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From the Chief

Brothers,

Our lodge year is quickly coming to a close, but we still have our last event, Fall Fellowship. I am sure this event will be a great success because of the quality of people who planned it. We have done many things this



year as a lodge as we will also do next year if YOU grant my one request. This is my last request as Lodge Chief, and it is to get involved in your chapter and the lodge. Even if you are not running for a position, there are plenty of spots for committee chairs and there is also room on the committees. Experience is also not required since there will be many people to point you in the right direction.

I can truthfully say as my term ends, that in the OA, as well as life, "the more you put in; the more you will get out." I have met some of my best friends and participated in activities that will help others, and I have had the best time doing it.

I was nervous at first, afraid I would make some mistakes, and I did. But, in the OA it is okay. Mistakes are a learning tool, and since the OA is a controlled environment, screwing up on something, isn't the end. In fact, in the future you will know if something works or not because you have the first-hand experience.

It has been a great year, and I am excited to see new arrowmen take up the reins of the lodge to lead it into the future.

Yours in brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service,

Ian Turnbull



Did you hear about NOAC? Read about it on page 7!



Election Articles

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Purpose of the Following Articles

My Brothers in the Wimachtenienk,

It has come time again for us to select new officers to lead our lodge. It is a time of excitement, as new minds and new ideas plan and prepare a new agenda and direction for our lodge. To help Arrowmen make an informed decision, The Fox is providing special election coverage. You will find questions and answers from some of the candidates running for the various officerships in our lodge. You will also find immediately below a complete listing of the candidates for each position, plus a brief run-down on how elections work.

Please note, every effort has been made to get in touch with these candidates. Every questionnaire that was submitted by a candidate was published. We hope that this information will be beneficial to you, and that the coming lodge year will be fruitful!

Complete Candidate Listing:

Chief:

Aaron Cowan-Banker

Alex Fagg

Vice Chief:

Dalton Monceaux

Benjamin Pomy

Joseph Stombaugh

Secretary:

Scott Carter

Treasurer:

Steven Gibson

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- Ian

"Retiring" Officers:

Chief:

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Andrew Kyle

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Scott Carter

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Alex Simmons

How the Lodge Election works:

Is this your first time at a lodge election? No sweat. It's actually a pretty cool process! First, a candidate must express his interest to run for one (and ONLY one) of the offices by the 15th of August. The bylaws of our Lodge specify that the elections should occur at the Fellowship in September. Separate balloting will occur for each officer, and a candidate must receive 50% of the ballots cast to win the election. A balloting committee, consisting of five youth and five adults, will count the votes. Oh, and nobody can "drop down" if they lose an election, unless the position they would be entering is vacant (i.e. has nobody running for the position). If that ever happens, then nominations are taken from the floor.

The first vote is for the lodge chief, immediately followed by the vice chiefs. In our lodge, there are two lodge vice chiefs. Therefore, each voter puts the name of the two people he would like to be vice chief; the first two candidates to receive 50% of the votes are declared the winners. Two more ballots are cast: first for lodge secretary, then for lodge treasurer.

So it's all up to you, and indeed your vote is very powerful! So think carefully when you vote!



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Candidate for the Chief: Aaron Cowan-Banker

Fox: What are the responsibilities of a lodge chief?

Aaron: I believe the lodge chief is the leader of the lodge and as our leader he should work with his LEC to plan and coordinate all lodge events. He also has a duty to make sure there is a steady publication of the Silver Fox sent out regularly. Also the lodge chief, he should plan and coordinate the agenda of all LEC meetings.

F: As chief, what will you set as your primary goals for the lodge?

Aaron: If elected as your chief, I want to increase mail distribution of the Silver Fox newsletter and I would like to see a strong troop representative program within the LEC. Also, I would like to see that at ordeals, candidates be given quality service projects that will they will remember forever, as a way to kindle the spark of the Order of the Arrow in each and everyone of them.

F: How do you plan to involve many arrowmen in achieving your goals?

Aaron: If I am elected as your chief, I want anyone interested in being on the LEC or any lodge position to come talk to me about what you are interested in and I want everyone to know that there is something in our order for everyone!

F: What other commitments do you have aside from being the chief?

Aaron: I am really focusing on school this year, and I am running track in the spring, but neither will conflict with being lodge chief.

F: What kind of thing do you do in your free time?

Aaron: I have a lot of different hobbies! I have been known to play a pretty mean game of racquetball!



Candidate for the Vice-Chief: Joseph Stombaugh

Fox: As vice-chief, how would you define your job?

Joseph: To represent the Lodge in cheerful service, to assist the lodge chief and serve when he is absence, and to set a good example for all Arrowmen.

Fox: What changes do you feel you can achieve as vice-chief? What changes do you think are necessary?

Joseph: Offer a new t-shirt each year and design more flaps each year for new arrowmen. Also, to reduce the number of walk-ons & encourage Arrowmen to pre-register. Every Arrowman, who pre-registers by the deadline date could be eligible for a drawing of 10 FREE t-shirts/flaps or other OA items.

