



Moccasin Tracks



Fall 2008

Tisquantum Lodge OCC 164

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Vigil Nominations

Please note that anyone, even non-Arrowmen can nominate a person for the Vigil Honor.

The Vigil Honor is the highest level of membership in the Order of the Arrow; any brother who has been a Brotherhood member for at least two years is eligible. Youth and adults are both eligible.

Please find the Vigil Honor nomination form in this issue or ask your DE or Chapter Advisor for one. Please fill it out as completely as possible and PLEASE include a picture... The picture is very, very important.

Note: The Vigil Selection committee is made up of youth under the age of 21; they may be Vigil Honor members, Ordeal members or Brotherhood members who aren't yet eligible for the Vigil Honor.

National policy states that at least fifty percent of those elected must be under the age of twenty one.

Do not assume someone else wrote up the person you are thinking of.

John Larney, Lodge Advisor

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Events Calendar

November

10 – Lodge Exec Committee

December

6 – Lodge Leadership Development
8 – Lodge Exec Committee

January

5 – Lodge Banquet
12 – Lodge Exec Committee

February

9 – Lodge Exec Committee

March

9 – Lodge Exec Committee

April

13 – Lodge Exec Committee
TBA – Lodge Fellowship

May

11 – Lodge Exec Committee

June

8 – Lodge Exec Committee
12-14 – Section NE-1B Conclave



My Brothers,

As our ceremony focus shifts to the Cub Scout Arrow of Light and Cross Over Ceremonies, I invite you to prepare yourself and your chapter by participating in the Winter Ceremony Training. It will run from Friday Evening January 2, to Sunday Morning January 4th at Camp Squanto. We will cover ceremony basics, such as voice projection, speaking clearly, and body movements. We will practice with the drum, work on ceremony regalia, and in general have fun. If you enjoy trips where the adults cook for you, this is the trip to start your new year right! Check out the permission slip on the next page, and look at the lodge web page for more details, and I will see you at Camp! The sign-up form can be found later in the Moccasin Tracks.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Ryland Stevens
Lodge Ceremonies Chair
ceremonies@tisquantum.org



Lodge Website Update

Be sure to check out the lodge website: www.tisquantum.org. It has all the latest up to date information about all lodge activities. We also have a new online trading post for ordering patches. Go to the website and check it out.

Ordeal Weekends Wrap-up

I would like to start by thanking all of the Arrowmen that attended either the August or September Ordeal. Your service was greatly appreciated, and I hope you had a great time! Both weekends were great successes, even with the rain we had. Between the two ordeals, the lodge inducted around 300 new Arrowmen. There were a great number of Ordeal members that became Brotherhood members as well. In addition to the outstanding numbers of new members and Brotherhood conversions, there was a great deal of service performed by the Lodge for our council's summer camp, Camp Squanto.

In August, the usual task of "packing up" all of the tents in each of the campsites in camp was performed in a very timely manner. This involved untying all the tents, folding them, and stacking them in the Leader's Cabins. All of the bunks were also folded and stacked with the mattresses in the cabins with the tents. Another major project was the construction of a new shed on the shotgun range.

In September, there were many projects performed all over around Camp Squanto and beyond! Some of these projects included cleaning the interiors of many of the cabins in camp, removing cocoons from the exteriors of every cabin in camp, raking the shotgun range, clearing the fire pits in every campsite, and going out into the state forest to pick up trash along many different roads in the forest. However, the weekend's biggest project was the construction of a new storage building at the shotgun range.

Like I said at the beginning, the service performed by all who attended made all of this possible. There is a lot of behind the scenes work that goes on before and during events like this, so Chris and I, as Head Elangomats, would like to thank all of the Elangomats, Assistant Head Elangomats, Task Masters and Mrs. Martel, and Mr. Boudreau, who served as our advisor for the weekends. The other people who help the weekend run smoothly are the kitchen crew, the pit crew, and the ceremonies teams and rum team, so we would like to thank them. Chris and I would also like to thank the Camp Squanto ranger, Roland for his help in August and Dave Lynam for helping when Roland was unavailable in September. We would also like to thank Roland for all the work he does year-round to improve the camp for anyone who visits. I encourage all new and existing members to get involved in your chapter and in the lodge. The Order of the Arrow presents so many opportunities to all Arrowmen, and the best way to take advantage of these opportunities is to get involved!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Charles McCawley
September 2008 Head Elangomat

From the Lodge Chief



Fellow Arrowmen,

I would like to start by thanking everybody who attended either the August or September Ordeal weekends. Both were a great success, and a lot of work was done in spite of the rain.

I thought I would take some time to introduce myself, as many of you may not know me. My name is Chris Marcus, and I was elected Lodge Chief at the September Ordeal Weekend. For the past two years, I was the Lodge Secretary. I have also served as the Head Elangomat at past August Ordeal weekends as well as coordinating the 2008 Fellowship. I am a Brotherhood member of our lodge and Eagle Scout from Troop 97 in Walpole.

