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Chiefly Thoughts

By

Moritz Schmid

My brothers in Wimachtendienk, I am honored to be serving as your Lodge Chief. For those of you who don't know, I became Lodge Chief when three-term Chief Ben Gemski stepped down a few months ago. Despite the change in leadership, this year has started out extremely successful. As a Lodge, we achieved Quality Lodge for a second consecutive year. We have had one of the highest attendances on record at the combination Fellowship and Banquet. All the Arrowman who attended the Fellowship had an excellent time. At the banquet I encouraged all Arrowman to become more active and participate in Lodge activities. I now ask the same of you. I would like as many of you as possible to attend the Spring Ordeal. The more Lodge events you attend, the greater the benefits of being a member in the OA become. Remember that all of you were selected to join the OA not only for what you have done, but for what you are expected to do in the future. The Ordeal is an excellent opportunity to become active, run for the LEC, become a Brotherhood member, or to re-dedicate yourself to the principals of the Ordeal. If you want to become active and don't know, how please contact me. If you have an idea that you want voice, email me or come to an LEC meeting. There are so many opportunities for you to make the OA the greatest experience possible. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Spring Ordeal and future OA events.



Ceremonies

By

Lukas Schmid

Hey everyone. My name is Lukas Schmid and I am currently serving as the ceremonies adviser and also as the Tri-River Vice Chief. One thing i would like to bring to mind is that the ceremonies team does not accomplish tasks like the ordeals or brotherhood conversions without help. We have a great team set up right now but we are limited to about 4-5 people. This is why i would like for anyone interested to either email me or Moritz Schmid the Chief if you are interested in participating. Even if you do not want to act in the ceremonies we still need people willing ot build fires, set up ceremony areas, or just help with the preparations for the ceremonies and events. If you would like to help out or just try being on the ceremonies team email me at vicechieftririver@chippanyonk.org or Moritz at chief@chippanyonk.org.



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Want to Write?

Adam Roth

Secretary

Hello fellow brothers, my name is Adam Roth the new secretary for the lodge. As many of you may or may not know it was rather difficult to fill the Yonk (just like the last time!) with content this issue, we need you the arrowmen to contribute content to make our newsletter great. If you wanna write for the Yonk or just like to write for fun send your articles to my email listed on the last page of the yonk. Articles can be about anything scouting or Order of the Arrow related so please contribute. If you are into writing or journalism don't hesitate to write, also I'd like to take this chance with my secretary column to mention that I will be accepting jokes and adventure themed short fictional stories to add to the yonk, yes just like Boys Life, only better! On other notes I hope everyone enjoys this issue of yonk and I look forward to reading future contributions from you the arrowmen.



Spring Ordeal

By

Max Resnik

The Spring Ordeal is almost here and my third term as Vice Chief of Viking District is coming to a close. During the spring ordeal, the candidates will finish the set up of camp that was started during our successful

Spring Fellowship. We will also hold elections for the new Lodge Executive Committee (LEC). The LEC consists of 6 voting members. 3 Vice Chiefs (one for each district), the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Lodge Chief, and the immediate past lodge chief. Each position has a different responsibility, but they all have perks. Being responsible for an event also means you can decide what the even is going to be (with the approval of the LEC). As an LEC member you can vote on many things, whether it is a new set of by-laws, a replacement LEC member, the proposed schedule of an

upcoming event, etc. I recommend all arrowmen who are willing to put some time into their lodge to run for a position. After three years of running the ordeals and being Vice Chief of Viking District, I have no regrets. Every arrowmen should come to this coming ordeal, not just for the elections but for the even itself. As an OA member, attending an Ordeal is not laborious or difficult; you will not be hungry. As an arrowmen attending an Ordeal, you will spend Friday night like a fellowship, watching a movie, and having a cracker barrel. Saturday will be fun also, there is always something for the OA member to do during the ordeal, whether it is participating in a ceremony, converting to brotherhood, doing some service, taking a nap, or having a snack.



May 15th 2009

Where will **you** be?

Oh thats right.....

You'll be at the

2009 Spring Ordeal

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Joke Page

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Discovered by Lodge Member Daniel Rowe

Silent Odorless Farts Joke :

An old man visited his doctor for help with a problem.

“Doc, I don’t know what’s wrong, but I fart all the time. It’s weird because they are silent and odorless, but they keep coming out. In fact, I’ve farted about 6 times just sitting here. What can I do?”

The doctor replied, “Here, take one of these pills every morning and then come see me in a week.”

A week later, the old man came back to the doctor and he was upset. “Doc, those pills didn’t help - they made it worse! I’m still farting, but now they stink something fierce!”

The doctor replied, “Calm down, sir. Now that we’ve cleared your sinuses, we can work on your hearing.”

A Talking Dog Joke

Three racehorses were in the stable waiting for the big race. Trying to psych each other out, they began bragging.

First horse, ‘I’ve been in 38 races and have only lost twice.’

Second horse, ‘Well, I’ve been in 47 races and have never lost.’

Third horse, ‘Huh, I’ve never lost either and I even beat Secretariat twice.’ Just then, they heard a chuckle by the stable door, and there was a greyhound dog walking up to them.

The greyhound said, ‘That’s nothing. I’ve been in over 200 races and have won every one by at least 3 lengths.’

