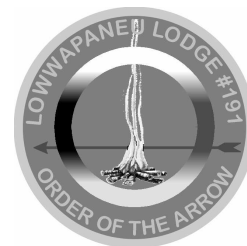




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"Test Yourself and So Discover!"

"Lucky Seven" A HUGE Success! *By: Rich Heier*

On June 18, over 200 Arrowmen from Section NE-2B comprising parts of New York, New Jersey, Europe and Lowwapanew 191 gathered for its annual Section Conclave hosted at Goose Pond Scout Reservation. We had the distinct honor of acting as service lodge. The service lodge is in charge of operating the conclave events, which included volleyball, pie eating, tug of war, Iron Arrowmen, Native American singing and dancing as well as many, many others.

This weekend started out with a fantastic theme show illustrating what it takes for searching for the Arrow in Northern Jersey. Some of the stops along with included a penitentiary, a cruise on the New Jersey Turnpike and culminated with being found at the location of the 2004 conclave. Section Chief, Brian Cutino of Shinnecock Lodge, offered inspirational words to those in the audience and urged them to give the weekend everything they had and hoped to get out of it. The true atmosphere of the conclave was catapulted forward with the Carnival that ensued. Conclave Coordinator, Rich Heier, and Conclave Adviser, Dave Nguyen, were able to assemble an arsenal of items that left each Arrowmen urging for more. There were two huge carnival tents that were setup in the parade field with lighting. The Food committee prepared enough pizza to feed about 400 participants! Each lodge was to provide a game some of which included the famous "cup game," black jack, wheel of spirit and draw your favorite lodge adviser. Lowwapanew also provided kegs of root beer and a dunk tank where people had the opportunity to sink Northeast Region Chief, Ed Lynes, and National Vice Chief, David Dowty. Friday night quickly blended into Saturday morning and Arrowmen prepared to attend training sessions to enhance their knowledge of not only Scout related things but ones that would prepare them for life. Saturday night show was something that you wouldn't want anyone to miss. Lenapehoking Lodge of Northern New Jersey customized their own wheel of spirit ranging from items of "form your favorite boy band" and "sing a song" to "win a wheel barrow full of root beer." The night was capped off with a keynote address from the Northeast Region Chief which told us about his first conclave experience.

Sunday morning quickly approached as did the anticipation of selecting the new officers of the Section who will serve until the next conclave in 2005. Brian Cutino of Shinnecock Lodge was re-elected Section Chief. Tom Voorhees of Sakuwit Lodge was re-elected as Section Vice Chief. And our very own lodge Chief, Brandon Gething, was elected to his first term to be a section officer as Secretary. Congratulations to Brandon and thanks to everyone who came out to make this one of the greatest weekends in Lowwapanew history!

NOAC 2004 Recap

By: Jack Morton

On July 31, 18 Arrowmen from Lowwapanew Lodge boarded a plane not knowing what to expect, except that they were attending a National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). Little did they know that they were in for the best week of their lives. Something so special that will forever illuminate their hearts. NOAC is held every two years at a major university; this year it was hosted by Iowa State University.

Arrowmen from our lodge competed in the Pre-Ordeal Competition, Brotherhood Ceremony Competition, Vigil Competition in addition to Basketball and Soccer. Under the guidance of Jack Morton, Chairman, and Dr. Larry Morton, Adviser, these Arrowmen were fully able to maximize their time at the Conference. Each morning, presenters from around the nation presented topics that they were experts on to share their expansive knowledge with people in the presentation. Each night there were spectacular theme shows that showcased the leaders in the Order. At the opening show National Chief, Jeff Hayward, challenged Arrowmen to fight the urge to skip out on things to trade patches but reach out to every other. Words can't describe this event. Keep yourself posted with details of the next NOAC held at Michigan State University in East Lansing in the summer of 2006!

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Chief's Corner

Brothers,

I would like to take this opportunity to personally say 'Thank you' for a wonderful year. This season we pulled off 2 successful ordeals, a wonderful fellowship weekend, The 1st ever lodge picnic, and many hours of cheerful service towards the council. What a year! If you have not done so already, a committee is a great way to get involved.



Yours in Brotherhood,
Brandon Gething



Lodge Advisers Minute

Its amazing to think that another lodge year has come and gone but that doesn't mean that the lodge isn't busy. This is an exciting time for Lowwapaneu as we prepare for the election of new officers to see what their plans are for this youth lead organization.

Two ordeals, a hosted conclave and a lodge picnic are just some of things that have been executed since the last newsletter and I would like to express my sincere appreciation to those individuals who made them a huge success.

I encourage any youth to run for lodge office because it gives you such a great feel for how things are run. Come to Lodge Executive Committee Meetings and voice your opinion. Thanks!

