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## NE-1A Takes the Region!



### Ed Lynes Elected Region Chief

Matt Baldwin

Very possibly the biggest news in this issue of the Polestar is about our own Section Chief Ed Lynes was voted to be our new North-East region Chief. Essentially what happened was just after Christmas all of the Section chiefs from the Northeast region were locked in a room down in Dallas Texas and not allowed out until they had voted in a new Region Chief. As you can imagine the competition was not easy but the best man for the job always comes out on top! Ed worked so hard in the Section that you can just imagine the things he will do for the Region. He is a devoted arrowman and earned the right to be where he is.

As most of us know, Ed is an Eagle Scout

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### NE-1A Dominates SOS

Zac Hicks

How do our Section Officers learn to run the Conclave? Well, its more than just experience backing them. Our Section Officers have attended the Northeast Region's Section Officer Seminar (SOS).

At the SOS, they learned about all they things the need to know to run Section NE-1A. Training covered Conclave Budget, to the Lodge Assistance Program, to Conclave Rotation Procedure, as well as everything else in between.

In addition to the excellent training, this was also an opportunity for all the Section Officers from across our Region to gather, socialize, and compete in several categories. There was the Section Display, Extreme Musical Chairs, Volleyball, Spirit Award, and OA Trivia. As a Section, NE-1A won all but one of the events, showing once again that NE-1A is the best out there.



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## Editor's Desk

Brothers,

First and foremost, I hope all is going well and that you all had a great holiday break. I know it felt very short this year but... what can you do? We are coming up on some great events in the section and I can't wait to see all of you experience what happens when hard work pays off.

The "QLS" will be a blast and filled with some heavy duty training to bring back to your lodges, and best of all the Conclave is approaching fast. The CVC's and their committees have been hard at work and are going blow NE-1A away this June. That is certainly my personal guarantee! I hope your ready for what is coming and of course this issue of the Polestar is going fill you in on what's up in the Section, and what you can do to help out (if you not all ready).

This issue is filled with some good stuff, but as always if you have any suggestions or if you want to get involved, just let me know.

I would like to close with a very serious and important statement of... Go Patriots!!

*Matt*

## From the Chief

Fellow Arrowmen,

We have had a very productive fall. Many of our lodges have once again achieved Quality Lodge status. This has in turn helped us as a Section to become a Quality Section once more.

At our first Council of Chiefs this fall, we took tremendous steps towards the palnning of our Conclave. This year instead of appointing arrowmen to be Conclave Vice Chiefs, we have assembled committees, which are headed by their respective elected chairmen. Using the committee system, the work has been spread out and we are weeks ahead in our planning process. With the program these committees are assembling, we are looking at to have our most successful Conclave ever.

In addition to the Conclave, the Section is hosting, for the first time ever, a Quality Lodge Summit (QLS). This has been created to provide more indepth assistance to the Lodges. For the first annual QLS, there has been a lot of work down in gathering the best trainers available. Hopefully this will be a wonderful kickoff for the new Section event.

*Zac*

Zac Hicks  
Interim Section Chief

# National / Region Updates

## NLS Coming to NE-1A!

For the first time in recent history, the National Leadership Seminar (NLS) will be taking place in NE-1A! The NLS is an intensive, weekend-long leadership course which has been described as "one of the best in the Boy Scouts of America." The Seminar functions under the direction of the Region Chief and is staffed by experienced Arrowmen from across the country. The NLS in 1A will even feature the National Chief, Jeff Hayward!

The NLS will take place from April 30-May 2, 2004 at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation, the site of the 2004 NE-1A Section Conclave. The cost of the event is only \$50, and this covers meals, housing and seminar materials. Those participating in the NLS return to their home lodges and troops with a trove of new skills and approaches to leadership.

The seminar can only accommodate 72 Arrowmen, so register quickly! Forms will be sent to Lodge Chiefs and Advisers in March. After then, fill in your form and be ready for the best training of your life!



