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## SPRING ORDEAL WAS A BIG SUCCESS!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUMMER CHIEFS!



Left to right: **Scott Grassi (Vice-Chief), Donald Stephens (Chief), Mathew Williams (Vice-Chief)**



## CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Brothers,

The sun is shining, school is almost out and the summer of 2012 is here. What a great feeling, but the real question is: what are you going to do with it? Are you going to let it idly go by and enjoy the sun, or play a few rounds of golf and read a few books? Regardless of what you are doing this summer, I hope you take the opportunity to learn more about the Order of the Arrow and truly take advantage of everything that the program has to offer. Only in the OA can you build a pavilion at Goose Pond that will last a lifetime. Only in the OA can you travel to Michigan State university and learn about American Indian Affairs and meet many of the 70,000 fellow Arrowmen that will be there. Furthermore, Only in the OA can you travel to Fort Dix Military Base and complete obstacle courses and Boy Scout trainings, and, only in the OA, can you meet so many diverse people and make a dream become a reality.

I wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

I hope to see you around the pond one of our Thursday OA Days at Summer Camp.

WWW,  
Samuel Levandoski  
2011-2012 Lodge Chief

## ADVISOR'S ARTICLE:

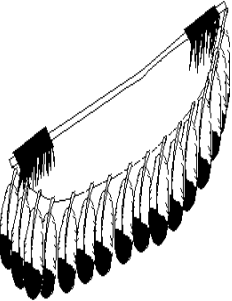
When you receive this mailing, the Goose Pond Ordeal will be completed and we will be looking anxiously to NOAC in Michigan.

The pavilion project has been a smashing success. Great job Service Committee. This project has shown the great dedication to the Lodge and its efforts by many people. Your hard work has not been overlooked. Thank You.

WWW.  
Mr. Croom  
Lodge Advisor



## 2011 LODGE OFFICERS



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Vice Chief of Admin  
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## OA TROOP REPRESENTATIVE

Hello Brothers,

Are you looking for a way to gain some leadership skills, communication skills, and have it count toward rank advancement? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you want to become an OA Troop Rep, the all important link between the Lodge and the Troops. Upcoming events for the OA Troop Rep. Committee are the VIP Luncheon at the Spring and Fall Ordeals and a training later in the fall. Make an attempt to attend the Ordeals, it is a great opportunity to give back to the camps and to the Lodge. Come, do some cheerful service, have some food, and, all in all, have fun! Speaking of food, the VIP Luncheon is for OA Troop Reps only! You can come and eat 15 minutes early, talk, have some fellowship, and we will be going over what is happening in the Lodge in the few months after the Ordeals. I look forward to seeing you all there!

In Brotherhood,

**SCOTT GRASSI**, OA Troop Rep. Chairman



## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Brothers,

Have you ever been to a luau at GPSR?! Some can now say that they have, after an incredibly successful spring ordeal! Hawaiian foods were consumed and many Hawaiian beach games were played over the course of the Ordeal. The Hawaiian themed ordeal was planned from scratch by the Lodge Executive Committee, but the creative theme began in the Lodge Activities Committee. If exciting activities at ordeals and unique themes are right up your alley, then the Activities committee would be a great fit. Each year, three major activities occur and Activities is responsible for slapping a theme on it and planning activities for it. For instance, at Pond Corps '12 (Fellowship Weekend), there was a theme of 'The Olympics' and discus-based frisbee games were played, as well as competitive dodge-ball games. Look forward to an exciting theme at the Fall Ordeal, and attend many of the upcoming lodge functions!

YIS,

**PHIL GILMARTIN**

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## THE CEREMONIES TEAM BEGINS ITS BIG YEAR

This is it! The 2012 season is in full swing, and it's turning out to be a great year for our Lowwapaneu Lodge and the ceremonies team!

Induction ceremonies don't just happen. A lot of work and preparation go into making our lodge ceremonies among the most memorable experiences for all scouts who partake in them. And a few weeks ago, at our Fellowship Weekend, the ceremonies team successfully conducted the first of three brotherhood ceremonies for the 2012 season. A lot of hard work and rigorous practice paid off as we saw about a dozen brothers seal their membership in the Order. But this was just the beginning- as the Spring Ordeal draws nearer, the Lowwapaneu ceremonies team is practicing hard for our first Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal ceremonies of the year.

