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Ordeal Rapidly Approaching!!

Get ready fellow brothers it's that time of the year again. Come out and join me and the rest of the lodge on August 19th, 20th, and 21st at Camp Achela for the Achela Ordeal. We will be getting together for cheerful service which will show the spirit of our brotherhood and allow us to unite to accomplish good deeds in the spirit of giving. This weekend will also be filled with fun activities and games. If your looking to seal your bond in brotherhood or just have a fun weekend of cheerful service then this is the weekend for you. Hope to see you there!

Written By: Austin Shission, Ordeal Committee Chairman

Summer Time Means Get Involved In the OA

Summer is here, school is out, and now is time to get active in the lodge! There are a lot of great opportunities coming up, so take advantage of them. Join a committee; I'm sure the chairmen will be calling you like crazy to join! Our lodge is truly built around the principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service, and that alone makes our organization so unique. Feel free to contact any of the Lodge Officers. Our email addresses are listed in this edition for you. We do not bite, so don't hesitate!! If you don't know which

committee is right for you, do not worry. Just come to our Lodge Executive Meetings! I'm sure we will help you find a spot that is right for you!

Written By: Michael "Chappy" Shostek, Lodge Treasurer

Computer Techs and Photographers Needed!!

Hey guys! I hope the start of the summer is going well for everyone, and it continues to be fantastic! Now as you are all sitting at home most likely watching TV, playing video games, or hanging out with friends. We have a new fun and exciting thing for you to do this summer! JOIN THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE! In the communications committee we do a lot of fun things, like taking care of the lodge website, and updating and changing things daily. Also, we take amazing pictures at all lodge events so we can upload them for the world to see! Not only do we do the website, but the Smoke Signals that you are reading now is also taken care of. Now if you like to read, write, proofread, or do layout type things, this is definitely the committee for you to join! If you are the slightest bit interested please email me at szaydon@gmail.com. Thanks and have a wonderful rest of the summer!

Written By: Sal Zaydon, Communication-Technology Chairman



Chiefly Speaking



I can't believe how fast the year has flown by! 2011 is halfway over but it seems as if we are just warming up. We have some big events coming up throughout the summer such as Indian Summer and Summit Corps. Along with those two national events we are continuing the tradition with OA Day during Summer Camp at Goose Pond and the 20th Annual Lodge Picnic. I hope to see many new members at some of these events. It is beneficial to the whole lodge to come out to these events and get active. We are closing in on the requirements to complete Quality Lodge, so I encourage all of you to sign up for brotherhood if you have not done so already and to pay your dues if expired or soon to be!

Written By: Sam Levandoski, Lodge Chief

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Advisor's Minute

Summer is here!! Some of us are attending the Order of the Arrow Summit Corp in West Virginia and some Indian Summer in North Carolina. We are on our way to Quality Lodge! Thank you everyone for what you do, Keep up the good work!!



Written By: Mr. John Croom, Lodge Advisor

For calendar updates and other information, please go to lowwapaneu.org.

We are also on:



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Good Work Requires More Members

Since the last Smoke Signal, the Lodge had its Spring Ordeal in which the food committee had a both important and greatly positive impact on serving meals to the members of the lodge and Ordeal candidates. The feedback I received from the food, our preparation and our hard work throughout the weekend was very humble and gratifying. With this, though, I knew our committee was going to be put into a much higher standard. With this standard push to a new level, we need to add more youth members to help our current kitchen staff. I am calling all members of the lodge who want to join a committee, or just to be more active, to please take our committee into consideration. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email Tino Penzone or myself. My email is gibranmora@hotmail.com and the committee's advisor, Tino Penzone's, email is tpeagle@echoes.net.



Written By: Gibran Mora, Food Committee Chairman

Performers and Pyros Always Wanted

Have you been looking for an awesome way to get involved in Lowwapanew Lodge? Then look no further! The Ceremonies Committee is always looking for new members. As a member of the Ceremonies Committee, you can assist in bringing in new members to our Lodge. We always need performers to fill the roles of the Ceremonial Principles. However, if performing isn't your thing, don't be discouraged! We also need help preparing the Ceremonial Site, including building the Fire of Cheerfulness. Who doesn't love to play with fire?! If the Ceremonies Committee sounds like a good fit for you, feel free to attend one of our meetings, the dates of which are available on the calendar portion of the Lodge website, lowwapanew.org. Also, feel free to contact me for more information at j_l_hughes@comcast.net. See you at the next Ceremonies meeting or the Achela Ordeal!



