



Words from the Chief

Greetings Fellow Arrowmen,

I'd like to begin by introducing myself. My name is Matt Dienger and I will have the honor of serving as your 2008-2009 Lodge Chief. As many of you already know, I'm no stranger to the Otyokwa lodge. I was inducted into the order in 2003, and since have served in many positions, including Dance Chair, Vice-Chief of Activities, and Administrative Vice-Chief. I've also been in Ceremonies since the spring of 2004, when I participated in my first Pre-Ordeal Ceremony. All in All, I have had some excellent experiences in the order. But that's enough about me.

I am thrilled to be your Lodge Chief for one of the best years that we are going to have. This year we are pushing the troop rep program, making steps toward an extended elangomat program, and going to have a great time. We also were asked by the council to run a council-wide Klondike Derby, and we might even put on the Webelos lock-in. To make your experience in OA this year exceptional, you have to get involved. There are all sorts of different committees to get involved in; just pick one that looks cool and try it out. For example, the dance team will soon begin on their regalia construction, the elangomat committee is beginning to get things set up, and the ceremonies team should be the best we have seen yet. We've already seen a surge of new members getting involved with things this fall, which is truly great. A clear-cut way to have fun this year is by attending events.

Together as a lodge, I know we can meet and even exceed these goals. Make sure to sign up for all the upcoming events, such as winter banquet, NOAC, and the Webelos lock-in real soon. These are just a few of the events that are sure to make this year great, so stay tuned. If you would like more info, you can contact me or just visit the official website at www.otyokwa.com. I hope to see you all soon!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Matt Dienger
2008-2009 Otyokwa Lodge Chief
chief@otyokwa.com

Dues Are Due NOW

Check your mailing for the expiration date of your dues. If the date is BEFORE October 2008, YOUR DUES ARE DUE IMMEDIATELY. In order to be an active member of Otyokwa Lodge, wear your sash and flap, and to be able to attend lodge functions, you must be current in your dues! PLEASE PAY USING THE ATTACHED FORM.

Hey New Ordeal!

Welcome, brothers, to the Order of the Arrow. By now, hopefully you have had some time to reflect on your experiences during your Ordeal and on the meaning of the OA. By completing your Ordeal, you have become a member of the OA, entitled to all privileges other Arrowmen are entitled to. The OA is not exclusive, and we want you to participate in as many activities as possible. In this newsletter you will find a calendar of events taking place in our lodge over the next year. Mark these dates down, for we would love to see you at any of these events. The OA is what you make it, and to get the most out of it you must be an active participant. Stay tuned for future updates about Brotherhood opportunities and other OA events. Also, check out the OA Jumpstart website...www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org. You can also get to this site and much more through the Otyokwa's site at www.otyokwa.com. *Your dues are already paid for this year.*

Meet Your 2008-2009 Lodge Officers

Matt Dienger - Lodge Chief

Matt is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member who lives in the Village of Lake Hallie near Chippewa Falls Wisconsin. He is a senior at Chi-Hi and enjoys spending time outdoors. Matt also likes to eat ice cream and spend time with friends.

Devin Kilmer - Vice Chief - Administration

Devin is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member who has been in scouts since he was a wolf and in the OA since he was a first class scout. His is a senior at Chippewa Falls Senior High School. He enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, and canoeing in the boundary waters twice a year. He also likes to play video games and going to OA events, He's been to one NOAC and four Section Conclaves. Previously he has served for 3 years as the lodge's secretary.

Joe Zawacki - Vice Chief - Activities

Joe is a Brotherhood member who lives in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and attends Regis High School where he is a junior. He is a member of Troop 37 and is currently working on his Eagle. He enjoys playing sports and listening to music. He also likes going to his cabin, swimming, and playing the guitar.

Spencer Kromrie - Secretary

Spencer is an Eagle Scout and a Brotherhood member of the OA, who lives in Lafayette, Wisconsin near Chippewa Falls. Spencer is a member of Troop 75 where he is an assistant Scoutmaster and where he has been a boy scout for 5 years. He is a Senior at Chi-Hi and enjoys playing drums in his free time, he also likes to hang out with his friends.