However, the culmination of the 2012 season is sure to be at the National Order of the Arrow Conference to be held this year at the University of Michigan from July 30th to August 4th. This year at NOAC, the Lowwapaneu Lodge ceremonies team will be competing in the Pre-Ordeal ceremonies competition, in order to fulfill their number one goal for the 2012 season- to become a nationally recognized ceremonies team at NOAC. We wish them luck as they work towards this monumental occasion!

The ceremonies team has a very special place in our lodge. The very first experience a new arrowman has with our lodge happens in his Pre-Ordeal ceremony. In addition, our ceremonies are a central part of our Order's tradition. We are the main component that keeps Native American customs alive in our lodge today. Therefore, a ceremonialist must have great focus and drive. If you possess these skills, have a knack for public speaking/ acting, and want to be part of the coolest ceremonies team around, just contact me, the ceremonies committee chairman, or check out our page on the Lowwapaneu Lodge website for more information.

### **DONALD STEPHENS**

Lowwapaneu Lodge Ceremonies Committee Chairman



Hello Lowwapaneu,

Summer is coming up and schools are letting out, but there are still many upcoming events in our lodge. These events, such as conclave, are a fun way to get active in our lodge. I also encourage you to join a committee if you haven't done so already. As chairman of the Elangomat committee I am always looking for more people to be elangomats. It really is a fun way to get more active in our lodge. If you are interested in becoming an elangomat for the next ordeal or would like to learn more about our committee feel free to contact me at anytime at my email address.

Yours in Service,

**MATTHEW WILLIAMS**



## ARE YOU GOOD WITH COMPUTERS, OR LIKE TO TAKE PICTURES?

If you are un-active in the lodge, but don't want to be and can use simple software, or like to take pictures, this is your lucky day! There are just those openings in the Communications Committee. In the Communications Committee we do tons of fun and exciting things like help with the lodge website, updating various things, take amazing pictures and editing the Smokesignals you are reading now and the website, and so much more! If you like to read, write, take pictures, or design layouts for a newspaper or website, without a doubt this is the perfect committee for you! Email me today!

Written By: **JEREMEY TOMAINE**, Communication-Publication  
Chairmen



## BREAKING NEW GROUND

Brothers,

There has been much progress on the Pavilion Project over the past few months, because many members of the lodge have donated their time and energy to complete this great addition to Goose Pond. During Pond Corps, the trusses were secured on top of the posts and the plywood was nailed into place to cover the pavilion. The roof was not planned to be nailed during Pond Corps, but the tremendous amount of help made it possible. Highway cleanup and general maintenance of Goose Pond also occurred during Pond Corps. The trail from the Dining Hall to the Pavilion Project was covered with gravel and surveyed for upkeep. This past weekend, the concrete pad was poured and work from the previous week on the pavilion was inspected. Due to the major advances on the Pavilion Project over the past few weeks, the projected completion date is back to the original schedule of early June. The final work to be done on the project is placing the shingles and general cleanup of the area. I would like to thank everyone that has given their time to the project over the past few months. The members of the lodge are very excited about this addition to Goose Pond and hope that everyone uses the pavilion over the coming years.

**CONNOR ZALE**  
Service Committee Chairman

# ORDEAL

Brothers,

I would like to start off by congratulating all our new Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Members. They are just another wonderful addition to our lodge and its activities. This weekend was a big success. I'm happy to say that the lodge has once again contributed a great deal to Goosepond. Many service projects were completed. There was also a lot of great fellowship this weekend. I would like to put a shout out to the Activities Committee for putting together many of the games throughout the weekend. And don't forget, The Acahela Ordeal is right around the corner. Once again, thank you to all who attended and I hope to see you around.

