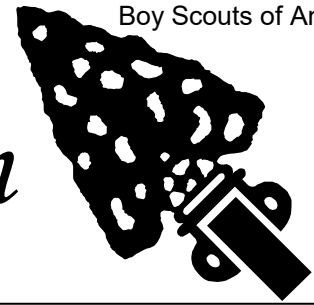


The Chippewan

The Voice of Chippewa Lodge



Chad Al-Dairy, Editor in Chief

August 2003

New Lodge Officers Elected

At the annual lodge membership meeting held June 1, 2003 at Lost Lake Scout Reservation the lodge elected new officers:

- Lodge Chief..... Jason Ciaramitaro
- Vice Chief-Administration..... Scott Mosley
- Vice Chief-Activities..... Marc Kalina
- Treasurer..... Bill Murray
- Secretary..... Brian Chrzanowski

The membership also voted to adopt the proposed new Lodge By-Laws which went into affect immediately. You can download a copy of the by-laws from the lodge website (chippewa29.cvc-bsa.org) or pick up a printed copy at the fall conclave.

Congratulations Jason, Scott, Marc, Bill, and Brian. We look forward to a great year under your leadership.

Fall Conclave in September

September 19, 20, and 21 our lodge will hold it's annual Fall Conclave at Camp Agawam. This conclave is our biggest Ordeal with many of the candidates who were elected last spring attending with the hopes of completing their Ordeal.

If you have been a member for the past 10 months it is a great time to seal your membership and undertake the Brotherhood.

The lodge is also looking for a few good Arrowmen who will serve as Elangomats for the Ordeal Candidates. Those wishing to be an Elangomat should plan to attend their chapter meeting on September 11 to get information and training.

The cost is \$25.00 for Ordeal Candidates, \$15.00 for members, \$10.00 for Elangomats. Add \$12.00 if you wish to become a Brotherhood member. Your registration (form included) should be mailed by September 15, 2003 to the Clinton Valley Council Office.

With everything that is going on at this conclave if you consider yourself an active Arrowman you will definitely be there and if you're thinking, "What is this OA thing, what makes it so popular, and why should I get involved?" then this is the time to find out. So come to Camp Agawam, bring your work clothes, and be ready to join in on the fun.

Chippewa Lodge website:
<http://chippewa29.cvc-bsa.org>

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Event Registration Form

Name of event: **Fall Conclave** Date of event: **September 19, 20, & 21, 2003**

Please fill in all blanks and print clearly

Name _____ Unit _____ Birth Date _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ District/Chapter _____ Boy Scout Rank _____

Members: Ordeal _____ Brotherhood _____ Vigil Honor _____
 (Date: Month/Year) (Date: Month/Year) (Date: Month/Year)

**Registration Fee: \$25.00/ Ordeal Candidates, \$15.00/ members, \$10.00/ Elangomats.
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*Please fill out this portion if the applicant is 18 or younger, *all fill out Health Provider & Notification section.*

Scout name: _____ Age: _____
 Parents or guardians: _____

Please explain any special medical conditions that the adult leaders of this event should know of:

My son, named above, has my permission to attend this event. In the event of any emergency, the adult leader in charge has my permission to arrange for medical service and admission without incurring personal liability. In the event of illness or accident during this event, I request that measures be instituted without delay as the judgment of medical personnel dictates.

Signature: _____ * Health care provider: _____
 Policy number: _____

*In case of emergency this weekend and I am unreachable, notify the following person:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____
 Phone number: (____) _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Secretary's Page Brian Chrzanowski, Lodge Secretary

Calling all Troop Representatives:

If you are the Order of the Arrow Troop Representative for your troop, here are some questions you should ask yourself to reflect on your service over the past year:

- Do the chapter officers in my chapter know I am a Troop Representative?
- Did I assist the Chapter in scheduling and conducting a unit election this past spring?
- Did I promote lodge registration and the paying of lodge dues within my troop?
- Did I assist Ordeal members within my troop in obtaining Brotherhood membership?
- Do I promote camping and the Scouting spirit within my troop?

Every troop and chapter should take full advantage of the Troop Representative program. If you are interested in becoming a Troop Representative, speak with your chapter officers for more information.