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Come Be A Friend to All

Did you like your ordeal so much that you want to take it again? If so, the Elangomat committee is for you. Our committee is a fun, yet meaningful way, to get involved in the lodge. We are always looking for new people who would like to join us and would like to guide new canadates on their way into our lodge. If you are interested or have any questions about the Elangomat committee or the Ordeal, feel free to email me at mrsarcastic2009@aim.com or call me at (570) 855-4600.

Written By: Matt Williams, Elangomat Committee Chairman

Written By: Jordan Hughes, Ceremonies Committee Chairman



ORDEAL

Last Call to Seal Your Bond This Year!!

Attention, ALL Ordeal Members!

The Fall Ordeal, taking place August 19th - 21st at camp Acahela. This is your last opportunity of the year to seal your bond in Brotherhood. If you took your Ordeal last fall, or earlier, then you are eligible to participate.

The Fall Ordeal is an exciting event filled with Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. It is a great opportunity for you to meet the members of the lodge as well as learn more about our customs and traditions. This is yet another chance to become more active in the Order of the Arrow. To sweeten the deal, our lodge chief Sam Levandoski has informed me that there will be a "special prize" for all Brotherhood candidates who attend the Fall Ordeal.

You may register for the Fall Ordeal by using the sign-up form on the back of this issue of Smoke Signals, complete the registration form that was mailed to all Brotherhood candidates, or sign-up and pay directly at the Scout Service and Training Center.

Attention, Lowwapaneu!

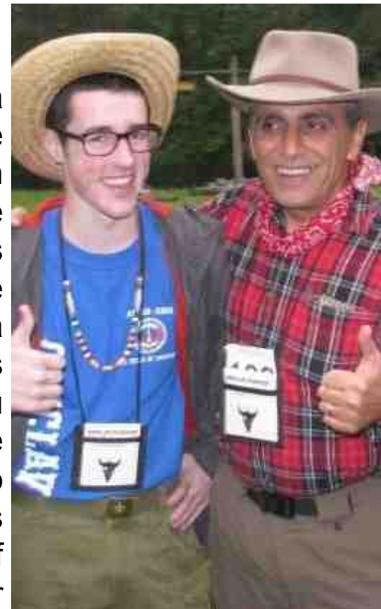
Be sure to check out the new and improved Brotherhood Committee page on the Lowwapaneu website. The address to the page is: www.lowwapaneu.org/brotherhood. This page contains valuable information for all arrowmen, especially those preparing to seal their bond in Brotherhood. So please, take some time to look over the Brotherhood page before the Fall Ordeal.

Written By: Stephen Lenceski, Brotherhood Advisor

New Co-Chairman Wants Members

I am Philip Gilmartin of Troop 132 and, as a brotherhood member of the lodge, I have accepted the position of co-chairman of the activities committee with Zach Rossetti. The activities committee has a crucial role in the ordeals: selecting a fun and exciting theme for the activities and food of the occasion to center around. Some possible themes suggested by the activities committee this year are a pirate theme, luau, backyard BBQ, and Disney. A theme has been selected, but we would like to keep it a surprise for you eager beavers that will be in attendance at the ordeals. The activities committee is not only very casual and fun, but also gives you exposure to other activities committee members and to other brothers within the lodge. We are a committee of great creativity and we highly encourage this creativity in our members. We hope to see a spike in membership and are excited to meet you in the near future.

Written By: Phil Gilmartin, Activities Committee Chairman



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Lowwapaneu Class of 2011

Jack Morton

Graduated from: John Carroll University

Degree: Physical Education - Teaching Certification K-1

Name: Samuel Z. Levandoski

Graduate of: Scranton Preparatory School

College Attending/Military Plans: Kings College

Degree: Accounting/Political Science



Name: Michael A. Shostek

Graduate of: Scranton Preparatory School

College Attending/Military Plans: University Of Pennsylvania

Degree: Undecided

Name: Connor L. Zale

Graduate of: Scranton Preparatory School

College Attending/Military Plans: Wilkes University

Degree: Biology-Medical Attending: Hershey Medical in 2015



Name: Kris Tomaine

Graduate of: Scranton Preparatory School

College Attending/Military Plans: University of Scranton

Degree:

Name: Sal Zaydon

Graduate of: Scranton Preparatory School

College Attending/Military Plans: Johnson College

Degree: Computer Information Technology



Name: Ray Posluszny

Graduate of: Scranton High School

College Attending/Military Plans: Keystone College

Degree:

Name: Brian Henning

Graduate of: Crestwood High School

College Attending/Military Plans: University of Oklahoma

Degree: Meteorology



Name: Jon Ferdinand

Graduate of: Coughlin High School

College Attending/Military Plans: Wilkes University

Degree: Sociology

Name: Jake Forelli

Graduate of: Scranton Preparatory School

College Attending/Military Plans: Lehigh University

Degree: Mechanical Engineering



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**Lowwapaneu Lodge
Acahela Ordeal
August 19-21, 2011**

Date: August 19-21

Location: Camp
Acahela

Check-in: 5:00-
6:30 at the
Quartermasters
building

Northeastern Pennsylvania Council
Lowwapaneu Lodge 191
1 Bob Mellow Drive
Moosic, PA 18507

Acahela Ordeal 2011

From August 19-21, Lowwapaneu Lodge 191 will have its annual Ordeal at Camp Acahela near Blakeslee, Pennsylvania.

