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## **Upcoming Dates**

### *December*

- 20 LEC Meeting
- 22 Winter Dinner  
 Registration Deadline

### *January*

- 5 Winter Dinner @  
 The Owego Treadway
- 31 LEC Meeting

### *February*

- 3 Mall Show
- 28 LEC Meeting

## **Fall Fellowship A Success**

Otahnagon Lodge held its annual Fall Fellowship at Camp Tuscarora on September 15th-17th. The lodge donated over 700 hours of service and \$900 in materials to the council. The weekend was an overall success.

We inducted 22 new Ordeal members, converted 6 members to Brotherhood, and Tom McNamara became a Vigil Honor member.

Friday night began with an excellent



pre-Ordeal ceremony which was followed by cracker barrel and a movie. Saturday was filled with plenty of service and hard work. Projects that were completed included staining of several latrines and pavilions, re-roofing the Scoutcraft pavilion,

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## **Otahnagon Rocks at Conclave 2006!**



Tah-Ga-Jute Lodge hosted the Section NE-3B Conclave on August 18th-20th at Camp Rotary on Owasco Lake in Niles, NY. The Conclave was hosted by Tah-Ga-Jute lodge. Over 50 Otahnagon Lodge members attended the event, the largest contingent at a conclave in recent history.

Otahnagon was in charge of publishing a newsletter to inform all conclave participants of training opportunities, games and activities, and special events throughout the weekend. *Ye Olde Times*, which was based on the medieval theme of the weekend, was the Official Publication of Conclave 2006.

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# Chiefly Speaking...

My Brothers,

Our lodge is about to end another wonderful year of service and leadership. From holding a successful Winter Dinner with record attendance, to being dubbed Most Outstanding Lodge at Conclave 2006, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on our achievements and recognize our future plans.

In May, our lodge's spring fellowship at Camp Barton ran smoothly, inducting 36 new Ordeal members, 22 Brotherhood members, and 5 Vigil Honor members. Soon after, 27 members of our lodge went to NOAC 2006, a group that represents our highest attendance ever. To end the impressive summer Scouting experience on an even higher note, our lodge was present at the 2006 Section NE-3B Conclave, participating in training, activities, and auctioning. Once again this year we received the Most Outstanding Lodge award.

Next was the Fall Fellowship at Camp Tuscarora where we inducted 22 Ordeal members, 6 Brotherhood members, and 1 Vigil Honor member. To close the year of 2006, our Lodge Executive Committee received training at our 2006 Lodge Leadership Development Course.

I wish you an enjoyable holiday season, and again want to thank you for all you do in Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. I hope to see you at the 2007 Winter Dinner.

Yours in Scouting,

*Dan Higham*

Dan Higham  
Lodge Chief  
Otahnagon Lodge



Come... Join your fellow arrowmen for the

# 2007 Winter Dinner



## Friday, January 5th, 2007

The Owego Treadway  
Route 17C  
Owego, NY



OA Members \$25.00\*  
Guests \$15.00



Doors Open at 6:00 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

- Meet Our Section Officers -
- Investment of New Lodge Officers -
- Learn About Exciting Opportunities -
- Annual Vigil Honor Call-out -
- Founder's Award Presentation -



\*\$15.00 for dinner plus \$10.00 for your 2007 dues

All registrations MUST  
be in to the office by  
**December 22, 2006.**  
NO LATE OR UNPAID  
REGISTRATIONS  
ACCEPTED.

### 2007 Winter Dinner Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Arrowmen Attending\*\* : \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Guests Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Amount Due = \_\_\_\_\_



Method of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Check

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 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION.** No refunds after December 26, 2006.

\*\* - If more than one arrowman is being registered, please include their names separately to ensure they receive credit for paying their 2007 lodge dues.

## 2006 Conclave (cont.)

Friday night was kicked off with an opening show put on by Ga-Hon-Ga Lodge. Following the show all participants gathered for a Cracker Barrel.

Saturday morning started with three training sessions taught by NE-3B section leaders and advisers, as well as a few National Officers. Following lunch the real fun began. Lodges competed in a variety of games and activities for both youth and adults including: wheelchair races, walker races, volleyball, and Otahnagon's favorite Ultimate Frisbee, in which one Otahnagon team competed against the other Otahnagon team for the championship.

