



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

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Words from the Chief

Greeting Fellow Arrowmen,

Hey, I would first like to begin by introducing myself. My name is Brad Gary, and I am serving as your 2006-07 Lodge Chief. As many of you may know, during Fall Fellowship, Victor Smith was elected as the Lodge Chief, and I was to become the administrative vice chief. However, since that time some huge events have taken place. The major event was Section Conclave, where the lodges vote for the new section officers. We had two of our own run in this election, Nick Gallagher and Victor Smith. With strong support, Victor was elected as the 2006-07 Section Vice Chief. This position requires a lot of time and effort. Due to this Victor decided to step down as the Lodge Chief, and in his place the Administrative Vice Chief steps up. That is where I come in. Our first item of business, as a new executive committee, was to appoint a new Administrative Vice Chief. The decision was unanimously Victor.

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 successful chapters and going to have a great time. To make your experience in OA 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, and the ceremonies should be some of the best we have seen. A clear-cut way to have fun this year is by attending events.

Both Section Conclave and Fall Fellowship were a huge success. We had about 50 people attend the Section Conclave and more than 150 attend Fall Fellowship. If you came to these events, you know about the awesome luau and the pie-in-the-face of our Lodge Advisor, Dan Dienger. These are great times to meet other Arrowmen, make new friends, and have a blast. Luckily for all of us, there are more opportunities within the next few months including Winter Award Banquet, Webelos Lock-in, and Winter Fun Weekend!

Also, stay tuned to when our Council will hold Webelos Lockin. Traditionally Otyokwa Lodge has conducted a special ceremony and provided a concession stand. There is talk of scheduling the lockin earlier in the year – we will keep you posted.

Please sign up for the committees you'd like to be on – see the article in this Eagle's Flight, sign up and join the fun!! The next Lodge executive committee meeting is December 10 and everybody is welcome to come. See what goes on at these meeting and help us plan the events to be the best ones you have ever seen. Together we will have a great year. Hope to see you all at Winter Banquet.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Brad Gary

2006-07 Otyokwa Lodge Chief

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Welcome New Ordeals

Welcome, my 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....

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

Meet Your 2006-2007 Lodge Officers

Brad Gary - Lodge Chief

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Brad is a Vigil Honor member of the Otyokwa Lodge and is now serving my second year as a lodge officer, he previously served as the treasurer. Brad is an Eagle Scout out of Troop 90 from Altoona. Outside of scouting I am a freshman at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities where I am working on my electrical engineering degree.

Victor Smith - Lodge Chief – Administration

Victor Smith is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member from troop 107 out of St. Olaf's in Eau Claire. He is serving his second term as Vice Chief – Administration after serving as Lodge Secretary and Lodge Chief. He is the 2006-2007 Section C-1B Vice-Chief. Victor has also been on camp staff for three summers. Besides scouting, Victor runs cross country at Eau Claire North, where he is a senior. He enjoys listening to music, hitting up Saver's with friends, taking photographs, long walks on Wisconsin's frigid beaches in winter, reading, and contemplating the puzzles of the universe.

Matt Dienger - Lodge Vice Chief - Activities

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

Devin Killmer - Lodge Secretary

Devin is a Vigil Honor member who lives in Chippewa Falls Wisconsin. He is a sophomore at Chippewa Falls High school. He's really in to scouting right now because he's working on his eagle. Devin likes to play video games and go camping. He loves going on trips to the boundary waters. In OA he's really involved in the dance team.

Jordan Braun - Lodge Treasurer

Jordan lives in Cameron, WI, and is in troop 52. He is a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, and served as OA Coordinator during the 2006 summer season at Camp Phillips. He is also in a totally sweet alternative hard indie british classic rock band called Good Question that plays throughout the year in the Cameron area.

Dan Dienger - Lodge Adviser

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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 now has two boys who are active in scouting, Matt is a Vigil member of Otyokwa Lodge and Jason, the youngest person dancing with the dance team.

