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Section NE-6B Updates

Several Arrowmen attended the #LEAD training conference hosted by Sections NE-6A and NE-6B at Carroll County Community College on January 30th. It turned out to be a great event with some great training cells and quality trainers.



Conclave 2016 H₂L₂ | Higher Learning Higher Leadership June 3rd-5th Registration Opening Soon! Hosted by Sasquesahanough Lodge 11 at Camp Tuckahoe in Dillsburg, PA Conclave is a fantastic weekend full of fun, shows, learning, brotherhood, and friendly competition with OA brothers from all over south central Pennsylvania.



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Important Dates

April 15-17 OA Weekend @ HMSR

May 20-22 OA Weekend @ HMSR

June 3-5 NE6B Conclave @ Camp Tuckahoe

September 16-18 OA Weekend @ HMSR

September 30 -October 2 Fellowship Weekend Vigil Weekend @ HMSR

October 16

2017 Lodge Planning Meeting

November 12

Lodge Banquet @ Bern Evangelical Lutheran Church

Are you Involved with another Committee?

No problem, we can most likely find a way for you to still be involved with the team. This includes the possibility of performing at weekends. So there is no excuse to not get involved with Ceremonies for those that wish to.

Don't want to have a part but want to get involved?

The ceremonies committee would gladly accept members who wish to help with all of the set up for ceremonies. This includes preparing the circle, and making smudge pots. If you want to help out let me know or talk to one of our other committee members, they will be more than happy to send you in the right direction.

Thank you to all those who went to the ceremonies training over January 16, to anyone interested in doing ceremonies there will be more of these training days in the future open to anyone in the lodge.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Brandon Huey, Ceremonies Chairmen

"Smudge Pot" Supplies Needed

The ceremonies team is in need of supplies to maintain the stock of smudge pots, the small tins used to illuminate OA ceremonies at camp and weekends. -Cleaned Cat Food or Tuna Tins -Single Faced Corrugated Cardboard -Paraffin Wax (Old candles are great!)



Please drop off supplies at the council service center, or at camp so we can assemble the pots over the winter. Thank you!



I would like to welcome everyone to 2016 and the 101st Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow!

The fuel of cheerfulness and enthusiasm towards our organization and its causes mustn't end with the centennial. I challenge each and every arrowmen to take a new lease on brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service in this new year and not to be afraid to challenge themselves to find and take on new responsibilities inside and outside of scouting.

As always, I will continue to strive to exceed expectations within my roles in the lodge and section, but sincerely offer myself to help anyone wishing to better themselves through the lodge and scouting. Please feel free to contact me with questions at any time.

> Yours in WWW, Vaughn E. Golden Woapalanne Wundamawachtowagan Lodge Secretary

Advisers' Recap on OA's Centennial Year!

Kyle and I would like to take a few minutes to reach out to all members of the Lodge to share some thoughts and insights on 2015 and what to expect this year. 2015 allowed all Arrowmen from around the country to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. We had an enjoyable, very busy 2015. It was great to work with the members of the 2015 Executive Board and their Lodge Executive Committee Members. Thanks to them, 2015 was a great year.

2015 saw many exciting happenings in our lodge and the OA as a whole. We started off the year with our LLD and banquet. Thanks to Kevin R. the LLD was a success and all those who attended walked away with a better understanding of how to run the Lodge. The Banquet was also a success due to the efforts of Cole Mitchell. He pulled together everything so members of the lodge could enjoy a night of fellowship and food. Our lodge was selected to host an ArrowTour stop. This was headed up by our 2015 Vice Chief of Activities, Tyler Resch. ArrowTour was the traveling Centennial celebration that visited camps throughout the country. We had the privilege of hosting the second stop in the Northeast Region. Our stop had 150 Scouts, Arrowmen, alumni, and parents visit our stop to reflect, connect, and discover the Order of the Arrow program. Tyler worked tirelessly to coordinate with both the Region staff and our own lodge staff to make the day a success.

Members of the Lodge attended our section's Conclave where we attended training and met Arrowmen from other lodges in our section. Vaughn Golden was elected to the position of Section Vice Chief at the Conclave section meeting.

114 lodge members - the lodge's largest NOAC contingent ever - traveled to Michigan State University for a week of training, fellowship with members from around the county and, of course, fun. A great time was had by all with 15,000 of our brothers. There was a great showing of members of our lodge participating and competing in many areas such as ceremonies and track & field. Several lodge members even brought home some medals and certificates for placing in these competitions. A big thank you to Mike Barner for serving as our contingent leader!