## NLATS Heads Into Third Year

2004 will see the third year of regional implementation of the National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS). The NLATS is a program designed for Lodge and Chapter Advisers/Associate Advisers. The seminar focuses on the do's and don'ts of lodge advising. It gives participants the opportunity to exchange ideas with other advisers across the region and take those ideas back home.

The NLATS in 2004 will be March 26-28, at Camp Alpine in NJ

## NOAC

On July 31, 2004, Arrowmen from all over the United States will descend upon Ames, IA for the twenty-eighth National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). NOAC is a weeklong program conducted every two years at a major university. NOAC will be attended by around 8,000 Arrowmen, making it one of the biggest events in Scouting, second only to the National Jamboree.

The NOAC is planned by Section Chiefs from across the country and led by the National OA Officers. Making the event youth-led creates a dynamic, exciting program. At NOAC, participants will be able to see dance and ceremony competitions, outdoor exhibitions, top-flight training in a myriad of topics and the best shows in Scouting,

In 2004, the National Conference will be taking place at Iowa State University and centered on the theme "Dedicated to Serve, Inspired to Lead." Lodges received contingent registration information with their Lodge Recharter Packages, and should be making plans to attend by now. See your Lodge Chief or Adviser today to register for this once in a lifetime event!

## An Arrowman's Dream!

Gil Rogers

Are you looking for a way to get away this summer? Maybe you want to spend your free time meeting new people and having a unique and outstanding time? Are you looking for a way to take advantage of all of those "rights and privileges" mentioned on the back of your OA membership card? Or are you dying to go to a National High Adventure Base like Philmont, or the Northern Tier, but don't have the cash?

If you have answered 'yes' to any of the questions above; then the OA High Adventure programs are for you!

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# Conclave Planning

## Training Committee Update

Mike O'Connor

The Training Committee is working hard this year to bring you the best classes possible. The schedule has been set, and it is filled with a whopping twenty-five unique sessions! Topics range from "Ceremonial Clothing" to "Making Web Pages Work" and "Patch Design." There is something for everyone, so we would like to see everyone there. Get your fellow Arrowmen excited for this event, because it's going to be the best Conclave you have ever been to!

Planning stages are well underway. Currently, we are contacting the syllabus writers. After that, the presenters will be recruited. We are trying to get a good mix of lodges represented, so if you know of anyone (25 or younger) interested in taking an active role in this year's Conclave, you can contact any member of the Training Committee.

The committee is excited and happy about our progress so far, and we can't wait to see it happen in June. So get the word out to your friends, neighbors, brothers, cousins, pets, and anyone else you can think of...NE-1A 2004 Conclave is going to be wicked fun!



## COC A Success!

Ed Lynes

The first COC for the 2004 Conclave was a roaring success! Every lodge in the Section was represented, and together chose the Conclave Theme of "**The Show Must Go ON!**"

COC Participants then broke into committees to plan the Conclave itself. The 2004 Conclave is proving to be our best yet, see your Lodge Chief or Adviser to register today!

## The Show Must Go ON!

Silas St. James

Muppets, madness, mayhem...THE SHOW MUST GO ON! The shows committee for the 2004 Conclave is in high gear, planning six complete shows that will knock your socks off, including entertainment at every meal, opening and closing shows, and the theme show, which you really won't want to miss! With even the theme itself showcasing all that you will see and hear and experience throughout the weekend, we have a big task ahead of us. Expect to be amazed, and don't be afraid to participate yourself!

## Program

Shane Sickles

The 2004 Section NE-1A Conclave is going to be great, and those of us on the program committee are doing our part to make it the best ever. We are jumping right into it Friday night with a Caribbean theme, which I'm sure will be crazy. Program has a lot of fun things planned for Saturday as well, including different Indian events such as a drum team presentation and a dance team presentation.

For those of you who have a taste for competition or just a will to have fun then the Saturday competitions will fulfill your hunger. There will be competitions in: Ordeal and Pre-Ordeal Ceremonies, Lodge Newsletter, Lodge Web-page, Dance, OA Jeopardy, volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, lip-synching, and of course; the Healy Cup. New to this years Conclave is a competition for adults that we have named the 'Coffee Cup' this is a humorous event that will test their knowledge and coordination.

