



The Chippewan

The Voice of

Alexander Kwapis, Editor in Chief

December 1999

The Oak and Pine

It is easy to forget, my brothers, that we have pledged ourselves to the ideals of the Order of the Arrow for life.

As Allowat Sakima says in the Ordeal ceremony, 'membership in our Order is given, not only for what you have done but for what you are expected to do in the future, for your journey is just beginning.' Thus, our beliefs are not mere words we recite in the obligation, but they are a way of life dedicated to cheerful service to others.

Let us hearken back to the night of your Pre-Ordeal Ceremony and recall the challenges of the Ordeal. I am certain you have forgotten how you stood in front of the four principle characters at your pre-ordeal ceremony--a little nervous, a little excited: perhaps you had difficulty concentrating on the words spoken.

Nutiket, the Guard, asked you to think back on your scouting career and urged you to build upon the fire of cheerfulness within you. He challenged you to, "eat nothing but the scant food you will be given": you submitted yourself to the test of self denial. As a symbol of cheerfulness, Nutiket flexed a bow above his head, saying "test yourselves, and so discover that

cheerful heart is as lively as this bow-wood, under hardship." I now ask you, are you always cheerful?

Next, Metu, the Medicine Man, bid you to strictly keep a pledge of silence, for 'hours spent in thoughtful silence help us make the right decisions more than days and days of talking"; he further explained that the Order. would admit only those who are, "determined to fulfill its obligations out of love for one another." Metu then produced a bowstring and told you that the pledge of silence would 'bind you each to every other'; you and the other candidates were bound in brotherhood. Are you still loyal in brotherhood? Then, Allowat Sakima, the Mighty Chief, exhorted you to "spend the day in arduous labor working gladly...

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Thoughts From The Editor...

For this months Editors comments, a.k.a. "Lodge Secretaries smack down session." I will be giving you what I think is an inspirational quote and a short comment. This quote has always touched something in my heart and I hope it will in yours. "If you think you can, your right. If you think you cannot, your still right." And now for the comment, I applaud all of you that wrote articles, without you this Chippewan couldn't be possible.

Yours in cheerful editing,
Alexander I. Kwapis

Lodge Secretary

Tim Konrad, is Chippewa Lodge 29's Treasurer and my good friend,he gave me a C For this months Editors comments, a.k.a. Lodge Secretaries smack down session.



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The Voice of Chippewa Lodge

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The Chippewan
Alexander Kwapis



Macomb News

To all those Macomb members, please the Lodge needs your participation, and so does your Chapter. For your Chapter to be great again it needs you. It will not just all of a sudden appear all great and mighty. No. It needs YOU the Order of the Arrow member with an attitude. The one in the troop who knows how to get stuff done. If you want to have fun at Macomb Chapter meetings then why don't you do something about it? Now I have seen lots of you so called Arrowmen strutting around with your Chippewa Lodge 29 flap on your right pocket. And that is when I think to myself why haven't I seen you around. Then I remember that you are too good to go to conclaves, Chapter meetings, Executive board meetings. And even other activities like C-2A. So please for the sake of the Lodge your chapter and all that is good on gods green earth. **Be an active member!**

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The Bear Facts

time.

Greetings Fellow Arrowmen,

I am looking foreword to a great year in Ojibwa. We made over \$200 at the trading post at the Ojibwa Fall Camporee at Camp Agawam that was held on Oct. 22, 23, and 24.

In the planning stages, is a fellowship at *Planet Rock* sometime in November. I hope to see all our members at our chapter meetings. They're on the second Thursday of the month at roundtable, at Eppler Jr. High in Utica, at 7 pm. We will have a quality time, eating pizza and planning cool stuff. So come on out and maybe even sign up for a committee job, or just help out and have a good

Chief's Message

The Ojibwa Officers



1999-2000 Ojibwa Officers

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A Message from the Vice Chief...

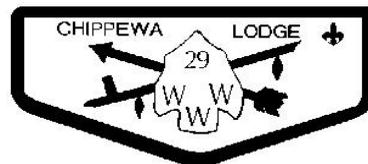
I'm Andrew Vice-chief Activities of Ojibwa. Our Ceremonies are together and are doing well. We have a full team for Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal. We also have the capability of having a brotherhood team by this spring conclave. But please don't fret we still want YOU! For our ceremonies team or you could even sign up for a committee chair and work with me. See you all later.