The Top 10 reasons to be an Elangomat at the Fall Conclave.

By Brian Chrzanowski

- 10) You know what's going to happen and when it's going to happen
 - 9) It gives you an opportunity to create a meaningful experience for the new candidates.
 - 8) You can see the ceremonies again because you were too tired and confused when you went through them as a candidate
 - 7) You get a cool "limited addition" patch
 - 6) Instead of doing the dirty work, you "supervise"
 - 5) You don't have to bother setting up a tent in the dark on Friday night.
 - 4) It's a great way to stay on your diet
 - 3) You can rest your voice so you can sing louder after dinner
 - 2) It costs less for the weekend
- ... and the number one reason for being an Elangomat at Fall conclave is: you get to be at the front of the line for dinner.

Those wishing to be an Elangomat should plan to attend their chapter meeting on September 11 to get information and training.

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Lodge Recognitions

By Brian Chrzanowski

With the Fall Conclave just around the corner, I thought it would be a good idea to explain the various lodge awards for which Arrowmen can be nominated. It is important for everyone to know that any Arrowman may submit a nomination for any of the awards. A recognitions committee comprised of a representative from each chapter chooses recipients of these awards in a meeting on the Saturday of conclave.

Vigil Honor

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout Camp. Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered lodge is eligible for recommendation to the national Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years.

The Founder's Award

A national award created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

O. D. Bostwick Award

A lodge award for outstanding and distinguished service to the camping program of Clinton Valley Council. This award may be presented to anyone who is deserving of recognition (This includes non-members of the OA).

Nominations

Nominations forms can be found on the lodge website (chippewa29.cvc-bsa.org) or by contacting the Lodge Secretary (Brian Chrzanowski) or Staff Adviser (Dave Eyl). Nominations should be turned into council office by September 15, 2003 or at the Fall Conclave registration desk on Friday September 19, 2003.

Evan's Message.....By Evan Lowe

Hey you guys..., I hope that the summer months are doing you well, I know I'm having a blast – sleeping 'til dinner, sitting on the couch, doing whatever. But the sad fact is that summer is coming to an end. School is going to start back up and so is our beloved little circle of brothers. Fall conclave is coming, so I'll tell you now, its gonna be wicked fun. All of the officers have been busting their hump to plan and prepare for it, there are over 200 candidates this year and we really need your help. I hope to see all of you, or at least 100 or so members out at Agawam to help out. If you are a new member or just haven't gotten involved, this is the time to do it!!! Conclaves are a lot more fun as a member, you have the opportunity to get involved in ceremonies, as an Elanomat, a whole bunch of stuff, even just chilling out and having fun.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in the upcoming year; we're going to have so much fun we won't know what to do.

Well, I have to get back to napping now, but I know everyone will go to your Chapter Meetings on September 11 and I'll see you at the Conclave. Keep on truckin'~

Adviser's Five

Matthew Scott

Lodge Adviser

It has come to my attention, that there were some problems with our trail crew program this last summer. Because of the lack of participation the second week had to be cancelled. I will be the first to admit that I am guilty of not putting any hours in on the trail. Tim O'Day, Tim Konrad and Marc Robling have shouldered most of this burden. A lot of us have donated resources. However, what the trail needs is bodies to do the work of completing and thereafter maintaining it. We made a commitment as a Lodge to build and maintain a trail at Lost Lake (a trail that bears our name) and that is what we must do. We have set Spring Conclave 2004 as the Official ribbon cutting Ceremony. We will need to plan a date this fall for a work weekend to complete the trail. Please talk to your chapter officers about planning this weekend. We will need all the support we can to finish the job that we started.

On a lighter note Fall Conclave is coming are your nominations in? Remember nominations will be voted on for O.D. Bostwick, Founders Award and Vigil on conclave weekend. Put some thought behind these and let's try and recognize **all those** that are deserving. There are some in our lodge that do a lot of stuff behind the scenes and may have been overlooked for one reason or another. Consider your choices well my Brothers and let us recognize those that think not of themselves first, but of their Brothers.