Zack Linse - Lodge Treasurer

Zach is a senior at Chippewa Falls High School. He is an Eagle Scout and a Vigil Honor member of Otyokwa Lodge. He is currently a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 75, out of the township of Lafayette. This past summer he worked on the Camp Phillips staff, as the OA Coordinator. In his free time he likes to be outside, hang out with friends and play ultimate frisbee.

Dan Dienger - Lodge Adviser

Dan is a Vigil Honor member in the Otyokwa lodge. Dan was active in the Lodge as a youth and was on the staff at Camp Phillips. Dan has two boys active in scouting, Matt is a Vigil member of Otyokwa Lodge and Jason, a new Ordeal member. Dan's wife, Jane, is also very active in the Order and Committee Chair of the Clear Water District.

The Troop Rep Program

Hey, are you an OA troop representative? Do you know one? If so, contact Matt Dienger. We are looking to improve the troop rep program throughout the council, and we need your help. The job of the troop rep includes attending all executive board meetings, so that info can be relayed to all troops. Please contact Matt for information regarding these meetings, and help the lodge to grow!

Lodge Calendar

December 14	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 2:00pm Scout Office, Eau Claire
January 10	Winter Banquet, Rice Lake Moose Club
February 6-8	Winter Fun Weekend, Phillips Scout Reservation
March 8	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 2:00pm Scout Office, Eau Claire
April 24-26	Spring Fellowship, Phillips Scout Reservation
August 1-6	National Order of the Arrow Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
August 14-16	Fall Fellowship, Phillips Scout Reservation
September 18-20	Section C-1B Conclave - Camp Hiawatha

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

Bloomington, Indiana

August 1 - 6, 2009

This summer, Order of the Arrow members from around the country have the unique opportunity to get together at the National Order of the Arrow Conference ("NOAC"). Over 7,000 Arrowmen will come together to have fun, to learn new things, and to celebrate the best the OA has to offer. This six-day adventure is unlike any other event in Scouting, and only OA members can participate. It has often been compared to a National Jamboree-only it costs much, much less. This is an experience for all Arrowmen, new or old, and not just for officers or advisors.

A typical NOAC day covers all aspects of the OA. In the morning, you can pick your choice of world-class training sessions ranging from Leadership, to Indian Crafts, to Ceremonies, to High Adventure Skills, and more. The afternoon brings sports, competitions, special events, and more. After dinner, you get to see an outstanding Evening Show, a new show each night. After the show, there are open activities, patch trading, and just hanging out with your friends. Finally, you head to bed, to get some sleep so you are ready to do it all again the next day!

Last NOAC, in 2006, our lodge sent a relatively large contingent of youth and adults to Michigan State and we had a blast. We hope to do the same this year. As a lodge, we can bring many youth to NOAC, however we must limit the number of adults. **Youth, the only way to seal your spot is get your money in, so fill out the form in this Eagle's Flight and return it with a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 to the School Service Center by December 31, 2008.** Your dues must be current in order to register to attend NOAC (another reason to get your dues paid quickly!). According to national standards, priority will be given to the youth at this time we are only taking registration from our youth members. Adults, if you are interested in attending NOAC please contact Dan Dienger adviser@otyokwa.com to let him know of your interest. If anyone has any questions, also contact Dan. This is sure to be one of the greatest NOAC's ever, so don't miss out.

Northern Tier

The National Order of the Arrow is offering the opportunity to join Arrowmen from across the country in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the pristine US/Canadian Boundary Waters. Northern Tier is a high adventure program the OA offers at the national level. It is a great opportunity for Arrowmen to experience two weeks in the boundary waters for a minimal price. We are in the process of organizing a contingent, with members from our lodge as well as other lodges in our section. If you think you might be interested, email Dan Dienger at adviser@otyokwa.com.