As I'm sure you can tell Conclave will be a great time, and the program committee has been working diligently to make sure this happens. Enjoy the rest of winter and I hope to see you at the 2004 NE-1A Section Conclave.

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The OA sponsors two programs during the summer, which are open to ONLY Arrowmen between the ages of 16 and 21. The programs are the OA Wilderness Voyage at the Northern Tier High Adventure Base in Ely, Minnesota; and the OA Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. Arrowmen have the opportunity to spend TWO weeks at one of these premier high adventure bases, for a VERY low price!



The OA Wilderness Voyage provides Arrowmen with a unique opportunity to visit one of the Boy Scouts of America's lesser known facilities: Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base in Ely, MN. Arrowmen from all over the country will explore the Boundary Waters Canoeing Area Wilderness (BWACW), seeing countless Bald Eagles, Loons, Hawks and possibly even a Moose!

In 2003, The OA Voyage program received the U.S. Forest Service Chief's Service Award, which is the highest award the USFS can bestow on a volunteer organization for service to our country's national parks. This award was earned by the over 400 participants of the program since 1999. Participants spend a week of their experience in the Boundary Waters performing trail maintenance; learning more about erosion control than anyone will ever need in their lifetime. This service does not only benefit the BSA base, but the thousands upon thousands of tourists who travel this area annually.

The second week of the OA Voyage provide participants with a unique look at a world that is barely impacted by human contact.

Participants can go their entire voyage without the contact of another group of human beings, which creates a bond of brotherhood that cannot be created anywhere else. While earning the BSA Leave No Trace Camping Award, participants will use all of the skills presented to them as younger scouts in everyday activity. Arrowmen will leave the Northern Tier changed for the better through an experience, which is a bargain for the low price of a \$100 registration fee.

To show its support of the OA Voyage program, the Northeast Region leadership offers a scholarship of \$100 to pay the registration fee of one Arrowman per section in the Region to attend OA Voyage. Contact your Section Chief for More Information!

The OA Trail Crew gives Arrowmen the unique opportunity to see all of the beauty and excitement that is Philmont Scout Ranch. As a part of the program, participants spend the first week of their two-week expedition performing fire restoration, trail building and maintenance in Baldy Country (home of Baldy Mountain, the highest peak on the ranch).

The second week of Trail Crew involves a trek that is picked and designed by the participants themselves!

This unique opportunity gives Arrowmen the chance to see all of Philmont that they can possibly walk to over a one-week period. Crews spend time fishing at Fish Camp, singing and dancing at the Stomp at Miner's Camp and taking in all that Philmont has to offer. All of these unique experiences, which you will share with other Arrowmen from around the country, can be yours by simply paying the registration fee of \$125.

The OA High Adventure programs typify the Scout qualities of brotherhood, cheerfulness, service and even bravery. Registration is available on the National Order of the Arrow website at [www.oe-bsa.org/programs](http://www.oe-bsa.org/programs). SIGN UP QUICKLY AS SPOTS WILL BE GOING FAST!



# Around the Section...

## Moswetuset Lodge #52

James Santos

Since we met last, the Moswetuset Lodge has held its annual lodge banquet in January. We exceeded our original number of participants and were happy that all were able to attend and enjoy the festivities which included dinner, awards, and two special guest speakers, one of whom was Jo-Jo White, a retired Boston Celtics player who is now working on youth relations between the city of Boston and the team. At the banquet, the lodge presented the Founders Award to two Arrowmen who have shown EXTREME amounts of dedication over the years. Even though by now people are getting sick of hearing the news, Moswetuset Lodge is extremely proud that two term Lodge Chief Ed Lynes has recently been elected as the 2004 Northeast Region chief.

## Chippanyonk Lodge #59

Andrew Taft

This year has been difficult for our lodge, as our previous year was met with unsuccessful and cancelled events, as well as a decreased active membership. Our first two events of the year were good, as we had fun at our Fall Ordeal in September and our Fall Fellowship in November.

