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Conclave - 4 Months Away



What will you be doing on June 10-12, 2005? Members of the Section NE-1A Lodges will be traveling to Camp Resolute in Bolton, Massachusetts for the Section NE-1A Conclave. The Section Conclave is a gathering of the 7 OA lodges that cover the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and the northeast part of Massachusetts. The conclave has an attendance of about 300 people that come together each year at a summer camp in our section.

On Friday night, there will be carnival activities, and on Saturday morning, you can attend training cells that includes topics like Native American dancing, patch designing, and introduction to OA programs. In the afternoon, there are lodge competitions such as volleyball, ultimate frisbee, and OA Jeopardy. The most famous event at the conclave is the Healy Cup which first originated from Chippanyonk Lodge seven years ago. The Healy Cup is an Obstacle Course that involves running, swimming, canoeing, and bike

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National Officers Elected



At the recent 2004 National Planning Meeting, which was held in Texas, the national officers of the Order of the Arrow were elected. The National Chief elected was Patrick Murphy from Tempe, AZ. He is a Vigil Honor member and an Eagle Scout. Patrick is a member of Wipala Wiki Lodge from the Grand Canyon Council, and he is an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 853.



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Editor's Desk

Brothers,

This year has been great. Since NOAC The Polestar has been published a total of three times and there will be another edition at the April Council of Chiefs meeting. Remember, if you want to have an article in The Polestar, just email it to me, and I will put it in the next edition. Lodge Reports and articles are due by April 1, 2005 for the next edition.

Welcome to the 2nd annual Quality Lodge Summit. Today you will be able to meet with some the the best trainers in the Northeast Region. You will be able to meet with current and past national officers which bring a wealth of information with them. Have a great day here at the Quality Lodge Summit and take what you learn back to your lodges, chapters, and units.

Yours in Service,

Jeff

Jeff St. Cyr, Editor

From the Chief

Dear Brothers,

It brings me great pleasure to welcome you all to the second annual Section NE-1A Quality Lodge Summit. With special guests, trainers throughout the Region, and some of the best sessions, this is bound to be a great event. With 2004 gone and conclave approaching, the loose ends tighten. I'm still excited, and with only months away, everything's coming together. I still urge all of you to follow through on your tasks and commitments. When we all work together, we win together, much like the Red Sox and Patriots. So, make sure you "Light the Fire from within", to help make this year the best ever!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Mike A. Price

Mike A. Price
Section Chief

National / Region Updates

Conclave Training Initiative 2005- OA Troop/Team Rep.

Zac Hicks, Section Vice Chief

In 2003, the National Order of the Arrow, as proposed by their Strategic Plan, began releasing certain training programs for the use of the Sections at Conclaves. The idea being that the places where Lodges are struggling will have extra attention paid to them. By giving a standardized course syllabus to every Section, problems can be addressed across the Nation, even between NOACs.



The first released was a session teaching about the 2003-2007 Strategic Plan. This was followed up by a session about the Brotherhood Conversion for understanding and meeting Lodge requirements. This year, the new program is based off the OA Troop/Team Representative Program. It is designed to address the common problems of the implementation of the program and then provide some solutions to overcome the difficulties.

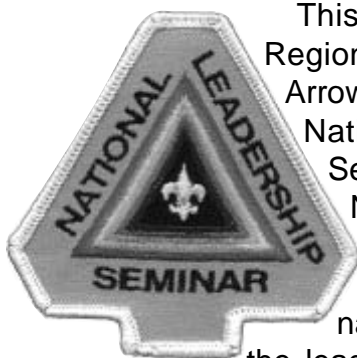
Lodge Leader Development Course Update

Since the new Lodge Leader Development Course (LLDC) was revised and introduced at the national conference, there have been many updates since then. One of them is that lodges are now able to buy a LLDC patch that has the LLDC logo and says "Trained." It is a great recognition item for the lodge members who attend. Also, there is a quotation index that has over 600 quotes to



choose from. Some of the categories include courage, friendship, pride, service, teamwork, and wisdom. There are also hundreds of authors to choose from such as Abraham Lincoln, Henry Ford, Michael Jordan, and Winston Churchill. To access the form for the patches and the quotation index, log on to the LLDC website at www.lld.ou-bsa.org.

National Leadership Seminar



This year, the Northeast Region of the Order of the Arrow will be holding three National Leadership Seminars (NLS), and one National Lodge Advisor Training Seminar (NLATS). These two national programs prepare the leaders of tomorrow for the

Order of the Arrow. The National Leadership Seminar is one of the best training programs that is part of the Boy Scouts of America. The skills

NLS and NLATS Dates

April 1-3 NLS/NLATS
Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ

April 22-24 NLS
Camp Tuckahoe, Dillsburg, PA

September 16-18 NLS
Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ

and knowledge you can learn is priceless. For more information, head to the region website at www.northeast.ou-bsa.org or contact your Lodge Chief or Advisor.



