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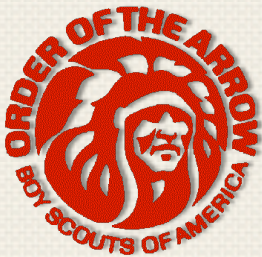


THE ORDER OF THE ARROW IS A
THING OF THE SPIRIT...

E. URNER GOODMAN

FOUNDER OF THE ORDER

Chiefly Speaking



Fellow Brothers,

Over the past few months, so much has happened. We have elected new youth into our ranks, been to Palmer and back, and had our Ordeal. I think that has helped bring our Lodge together and get us more active. Several old members have taken up their

sashes again, and many new ones have learned about its meaning. I have begun to grow into the position of Lodge Chief, and believe that the Lodge has grown as well. Remaining active will help us all continue to grow and better learn how to faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of our Order.

Lodge Chief, Adam Parent

Adviser's Corner

Advisors Corner

Hello Brothers this is Ben Kaiser your Lodge Advisor. For the past two years I have served in this position and we have had some fun times with fellowship, and service. As I write this I am returning from Conclave with a vanload of Arrowmen who are in high spirits. Each of them is going to bring home something different that will help make them a better scout and invariably a better person and citizen. Though what I got out of this weekend was a message of service. I would like to remind all of you that we are here to be "cheerful servants." How you go about that can and does vary: for some it means helping out in your troop, others help with OA service projects and still others find old ladies and help them across the street. As I went to classes I was constantly being reminded of this quote, "The servant of all is the greatest of all." That quote was painted above the door of the staff lounge at a camp I worked at. All of us working there took that message to heart and the camp prospered because of that. If we take that to heart our lodge can do the same.

-Ben Kaiser

Dear Sven

Letters to Our Staff Adviser

Dear Sven,

It has come to my attention that we have a new Section W-IN Chief. All I seem to know about him is that his name is Caleb Hou, he's from the Nisqually Lodge, and he was at the 2011 Conclave in Wasilla. What more can you tell me about him? How is getting a new Section Chief going to effect me?

Sincerely, Concerned Arrowman

He was at our LLDC and he totes around a small dinosaur named Percy with whom he likes to take pictures of Scouts and different places around the world. Getting a new section chief is a big deal maybe not on the day to day part of Scouting but our section chiefs elect our national chief and are responsible for the "program of emphases for the next

year such as a NOAC or Jamboree. Caleb as our new W-IN Section Chief will be one of 40 youth who will be in charge of running National Order of the Arrow programs in 2012 so any Toontuk member who might want to make their OA experience a national one should look for Caleb to represent them in making that program amazing!

Editorial:

To the members of Toontuk Lodge, your lodge needs you: we are in great need of members, without members there is no lodge, so please go to your troops and petition members of the Order who are inactive to pay their dues of \$25.00 a year and return to joining their brothers in fun, brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

With your help we can continue the journey.

Ordeal was GREAT!



Up-coming Events:

Council Rock and Ordeal

- October 7-9
- \$20 for members \$25 for candidates

Lodge Meeting

- October 20
- Scout Office
- 6:00 PM

Fall Fellowship and Brotherhood Conversion

- October 21
- Chena Lakes
- 6:00 PM
- \$5 for member \$10 for candidates

A few weeks ago in August, there was an Ordeal. The Ordeal was held out at Lost Lake Scout Camp. The candidates were all asked to do a lot, but all came through with flying colors. While one group cleaned up after the squirrels, who had eaten through the garbage bags left out, another group pulled the docks out of the waterfront, and a third began cleaning the Honor Lodge. As soon as everyone was done, they started to paint the floor of the Honor Lodge. They painted it a simple grey, but the change was remarkable. I personally have never seen the Honor Lodge looking better.



Toontuk Past Event Update

Toontuk Goes to Conclave

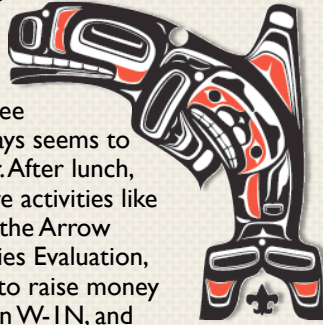
Friday April 29th, there were 19 Arrowmen from our lodge that met at the scout office around 10am. These Arrowmen loaded up onto a 15 passenger van, and their gear into an old truck, and their staff advisor into his respective car, and we took off. We took off to the 2011 Order of the Arrow Conclave in Wasilla, Alaska. After many stops, we reach the Arby's in Wasilla. There was much ice cream had by all, yet some preferred a filling sandwich. Stomachs were filled, clothing was changed, and we were ship shape for being viewed the rest of our Section.