First horse, ‘Wow! That’s amazing - a talking dog!’

Hamster and Frog Joke:

A down and out, grungy man walks into a swanky restaurant desperately needing a meal. He asks the waiter if he can have a free meal and the waiter says, ‘Absolutley not! This is an upscale establishment and I’m going to have to ask you to leave.’

The man says, ‘If I can show you something amazing that you’ve never seen before will you give me a meal?’

The waiter replies, ‘OK, only if it is truly amazing and not crude.’

The man pulls a hamster out of his pocket. It jumps off the table, runs across the room to the piano and begins playing songs. And, it is really good!

The waiter is amazed and brings a hot meal to the man while the hamster plays. When the man finishes, he is still hungry and asks the waiter for a free dessert and coffee.

The waiter says, ‘No, sorry, unless you have money or another miracle, that’s all you get.’

The man says, ‘OK!’ and pulls a frog out of his pocket and sets it on the table.

The frog begins singing the song that the hamster is playing on the piano!

A man at another table rushes over and offers \$200 for the singing frog. The man makes the trade and the fellow runs out of the restaurant with the frog to get him on the Tonight Show.

The waiter says, ‘Are you crazy? That singing frog is worth millions, not just \$200.’

The man replies, ‘Not so. The hamster is also a ventriloquist. Now, bring that chocolate torte and coffee, please.’

Art Thief Joke :

This Joke is meant for Boy Scouts.

Decide for yourself if it is appropriate for your younger scouts or not.

An art thief once stole some very expensive paintings from the Louvre in Paris.

He took two Van Goghs, a couple Monets, a DeGasse, and some other paintings.

Everything went perfectly, except he was captured sitting in his van with the paintings only 2 blocks from the museum. His van had run out of fuel!

When asked by the police how he could plan such a successful robbery and then be foiled by such a simple error, he replied...

‘I had no MONET to buy DEGASSE to make the VAN GOGH!’

Atoms Joke :

Two atoms were walking down the sidewalk and suddenly one slips off the curb and says “Oh no, I’ve lost my electron!”

The other atom says “Are you sure?”

1st atom says “Yes, I’m positive!”

Adviser's Corner...

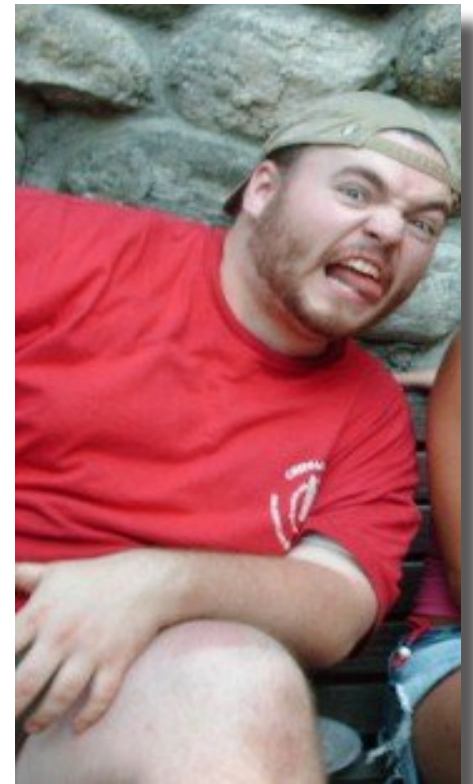
Andrew J. Taft
Lodge Adviser

I do a lot of things in Scouting. I spend a large amount of my time trying to impart the ideals of Scouting onto hundreds of youth in this council. After planning, running, and attending many different Scouting events over the years, I realized that there were areas of my life where I wasn't following Scouting's ideals. So I started to apply the Scout Oath, Law, motto, and the OA Obligation to every part of my life.

The third part of the Scout Oath is your duty to self. "To keep myself physically strong" are the first words of that part. I definitely wasn't keeping myself physically strong. Because of these words in the Scout Oath, I decided to change that part of my routine, and now I exercise regularly. Exercise is great. It relieves stress, makes you feel better, gives you more energy, and it keeps your heart, lungs, and muscles in good shape. I learned about the benefits of exercise in school, and it's possible that I would have made this change had I never been involved in Scouting. But the fact of the matter is that the Scout Oath gave me the motivation I needed to get myself going in the right direction.

I've always tried to be a helpful person, but there are times when I definitely act in my own self-interest. Usually when that happens, a little voice in the back of my head starts reminding me about the Oath, Law, and Obligation. I'm frequently reminded of the tests we've completed where we show that we're willing to serve others cheerfully even if it brings pain onto ourselves. These reminders force me to put others before myself. I like to think of it as making my life a little harder to make everyone else's life a little easier.

Again, it's possible that I would have the same morals that I do if I was never involved in Scouting. But Scouting causes me to evaluate how I follow my own morals. I can say that I'm helpful all I want, but if I always do whatever is best for me then I'm not helping anyone. The only way that we can make ourselves better is to constantly evaluate our own actions. Take some time each night to think about how you could improve yourself. Use the Oath, Law, and Obligation as your moral compass to point in the right direction. And remember what Chief Chingachgook said to his countrymen: "He who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest."



Calendar

May 15th, 2009 - Spring Ordeal -Camp Resolute-Bolton, MA
At 6:30 P.M

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