Dave Eyl

Lodge Staff Adviser

A huge thank you to all of the Arrow men that assisted with the Cub Scout outdoor program this summer. Many of you staffed Cub Scout Day Camp, Cub Parent weekend or family camping events. These Cub Scouts are the future of our lodge, who knows, you may have encouraged that future Lodge Chief to stick with the program and enter Boy Scouts. The Cub Scouts and their parents gave all of you rave reviews on your performance. All of you helped the lodge greatly by promoting the lodge in a positive light, again thanks.

If you are an Ordeal member reading this newsletter turn to the section on the challenges of Brotherhood. Take a good look at yourself and think about sealing your membership in the order. If you do not have 10 months in as an Ordeal member consider sealing your membership at the Spring Conclave. As for the rest of you, the Brotherhood and Vigil Honor members should encourage our Ordeal members to become Brotherhood members. You will be performing a service to the lodge as you help retain members and keep them active. You will be assisting the lodge in meeting a Quality Lodge requirement as well.

As we enter this fall we have plenty of opportunity ahead of us. A Fall Conclave, staffing the Popcorn Warehouse, Fall Fellowship/Vigil Weekend, and the Annual Dinner. Ensure that you make the most of these events and as you do you will have a better understanding of the true meaning of the order.

If you require anything from me feel free to e-mail me at orc@allthe.org council office, otherwise I hope to see all of you at the Fall Conclave.

2003-2004 LODGE AND CHAPTER OFFICERS

2003-2004 Macomb Officers

Chief	Jason Boechler	586-783-
V/C Adm.	Garrett Murray	586-286-
V/C Act.	Mike McCormick.....	586-783-
Sec/Tres	Mike Alberts	586-465-
Adviser.....	Rev. John Rogers	586-463-
Adviser.....	Robert Lord	586-949-

2003-2004 Pon-Man Officers

Chief	Steve Morehead.....	248-693-
V/C Adm.	Ryan Hinze.....	248-628-
V/C Act.	Shane Moore	248-475-
Sec/Tres	Phil Hall	248-693-
Adviser.....	Dave Muir.....	248-681-
Adviser	Gary Morehead	248-693-

2003-2004 Ojibwa Officers

Chief.....	Pete Holland	248-652-
V/C Adm.....	Justin Reed	248-652-
V/C Act	Justin Coluzzi	586-254-
Sec/Tres	C.J. McNutt	248-299-
Adviser	David J. Kiger	586-268-
Adviser	Perry Reed	248-601-

2003-2004 Lodge Officers

Chief	Jason Ciaramitaro.....	248-478-
V/C Adm	Scott Moseley	248-828-
V/C Act	Marc Kalina	248-684-
Secretary	Brian Chrzanski.....	248-363-
Treasurer.....	Bill Murray	248-685-
Past Chief.....	Sean McGee	248-473-

2003-2004 Lodge Advisers

Lodge Adviser	Matthew Scott	248-624-
Assoc. Adviser.....	Jay Jackson	586-264-
Assoc. Adviser.....	Marc Robling.....	248-661-
Finance.....	Paul Ruzinsky	586-781-
Historian	David P. Kiger	586-268-
Records	Tom Radford.....	248-363-
Publications	Chuck Williams	248-353-
Website	David J. Kiger	586-268-
Staff Adviser	Dave Eyl	248-338-
A. Staff Adviser.....	Jake Kraus	248-563-

2003-2004 Ottawa Officers

Chief.....	Evan Lowe	248-360-
V/C Adm.....	Sam Haapenami.....	248-476-
V/C Act.....	Josh Roma	248-471-
Sec/Tres.....	Jacob Richardson.....	248-486-
Adviser	Jim Ciaramitaro	248-478-
Adviser	Sheila Bettelon.....	248-648-

Active Membership

When you were elected to the Order of the Arrow the members of your troop were saying that you are one of their best. They acknowledged your achievements as a Scout Camper and wanted to recognize you with the distinction of Order of the Arrow membership.

You then undertook the Ordeal and became a member of the Order of the Arrow and as a bonus; you were given membership in Chippewa Lodge #29. You should consider these two memberships as separate matters. You will always be a member of the Order of the Arrow as long as you maintain membership with the Boy Scouts of America. However, to be a member of Chippewa Lodge #29 you need to register and pay an annual dues of \$10.00.