I am really looking forward to serving as Chief this year. There are so many exciting things happening, and I encourage every one of you to get involved. Our busy Lodge Calendar begins in December with Lodge Leadership Development. Derek McCormick, our new Vice Chief, has been working intensely to put together a fantastic program for this year's Lodge Leadership Development course. I encourage anybody who is looking for leadership training or simply to become more involved in the lodge to attend. In addition, the Lodge Banquet this year promises to be as exciting and will include an excellent Chinese Buffet.

Another great event on the horizon is Fellowship. Every year, we have a wonderful program, but we still do not get the crowd that attends the Ordeal weekends. Fellowship is always a lot of fun, and is a time where we focus more on Fellowship and Cheerfulness and less on Service. By far the most exciting event of this coming year is the National Order of the Arrow Conference, or NOAC for short. Anybody who is interested should be sure to attend a lodge event and sign up to receive information. You can also email your contact information to me. I and many other Arrowmen in our lodge attended the 2006 NOAC and have been looking forward to this year ever since.

However you choose to do it, I encourage all of you to get involved in the Order of the Arrow. We have a fantastic year ahead of us and I look forward to seeing everybody throughout the many events planned for 2008 to 2009.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Chris Marcus
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Attention all Scoutmasters and OA Troop Representatives:

Please e-mail the contact information of your Troop's current OATR to:

Steven Ketchum

Contact information to include:

Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Troop Number

Town

Chapter

We will be using this information in order to enhance communication between the Lodge, Chapter, Troops, and individual Arrowmen.

From the Lodge Advisor

Welcome to all the new members of the lodge, you are now a member of one of the most active Order of the Arrow lodges in the country. Please join in, no matter what your age or troop location, we have opportunities for you to serve. At the very least, make sure you come to the OA banquet held in early January and the fun (no work) fellowship weekend in April; they are both excellent events. You will have the opportunity to meet not only local Lodge officers but also visiting regional and national figures.

Training is a big part of our leadership development initiative, talk to your chapter chief about the LLDC (lodge leader development conference) and about NLS (national leadership seminar).

The founder of the Order, Dr. E. Urner Goodman said, "The OA is a thing of the camps", make sure you enjoy Camp Squanto while you are wearing your OA sash and help your scoutmaster recruit the "new kids" to come to summer camp with the troop. Summer camp should be the climax of the scouting year, not just another activity.

I remind you to come back next year and partake in the Brotherhood ceremony in order to seal you membership in the OA.

Interested in taking a trip next summer, the National OA Conference is in Indiana and we are once again sending a large contingent; it promises to be the best scouting experience you will ever have. Sleep in hotels and college dorms, eat real food in restaurants, tour on the way out and back; it is a blast, and I strongly urge you to sign up and do not miss the fun.

Once again, welcome and congratulations to newly elected Chief Chris Marcus and his outstanding slate of new officers.

John Larney
Tisquantum Lodge Advisor

NOAC AUGUST 1-6 2009

I'm There
INDIANA UNIVERSITY

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www.event.oa-bsa.org

National Order of the Arrow Conference, more commonly known as NOAC, excites Arrowmen across the country. Why you ask? Just ask anyone in our lodge who has been to one, and they will probably say it is among the greatest scouting experiences they have ever had.

Imagine for a moment, you and eight thousand of your closest friends, descending on a major college campus for 6 days of brotherhood and fellowship, training and recreation, competition and friendship making. That is what a NOAC is all about.

From August 1st through 6th 2009, you will experience training, sports competitions, arena shows, gatherings, ceremony competitions, dance competitions, college dorming with your best friend, great food, the Founders Day Fair and Parade, patch trading, tons of lodge spirit, among many other great and amazing things.

In 2006, our lodge sent a large contingent to the NOAC in Michigan. This year we hope to increase that amount and it all starts with your help! If you have never been, this year is a perfect time to go, and even if you have been before, why not experience NOAC again? Our Lodge needs your help in making this the best NOAC ever!

If you are excited and ready to attend the 2009 NOAC, talk to our Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser for more information and how to sign up. Stay tuned to www.event.oa-bsa.org for updates! Remember, the theme is "I'm There". The question is, "Will you be there?"

Lodge Leadership Development

On December 6th, our lodge will be conducting the annual Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) seminar at Blue Hills Regional Technical School from 9 to 3. This is a workshop offered by lodge leaders that will explain topics such as goal setting, dynamics of leadership, how to plan an event, and how to run chapter meetings. The event is FREE, and includes lunch. With the completion of the course, arrowmen will also receive the LLD certification patch. This event should be attended by all arrowmen who hold a lodge or chapter position, as well as anyone who hopes to hold one in the future. This course will prove to be a great resource to all who wish to become good leaders not only in the Order of the Arrow, but in their troops as well. Any questions or comments, feel free to send an email to derek.mccormack@comcast.net.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Derek McCormack
Lodge 1st Vice Chief



Manomet Chapter News

Hello!