Vice Chief Activities
Andrew Schneider

Bill's Meandering Gibberish

Brothers,
Once again our meetings have begun. I'd encourage all members of the Ojibwa Chapter to regularly attend the meeting, which are held at round table. Why do you ask? First we have greasy pizza, which after recent studies has been found to raise sex appeal, wink, wink, nod, nod. Secondly we have a cardboard cutout of a woman, and you don't. Finally, you will expand your knowledge of Order of the Arrow happenings and help plan future events. Hope to see you there.

Bill Fumerola



Hello Brothers,

Although the Chippewan may say we meet at one place, but we actually meet at the First Presbyterian Church on eleven mile and Farmington Road. But we will be moving around back and forth for some months but we will tell you about that at later dates. This will be a fun filled year with plenty of opportunities for each member to shine. Already we have a Chief Pontiac Trail Winter Trek planned, but I can only accept twelve members. That is open not only for Ottawa members but also to the entire Lodge. Remember I can only take twelve members right now.

**Chief's
Message**

Otta-Flash

Sean McGee

Ottawa Chief



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A Message from the

Vice Chief...

Hello and welcome to the new and old members of Chippewa Lodge 29. I would just like to say the conclave went great and I hope to see you all soon at upcoming meetings. For all you guys and gals in Ottawa we will be meeting at different places so, make sure you know where you are supposed to be before leaving your doorstep (call me for directions). I invite you to come on down to the next meeting and I hope to see you all there. It'll be funky.

Jason Ciaramitaro

Vice Chief of Administration

Murray's Memo

Northern Tier High Adventure Base is now even better than ever. Starting this year they are offering a new program to scouts specifically Arrowmen. It is a OA trek. That's right folks, contingents made up of Order of the Arrow members only are starting to dot the horizon. Lodges are asked to call up and inquire about this. They have really cool patches that you get for participating in the program. They even have the Charles I. Summers patch overlaid with the cool new symbol on top. It does look really cool people, trust me. So if you would like to do this just contact me and I'll see what I can do.

Bill Murray

V/C Activities

Otta-Flash *Continued.....*

Zorro Rides Again

Hello all you new members now that you are here you need something to do. Come join ceremonies! You came, you saw, and I know you said "Hey, that's for me." So show up to your local chapter meeting and join a team. Who knows maybe you could find me. Do ceremonies, it's where it is at. We got two turntables, and a microphone, and pizza too. It's a lot of fun and a guaranteed good time, or my name isn't John Q. Funk.

Thomas "Zorro" McGee



Notice:

Like all good organizations it can not get any better with out your help. So, Do not forget to sign up for an office or a committee chair at your nearest chapter meeting. Also don't forget to nominate people for awards. Without you nominating them they can not get the recognition they deserve.



The Pon-Man Express

Hello to all of you out there,

Oh how I love to write articles for this fine publication. I think everyone should enjoy this great honor. As one can see. This is easy to do, after all this article was written on a styro foam cup during the dinner. We often have trouble getting articles, why? Because you are all lazy!!! It would be nice to have a publication full of fascinating articles, instead of a dinky newsletter with nothing but run of the mill news. Please help make this publication great. So go out and write some great articles for the Chippewan.

Yours in service,

Jake Kraus

Come one down to our chapter meetings for fun and fellowship. Remember that we are always looking for arrowmen to help us in Committees, Officer positions, or even ceremony spots. So, come on down to our next meeting and bring your self and some ideas. We will have a good old time.

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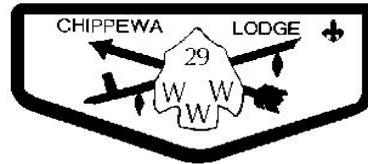
On the Chippy Trail

Many things happened this past summer. We cried, we laughed, and some of us tried to build a trail. But with the low number of OA members attending it was difficult, almost an Ordeal, but in the end we accomplished quite a bit. We over came huge obstacles and finished a good portion of the trail. At the same time a few people might have ruined it for us all. Let's hear some of the things some Arrowmen have to say:

From Ojibwa:

Brothers, If you didn't already know, our Lodge was out blazing the Chippy trail at Lost Lake during the end of July, and the beginning of August. We had a great time up there! Our activities included a swim at Big Dollar Lake, a visit to the sweat lodge at Indian camp, and even some climbing. But it wasn't all fun and games, we blazed almost half of the 10 mile trail around Lost Lake. But it was worth it, because when you go back there you can say "Check this out, I made this trail". Overall it was a quality time, and I plan on being a trail crew member next year.

