



The Eagle's Flight

Official Newsletter of the Otyokwa Lodge #337 Order of the Arrow
Chippewa Valley Council #637, Boy Scouts of America



Otyokwa Lodge Website: www.otyokwa.com

December 2009

Words from the Chief

Greetings my brothers,

We have a lot of really awesome events coming up soon, events such as One Day of Service, Winter Banquet, Winter Fun Weekend, and the Webelos lock-in. However, the only reason they are so awesome is because all of you show up and make the event happen, so I would like to challenge all of you to make this the best winter season we have seen yet!

As most of you know, one of our own is now section chief. Matt Dienger was elected at the Section C-1B Conclave to serve as our 2009-2010 Section Chief. Matt ran against three other candidates and won by majority votes. So what does this mean for the lodge you may ask? According to our Bylaws, as the Administrative Vice Chief, I will step up and assume the position of Chief. The Executive Board then appoints a new Administrative Vice Chief, Jacob Harriman was appointed. As Jacob was currently elected treasurer, Tyler Eckwright was appointed as the new treasurer by the executive board. I would like to congratulate Matt and wish him good luck!

Finally if you have had your Ordeal for at least ten months, you need to come and get your Brotherhood at Winter Fun Weekend, this will be your last chance to get it before spring. So if you got your Ordeal last spring you can come get Brotherhood this winter, and remember getting your bars is the first step to getting the ladies!

Yours in WWW,

Devin Kilmer

2009-2010 Otyokwa Lodge Chief

chief@otyokwa.com

Dues Are Due NOW

With the 2009 year quickly coming to a close, you must make sure you dues are up to date. **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.** New Brothers who completed their ordeal in August are current in their dues.

Hey New Ordeal!

Welcome, brothers, to the Order of the Arrow. By now 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. 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....<http://www.jumpstart.aa-bsa.org/>. *Your dues are already paid for this year.*

2009-2010 Lodge Officers

Devin Kilmer - Lodge Chief

chief@otyokwa.com

Bryce Kinderman – Secretary

Jacob Harriman – Vice Chief – Administration

Tyler Eckwright - Lodge Treasurer

Joe Zawacki – Vice Chief – Activities

Dan Dienger - Lodge Adviser

adviser@otyokwa.com

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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.

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:

Activities

Unit Elections

Ceremonies

Camp Promotion

Ordeal

Dance Team

Finance

Brotherhood

Drummers

Publications

History

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.

Winter Fun Weekend

February 5-7, 2010 L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation

Join your brothers for a great Winter Fun Weekend at Phillips Scout Reservation. This is the one of few events that is created for no other purpose than for our enjoyment. Here we can do just about anything we want to, thing like snow football, sledding, snow wars, Halo, Mario kart, Risk, and anything else we can think up. As always there will be plenty of delicious food and great fellowship. Invite all of your friends form the order to come, those you live near and those you only see at OA events. Detail to follow online and in the next Eagle's Flight.

Winter Awards Banquet

Saturday January 9, 2010 at the newly renovated Dining Hall at L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation

This year's Winter Banquet will begin with a gathering at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$12.50 per person. Arrowmen, family and friends are all invited to attend. The new 100th Anniversary lodge flaps will be available for the first time!! The cost will be \$5.00 each at the event or \$7.00 at the Service Center.

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 5, 2010**.

Lodge Officers and Founders Award Recipients Reunion

This year during the winter banquet, the lodge will be holding a reunion for all past lodge officers and Founder's Award recipients, so if you fall into either category come and meet all the other lodge members over the past years that have been as devoted to this order as you are.

As a fund raiser for the lodge, we have designed a unique lodge flap and Council strip available for sale only to those of you who have been presented the **Founder's Award**. Each set is priced at \$50.00, you may buy a maximum of two sets.

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Winter Awards Banquet 2010

January 9, 2010 L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation

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

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Troop/Crew/Post Number: _____

Number of Vegetarian Entrées needed: ____

I am a past lodge officer (including Chapter officers): _____ year _____ office held

I am a Founder's Award Recipient: _____ year received

Registration is due at the Scout Office by January 5, 2010. (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

Lodge Calendar

January 9	5:30 P.M.	Otyokwa Lodge Winter Banquet Founders Award Recipient / Lodge Officers Reunion <i>L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation in the newly renovated Dining Hall</i>
February 5-7		Winter Fun Weekend, L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation
March 14	2:00 P.M.	OA Executive Board Meeting, Scout Service Center, Eau Claire
April 23 - 25		OA Spring Fellowship, L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation
May 9	2:00 P.M.	OA Executive Board Meeting, Scout Service Center, Eau Claire

Otyokwa Online at www.otyokwa.com

The Otyokwa Lodge is online and updated regularly. Pictures, calendar, forms, other resources, Eagle's Flights and more. Check it out at www.otyokwa.com

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

OA Jumpstart website..... <http://www.jumpstart.aa-bsa.org/>

Section C-1B..... <http://www.sectionc1b.org/>

OA Central Region..... <http://www.central.aa-bsa.org/>

National OA..... <http://www.main.aa-bsa.org/>

National BSA..... <http://www.scouting.org/>

Lodge Update

Section C-1B Conclave

This year's Section Conclave was held at camp Hiawatha in the UP of Michigan. As usual we filled up two busses with Arrowmen and headed up to Michigan. There was a lot 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 which will be at held right here at L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation!

Fall Fellowship

August 14-16 at camp Phillips was a fall fellowship that went very well. All of the nine clans did a very good job working together. The ceremonies all went very well and got the point across. The food for the clans was all well organized and distributed orderly. We didn't have to get more. We got a huge turn out like 97 new ordeals with the largest adult clan I think I have seen.

New Segment Patches by Joe Zawacki

This year there are many exciting things happening for the lodge. There are new officers, a new Section Chief (congratulations to our own Matt Dienger), and new patches! The executive board has voted on designs for a new lodge flap and a new segment patch. The new lodge flap will be part of a 3 part set that will commemorate the 2010 Section C1B Conclave, which we will be hosting at L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation. We are very excited for this opportunity to show our beautiful facilities to our fellow brothers from other lodges. Along with an awesome new lodge flap, the executive board also decided on a new segment patch. This patch will be available in segments that you receive as you come to lodge events. The only way to complete this patch is to take advantage of the awesome events the lodge hosts and participate in them. The events you need to participate in to receive all parts of this patch are Fall Fellowship, a winter event, Spring Fellowship, and Section Conclave. We would love for everyone to complete this patch, so be sure to check out when each event is happening. A special add-on segment of this patch will be available to those members who attend summer camp. We hope to see everyone at the upcoming lodge events so you can get these two awesome patches.

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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 attend activities.

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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