



# The Bear Growls

Nendawen Lodge 618

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## Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Brothers,

WELCOME TO THE YEAR 2005! I am very excited to be able to work with this year's slate of officers and advisors. I hope that these leaders will be able to further the lodge in its endeavors.

Last year we made such advancements as:

- Ice Cream Socials at summer camp for OA members
- Slushy Machine in the Trading Post – Proceeds going to the OA
- Sending a Contingent to the National Order of the Arrow Conference
- Sending a Contingent to the Section C-5B Conclave

While it is important to reflect on our accomplishments over the past year, it is vital that we look to the future. This year our Lodge Executive committee has set the following goals:

1. Obtaining the title of "Quality Lodge"
2. Sending a contingent of 25 people to the Section C-4A Conclave
3. Starting up the "Extended Elangomat System"
4. Fixing up our Troop Representative Program
5. Working to improve our lodge communications

With all that said, I want to leave you with one parting message: It is important that as you continue in your servant leadership, you look through the challenges to see the opportunities.

Yours in brotherhood,  
James R. Kane  
2005 Nendawen Lodge Chief

## Winter Banquet

Every December, our lodge holds its annual Winter Banquet at the Cottage Corner Too Restaurant in Salem. On December 12, 2004, around 100 of our brothers convened for the event. As the afternoon continued, we got down to business by electing our 2005 slate of officers. We continued by recognizing Justin Hook and Mason "Butch" Wiseman, who earned the Founder's Award, as well as by recognizing our outgoing officers and other brothers who had helped out in the past year. Also, we had 9 brothers called out for the Vigil Honor. Please remember to keep this Banquet in mind when making your schedule, as it is very important that you attend.

## Calendar of Events:

Jan 28-29 – Klondike Derby – Camp Mahonegon

Feb 5 – Pinewood Derby – Grand Central Mall

Feb 12 – Klondike Derby – Camp Kootaga

Mar 5 – Pinewood Derby – Meadowbrook Mall

Mar 12 – Camp Work Day – Camp Mahonegon/Camp Kootaga

April 16 – Camp Work Day – Camp Mahonegon/Camp Kootaga

April 29 – May 1- Ordeal/Brotherhood – Camp Mahonegon

## Conclave

In June of last year, our Lodge sent a contingent of 14 people to Camp Friedlander, near Cincinnati, Ohio, for the final Section C-5B Conclave. For those who may not know what a conclave is, a Conclave is where all of the lodges in your specific section gather together for a weekend of fellowship, learning, and fun. Dance, drum, and ceremonies competitions, training sessions, and patch trading are just a few of the fun and exciting things that occur at Conclaves. Last year, we had an unexpected visitor who constantly claimed that he was "a real boy," and added even more fun to the already amazing weekend. If you missed out on this wondrous occasion, you have a chance to be a part of the very FIRST section C-4A Conclave which is being held at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation near Kensington, Ohio May 20-22, 2005. This year's theme is "Honor the Past, Create the Future." There will be a wide variety of events that are based on this theme. Remember, our goal is to send a contingent of at least 25 people. We hope to see you there.

## Advisor's Minute

Greetings, Arrowmen,

As your Lodge Advisor, I would like to thank you for all of your support for the betterment of our Lodge. The past couple of years have been great for me, serving as your advisor. Now I would like to say a few things that could help the Lodge even more. Many of

you have good ideas to improve our Lodge and I am asking for your help with these ideas. For these suggestions and ideas to come to be, however, I need you to step forward and help us see them happen by serving on a committee. Any Arrowman can help, simply by getting involved with our lodge by participating at work days, lodge events, call outs, and even in your home troops by keeping other Arrowmen informed about lodge Activities.

Yours in WWW,  
Jay Wilson  
2005 Lodge Advisor

## News About Dues

The National OA Committee has decided that, in order to pay for the high adventure opportunities they offer, it will be necessary to raise the cost of dues. In order for us to absorb these costs, the lodge will be raising individual annual dues to \$10. This cost will become effective for the year 2006. We apologize for any inconvenience this creates for anyone and we hope you understand the need for the change.

Yours in Servant Leadership,  
Lodge Executive Committee



## One Day of Service

Adam Veit-

One Day Chairman

The "One Day of Service" is a massive council-wide service project where brothers from every chapter work together at the same time on the same day in cheerful service. This year, the lodge would like to work together with the American Red Cross to coordinate blood drives around the council. Brothers are encouraged to volunteer and help staff the drives, and donors are needed as well.

If anyone is interested in helping, please contact your chapter chief, or Stonewall Jackson Chapter Chief Adam Veit. His Contact information is on the attached roster.

## Ceremonies

Fellow Arrowman,

I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas, and a Nice start to the 2005. My name is Jeff Blaker and I am the new Ceremonies Chief, and along with my advisors, Larry Hostottle and Greg Midcap, we have decided we would like to have two ceremonies teams, one for Ordeal Ceremonies, and one for Brotherhood Ceremonies. Having two teams would make things a lot less hectic on weekends. So with this all said, I am inviting you to become part of the tradition that the ceremonies team has acquired throughout the years. If you would like to join the team, feel free to contact me.

Yours in Scouting,  
Jeff Blaker, Ceremonies Vice-Chief

## Work Days

You will notice on your calendar that there are a few work days scheduled for this year. Work days are held simultaneously at both Camp Mahonegon and Camp Kootaga. These days are intended to allow Arrowmen to have an opportunity to provide cheerful service to their Council Camps. We start working at around 9:00 A.M. and finish around 4:00 P.M. Included with this newsletter is a flyer on the *Leadership in Service Award*. One of the requirements is to give 8 hours of service participating in a lodge, council, or chapter service project benefiting a local council camp. The work days count toward these 8 hours. There is no need to register. Simply show up in camp between those hours and be prepared to give a helping hand to your brethren.

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## More than Work

When many of you look at the Order of the Arrow, you think back on your Ordeal Weekend and only remember the strenuous work that was involved. But the Order of the Arrow is so much more than what you first encountered. It is a chance to interact with members from all over the council in ways that do not occur elsewhere. After your Ordeal, you may ask yourself "What now?" Well, there are many branches that you can become a part of. If you were impressed by our ceremonies team, you can join in on the fun and excitement by calling our Ceremonies Chief, whose contact information can be found on the attached list of officers. If ceremonies aren't your thing, you have the opportunity to become a member of our famed American Indian Drum and Dance team. Contact our Dance-team Vice Chief for more information. Perhaps the biggest step you can take would be to join up with our Lodge Executive Committee and help make important decisions concerning the lodge and its functions. There are currently two positions available. So, the next time you wonder "What now," consider all of the opportunities that being a member of the Order of the Arrow has opened up to you.

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## New Patch!

We have decided to issue a new set of patches for the year 2005. However, these will not be lodge flaps. We have instituted a system of four patches that are our lodge totem divided up into 4 pieces. The ONLY way you can get these pieces is to come to the lodge events. The first lodge event you come to, you will get the head of the totem. At your second event, you will get the main body. This will continue until your 4<sup>th</sup> event when you will get the year dated feet. Remember, the ONLY way to get these is to be ACTIVE! So, I hope to see you at our events.

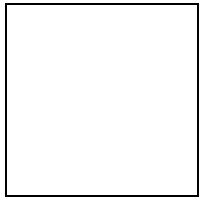
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# Conclave 2005

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