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Section NE-3B Conclave... Coming June 11th, 2004

Matt Slimowicz



Evan McNamara tries on a Native American roach (headpiece).

Sounds like a movie? Well it isn't; it's something a lot more fun than a movie... It's the Conclave! Some of you may be asking, "What is a conclave?" Well, it's an event that embodies the main points of the Order: brotherhood, cheerfulness and service, as well as the 3 "F" words: fellowship, food, and fun, fun, fun! The conclave is like a weekend summer camp for Arrowmen from our section. There's

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Register for Conclave Today! See Page 7...

Winter Dinner A Huge Success

Andy Foley

This year's Winter Dinner was one of the biggest yet. With a near record number of members and guests in attendance, the lodge leaders were extremely pleased with the turnout. A wonderful prime rib meal was served, followed by "lodge cake", served by our lodge's leaders and distinguished guests. After the meal, the night's awesome guest speaker, Ian Pinnavia, gave his keynote address, sharing some helpful hints on Scouting and his experiences with NOAC and other exciting trips, such as Northern Tier. In particular, he pointed to Lodge Adviser Mike George and Lodge Chief Sean Murray as



Our keynote speaker, 2003 NER Chief Ian Pinnavaia.

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Pine Whispers

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A Letter from the Lodge Adviser...

Fellow Arrowmen,

I'm writing this while the wind is blowing and it's -5 degrees outside. It's hard to imagine that in a few short months, we will be wiping sweat from our brows while working to get Camp Barton ready for the summer. That's not to say that we aren't keeping busy during these winter months...

Currently many of you are working hard to make sure the Order's number one purpose, recognition, is being fulfilled. Thank you, sincerely, for the work you're doing to ensure unit elections take place in every unit in the council that desires one. After all, if the elections aren't conducted, there will be no one to induct this May.

Another smaller project is well underway that will greatly help with council cub programming. The lodge will be in center court at the Mall Show this February as we operate the Pinewood Derby competition. Matt and Dan are doing an excellent job of getting us ready for that. Please consider volunteering some of your time to help us with this worthy cause.

In Sean's last letter, he spoke to us about having dedication to stay the course and take things to the next level. Now that the New Year is upon us, we all need to take a moment to analyze how well we're "staying the course". Mindful that our first duty is to our unit, how well are we giving back? On a personal level, how much progress have we made on our goals, such as reaching Eagle Scout?

This time of year is hectic and seems to fly by before you know it. Before it does, make sure you take a moment and consider if you're letting the opportunity pass you by to "take it to the next level."

Yours in Scouting,

Mike

Mike George
 Otahnagon Lodge Adviser



The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.
 - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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the ever-popular Chief's Pie-Eating Contest, where our own Sean Murray won this past year, even though he didn't exactly "eat" any of the pie.

A conclave is also great for training. The



The chiefs (L to R: Nick Digirolamo, Sean Murray, Andy Gianfagna) pig out at the pie-eating contest.

section put a new system to work this past year - the Section NE-3B Allohakasin University, where you can earn a cool dangly patch like the one pictured here, that hangs off your right pocket.

Mark June 11th through the 13th on your calendar for the 2004 Section Conclave, and let's try to beat last year's record attendance for Otahnagon. It's going to be held at Henderson Scout Reservation, near Coopers-town, just an hour (or so) from Binghamton off I-88. Onteroraus Lodge will act as service council.

If you have any questions, please contact Sean Murray, Mike George or any other lodge or chapter leader. Hope to see you at Conclave 2004!!!



Turn to Page 7 for a Registration Form!

2004 Summer Camp Brotherhood Conversion Programs

Matt Slimowicz

2004 Camp Barton Summer Camp Chief

Sean Murray

2004 Camp Tuscarora Summer Camp Chief



In 2003 the lodge implemented a new program at Camp Tuscarora - the summer camp brotherhood conversion program. It was a success at Tuscarora this past year, increasing our lodge conversions by 53%, and the lodge plans to bring it to Camp Barton for 2004. This program is open to any Arrowmen who received their Ordeal prior to September 2003.

