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Upcoming Dates

- March*
30 L.E.C. Meeting
- April*
27 L.E.C. Meeting
- May*
13-15 Spring Induction Weekend
@ Camp Barton
- 25 L.E.C. Meeting
- June*
10-12 NE-3B Conclave
@ Camp Tri-Mount
- 15 L.E.C. Meeting

Conclave 2005 *Come Take the Path Less Traveled*

Matt Slimowicz

On the weekend of June 10th - 12th 2005, brothers from our section will converge on Camp Tri-Mount in Kingston, NY for the Section NE-3B Conclave. For those who haven't been to a Conclave in the past, a conclave is like a big fellowship. You get to have fun and compete against other lodges in various activities such as volleyball, ultimate frisbee, and other events yet to be named. Add to or even start a patch collection with the patch auction that will be held on Saturday night. Or if you have a patch collection, donate some. There will even be time to trade. Meet some of the top OA youth leaders in the nation. Word has it that the 2005 National Chief Patrick Murphy will be in attendance and even the possibility of past section, regional and national officers. Make sure you don't pass up this opportunity to meet these exceptional young men.

This conclave surely isn't one to miss. The section is planning what will be one of the best conclaves in recent memory and you won't want to be at home missing out on

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2005 Winter Dinner!

Zachariah K. Riley

The Annual Winter Dinner held on January 8th 2005 was a success. It was held at the Binghamton Regency. The dinner was held for friendship and fellowship, reverence and recognition. That night we recognized those who have helped out our lodge cheerfully for over the past three years, the Vigil Candidates for this year are Ted Foley from Naxiyoke chapter, Evan McNamara from Naxiyoke chapter, Kathy Fuller the first female vigil candidate from Tatchen chapter and Otahnagon Lodge and Nick Blakely from Ka-Na-Kon Chapter. Andy Foley was awarded most Outstanding Arrowmen of 2004. Congratulations, to all of you on your achievements!

The doors were opened at 6:00 and the program started sharply at 6:30. The invocation was lead by Charles Root. The appetizer was a salad and dinner was Prime Rib served with potatoes spiced with rosemary and green beans. Following dinner was our keynote speaker Mr. Mark Kriebel and his speech on 20th The World Scout Jamboree. Mr. Kriebel included in his presentation a slide show from the past World

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Chiefly Speaking...



Fellow Arrowmen,

The gun was fired and 2005 started with a bang. The Winter Dinner was a great success. Over 90 arrowmen and guests attended and four of those attending received their Vigil Call Out. Those four distinguished arrowmen are Evan McNamara, Ted Foley, Nick Blakely, and Kathy Fuller. Also, two very deserving Arrowmen received the Founder's Award, Sean Murray and Matt Kemberling. And finally, our second ever most outstanding arrowman is Andy Foley. The jokes, the funny instances, and small mistakes will make the dinner stick in our memories for the rest of the year.

With the Winter Dinner and the Oakdale Mall Scout Expo now passed, I would like to encourage everyone to attend the Spring Fellowship at Camp Barton on May 13th - 15th. It is going to be a great fellowship and it can only be greater with a huge attendance. Just a reminder, that lodge elections are on Sunday morning so plan on staying for the business meeting.

Finally I would like to say that our ceremonies teams need the lodge's full attention. We absolutely need some good young men who are willing and able to be dedicated to practice hard and attend the fellowships for a few years to come. Ideally the lodge would have four ceremonies teams, one coming from each chapter, but until that time we need just one or two to learn the ceremonies of Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood. I know the chapters are in the process of forming teams so you can contact the chapter chiefs if you are interested or you can contact me at chief@otahnagon.org.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Paul "PJ" Berger
 Otahnagon Lodge Chief



If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.
 - John Quincy Adams

Forming Leaders through Team Work

Sean Murray



As many of you know training is a great way to gain the information necessary to become a great leader. The Section realizes this as well, so on December 4th, 2004 it held a Section-Wide Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) Conference. During the LLD arrowmen from across the Section had the unique experience of having an All-Star Training Staff comprised of the best trainers from across the Northeast Region for an exciting day of training. Throughout the day the main theme was Teamwork.

Each arrowman had the opportunity to meet new brothers as well as learn how to work with other members of his lodge. This occurred through "Ice Breakers," role-plays, and group discussions. These 40 arrowmen helped comprise the largest LLD in Section history and best of all acquired some of the skills they are going to need to be successful within their Lodge.