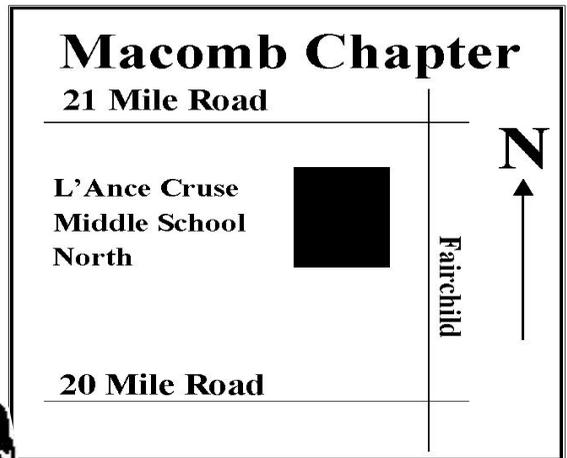
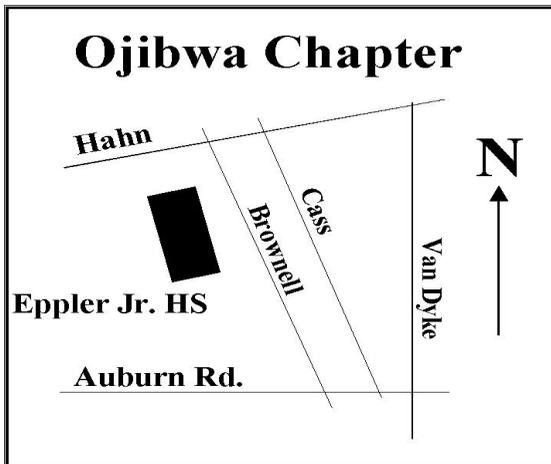
Yours in Service,
Nick Hochevar



My experience as a trail-crew member was great. In my personal opinion I think working on the Unnamed Trail is the greatest experience a person can have in the Order. This two-week adventure was lead by Jamie Wright. Although I wasn't able to attend the first week he accomplished a lot with his companion John Shepp. They did a lot of preparation work for the trail. The second week five more members joined the team of two: Alex Kwapis, Matt Jones, Tim Konrad, Nick Hochevar, and myself, Dennis Fiore, to make a total of seven. We where also joined by non-Arrowmen and Arrowmen volunteers. During the week we were included on many of the Summer Camp functions such as: Cope, Campfires, and Ceremonies too. We had a lot of fun all the while accomplishing a lot. I'm looking to participating in this again. Hopefully more youth and adult members will come up. The Trail head that we where making will be hopefully done next year. When the trail is done it will be a trail in the shape of a figure eight. On this figure eight trail you could bike and/or hike, and maybe one day canoe around the rivers and lakes there.