Arrowman wishing to participate will have to complete the ceremony, which will be held during an afternoon or evening each week of Boy Scout summer camp. The cost will be \$12 if you have paid your dues and \$18 if you haven't already paid your 2004 dues.

If you already have your Brotherhood or Vigil Honor, you can work towards your Elangomat patch by earning 25 points for a being a Nimat. The Elangomat patch is earned by being an Elangomat, Nimat or vigil guide, each time you do one of them you earn 50, 25, or 20 points respectively, you will be awarded a patch once you reach 100 points.

If at anytime you have any questions, please contact myself or Sean Murray, the 2004 Summer Camp Lodge Chiefs.



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great examples of true Arrowmen. Following Ian's address, the lodge officers were sworn in by Section Chief Tyson Ford.

Sean Murray delivered his remarks as lodge chief, emphasizing the need for everyone to pitch in as Otahnagon goes from "good to great".

Sean was followed by Lodge Adviser Mike George, who thanked Ted Foley for printing the dinner program. He presented special recognitions to Associate Lodge Adviser Casey Jakubowski and Lodge Staff Adviser Jim Higham. Mike finished by encouraging lodge members to seriously consider attending NOAC.

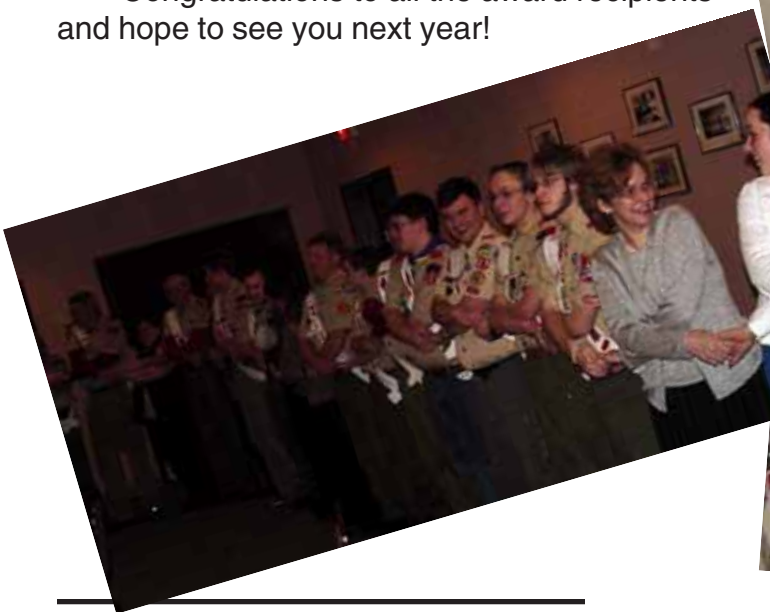
Tyson Ford and Josh Greenman presented "Opportunities for Arrowmen", which included Philmont Trail Crew and Philbreak, Northern Tier, and the 2004 NE-3B Conclave.

The awards portion began with a new honor. Matt Kemberling, past lodge Secretary/Treasurer, was presented the first ever Most Outstanding Arrowman Award for his exemplary service in 2003.

This year, the lodge nominated seven Arrowmen for the Vigil Honor: Alex Dunckle, Mark Fish, Sean Murray, Ryan Stalker, Jim Higham, Larry Nelson, and Tom Szebenyi.

Finally, the Founder's Award was introduced and then presented to two truly exceptional Arrowmen - Rick Gage and Casey Jakubowski.

Congratulations to all the award recipients and hope to see you next year!





The 2004 Winter Dinner

Help Needed: 2004 Mall Show

Danny Higham

The Mall Show this year will be different from any other year.

That is because Otahnagon Lodge is running the main event, which will be taking place in the center court. The main event is **the Pinewood Derby**, and it is going to be run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Of course, there will be shifts in between these times. The Mall show this year is going to be on **February 7th at the Oakdale Mall** in Johnson City. We are in desperate need of volunteers. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for the Mall Show, please contact Dan Higham.



