



UPCOMING
EVENTS:

FALL
FELLOWSHIP
CAMP
MAHONEGON
SEPT 14-16

WINTER
BANQUET
COTTAGE
CORNER
RESTAURANT
SALEM, WV
DECEMBER 8

FALL FELLOWSHIP

This year's Fall Fellowship will be held September 14-16 at Camp Mahonegon. Fellowships are the favorite event for most of our Arrowmen because they get the chance to build friendships with the other members of our lodge. Also, no work is required of anyone! All we ask you to do is to come out and have a good time. The Fall Fellowship is also a perfect opportunity for Ordeal members who have been a part of the lodge for ten months to take the next step in understanding the OA and become Brotherhood members. On the next page of this newsletter, you will find a letter from Ken Fouts explaining what it means to become a Brotherhood member and how easy it is to obtain that honor. Come on out and enjoy the good times!

CALL OUTS

At Camp Kootaga this summer, over 100 people were called out as candidates for the Order of the Arrow. If you know anyone who has been called out this summer, please congratulate them. If they did not attend the Ordeal in August, make sure they attend the Spring Ordeal next year.

WITAHemui WEEKEND

The Withemui Weekend at Kootaga was a roaring success. Many troops from the council chipped in their time and resources to help get Kootaga ready for the summer camp season. We finished the new lighting at Sparky's Park and placed a new motor on the top of the Dining Hall. I personally would like to thank all of the troops and Arrowmen who took some time out of their busy schedule and helped make this weekend a success; so thanks a lot to you all. Hopefully, we will have the same tremendous support at next year's Witahemui Weekend.

Jacob Steele
Lodge Vice Chief

WINTER BANQUET

Keep in mind that the Winter Banquet is coming up at the end of the year. It may be a little early to start thinking about winter yet, but please put this important event in your calendar now. We will be holding a very important business meeting this year where we intend to make several changes to the Lodge By Laws. We will also be electing the officers for next year. The more representation we have from each chapter, the better the voting will be, and the more diverse the candidates we will have.

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To: Ordeal members of Nendawen Lodge

I became an Ordeal member in August of 2004, but I did not finish my Brotherhood conversion the first year. My schedule has been very busy and, like many of you, I have many demands for my time. But I believe that this is an opportunity that I don't want to miss. It just takes one weekend to complete. Conversions are offered at the Spring Fellowship, Spring Ordeal, Fall Ordeal, and Fall Fellowship. I attended the Fall Ordeal this year and obtained my Brotherhood. I would like to extend an invitation to each of you to attend the Fall Fellowship this year or any of the events next year to get your Brotherhood. We can help the lodge achieve Quality Lodge status by completing Brotherhood.

You may be wondering what you need to do. There is a great web site at <http://jumpstart.oa-bsa.org/> that gives some very helpful information. After 10 months of service and fulfilling certain requirements, a member may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony. It places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the OA.

CHALLENGE 1

Memorize the following signs of Order of the Arrow Membership.

1. The Obligation of the Order
2. The Order of the Arrow Official Song
3. The Admonition
4. The sign of Ordeal membership
5. The Arrow handclasp

Most of these things can be found in your OA handbook. If you are unsure about the admonition or the handclasp, or the sign of Ordeal membership, ask any OA member, and they will be glad to review these things with you.

CHALLENGE 2

Gain a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed.

This can be fulfilled through a class taught during the weekend you wish to convert to Brotherhood.

CHALLENGE 3

Serve your unit. Retain your registration in Scouting. *During a period of at least 10 months, strive to fulfill your Obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your own troop or team. You should already be doing this simply by being a Scout or Scouter.*

CHALLENGE 4

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.

If you haven't paid your dues to complete Challenge 4, contact the Council Office to find out how to pay.

CHALLENGE 5

When you earnestly feel that you have met the four challenges above, write a letter to your lodge secretary. The contents of this letter can be found in your OA handbook. There is even a form letter on the Jumpstart website that you can use. *You must meet this last challenge after you are satisfied that you have accomplished the first four.*

Please mark your calendar now for one of these weekends.

Yours in Scouting,

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FALL ORDEAL

This year's Fall Ordeal at Kootaga was a major success! We inducted eighty-nine new Ordeal members and had twenty-one members convert to Brotherhood. On Saturday, the OA managed to get a tremendous amount of work done. The Rifle Range was torn down in preparation to move it, 233 tent platforms were moved and stacked, 118 tents were taken down, 175 tents were rolled and put away in Equipment Storage, all the tents were checked and 45 were taken out of service, the front gate to the camp was repaired, 7 large picnic tables were moved, and the Dining Hall was given a thorough cleaning. A big thank you goes out to all those who participated in the Ordeal, and we would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new Ordeal members. Let's continue to make our events great successes.

CONCLAVE

Thirty-two members of Nendawen Lodge helped make up the 438 OA members at the Section C-4A conclave at Beaumont Scout Reservation this year. It was a great turnout for our lodge. Our Arrowmen dominated the field in the American Indian Activities competitions. James Kane, Brian McQueen, Jacob Steele, and Jacob Shifflett won the team drumming competition. Steve Zirbs brought home 2nd place in fancy dancing, and Michael Chambers brought home the 1st place trophy. Jonathon Chambers won the Old Style competition, with Zach Baker placing second, and Michael McAtee placing third. Jim Kochman placed third in Traditional dancing. We also had a team compete in the basketball tournament. Our lodge had the three most original cheers for meal times, as we were the first let in the dining hall for every meal. James Kane made a special guest appearance as the Pillsbury Dough Boy, and we had a "fiesta" themed party Saturday night. It was a GREAT experience and I know next year's will be even better. Check out all the wonderful pictures from this event at Nendawen.oe-c4a.org/Conclave07/index.html I hope to see many more of you at next year's event!

CHIEFLY SPEAKING

I would like to take this *Chiefly Speaking* opportunity to share some of my concerns with you. It has been the goal of Nendawen Lodge for several years now to once again become a Quality Lodge. Much like your Troop can become a Quality Unit by meeting certain requirements, our Lodge can become a Quality Lodge by meeting a list of requirements set forth by the National OA Office. The leaders of this Lodge cannot complete this goal by themselves. We depend on the members of the Lodge to help us become a Quality Lodge. I would like to encourage each of you reading this to help us out. I am listing the requirements for Quality Lodge that you can help us with and some ideas on how you can help:

1. *The Lodge inducted a minimum of 30% of its eligible Ordeal members into the Brotherhood.*

-The letter on page 2 from Ken Fouts encourages you to convert to Brotherhood. Read his letter if you haven't already or again if you have. It is simple to become a Brotherhood member. If you have been an Ordeal member for 10 months, come to the Fall Fellowship to convert to Brotherhood.

2. *The lodge published a Where to Go Camping pamphlet, CD, or information on the lodge or council website.*

-When your troop held elections, the Chapter Chiefs gave your Scoutmasters forms to fill out and submit that would help us accomplish this goal. Please take this newsletter to your Scoutmaster and ask them to help us out by mailing in their forms. If they have lost them, please have them contact email Cokecollector42@aol.com and they will be given replacements. We CANNOT do this without the support of the Scoutmasters.

Thank you for any help you can give the Lodge in either of these matters.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Brian C. McQueen