



The Bear Growls

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Winter Banquet

Yes, I know you don't want to start thinking about winter just yet, but I do need to remind you all that the lodge's Winter Banquet and Business Meeting is quickly approaching. This event will be held on December 9th at the Cottage Corner Too restaurant in Salem, WV and will begin at 1:00. It is important that as many people attend as possible. The lodge elections are held during the business meeting section of the banquet. If you plan to run for office, you need to either attend this event or send a letter expressing your intent to run. It is also very important to attend this meeting if you wish to vote for the officers that run your lodge. Remember, this is truly a youth run lodge, and we are in need of good officers who will help keep up the great momentum that the lodge has right now. Also remember that we will be calling out the Vigil candidates during the banquet. If you are eligible to be called out for this honor, make sure to be there. The Founder's Award will also be given to a youth and an adult at the banquet. I hope you all come to the event so you have a chance to make a difference in your lodge.

Fall Fellowship

By: Brian McQueen

This year's Fall Fellowship at Camp Mahonegon was the best I've been to in the 5 years I've been in the Order. Many Arrowmen played football out in the parade field, others hiked to Eagle Rock, some sat down and shared stories, and everyone else played hearts in the dining hall at some point in the weekend. I personally spent most of my time drumming and singing. A drum team consisting of James Kane, Jacob Steele, Jacob Shifflett, and I are going to compete at the next Section Conclave. Rob Kerns and Clayton Tenney finished their Vigil process and are now Vigil Honor members of Nendawen Lodge. The Brotherhood ceremonies went very well, and we were able to use our newly grassed over ceremonies grounds.

Calendar of Events:

Winter Banquet

December 9 at 1:00
Salem, WV

Lodge Officer

Retreat Weekend
January TBA
Camp Mahonegon

Little Kanawha Pinewood Derby

January 13, 2007

Hock Hocking Pinewood Derby

January 20, 2007

Blennerhassett Pinewood Derby

January 27, 2007

Witahemui Weekend

Date TBA
Camp Kootaga

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Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Brothers,

Here we are again, faced with the end of another year. Only one event is left on our calendar—the Winter Banquet. This is where you can have the largest effect on the future of the lodge. At this winter banquet we will have a recap of the year and elect our youth leaders for the next year. I can not stress enough how important it is for Arrowmen to attend. If nothing else, at least the food is great.

Probably the most important part of the banquet is the elections. Because of the work put in by officers this year and the past several years, our lodge is growing and getting better every day. However, these officers are beginning to age out and we're always in need of new ideas. I strongly encourage anyone with a desire for a leadership position to step up and take on the challenge of being a lodge officer. The only thing I request is that if you do run for an office, you fully intend to perform all of your duties. In my three years as chief I have seen too many people accept a lodge position and then not do any of the tasks associated with that position.

Finally, on a more personal note, I wanted to thank everyone who has made these past three years a success. I am sad to say that this is my final year as a lodge officer, as I will age out in September of the next term. I have truly enjoyed working with all of you and have enjoyed events filled with brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service—the principles on which our order was founded.

Yours in Cheerful Service,
James R. Kane
Nendawen Lodge Chief
2004-2006

Camping Guide

Our lodge is diligently trying to get a council “Where to go camping” guide assembled. This guide will be made available to everyone in our council. It will be put on CD and given to scoutmasters, published on the lodge website, and may even be printed. This guide will have information about many of the greatest camping locations in our council. But in order for us to put this guide together, we need information from all of you. If you would like to have a guide like this, we need you to tell us about the places your troop often camps. Please send any information you have to Mike Harter, Brian McQueen, or James Kane via email. Our

email addresses can be found on the lodge website -

Nendawen.0a-c4a.org

Anniversary Patch

The Nendawen Lodge 15th anniversary flaps are much more popular than I could have ever imagined. We only ordered 200, and more than half of them are already sold. We will be selling them for \$10 each at the Winter Banquet. Also, we will be selling 2006 NOAC patches at the banquet. This is the first time The NOAC patches have been sold to the general lodge members due to some problems we had. Be the first to get one!

Fall Ordeal

This year's Fall Ordeal at Camp Kootaga was VERY productive. According to Scott Clay, the ranger at Camp Kootaga, the lodge members and Ordeal candidates completed every job that the camp maintenance committee had planned for them to do. Scott had to start making up jobs to keep everyone busy. Zach Baker has started the Extended Elangomat System with this fine group of Elangomats. The system will help increase our Brotherhood conversion rate. The Elangomats will be contacting the members of their clan until they get their brotherhood next fall. Good luck Zach!