Camp Master

Camp Master Program- Camp master training will be held Dec. 6th, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at Winter Camp: Camp Phillips, PSR for those who wish to serve as a Camp master. Everyone who wants to serve as a Camp Master needs to go through the training. If interested contact Chris Clark at (715)-835-2700.

2010 Anniversary of Scouting Lodge Flap

2010 and the anniversary of Scouting is coming up fast. We need you up and coming artists of our lodge who would like to get more involved with our lodge here is your perfect opportunity! For those of you artists who are looking to get involved with your lodge, this is a great opportunity for you. Design an Anniversary of Scouting lodge patch that we can use in 2010. What the patch consists of that's up to you, but it should relate to the 100th anniversary of scouting. We welcome ideas any time, send them to the Scout Service Center, Attention: Matt Dienger or bring them to an event. If you have an idea but don't have the artistic skills to do a "professional patch" don't worry, submit your ideas and we can find someone to make it look good.

Winter Awards Banquet

Saturday January 10, 2009 at the Moose Lodge in Rice Lake, WI

This year's Winter Banquet will be held on Saturday January 10, 2009 at the Moose Lodge in Rice Lake, WI. We will begin gathering at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$12.50 per person. Arrowmen, family and friends are all invited to attend.

Winter Banquet is all about fellowship and recognition. It is a time to get together with your fellow Arrowmen, share a meal and a laugh, and congratulate your Brothers on their achievements over the past year. Please fill out the registration form and return it with your payment to the Scout Service Center by **January 6, 2009**.

Directions to the Rice Lake Moose Lodge 40 E Newton St:

From US Hwy 53 exit on Hwy O and go east to Hwy S (Main St.). Turn north onto Hwy S driving into Rice Lake. Once you cross the bridge, go to the first stop light and turn east onto Messenger Street. Follow Messenger St. to the Moose Lodge parking lot, turn north into the lot and park. The Moose Lodge is between Newton and Messenger Streets at 40 E Newton St.

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Winter Awards Banquet 2009

January 10, 2009 Rice Lake - Moose Lodge

Name: _____ Number of guests _____ x \$12.50 _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Troop/Crew/Post Number: _____

Number of Vegetarian Entrées needed: ____

Registration is due at the Scout Office by January 6, 2009. (Cost is \$20.00 at the door)

Mail or drop off the registration form and payment at the Chippewa Valley Council Service Center 710 South Hastings Way Eau Claire, Wis. 54701. Checks payable to: Chippewa Valley Council, BSA

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NOAC 2009 Registration

National Order of the Arrow Conference

August 1 - 6, 2009 - Bloomington, Indiana

Yes, I am a **youth** member of Otyokwa Lodge and want to experience NOAC! Please sign me up!!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Troop/Crew/Post Number: _____

My dues are paid through 10/1/2009 ____ yes ____ no (*fill out the dues form and include \$10.00 for dues*)

Return this form and a \$100.00, non-refundable deposit by December 31, 2009.

Mail or drop off the registration form and payment at the Chippewa Valley Council Service Center 710 South Hastings Way Eau Claire, Wis. 54701. Checks payable to: Chippewa Valley Council, BSA

Lodge Update

Section C-1B Conclave

This year's Section Conclave was held at Camp Decorah, near La Crosse, WI the weekend of September 12-14th. The theme for the conclave was Section C-1B, Creating 1 Brotherhood. We filled a bus once again with Arrowmen and headed down to La Crosse. There was much to do as always, with training being held Saturday morning and events in the afternoon. We had some trainers from our lodge who led sessions. Our Arrowmen attended sessions to gain knowledge to help better our lodge. In the afternoon there were all kinds of events. There was the Dunk Tank, Tomahawk throw, Ultimate Frisbee, card games, and all other sorts of fun activities. That night there was a great evening show, Pie in the Face, and the election of the new section officers. The next morning we packed up and left. It was a great time had by all and I hope to see everyone at next year's Section Conclave!

