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Special Brotherhood Conversion

From 12-4PM on Saturday November 9, a special Brotherhood Conversion ceremony was held. 5 new Brothers were successfully converted. Special thanks to Clay Converse, Alex Dunckle, Randy Gillson, Mike George, Dave Gross, Matt Kemberling, Evan McNamara, Sean Murray, Charles Root, and Jim Woodard for helping to make this a success.



Upcoming Dates

December-

18 L.E.C. Meeting (7PM)

January-

4 Winter Dinner (Binghamton Regency)
29 L.E.C. Meeting (7PM)

February-

1 Scout Expo./Mall Show @ Oakdale Mall
26 L.E.C. Meeting (7PM)

Fall Ordeal a Success

The Lodge would like to thank all of those who helped in making the Fall Ordeal a success. The results from the weekend were as follows; 34 Ordeal members inducted, 11 members converted to Brotherhood and 2 Arrowmen received the Vigil Honor. In addition, nearly **800 hours** of service were contributed to the camp with projects ranging from roof work to replacing the old Styrofoam on the docks with new Styrofoam.

Winter Dinner Registration

Scheduled for January 4th at the Binghamton Regency, this event will be one to remember as Dr. John Ferger tells of his travels through Turkey. Don't forget to fill out the registration form for the winter dinner found at the end of this newsletter. All registration forms are due to council no later than December 27.



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Letter from the chief

Dear Brothers,

I would like to thank all of you for the success of the Fall Fellowship. With the help of many dedicated Brothers we pulled off a great Fellowship. We inducted 34 new Ordeal members as well as converting 11 members to Brotherhood and 2 members to Vigil. While doing this we completed over 800 hours of service to Camp Tuscarora. Our service projects included fixing the Waterfront docks, staining many camp buildings, and preparing the camp for the Winter Season. Also at the Fellowship the Lodge elected its new Officers for the 2002-2003 term. The new Officers for the 2002-2003 term are Lodge Chief- Sean Murray, Vice Chief of Administration- Eric Guinn, Vice Chief of Program- Charles Root, Vice Chief of Chapters- Evan McNamara, and the Lodge Secretary/Treasurer- Matt Kemberling. These new Officers are very dedicated arrow men who hope to help myself make the Lodge a great success in the following year. These Officers and their Advisers make up the Lodge Executive Committee. But there are also many Committee positions to be filled so if you are interested please get a hold of Sean Murray by e-mail. My E-mail address is xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.

We have the Winter Dinner coming up on January 4th, 2003. The Winter Dinner is a great banquet where Dr. John Feger will speak of his travels through Turkey and members are awarded with two of the Order's highest awards. This is a great time to meet your Lodge Officers as well as seeing your friends from you last fellowship. We hope that you can attend an enjoy one of the Lodge's greatest events.

As Lodge Chief I am asked to set goals for the Lodge for my term in office. I have Ten goals for the 2002-2003 calendar year. Goal number one is to obtain Quality Lodge, goal number two is to fill all the positions on the LEC with dedicated Arrowmen, goal number three is to keep to the budget, goal number four is to increase Chapter activity, goal number five is to have successful Lodge Events, goal number six is to produce more lodge news letters and keep Arrowmen informed, goal number seven is to promote camping on the Troop level, goal number eight is to get the Lodge running better, goal number nine is to get a Brotherhood conversion program at Summer Camp, and goal number ten is to have more OA involvement at Summer Camp. These goals are very important to us as a Lodge since we can't improve unless these goals are met. To successfully complete these goals the work of many Lodge members will be needed and without the help of the Lodge members we will not be as successful.

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the arrow men who helped at the Fall Fellowship making it a great success and also to say how pleased I am about the Lodge that I now run with the help of the other Officers. Please keep up your great work and keep the LEC informed about your concerns since we are here to help and represent you.

YIS,

Sean Murray
Otahnagon 172 Lodge Chief

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New Lodge Officers

Congratulations to our new Lodge officers

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| Lodge Chief | Sean Murray |
| Vice - Chief of Administration | Eric Guinn |
| Vice - Chief of Program | Chuck Root |
| Vice - Chief of Chapters | Evan McNamara |
| Lodge Secretary/ Treasurer | Matt Kemberling |



If you have any articles or photographs that you would like published, send them to:
Matt Kemberling, Information Committee Chairman



Next Issue: Indian Summer

This five day long conference is geared on furthering one's knowledge of the Order of the Arrow through studying ceremonies and other fun activities. More information in the next Pine Whispers

National Order of the Arrow Philbreak 2003

Philmont Scout Ranch is offering those Scouters, 18 through 25 years of age, who are in the Order an opportunity to join others in helping to give meaningful service.



Under direction of experienced Philmont staff, those who wish to participate will be taking place in a week long service based program. Aside from being a service program, Philbreak 2003 will challenge participants mentally, physically and spiritually.

The work will be strenuous, eight to nine hours a day will be expected from workers under various conditions. Work with great diligence to make a positive impact in the little time that is given.

Form more information, log on the web at:

<http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/philbreak/>

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