

# PINE WHISPERS

## PATHWAYS TO SERVICE...

October 2001

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## Fall Fellowship A Success

### New Officers Elected

### 2001 - 2002 LODGE OFFICERS



Left to Right: Evan McNamara, Eric Guinn, Matthew Bliss, Charles Root, Will Burroughs

This year's Fall Fellowship was a great success and a weekend filled with, as always, fun, food, and fellowship. Although the weekend was a bit on the cool side, all in attendance were able to keep warm and have a good time.

Congratulations to the following arrowmen, who will serve the lodge as officers during the coming year:

Chief: **Matthew Bliss**

Vice Chief of Administration: **Will Burroughs**

Vice Chief of Program: **Charles Root**

Vice Chief of Chapters: **Eric Guinn**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Evan McNamara**

In addition to taking down the camp and bringing in the docks at the Waterfront, the lodge inducted two arrowmen into the Vigil Honor, **Nate and Ted Guinn**.



## otahnagon Lodge Winter Dinner

The Lodge Executive Committee cordially invites you and your family and guests to attend the **2002 Winter Dinner**:

**January 5, 2002**

**Owego Treadway Inn**

**Owego, New York**

**Fellowship Hour @ 6 pm**

**Dinner @ 7 pm**

**\$20.00 for Arrowmen (includes \$6.00 dues)**

**\$15.00 for Guests**

**Use the form in this issue to register!**

## Upcoming Dates

*October-*

31 L.E.C. Meeting (7pm)

*November-*

9-10 Lodge Leadership Dev. Conference

28 L.E.C. Meeting (7pm)

*December-*

19 L.E.C. Meeting (7pm)

*Brotherhood of Cheerful Service*



# A Final Message from the 2001 Chief...



My Brothers,

The past year has been one which has showed me the greatness of our lodge, and the character of our members who make it great. As Chief, I had the opportunity to work with some of the greatest people in the Order and some of the greatest Scouters and volunteers in this council. Together we made 2000-2001 a substantial and progressive year for Otahnagon and the Baden-Powell Council.

I have to say I was first touched by the response we had at the Winter Dinner in January. It was truly remarkable to see so many Arrowmen, Scouts, and families gathered together in the spirit of fellowship, community, and the Order of the Arrow. The high attendance number set raised the bar for future dinners, and showed that our lodge is indeed unified.

Later in the year our lodge was graced with the news that we were to receive a National Service Award grant from the National Order of the Arrow Committee to finance a proposed service project for improvement to the scoutcraft area at Camp Barton. Our Lodge Executive Committee and key lodge advisers moved quickly to finalize plans and mobilize support for the project which was embraced by our members and by the Council. In May, at the Spring Fellowship at Camp Barton, the Donald J. Worden Scoutcraft Pavilion was erected—A tribute to a remarkable Arrowman and a testament to the determination and cooperation of our lodge.

And at the Fall Fellowship at Camp Tuscarora, the lodge executed a complete tear down of camp in cheerful service for the council. It was a great weekend that wrapped up probably the proudest year of my Scouting career.

Brothers, I am certainly fortunate to have gotten the opportunity to serve you. Everything you do for the lodge, for your troops, for the council, and for Scouting are contributions which make Otahnagon a great lodge. What you do for others in unselfish and cheerful service is a debt to society which may endure forever, but as Arrowmen, our satisfaction come from seeing the results of our service for others. You truly are inspiring, and for that you should be very proud.

I leave behind as Chief a great an excellent lodge, and I am more than confident that your new Chief, Matthew Bliss will continue to lead you to excellence. His background as a lodge officer in several positions makes him more than qualified to lead this lodge. We have a long year ahead, and I will work with Matthew as much as he feels necessary to make himself familiar with what is needed to move the lodge forward. I look forward with ambition as to what he and his administration will accomplish. I congratulate Matthew and the new officers, and wish them the very best as the new leaders of the Lodge. And thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

Yours in Scouting,

Jamie McNamara  
2000-2001 Lodge Chief  
Otahnagon Lodge 172



***Pictures  
from the  
2001  
Conclave  
and Fall  
Fellowship***



# ***“Those who chose you, need you...”***

Dear Officers and Brothers of Otahnagon Lodge:

I am writing to request your assistance. Your help is needed to bring the Lodge to its full complement of committee officers in order to continue building on our fine record of achievements. There are several chairmanships of standing committees open which need to be filled with willing, active brothers who have an interest in the Lodge. Among those positions open are the following: information, activities, elections, and camp promotions, and the responsibilities are summarized as follows:

**Information:** Responsible for publishing the *Pine Whispers* and other periodic and special communications; operating the web page; and maintaining communications with the brothers.

**Lodge Activities:** Arrangements for the Winter Dinner, Fall and Spring fellowships, special lodge training sessions, and the Mall Show.

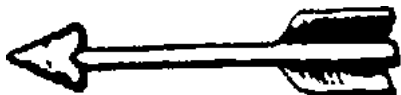
**Unit Elections:** Oversee elections for all interested troops, including preparing details for elections, training teams to conduct them, and maintain records.

**Camp Promotions:** Promote the various camping activities during the year at our camps and visiting troops to promote summer camp and assist with camping instruction and demonstrations.