If you are from Cranberry Harbors District (Hanson, Hanover, Pembroke, Kingston, Norwell, Cohasset, Duxbury, Halifax, Marshfield, Plymouth, Plympton, or Scituate), then you are part of Manomet Chapter!

Our meetings are every Wednesday night at 7:00 at the Kingston Intermediate school. Lately, our meetings have held very surprising numbers, ranging from 15 to 20 people. We could still use more people, because many troops do not have representatives.

The goal of the Order of the Arrow is to encourage all members to remain a strong part of the cheerful service. If more people come to the chapter meetings, then we will be able to spread the message of the OA to everyone.

Our chapter events take place, for the most part, in the spring. There is always information about these at the chapter meetings, so if anyone in your troop is interested, have them come to the meetings!

We, as a chapter, hope to see more people attend our events and meetings. We have a lot of fun as a chapter, and we hope that you will continue to heed the call of the Order of the Arrow and become more involved!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Tony Winters

Manomet Chapter Chief

Japeechen Chapter News

I would like to be one of the first to welcome all of the new Ordeal members, congratulate new Brotherhood members, and welcome back the rest of our Arrowmen to another year of cheerful service. If you are from Great Ponds District, you are a part of Japeechen Chapter. Our chapter meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month, at the Old South Church in Weymouth from 7:30 to about 8:30. If you need a ride to the meeting, talk to your Scoutmasters. Our meetings occur on the same night as District Round Table. I invite all Arrowmen from Great Ponds District to attend and become more involved in the Order. On the first meeting of the year on October 7nd, we held elections for chapter offices. I, Andrew MacDougall, was voted in as Chapter Chief. Peter Norton was voted in as First Vice-Chief, Justin Crisafulli as Second Vice-Chief, and Greg Walsh returning as our Secretary. I do encourage all of you to come to the meetings and to get involved within the Order of the Arrow. Again, I would like to congratulate all new Arrowmen. You new Arrowmen are the ones I wish to see more of at the chapter meetings but also at the lodge events. I invite and advise you to get involved in some way. By becoming involved, all Arrowmen are capable of receiving a great experience out of your membership within the Order of the Arrow.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Andrew MacDougall
Japeechen Chapter Chief

Moswetuset Chapter News

Fellow Brothers,

If you are in Squanto district (Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Holbrook, Rockland, Stoughton, West Bridgewater and Whitman) then you are a member of the Moswetuset Chapter. Our chapter meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at Brockton High School (Blue Cafeteria) from 7:30 to 8:30. It runs parallel to the district roundtable which gives you the opportunity to coordinate a ride with your adult leaders. At our last chapter meeting we elected Alex Novin as our new chapter chief and he will be working with the other chapter officers to create a plan for the year. Also, at our meetings we have been discussing putting together ceremonies teams and possibly creating some regalia. One of our main focuses as a chapter is improving attendance at our meetings, so bring fellow Arrowmen from your troops and spread the word. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting which is December 3.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Colby Ward
Lodge 2nd Vice Chief

Ktemaque Chapter News

Greetings and Salutations from Ktemaque Chapter!

This is Chapter Chief Steven Ketchum bringing you news from the land of many beavers. First up are our officers for the year. This year brings me, of course, to the role of Chapter Chief. My right hand man, the First Vice Chief, is Nick Griglack. Second to him is Sean Donaghy, our Second Vice. Last but not least is our Chapter Secretary, George Kielpinski. Other members of my team include Chapter Ceremonies Chair Sean Turner, who is looking forward to his first real ceremony, Nick Culhane, Chapter Camping Promotions Chair and rounding it out is Eric Smith, our Chapter Service Project Chair.

And now we come to meetings. They are held the first Tuesday of each month [excluding July, August and September] from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the Foxboro Legion Hall located on Mechanic Street. Anyone in Ktemaque Chapter, AKA any arrow man in Seven Rivers District, who did not attend November's meeting and plans on attending December's should know that we are doing a Yankee swap so please bring a \$5-\$10 gift. By the way, many and all Ktemaque arrow men old or new are welcome and encouraged to attend.

This brings me to my last topic which is goals for the year. Increasing attendance at meetings is one as seen above. Another is encouraging ordeal members to go back and earn their brotherhood membership. These are kind of interlocked. See, most arrow men in my troop, and I'm sure there are plenty of others, get nominated for admittance into the order, get their sash and then are done with it. But there is so much more to be done after that. The ordeal sash isn't an end; it's a beginning. Sure it is a good goal to strive for but don't stop there. Be active, attend meetings, do service, go back to ordeal weekend and get brotherhood. Confirm your membership into our order. Then why not strive for Vigil while you are at it? Then, well it's up to you. All I'm saying is don't stop after your ordeal.

