

Chiefly Thoughts

Brothers of our Order,

The summer is upon us and during the summer months the OA seems to fade if you are not attending a National High Adventure or any of its other events. Our Lodge has a plan to keep the spirit alive. We will be doing more in our Summer Camp filling those blank months where it seems the OA fades. The Order of the Arrow was founded at a Summer Camp, so why don't we put the spirit of the OA in the spirit of scouting.

During Summer Camp our lodge will be hosting a continued event from last year called the Battle of Bear Mountain. Patrols load themselves into canoes on the lake and they try to flood each other with water from milk jugs that have no lids and are cut in half. The Patrol who wins this game gets to challenge the OA, here's where YOU can help!

The OA needs your help in hosting this great event, along with the OA Morning Crew. If you are attending Camp then listen up for OA news. If you do not see or hear any OA News find the Order of the Arrow Camp Coordinator (OACC). The position is new on the Camp Gorsuch Staff. The position is more proof the Great Alaska Council and the Lodge cares about all Arrowmen in our Council. YOU can also go to the OACC for advice, lodge resources or even National resources. Are you interested in helping out at a lodge hosted event? He's your guy. You can even go to him for service projects.

Visit www.oa-bsa.org for more information about the Troop/Team Representative Program.

The thing you need to remember is why you are in this order. We were selected by our fellow scouts in our unit. They believe you to be a friend. They believe that YOU are a fine example of the Scout Oath and Law. So if you plan on not going to Summer Camp with your unit because you think there is nothing for you to do, you're wrong. You can still go to camp and offer your experience and service to helping your fellow scouts learn, advance, and grow.

So let's live up to our obligation and go out and have some fun together under the midnight sun!

Yours in Service,

-Andre G.

Lodge Chief



**Congratulations
to all the Arrowmen of
Nanuk Lodge #355**

For those who missed it last issue - It's official - Nanuk Lodge is a Quality Lodge again and it's all due to the hard work and dedication of all you Arrowmen. Thank you and give yourselves a hearty slap on the back !!

Now, let's get busy and ensure we receive QL-2011!!

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Activities

Fellow Arrowmen,

2011 is going to be a fantastic year for the OA. With all the high adventure opportunities, national events, and programs for lodges are plenty.

Please consider going to one of our lodges many events we have every year. Between ordeals and fellowships you can not only impact an arrowmen but have some fun yourself and maybe even be impacted by a brother. Take a peak at our lodge schedule in this PBE and plan accordingly, we would love to see you at one of our many events and hopefully even provide input on how to make them better for arrowmen to come!

I hope to see you at all these many events and don't forget to pay your dues, wear you lodge flap with pride, and remember to serve your unit and if your going to summer camp don't forget to participate in the OA's summer camp programs!

Yours in Service,
-Tyler B.
Vice Chief, Activities

Up Coming Events

- Jun 3-5 - Spring Ordeal (Camp Gorsuch)
- Jun 5-11 - NYLT (Denali High Adventure Base Camp)
- Aug 12-14 - Fall Ordeal (Camp Gorsuch)
- Sept 23-25 - Fall Fellowship (Camp Carlquist)
- Oct 21-22 - LLDC
- Oct 22 - Banquet

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Opportunities
Abound!



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2011 Order of the Arrow – Annual Dues Renewal Form

Name: _____ Troop / Crew: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

[] \$ 15.00 – I have enclosed my 2011 dues for myself only.

[] \$ _____ – I am also renewing for the following OA members at \$15 each.

Mail To:

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Anchorage Alaska 99504

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Ceremonies

From the Ceremonies Team....

What a great time to be on the Ceremonies Team! We are coming off of Conclave. It was a GREAT time out at Colony High School! I cannot say how proud I am of Andre Giacalone, Nick Greene, Nathan Vincent, Ray Maggard, and Matthew Vincent. These Arrowmen stepped forward and participated in the ICE - Read: Ceremony Team Evaluation by Trained Judges, and for their efforts brought home the trophy.



Nanuk was the only lodge to set a team this year, and for that reason, we got the attention of experts, the input and feedback that will be crucial to future success AND the trophy. Thank you Nick, Matthew, Nathan, Andre and Raymond. Your example of service by stepping forward and supporting the Lodge is an excellent example for all of us to follow!

Now a quick note about me, my name is Greg H. and I have a son Steven who was tapped out into the Order and completed his Ordeal last June. After years of prior service in OA, I came back with him and was asked to be Ceremonies Advisor for the Lodge. I bring a little experience as a Chapter Ceremony Advisor and Chapter advisor from years ago. I hope to learn from the current team and the Arrowmen out there who answer the call to join the team as we move forward to next summer!