**Membership:** Promote the brotherhood through personal communications, increase membership and advancement in the brotherhood, and collect dues.

If you, or a brother you know, is interested in running for one of these positions please let Matthew Bliss know at xxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx or 999-999-9999. Try to do this soon, as our year is already underway, and we would appreciate your timely assistance in supporting your brothers.

Sincerely,  
Will Burroughs  
Vice Chief of Administration



## **Lodge Inducts 28 Arrowmen, 9 Brotherhood Members at Fellowship**

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

Chris Brothers  
Alex Dunckle  
Benjamin Kircher  
Mike Manger  
Andrew Schaefer

Mike Caruso  
James Higham  
Chris Mable  
Sean Murray

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

Nathan Beckwith  
Kris Bryson  
Nicholas Connelly  
Russell Cornwell  
Doug Depue  
Bernard Harvey  
Glenn Henderson  
Steve Hrehor  
Zachary Kazarinoff  
Phillip Kennedy  
Jordan Mauro  
Matt Plumb  
Ehren Schneller  
Jesse Sherman

Tad Brothers  
Dan Caruso  
Stanley Connelly  
Joe Cruger  
Sean Hackett  
Corey Harvey  
Jason Henderson  
Andrew Inglin  
Brian Keefe  
Glenn Kluka  
Danny Mosley  
Tony Prutisto  
David Scordino  
Kyle Swart



## **First Group of Arrowman Service Award Applications Received**

Ten applications have been received and forwarded to the National Office by the lodge for arrowmen desiring to receive the Arrowman Service Award for 2001. If you are interested in earning the award, visit the OA's National Webpage, <http://www.oa-bsa.org> or contact the lodge's leadership for more information.

## **Associate Lodge Adviser Appointed**

**Chris Olds** was recently appointed to the newly created position of Associate Lodge Adviser. Chris' duties will include assisting the Lodge Adviser with the operation of the lodge.





## From the Desk of the 2002 Lodge Chief...

Dear Brothers,

I am pleased that you elected me to serve as your Lodge Chief for the coming year. I hope to meet as many of you as possible at Lodge events. Our Lodge has a strong history, and it is my belief that we can continue that fine tradition. I would like to take this opportunity to present some goals for Otahnagon Lodge.

It seems superfluous to say that I want the Lodge to receive the Quality Lodge recognition that we have come to expect. As of this writing, we have two requirements to complete. We must find only a handful of Arrowmen to pay their dues to the Lodge. I encourage you to participate in this. Please find a Brother whose membership has lapsed; tell him that he could single-handedly allow his Lodge to achieve Quality Lodge status. The other requirement we are lacking is the completion of a Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) course. You can also help with this requirement. By becoming a Lodge Chairman, you can attend the LLD. If we have 75% of our LEC members attend the LLD, we will be named Quality Lodge. This is a wonderful opportunity to gain leadership experience, not to mention increasing your stature in the Lodge. If you are interested contact me at the address below.

My major goal is to improve the program in our Lodge. A complaint I have heard—and made—about Fellowships is that there is very little time for Brotherhood. Our Cheerful Service is unquestioned and given ample opportunity to flourish, but our time for Brotherhood seems to be almost nonexistent. I hope to improve our level of Brotherhood, but we need to do so without sacrificing Cheerful Service.

I will, in future columns, lay out my plans for completing my major goal. I thank you for your time. I hope to hear from many of you in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

Matthew W. Bliss  
xxxxx@xxxxxxx.xxx  
(999) 999-9999

All Registrations MUST be  
received by  
**December 28, 2001.**  
NO LATE  
REGISTRATIONS  
ACCEPTED.

### 2002 Winter Dinner Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Arrowmen Attending\*: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Guests Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Amount Due = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Method of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Check  
 Circle: Visa MasterCard  
 Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:  
Baden-Powell Council  
PO Box 66  
Binghamton, NY 13903

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION. No refunds after December 28, 2001.

\* - If more than one arrowman is being registered, please include their names separately to ensure they receive credit for paying their 2002 lodge dues.



## New Arrowmen Elected to Lead Section

The following arrowmen were elected to serve the section as officers for the 2002 season:

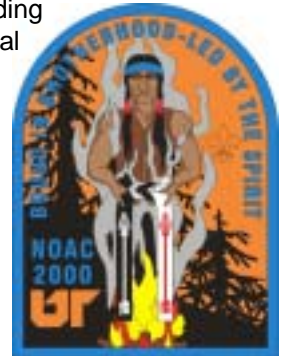
**Chris Cairnes**  
Section Chief  
Loon Lodge

**Kevin Nagel**  
Section Vice Chief  
Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge

**Tyson Ford**  
Section Secretary  
Kayanernh-Kowa Lodge

## Interested in Attending the Second Largest National Scouting Event?

Are you interested in attending Scouting's Second Largest National Event, second only to the National Jamboree? If so, you will want to hear more about the National Order of the Arrow Conference, or NOAC.



Every other year, Order of the Arrow members from all over the United States and foreign countries come together on a major university campus for training, inspiration, and fun. In 2002, the NOAC will be held from July 27th - August 1 on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

If you would like to be one of the 7,000+ arrowmen expected to be in attendance at NOAC 2002, stay tuned to the Pine Whispers, and look for more information at your chapter meetings, the Winter Dinner and the Internet.

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