Fox: What are your goals as vice-chief? When the year comes to a close, how will you measure success?

Joseph: For goals, I want to help recruit more people to participate in ALL lodge events. Thus, more people will attend Conclave, Fellowships, and Ordeals. To measure success, we can compare attendance from previous years in the number of membership, not only in our Lodge, but in our Chapters. (continued on the next page)



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(continued) Candidate Joseph Stombaugh:

Fox: What are your goals as vice chief? How will you measure success?

Joseph (continued from previous page):

Another goal is that I would like to attend meetings of each of our Chapters in our Lodge, to see how they keep their meetings FUN & how they are serving their community. Then, spotlight each Chapter's achievements in the "Silver Fox" publications. More goals include:

-Encourage each Chapter to bring Drumming back in all of our regular Chapter Meetings.

-Encourage new Arrowmen to be active on at least one committee in their Chapter.

-Encourage "building" new ceremonial teams in each Chapter.

-Share the enthusiasm from NOAC experience and what I learned.

Fox: What do you plan on doing in the lodge if not elected as vice-chief?

Joseph: I have enjoyed serving as Fellowship Chairman and would be happy to serve again.

Fox: What is your favorite vacation destination?

Joseph: Cocoa Beach, Florida!!!!!!
Any day of the week...Anytime of the year!

Candidate for the Vice-Chief: Ben Pomy

Fox: As vice-chief, how would you define your job?

Ben: I view the position of vice-chief as a working one. I feel it is my job to be not only a liaison between the arrowmen and my Chief, but also as an assistant to the chief. It will be my job to make sure his tasks are completed and stand behind his decisions to the best of my ability.

Fox: What changes do you feel you can achieve as vice-chief? What changes do you think are necessary?

Ben: There are 3 main changes I feel need to happen in our lodge. First, we need to lower event costs. The lodge charges far too much for events, especially fellowship. How can we ask an arrowmen for almost \$100 per year in event fees and expect them to stay active? Also, we need better communication. I would like to see the Fox mailed out bi-monthly. And in the Fox should contain event schedules and registration forms to ensure the arrowmen have plenty of notice prior to the event. I would like to all but eliminate email communication. Additionally, we need more youth leadership. Our lodge currently relies heavily on the adults to run events and take charge. It is time to have more youth taking positions of authority and responsibility and having to rely on them, not their advisors to get the job done. I believe all of these goals can be achieved as vice chief as long as I have the support of the LEC.

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(continued) Candidate Ben Pomy:

Fox: What are your goals as vice-chief? When the year comes to a close, how will you measure success?

Ben: My goals are the same as the changes, so if you feel like it, read the above statements twice.

Fox: What do you plan on doing in the lodge if not elected as vice-chief?

Ben: If I am not elected vice chief, I will continue to be very active in the lodge and section. I am currently Vigil Chief and Section Ceremonies chairman. I do not, however, feel that being vice chief will affect my abilities to complete any of the aforementioned tasks or the vice chief position itself.

Fox: What is your favorite vacation destination?

Ben: So far I love the Canadian backcountry. But my dream vacation would be mid-summer in Alaska.

On Being an Editor

I have to admit it: going into this job, I had absolutely no background in publishing, editing, or even writing for a journal. I had no background material to draw from, and nothing to measure myself against. But, in spite of all of this, and in consideration of all of the other things I have done in the Order, I have found being the editor of the Silver Fox to have been one of the most rewarding experiences in my time in the OA.

Our lodge is, believe it or not, a large, busy lodge. There are many things going on, and many arrowmen are participating in many different ways. And what's best is that they love to share their experiences: they love to write articles and share pictures from what they've done and where they've been. It has been a privilege to participate in their experiences with them.

Now, I am looking for an arrowman to take up the task of publishing the fox. What background do you need? None. What skills do you need? Just a bit of computer savvy. How much time does it take? A bit of time every other month. Is it complicated? Not really. What are the benefits? They are countless. (continued on the next page)

Candidate for the treasurer: Steven Gibson

Fox: What are the responsibilities of a treasurer?

Steven: To keep track of the Lodge's finances and to come up with the spending guide known as the Budget.

Fox: What will be your guide when planning the budget for the coming year?

Steven: My guide for planning this year's budget will be reviewing the budgets of past years and taking into consideration future events that require lodge funding.

Fox: Some people have suggested that perhaps lodge event registration fees are too high. Do you have any response for this?

Steven: Hence the Universal Registration Form, it was designed to lower the cost of lodge events and to eliminate the headaches of handling different registration forms. There is also an idea called "early bird registration"!!!

Fox: Do you have any plans to improve dues collection from inactive members?

Steven: First we have to get them to the lodge functions and get them active again that way they feel as if they're not making a donation to the lodge.



OA Trivia!