Unit Elections

Ryan Machir



It's that time again when we need people to help the lodge by serving on unit elections teams. We need each chapter to hold elections and have the elections completed by the end of March. Unit elections are fundamental in the development of the lodge by bringing new members into the Order who are willing to take upon them the weighty responsibility of our Order. They must be dedicated to the cause of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

When holding an election, you need to impress upon the Scouts of the unit the importance of the election and that the Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. The election itself isn't very hard. Your Chapter Chiefs should have the election packet that will be needed to conduct the election. In this packet, it tells you exactly what you need to do and what papers need to be filled out.

If you feel you are not a good speaker in front of people, there is a script that you can read to them explaining everything. There is also a video that you can use to show the troops instead, if there is access to a TV and VCR.

Afterwards there is a survey that you can give to the scoutmaster, assistant scoutmaster(s), or a committee member to evaluate how they felt the election went. This is a good way to improve things that may not have gone well, in order to improve future elections. If you have any questions about what to do or need more information, feel free to contact me at vcchapters@otahnagon.org. My contact information is also on the back of the election packet.



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Jamboree in Thailand. 2004 NE-3B Section Chief and Otahnagon's Immediate past Lodge Chief Sean Murray was also a keynote speaker. He talked about the Section NE-3B's plans and activities for 2005, including the 2005 conclave, which will be held on June 10-12 at Camp Tri-Mount hosted by Half Moon Lodge and how the newsletter will be printed by Otahnagon Lodge. The Otahnagon Lodge Publication team will be lead by our very own Information Chairman Andy Foley, who is also looking for people interested and going to conclave to help with the publication of the conclave newsletter, if you are interested contact Andy Foley. PJ Berger was sworn in by Sean Murray for the position of Lodge Chief for the 2004-2005 year. The remaining lodge officers took their respective oaths at the winter dinner as well.

Again the LEC would like to thank all of those who attended and we look forward to seeing all of you at the next Winter Dinner in 2006 and at other Otahnagon Lodge and Section NE-3B events.



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all the fun. There will be some great shows and events on Friday and Saturday evenings. Over 30 training sessions will be available, based on a variety of topics, ranging from "I'm ordeal now what?" up to some offered to just Vigil Members. So whether you were just inducted or you have been a member for awhile, there is something for everyone. Did we mention that you can earn a "degree" at Section NE-3B's own Allohakasin University? Well you can. All you need to do is attend 3 training sessions, and fill out a form during your stay at conclave.



Are you looking to help out with conclave? Our lodge is responsible for the publication of "The Traveler", the conclave newsletter. So, if you have any interest in newspaper layout or taking photographs feel free to contact myself or Andy Foley for further details.

Be on the lookout for Conclave sign-up forms that should be coming around in the next couple months. At the 2004 conclave we had the second largest contingent in attendance (41) with the service lodge only 15 members ahead. Let's pass the 50 member mark (Otahnagon's goal this year) and help the section meet its goal. Ever see any of your fellow brothers with a white tee-shirt with a big pine tree on it? Well that was our promo item last year and this year it might be something different, and the only place to find it is at conclave. The Otahnagon Lodge Executive Committee hopes to see a strong showing of Otahnagon members at Conclave 2005!





2005 Order of the Arrow Conclave Camp Tri-Mount June 10-12, 2005



Please print clearly. Each individual must complete his/her own form. Form must be submitted to lodge by April 1.

