

**PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ THIS ARTICLE THOROUGHLY.  
IT CONTAINS INFORMATION THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO  
THE FUTURE OF THE LODGE.**

At the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) Meeting during the Fall Fellowship on September 17<sup>th</sup>, Brian McQueen, as the Lodge Rules Committee Chairman, proposed amendments to the Lodge Rules. These proposed changes had to be voted on by the LEC and approved before presenting them to the rest of the lodge. According to existing rules, we are required to notify all active members of the lodge at least two weeks prior to the meeting in which these proposed amendments will be voted on by the lodge. It is VERY important that you read these carefully and that you **make every attempt to attend the Winter Banquet so you can help vote on them.**

**WE WILL BE VOTING ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AT  
THE WINTER BANQUET, DECEMBER 10, 2005.**

Each proposed amendment will be voted on separately.

**Following is the lodge rule we are proposing to change.**

This is how it currently reads. The underlined portion is the part we wish to change.

**Section II. Article C.**

**Unit elections shall take place between the first day of April and the last day of May.**

The Rules Committee has proposed that the election period should be extended to also include the month of March. This proposed amendment will provide Chapter Chiefs with more opportunities to hold OA elections within their respective Chapters. The proposed, amended article was approved by the Lodge Executive Committee and reads as follows:

**Section II. Article C.**

**Unit elections shall take place between the first day of March and the last day of May.**

**Four additions to the lodge rules were also approved by the Lodge Executive Committee.**

They read as follows:

**1. The lodge totem shall be that of a bear holding a salmon.**

[Note: This addition to the rules assures that the lodge totem that we currently use will remain our totem.]

**2. In the event that a secretary/treasurer is not elected into position, the lodge vice-chief may assume those responsibilities until a willing arrowman can be found to assume the responsibilities.**

**3. Order of the Arrow Merchandise cannot be purchased from this lodge by non-dues-paid Order of the Arrow Members or by non Order of the Arrow Members.**

[Note: This amendment encourages members to continue to pay their dues, and restricts the purchase of OA merchandise from the lodge to dues-paid members. It will not restrict members from other lodges from purchasing OA merchandise from our lodge, provided they present proof that they are indeed a dues-paid member of the OA. This will NOT restrict members from purchasing OA merchandise from any other lodge or council. Each council has its own rules about the sale of OA merchandise.]

**4. In order to purchase lodge flaps of a specific honor from this lodge, the member purchasing the lodge flap must be of that honor or higher.**

[Note: This amendment restricts Ordeal members from purchasing Brotherhood or Vigil flaps, and restricts Brotherhood members from purchasing Vigil flaps. *Ordeal* members would be able to purchase Ordeal flaps ONLY. *Brotherhood* members would be able to purchase Brotherhood *and* Ordeal flaps. *Vigil* members would be able to purchase Vigil, Brotherhood, *and* Ordeal flaps.]

Although these amendments were approved by the Lodge Executive Committee, they must be approved by a majority of the voting members (anyone under 21) of the lodge that are present at the Winter Banquet. These proposed amendments will NOT become part of the rules unless they are approved at the Winter Banquet. Once again, nothing has been changed yet. These changes to the rules will not be made unless they receive a majority of the votes at the winter Banquet. A presentation will be made at the Winter Banquet containing all the information given here. At that point during the Banquet, all questions concerning the proposed amendments are welcomed.

You have been duly notified as per Section IX, Article A of the current edition of the Lodge Rules of Nendawen Lodge #618.

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## Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Brothers,

Fall has brought the dropping of the leaves and soon we will be faced with the falling of the snow of winter. With winter comes the Winter Banquet and the wrap up of this years programming. Now is the time to look back on the year and remember those times that we've had that make us Nendawen Lodge 618.

