestern Minnesota. I renewed my membership in the Order of the Arrow after a 25 year hiatus a few years ago. Fortunately, I did not have to pay 25 years of back-dues when I joined the Mikano Lodge! For the past two years, I have been involved as an adviser in the Mikano Lodge, first with the Unit Representative committee and then the Inductions Committee.

Outside of Scouting, I am an engineer for a large medical equipment manufacturer and am an avid runner; I have run 19 marathons and 3 ultra-marathons since 2001 (for the uninitiated, a marathon is 26.2 miles, and an ultra-marathon is anything longer than that, and are often on trails). In a future column, I may tell you how being a Scout leader is like running a marathon.

I must give great credit to the past leadership of the two legacy lodges from which Kanwa tho was formed, including Chiefs Michael T and Tommy L and Advisers John Donahue and Jared Robinson. Credit is also due to the consolidation committee, consisting of five youth members from each lodge, who worked hard to hammer out many details of how the new lodge would operate. Kanwa tho is starting strong only because of the strong leadership of the Mikano and Mascoutens lodges and we are in their debt.

We have an exciting year planned for the new lodge, including three Conclave weekends, 2 fix-it weekends, a Lodge Leadership Development weekend, and lots of other activities. We invite you to participate in any or all of these events. As your Lodge Adviser, I ask for your involvement and your support. I look forward to the new year and cannot wait to begin our fellowship together!