Quan.	Size	Item	Price	Total	FULL NAME
		Participation Fee	\$32		ADDRESS
		Early Arrival Spaghetti Dinner (Served at 6:00 Friday, must pre-register)	\$5		CITY STATE ZIP CODE
		Sunday Lunch To Go	\$5		TELEPHONE GENDER DATE OF BIRTH
		Package Deal T-shirt (S, M, L, XL, XXL), patch, and mug	\$28		<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
		Conclave Patch	\$3		E-MAIL ADDRESS
		Conclave 6" Back Patch	\$12		FIRST NAME FOR YOUR ID BADGE DID YOU ATTEND THE 2003 OR 2004 CONCLAVE?
		Conclave Neckerchief (Embroidered)	\$12		YES NO
		Hat Pin	\$3.50		PLEASE CHOOSE WHICH 9:00 TRAINING SESSION YOU ARE MOST INTERESTED IN ATTENDING
		Conclave T-shirt (S, M, L, XL, XXL)	\$12		<input type="checkbox"/> NAS 121 - BROTHERHOOD BOUND <input type="checkbox"/> GS 141 - NATIVE AMERICAN COOKING
		Conclave Ceramic Mug	\$6.50		<input type="checkbox"/> ES 101 - LEAVE NO TRACE, PART I <input type="checkbox"/> LCM 121 - EXTENDED ELANGOMAT SYSTEM
Total Fees Enclosed					
					<input type="checkbox"/> ES 141 - HIGH ADVENTURE <input type="checkbox"/> LCM 151 - BROTHERHOOD CONVERSION
					<input type="checkbox"/> GS 121 - EFFECTIVE MENTORING <input type="checkbox"/> ICE 111 - SYMBOLISM IN THE BROTHERHOOD
					<input type="checkbox"/> ICE 141 - DRUM AND DANCE TEAM

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PLEASE CHOOSE WHICH 10:00 TRAINING SESSION YOU ARE MOST INTERESTED IN ATTENDING

NAS 111 - YOUTH WORKING WITH ADULTS LCM 101 - DYNAMICS OF LEADERSHIP
 ES 102 - LEAVE NO TRACE, PART II ICE 101 - CEREMONIAL INTRODUCTION
 ES 121 - SAFETY AFLOAT ICE 151 - RECRUITING A CEREMONIES TEAM
 GS 111 - I'M AN ADULT. WHAT'S MY ROLE? GS 131 - VIGIL COMMITMENT
 LCM 131 - SUMMER CAMP AND THE OA

PLEASE CHOOSE WHICH 11:00 TRAINING SESSION YOU ARE MOST INTERESTED IN ATTENDING

NAS 101 - HISTORY AND PURPOSE OF THE OA LCM 111 - WHAT'S MY ROLE IN A CHAPTER?
 ES 111 - CLIMB ON SAFELY LCM 141 - CTT 2005 SESSION THE OA TROOP REPRESENTATIVE
 ES 131 - EMS ROAD SHOW ICE 121 - DRESS FOR SUCCESS
 GS 101 - ADVISER COMMUNICATIONS

The general welfare of any group depends upon the conduct of each individual member. This ensures the success of our conclave and provides the maximum benefit to every participant. I understand the lodge/section leadership is responsible for the supervision of the event in respect to maintaining discipline and security, and agree to the following **Code of Conduct**:

1. Observe the Scout Oath or Promise, the Scout Law and the Order of the Arrow Obligation.
2. The Boy Scout Buddy System will be used at conclave.
3. Wear my official uniform and official conclave identification throughout the weekend.
4. The use of tobacco in any form, alcoholic beverages, illicit drugs, weapons of any kind including laser pointers, firearms, fireworks, or gambling is strictly prohibited. Adults, please observe BSA policy on smoking and observe all "No Smoking" restrictions.
5. Understand that the use or possession of any restricted items will not be permitted and will result in immediate dismissal (transportation back home at my own expense) from the event. This standard shall apply to all youth and adult participants.
6. The use of any profane language will not be practiced or tolerated.
7. No fighting will be allowed, including horseplay.
8. No teasing, name-calling, hazing, or personal put downs will be allowed. This applies to threats of the same.
9. Attend all planned general sessions and electives.
10. Confine trading and swapping to designated times and areas. Observe the adult/adult only and youth/youth only trading restrictions.
11. It is expected that at all times Scouts will show respect for their fellow Scouts, leaders and equipment. You will be personally liable for breakage, damage, or loss of property.
12. Observe quiet hours and lights out from 11:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.
13. Keep my quarters and camp site clean, my bed made, and dispose of trash in the proper manner.
14. Not change my officially assigned sleeping quarters without permission from headquarters.
15. Comply with state laws and camp regulations, including all items mentioned earlier.
16. Comply with camp rule prohibiting the use of private automobiles on camp roads without permission from headquarters.
17. Not be authorized to sell items at the event. I understand that the official trading posts are the only source for purchasing items at the event.
18. At all times, be considerate guests of the camp and the council.
19. It is mandatory that any Scout that witnesses any breach of this Code of Conduct or any other conduct that is dangerous or contrary to Scouting principles bring such matters to the attention of their contingent leader immediately. All incidents or infractions will be handled on a case by case basis. The lodge adviser or contingent leader will approve the corrective measures for a violation of these rules before being implemented. Corrective measures will be at the discretion of the conclave leadership, which may include dismissal from the conclave at the attendee's expense.