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OA Trivia Corner

Each issue, one section will be devoted to Order of the Arrow Trivia. The topics can range from Order History to current Order events to present and future Pellissippi Lodge events, or any other fitting topic! To find the answers, you may need to consult the National Website (www.oe-bsa.org), the Pellissippi Lodge website (www.pellissippilodge.org), or an issue of the Silver Fox (available on the Lodge website). So here we go!

THEME: LODGE BYLAWS (from the website as of 09/13/2009)

1. According to the bylaws of the lodge, what are the operating committees in the lodge?
2. When is the Vigil Honor to be publically bestowed?
3. When a lodge member pays his dues, can he pay for multiple years? How many years?
4. What is the scheduled time of year for Unit Elections?
5. How many poll-watchers are appointed to observe the actual voting?

Adults and youth are encouraged to submit their answers to silverfox@pellissippilodge.org with your name and chapter. Those who answer questions correctly will have their name printed in the next issue of the Silver Fox!

OA Trivia Responses

The following arrowmen correctly responded to the trivia from the last issue:

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On Being an Editor

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You will not be working alone. I will help start you off. Arrowmen in the lodge will help you by writing articles and submitting pictures. Those who read the fox will encourage your work and support your efforts.

Please, seriously consider if you are the one who is to be the next editor of the Silver Fox. The foundation is laid, the materials are readily available. All that's missing is you.

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Answers to last issue's trivia:

1. What new program will be offered at NOAC 2009 to help lodges and sections plan ArrowCorps like events in their lodges?
A. Arrowman Conservation School
2. One issue of the NOAC "News you can use" newsletter contains the quote "We all have ability. The difference is how we use it." Who is the quote by, and what issue of the newsletter was it in?
A. Stevie Wonder, Issue 4
3. Who was the first scout to become our nation's president? (Hint: <http://www.bsartn2008.org>)
A. John Kennedy
4. Seven Pellissippi Lodge members achieved the Vigil Honor at this year's Spring Fellowship. Name them.
A. Kent Turnbull, Spencer Grieco, Christopher Lowery, Joey Courtney, Aaron Cowan-Banker, Joseph Dirmeyer, Pete Carter
5. The OA has four purposes, according to the official website. What are they?
A. 1) To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives
2) To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit
3) To promote Scout camping
4) To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others



Closing Thoughts

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Adviser's Corner

(Editor's Note: This issue's Adviser's Corner has been submitted by Trey Ussery; it summarizes the events that occurred at NOAC, August 1 - 6 at the University of Indiana, Bloomington)

NOAC was August 1-6 in Bloomington, IN at Indiana University. Pellissippi Lodge had a contingent of 37 attend and we also had 5 on staff. Congratulations go out to Kenny Jacobs and the Echota ceremony team for winning Honors in their ceremony competitions. Kenny competed in the Vigil ceremony while the Echota team, consisting of Alex Simmons, John Simmons, Steven Gibson and JR Lackey, competed in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony. Kenny was also ranked in the top 10 in the nation for Vigil ceremonialists. When we arrived and checked in, we were again reminded of what NOAC stands for (NO A/C). Everyone that I have spoken with enjoyed their training classes, the fellowship experienced during the week and are planning on going to the next one. The Southern region won the Region lodgeball competition. Have you ever seen 1,000 people playing dodgeball at one time? Pellissippi had teams competing in Lodgeball, Ultimate Frisbee and Volleyball. We didn't win anything but we had a great time playing. The rootbeer was great at the Hodag on Tuesday night and the ice cream was greatly appreciated on Wednesday night. The next NOAC will be 2012 at Michigan State University. It's never too early to start planning and thinking of patch designs. Ask anyone who attended the past NOAC about their experience and get ready to go in 2012. It would be great if Pellissippi could double our attendance at the next NOAC. Ian Turnbull has several pictures on his Facebook page if you want to look.

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Trey Ussery

Associate Lodge Adviser

Final Thought

By: Joey Courtney

As we continue throughout this lodge year, it is important to remember why the Order of the Arrow is a meaningful organization to spend your time and efforts. This year has brought both challenges and successes. Arrowmen from around the area have worked hard to plan events and share cheerful service with others. As we arrive at fall fellowship and begin the next official lodge year, we need to keep in mind all of those things we have accomplished. Together we have developed leadership skills which will help both our lodge and our community grow. We have met new arrowmen, and we have assisted them through two ordeals. Our lodge has grown, and our community has seen our service work blossom into something we can be proud of. The lodge has had such a successful year! In years to come, hopefully future leaders of our lodge will be able to learn from the example this year has shown and help this lodge to function even more efficiently. Remember to thank those youth and adult who have put in their best efforts this year. Remember to help the new arrowmen take on responsibility in this coming year and follow Meteu's advice from the Ordeal ceremony, "Stand beside them and urge them forward on the next step of their journey, on their long and toilsome journey."

Upcoming Lodge

Events:

10/24/2009:
Webelo's Pow-
Wow

@Sequoyah
Birthplace
Mus.

11/07/2009:
Lodge
Leadership
Development

@TBA