We will be inducting new Ordeal and Brotherhood members into the lodge while accomplishing many service projects to benefit Camp Acahela.

The cost of the Ordeal weekend is \$22.00 for members and brotherhood candidates. The cost includes food and activities.

If your reservation is not paid by August 13 there will be a \$5 late fee added.

If you have any questions about the Ordeal contact Austin Shission at wasoccerms18@aol.com (Ordeal Master) or J Croom at jrcroom3@gmail.com (Ordeal Advisor).

Preliminary Schedule

Friday

- 5:00—6:30 - Registration/Set-Up
- 6:30 - Candidate Parent's Meeting
- 7:15 - Brotherhood Training Begins at Pre-Ordeal
- 7:30 - Pre-Ordeal Ceremony
- 9:00 - Fellowship Cracker Barrel

Saturday

- 7:00 - Breakfast
- 7:45 - Cheerful Service
- 12:00 - Lunch
- 12:45 - Cheerful Service
- 4:00 - Interfaith & Catholic Services
- 5:10 - Silent Supper

6:15 - Brotherhood Ceremony

7:00 - Ordeal Ceremony

8:15 - Ordeal Feast

Sunday

- 8:00 - Breakfast
- 8:45 - Committee Games
- 9:45 - General Lodge Meeting
- 11:00 - Depart

Items to Bring — Basic camping gear for the weekend including...Photo copy of your Medical Form (it will not be returned), Tent, Sleeping Bag, Class A Uniform, OA Sash, OA Handbook, Tools for Service Projects, Work Clothes, Rain Gear, Flashlight, Alarm Clock, and money for trading post and auction.

Member Information— When Dr. Goodman and his camp staff at Treasure Island Scout Camp started the Order in 1915, they realized that the Scouts who were to be chosen to set the example in their troops would need further encouragement and inspiration if they were to fulfill their role. The Founders devised the Ordeal to give the candidates this inspiration in the form of an experience involving ideals they were to follow.

The Ordeal is an Adventure of the Spirit – a time of deep searching and high resolve – a unique opportunity to experience all the richness and warmth of brotherhood. The Candidate needs this experience not only for his own benefit, but also because his Obligation will require unusual devotion to the work of bringing the spirit to his own Scout troop.

Your Obligation as a member is to help the candidates keep their Ordeal faithfully.

2011 Acahela Ordeal

Sign Up For	Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> Member	\$22.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Brotherhood Candidate	\$22.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Late fee if paid after 8/14	\$5.00

Total: _____

Name - _____

Troop # - _____

Address - _____

Phone - _____

Method of Payment

Cash Check

Payment MUST accompany reservation, payable to Lowwapaneu Lodge BSA.

Financial assistance is available from the Lodge. Please contact the Staff Advisor at the Council Service & Training for more information.

Mail to:

Lowwapaneu Lodge 191
Northeastern PA Council
1 Bob Mellow Drive
Moosic PA 18507



Great Expectations

Leadership Training for Youth Leaders

November 12, 2011

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

King's College, Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center, Wilkes-Barre

(Directions on back of this sheet)

Youth and Adult leaders may attend

You are invited to attend a special one day training course designed here in Northeastern Pennsylvania for Boy Scout Youth Leaders. The course is designed to provide scouts with a more in-depth training experience than their troop training by providing supplemental leadership skill sessions.

- All Scouts who currently or will hold a leadership position in their troop are strongly encouraged to attend.
- One major advantage to this course is that you will meet both youth and adult leaders from other troops in the council, and will be able to share valuable ideas and insights as well as build Scouting friendships. The course trainers will be both youth and adults from throughout the council.
- A specialized session for Scouters on Troop and Council sponsored youth leadership training will also be offered. Scouters are encouraged to attend this course to gain insight into providing troop leadership training.
- The cost of this one day event is \$30.00 (\$35.00 after November 4, 2011) per person which includes lunch, training materials, and a participant patch.
- Scouts may register individually or with their troops to attend this event.
- All are welcome.

For more information contact :

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Course Advisor
Staff Advisor

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