Well I suppose I'll let you get back to your lives now. Go do whatever it is you people do when you aren't reading articles in Moccasin Tracks. Farewell.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Steven Ketchum
Ktemaque Chapter Chief

Lodge Officers 2008-2009

Please feel free to contact any of these officers with questions or comments about our Lodge!

Lodge Chief ~ Chris Marcus ~ chrismarcus@tisquantum.org
1st Vice Chief ~ Derrick McCormick ~ derrickmccormick@tisquantum.org
2nd Vice Chief ~ Colby Ward ~ colbyward@tisquantum.org
Secretary ~ Charles McCawley ~ charlesmccawley@tisquantum.org
Treasurer ~ Charlie MacDonald ~ charliemacdonald@tisquantum.org

Activity: Tisquantum Lodge Winter Ceremony Training 2009

Location: Dakota Cabin, Camp Squanto, Plymouth, MA

Arrive: Any time AFTER 6:00 PM Friday January 2, 2009* THE CAMPMASTER WILL NOT BE IN BEFORE 6:00 PM

Departure: 9:30 AM Sunday January 4, 2009* SUNDAY MORNING DRIVERS PLEASE BE PROMPT

Emergency Phone Numbers: (508) 224-2010 Camp Squanto
(508) 541-1029 – Mr. Houlihan’s Cell Phone

SCOUT INFORMATION

_____ has my permission to attend the Tisquantum Lodge Ceremony/Drum Team training trip at Camp Squanto, Plymouth MA on January 2-4, 2009 and to receive any emergency medical treatment and/or anesthesia that may be required.

The scout requires the following medicine; _____, to be administered _____ (how often).

Do you want the unit leader to carry the medication? _____ Yes _____ No

The scout is allergic to the following: _____

The scout has the following food allergies: _____

Does he have any condition that precludes strenuous physical activity? _____ Yes _____ No

OTHER COMMENTS

I have read this form and understand what my scout and I are responsible for in order to make this trip a successful experience.

Signature of Parent/Guardian *Date* *Scouts Initials*

Phone number where parent/guardian can be reached during the training: _____

Emergency contact name and phone number in the event parent/guardian cannot be reached: _____

Please make checks payable to Tisquantum Lodge and mail this signed permission slip and your \$20.00 fee on or before December 20, 2008 OR Register via email and bring both to camp on the 2nd:

Old Colony Council
Tisquantum Lodge WWW
2438 Washington St
Canton MA 02021

**Please let Mr. Houlihan know if you have different arrival & departure times or you are making other arrangements for the times you can attend. Please do not let a scheduling conflict prevent you from attending this exciting event!*

UNIT SERVICE	# OF YRS	UNIT SERVICE	# OF YRS	UNIT SERVICE	# OF YRS
SPL	_____	Other_____	_____	Scout Master	_____
ASPL	_____	_____	_____	Assistant SM	_____
Instructor	_____	_____	_____	Committee	_____
Scribe	_____	_____	_____	Crew Advisor	_____
Troop Guide	_____	_____	_____	Explorer Advisor	_____
Patrol Leader	_____	_____	_____	Other_____	_____

COMMENTS: _____

DISTRICT SERVICE	# OF YRS	DISTRICT SERVICE	# OF YRS	COUNCIL SERVICE	# OF YRS
Commissioner	_____	Comm. Mem @ LG	_____	President	_____
Roundtable	_____	Comm. Chairman	_____	Commissioner	_____
Asst. District	_____	Comm. Vice Chair	_____	Asst Commissioner	_____
District	_____	Comm. Sub Chair	_____	Vice President	_____
Other_____	_____	Other_____	_____	Exec. Board	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	Member @ Large	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	Committee Chair	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	Other_____	_____

AREA/REGIONAL/NATIONAL # OF YRS

TRAINING	# OF YRS	TRAINING	# OF YRS	TRAINING	# OF YRS
JLT	_____	Den Chief	_____	Explorer Leader	_____
Woodbadge	_____	Cub Leader	_____	Commissioner	_____
Philmont	_____	Show and Do	_____	Scout Leader	_____

Comments _____

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES WHERE LEADERSHIP WAS GIVEN	POSITION	# OF YRS
Scoutorama	_____	_____
Camporee Staff	_____	_____
Summer Camp Staff	_____	_____
Jamboree Staff	_____	_____
Woodbadge Staff	_____	_____
ADP Staff	_____	_____
NLS Staff	_____	_____
NLATS Staff	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____

_____ Please include
a picture of the
nominee



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