Lodge Calendar

December 10	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 2:00pm	Scout Office
January 13	Winter Banquet - 6:30 p.m.	Moose Lodge, Rice Lake
February 11	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 2:00pm	Scout Office
February 16 – 18	Winter Full Weekend	PSR
March 11	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 2:00pm	Scout Office
April 8	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 2:00pm	Scout Office
April 27- 29	Spring Fellowship	PSR
May 13	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 2:00pm	Scout Office
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What's Cookin' at Winter Banquet?

Saturday January 13, 2007 at the Moose Lodge in Rice Lake, WI

Mark your calendars! This year's Winter Banquet will be held on Saturday January 13, 2007 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 \$12.00 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. We are looking at getting a speaker in American Indian culture, so it should be a good learning experience as well. To continue with the tradition of awesome door prizes, we ask that if anyone knows of any local businesses that may possibly donate door prizes, please contact Brad Gary or Dan Dienger.

Please fill out the registration form and return it with your payment to the Scout Service Center by **January 9, 2007**. See you there!

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.

Attention Otyokwa Artists!!!

Segment Patches and Eagle's Flight Contributions

For those of you budding artists out there looking to get involved in your lodge, we have a couple of opportunities for you. First, we are looking at creating a segment patch. What this would consist of would be a series of patches available at our major lodge functions (Fall Fellowship, Winter Banquet, Winter Fun Weekend, Spring Fellowship, and one other activity, such as the LEC, Webelo's Lock-In, or Section Conclave) that would combine into one big patch. Some possibilities include the segments coming together to form the Indianhead Council logo or an eagle. If you have any other ideas, or want to embellish one of the above ideas in your own way, submit them to Victor Smith or Terry Ingram.

Second, we would like to add a comic segment to the Eagle's Flight. This is the chance for you to make our newsletter more fun. For more information about this opportunity, contact Victor Smith or Devin Kilmer.

www.otyokwa.com

The Otyokwa Lodge is still online. New pictures are up, as well as a message board for you to interact with others from around the lodge, and possibly look for a ride to lodge events. Links to great OA websites are also there. Check it out:

Other Websites to check out 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.main.oa-bsa.org

National BSA..... www.scouting.org

Lodge Update

NOAC 2006

by Joe Zawacki

What do you get when you take 8,000 arrowmen, 1 college campus, and let them loose on it for a week? Give up? You get NOAC 2006 or National Order of the Arrow Conference. This year's conference was held in early August in Michigan, at MSU. Otyokwa Lodge sent 23 youth and 8 adults. This was an experience of a lifetime for me and probably for everyone else who went along too. When I signed up for NOAC I really didn't know anybody in the lodge. I thought NOAC sounded like fun, and boy was I right. Everyone was really friendly and I got to know so many people from our lodge that I didn't know. When we finally got to Michigan State we were immediately given a taste of what was to come in the week ahead. From games, to patch trading, this conference had something for everyone. During the day you had many options such as games, Native American crafts, powwows, training courses or just looking at the many displays that were set up. At night there was a show whose set was created by Hollywood professionals that involved music, dancing, and pyrotechnics. The week was a blast, getting to do so many different things in such a small time. They even offered scuba diving, which many of Otyokwa's contingent members took advantage of, and were certified as scuba divers. The week also offered training courses on a variety of things such as wilderness medicine, camping and courses that would help your lodges back home. Overall the week was great and I had a blast. The next NOAC is being held at Indiana State in 2009 and I hope that everyone makes an effort to go. It is a great experience that you will really enjoy!

Fall Fellowship

With over 100 Arrowmen in attendance, the Otyokwa Lodge provided over 800 man hours of service to the council. At a minimum wage of \$6.50 per hour, this equates to over \$5,200 of labor provided to the council. Some of the service projects included running a waterline down to the call out bowl, painting the welcome sign out on the road and several cabins, and doing erosion control work along the road. We welcomed over 70 new Ordeal members into our lodge, as well as one new Brotherhood member, and eight new Vigils.

