



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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Summer, 2008

WORDS FROM THE CHIEF

It is that time once again. Summer sessions are in full swing and the fall events are right around the corner. We are always looking for those people who are willing and interested in stepping up to the plate and taking on new challenges. If you would like to be in a ceremony this summer or this fall let Quin Kilmer, Jordan Braun, or me know. We are also looking for exited and enthusiastic Elangomats for the fellowship. Zack Linse and I want to hear from those who are interested.

One of my favorite things about the Order of the Arrow is the freedom in which it gives its members. It puts the responsibility on each of us to make the commitment to attend events, achieve our brotherhood, and become active in the lodge. It is one of the few Scouting activities where the registration does not include a parent's signature. Once in OA always in the OA, just pay the year's dues and you are ready to roll. This is one of those organizations that if you cannot attend an event it is not a big deal because there is always another one. The Order of the Arrow is what you make of it and I hope you all make the best of what we have. I thank you all for all of your cheerful service and am very excited to see you all soon.

Yours in WWW,

Brad Gary

2007-2008 Otyokwa Lodge Chief
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ELANGOMATS NEEDED

Elangomat means friend. If you have what it takes to befriend ordeal candidates and guide them through their ordeal and encourage them onto brotherhood check this out. Elangomats, friends, have a great opportunity to earn a never been seen before T-shirt. An Elangomat is an existing arrowmen redoing their ordeal as a guide to an ordeal clan. We are looking for any volunteers who are willing to cheerfully guide the new candidates into the Otyokwa Lodge starting this fall at fall fellowship. Please signify your interest for being an Elangomat on the fall fellowship registration form.

BROTHERHOOD – WHY SEAL MY MEMBERSHIP?

Brotherhood membership in the Order of the Arrow is not a rank but an honor bestowed upon an ordeal member. It is the completion of the process of becoming an Arrowman; it seals your membership in the Order. The next chance to complete your brotherhood is during **Summer Camp, Wednesday evening and Fall Fellowship, August 15-17, 2008.**

To be eligible for Brotherhood, you need to have been an ordeal member at least since the 2007 Fall Fellowship. All it takes in for you to show enough interest to learn the Obligation, the Song, the Handclasp, and a couple of other things. You can get more information on Jumpstart through our website at www.otyokwa.com or ask any Brotherhood member. We hope to see everyone seal their membership this fall!!

FALL FELLOWSHIP AUGUST 15 – 17, 2008

L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation

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. We have many ordeal candidates and are looking for willing elengomats. Keep in mind that elengomat means friend and not slave master!

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 activities 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.

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

Fill out the form at the back of this Eagle's Flight and send it to the Scout Service Center NOW!

Tentative Schedule (subject to change)

Friday August 15, 2008

5:00-7:30 p.m.	Registration at Camp Phillips and Fellowship Activities
7:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Elangomat Briefing
8:15 p.m.	Ordeal Candidates Gather
8:30 p.m.	Pre-Ordeal Ceremony

Saturday August 16, 2008

6:30 a.m.	Vigil Ceremony
7:00 a.m.	Vigil Breakfast and Breakfast for Ordeal Candidates
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Members at large
8:15 – 11:45 a.m.	Cheerful service
Noon	Lunch
1:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Cheerful service
4:45 p.m.	Clean up for Supper
6:00 p.m.	Silent Supper - Class A Uniform
7:00 p.m.	Brotherhood Ceremony
8:00 p.m.	Ordeal Ceremony
9:30 p.m. (approx)	Cracker barrel, fellowship, and trading post.

Sunday August 17, 2008

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:15 a.m.	New Member Orientation (New Ordeals)
8:30 a.m.	General Lodge Meeting
9:30 a.m.	Clean-up and Pack for Home
9:30 -10:00 a.m.	Departure

Things to bring:

Tent	Spare set of shoes	Towel, Washcloth & Shower Sandals
Sleeping Bag	Rain Gear	Personal Hygiene Supplies
Ground Cloth or Tarp	Work Clothes	Water Bottle or Canteen
Class A Scout Uniform & sash	Work Gloves	Extra tools, rakes, shovels, etc.
Flashlight	Boots	

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!

CREATING 1 BROTHERHOOD AT SECTION CONCLAVE

September 12-14, 2008

We are headed to camp Decorah near La Crosse for this year's Section Conclave. Set aside **September 12-14** on your calendar for this exciting event. Come; enjoy a great weekend with over 300 arrowmen from Wisconsin and upper Michigan where there will be great training opportunities and more importantly an awesome time to mingle with your brothers in the order. This year's theme is particularly fitting as this is our last conclave a Section C-1 B. Next year we will be in a totally new section!

We will once again be traveling in style as we will be taking a coach bus for the trip. After you register we will decide on the exact stops for the bus but we will be starting in the Spooner area and traveling south until we head toward Camp Decorah. We will be leaving early Sunday morning from Conclave to make to Eau Claire for the Air Show. This is going to be one amazing weekend beginning right when we are picked up all the way until we are dropped off. Hope to see you all there!