Dennis Fiore
Ojibwa's Sec/Tres

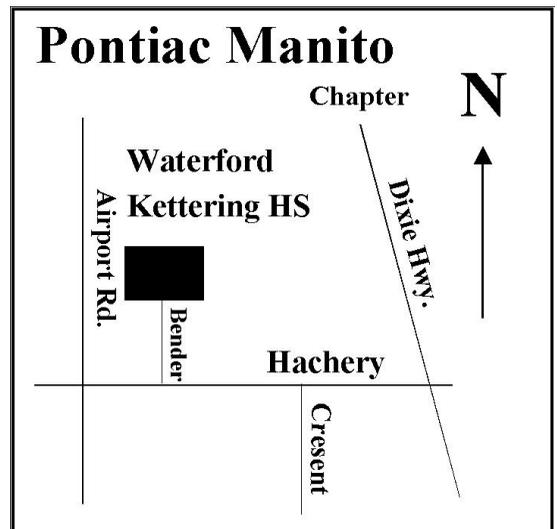
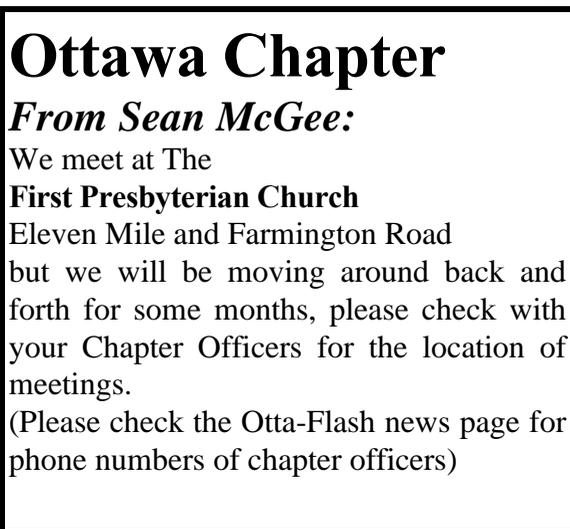
Maps To Chapter Meetings



Call your chapter Chief to get exact



dates and times for your chapter meetings



Chippewa Lodge # 29 T-Shirt and Jacket Order Form

Troop Number _____ **Chapter/District** _____ **Phone #** _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

E-mail _____ **Member Number** _____

Jackets
 M to XL Quantity _____ X \$40.00 = _____
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 Jacket Size (s) _____

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 M to XL Quantity _____ X \$15.00 = _____
 XXL to 4XL Quantity _____ X \$20.00 = _____
 T-Shirt Size (s) _____

Golf Shirts
 M to XL Quantity _____ X \$18.00 = _____
 XXL to 4XL Quantity _____ X \$23.00 = _____
 Golf Shirt Size (s) _____

Paid: _____ **Date:** _____
Received by: _____ **Date:** _____



Order of the Arrow, Chippewa Lodge #29 W.W.W.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Dues are \$6.00 (from Nov 1 to Jan 31) \$ 7.00 after Jan 31

Name:	D00	Member No.:
Address:		Birth Date: / /
City:	St:	Zip Code:
Telephone: ()	email:	Rank at Induction:

Ordeal Date: / /	Brotherhood Date: / /	Vigil Date: / /
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Unit:	Chapter:	Today's Date: / /
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Lodge Treasurer **Lodge Secretary**

Please give this form with cash or check to your chapter secretary/treasurer or the Lodge Secretary or the Lodge Treasurer or mail to the Council Service Center or pay at the Trading Post.

Note: The final destination for this form is the Lodge Secretary who will record this information in the Lodge data base

Make Checks payable to: Clinton Valley Council Mark: O-A Dues #1-2371-600-00

COMMITTEES

With all the talk about becoming active, here is a list and description ' of the committees that you can take part in.

CAMP PROMOTIONS

The camp promotions committee operates during the months of OCT. thru MAY. The purpose of this committee is to promote camping. The main focus is on our council camps but promotional material also includes other councils' camps and state parks. You can participate by visiting a Troop in your chapter and showing the LLSR video and passing out promotional information.

UNIT ELECTIONS

The Unit Elections committee operates during the months of JAN. thru MAR. The purpose of this committee is to preside over O-A elections. It is important to have an election in every troop. Without Unit Elections our lodge will not exist. You can participate by visiting a Troop in your chapter and conducting an O-A election.

ELANGOMAT

The Elangomat committee operates year round, but mostly at the spring and fall conclaves. The purpose of this committee is to lead clan through their ordeal and keep their clans informed of chapter and lodge events. You can participate by being an Elangomat at an ordeal (it is a good way to review for your brotherhood questionnaire).

CEREMONIES

The Ceremonies committee operates year round but the main performances are at the spring and fall conclaves. The main purpose of this committee is to perform the O-A Induction ceremonies. There is also competition at section conclaves and the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). You can participate by learning one of the parts (this committee is, in my opinion, the most fun). Recognition, Brotherhood, Vigil, Publications and Special Committees take place at the Lodge level and the committee does most of the work. Sometimes the committee chairman calls special meetings which require at least one member from each chapter for representation on the committee. Your chapter chief will let you know if you will be needed to serve on one of these committees. And now the most important information in the article if you want to become active and participate on a committee you MUST attend your chapter meetings.

