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PATHWAYS TO SERVICE...

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"Celebrating over 60 years of Cheerful Service!"

Mall Show A Success!

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the mall show a success. Several brothers paid their dues for this year, and many members of the council and the community were entertained by both the Native American crafts and the regalia being sported by some of our lodge members.



Upcoming Dates

February- 28	L.E.C. Meeting (7 PM)
March- 28	L.E.C. Meeting (7 PM)
April- 25	L.E.C. Meeting (7 PM)

TAHNAGON Winter Dinner Lodge

On Saturday January 6th, Otahnagon Lodge hosted its annual Winter Dinner! It was a night of great fun with 116 people in attendance. We would like to thank Dr. John Ferger for a GREAT presentation on Tibet and Mt. Everest. We would also like to thank the Owego Treadway Inn, where the event was held, for the great service and the food was awesome. We hope everyone who attended had a great time, and if you missed it, don't worry, we still have two fellowships to go this year, and there is always next year's dinner!

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Brotherhood of Cheerful Service

From the Desk of the Lodge Adviser

Brothers,

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were both restful and enjoyable. As we embark this year into the 21st century, our lodge has already made some big plans. First, as you have heard, we have been awarded a National Service Grant from the National Order of the Arrow Committee. It was awarded to assist us with the building of a Scoutcraft pavilion at Camp Barton, a project we hope to complete during our Spring Fellowship. This alone will require a lot of help, but we can't forget that we also have some pre-camp duties and ceremonies to conduct! Your participation in the Spring Fellowship is vital. Please sign up today.

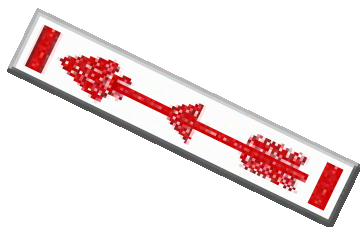
Our Lodge Executive Committee firmly believes that we are here to serve the council. This means the camps, the districts, and the individual units. As such, we intend to revamp our Where to Go Camping book this year, as well as continue to improve our elections and camping promotions process.

We also have a new award to offer this year. The Arrowman Service Award is designed to encourage our OA membership to extend themselves through service over the next three years. I encourage everyone to work toward receiving this award every year it will be offered.

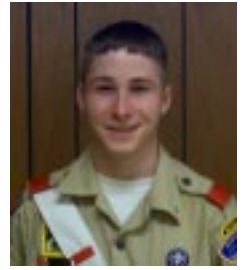
Lastly, we have begun a campaign to bring some of our members who have recently become inactive back to active status. Please encourage your friends to reactivate their membership in the lodge today. Even if they don't participate in our functions, their dues support the service we render to the council.

In Service,

Mike George



A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF ...



Brothers,

Now is a very busy time of the year for Otahnagon. Our Winter Dinner has come and gone, and now we must focus our efforts on our Unit Elections, the Mall Show, and preparations for the Spring Camporee. To make all of these things successful, we will need YOUR help.

Your chapters will be working very hard to see that these events are successful. Please go to a chapter meeting, and they are fun, and see how you can help assist with a Unit Elections. If you haven't been a part of one before, we'll show you how! Your chapters provide a great opportunity for you to help give back to the units. If you are a seasoned camper who regularly attends summer camp, you can also help the lodge promote the council's summer camp and other camping opportunities. It's people like you that younger Scouts look up to. When visiting a Unit, anyone can help. Attend a chapter meeting at your next district roundtable or elsewhere to find out more. Chapter meeting information can be found on www.otahnagon.org.

Lastly, we hope all 116 of you enjoyed this year's Winter Dinner. What you experienced was just a small portion of what you will be experiencing with the lodge this year. We've got great events lined up for this year, and if you thought the Winter Dinner was great, just wait until the lodge fellowships in May and September. I hope to see you there!

Yours in Brotherhood,



Jamie McNamara
Jamie McNamara

THE ARROWMAN SERVICE AWARD

The Order of the Arrow's vision for the future emphasizes a strategy of increased service to the Boy Scouts of America by Arrowmen. To reward those Arrowmen who go beyond their immediate responsibilities to help and guide others to new heights, the Order of the Arrow created the Arrowman Service Award. The award will focus on three areas of service: personal, chapter/lodge activities, and general service to the community.