- John Croom Jr.

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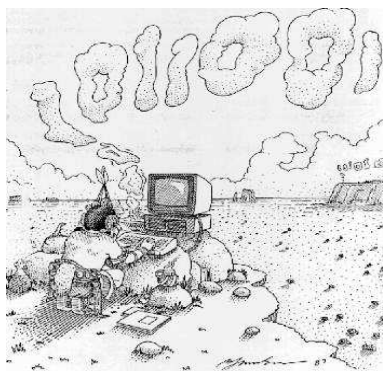
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Arrowmen In Action

By: **Brandon Gething**

Allowat Sakima once said "How solemn is the duty, of the mighty chief, to show forth the greatest of a scouts' obligations, "Duty to god and Country." On May 15th on a beautiful Saturday morning in Scranton. Six Arrowmen from our lodge put this quote to life. Joining Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, marching bands, VFW posts, and current military servicemen to support our Armed Forces. Along the parade route, the members of Lowwapaneu Lodge were met by people clapping, cheering, and many 'thank you's.' Though there were only 6 scouts, there was spirit of 60. On a personal note, walking the parade route that morning and talking with members of the Armed Forces, it made me proud. Proud to be an Arrowman, proud to be a Scout and above all, proud to be an American. Arrowmen that attended the parade were Ed Zurek, JD Dougher, Brandon Gething, Greg Russick, Mr. John Gaudenzi, and Dr. Larry Sherman.



Three And Out (Lodge Happenings)

In honor of football season, the staff of Smoke Signals thought that it would be nice to pay homage to those grid-iron greats!

First and Ten

Congratulations to John Croom, Jr. for being selected to receive the Silver Beaver Award at the council recognition dinner to held on November 5th. Mr. Croom is a dedicated parent, Scouter and Arrowman. Mr. Croom has been the Lodge adviser for Lowwapaneu Lodge since the Fall of 1999. Since his acceptance of the position, the lodge has received national accolades such as: a National Service Grant from the National Order of the Arrow in 2001 for the Order of the Arrow Teaches Citizenship project. On the merits of the grant, Lowwapaneu was awarded the National Service

Award in 2003 for qualitative and quantitative service. Mr. Croom hails from Troop 132 where he currently serves as Troop Committee Chairperson.

Thank you, Mr. Croom for all that you do and all the youth that you have mentored into fine individuals!

Second and Long



Congratulations to Brandon Gething for being elected Section Secretary. Not only serving as section secretary, he is also fulfilling his term as Lodge Chief. Brandon has served our lodge as Brotherhood Chairman before being elected Lodge Chief. His duties for the year are to keep accurate minutes of all the happenings of the Section at Council of Chiefs meetings as well as to produce a quar-

terly newsletter for each member of the Key 3 in each Council. Brandon is the third person to be elected to Section office in Lowwapaneu history. The first person to be elected to a position was William Schlosser, who served Section NE-4A, as Section Secretary. The other person elected to Section office was Dave Nguyen, who served a term as Section Vice Chief during his term as Lodge Chief, and would later go on to be elected the first Section Chief from Lowwapaneu 191 in Spring of 2002. Congratulations Brandon!

Third and Short

The third and final congratulations goes out to former Lodge Chief, Dave Nguyen, for being named Top Youth Trainer in the nation by members of the Training Committee at the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Dave was asked to be the lead cell trainer for the Order of the Arrow Troop Representative and Unit Elections session, which certified those who attended to train this topic back in their home Lodge. Congratulations goes out to Dave Nguyen!



Calling *All* Arrowmen
Lodge Officer Elections

November 24, 2004
Scout Service & Training Center
7:30 PM

Elect your Lodge Leadership. Come to this meeting

Brothers,

On this date, you will be entrusted with the great undertaking of electing the leaders of Lowwapanew Lodge for the Year 2005. Being a Lodge officer is a monumental task and for this election to fair, we need as many brothers to come to this meeting as possible. If you wish to run for Lodge Office, you must:

- 1. Be in good standing with the Lodge (Dues Paid, 90 days prior)**
- 2. Be a member for at least one year**
- 3. Desire to work hard with a great core of adult Leaders**
- 4. Submit a letter of intent to Mr. Croom by November 17, 2004**

Holiday Banquet

Golden Palace in Wilkes-Barre
Wednesday, December 29, 2004

6:00 PM—Gathering

6:30 PM—Dinner

Price: \$17.00

**Please make your reservations at the
Council Service Center by December 22nd**

**Lodge Awards will be presented
Fun, Food and Fellowship with fellow Arrowmen**

Fall Ordeal Wrap-up

by: JD Dougher

The popular cliché goes that a picture is worth a thousand words. However, a similar phrase can be said that every story of a thousand words is worth a beautiful picture. I'm not going to write a thousand words on this most recent Ordeal, but please realize, that no matter the amount of words, the picture that is about to be painted of this event will be a portrait of the truest of Scout values.

