

PINE WHISPERS

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Fall Fellowship

September 14-16 at Camp Tuscarora

We would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to Camp Tuscarora for the Fall Fellowship. The needed forms are included on page 5 and 6 of this issue of the Pine Whispers. The work plan for the weekend revolves around the construction of a new Shooting Sports pavilion. There will also be the usual ceremonies, fun, and food. In addition, on Sunday the youth (under 21) members of the lodge have the opportunity to vote for the lodge officers for 2001-2002. It will be a great weekend and we hope you plan to attend!



Upcoming Dates

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|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| August- 17-19 | 2001 Conclave, Sabattis S. R. |
| 29 | L.E.C. Meeting (7PM) |
| September- 14-16 | Fall Fellowship @ Camp Tuscarora |
| 26 | L.E.C. Meeting (7PM) |
| October- 31 | L.E.C. Meeting (7PM) |

Spring Weekend at Barton A Success!

See pictures and details on pages 2 and 3!



Jamie McNamara and Chris Olds pose with their Founders' Awards, presented at the Spring Fellowship.



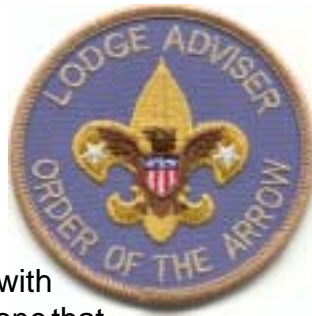
Four Vigils Inducted

Congratulations to the four latest Vigil Honor members of the lodge. They are:

Kevin Gross, *Hard Working Medicine Man*
Matt Kaproth, *Chief in Troubled Times*
Jeremy McNeil, *Unlucky Traveler*
Mark Tyson, *Calm Minded Chief*

Brotherhood of Cheerful Service

From the
Desk of the
Lodge
Adviser



Brothers,

I would like to begin with a sincere thanks to everyone that participated in the Spring Fellowship at Camp Barton. It was by any measure a huge success for our lodge. With over 100 in attendance, we inducted four Vigil Honor members, fifteen Brotherhood members, and fifty-six Ordeal members; we performed approximately 800 hours of service toward our council camp, the highlight of which was the construction of the Donald J. Worden Scoutcraft Pavilion; and the lodge donated roughly \$1,400 of materials to camp. Much of the credit for the success of this weekend belongs to **Will Burroughs, Charles Root, and G. David Gross**, whose leadership during the weekend was invaluable.

The planning has already begun for the Fall Fellowship that will be held at Camp Tuscarora September 14 – 16. Make sure you mark your calendar; the back-to-school season tends to fill up fast! In addition to the routine close of camp, we plan to assist in constructing a new shooting sports pavilion. Of course, the usual fellowship activities like inductions, ceremonies, and FUN are sure to be on the agenda. Finally, on Sunday morning, the youth of our lodge (under 21) will be electing the leaders for 2001 – 2002. If you are interested in running for office or serving on the Lodge Executive Committee next year, make sure you attend this weekend!

Have a wonderful summer.

In Service,

Mike George



Lodge Inducts 56 Arrowmen, 15 Brotherhood Members at Fellowship

Congratulations to the following members of our lodge who completed their journey and sealed their membership in the lodge:

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Kyle Burdick | Will Burroughs |
| Ian Carper | Brian Cornwell |
| Tom DeBrita | Robby Denney |
| Andy Giff | Harry LoVette |
| Shaun Norman | Bruce O'Hara |
| Dennis Prentice | Jeffrey Ryan |
| Jon Sprouse | Brian Vaughan |
| Richard Vaughan | |