Wearing stylish, yet matching 2011 Conclave sweaters, we dump our gear in the hallway of Colony High School, and attempt to check in. Because there were some paperwork technicalities, it took a little longer than expected, and there was some waiting time. Growing anxious, some scouts take a look around and start getting to know the building. Some are sent on a recon mission to scout out a classroom where we will be living, and a nice room conveniently located by the stairs, and bathrooms, was found, and "dibbed". Around this time, registration finished, and the gear was put in our room, and we started settling in. Luckily, this didn't take too long, because there was a "show" starting that evening, where some officers in the section and lodges introduced themselves, talked a bit about what's going on that weekend, and individual lodges showed off their cheers. That was over pretty quick, and scouts then had free time until lights out, around 11 pm.

A good night's rest was had by some, and some communist superman stories were had by others. Flag ceremony, grace, and breakfast happened around 8am, and the Arrowmen of Toontuk Lodge were adequately fed. Classes started around 9:10am, 10:10am, and

11:11am. There were classes about anything from dutch-oven cooking, to "How to Speak Like a True Orca", to Native Indian Beadwork, to "Planning the Ultimate Event." The general consensus

was that while education is good, free time always seems to be better. After lunch, there were activities like Order of the Arrow Ceremonies Evaluation, Auctions to raise money for Section W-IN, and ZOMBIE TAG (like tag, but with a cliché pop culture theme).



Another flag ceremony was followed by a nice dinner of baked potatoes, chicken, and corn. There was an incredibly creatively named game of "Lodge Ball" (Again, like dodge ball, but with an Order of the Arrow name). After that, there was a Section Officer Elections Meeting, where we elected a new Section Chief, Caleb Hou, a new Section Vice Chief, Andre Giacolone, and a new Section Secretary, Kenton Summers. After this rather lengthy process, there was a "Saturday evening show" and the Arrowmen were becoming more and more pumped for the night. Some small competitions were participated in, and much fun was had by most, if not all. This was the start of what they called a "Polar Bear Bash" (basically a party with an Alaskan Sounding name). Mountain Dew, Ready Whip, Smoked Salmon, and ZOMBIE TAG kept everyone quite entertained. I'm not quite sure how it happened, but one by one the scouts settled down, and actually fell asleep.

The next morning, there was a scramble to clean everything up in the room, so we could get out of there and headed back home at a reasonable time. Adam Parent, Josh Stern, Garret Tucker, Blake Farnham, and Oliver Rogers represented Toontuk quite well by participating in and conducting that morning's flag ceremony. Once again, there was a nice breakfast, but this

time, followed by some Sunday Religious Services. Finally all gathered in one place, the Lodge takes a quick group photo outside, and we load our gear, and our bodies into the van and truck, and start back home. After another stop at Arby's, we make great time, and arrive back in Fairbanks before dinner. Hurray!

-Mikey Dewey, Lodge Secretary

wOAdstOAK

We had a lot of fun at wOAdstOAK. The first thing did was drive down to lost lake Boy Scout camp. When we arrived at lost lake we stayed at Fran Claire cabin. After we where all down setting up we went outside to hike around. Most of us went out to hike to places like Mitchel point. When we finished hiking when we went inside to play Xbox 360. I'm pretty sure everyone had a good time playing the games that we had. At about midnight we watched some movies. We had a very fun night.

I am now going to tell you about our hike. We started on our hike around five or six P.M. since at first we didn't know where we could hike to we went out and just talked went around camp. When we got up to the mess hall someone said why don't we hike up to Mitchel point. After everyone agreed we began our way up there we didn't get very far the snow was at least two and a half feet deep. We ended up getting stuck at the gravel pit just sat there and talked. I everyone enjoyed that little adventure. After we got back the Xbox was already set up and we where able to play it. This was the only hiking we took on this trip.

On the second day since most of us (except the adults) had got little or no sleep we didn't do much in the morning. We started playing Xbox around 9:00 A.M. and made breakfast at around noon. After that we watched a few movies and then it was time to go home.