To start off 2016, we would like welcome the new Officers. It is a great group of young men who are passionate about making improvements and making the lodge better. We look forward to working with the new Lodge Executive Board and helping them build a great Lodge Executive Committee.

This coming year, expect to the youth to take on more leadership. The new officers have been preparing for this year since September of 2015. During this time, they have put together the calendar along with the Lodge Leadership Development for 2016 to get the year started.

The 2016 Lodge Leadership Development course was more in depth and provided more training topics than we have seen in the past. The 2016 Vice Chiefs, Tyler Resch and Ben Strausser, planned the day which saw fantastic training with an engaged group of participants.

This integral program seeing such improvements will serve as a foundation for continued progress in the training we provide for our members.

In the spirit of a youth run organization, the youth of the lodge need to be challenged to take more control over the operations of the lodge. We have see it over the past year that, when given the opportunity to lead, the members of the lodge will do so. All adults should keep this thought in their minds as they work with and mentor any youth in the lodge.



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In order to help the various committees of the lodge, we have added an Associate Adviser of Administration and an Associate Adviser of Activities. These two advisers will work alongside the Vice Chiefs of admin and activities. They will work with the Committee Advisers to ensure they are mentoring their Chairman. They will work with their respective committee advisers to ensure efficient operations amongst the committees and to fulfill their obligation to mentoring the youth chairmen

Improving communications in the lodge will always be an effort and an evolving process. The lodge Communications Committee does a great job in conveying information to our members through social media, emails, and the Wolf's Tale. It is our hopes that information is making it to all levels of our lodge. A major task the lodge will be undertaking this year is the rebuilding of the OA Troop Rep committee and creating a functioning program. This will allow of the lodge to not only engage more members directly but to help our OA Troop Reps keep Arrowmen in their units informed of lodge events. We ask that each Unit also assign an Assistant Scoutmaster to serve as the OA Troop Rep's adviser to aid them in these tasks. It truly is a team effort to keep our membership informed. Our lodge is comprised of approximately 1,000 members covering two counties. This is a situation where we may be able to say that it does "take a village" when ensuring that everyone has the information to participate in the OA program.

The Order of the Arrow Troop Representative (OATR) is an official youth position in your unit. Please utilize this position not only as a link between the lodge your unit but to have them advocate camping, outdoor programing, and community service in your PLC-the missions of the Order of the Arrow. The OATR committee will be working hard to provide resources directly to the unit level. We ask for each unit's cooperation in providing contact information of your OATR and their ASM serving as the adviser.

Part of Lodge planning is setting long range goals and objectives. The Lodge needs to find ways to promote itself, scouting and Hawk Mountain Scout Camp. There are two areas where the Lodge can do this; More service to council and districts

- Cub Camp Promotion A goal that the lodge will be working towards in 2016 is to develop and eventually carry out a Cub Scout camping promotions program. After a meeting with Bill Garrett, our Council Scout Executive, and Tony Stianche, Lodge Chief, this was deemed a priority to uphold our commitment to the promotion of the outdoors and camping. Cub Scouts are our future and their exposure to camping experiences is crucial to delivering the BSA program to them so that they may grow as Scouts.
- Council and District events Look for and take advantage of opportunities to support Council and District events. The should reach out to Council and District event organizers to offer service. There are opportunities at Klondike Derbies, STEM University, and Cub Adventure Day.

More service to the community — The Lodge should be looking for opportunities to serve the communities in our council. The lodge needs to do more outside camp and outside of council to become visible to the community so they can see the value of Scouting and what the OA can do to help. Ideas for projects in the community or conservation projects are welcome. As the lodge works towards expanding our efforts of cheerful service we will not only need ideas, but volunteers willing to help. The adult forum at the 2016 planning meeting in December discussed the idea of conservation projects in the general area that would help maintain hiking trails. While this is just one example, it shows what we could be capable of.

In summary, look for 2016 to be a great year. Expect the young men of the Lodge to take on a more hands on approach in the operations of the Lodge. Expect better, more efficiently run events. Kyle and I are looking forward to a great year and helping the the Lodge Executive Committee run a great program this year.

We look forward to seeing you all this year. There are plenty of chances to join your fellow Arrowmen at lodge events in 2016. Come for the service, stay for the fellowship.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Rudy Benkert

Lodge Adviser

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