## **AUSTIN SHISSON**

Ordeal Master

## WANT A CHANCE TO WIN A SUPER COOL AWARD?

Look no further than the Pemachpin Award! Instituted by the Lodge Executive Committee at the beginning of 2010, the Pemachpin, meaning, "to be present" in the Lenni Lenape language, Award's purpose is to increase membership involvement over the course of the year. There are several requirements for this award, and, once completed, your card can be handed into the Lodge Officers/Advisors no later than the November General Lodge Meeting. Then, at the Holiday Banquet all members who have received the award will be honored with a patch and certificate. It's really a fun way for you to get involved! Last year we challenged at least 66% of the LEC to receive the award, and 79% did, along with several general lodge members. This year, we want many more of our general lodge members to receive this award! This means YOU. Many of you have a lot of these requirements already accomplished for the year, so keep staying active with the lodge and urge your fellow brothers to participate! Look at the requirements below, and at an upcoming lodge event ask the officers for a Pemachpin Award card:

- Have current lodge dues paid.
- If a lodge flap is worn on your uniform, wear the proper current flap.
- Serve on a lodge committee (i.e. Ceremonies, NAA, Food, etc.)
- Attend 2 Lodge Executive Committee meetings.
- Participate in at least one work weekend of the major Lodge Service project.
- Attend 1 entire Ordeal weekend.
- Take your brotherhood, if you are eligible to do so.
- Youth attend 4 and Adults attend 6 of the following in Uniform if appropriate:
  1. Camp Work Day
  2. November General Lodge Meeting
  3. Section Conclave
  4. Fellowship Weekend
  5. Lodge Picnic
  6. Harvestfest
  7. Adopt-A-Highway
  8. Merit Badge College
  9. National Event (i.e. NOAC, OA High Adventure, NLS, etc.)
  10. Lodge Leadership Development

## GOT BROTHERHOOD?

Congratulations on your election and induction into the Order of the Arrow. You are now a member of Scouting's National Honor Society where you can take part in the multiple opportunities that the Order of the Arrow has to offer.

Your next step, Sealing your Bond as a Brotherhood member, is very significant. It shows your growth and commitment as an Arrowman and strengthens the Lodge as a whole. You are highly encouraged to take this important step on your journey.

To proceed, you must attend a Brotherhood training session and a Brotherhood ceremony. The Lodge has the following Brotherhood opportunities scheduled for this calendar year. Please register for and attend one of the following events:

Goose Pond Ordeal Weekend – June 1st – 3rd, 2012  
Brotherhood Training, Friday evening, June 1st  
Ceremony, Saturday, June 2nd

Camp Acahela Ordeal Weekend – August 17th – 19th, 2012  
Brotherhood Training, Friday evening, August 17th  
Ceremony, Saturday, August 18th

During each event you will learn more about our customs and traditions, meet with members of the Lodge, and take the next step in your journey by Sealing your Bond in Brotherhood.

Also, before attending an Ordeal, please review the Brotherhood committee's webpage for important information about Sealing your Bond in Brotherhood. The address is:  
[www.lowwapaneu.org/brotherhood](http://www.lowwapaneu.org/brotherhood). All Brotherhood material on the website will be reviewed during Friday night's training at the Ordeals. Remember, those who chose you need you!

Yours in Service,

**SEAN**

Sean Rigau  
Brotherhood Chairman  
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**STEPHEN**

Mr. Stephen Lenceski  
Brotherhood Advisor  
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Brothers,

Although the new school year has just ended, this year's summer plans are now in full swing. From July 30th to August 4th, 2012, thousands of Arrowmen will meet at Michigan State University. The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC for short) is a six day conference where Arrowmen join together for a weeklong program in national training, cool recreational opportunities, shows, drumming, and much more, all built around the ideals of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. Events include national training, OA history museums, sporting tournaments, competitions and so much more!

Convinced yet? In order to go to this once in a lifetime event you need to fill out the sign-up form, which can be found online or at the Scout Service and Training Center. Then, secure your seat on the bus with a hundred dollar deposit at the Scout Service and Training Center. At this time we ask youth only to put in their deposits. Adults may put in their name but due to the limited amount of seats are not guaranteed a spot. If you have any questions feel free to email me at anytime. I hope to see you as a member of our contingent at our next stop, Michigan State University!!!

WWW,  
**SAMUEL LEVANDOSKI**  
NOAC Chairman

Contact me for more information:  
Bsaboy50@gmail.com



For Calendar  
information,  
updates, and other  
information  
within the lodge, fol-  
low us on Twitter  
and 'like' us on Face-  
book!



