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Annual Lodge Banquet

Cam Piper -Treasurer -Banquet Chairman

As many of you know, we had our Annual Chippanyonk Lodge Banquet on January 6th. This night was filled with fellowship, great food, door prizes, guest speakers and a great roast of our Chief.

We had over 70 guests in attendance! After the Arrowmen, their family, and guests enjoyed a great meal; everyone sat down to hear two amazing guest speakers.

The first, Al Crowley, displayed a great presentation of the efforts made after 9/11. The second was someone you would have met if you joined us at the Spring Fellowship last year. Sgt. Major Loya gave a great speech of the importance of the scouting ideals.

We then all enjoyed a great roast of our Lodge Chief, Ben Gemski. Some friends and fellow Arrowmen gave the audience a great roast of Ben. The lodge would like to congratulate those who were nominated for the Vigil Honor: Nathan Frumkin, Peter Bernard, and Moritz Schmid. Congratulations to Mark Fitzgerald for receiving Arrowman of the Year! Thank you to all who attended!

ArrowCorps 5

Two Chippanyonk Arrowmen Participating in ArrowCorps 5



Nicholas Chmielinski of Framingham and Mark Fitzgerald of Milford will be joining thousands of fellow Arrowmen participating in the ArrowCorps 5 program this summer – the largest, most complex, most challenging conservation project ever planned by the Order of the Arrow.

Nick will be volunteering at Shasta-Trinity National Forest in California from July 12-19, helping to with maintenance of the Pacific Crest Trail. Mark will be at the Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming from July 26-August 2, working on the Teton Pass Mountain Bike Trail.

Watch for future issues of The Yonk to learn more about their service projects.



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Time to Pay Your 2008 Dues

Dues for 2008 are \$12 can be paid by sending in the form on the website, or online by going to: www.chippanyonk.org. Dues need to be paid every year in order to stay active within the lodge. You will not be considered an lodge member in less your dues are up to date.

If you became an Ordeal member in May or September of this year, your 2008 dues are already paid.



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2007: Landmark Year For High Adventure

Ross Armstrong

With over 360 Arrowmen participating, 2007 was a landmark year for the Order of the Arrow's high adventure programs. It was the OA's largest turnout ever with every program booked solid! For the third consecutive year, the OA Ocean Adventure program at the Florida Sea Base was the first program to fill. Seventy-two participants converged upon the base to become PADI SCUBA certified and to put their newly acquired knowledge to good use. Arrowmen provided over 1,500 hours of service, in the form of marine life counts, litter pickups in the local community, and coral reef clean ups. The Order of Arrow Trail Crew alone drew in over 190 participants to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Over the course of the summer, 4,000 feet of trail maintenance was completed on the Copper Park trail.



In addition, Trail Crew participants completed another 6,660 feet of full bench trail work on the Chandler Canyon trail. The OA Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier also saw its best summer yet. With over 120 participants, 6,145 hours of service were completed along the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness plus nearly 2 miles of portage trail work. Most notably, the Wilderness Voyage program completed work on its first Canadian portage trail, Big Knife International portage. During the voyage portion of this program, crews visited such places as the Height of Land, where history tells us that voyageurs became men. A few crews made the trip all the way to Lake Superior. In 2008, the OA Trail Crew and OA Wilderness Voyage programs will be operating at half capacity to encourage participation in ArrowCorps5. Priority for OA Ocean Adventure will be given to past participants of both OA Trail Crew and Wilderness Voyage.

We Interrupt This Broadcast...

The Spring Ordeal is fast approaching and we all know what that means... 2008-2009 Officer Elections. Each year at the Spring Ordeal, the youth of the Lodge elect the core leadership for

the coming year. For the last year and a half, I have had the great pleasure to serve as the Lodge Chief of Chippanyonk Lodge. YOU could be the next great officer! Some of the best experiences of my life came this past year. I



had the unique opportunity work with many great and inspiring adults as well as youth. I've given speeches to crowds of all kinds, and most importantly I got to help leave my legacy in Chippanyonk Lodge. Lodge Chief isn't the only way to serve. As Lodge Chief I had a core of 5 officers and 5 Chairman that supported me 100% throughout my term as Chief. Without their support I would not have been half as successful a Chief as I have been. The positions include a Vice Chief for each district (TriRiver, Viking, Liberty), Secretary, Treasurer, Ceremonies Chairman,