On the weekend of September 10th, 29 candidates, both adult and youth, as well as a plethora of members, descended upon Camp Acahela to go through a weekend which was a learning experience in the greatest way for all.

Blessed with the most beautiful weather of any recent Ordeal, these candidates and members not only managed to complete all

tasks laid before them with the high quality that is the Order of the Arrow, but they completed all the service projects that Council Ranger Tim Bongard and I planned for the Ordeal with an hour and a half to go! Keep in mind that we also planned these service projects for seventy people, not the forty that were working on them.

Also, another major quality of the weekend that shone brightly was the Ceremonies Team. Thanks to the quality work of Rich Heier, J Croom, and the ceremonialists, they did a stellar job with the Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood ceremonies. Through their work, they introduced these candidates into our Order as well as reaching the hand out to those willing to search the path for the Brotherhood.

I would also like to specially thank the Food Committee, Charlie Fisher and Dan Miller with the Elangomats, the lodge officers, Mr. Croom, and Nick Rocco for all the work they did in their respective area. Also thank you to AJ Gaudenzi, Aaron Urbanski, Mario Nattichi, Walt Godshall, Pat Gibbons, Mr. Srebro, Mr. Morton, and of course, my dad, for coming through when I needed them the most.

And most importantly, thank you to all the people who came out to support the Brotherhood of this Order as well as to encourage the new brothers and sisters we gained in the Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui. You are truly the brightest stars in the sky.

Congratulations to Lowwapanew Lodge's **Newest Vigil Honor Members**. The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that a Lodge can bestow upon one of its members. Only 2% of all Arrowmen are ever called out for this prestigious honor.

Congratulations to the Vigil Class of 2004

Chris Bender

Aaron Urbanski

Andrew Gaudenzi

Richard Heier

Harry Beppler

Shawn Young

Christopher Whipple

Francis Layaou



Pictures



Vigil Nominations and Founders Award Nominations

The Vigil Honor is the highest mark of distinction that an Order of the Arrow Lodge can bestow upon one of its members the criteria to be nominated for the Vigil Honor is:

- ♦ Dues Paid Member
- ♦ Brotherhood for at least 2 Years

The selection is very a selective process from a qualified applicant pool Each Lodge is allowed to select one member for every 50 persons in a lodge. Nominations will be accepted until December 1, 2004. Please send your nominations to:

Lowwapanu Lodge #191
C/O Vigil Honor Committee
1 Bob Mellow Drive
Moosic, PA 18507

Founders Award Nominations
Nominations for the Founders Award are now being accepted by the Founders Award Committee. There is no selection criteria for this award except that the person must embody the ideals of OA Founders, Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson. Lowwapanu Lodge is allowed to select 2 persons for this

award but does not have to do so. Please send Founders Award Nominations By November 10, 2004 to:
Lowwapanu Lodge #191
C/O Founders Award Committee
1 Bob Mellow Drive
Moosic, PA 18507

Please nominate those that you feel best fit the criteria for these awards. Your nominations are greatly appreciated.

Update: Local Arrowman's story on Northeast Region OA Website

Sometime during the next few weeks, the webmaster of the Northeast Region Order of the Arrow will be uploading a story written by past Lodge Chief and Section Chief, David Nguyen about his experiences at the Northern Tier High Adventure base. It is a great honor for someone to be asked to write for this website. Please

check out the website at the Link below.

Section Website: <http://ne2b.theonehiding.net/>
Northeast Region OA: <http://www.northeast.oa-bsa.org/>
National Order of the Arrow: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/>

Joining the Lowwapanu e-group is easy just send a blank e-mail to 191-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Lodge Dues & Event Registration Form

Name: _____

_____ Youth

_____ Adult

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

_____ Ordeal

_____ Brotherhood

_____ Vigil

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

Lodge ID: _____

(Found on Mailing Label)

Dues:

I want to pay my dues: _____ years x \$ 7.00 per year = \$ _____

Spring Ordeal: _____ people x \$17.00 = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:
Lowwapaneu Lodge 191

After completing this form please mail it to:
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Holiday Banquet 2004

Name: _____

_____ Youth

_____ Adult

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

_____ Ordeal

_____ Brotherhood

_____ Vigil

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

Lodge ID: _____

Holiday Banquet: _____ people x \$17.00 = \$ _____

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February 23, 2005

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November 24, 2004 (Scout Service Center)- Lodge Elections

Other:

December 29, 2004

January 23, 2005

Holiday Banquet, Golden Palace, Wilkes-Barre

Lodge Leadership Development Conference, SSTC