



The Eagle's Flight

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



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Words from the Chief

Brothers in the Order of the Arrow,

Wow, these last couple of months have been busy time for our lodge. In January, we held our annual Winter Awards Banquet, attended Webelos Lock-in, and went to the Council of Chiefs. February has been almost as busy as we have held our Winter Fun Weekend, and a small contingent of individuals went to a National Leadership Seminar in Rochester, Indiana. Before we know it, spring will be here, and it will be time for the Spring Fellowship Weekend.

With all of this excitement going on in the OA, it is sometimes hard to remember how we have all come to be here. Don't forget that you were selected by your peers in your troops for the honor to be in the OA. They have selected you for what you have done, and most importantly, for what you will do in the future. The OA will give you experience and an understanding of qualities such as cheerfulness and service, which is hard to get anywhere else. Continue to learn by becoming more involved in OA but don't forget to take what you have learned back to your unit by continuing to be a good leader and role model in your troop. A good Arrowman is not necessarily the one who performs the best ceremony or attends every executive board meeting, but is the one who shares his knowledge and willingness to serve with his fellow scouts.

Yours in WWW,

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Lodge Calendar

March 11 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 2:00pm Scout Service Center
April 8 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 2:00pm Scout Service Center
April 27- 29 Spring Fellowship PSR
May 13 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 2:00pm Scout Service Center
June 22 First call-out ceremony, PSR
Thursdays 'til summer Dance and Drum practice; 7:00 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church, 202 West Grand Ave, (near Lake Street) Eau Claire. For more information contact: Matt Dienger 715-723-6713.

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Interested in Dancing?

All of you have probably seen the Dance team now as they have been together for 2 years and have danced at the summer ceremonies all last summer. Many of you have expressed interest in learning to dance. Here is your opportunity! We will hold practice and instruction for those who want to learn Native American dancing at **7:00 p.m. every Thursday, starting on February 15, 2007 at Grace Lutheran Church, 202 West Grand Ave,** (near Lake Street) **Eau Claire.** Come check it out and have some fun with your brothers! Don't want to dance but would like to learn to drum?? Please join us – we need drummers as well. For more information contact: Matt Dienger jdienger@charter.net 715-723-6713

Recap: Council of Chiefs

The weekend of January 20-21, your lodge officers met at the Scout Service Center in Wausau to start planning next year's Section Conclave. The Council of Chiefs consists of all lodge chiefs in our section and the section officers; others can attend and participate in the CoC. Two times a year the CoC comes together to plan conclave and train in how to provide better lodge programming.

At this Council of Chiefs meeting, we decided that the theme for conclave this year will be League of Extraordinary Arrowmen. We also began to plan activities and training for the conclave.

The Council of Chiefs will meet again in early April to finish planning the Section Conclave.

Attention Arrowmen: Be Part of the LXA

That's right, brothers. We want you to be a part of the League of Extraordinary Arrowmen. It's simple. All you have to do is sign up for the 2007 Section C-1B Conclave. This year, our conclave is going to be in a league of its own. This extraordinary event will be occurring at Crystal Lake Scout Reservation, located near Rhinelander, Wisconsin, on the weekend of September 14-16, 2007. The conclave may seem far away, but it is really quickly approaching. Mark your calendars now, and look for more information in future Eagle's Flights about how to register for this extraordinary event.

Unit Elections

Soon the unit election packets will be sent out. We would prefer to conduct as many elections before camp as possible. If you have any questions, or would like to arrange an election in the Blue Hills contact Don Whitmore at 715-924-2256. In the other three districts contact Chris Clark at 715-836-7058 or Terry Ingram at 715-235-7843. You may also contact Lodge Chief, Brad Gary at garyx020@umn.edu or 715-864-4067 or Lodge Adviser, Dan Dienger at 715-723-6713.

Attention Blue Hills Members

Anyone willing and able to assist in unit elections this spring in the Blue Hills district, please contact Don Whitmore, (715) 924-2256, or by email, daw@chibardun.net. We need youth to conduct the elections and adult drivers to get them to the meeting location.

Quality Lodge Pin

Once again, Otyokwa Lodge received Quality Lodge in 2006. This year, the National Order of the Arrow Committee authorized the creation of a pin that can be worn by members of quality lodges. The pin is worn along the left edge of your lodge flap. If anyone is interested in purchasing a Quality Lodge pin for \$1.50 through the lodge, contact Victor Smith through email (smithvj@uwec.edu). Further information can be read on the Central Region website, <http://central.oa-bsa.org/>.

Last Month Events

Last month there was a weekend with both the Webelos Lock-in and the Winter Awards Banquet. Getting to stay up all night on Friday for the Lock-in and then having the Banquet the following day was an experience.

Webelos Lock-in was held at the YMCA in Eau Claire this year and as usual we performed the Webelos crossover ceremony, crossing over almost ninety Webelos. This was an increase from the last few years. We hope these new scouts enjoy scouting as much as we do. If you have new scouts in your troop be sure to do everything you can to encourage them along their trail to Eagle. As arrowmen we need to set a good example for younger scouts - invite them to events and help them be successful!