Our next big event is our Spring Fellowship, which will be March 19-20, and that Saturday night will be our annual banquet. The Spring Fellowship is used to set up our summer camp, Camp Resolute, for the summer, so we spend the morning doing service, but we also have a lot of fun on Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

The Eboard is very excited about the rest of this year, and we hope to have a strong showing at the Conclave this June. . I hope to see you all at the Conclave!

## Nanepashmet #158

Phil Begeal



## Pamola Lodge #211

Shane Sickles

Pamola Lodge has been off to a great start this year. We started off the year with an LLDC in November for the newly elected officers, at this training we were able to get a lot of training done. Winter is the busiest time of the year for our lodge and right now we are in full swing with planning for our lodge fellowship weekend coming up in March, and the chapters doing unit elections.

The lodge's web page is updated frequently keeping arrow men informed as to what's going on. Our lodge is getting ready for NOAC and should be sending a full contingent. Members of Pamola lodge are playing a very important role in planning for the 2004 section NE-1A Conclave. I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their winter and we at Pamola look forward to seeing you in June.

# Lodge Updates (cont.)

## Passaconaway

Silas St. James

Passaconaway is very proud to be a Quality Lodge once again, and super excited to host the 2004 Section Conclave! We look forward to a great year, becoming more involved in Cub Scout Programs, Summer Camps, and the community. We are in the first year of a new program, Chapters of our Lodge, or "C.O.O.L." which works like a quality chapter program and will increase our Arrowmen's involvement in OA activities.

We also have exciting programs planned, including the Winter Fun Weekend which we just held, Spring and Fall Fellowship Weekends, our fifth Lodge Conference in October, a lodge Banquet in December, Conclave, and a huge contingent going to NOAC this summer. Keep counting down the days until you all get to come to Hidden Valley and see for yourself how Passaconaway is doing!

## Ajapeu

Josh LaFrance

Ajapeu Lodge is off to the start of another great year and, with the momentum from last year's success, they are hoping to make an even better program to support their council. The new Lodge officers were voted in on January 12, and they are already working diligently to improve the lodge and help the council. So far there are many exciting events planned for this year's calendar. These events include a Winter Trek in February and an informative Scoutmaster dinner. Ajapeu is also planning on building benches in the camp fire ring at Mt. Norris Scout Camp. The project is promising to be an opportunity for plenty of Arrowmen to provide cheerful service. Planning has already begun for the Fall Fellowship, which is Ajapeu Lodge's main event of the year. In attempt to be more efficient, Ajapeu has decided to model the Lodge meetings/planning sessions similarly to a COC meeting.

## Madockawanda #271

Paul Froman

Madockawanda Lodge is started off to a great year! For one, it's the 60th year of Madockawanda Lodge! So far it looks like it's going to keep going on this great path. We are ready to start unit elections and Cub Scout cross over ceremonies very soon. Following the election season, we will be having three ordeals, which are already being planned. We are pushing for both full NOAC and Conclave contingents. This spring we are planning on having a ceremony for the 60th Anniversary at the first ceremony site at Camp Hinds.

## Lynes Elected Region Chief

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and a Vigil honor member. He has worked in his lodge and been an arrowman for years. Ed has strived for nothing shy of perfection on everything that he does; so far from what we have seen through the section, he doesn't settle for anything less!

Section NE-1A has not played a major role in the region in years. Naturally, this is not okay. In the past few years NE-1A has been becoming stronger and stronger. This year (with the help of Ed) we have clearly become the strongest section in the Northeast region.

I know we don't have to worry about him forgetting about us because I was talking with him (getting help) about the Polestar and he said "... No problem man, I still got NE-1A in my blood!"  
-Ed Lynes (English major)

## NE-1A Calendar

February 7 - Quality Lodge Summit

March 26-28 - NLS/NLATS

April 15 - Last Day to Change Conclave Quotas

April 17 - Council of Chiefs Meeting

April 30-May 2 - NLS

June 11-13 - NE-1A Conclave

July 31-Aug 5 - National OA Conference



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