There is a Ceremony Team Practice at St. Patrick's Church on May 11 at 6:30 p.m. We will practice until 8:00. If you have wanted to be on a team but have been hesitant about coming forward, come on

Ceremonies - con't

down! We have a spot for you! My goal is to have two principals for each team. This would be a total of 24 Arrowmen who could do the Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal and Brotherhood. Ceremonies is a fantastic way to serve the lodge in an important role and deepen your understanding of the order and its traditions. I look forward to meeting you!

Coming Events in May are the Call-Out Ceremonies on May 13th and 14th for the Denali and Eklutna Districts. In June, there is the Ordeal, June 3,4 and 5. I hope to see you all there as Ordeal Arrowmen seal their membership in the order by taking the steps to be a Brotherhood Member!

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-Greg H.

Ceremonies and Tradition Adviser



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Chapter Reports

Eklutna Chapter

This month's chapter meeting we're going to be reviewing conclave and brainstorming ideas on what kind of events or service projects the chapter would like to do in the summertime. We'll be meeting at the brown house that is on the southwest side of the parking lot at St. Patricks Parish on Monday May 9th. I hope to see everyone there!

- Keahi Q.
Eklutna Chapter Chief

Bear Paw Chapter

Bear Paw Chapter has planned and is running the Bear Paw District Spring camporee May 20-22. The camporee will be at Heaven's Hay Field out Fairview Loop. We are looking for all the arrowman we can get to help out so please pull out your sash, dust it off, and come and help support the chapter as well as the district.

If you show up and help –we will feed you, and you will be a staff member – yes you can be “That Guy” that the younger kids want to be some day.

Come out to the Spring camporee May 20-22 and be the hero you always wanted to be. See you there 5:00 pm Friday night

Oh, did I mention, this is a huge camporee- currently there are over 100 people signed up to attend- and YOU- YES YOU can be one of the “cool staff members”

For more information – call the Chapter Advisor – Michael Ralston @315-4425

Bear paw Chapter meetings:
2nd Wednesday of the month
September –May
7:00- 9:00 pm
LDS Church across from Colony High School
Look for the sash on the chair in the church

- Taylor E.
Tustemena Chapter Chief

Chapter Reports

Denali Chapter

The Denali chapter has had a successful Spring. We have had a considerable membership boost with lots of new active members. More active people means more fun! We are planning a high adventure backpacking trip to K'esugi Ridge in Denali State Park this July. We also have our own ceremonies team! The team practices regularly, and we have made lots of new regalia. The crowning achievement, as of late, is a large portion of the Denali chapter went to Conclave 2011! Conclave was loads of fun. We played zombie tag, traded patches, participated in a few auctions, and much more. The Denali chapter has had a good few months and is looking forward to an eventful summer.

- Daniel O.
Denali Chapter Chief
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Ordeals and Such

Ordeal: A weekend where we induct the newly elected candidates from the units into the Order of the Arrow.

Spring Ordeal - June 3-5 (Camp Gorsush)

Fall Ordeal - Aug 12-14 (Camp Gorsuch)

Fall Fellowship: Where all the Arrowmen get together for games, commerraderie, and just to have a good time with our fellow arrowmen.

Fall Fellowship - Sept 23-25 - A weekend to bond with your fellow Arrowmen with fun events like games, patch trading, and much more! This is also the weekend where we elect our new lodge officers!
(Camp Carlquist)

Monopoly Tourney: A weekend of great gameplay and fundraiser for the lodge. Plan to attend this Fall!

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NYLT

As we discussed last issue, National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed for councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

The kicker is, Nanuk Lodge is helping host this fine event. If you are interested in attending as Staff/support, contact your Lodge Chief ASAP. No, might want to do it sooner than that, this should prove to be quite popular.

Mark your calendar, The Great Alaska Council 2011 NYLT will be held at the new Denali High Adventure Base Camp, June 5 - 11, 2011.



Objectives

- Give participants the confidence and knowledge to conduct the Troop/Team/Crew program.
- Provide participants with a clear understanding of team and personal development and how those elements relate to being a leader.
- Guide the participants through the stages of team development.
- Create an environment of Scouting fellowship and fun guided by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from other troops and teams

Help Wanted...

Nanuk Lodge has immediate openings for youth and adults on the following committees:

- ~Service ~Training ~Banquet
- ~History ~Conclave ~Denali HAB
- ~Ordeal ~Vigil ~Patches

Qualifications Required:

- ~Commitment to the Order of the Arrow
- ~Member of Nanuk 355

Requirements:

- ~Give one hour a week to your task
- ~Live the oath and obligation

Benefits:

- ~There will be one less irksome task we'll ask you to do later
- ~Satisfaction of a weighty responsibility in capable hands
- ~An opportunity to develop leadership skills
- ~Leadership roles in scouting look great on college resumes

Please contact the Lodge Chief for more information.

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