Section Conclave

Invading Camp Rokilio with 48 members and taking stronghold in viking/pirate ship, the Otyokwa Lodge went back to the future in style with four other lodges from around with area. Thoroughly enjoying the Back to the Future theme, members who went attended training sessions in the morning, bringing back many new skills to better our lodge, and the participated in a variety of fellowship activities in the afternoon, including dunking Otyokwa's very own Victor Smith and Alex Gallagher in the dunk tank. Victor Smith was elected to the office of Section Vice-Chief during the section elections. A highlight of the weekend was performing *Otyokwa Potpourri*, an original skit bringing together all of the elements of Otyokwa's lodge domination into one big performance of greatness. Next year's conclave will be held at Crystal Lake Scout Reservation in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, over the weekend of September 14-16. Mark your calendars – you don't want to miss it!

Leadership in Service Award

The National OA created the Leadership in Service Award a few years back to promote what is stated as "the heart of the Order of the Arrow" – service. It recognizes Arrowmen's contributions of service to both the council and the community, requiring 8 hours of service to the lodge, and 6 hours of community service. This is a multi-year award, with the first year being earnable anytime. All of the criteria must be met by December 31st to earn the award. Check the website soon for a sign-off form.

Help!!!! Committee Members Needed!!

For some reason or another, the lists of people who signed up to serve on committees during Fall Fellowship disappeared and we do not have a record of what committees you volunteered to be on. There is a form in this Eagle's Flight that we would like you to fill out and indicate on what activities and committees you would like to participate. Please return it to the Scout Service Center as soon as possible (you could even send it in the same envelope as your reservation for Winter Banquet and your renewal form if your dues have expired!!). All committees work with one of our lodge officers to be successful. We need youth members on each committee also with some adult advisers. We need people to help plan events on our **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. The **Vigil** committee coordinates the Vigil nomination and election process and organizes the vigil call-outs and Vigil weekend. You must be a Vigil member to serve on this 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.

Lodge History Help

There are some gaps in our Lodge history. Currently we are in search of the names of the first five Lodge Chiefs as well as The First few Lodge Advisers. If you have this information, please contact Lodge Adviser Dan Dienger at 715-723-6713 or email jdienger@charter.net.

FYI - The Meaning of the Camp Phillips Totem Pole

Starting from the bottom of the pole, the bear legs and claws signify the shape of Bear Lake, on whose shores Camp Phillips is located. "Happy Sun" in legs of bear means a new awakening on the shores with high spirits in early rising of Phillips Scouts. The Big Mouth is the smile of happiness of boys for the bountiful outdoors and of nature's fish and game. The turtle in the mouth signifies the abundance of food for body and mind. Happy Chief is for the camp staff and adult leaders encircling arms and legs for protection and leadership. The symbols of the Chippewa and the Sioux Indians recognize the Order of the Arrow ceremonies. The face in the Chippewa Indian's mouth depicts the bottle for food and land between the Indians on Bear Lake. The Boy Scout in summer camp with short sleeve shirt and the business suit of Mr. Louis E. Phillips encircles in the scout handclasp. This signifies the profound interest in scouting for Mr. Phillips, the camp founder and benefactor. At the top of the pole, the wing symbolizes the highest rank of the Boy Scouts, that of Eagle. The wing is 12 feet long to represent the 12 points of the Scout Law.

Therein is the Story of the "Phillips Totem."

ATTENTION ALL OTYOKWA LODGE MEMBERS:

In order to be an active member of Otyokwa Lodge, and to be able to attend lodge functions, you must be current in your dues!

CHECK ON YOUR MAILING LABEL FOR WHEN YOUR DUES EXPIRE. IF IT SAYS 2006 OR BEFORE, YOU MUST PAY BY DECEMBER 1ST TO BE CONSIDERED ACTIVE. PAY USING THE ATTACHED FORM.

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Winter Awards Banquet 2007

January 13, 2006 Rice Lake - Moose Lodge

Name: _____ Number of guests _____ x \$12.00 _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Troop/Crew/Post Number: _____

Number of Vegetarian Entrées needed: ___

Registration is due at the Scout Office by January 9, 2007. (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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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"/> Vigil	<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 710 South Hastings Way Eau Claire, Wis. 54701. Checks payable to: Chippewa Valley Council, BSA