I know when I look back a flood of experiences enters my mind. I remember all of the LECs in which our officers did their best to run the lodge. I remember the spring ordeal at Mahonegon where one clan wound up digging through the mud all day as it rained. After that we attended the Section Conclave and had an outstanding showing of 29 people. Then I remember all of the summer camp weeks where our newest candidates were called out and recognized for their outstanding service to their troops. Next was our biggest event, the fall ordeal, and the induction of 110 new members. In September we had our annual Fall Fellowship where everyone came and had a great time playing 4-square and hearts. Now we get to where we are now—reflecting on the year and looking forward to seeing one another again as we sit down and enjoy a wonderful meal while preparing for the next year.

Brothers I have truly enjoyed working with you this year to enjoy events filled with brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service—the principles on which our order was founded. I look forward to working with you in the future in some manner or another.

Yours in Cheerful Service,  
James R. Kane  
2005 Nendawen Lodge Chief

## Winter Banquet

Winter is right around the corner and with it comes the annual Winter Banquet held at Cottage Corner Too in Salem, West Virginia. It will be on December 10<sup>th</sup> and starts at 1:00. The Winter Banquet is a very important event as this is where all the business of the lodge like amending the bylaws and electing the officers for 2006 is conducted. At the Winter Banquet we will also call out our Vigil Honor candidates as well as present the Founders Award. This year we will feature a slide show during dinner that will review the events of the year. So mark your calendars, call your friends and come enjoy some good food and fun in Salem!

## Calendar of Events:

### 2005

Nov. 4-6 – ALTC –  
Camp Lazarus, Ohio

Dec. 10 – Winter  
Banquet – Cottage  
Corner – Salem, WV

### 2006

Jan. 7 – Lodge Officer  
Training – TBA

Jan. 14 – Pinewood  
Derby – Little  
Kanawha

Jan. 21 – Pinewood  
Derby – Hock  
Hocking

Feb. 4 – Pinewood  
Derby – Grand  
Central Mall

March 4 – Pinewood  
Derby –  
Meadowbrook Mall

## Nendawen Lodge Webmaster

The lodge website desperately needs some attention. Due to the rigorous schedules associated with college, James Kane and Brian McQueen have had a hard time keeping it updated. We here at the Bear Growls, at the request of James, are looking for some kind soul to assume the responsibilities of webmaster for [nendawen.0a-c4a.org](http://nendawen.0a-c4a.org). Please note that this is a very important position, and it can not be taken lightly. No prior experience with website maintenance or design is needed. It can all be done with a very easy to use program. We simply need someone with the time and enthusiasm to take care of the website like it should be. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact James or Brian. Thank you.

## Fall Fellowship

This year's Fall Fellowship turned out to be a wonderful time. Most of the day was spent playing Hearts, Four square, and a new camp favorite – carpetball. A few camp maintenance projects were performed Saturday afternoon, and Wilma Davis's cooking once again lived up to its reputation. 39 people attended this year's event. A vigil committee selected the candidates to be tapped out at this years Winter Banquet. Arrowmen Adam Veit and Brian McQueen were recognized for attaining the Vigil Honor. Four arrowmen received the Brotherhood Honor. If you missed this Fall Fellowship, you certainly missed a good one.

## Fall Ordeal

This year at the fall ordeal, one hundred ten candidates from all over West Virginia and Ohio worked hard cleaning and maintaining Camp Kootaga. Forty ordeal members came out and completed their brotherhood. Of course, Saturday evening was topped off with the traditional steak and potatoes dinner and three wonderful ceremonies.

## Ceremonies

Speaking of ceremonies, our ceremonies teams are well on their way to greatness thanks to some initiative taken by Larry Hostottle and the unofficial ceremonies team. Thanks to Larry, the lodge is the proud owner of 8 new ribbon shirts, sets of leggings, breechcloths, and belts. At the January LEC, a motion was passed to reimburse Larry for any money he spent to make new regalia. Also thanks to Larry, the team has many new reading candles, lighters, and separate tubs to put all the items in. Another feature newly added to the ceremonies team was the issuance of 3-ring notebooks with the Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies inside for those who are brotherhood. The people who were given these are expected to take them home and being memorizing their part. Soon, we hope that they will not need them at all. We are still in the process of getting a ceremonies weekend or two organized. The purpose of these would be to practice parts, build regalia, and have some fun in the process. Thanks go out to Larry and the ceremonies team.