



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: <http://www.otyokwa.com>

Summer

Words from the Chief

Wow, this summer has flown by. I can't believe that summer camp season is just about to end and I will have to go back to a real job. I am, however, looking forward to start a new semester at school and most importantly Fall Fellowship. This summer we had the whole executive board working at camp doing the normal counselor activities and performing three ceremonies a week. We have added one this year, the "Boys in Blue Ceremony" which most of you have never seen because we created it and used it for the first time this year!

Right now as I write this letter I am at the National Conservation and Leadership Summit (NCLS) in Bloomington, Indiana. Here we get the awesome opportunity to meet arrowmen from around the nation and learn new ideas to bring back to the lodge. The conference was held to spread the word of the new Strategic Plan of the Order of the Arrow and share information on Arrow Corp5. While Denny Marach and I did the hard part of the Summit, the leadership side, where we focus on the brotherhood part of OA, Noah did the cheerful service part of the summit, the conservation side. Here he is being trained to be a squad leader to lead a group of guys during Arrow Corp5 at Shasta-Trinity in California.

Section conclave is close and most of you have heard of this year's theme the League of Extraordinary Arrowmen. Fall Fellowship is even closer. Registration for both begins now. Sign up as soon as possible to make the registration process easier and so we can get the right amount of food.

We have had a great success this year at summer camp with people obtaining brotherhood membership. Now that you have sealed your membership in the order don't forget to come to the events and continue to practice the ways of servant leadership. The fellowships are a different experience the next time through. If you want to get a better experience out of OA then participate in lodge events, bring your friends and learn of new opportunities that the OA truly does have to offer.

If you do not have fun at these events then someone is doing something wrong, come talk to me and we will get it taken care of. I can not wait to see you in a couple of weeks.

Yours WWW,

Brad Gary

Otyokwa Lodge Chief, 2006-2007

Boys in Blue Ceremony

This year the executive board traveled in a long nine hour car ride to and from Rochester, Indiana where we attended the National Leadership Seminar (NLS - which if anyone is interested in attending let Brad Gary or Dan Dienger know). During this trip we were discussing ideas of how to better serve our council and we came up with an idea to perform a ceremony for young Cub Scouts at Cub Scout camp. We then wrote a ceremony, edited it and began using it the very first week camp was in session. The very first week was a huge success and we continued to make it better and better. The Cub Scouts and adults both enjoyed the Ceremony and the connec-

tion that we made with the Scouts after the ceremony. This includes letting them try on our head dresses and telling them about Native Americans in our area. This was the perfect time to implement this ceremony as it was then able to be shared with other lodges around the nation at NCLS. This also fits perfectly into the new OA Strategic Plan to serve and support Scouting, to promote outdoor adventure, and it give more people the opportunity to perform in another ceremony. If you want to learn more talk to any of the executive board and come to Fall Fellowship.

Brotherhood: The Next Step

"It really is easy and if you are unsure about something the experienced Arrowman will help you through it." All youth and adult Ordeals in the lodge who have been members for 10 months are eligible for Brotherhood membership. The lodge officers STRONGLY ENCOURAGE you to attain Brotherhood and seal your membership in the lodge. Getting your Brotherhood is not that difficult. You will participate in an interview with a lodge officer to discuss your service in scouting. You will also be asked to recite from memory the Obligation, song,

admonition, sign and handclasp. This information can be found in your handbook or on a special jumpstart website: <http://www.jumpstart. oa-bsa.org/>. You will need to know the password to get to the website - it's the fifth word of the title on page 10 of your OA Handbook. (use all lower case letters, no spaces, no quotes, no punctuation). Many Ordeal members completed their Brotherhood during summer camp. We are looking forward to having even more members to seal their membership at Fall Fellowship.

Otyokwa Lodge Fall Fellowship Registration

Name: _____
Address: _____
Troop/Crew #: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Are you a Troop Representative? (Circle One) Yes No
Are you a youth or adult? (Circle One) Youth Adult (21+)
I'm a Vigil Member and plan to eat at Vigil Breakfast Yes No
Please check the category that applies to you:
Member at Large Ordeal, Brotherhood or Vigil: (\$10) _____ OR BR VI (Circle Membership Level)
Ordeal earning Brotherhood: (\$25) _____
Brotherhood earning Vigil: (\$25) _____
Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Return this form with payment (checks payable to CVC;BSA) by August 15th to:
Chippewa Valley Council
710 S. Hastings Way
Eau Claire, WI 54701

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What's Fall Fellowship Really All About?