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
 PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

**Please return this completed form to your Council Service Center no later than April 1, 2005.
 An appropriate Personal Health & Medical History form and Consent and Medical Release form must accompany this registration form (see reverse side).**

CLASS 1 PERSONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL HISTORY

To be filled out by parent, guardian, or adult participant. Please print in ink. **All participants** must complete the "Consent and Medical Release" portion.

IDENTIFICATION

Name _____ Date of birth _____ Sex _____

Name of parent(s) or guardian(s) _____ Telephone _____

If person named above is not available in the event of an emergency, notify

Name _____ Relationship _____ Telephone _____

Name _____ Relationship _____ Telephone _____

Name of personal physician _____ Telephone _____

Personal health/accident insurance carrier _____ Policy No. _____

ALLERGIES (Food, medicines, insects, plants): NO / YES Explain: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

Circle all items that apply, **past or present**, to your health history. Explain any circled items.

ADHD*	Hemophilia	Convulsions/seizures	Kidney disease	Heart trouble
Asthma	Diabetes	High blood pressure	Cancer/leukemia	

Explain: _____

Please list ALL medications taken in the 30 days prior to arrival at the Scouting activity where this form is to be used:

List any medications to be taken at camp[†]: _____

List any physical or behavioral conditions that may affect or limit full participation in swimming, backpacking, hiking long distances, or playing strenuous physical games: _____

List equipment needed such as wheelchair, braces, glasses, contact lenses, etc.: _____

IMMUNIZATIONS (Give date of last inoculation; Do **Not** Write "Up to Date")

Tetanus toxoid _____ Measles _____ Polio _____ Diphtheria _____

Mumps _____ Pertussis _____ Rubella _____

WAIVER OF CLAIMS

In consideration of the benefits to be derived from participation in the activities of the Order of the Arrow, any and all claims against the Boy Scouts of America, the officers, employees, agents, or other representatives of any of them, or any other persons working under their direction or engaged in the conduct of their affairs, arising out of any accident, illness, injury, damage, or other loss or harm to/or incurred or suffered by the participant named above or to his or her property, in connection with or incidental to the activity, including preliminary training and travel, are hereby expressly waived by the participant and the participant's family or guardians.

CONSENT AND MEDICAL RELEASE

I give permission for full participation in the OA program, subject to limitations noted herein. I hereby approve and agree to all the terms, conditions, and waiver of claims of this form and certify to its correctness. Further, I agree that this BSA youth member (if an adult, that I) meet(s) the health and physical fitness requirements of the trip or activity.

In the event of illness or injury, I understand every effort will be made to contact me (if an adult, my spouse or next of kin). In the event I cannot be reached after reasonable efforts have been made, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child (or for me, if an adult).

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

* Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

[†] Per New York State Law, any medications being taken by a minor at camp **must** be accompanied by a Medication Permission Form *signed by a physician*. This applies to both prescription and over the counter medications. Contact the lodge adviser for details or download the form off the lodge web site (www.otahnagon.org).

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Burning Issue: 2005 Dues Increase to \$7.00



At the December meeting of the national Order of the Arrow committee, an increase of the national dues to \$3.00/year was approved. As a result of the increase in our national charter expense, it was felt that a lodge dues increase was necessary. This has necessitated a change in lodge dues from \$6.00 to \$7.00.

Annual dues have not been increased since the year 2000, which was also the last time the national organization raised their dues. Since then, we have been able to hold dues at \$6.00 for a total of six years.

As you may be aware, the dues we pay to national funds our organization's operational expenses. The main operational expenses include salary and benefits for two professionals and secretarial support. The dues also cover travel for our professionals and the six national officers. The National Bulletin is another example of an operational expense. All of the Order of the Arrow programs (high adventure programs, lodge matching grants, scholarships, training, etc.) are supported by proceeds from our endowment and trading post sales at NOAC.

Annually, your dues help support over \$1,300 of service project materials, unit elections, newsletters such as this, leadership training, and our annual lodge awards. We appreciate your continued support of the OA and its program, and invite you to direct any questions to the lodge chief or the lodge adviser.