Otyokwa Lodge also ran the trading post, which went successfully because the cub scouts, along with us, needed plenty of sugar for the night!

The Winter Banquet, held in the Rice Lake Moose Lodge, had a great turnout this year, pushing almost one-hundred people! We presented several awards and handed out a lot of interesting door prizes. If you couldn't make it this year remember to come next year as every time we get to mingle with our fellow Arrowmen is a good time and you never know what kind of a door prize you might win!!

Service Awards were presented to several arrowmen who have contributed to the success of our lodge.

Red Ribbon Awards were presented to the following organizations for their continued support of scouting and the Order of the Arrow:

Jenni-O (The Turkey Store)

Con Agra Foods (Swiss Miss)

Distinguished Arrowman Award recipients were:

Jordan Braun – Troop 52, Jordan was the OA coordinator at PSR this past summer.

Brad Gary – Troop 90, Brad is our current Otyokwa Lodge Chief.

Ken Mahalko – Troop 86, Ken's participation in the lodge activities sets an example for all of us.

Gene Mochel – Gene is our "new" Camp Ranger who helps the lodge immeasurably.

Founder's Award, the highest award an individual lodge can bestow was given to:

Victor Smith – Our past Lodge Chief and current Section C-1B Vice Chief

Dan Dienger – Our able "new" Lodge Adviser who never rests!

Service Project Update

A huge part of the OA is service. Right now we are looking into possible service projects and will get the word out when they are finalized. The more areas that our service projects cover the better, so if anybody knows of a service project in their area contact either Brad Gary or Dan Dienger.

Dues and Membership Cards

A few of you haven't renewed your dues for 2007. Please do so as soon as possible. Dues are \$10.00 per year and due each October. Check your mailing label, it will show when your dues expire. There are membership renewal forms available to download from our website: <http://www.otyokwa.com>

Our new OA membership cards are now available. You can pick them up at the Scout Service Center or at any of our events. They will not be mailed unless you send a self addressed stamped envelop to the Scout Service Center requesting that your membership card be mailed to you or if you include a self addressed stamped envelop with your dues payment.

It's Coming! Spring Fellowship: April 27-29 at Camp Phillips

It's about that time of year, or will be soon, when the snow melts away, the grass starts to grow, the trees become green, and camp is being prepared to open. This year's Spring Fellowship is held on April 27-29 at, of course, L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation. The final times will be sent later but registration will be from about 5-7 on Friday night; Sunday morning departure will be between 9 and 10. If you are able to attend, your presence would be appreciated. We will be getting camp ready for the camping season, and performing other projects around camp. This is also a great opportunity to get to know other Arrowmen and to practice the ideals of our order.

For those of you Ordeal members who are eligible, this is a fantastic time to come and seal your membership in the OA by achieving Brotherhood. This is much different than the ordeal and only involves learning the Obligation, the song, and a couple of other aspects of the order, which can all be found in your handbook. For those of you whom are interested, there will be review a session during the weekend, so don't fret too much. You can begin registering right now for a fun weekend of fellowship and service.

Attention ORDEAL Members!!

Become a BROTHERHOOD Member at Spring Fellowship

As we've said, completing your Brotherhood is an important part of being an OA member. It is a chance to seal your membership and learn more about our Order. It also helps fulfill a requirement of the Quality Lodge program. All Ordeal members are eligible to complete their Brotherhood at the **SPRING FELLOWSHIP, APRIL 27 - 29**. A complete list of requirements is provided in your Handbook. Visit www.jumpstart.aa-bsa.org for tips on learning this information. Please take the time and earn your Brotherhood!

----- cut here and return to Scout Service Center-----

Spring Fellowship Registration Form

April 27 - 29, 2007 L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation

Name: _____ *Check the appropriate line:*
Address: _____ \$25.00 Brotherhood Candidate (I want to earn my Brotherhood)
Email: _____ \$28.00 Ordeal Candidate (I plan to complete my Ordeal)
Telephone: _____
Troop/Crew/Post Number: _____ \$10.00 Member at-Large (I'm coming to have fun and serve)

Do you have any specific dietary requirements? no yes. Please specify: _____

Do you have a medical condition we should know about? no yes. Please specify: _____

Return this form and your payment by April 24, 2007

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

Vigil Honor Nominations

Dear Arrowmen,

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition. It is reserved for those Arrowmen who by reason of exceptional services, personal effort, and unselfish devotion have distinguished themselves in the Order of the Arrow. **Any member of the Order of the Arrow that is registered in Scouting and is in good standing (dues paid) in our Lodge is eligible for nomination. At the same time of his/her nomination, he/she must have been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of 2 years.**

The only way that Brotherhood members can become a candidate for the Vigil Honor is **by being nominated by another Arrowman**. Therefore, it is very important for Arrowmen to fill out the nomination form for any eligible Brotherhood member. Remember if deserving individuals are not nominated then there will be no candidates for Vigil Honor

If you wish to recommend an Arrowmen for this honor, please complete the enclosed Vigil Nomination Form. Send the form to: Lodge Advisor, Order of the Arrow, Chippewa Valley Council B.S.A. 710 S. Hastings Way Eau Claire, WI. 54701, by **May 15th, 2007.**