INDUCTION (SPIRIT)

At Fall Fellowship, candidates that were called out for induction into the Order of the Arrow will participate in the "induction sequence" that includes two ceremonies, pre-Ordeal and Ordeal. These ceremonies are open to all members attending. As you all know, every ceremony is laced with lasting memories of smoke curling through the trees of L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation. Attending ceremonies again is one of the best reasons to attend this gathering.

Ordeals are not the only members participating in induction. Current Ordeal members may also participate in the Brotherhood ceremony to "seal" their membership in the Order. Every member who has obtained their ordeal at least ten months ago is eligible for Brotherhood. One of the requirements for a quality lodge is to have a large percentage of our ordeal members become brotherhood members.

The candidates for the Vigil Honor who were nominated by their peers and selected by a committee of youth members will also participate in their activities and ceremonies. They exemplify the ideals of the Order. Only one in every fifty members of our lodge may be selected for the Vigil Honor each year. Be sure to congratulate the Vigil Honor members during the weekend.

SERVICE (SELF REFLECTION)

Yes, much work is done at Fall Fellowship, but it is needed work. L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation depends on the lodge to provide meaningful service that enables the camp to operate more smoothly during the months of winter ahead.

FUN! (BROTHERHOOD)

As anyone who has attended a Fall Fellowship knows, this event is also a great time. The social events, cracker-barrels, games and general craziness provide a glow that illuminates all Arrowmen with cheerfulness and the spirit of the Arrow.

ELECTIONS (SERVICE ABOVE SELF)

Elections for the upcoming lodge year will be held Sunday morning. See the article information for more details on lodge elections.

MEANINGS (ANSWERS)

As you can see many parts make the whole that is a great weekend of spiritual self-reflection, brotherhood and service above self. Please plan on attending to have a great time and join in cheerful service and brotherhood with your brothers in this great and honored Order!

The Time is Now Sign up for Fall Fellowship

August 17 - 19, 2007

There is nothing like procrastination. I hope all of you are as good at doing last minute things as I am because you don't have a choice if you want to make it to this fantastic Fall Fellowship. We have been doing a lot of planning and have a bunch of projects to complete to better improve our camp. We have a lot of ordeals this weekend are a looking for willing elengomats. Keep in mind that elengomat means friend and not slave master. This year we will implement an extended elengomat program where an elengomat will remain in contact with his clan until after they have achieved their brotherhood status.

For those who have received their ordeal last fall or later and have not yet achieved brotherhood, your last chance of the year is here. For those members at large who are looking for something exiting out of OA come to Fall Fellowship this year to hear about all of the ativities going on in the OA. Besides all of the normal projects this year, we will have more time for fellowship like at the Friday night dinner and the other activities.

It is Fall Fellowship which means it election time again if you are interested in a leadership role check out the descriptions and let people know what you are interested in. If you think you want to start at something a little less high profile than an executive position, try one of the many committee chairs. Pick something that you will enjoy and let the lodge chief know you are interested.

As always if you have extra tools that could help at Fall Fellowship please bring them. Things like rakes, shovels. etc.

Dates:	August 17, 18, and 19, 2007	
Where:	L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation	
Registration:	5:30 -7:30 p.m. Friday evening	
Ends about:	10:00 a.m. Sunday morning	
Cost:	Ordeal Candidates	\$30.00
	Brotherhood Candidates	\$25.00
	Vigil Candidates	\$25.00
	Members at Large	\$10.00

To attend: Please register by August 15th

The opportunity is coming up fast for you to go up to camp, provide a bit of service and hang out with the friends, new and old from Otyokwa Lodge.

What should you bring to Fall Fellowship?

- Tent and Ground cloth
- Sleeping Bag
- Flashlight
- Water Bottle
- Bug Spray
- Rain Gear
- Work Clothing (Boots, Gloves, etc.)
- Basic Tools (shovel, steel rake, etc. Labeled with your name)
- Scout Uniform with OA Sash
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Games to play at cracker barrels
- Pictures to share of scouting events
- Balls or sporting equipment
- Patches for trading
- Position descriptions from this newsletter
- OA Handbook
- Cheerfulness and Service

Notice to Members of Active Duty

As a token or respect and brotherhood, the Otyokwa Lodge would like to provide the Eagle's Flight free of charge to all lodge members on active duty. If you or a loved one are serving in the armed forces, please send your military address to either Dan Dienger or Brad Gary. They will compile a list and begin sending the Eagle's Flight out to those addresses for the next issue.