Visit the Chippewa Lodge Web Site:

“ A day in the life of Sean McGee ”

With the sash on Sean puts his cloths on over the sash and gets ready for school. Upon his arrival he is immediately surrounded by a flock of beautiful yelling women. This article is a shot-out to all those new inducted Ordeal members who wonder what happens at an Ottawa Chapter meeting. In order to find out I Edwin M. Robling followed around the “chief” Sean McGee. The day before a typical meeting. 7:00 am- With a click of Sean’s alarm clock, the Doors “break on throw” begins. Immediately Sean jumps up and is awoken to the poetic melody. Walking to the shower Sean begins to belt out the theme from Shaft, a popular show in the 70’s. He then walks to the Ottawa Maximum Security Safe and unlocks it, next he skillfully pulls out the Ottawa Sash from the safe. He puts on the sash, flexes his biceps and yells a “d@m% I’m smooth.” Pushing them aside he makes his way

towards the school. Stopping only to sign autographs for his favorite ladies. After he makes it into the school. Sean starts out the day by mentally preparing for the invigorating meeting that will be held that night. During English class he writes his agenda. Just after school Sean tries to make a daring escape from the foaming crowd of people. As he begins to run form the flock of people a limo pulls up. Seam jumps into the limo just as it begins to pull away. As to not be engulfed in the crowd of the masses. On the way home Sean stops at his favorite bar and gets a few drinks (Pepsi of course). Arriving at the meeting a red carpet is unrolled and Sean steps out. Be there at your next Chapter meeting to find out what happens next...

By Edwin M. Robling

The 54th. Annual Dinner

and

Lodge Meeting

December 11th 1999

Doors Open at 6:30 pm

Dinner Served at 7:00 pm

at

First Presbyterian Church

Corner of Farmington and 11 Mile

Hosted by The Ottawa Chapter

Tickets \$10

GREAT FUN FOR ALL ARROWMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Brotherhood Study Guide

With re-chartering coming up it is time for you to seal your membership in the Order by getting your brotherhood. To help you achieve Brotherhood use this study guide. For even more information read your Order of the Arrow handbook.

On the Trail to Brotherhood

Your completion of the Ordeal sets you on the next part of your "long and toilsome journey": at least ten months of active preparation for sealing your membership in the Brotherhood ceremony. The Ordeal has introduced you to the mysteries of the Arrow. Now, during your service as an Ordeal member, you have ample opportunity to increase your knowledge of the Arrow and to make it work for you. This reading provides all the basic information you will need during this important time. Your brothers in the Order stand ready to help also, and you should take advantage of their support whenever possible.

The Challenges of Brotherhood Membership

You must meet five challenges before you can enter the Circle of the Brotherhood. The first of these you should meet now. The next three require steady effort over a period of many months. The last challenge you must meet after you are satisfied that you are meeting the first four.

1. Memorize the signs of Arrow membership. Memorize of the Obligation of the Sakima. Also, memorize the Order of the Arrow Official Song, the Admonition, the sign of Ordeal membership, and this Arrow handclasp.

2. Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal. Gain a through understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed.

3. Serve your unit. Retain your registration in Scouting. During a period of at least ten months, strive to fulfill your Obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your own troop, crew, or post.

4. Plan for service in your lodge. 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.

5. Review your progress. When you earnestly feel that you have met the four challenges above, write a letter to your lodge secretary this pledge.

Explain what you think the Obligation means.

Describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your troop or post and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in this service.

Describe your specific plans for giving service in the lodge program. Include with this letter your advance registration and fees for the next Brotherhood ceremony according to the instructions giving by the Lodge.