2004 Unit Elections Information

Charles Root



During the next few months, the lodge will be conducting our annual unit elections. Our goal this year is to make sure that no troop is missed. If your troop would like to schedule a unit election, please contact your chapter chief. If you don't have your chapter chief's contact information, please see your lodge planbook or the lodge's website, <http://www.otahnagon.org>.

For the troops that would like to nominate an adult leader, your Scoutmaster was mailed a nomination form, but you can download one on the lodge's website. It is strongly suggested that the nomination form be completed prior to the troop's unit election night. It may be turned in the night of the unit election.

This year we are also looking for lodge members to help us conduct the unit elections. If you would like to help out, please contact your chapter chief.

Ceremonies Team

Alex Dunckle



The Ceremonies Team performs at the Fall Induction Weekend.

The Ceremonies team had a successful year and put together two good ceremonies at the induction weekends. I'm looking forward to another year. Still, it would be nice to have more volunteers to either play a part in the ceremony or to help set up. Don't be afraid of memorizing lines; I can always use understudies in case of an emergency. Also there is no shortage of need for Elangomats and Nimats.

Becoming part of the ceremonies team is a great way to prepare for your Brotherhood conversion. If you are taking the Brotherhood, I recommend that you give it a try. If you would like to become part of the team, send me an email at ceremonies@otahnagon.org.



The Ceremonies Team gets ready to perform at the 2003 NE-3B Conclave.



2004 Order of the Arrow Conclave Henderson Scout Reservation June 11-13, 2004



Please print clearly. Each individual must complete his/her own form.

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		Conclave T-shirt (XXXL)	\$12		<input type="checkbox"/> ES 141 - HIGH ADVENTURE <input type="checkbox"/> LCM 151 - <i>CTI 2004 SESSION</i> BROTHERHOOD CONVERSION
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		Conclave Back Patch	\$10		<input type="checkbox"/> ICE 141 - DYNAMIC CEREMONIES
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1. Observe the Scout Oath or Promise, the Scout Law and the Order of the Arrow Obligation.
2. Wear my official uniform and official conclave identification throughout the weekend.
3. Attend all planned general sessions and activities.
4. Confine trading and swapping to free periods and designated areas.
5. Be personally responsible for breakage, damage, or loss of property.
6. Observe quiet hours and lights out from midnight to 7 a.m.
7. Keep my quarters clean, my bed made and dispose of trash in the proper place.
8. Not change my officially assigned sleeping quarters without permission from headquarters.
9. Wear suitable covering at all times.
10. Understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs at the event will not be permitted and will result in immediate dismissal from the event. This standard shall apply to all youth and adult participants.
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12. Comply with all restrictions on motor vehicle operation.
13. 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.
14. At all times, be considerate guests of the camp and the council.
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PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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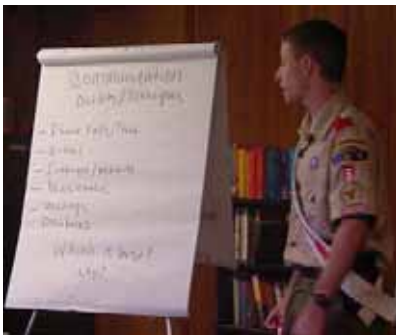
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or at any lodge event.

If you have any questions about this warning, or would like to know more about how you can ensure future mailings of the Pine Whispers, please contact the Lodge Secretary/Treasurer.

CONCLAVE TRAINING!

Matt Slimowicz



Have you ever wondered how to leave No Trace? Was the last chapter meeting a blur? If so, Conclave 2004 training is for you! At the conclave, you will have a morning of training and excitement as trainers from all over eastern New York come together for excitement, fellowship, and learning. As an Arrowman, you have the chance to learn more about the Order of the Arrow and all of its opportunities. Take the chance, and see regional and national officers. Learn from the best in our lodge and others in the Eastern part of the state. If you are a trainer, and wish to be part of the staff, e-mail Matt Slimowicz to find out more information. Training is a great opportunity to learn more about the OA, the people in the OA, and maybe work towards becoming an officer in your own right.