Membership in Chippewa Lodge provides you with many benefits such as the ability to participate at chapter, lodge, section, and national activities. You receive this and other publications, and you have the privilege of wearing our Chippewa Lodge pocket flap. Yes, if your membership in Chippewa Lodge expires you are no longer eligible to wear items that identify you as a member of our lodge (because you are not a member of our lodge).

So, have you paid your dues? You can check the status of your dues by turning to page 8 and there is a message printed below and to the left of your name and address. If you owe 2003 dues and want to reinstate your membership you can do this at the Fall Conclave or call Brian Chrzanski (Lodge Secretary) or Tom Radford (Lodge Records Adviser) or you can download the form and mail it in from the lodge website (<http://chippewa29.cvc-bsa.org>).

BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

Calling all Ordeal Members! The next stage in your membership is to learn more about the Order and make a commitment to serve the lodge. It is time to seal your membership.

The Fall Conclave is an excellent time to undertake your Brotherhood membership. Many Scouts who join the Order say to themselves that after a while they would like to get more active in the lodge. Well, what are you waiting for?

Brotherhood membership is for those Ordeal members who have successfully met the five challenges and announce that they are ready. The challenges are:

CHALLENGE 1

Memorize the following signs of Order of the Arrow Membership.

- The Obligation of the Order
- The Order of the Arrow Official Song
- The Admonition
- The sign of Ordeal membership
- The Arrow handclasp

CHALLENGE 2

Gain a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed.

CHALLENGE 3

Serve your unit. Retain your registration in Scouting.

CHALLENGE 4

Retain your registration in your Order of the Arrow lodge and keep your dues paid. Be aware that acceptance of Brotherhood membership involves a pledge of service to the lodge. Develop a concrete idea of how you plan to fulfill this pledge.

CHALLENGE 5

When you earnestly feel that you have met the four challenges above, write a letter to your lodge or chapter secretary (depending on who is administering the induction).

HELP! HELP! HELP!

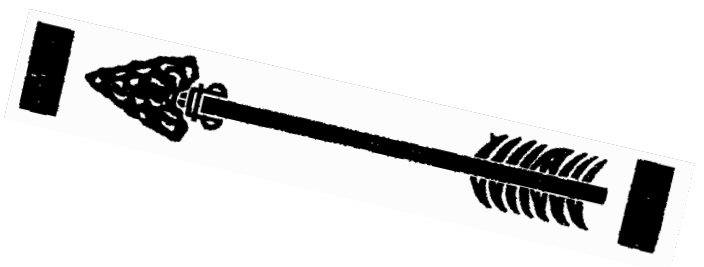
There are of course lots of ways to get help in meeting these challenges. Talk to other Brotherhood or Vigil Honor members. These brothers will be happy to sit and discuss the Order and the Brotherhood challenges with you. Going to a Chapter meeting and discussing your questions is a first rate way to get information.



Jumpstart is a national guide to orienting new members who are Ordeal to become Brotherhood. The program is available on the national OA web site. You can go online and click around to learn about how to meet the challenges. Check it out at: www.oa-bsa.org (there is a password to get in so you will need your handbook).

Finally, there is the old fashion way, read the handbook that was given to you when you became an Ordeal member. All the information for becoming a Brotherhood member is there.

No excuses, there are lots of opportunity here, so get busy and meet those challenges. Seal your membership now.



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April 2004	3/1/2004	April 1, 2004 Spring Conclave Registration
June 2004	5/27/2004	June 20, 2004 Year End Wrap-up/ New Officers
August 2004	7/1/2004	August 1, 2004 Fall Conclave Registration

{these dates are all subject to change}

LODGE CALENDAR 2003

August	
.....	Summer Camp at Lost Lake
21	Fall Program Launch
28	Exec Board Meeting
September	
11	Chapter Meetings
19-21	Fall Conclave, Agawam
28	Exec Board Meeting
October	
9	Chapter Meetings
23	Exec Board Meeting
31-Nov. 2	Fall Fellowship
November	
1-2	Vigil Inductions
13	Chapter Meetings
20	Exec Board Meeting
December	
6	Annual Dinner
11	Chapter Meetings
18	Exec Board Meeting