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Media Services Chairman, Vigil Selection Chairman, Activities Chairman, and Brotherhood Chairman. Every position is as important as the next and each have important duties. If you have questions about any position, feel free to contact myself or any of the current Vice Chiefs, as I am sure they would be more than happy to answer any questions you might have. Just

a reminder, you do not need to be from the district you are running for. I would strongly suggest that if you are thinking of running for a particular position that you just shoot me an email and we can make sure that you understand the position fully. Again this is a great opportunity for arrowmen in the lodge looking to gain more leadership skills and notoriety within the lodge and the council. I urge each and every one of you to become more active with your district and lodge committees. Hope to see you all at the Spring Ordeal!

NOAC 09' Date Set

The National Order of The Arrow Committee is pleased to announce that the 2009 National Order of The Arrow Conference will be held at Indiana State University, August 1-6 2009. Make sure to add this date to your calendars. More information to follow in future issues.



Want to Write?

Mike DeWolfe
Secretary

Would you like to be more active within the lodge?

Well, a great way to do that would be to write an article for The Yonk!

We are always looking for good articles to put on the pages of our lodge newsletter. Let your brothers know how you feel about a lodge event, whether the article be on where we could improve or how awesome it was. You could also write about an upcoming event that you are excited to go to. If you are a new lodge member who just went through your Ordeal ceremony, you could write about the experience and what you were thinking as you underwent the ordeal. Got any pictures that you want to submit for the "outrageous picture of the month?" Send them to Secretary@chippanyonk.org



Servant Leadership

Since we are all members of an organization with the purpose to provide cheerful service to all, it would be fitting that we need brothers who are willing to provide servant leadership to help us fulfill our purpose.

Although we have one chief and five LEC members these six cannot run the whole lodge on their own. Chippanyonk requires committees and committee chairmen to help accomplish lodge goals. Chippanyonk can only be the best that it can be if it has all

of its committees functioning.

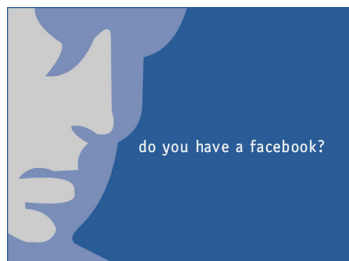
There are several committees that require leadership and help. Therefore, we need arrowmen, like you, to volunteer



Face Who?...Face What?...
Facebook!

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I'm sure that sounds familiar to many of you. "What is this face thing you're always on?" I know my dad has no idea what Facebook is about. After getting the chance to talk with some other lodge chiefs around the section we have come to a common conclusion that Facebook is a great way to get information across to arrowmen. I know for one that I am checking Facebook many times a day. Many lodges including ours use Facebook groups to connect members. To promote events and updates. So if you don't have Facebook check it out and join the Chippanyonk Lodge group! Friend the LEC!



to help make Chippanyonk the best lodge in the nation (not just another Quality Lodge). We have the size and we have the spirit, we just need the members who are willing to step up and provide servant leadership. It's no big deal if you haven't had any leadership experience before.

Everyone has to start somewhere. All you have to do is be willing to put in a little time and effort. We need arrowmen just like Connor Levenson who just volunteered to be the new vigil selection chairman for the Lodge, and Moritz Schmid for stepping up to be the new vice chief tri-river.

Some open Committee Chairs:

- Activities
- Elangomat
- Ordeal
- Publications
- Membership

If you are willing to provide servant leadership contact your Lodge Chief Ben Gemski: Chief@Chippanyonk.org 508.726.1498 AIM: Gemski88

The Yonk's

--*Outrageous Picture Of The Month*--

Camp Resolute
--Ceremonies Team--



MAY 16, 2008 7:30PM

Where will you be?
Oh thats right.....
You'll be at the

2008 Spring Ordeal

Joining 30 of your other
Fellow Arrowmen!
Don't Miss It!