Fill out the form at the back of this Eagle's Flight and send it to the Scout Service Center by August 29, 2008

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 minute to speak and tell the lodge members present why they feel they should be elected. The successful candidate must 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.

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 715-723-6713.

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS SUMMER?

With great representation on Staff this summer OA is continuously in full swing. Every Monday is OA day where we have our ice cream social, every Wednesday is the day to seal your membership in the order or just watch the Brotherhood ceremony, and Friday is the call out ceremony. Every ceremony has been memorized and practiced before each performance to produce the best possible outcome. If you are interested in participating in the ceremony at a fellowship contact Quin Kilmer, Jordan Braun, or Brad Gary know.

CEREMONIES!

We are looking for enthusiastic responsible people to help in ceremony teams this fall, spring and anywhere in between. If you are interested contact our Vice Chief of Activities, Jordan Braun, our Ceremonies Chair, Quin Kilmer, or our Chief, Brad Gary. We are quite excited about the upcoming ceremonies as spots are already being filled and parts are already being memorized. There is still plenty of room just let us know you are interested and we will work with you to find a spot aboard our team.

NOAC

August 1 – 6, 2009

The National Order of the Arrow Conference or "NOAC" is being held next year, in the summer of 2009. It's going to run the first week in August. Now some of you might be asking yourselves what exactly is NOAC? NOAC is a huge gathering of Arrowmen from around the U.S. We get together for one week to train, socialize, and have a whole lotta fun. NOAC has many great opportunities you can take advantage of and participate in. In the past they have had SCUBA diving, kayaking, PowWows, patch trading, regalia construction, ultimate Frisbee tournament, games of dodge ball with 100+ people, nightly shows, a giant carnival-like festival with food and drinks from around the country and many more exciting events and activities. NOAC is an experience to remember. It was once described to me as The National Jamboree without the crowds of people. NOAC '09 is being held at Indiana State University. VIAs (Very Important Arrowmen) such as the National and Vice Chiefs will be making appearances. Along with VIA's Brad Gary, Matt Dienger, Devin Kilmer and Joe Zawacki will also be there. We will be staying in the dorms and having a great time. Anyone who is interested should keep an eye and ear out for information on fundraising opportunities that will be arising in the future.

TRADING POST ITEMS

Attention all arrowmen! We have just recently ordered new T-Shirts for the lodge they are blue with a picture of camp on the back, the shirts will be for sale at the Fall Fellowship. We also ordered Otyokwa Lodge Sweat Pants; the sweat pants are blue and have the lodge name printed on the leg in white there are a limited amount and will be on sale at Fellowship for \$20. The Lodge is also interested in ordering Otyokwa Nalgens that will be red with white lettering and feature our current logo that is on the front of our T-shirts, if you are interested there will be a sign up sheet at Fall Fellowship. We hope to see you all there.

NEW VENTURING CREW #337

A new Venturing Crew is forming to allow young men who have reached 18 and are no longer youth members of their troop to continue their scouting adventures. You are considered a youth member of both Venturing and the Order of the Arrow if you are younger than 21. We also need adults to advise the youth of the Venture Crew, if you are not currently active in your unit, or have the time to contribute to this crew, as well as your own unit, please consider registering with the new crew.

If you are interested, please fill out either a Youth or Adult Registration form, available at the Scout Service Center, attach the appropriate registration fee, and either leave it at the Service Center to the Attention of Dan Dienger or mail it to Dan at: 11179 40th St.; Chippewa Falls, WI 54709. If you have questions, contact Dan at 715-723-6713.

FALL FELLOWSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

August 15 – 17, 2008 L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation

Name: _____ *Check the appropriate category:*
Address: _____ \$12.00 Member at-Large (*I'm coming to have fun and serve*)
City: _____ \$27.00 Brotherhood Candidate (*I want to earn my Brotherhood*)
Email: _____ \$27.00 Vigil Candidate
Telephone: _____
Troop/Crew/Post Number: _____ \$20.00 Member at-Large **Walk-In** (*I'm here but I didn't preregister*)
Youth (*under 18*) Youth (*18 - less than 21*) Adult (*over 21*)
 YES, I want to be an Elangomat at Fall Fellowship.

I plan to eat the following meals while at the Fellowship:

Friday: _____ Dinner _____ Cracker barrel
Saturday: Breakfast Lunch _____ Dinner _____ Cracker barrel
Sunday: Breakfast

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 August 12, 2008

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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SECTION C-1 B CONCLAVE

SEPTEMBER 12-14, 2008

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

Transportation (Circle One) Take the Bus (\$15.00 round trip) I will find my own transportation

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: _____

Check the appropriate boxes:

- Registration Fee:** \$25.00 (on or before August 29th)
- OR** (not both-check date) \$35.00 (after August 29th)
- Bus Transportation:** \$15.00 (round trip)

Total Fees Enclosed: \$_____ (please register early to avoid the late fee!)

Please 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 the memo line write "OA Section Conclave"

Return this form with payment by **August 29h** to:

Chippewa Valley Council, BSA

710 S. Hastings Way

Eau Claire, WI 54701

Otyokwa Lodge # 337

Yearly Membership Renewal for 2008 - 2009

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
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