You Have Heard Rumor - well here it comes ArrowCorps⁵.

Do you want more than just high adventure? This coming summer in 2008 the Order of the Arrow will begin the largest service project it has ever attempted. The Order of the Arrow has partnered with the U.S. Forest Service to bring us *ArrowCorps⁵*. This event will be unlike any other experience before.

Promising to be the largest volunteer service effort ever undertaken by the Boy Scouts of America, both youth and adults will join you in the experience of preserving National Forests, our American treasures.

A willingness to cheerfully serve will be compensated

with a day of fun and adventure. Each site offers a unique opportunity for all Arrowmen to enjoy the gift the National Forests offer, including fishing, whitewater rafting, horseback riding, cycling and more.

You must be 14 years old and meet the height and weight requirement set by Philmont before arriving at the project site. Although registration is through the lodge it is open enrolment which means it is for both you and adults of any number. The cost per site is \$250, travel not included. More information is available on the OA national website and will be available at Fall Fellowship.

We Need You!!

Do You Have What it Takes to be a Lodge Officer?

Do you possess the dedication, time and energy to be in a youth leadership position within the lodge? The Order of the Arrow is a brotherhood of scout campers led and run by youth leadership and guided by adult advisers. Being a lodge officer will teach you a great deal about yourself and how well you can set your own goals and work to achieve them. The process for election is very simple. On Sunday morning of Fall Fellowship, the general meeting of the lodge will be opened. From there, the current Lodge Chief will open the floor for nominations for the next Lodge Chief. Nominations must be made by someone other than the candidate himself, and seconded by another Arrowmen. Once nominations are closed, then the election will begin. Each candidate will be given a few minutes to speak and tell the lodge members present why they feel they should be elected. The successful candidate will receive greater than 50% of the vote. The same process is followed for the offices of Administrative Vice Chief, Activities Vice Chief, Secretary and Treasurer.

A Lodge Leadership Development Course (LLDC) will be held this fall to instruct officers in the duties of their respective office. No officer is alone in their leadership; there are many adult advisers as well as past officers who are willing and able to help.

Any youth (under 21) in the lodge can be a lodge officer. *Anyone wanting to be a lodge officer is also committing to attending all OA activities and Executive Board meetings. If this is not possible the individual should not seek election to an office.* The Otyokwa Lodge Executive board believes that a few things should be noted about each office:

Lodge Chief: Directly responsible to the Council Scout Executive (Supreme Chief of the Fire). Responsible for planning and presiding over executive board meetings. Conducts a Lodge Leadership Development Course with the outgoing Lodge Chief. Oversees other lodge officers and chapters. Delegates responsibility and duties effectively. Recruits committee advisers and members. Attends all lodge meetings and events. Represents the Otyokwa lodge at national, sectional, council, and district events. Works with the Council Scout Executive and Lodge Advisers in the implementation of the OA Strategic Plan. Promotes scouting and WWW.

Lodge Administrative Vice Chief: Directly responsible to Lodge Chief. Serves in the absence of the Lodge Chief. Responsible for overseeing the Publications, Finance and Troop Representative Committees. Updates by laws and creates a budget working with the treasurer. Attends all lodge meetings and events. Promotes scouting and WWW.

Lodge Activities Vice Chief: Directly responsible to Lodge Chief. Responsible for overseeing the Activities, Ceremonies, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Committees. Plans activities of the lodge and delegates appropriately to the right committee. Attends all lodge meetings and events. Promotes scouting and WWW.

Lodge Secretary: Directly responsible to the Lodge Chief. Takes minutes at all meetings and distributes to members of the board. Works with the publications committee in producing the Eagle's Flight and maintenance of the web site. Runs registration at events and maintains our membership database. Attends all lodge meetings and events. Promotes scouting and WWW.