-Registration 7:30PM-
--Camp Resolute--

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Chiefly Thoughts

Looking back on the last few months we have grown dramatically as a lodge. For the first in several years I am happy to announce that we have officially made quality lodge for 2007. It is quite an accomplishment. In order to meet the standards for quality lodge we must meet several difficult requirements. With

the start of brotherhood 59 and Chippanyonk most wanted we were able to surpass our brotherhood requirement for QL. I

really owe the credit of the award to my LEC and the lodge members. It really was a group effort. We as a lodge have really grown into a wonderful and productive service organization. I welcome every arrowmen to come and attend the spring ordeal in May. This is a great opportunity to meet new arrowmen and become more active in the best brotherhood and service organization around! We are currently looking to fill several positions on lodge committees. It certainly takes more than the lodge executive committee to make this lodge run as well as it has been. So if you are interested in becoming more active with the lodge but you don't know how? Just drop an email to one of the LEC members or myself asking how you can become more active with the lodge. So in the upcoming year I hope to see you all more active with the lodge and lodge committees as many of you already have been.

Benjamin J. Gemski,
Lodge Chief 2007-2008



Fulfilling Your Duty...

Max Resnick
Vice-Chief Viking

Once again it is time for the Spring Ordeal, and with it comes officer elections. Last year there was a little competition between officer positions for the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC), and the same people were elected as the year before. That time only one person ran against me for the position of Vice Chief of Viking District. This year I hope to have more competition and hopefully they will be from Viking district themselves.

As much as I like representing the district in the Lodge, it would be great to get more participation from Viking district. Even if you are not in Viking district you can still run for Vice Chief of Viking district or any other position, and I highly recommend it because being on the LEC is not bad. Being on the LEC might not count as a leadership position for Eagle, but it's more fun than any of the troop leadership positions. It does require work and responsibility, but it also pays off in many ways. One of the benefits is that LEC members get to make all the decisions.

So say next year for the spring fellowship you want to do something really fun and cool like meeting a marine unit or seeing a movie at the IMAX, you can just come up with an idea and present it to the LEC. I have had so much fun being the Vice Chief of Viking district and I have not regrets about running and I plan to do so again. So I highly recommend running for something 2008 NE-1A Section Conclave

"The Spirit Never Sleeps!"; whether it is a Vice Chief, Secretary, Treasurer or even running to be the Chief. I hoping to see a lot of people run for each position on the LEC this year and to run in the election you should be at the Ordeal.

Some of you think that going to the Ordeal will not be any fun because you are remembering your ordeal. But Ordeals are very different for arrowmen. Waking up extremely early, having a small breakfast then going to work until lunch is not your schedule instead your schedule will be more like waking up later than the candidates, having a nice filling delicious breakfast, hanging around drinking some hot cocoa or coffee, then joining the candidates in some cheerful service. But you will not, I repeat, will not, spend the whole day doing service.

2008 NE-1A Section Conclave

"The Spirit Never Sleeps!"

--Register Today At Chippanyonk.org--

June 6-8, 2008 - Mt. Norris Scout Reservation - Eden, VT



Meet The Candidates:

Vice Chief Viking - Position

Max Resnick - Vice Chief Viking

My name is Max Resnick and I plan to run for the position of Vice Chief of Viking District. I know that I am the right person for this job because I have held this position for the past two years, and I have been active in the Order of the Arrow for three years. I have a lot of experience doing what needs to be done as the Vice Chief of Viking. Another thing is that I know the full responsibilities of the Vice Chief, and I know how to fulfill them. I have done, Order of the Arrow Elections, planned and carried out events such as this Spring Ordeal, and past ones along with other lodge events. A little about my scouting background is that I am an Eagle Scout in Troop 355 with four palms and I am currently working on my fifth. I have been active in my troop for over five years. Vote for me, Max Resnick, for Vice Chief of Viking District.

Moritz Schmid

Vice Chief Tri-River

My name is Moritz Schmid and I will be running for office in the coming year. I feel that I am a great candidate because of my past experience as well as my commitment to the Lodge. Over the last few months I have served as Vice-Chief Tri-River and have completed all my assigned tasks to the best of my ability and on time. I have received the Vigil Honor, so my fellow members think that I am a committed person and expect a lot from me. I would appreciate your vote this upcoming weekend at the Ordeal. If you have any questions or would like to run for office yourself please feel free to contact me at vicechieftririver@chippanyonk.org



Time Of Your Life...

Peter Bernard

Vice Chief Liberty

For those Arrowmen who are looking for the most exciting OA event of their life, something that your troop or Camp Resolute cannot provide, the time has come. In the summer of 2009, Indiana University will be hosting NOAC, the National Order of the Arrow Conference. If you are wondering what this is, read on. NOAC is a chance for Arrowmen from all over the country to come together as brothers and participate in a week of training and competition. As an attendant of the 2006 NOAC at Michigan State University, I highly recommend that everyone who can spare the time go. If you have ever been to the National Jamboree, this is TEN TIMES BETTER!!! You get to sleep on actual beds, in a college dorm, with showers and bathrooms. I made many new friends at NOAC, and strengthened my current ones. NOAC is the trip of a lifetime and it is happening July 29 – August 7 in the summer of 2009. Be there.

