CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Who had fun at the Spring Lodge weekend? From a participation and from an inductions perspective it was a huge success. And I believe we have the momentum we need to attain our Journey to Excellence goals this year!

In the coming weeks Lodge officers and committee chairs will develop backdating calendars for their roles so that we can make sure necessary tasks and communications and are carried out.

Meanwhile, Chapters should focus on membership. Schedule elections for units that haven’t had them. Contact members who haven’t paid their dues. Call Ordeal candidates and Brotherhood eligible members and urge them to attend the next Inductions Weekend.

Most importantly encourage other Arrowmen to get involved! We can only succeed through active participation!

SPRING WEEKEND RECAP

Thanks to all Lodge members who helped make this a successful Spring Inductions Weekend at Henson! We had sixty candidates complete their Ordeal and forty-three complete the Brotherhood ceremony. Two of our members, Lee Murdoch and Primus Poppiti, received the Vigil Honor. And Ed Rodichok was recognized with the Founder’s Award! Congratulations to everyone!

NENTEGO LODGE TRADE-O-REE

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 3 and come out to Rodney Scout Reservation from 9AM - 5PM for our Trade-O-Ree! Buy those patches you’ve always wanted but could never seem to find. Trade with other Scouts and Scouters. Meet new friends and enjoy fellowship with old ones. If you’ve never attended a Trade-O-Ree, come see what your missing. Admission is free and a Snack Bar will be on site. If you’d like to sell your patches and memorabilia, or team up with someone else to rent a table, contact nentegolodgestore@gmail.com. 5-foot round tables are only $10.00.

WAR OF 1812 HERITAGE TRAIL

Mark your calendars! The Historic Trails Committee will hold its second project on the War of 1812 Heritage Trail in Lewes, DE on Saturday, May 10. We will be meeting at the Lewes Public Library at 10:00 am and will depart between 10:30AM-11:00AM. The trail is about 8 miles long and passes the historic sites in Lewes. Anyone who hikes this trail can earn a patch.

SECTION NE-6A CONCLAVE

Conclave is almost here! For those new to the OA, Conclave is a gathering of all the Lodges in our Section, NE-6A, for a weekend of training, activities, ceremonies, competition, fellowship, food, and fun. This year’s “Rock ‘n’ Roll through the Ages”-themed Conclave will be hosted by Nentico Lodge at Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation the weekend of May 16-18. Cost is $37.00 until April 16, after which it increases to $45.00 (except for new Ordeal members). Share this event with all Arrowmen in your chapter and unit. For more information, visit www.ne6a.org, or register online at http://start.sectionmaster.org/102.

LEC MEETING & PREP DAY

The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) will meet at Rodney Scout Reservation at Noon on May 31, followed by a walk-through of the camp to prepare for the Summer Inductions Weekend. Any lodge member is welcome to attend the LEC as an observer. The Agenda will be distributed during the week beforehand.

STAY CONNECTED!

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2014 LODGE DUES

Have all of your unit and chapter’s OA members paid their 2014 Lodge dues? If not, please encouraged them to pay their 2014 dues and keep their membership in the lodge active. Members with expired dues may pay online at www.dmvc.org/oa/dues. If they didn’t pay their 2013 dues then they can reinstate their membership by paying for both 2013 and 2014!

CENTENNIAL UPDATE

A year-round theme will unite the Order in 2015. "Centuries of Service" has been declared the national centennial theme, celebrating the past 100 years while looking onward to the next century. This is not reflective of the NOAC 2015 theme, which has yet to be decided.

After months of deliberation, the Order of the Arrow’s centennial anniversary identity has been selected and approved by the national committee and the 100th Anniversary Task Force. The identity, which includes a totem and a logo, will commemorate the theme of our celebration, Centuries of Service.

A branding guide has been developed to help chapters, lodges and sections incorporate the centennial anniversary logo and totem into their memorabilia. We are excited to share this new resource and take one step closer to our year-long celebration happening in 2015. Please take a moment to download and review the Centennial branding guide at www.oa-bsa.org/uploads/events/100th/oa100thbrandguide.pdf.

NOAC 2015

54 Arrowmen have already registered for NOAC and filled one bus. We’re currently wait-listing additional registrants in the event that space opens up or we receive enough participants to open up a second bus. We have also added an option to allow additional adult participants to arrange their own transportation, food, and lodging for the trips to and from NOAC. This option includes the NOAC fee and contingent incidentals. More information about next year’s NOAC program will be released later this summer. Register at www.dmvc.org/oa.

SUMMER INDUCTIONS WEEKEND

June 6-8 is right around the corner! Join us at Rodney Scout Reservation for a weekend of fellowship, ceremonies, and meaningful service projects! This weekend is open to those newly elected to complete their Ordeal and also to current Ordeal members who wish to seal their membership by taking the Brotherhood. Register online and find more information at www.dmvc.org/oa.

GET INVOLVED!

One of our goals is to get every Arrowmen involved in the Lodge. One of the best ways to do that is to join one of our many operating committees. If you’re interested in working on a committee, or possibly serving as a committee Chairman or Adviser, please see a member of the Lodge Leadership Team.

2014 UNIT ELECTIONS

Did every unit in your Chapter have an OA election before the April weekend? If not, make an extra effort to schedule all of your Chapter’s remaining units within the next month so that new Candidates have the opportunity to complete their Ordeal at the June weekend! Call unit leaders or drop in at their next meeting...whatever it takes! New election forms are available on the Documents page of the Lodge website.

NEW FISH PIN REQUIREMENTS

Effective January 1 the requirements to earn our Black, Green, and Orange fish pins changed. Visit www.dmvc.org/oa and click on the Documents tab to download the forms for each of these participation awards so that you can track your progress during the remainder of this year.