



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

Greetings Fellow Arrowmen,

The past year has been amazing as far as Otyokwa Lodge is concerned, and I get the honor of being the Lodge Chief once again. This year, with a solid group of executive officers and an amazing amount of active Lodge members, will turn out to be the best year this lodge has ever seen. This task will not be an easy one to accomplish by any means as last year we did some things that had never been done before in the history of our lodge. We had more people at events this year than have ever been seen before, and had one of the highest groups of eligible ordeal members attain the brotherhood membership in the nation. Those, along excellent ceremonies and awesome dance team performances have made our lodge good.

This year we will not only reach and exceed these accomplishments we will add new ones. We hope to have more effective committees, a much better troop rep program, and more reliable communication system along with more opportunities for service within the community. When these goals are met it will make our lodge even better, but what makes our lodge the best is our understanding of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service (WWW).

"The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the spirit rather than of mechanics. Organization, operational procedure, and paraphernalia are necessary in any large and growing movement, but they are not what count in the end. The things of the spirit count." - E. Urner Goodman

I enjoy the order and remain active because after an event, I know that I have spent time with my friends, have given back to Scouting and the community, and am part of a great organization. I also get the joy and knowledge to know that I get to help other feel the same way, as do all of us, by inviting friends to join us to make our work fun and more enjoyable. These to me are the things of the spirit; these are what make our lodge great. I can't wait to share another exiting year in the Otyokwa lodge with everyone.

Yours in WWW,

Brad Gary
2006-08 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 2007, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Meet Your 2007-2008 Lodge Officers

Brad Gary - Lodge Chief

chief@otyokwa.com

Brad is a Vigil Honor member of the Otyokwa Lodge and is now serving his third year as a lodge officer; he previously served as the treasurer and Lodge Chief. Brad is an Eagle Scout and an assistant scoutmaster out of Troop 90 from Altoona. Outside of scouting he enjoys playing sports, being with friends and is a sophomore at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities where he is working on his electrical engineering degree.

Matt Dienger - Lodge Vice Chief - Administration

Matt is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member who lives in the Village of Lake Hallie near Chippewa Falls Wisconsin. This is his second year as a lodge vice chief but his first as the administrative vice chief. He is a junior at Chi-Hi and enjoys spending time outdoors. Matt also likes to eat ice cream and spend time with friends.

Jordan Braun - Lodge Vice Chief- Activities

Jordan is an Eagle Scout out of Cameron, WI, and is in troop 52. He is a vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, and has worked several years as camp staff. Last year he served as our Lodge Treasurer and hopes to bring everything he learned to his new position. He is also in a totally sweet band called Good Question that plays throughout the year in the Cameron area.

Devin Kilmer - Lodge Secretary

Devin is a Vigil Honor member who lives in Chippewa Falls Wisconsin and is a junior at Chippewa Falls High school. He is part of troop 15 where he is currently working on his Eagle. This is his second year as our lodge secretary and this summer will be his second year as part of camp staff. Devin likes to play video games, go camping, and taking trips to the boundary waters.

Cody Lipke - Lodge Treasurer

Cody is a brotherhood member from Troop 54 in Durand, WI. He is a sophomore at Durand High School. In his spare time, he likes to listen to music and hang out with friends. Also, during the summer, he works at Camp Phillips.

Dan Dienger - Lodge Adviser

715-723-6713 adviser@otyokwa.com

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.

The Excitement Up North

There has been talk, and now we are trying to see if we can make it happen. The problem has been how to be involved if you live hours away from the scout office where many meetings are held and to places where dance practices occur.

We are looking for interested people who want to be involved in the unit election teams and dance teams up north in the Blue Hill District Area. This could be the opportunity you have been waiting for. If you are interested let Brad know: chief@otyokwa.com

Lodge Calendar

November 4, 2007	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 2:00pm Scout Office
December 9, 2007	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 2:00pm Scout Office
January 11, 2008	Webelos Lock In
January 12, 2008	Winter Banquet
February 15-17, 2008	Winter Fun Weekend PSR
February 17, 2008	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
March 9, 2008	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 2:00pm Scout Office
April 13, 2008	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - 2:00pm Scout Office
April 25-27, 2008	Spring Fellowship PSR
September 12-14, 2008	Section C1-B Conclave, Camp Decorah in Holmen, WI

Attention Otyokwa Artists!!! Segment Patches

The segment patch for the coming year is being finalized and the first segment will be available for everyone who participates in a winter event. The patch this year is an Eagle, the Totem of Otyokwa Lodge. You can earn all of the segments of our patch by participating in events. The Eagle is divided into four segments. The flightless body will be earned by those members who attend Winter Banquet and/or Winter Fun Weekend. You can earn a wing by attending Spring Fellowship and at Fall Fellowship you'll be able to fly when you receive your second wing. However, your patch will only be complete when you earn the red arrow of the Order by attending our next Section Conclave.

It takes a while for a segment patch to be developed. For those of you budding artists looking to get involved in your lodge, this is a great opportunity for you. Design a segment patch that we can use next year. What the patch consists of is a series of four or five patches that would combine into one big image. Each segment would represent an activity including: Fall Fellowship, Winter Event, Spring Fellowship, Section Conclave, and if it were five segments, one other activity.

We welcome ideas any time, send them to the Scout Service Center, Attention: Brad Gary 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.

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.

Lodge Update

Section C-1B Conclave

It would be an understatement to say that this year's section conclave was a huge success. We loaded up the bus and took 88 members! This year's theme was "The League of Extraordinary Arrowmen" a spin-off on the movie "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen."

Members of the lodge went to many great training sessions. Some lodge members lead training sessions such as the dance team hosted a basic dance session. Lodge Chief Brad Gary and Lodge Advisor Dan Dienger hosted a session about the new Cub Scout ceremony. In the afternoon, there were many activities to choose from. Some popular ones were war bats, OA jeopardy, and our lodge hosted the ultimate Frisbee competition. The dance team impressed all of the other lodges with their amazing skills in the dance demonstration.

Next year's Conclave will be held at Camp Decorah in Holmen, WI on September 12-14. It's close to us, so plan ahead and don't miss out on all of the fun!

Fall Fellowship *By Jordan Braun*

This year, Fall Fellowship was held from August 17-19 at Camp Phillips. The weekend started out with a great meal before the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony so everyone wasn't so hungry. Then the candidates were divided up into clans and set out for the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony. After the ceremony the candidates went off to sleep, and all of the members-at-large left for the cracker barrel, and then it was off to bed. That is except those candidates completing their Vigil Honor and their guides!

The next morning began bright and early for the candidates and new vigils. As some of the new Vigil Honor members slunk off to their cabins to sleep, all of the candidates and members-at-large went to work. The weather could have been better, but a lot of work got done. When all work was finished it was time for Silent Supper, a great meal made by the adult leaders and Hans, the camp cook. Following this was the ceremonies. These were inside the dining hall because of the rain. The Brotherhood Ceremony was followed shortly after by two Ordeal Ceremonies to take care of all the candidates. The night ended with another cracker barrel, only this time everyone was there to enjoy it.

The next morning started with breakfast and was followed by lodge officer elections. When these were over and all business had been taken care of, it was time to pack up and take off for home, thus ending a fun and eventful weekend at Camp Phillips.

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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:

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| <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 710 South Hastings Way Eau Claire, Wis. 54701. Checks payable to: Chippewa Valley Council, BSA