Congratulations and welcome to the following newest members of our lodge:

| | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Christopher Arsenault | Jeff Artman |
| Joseph Bailey | Mark Bailey |
| Nick Bestor | Nick Blakely |
| Steven Bogart | Kyle Bosman |
| Shaun Bowen | Zachary Bowen |
| Josh Carrasco | Luke DeBrita |
| Michael Deyhim | Vincent Engbith |
| Daniel Fagnani | Nathan Fairlie |
| Ben Fischer | Edward Foley |
| Marsha Freelove | Curtis Gibbon |
| Jason Goble | Mark Golden |
| Chris Hammond | Alex Henry |
| Eric Henry | Jeff Henry |
| Jeffrey Hirasuna | Jonathan Howe |
| John Hyland | Robby Landon |
| Alexander Lee | Dan Leonard |
| Rob Leonard | William McKenney |
| Michael McLaughlin III | Michael McLaughlin Jr. |
| Evan McNamara | Parth Mewar |
| Spencer Nicoson | Luke Parga |
| Matthew Pavlik | Joseph Poff |
| Hunter Preston | Justin Raducha |
| Derek Ribble | Nicholas Robinson |
| Robby Schlicht | Tom Schwartz |
| David Soule | Raymond Standish |
| Garrett Tate | Edward VanLoke |
| Robert Wargo | Erik Weir |
| Kevin Weir | David Yeager |

Spring Fellowship

This year's Spring Fellowship was a great success and a weekend filled with, as always, fun, food, and fellowship. Here are some pictures of this weekend to either let you relive the memories or show you what you missed. We hope you will join us for the next fellowship weekend this September!



From the Chief...



Brothers,

Summer is here which means a lot of action is going on at our Council's camps. I would also like to remind all of you about the opportunities that exist while the lodge goes on autopilot for the summer. It is my hope, that whether you are a camper, a participant at the National Jamboree, or a CIT at camp, Cheerful Service will guide you on your way this summer.

We have a lot to be proud of this year. A list of our accomplishments includes: A new Scoutcraft pavilion, a successful Winter Dinner, a successful Spring Fellowship, and the issuance of two really cool Jamboree lodge flaps. It is because of the hard work and efforts of many of you that the 2000-2001 year has been an excellent and productive one for our lodge. Your lodge is proud of you, your council is proud of you, and I am proud of you.

We have had a great year and we have worked hard to achieve our goals and in the process shown much enthusiasm. I thank all of you for your time, hard work, and dedication. Last fall I set forth a list of goals before the Lodge Executive Committee, and we worked to complete nearly all of them. And I'm confident that the next administration of Otahnagon will build on our successes to ensure that Otahnagon's status as a Quality Lodge is maintained.

I once again thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Lodge Chief, and wish all of you nothing but the very best in all your future endeavors and aspirations.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jamie McNamara
2001 Lodge Chief

Jamboree Flaps Still On Sale!



Jamboree flaps are still on sale in the Vestal Scout office for the low, low price of \$5.00 each. All patches are on a first come, first serve basis, including the extremely limited shadow flaps. There are no longer any quantity restrictions on orders. Make sure you stop in or call the office today!



Work Toward Arrowman Service Awards Continues...

Several members of our lodge are working toward the Arrowman Service Award (ASA), and will most likely be eligible to receive it as early as September. Are you working toward the ASA? Any member of the lodge is capable of earning this attractive pocket award that will be presented this year, and if earned in subsequent years (2002 and 2003), the arrowman will receive a device to attach to the ribbon. More details and information can be found at our website.

Otahnagon Lodge 172

2001 Lodge Weekend Registration Form



Use this form only if you are not registering to take your ordeal or brotherhood. Use the ordeal or brotherhood registration form instead.

Cost for the weekend is \$10.00. If possible, please pay when you register.

Deadlines:

Monday, **April 30, 2001** for the May 4, 5, and 6 Fellowship Weekend

Monday, **September 10, 2001** for the September 14, 15, and 16 Fellowship Weekend

No registrations will be accepted after these dates.

Check One Date: _____ May 4-6 at Camp Barton _____ September 14-16 at Camp Tuscarora

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ - _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Troop Number: _____ Age at time of Weekend: _____

If you are in grade school, what year will you graduate? _____

Council District (circle): Chenango Delahanna Hiawatha Taughannock

Your signature indicates your acceptance of the Code of Conduct governing the weekend.

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature (if under 18): _____ Date: _____

Please mail to:

Baden-Powell Council
Attn: OA Adviser
Boy Scouts of America
PO Box 66 SVS
Binghamton, NY 13903

**Don't forget the medical form on the
reverse side of this page!**

I am willing to help staff the weekend. I can help with:

_____ Cooking/Meals _____ Ceremonies _____ Working with ordeal candidates

_____ Working with brotherhood candidates _____ Teaching a skill (specify: _____)

Thanks for your help!