The timeline of the award will begin on January 1, 2001, and will end on December 31, 2003. The award may be earned in the year 2001, 2002, and 2003. All first time recipients may purchase the original award (the white ribbon with the gold compass). Arrowmen who earn the award more than once during the outlined three year period (2001-2003) may purchase the silver attachment for having completed this award a second time (2002 or 2003 only) and the bronze attachment for having completed this award a third time (2003 only). The attachment will be worn on the award's white ribbon. Signatures of approval will be required for each requirement. In addition to the award, a wallet size certificate is issued with each award.

Criteria

The award focuses on three areas of service: personal, chapter/lodge activities, and general. For a detailed listing of the requirements and a sign-off sheet you can use to track your progress, turn to page 4!



Native American Affairs Committee Needs Chairman

The Native American Affairs Committee is one that not many of you may be familiar with. The Native American Affairs Committee is responsible for Call-Out ceremonies, both at Summer Camp campfires, and Troop Courts of Honor. This committee is also responsible for the assistance at the Mall Show in February. They are also responsible for appearances for Cub Scout Blue and Gold Dinners, if requested, the making of ceremonial regalia, and if the interest exists a dance team. One of the most important people to this committee is its chairman. However, the position of Native American Affairs Committee Chairman is vacant. That's right, we need YOU! Will you take the challenge? Will you serve Otahnagon Lodge as the Chairman of this Committee? If you are interested or have questions please e-mail Chris Ambra, NAA Adviser at xxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx or Jamie McNamara, Lodge Chief, at xxxxxx@xxx.xxx.

ARROWMAN SERVICE AWARD APPLICATION

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, _____
State Zip: _____

Telephone: _____
Chapter (or District): _____

PERSONAL: (COMPLETE ALL)

- _____ A) Remain active in your unit (or, if an adult not in a unit, active in your Scouting role) through at least 75% meeting attendance.
- _____ B) Help an Ordeal member attain Brotherhood.
- _____ C) Mentor a Scout (or, if an adult, another Scouter) in your unit.
- _____ D) Rededicate yourself to the principles of the Order of the Arrow through discussions with a lodge officer or adviser.

LODGE/CHAPTER ACTIVITY: (COMPLETE ANY THREE)

- _____ A) Participate on a lodge camping promotion or unit elections team.
- _____ B) Attend and serve in a leadership capacity at two lodge functions.
- _____ C) Serve as a chapter or lodge officer or as the Chairman of a lodge operating committee.
- _____ D) Attend a Section Conclave, National Leadership Seminar, or National Conference.
- _____ E) Serve as a trainer in an Order of the Arrow training event.

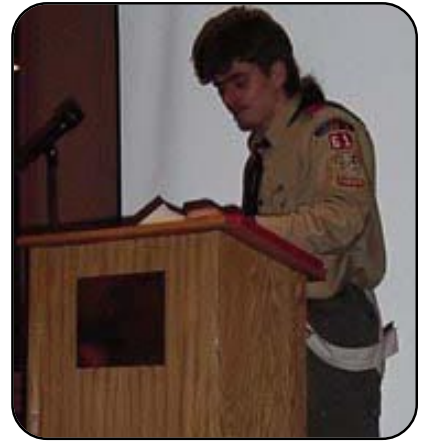
SERVICE: COMPLETE ONE

- _____ A) Participate in council, chapter, or lodge service project.
- _____ B) Serve as an Elangomat at an Ordeal.

Acceptable signatures: Scoutmaster, Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser.
Return completed form to Vestal Service Center.

WINTER DINNER

2001



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Don't Miss Out on Jamboree Staff Opportunities!



This year, the Order of the Arrow will be providing service to the National Scout Jamboree in four areas:

Scoutopia

American Indian Village

The Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP)

The OA Service Corps



Each of these opportunities offer both exciting and meaningful work, but also allow for plenty of free time to discover everything the Jamboree has to offer. Contact the Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser if you'd like more information, or visit <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. More information about Service Corps can be obtained from <http://www.oaservicecorps.org>. More information about Scoutopia can be obtained at <http://www.oashows.com>.



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