YOUTH ELIGIBLE FOR VIGIL NOMINATION

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|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Jordan Braun | Travis Hagenbucher | Paul Lindberg | Kurt Roubal |
| Mitchell Coonan | Ross Hanson | Zach Linse | Jacob Rygiel |
| Devon Dodge | Nick Harnish | Tony Marach | Jon Rygiel |
| Christopher Dulmes | Ian Holzman | Matthew Mitchell | Paul Scharenbrock |
| Noah Dulmes | Mike Kendzierski | Eric Muench | Nick Shoemaker |
| Brady Eklund | Adam Kern | Tim Nelson | Matt Soppeland |
| Trevor Evenson | Jordan Kirchen | Seth Pamperin | Joe Szymanski |
| Chris Flores | Jon Kloss | Jared Pierce | Alex Thornton |
| Christopher Fruit | Derek Krumrie | Justin Pierce | Tim Whelan |
| Dane Goldbeck | Bjorn Larsen | William Richter | Alex Zirngibl |
| Willie Grams | John Lindberg | Jason Romig | |

ADULTS ELIGIBLE FOR VIGIL NOMINATION

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| Mark Baumgartner | Harold Freid | Alan Lahn | Dale Poynter |
| Steve Baye | Richard Freitag | Kris Larsen | Edward Proue |
| Donald Blink | Jim Fulner | Torben Larsen | Derrick Romig |
| Thor Burntvedt | Warren Gallagher | Jim Lindberg | Fred Romig |
| Daniel Carlsen | Wade Gilbert | Arthur D. Mathews | Robert T. Simons |
| Lewis Caturia | Eileen Grunseth | Ken McMahon | Randy Soppeland |
| George Clay | Nick Grunseth | John Muench | Robert Strickland |
| Mike Cooper | David Hahn | Marcus Nelson | Glenn Swanson |
| Ted Curtis | Tom Kendzierski | Lairy Normand | Bob Szymanski |
| Jeffery Fagan | Tracy Kilmer | Tom Patitz | James Whelan |
| Jim Fehrenbach | Richard Kisting | Melissa Pelloquin | Patrick Whelan |
| Brad Flores | Mike Kloss | Mike Peterson | |

If you wish to nominate a brother who is not on the list, they must have been a brotherhood member for at least two full years, be a registered member of a BSA unit and have paid their dues for 2007. Any questions about membership contact Margy Ingram at 715-235-7843 or ingramm@uwstout.edu. You may recommend more than one person. **Please fill out a nomination form if you feel that someone deserves a Vigil nomination** (with as much information that you can provide but please fill in why you think this person deserves Vigil), **otherwise no one will be selected without being nominated**. The Vigil Committee will check to make sure that the nominated persons are currently registered in Scouting in the Chippewa Valley Council and their dues in the Otyokwa Lodge are current. Thank you very much for taking the time to nominate an individual.



Otyokwa Lodge #337
Vigil Honor Nomination
Return by May 15th to:
Lodge Advisor, Order of the Arrow
Chippewa Valley Council, BSA
710 South Hastings Way
Eau Claire, WI 54701

(Please type or print legibly) Scouter: _____
I/We take pleasure in nominating Scout: _____ for Vigil Honor.
Nominee's Address: _____ Phone Number: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Age: _____
Presently registered as: _____ in Troop/Post Number: _____
Chartering Organization: _____ City: _____

SCOUTING RECORD

Leadership positions held in Troop/Post/District/Council: _____
Highest rank achieved: _____ Years as a Scout: _____ Years as Explorer: _____ Junior Leader Training: yes / no
Years as Adult Leader: _____ Adult Leader Training: yes / no Other scouting awards received: _____
Years at Summer Camp: _____ High Adventure (when/where): _____ World/National Jamboree (when): _____
CIT (when/where): _____ JLT Staff (when/where): _____ Summer Camp Staff (when/where): _____
Other Scouting/Camping Experiences: _____

LODGE RECORD

Date of Ordeal Induction: _____ Date Brotherhood was conferred: _____
Lodge Office(s) held: _____ Lodge Committee(s) Chaired: _____
Lodge Committees (member of) : _____
Adult Advisor to committee(s) on: _____
Attended OA National Leadership Training (when): _____ Attended Section Conclave (when): _____
Attended the National Order of the Arrow Conclave (NOAC) in: _____
Participated as a ceremony team member or dancer at OA Call-Out ceremonies during the summer Phillips Scout Reservation:
Role(s): _____ How many ceremonies? _____ When? _____
Participated as a ceremony team member for Pre-Ordeal: Role(s): _____ When? _____
Participated as a ceremony team member for Ordeal: Role(s): _____ When? _____
Participated as a ceremony team member for Brotherhood: Role(s): _____ When? _____
Attended (how many): _____ Fall Fellowship _____ Winter Banquet _____ Winter Weekend
_____ Spring Conclave _____ Spring Fellowship _____ Lodge Board Meetings
Participated as an Elangomat during Ordeal: When? _____ Other service to the Lodge: _____