Brotherhood of Cheerful Service

CLASS 1 PERSONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL HISTORY

To be filled out by parent, guardian, or adult participant. Please print in ink.

IDENTIFICATION

Name _____ Date of birth _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Name of parent or guardian _____ Telephone _____

Home address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Business address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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. _____

In case of emergency, 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, 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).

Date _____ Signature of parent/guardian or adult _____

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

Asthma Diabetes Cancer/leukemia Kidney disease Convulsions/seizures

Explain: _____

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)

Tetanus toxoid _____ Measles _____ Polio _____

Diphtheria _____ Mumps _____

Pertussis _____ Rubella _____

Policy Reminder : Unit Elections

Otahnagon Lodge has established the January to March time period as the Unit Elections season for our lodge. This time of the year was selected for administrative ease and because the lodge is best able to perform elections in terms of manpower during this time. Additionally, sticking to this time frame makes the elections conducted valid for the entire calendar year, as opposed to crossing between lodge program seasons and administrations. For these reasons, elections are not permitted during summer camp or during any other time of the year. Please plan now to have your unit election conducted during a troop meeting at some point during the January through March time frame in 2002. Look for more information and sign-ups from your chapter at your district roundtable.



Native American Affairs Committee

The Native American Affairs Committee is still looking for youth dedicated to restarting the Lodge Dance Team that we once had so long ago. If you are interested please e-mail Native American Affairs Committee Adviser, Chris Ambra at xxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx. We can't do it alone and we need your support. Once we have dedicated youth, we will have the dedicated adults that we need. Together we can make it happen.

Membership Committee

Brothers,

Our lodge can not function well without active members who pay their dues! We need you to make sure your dues are paid for this year and come to our lodge events. Remember the 2001 conclave is coming up so I hope you have registered and are going to be there.

If you are an ordeal member who is eligible to become a brotherhood, what are you waiting for? Take the next step and come to the next fellowship and become a brotherhood member. Please pass this message around to your fellow brothers and go to the next fellowship!

YiB,
Tim Smith
Membership



Who wants to be a Lodge Officer?

Each fall the youth of our lodge and chapters elect new officers to lead them for the coming lodge program year. This means that in two short months, our lodge will be selecting our leaders for 2001 – 2002! **If you are interested in any of the elected positions** (which you can read more about in your Guidebook/Planbook), **please contact the Lodge Adviser**, Mike George, and make sure you attend the Fall fellowship. Even if you only have a slight interest or decide later to withdraw, make sure he knows you're thinking about it!

Otahnagon Lodge Class of 2001

Matthew Bliss:

Troop 63, Norwich Senior High

Andrew Byrnes:

Troop 2, Ithaca High School

Steven Ceracche:

Troop 12, Ithaca High School

Justin Day:

Troop 52, Bainbridge-Guilford

Liam Fox:

Troop 52, Bainbridge-Guilford

Robert Gibbon (VC of Administration):

Troop 62, Norwich Senior High

David N. Gross:

Ship 124 Troop 94, Oswego College

Jesse Harasta:

Troop 110, Johnson City High School

Colin Harrington:

Troop 155, Chenango Valley High School

Peter Kazarinoff:

Troop 4, Cornell University

Ben Kircher:

Troop 162, Greene Central

Jamie McNamara (Lodge Chief):

Troop 5, Binghamton High School

Jeremy McNeil (VC of Chapters):

Troop 62, Norwich Senior High

Shaun Rattigan:

Troop 126, Art Institute of Pittsburgh

Richard C. Sholar Jr.:

Troop 91, McGraw High School

Andrew Smith (Service Chairman):

Troop 162, Greene Central

Tim Smith (Membership Chairman):

Troop 5, Binghamton High School

Andrew Telesca III (Information Chairman):

Troop 155, Johnson City High School

Brian Wegener (Membership Adviser):

Ithaca College

Congratulations!

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Andy Telesca, Information Committee Chairman



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