Fall Fellowship

August 15-17, the Otyokwa Lodge hosted Fall Fellowship at Camp Phillips. With over 130 Arrowmen in attendance, the Otyokwa Lodge provided over 1040 man hours of service to the council. At a minimum wage of \$6.55 per hour, this equates to over \$6,800 of labor provided to the council. Some of the service projects included laying gravel along the roads, painting benches in the chapel and amphitheater, roofing the Cub World towers, painting the Chaplain's Lodge, and also cutting wood. We welcomed just under 100 new Ordeal members into our lodge, as well as a few new Brotherhood members, and six new Vigils.

From the truck of Ranger Gene.

As always I would like to thank our lodge members for their hard work helping to take care of our property at Camp Phillips. Without this lodge our facilities would be nowhere near what they are today. With that in mind I thought I would give a list of some items the camp is looking for in case some of you find items on the list cluttering up your garage or basement. Pottery tools, pottery wheels, shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, leatherwork tools. If you have one of these things or come across something else you think we could use at camp, pick up your phone and give Gene a call at 715-651-7832. Your junk could be a valuable asset to thousands of scouts.

LLD (Lodge Leadership Development)

On October 25th we got together at Camp Nawakwa and held Lodge Leadership Development (LLD). The lodge executive board was there along with arrowmen that we're interested in leadership positions. Elangomats from last fall were invited to come learn more about the extended elangomat program and how to become committee chairs for the lodge. We also learned about dealing with advisors and different skills needed to hold a leadership position. The adults also had training sessions to help them learn how to be more efficient advisors. They also learned how to deal with the youth they advise. We had tons of fun. We played football and cards in-between our sessions and we ate great meals; we also split wood as a service project for the Camp. In total we had around twenty people at LLD training. We hope to do this sort of leadership training every year and would like others to participate. If you are interested in going next year, contact the lodge chief or someone on the executive board!

www.otyokwa.com

The Otyokwa Lodge is online. Pictures, calendar, forms, Eagle's Flights and more. Check it out!

Links to these other great OA websites are also on the Otyokwa site, they include:

OA Jumpstart website	www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org
Section C-1B	www.sectionc1b.org
OA Central Region	www.central.oa-bsa.org
National OA	www.oa-bsa.org
National BSA	www.scouting.org

Unit Elections Help Needed

Are you interested in helping with unit elections, and getting more members into the lodge? We are currently looking for a unit election team to go around the area to provide elections for other troops that need elections. There will be a group in the Chippewa area, one in the Eau Claire area and one for the troops in the northern part of the lodge. If you are interested in helping the lodge out, but don't want to run for an office this would be a great way to start getting involved. We want troops to get their elections done before camp so that when they get to camp the callout process goes a lot smoother. For more information you can e-mail the administrative vice-chief at Devin_Kilmer@hotmail.com or call 559-2140.

Committee Members Needed!!

We are always interesting in having new people on our committees. Please fill out the form in this Eagle's Flight to indicate which committees you would like to be on. Return the form to the Scout Service Center as soon as possible. Each committee works with a lodge officer to be successful. We need youth members on each committee and we also need some adult advisers. We need people to plan events on the **Activities** committee, brothers to help our treasurer with activity registration and trading posts on the **Finance** committee. The **One Day of Service** committee organizes and promotes service to our communities, an important component of Order of the Arrow service. The **Unit Election** committee organizes and conducts unit elections at Troop meetings and at camp. **Camp Promotion** committee promotes camping to troops and packs in our Council and creates the "Where to Go Camping" booklet or Website). The **Publication** committee works on the Eagle's Flight Newsletter and contributes to the Otyokwa Lodge Website. The **Ordeal** committee members organize the ordeal activities during Fall and Spring Fellowships and work with the Brotherhood committee to ensure that our new ordeals become active members of our lodge. The **Brotherhood** committee encourages and supports ordeal members as they seal their membership in the order by become brotherhood members. This committee is also in charge of the brotherhood interviews and the brotherhood walk. You must be at least a Brotherhood member to serve on the brotherhood committee. **Ceremonies** committee is responsible for all Lodge Ceremonies and regalia. The committee will hold practices, determine the composition of each ceremony team, and ensure that all team members are ready to perform their part as scripted and from memory. The committee works in conjunction with the Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil committees to make sure each event goes smoothly. The **Dance Team** is for everyone interested in learning to dance. The **Drummers** include everyone interested in learning to drum. Drummers are needed both for the dances and for call-out ceremonies. We would like to start a **History** Committee that will keep track of our records and memorabilia in the hope of having an Otyokwa Lodge Museum.