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Section NE-1A Conclave! "The Spirit Never Sleeps!"

Conclave is a fun weekend of training, and inter-lodge competition at the section level. All Arrowmen in good standing with their lodge are eligible to attend conclave, no matter what section your lodge is a part of. This year Mt. Noris Scout Reservation in Eden, Vermont the site for Conclave 2008. Conclave activities start around 7 pm on Friday, June 6th and end about 10 am on Sunday June 8th. Friday evening begins with an opening show. Saturday morning is spent training members on a variety of topics relevant to the OA, and helpful for you as a leader in your home unit. In the afternoon, lodges take part in competitions and various activities. The day ends with a spectacular closing show. There are competitions for everyone; spend the afternoon climbing the indoor climbing wall or at one of the sports competitions, or compete for the dance plaque. If ceremonies are your thing, compete and receive feedback on your performance. For the athlete in everyone, test your skills in no-hands pie eating competition. or try the "apache relay" -- "Healy Cup" in the evening. Conclave is a great weekend to meet Arrowmen from around New England or meet some of the National Order of The Arrow Officers. It will be a great time that you won't want to miss!

What's the cost for a weekend of fun?

Conclave Registration - \$40



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Adviserly Thoughts...

Andrew J. Taft

Lodge Adviser

Shortly after the start of 2007, I was appointed Lodge Adviser and Ben and I made a list of goals for the year. One of the most important goals we had was achieving Quality Lodge. We earned Quality Lodge for the first time in a few years, and we are very proud of that achievement. While we're proud of what we've done to achieve this recognition, we couldn't have accomplished it without all of our dues-paying members, such as yourself. Thank you for your continued support of the lodge. We'll need your help to achieve Quality Lodge again in 2008. While 2007 was certainly one of the best years that our lodge has experienced, we want to build on our success to have an even better 2008. We're going to start our quest for another great year with our annual Spring Fellowship. The main service project every year at this event is to set up tents for National Camp School, which is held at Camp Resolute every year shortly after the Spring Fellowship. This event is coming up soon, so look at the article in this issue of "The Yonk." We'll be going to the IMAX Theatre at Jordan's Furniture in Natick, so it should be a great weekend.

Since our last issue of "The Yonk," I have appointed a new Vigil Selection Adviser in Patrick McGoldrick of Troop 101 Northborough. Back in our days as youth, he succeeded me as the ceremonies chairman. I've known Patrick for a long time, and he is excited to serve the lodge as an adult after serving as a youth.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped the lodge in the past year, especially all of the adults who helped out at events. Namely, our advisers Kevin Rudden, Ted Frumkin, Tim Roth, Patrick McGoldrick, Robin Fletcher, and Kevin McCabe. Other adults have been very helpful, including Mike Merolli, Bill Mills-Curran, and every parent who drove their son to an event. Also, Bill Downey and Paul Sliney have been the advisers behind the scenes to keep me and Ben on the right track. Our Scout Executive and Supreme Chief of the Fire, Dennis Prefontaine, has been very supportive and continues to be so. And of course, Rick Riopelle has been instrumental to our lodge's success. Thank you to everyone. I apologize for any omissions.

Let's make 2008 even better than 2007! *Andrew can be reached at Adviser@Chippanyonk.org*



Staff Adviserly Thoughts....

“Those Who Chose You, Need You”

Rick Riopelle

Lodge Staff Adviser

us have been living up to this? We were each sent to seek a vision of ourselves and of our purpose, but have you found your purpose within the lodge? I ask that each of you consider joining a lodge committee. There are several to choose from. For instance, the Publications committee, the very people responsible for you reading this document right now. How about the ceremonies team? They are responsible for putting on every ceremony at every function. We also have the Fellowship, Activities, Ordeal and a host of other committees. These committees as well as others (that I, unfortunately do not have the space to mention) are in need of both youth and adult help.