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Purpose of Brotherhood Membership

From the inception of the Order in 1915; it was intended that all members should be of the same rank or standing. Brotherhood membership does not carry with it any degree of rank, status, or special privilege within the lodge. It is not to be thought of as a separate honor in the same sense as the Vigil Honor. Except for making the necessary arrangements for Brotherhood ceremonies, it is not necessary for Brotherhood members to meet as a separate group. Social and service activities are not held for Brotherhood members apart from other members of the lodge. The Brotherhood is an opportunity for members to evaluate their past contributions to Scouting and the lodge and to reaffirm their belief in the high purpose of the Order. The ceremony is intended as a source of inspiration, motivating its members to render even greater service to Scouting. ←

The Oak and Pinecontinued

and thus be faithful to the high ideals and purpose of the order of the arrow.' You were then offered an opportunity to turn back and decline the ordeal; yet you accepted the challenge by testing the bow. Allowat Sakima had united the bow of cheerfulness and the bow-string of brotherhood for the purpose of service, and he drew an arrow from his quiver, just as you were selected from your fellow scouts to be a member of the order of the arrow. He concluded with the wise "He who follows such a path in unwavering cheerful service will be seen by many others and, by inspiration, lead them." Are you dedicated to the service of others?

Finally, Kithkinet, the Guide, nocked the arrow, aimed high, and loosed it upon a

loftly journey. The flight of the arrow is like the path of the leader who dedicates himself to selfless service to others. Kithkinet then challenged you to sleep alone that night, and he warned you, "All your strength will be required when you face the isolation, which a leader often faces." You see, Kithkinet was urging you to become a true leader in the "brighter, greater beauty in a life of cheerful service." Are you such a leader?

These, my brothers, are the tests of the Ordeal. And so are they the tests of life, for the Ordeal does not last just one week-end, but it lasts for the rest of our days. We must be ever resolute in the lofty ideals of our Order. Through the test of the Ordeal--silence, self-denial, arduous labor, and isolation--we are exposed to the ideals of the Order: Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, Service, and Leadership. You will notice that the ideals of the Order of the Arrow are little more than an extension of the Scout Oath and Law.

My Brothers, I challenge you: Strive to be loyal, loving, and a brother to all. Be unwavering in cheerfulness, "even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities", as we say in the obligation. Give of yourself to serve your fellow man; "ease the burdens from the shoulders of your fellow scouts" says Allowat Sakima in the Ordeal ceremony. Prove yourself to be a true leader in all actions and words and in your relationships with all people. These ideals are our common bond, my.....

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Advisor's Five

My Brothers,
As your Lodge Adviser, one of my responsibilities to the lodge is to ensure that we have enough Advisers to help the youth members in their duties. We can only do this if we have enough adults to advise the Lodge and the Chapter officers and committee chairman.

How can you help?

You can set a good example of leadership while fulfilling your obligation to the Order of the Arrow by volunteering to join the Chippewa Lodge Advisers Corps.

What does this mean?

Well, you can help on the chapter level by advising a Chapter officer of chairman of Units Elections. You can also help by working on kitchen staff, grouping together to form adult work details of becoming an Elangomat during Spring and Fall Conclaves.

What's in it for you?

A warm fuzzy feeling of satisfaction that comes from helping our younger leaders. You also get to wear the Chippewa Lodge Adviser Corps Patch. It's not warm, only slightly fuzzy, but it's really nifty and only cost a couple of dollars.

Want to know more?

Attend your Chapter Meeting and talk to the Chapter Adviser.

Tom Nash

Lodge Adviser

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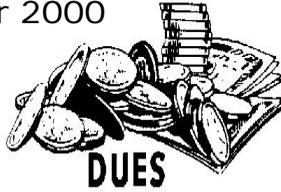
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Pay Your 2000

Pay your dues.

Dues are part of the operating funds for the Lodge. To be a member of the



Lodge you need to pay your dues. To participate in Lodge activities, to get a Chippewan and to hold a Lodge or Chapter office you must pay your Lodge Dues. So fill out the Dues Registration form on the *Chippewan* Insert and Enclose a Check for \$6 (after January 31, 2000 the cost will be \$7) and mail to the Council Service Center. You can also pay at your chapter meetings, in person at the Council Service Center or at the Lodge Annual Dinner on December 11, 1999. Be sure

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to get a receipt when you pay your dues, just in case you don't receive your Membership Card or The *Chippewan*. If that happens contact the Lodge Secretary and the situation will be corrected.

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brothers. Let nothing break this bond. Until next time, I exhort you, remember the Admonition, **Matt Nash** Wischiki Nachgohuman

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