Special events that were held throughout the afternoon included a silent Patch Auction, chances to meet the National Chief of the OA, Otahnagon's own Sean Murray, the Northeast Region Chief, Jon Fuller, as well as section leaders from other parts of the region.

Saturday evening began with an awesome closing show presented by Kaynernh-Kowa Lodge. This was followed by the Chiefs Pie Eating contest. The winner was never officially determined. Ending the Saturday entertainment was the live Patch Auction. Items donated by Conclave attendees were auctioned live to raise money for the NE-3B Section. Over \$1,300 was raised for the Section at this auction.

Sunday began with a Scout's Own Service that followed breakfast. After the service, an Award ceremony was held for Lodges that won activities and events during the day on Saturday. Finally, the last event for Sunday was the Section Business meeting. Here the new Section Officers are elected.

The 2006-2007 line-up of Officers are: Section Chief - PJ Berger, Section Vice Chief - Tim Monnin, and Section Secretary - Zach Shepherd.

Many would agree that the 2006 Conclave was a very memorable experience. The Otahnagon LEC hopes to see many more of our faces at the 2007 Conclave as we embark on our goal of 70 attendees!

## Fall Fellowship (cont.)

removal of the docks, and brush clearing along the roads. A culvert was also installed along the trail in front of the dining hall, and the fence was put back up around the parking lot of the dining hall. Saturday evening ended with great ceremonies and food, fun, and fellowship.

On Sunday, the newly inducted members were treated to a session of Jumpstart for new Arrowmen, and an introduction to our lodge's LEC and events. Thanks to the 74 Arrowmen that made the event a big success!



## High Adventure Awaits in 2007!



Do you need an escape from that 9-5 job, summer classes or the monotony of staring out of your bedroom window longing for something new? If your answer is yes, the Order of the Arrow has the answer for you.

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers myriad different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs, whether its wetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base, or hiking at the Philmont Scout Ranch where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors as a part of your Trail Crew experience.

Have you ever given thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders? Maybe the OA Voyage is for you. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

Along with your one week trek completely designed by you, each Arrowmen will be afforded the opportunity to leave their mark in history by helping to repair portage trails, backpacking trails or coral reefs. Aside from providing a good deed to each of these high adventure bases, every participant will have the opportunity to work closely with Arrowmen from across the country, who have a similar interest in the future of both the program and the adventure base.

You may be thinking that this is a daunting task but it is an experience unlike any other offered to you in Scouting because it takes you to

a world with people that want to do something extraordinary. It's not everyday that you can tell your friends that you climbed into Cypher's Mine, watched the Northern Lights from a canoe or went scuba diving in the Florida Keys.

These programs help to ensure that the future of Scouting has a place to live, work and interact. This summer, try something new or do something you thoroughly enjoy, but do something with the Order of the Arrow High Adventure opportunities.

For more information about these High Adventure programs, please visit <http://adventure.aa-bsa.org> or talk to our lodge chief.

Your destiny awaits you...

## 2006 Lodge Leadership Development Retreat A Success



The Lodge Executive Committee gathered at the Scout Office on October 27-28 to prepare to lead the lodge in the coming year. Lodge leaders and advisers met to discuss topics like lodge communications, youth and adviser relations, camping promotions, and the Brotherhood Trail, plus many others.

Aside from being a requirement for quality lodge, the Lodge Leader Development Conference is held annually to orient new lodge and chapter leaders as well as reinvigorate seasoned leaders for their job with the lodge in the coming year.

The rainy weather outside did not dim the joy and fun inside. Thanks to the trainers that presented during the weekend.

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## **Sign Up for the 2007 Winter Dinner!**

### **2006 - 2007 Unit Elections**

Attention all lodge members! Unit elections will be held within the next few months. Your troop can hold a unit election in order to elect new members into the Order of the Arrow.

Each chapter has a unit election team set up. Contact your local chapter representative at your next round table or chapter meeting to set up an election date. Otahnagon Lodge is setting up a new election process as well.

Project Order of the Arrow Unit Elections (OAUE) is a new program that fellow lodge leaders created. It is being used to ensure that no troop is overlooked in the election process, and it will make the process of elections easier for the troop and the election team. Project OAUE will give troop members a better understanding of what the Order of the Arrow is all about.

If your troop wishes to have an election, make sure you contact a chapter or lodge official. Contact information for each chapter can be found on the lodge web site.