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Committee Interest Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Troop/Crew/Post Number: _____

OA membership level: Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

I would like to be involved, have fun, help Otyokwa Lodge and serve on the following committees:

<input type="checkbox"/> Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Unit Elections	<input type="checkbox"/> Ceremonies
<input type="checkbox"/> Camp Promotion	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordeal	<input type="checkbox"/> Dance Team
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Brotherhood	<input type="checkbox"/> Drummers
<input type="checkbox"/> Publications	<input type="checkbox"/> History	<input type="checkbox"/> One Day of Service

Mail or drop off this form as soon as possible at the Chippewa Valley Council Service Center; 710 South Hastings Way; Eau Claire, Wis. 54701.

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Yearly Membership Renewal

Our membership year runs from October 1 to September 30, each year. Members who do not pay their yearly dues will be dropped from active membership on January 1st of the year when their dues are no longer current. **Your mailing label on the front of this newsletter will show the date, according to our records, that your dues expire.** If you are no longer an active member of Otyokwa Lodge, you will not receive the Eagle's Flight newsletter and other mailings. You will not be eligible to run for an office, serve on committees, attend lodge events, advance to Brotherhood and/or Vigil Honor nor may you wear an O.A. sash. These are privileges accorded to members-in-good-standing, those who have paid their Lodge dues and are registered members of the BSA! Thank you in advance for paying your dues!

According to National policy, OA brothers must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and their OA registration must be with the Lodge associated with the Council that they hold their primary BSA registration. An OA brother who has not maintained membership in OA and becomes a registered member of Chippewa Valley Council, BSA can become a member of Otyokwa Lodge by filling out this form and paying current dues (even if you were inducted into another Lodge). If you are currently a registered member of the BSA in another Council, and wish to maintain contact with Otyokwa Lodge, you may register as an *associate member* for a \$10.00 yearly charge. Fill out this form and check the space indicating your desire to be an associate member. As an associate member, you will receive our Newsletter to keep you up-to-date on our activities. You will not be eligible for advancement or honors in Otyokwa Lodge, you may not be on committees or be a part of our membership count.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Troop/Crew/Post Number: _____

(You MUST be a registered member of the BSA in order to be a member of the Order of the Arrow)

Personal BSA Identification Number: _____

(Located on your membership card below the expiration date)

Are you the YOUTH Troop Representative? *(circle)* yes no

District *(circle)*: Blue Hills Clear Water Glacier's End Tall Oaks

Youth *(under 18)* _____ Youth *(18- less than 21)* _____ Adult *(over 21)* _____ Birth Date: _____

I am a(n): (Please fill in all that apply)

Ordeal member: _____ Date Completed: _____ Lodge/Council: _____

Brotherhood member: _____ Date Completed: _____ Lodge/Council: _____

Vigil Honor member: _____ Date Completed: _____ Lodge/Council: _____

For youth and adults because we need both (circle):

I would like to serve on a committee yes no committee preference? _____

I would like to help with ceremonies yes no

I would like to be on the Dance Team yes no

_____ *(please check if applicable) I am not currently registered with the Chippewa Valley Council, BSA and would like to be considered an Associate Member of Otyokwa Lodge (See 2nd paragraph at top of page).*

Return this form and your dues payment of \$10.00 to the Chippewa Valley Council Service Center
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