## THE CAMPING COMMITTEE

Have you ever been told of a fun place to go and then had a great time there? Well that's exactly what the Camping Committee does, we help spread the word about fun and exciting campouts not only with the Lodge, but with other lodges too and with other council events. If you like giving presentations, making presentations or even just want to help out, the Camping Committee is perfect for you! If you'd like to join, or have any questions about the Caming Committee, contact **TYLER SEPCOSKI** at [tsepco@gmail.com](mailto:tsepco@gmail.com).

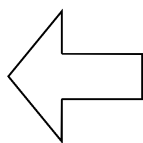
## HELP LOWWAPANEU GO GREEN!

As Boy Scouts, we do a lot of nifty, environmentally friendly things, but the Officers of Lowwapaneu believe we can do more. Lowwapaneu Lodge has a brigade from TerraCycle, which is an international company whose main objective is to minimize and reduce waste by collecting items that typically end up in landfills and upcycling them into new products. Such examples of upcycled products include Capri Sun backpacks for kids, Cliff Bar duffle bags for athletes, and even Oreo packaging laptop bags. Over 20 million people are participating in this program in over 14 countries, and Lowwapaneu is now proud to be a part of this initiative!

The Officers are collecting items for TerraCycle at any Lodge event, such as an LEC on the fourth Wednesday of every month, or any of the Ordeals. Also, inside both the trading posts at Goose Pond and Camp Acahela there will be TerraCycle collection boxes during the 2012 camp season. Several OA members working at our council's camps will be in charge of the collections. Here is a list of items that can be collected:

- Writing Instruments (pens, pencils, markers, sharpies, highlighters)
- Empty chip bags and energy bar/granola bar wrappers, candy bar wrappers
- Computer mice, keyboards, GPS devices, cell phones, laptops, graphing calculators, MP3 Players
  - Ink and Toner Cartridges
  - Old Pairs of Shoes
- Used toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes, lipstick and powder cases

For each of these items we collect, we receive a unique point value. Every point equates to \$0.01, which can later be redeemed for a donation of our choice. Since one of our themes for the year is "toning up and preparing for the future" we hope to raise money over the next three years through this program to help create an OA High Adventure and NOAC Scholarship for 2015! This cannot happen without your help. Start collecting today and assist Lowwapaneu in preparing for our future endeavors. If you have any questions, feel free to contact **MICHAEL SHOSTEK**, Vice Chief of Program, at [chappy5576@aol.com](mailto:chappy5576@aol.com)



This is duffle bag TerraCycle made out of upcycled Cliff Bar wrappers.



## Lodge Dues Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

(Found on Mailing Label)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Ordeal  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Brotherhood  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Vigil

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Dues:

I want to pay my dues: \_\_\_\_\_ years x \$ 10.00 per year = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth

Please make checks payable to:  
 "Lowwapaneu Lodge 191"

After completing this form please mail it to:

Lowwapaneu Lodge  
 c/o Northeastern PA Council  
 1 Bob Mellow Drive  
 Moosic, PA 18507

## Troop Representative Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

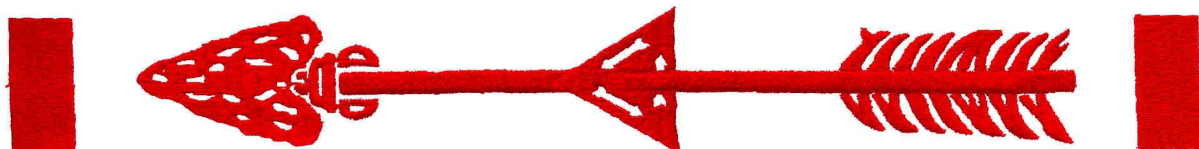
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

After completing this form please mail it to:

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## IMPORTANT LODGE DATES

### **Lodge Executive Committee Meetings:**

**The 4th Wednesday of Each Month at the Scout Service Center at 7:30 p.m.**

*July 25, 2012 (Goose Pond)*

*August 22, 2012*

*September 26, 2012*

*October 24, 2012*

### **Activities and Other Important Events:**

*July 30th-August 4th, 2012 - NOAC*

*August 17th-19th, 2012 - Fall Ordeal at Camp Acahela*

*October 27th and 28th – Harvest Fest at Camp Acahela*

*November 21, 2012 - General Lodge Meeting*