Lodge Treasurer: Directly responsible to the Lodge Chief. Maintains lodge cash box and handles funds at all lodge functions. Works with the Administrative Vice Chief and the Finance committee in producing a working, balanced budget. Attends all lodge meetings and events. Promotes scouting and WWW.

Time Requirements: There are scheduled meetings monthly that are required for an officer to attend *enthusiastically*. There are the monthly Lodge Executive Board meetings as well as other lodge, council and section meetings and events that an office must attend. Other meetings with the officers are impromptu. Expect to spend at least one weekend per month at a lodge, council and/or section function. Also plan for a few hours of preparation time for meetings and functions per week.

Dedication: Being a lodge or chapter officer takes extreme *dedication* to the Order of the Arrow's principles and the Scout Oath and Law. You are expected to attend all lodge events. Realize that if you run for an office, you are dedicating yourself to doing your best in the position. Do NOT run if you simply crave a title or position. DO run if you are ready to better the lodge and the council with your hard work and dedication.

Ability: Be able to know where you want the lodge to go in this next year, relevant to your position. Have a *vision* of where you think the lodge should go this upcoming year and present it to the lodge when it is time to speak about yourself at the election.

Questions? If you have any questions before the election please feel free to contact any of the officers or Dan Dienger the Lodge Adviser (715) 235-7843.

Scouting on the Internet

Otyokwa Lodge.....<http://www.otyokwa.com/>

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

SectionC1-B.....<http://sectionc1b.com/>

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

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

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

National Conservation and Leadership Summit

The Otyokwa lodge as part of the Section C-1B, in the Central region participated in the National Dodge Ball Tournament between the regions and after a pretty solid win in the semi-finals versus the southern region we took the championship after defeating the northeast region. The Central region also dominated in the regional jeopardy and the contest for having the coolest lodge. Maybe the last contest didn't exist but

it is true. When we were not kicking butt or at the pool we attended a lot of training cells to help make our lodge even more sweet. We learned about the new Order of the Arrow strategic plan and ArrowCorps5 program which will briefly be shared at Fall Fellowship.

2007 This Fall, Join the League of Extraordinary Arrowmen At Section C-1B Conclave September 14 - 16 Rhinelander, WI

Mr. Quartermain—Her Majesty needs you. The Fantom is trying to start a world war. Join an adventure in a league of its own, and come to the Section C-1B Conclave!

As Section Conclave 2007 approaches, you can be assured that your presence will help make this event extraordinary as you join hundreds of your brothers from Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. This year we plan to bring at least 70 arrowmen from our lodge including special guest Andy Dailey, Noah Marach, and Mom Wentz. Join us September 14-16 at Crystal Lakes Scout Reservation in Rhinelander, Wis. as the power of five great lodges becomes a section of one.

Throughout the year, key section and lodge officers have been working hard to plan a conclave that will truly be extraordinary. From training sessions on lodge leadership, outdoor skills, and Native American regalia, to activities such as Ultimate Frisbee, OA Jeopardy, and Euchre tournaments, be assured that you will not be bored. The weekend culminates in the election of your new section officers and evening show.

Mark your calendars and prepare for the extraordinary! For more information, contact Brad Gary, Dan Dienger, or visit the section website at www.sectioncb.org

Waiting to be impressed? You're about to be. Just register now for the Section Conclave. Register soon. The cost for the weekend is only \$25.00 if you register before *August 29th* (after that, the price goes up to \$35.00). We will arrange transportation to and from the conclave. If you are an adult and are interested in driving we will also need a copy of your license and insurance information before we leave however, we are looking at a possibility of a bus and more information will be given on that later. To register, fill out the form included in this newsletter or visit your council service center. You will need a copy of your BSA physical form. Please attach it to your registration form. For more information, check out the section website at www.sectionc1b.org.

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Section C-1B Conclave Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Troop/Crew #: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

OA Honor: (Circle One)	Ordeal	Brotherhood	Vigil
Age: (Circle One)	Under 18	18 -20	21 or older
Gender: (Circle One)	Male	Female	

Registration Fee: \$25.00 (on or before August 29th or \$35.00 after August 29)
Attach a copy of your BSA Health Form or bring it with you - You cannot attend conclave without it!

Make checks payable to CVC;BSA in he memo line write "OA Section Conclave"
Return this form with payment by **August 29h** to:

Chippewa Valley Council
710 S. Hastings Way
Eau Claire, WI 54701