The lodge is in a transitional period. Many of the brothers that have made our committees strong in the past have either aged out, gone to college, or are serving larger roles in their troops. As a result, our committees have become “rougher, steeper, fainter...” My brothers, we will need a “brighter fire!” The fire is our lodge, you are the kindling, and you need to help build the fire! To make our fire brighter, we need each of you to join at least one of our many operating committees (you can get a full listing at www.chippanyonk.org). If you want a stronger lodge, which all of us do, then help build the fire, and join a committee today. We have made it very easy to join a committee: all you have to do is go to www.chippanyonk.org, where you can fill out a simple form. Once you fill out the form, the chairman or advisor of the committee should contact you within a couple of days.

So, it all boils down to this: Arrowmen In Action + Committees In Action = a great lodge. “Who will go upon this journey?” You must choose!

“My friends, the ones who choose you need you... who among you is ready?” (Allowat Sakima, Pre-Ordeal) My Brothers, I ask you again to take this charge. You first heard this message during your pre-Ordeal Ceremony, but how many of

Leaderthink: Leaving a Legacy

Because leadership positions in the Order of the Arrow normally last one year, it is common practice to set goals relative to what can be done during that short period of time. Although it is important

to accomplish these goals during our time of influence, a large part of successful leadership involves the legacy that is left behind. Legacy has been officially defined as “something handed down from an ancestor or a predecessor or from the past.” As members of the OA, our legacy should include more than simply the customs and traditions of our lodges. It must also include brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. As young leaders, it is important that we set aspirations above and beyond the boundaries set by our role or position. Establish a vision for your legacy early in the year, and think about what you want your lasting contribution to be. You can take a few simple steps to establish a legacy and ensure its success. First, when developing your goals for the year, note how those goals can be expanded in the future. Are they one time goals or will they impact the success of the next leader? Try to ensure that at least half of your goals for the year match your desired legacy and will have a significant influence on improvements for the following year. Second, communicate your vision to fellow Arrowmen. Chances are that an Arrowman helping you this year will be a leader next year. If members understand the long-term vision of your goals, they are more likely to carry them on when they are asked to lead. Finally, ensure that the transition from year to year is a smooth one. Make yourself available to your successor once you have left office. It should be clear that as your successor has questions, he or she can turn to you for answers. Do not underestimate the importance of leaving a legacy. It will be the single most important measure by which others will evaluate your success. It is the single greatest impact you can leave on our organization. Will that legacy be clear? Will your legacy have lasting effects? How will your time in the driver’s seat be remembered?



2008 Spring Fellowship

Moritz Schmid
Vice Chief TriRiver

This year all the Arrowman who attended the Spring Fellowship at Camp Resolute had a great time. Despite the cold temperatures, the service was very successful and the OA managed to set-up camp for the upcoming National Camp School. During the afternoon there were six brotherhood conversions. Dinner and ice cream were served and followed by a few training cells about the Lodge and the LEC. The evening was ended with a trip to Jordan’s Furniture in Natick to see U2-3D. All of the attendees had a great time and really enjoyed IMAX. Sunday morning after breakfast there was a quick review of the successful weekend, and after thanking everyone who attended the group dispersed.

Chippanyonk Earns Quality Lodge

Ben Gemski
Lodge Chief



From the 59th person to obtain brotherhood at the fall ordeal to the outpouring of support and service for the Dirty Sash program, we have truly broken several records.

All of these things helped my officer corps in our pursuit of our goal... National Quality Lodge. I am proud to announce that Chippanyonk will be a Quality Lodge for the first time in many many years. We overcame the obstacle that had held us back for so many years, Brotherhood conversion. With the brotherhood 59 program and the increase number of ceremonies, we made 30% conversion. I would like to thank the officers first for being so supportive of our goals. When we announced them last year, they ran with them and made Quality Lodge completely achievable. Next the adult advisers who have helped myself and the officers through everything this year. Your insight and ideas helped us to accomplish everything this year. I would like to thank my officers

for standing by me even though I didn’t always make sense, and for humoring me when I simply asked them to do the impossible. I could not have asked for a better set of officers, thanks guys. Thank you Chippanyonk, for making the push, for getting your bars and making this one of the greatest years in Chippanyonk history. Y’all are amazing and this is something you should be truly proud of. Now lets do it again next year!

Calendar

May 16-18, 2008 - Spring Ordeal - Camp Resolute - Bolton, MA

June 6-8, 2008 - Section NE-1A Conclave - Mt. Noris Scout Reservation - Eden, VT

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