National Endowment

In the late 1970's, the National Order of the Arrow Committee established a national endowment program that is used to support various OA programs such as the four national high adventure opportunities and the OA programs at the national jamboree. This funding is crucial for the support of these programs.

On the national website at www.oa-bsa.org, there are different resources for you to look at. One of them is a video clip, which enables you to find out more information and the purpose along with the background of the national endowment.

The Order of the Arrow also started The Goodman Society that was created to honor our founders. Membership is open to all arrowmen who desire to become a part of a national fellowship in support of our order. The membership is extended to those who become a part of the endowment through their charitable bequests, charitable trust, or their life insurance/retirement plan donations. You can view a brochure online at www.oa-bsa.org.

Another part of the national endowment program is recognition pieces which are available off the national OA trading post at www.trading-post.oa-bsa.org. The two designs of the figurines include the Ordeal Ceremony and the Higher Vision. They come in a bronze version or a painted edition.

For more information on the national endowment plan, log on to www.oa-bsa.org/endowment.

OA Service Corps Members Needed at the Jamboree

According to the Lead Advisor of the OA Service Corps at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree, Order of the Arrow members are still needed. Members of the OA will assist in setting up the jamboree and assisting in various program areas

National Event Promotion Taskforce Formed

At the 2004 National Planning meeting, Section Chiefs from around the country met to form a taskforce to try and increase the attendance of national events including the next National Order of the Arrow Conference. The committee plans to create an advertising package for sections, lodges, and chapters to use at meetings and events to advertise national events and programs. At the National Meeting, the committee decided on 6 main areas of focus. They are as follows- 1. Promotion and Distributions. 2. Pre-Planning. 3. Incentives. 4. Media. 5. National Jamboree Promotion. 6. Contingent incentives. These are the 6 areas that are headed by a section chief and an advisor. For more information, you can go online to their website at www.oatrain-ing.org/nept.

National High Adventure

Log onto to their websites at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/>

Lodge Program Book Released

The 2005 Lodge Program Book has been released. It can be downloaded off the national website at www.oa-bsa.org. This edition includes information on region training events, Lodge Leader Development, Lodge Community Service, the



Leadership in Service Award, and information about the OA Troop/Team Rep. Program.

during the jamboree. To apply, you need to log on to the national jamboree website and fill out a staff application. State that you want to be a member of the OA Service Corps and send it to your council service center.

Conclave Planning

Shows Committee Update

Brian Kent, CVC of Shows

This years 2005 conclave show is one you don't want to miss. An expert team is working day and night to create a movie and show worthy of an Oscar... The story depicts a boy along his exciting and toilsome journey through scouting. Along the way he will face a tough challenge that forces him to "light the fire within." Come to the 2005 Conclave and discover the challenge that this young scout will face...see you at Camp Resolute!

The next Council of Chiefs meeting is...

April 30, 2005

Portsmouth Community Center

Exciting Conclave



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riding. After the evening dinner, there is a theme show that wraps up the conclave weekend. Conclaves are a great place to meet new arrowmen and to learn new things.

This year, there are many events being planned such as a Pow Wow, a BMX biking course, and a lot more. If you want to have a great weekend, then come to Camp Resolute on June 10 for a good time. Talk to your lodge chief or advisor about attending.

From the Conclave Coordinator..

It is the year 2005, finally! The Service Lodge and Section Officers have been working hard to plan the greatest Conclave this Section has seen. For those who don't know, back in November at the C.O.C we decided on the theme for this year's Conclave, which is "light the fire from within." Since then, the Conclave committees have been busy putting together great shows, training and programs to make an awesome weekend. The Service Lodge has also been busy recruiting staff to make the weekend run smoothly and make sure you have fun. Shortly, registration forms will be available for you to sign-up. You might be able to sign-up online this year, so take a peek at the Section website, <http://ne1a.sr.unh.edu/>. Again, this year's Conclave is at Camp Resolute in Bolton, Massachusetts on June 10-12, 2005. Make sure you sign-up so you don't miss out on all the fellowship, food and fun!

Your 2005 Conclave Coordinator,
Bryan Mazaika

Training Committee Update

Paul Froman, CVC of Training

The Training Committee has lots of great ideas for this years Conclave. We are trying to stay as close to the theme as possible. We have a lot of new ideas for training. One of our ideas is to have more hands on training and of course we will have the normal training. However we are working on ways to make all the training better. We are looking forward to Conclave and think everyone will be able to find training that interests them.

Conclave 2005 To be Held at...

**JUNE 10-12, 2005
Camp Resolute
Bolton, Massachusetts**

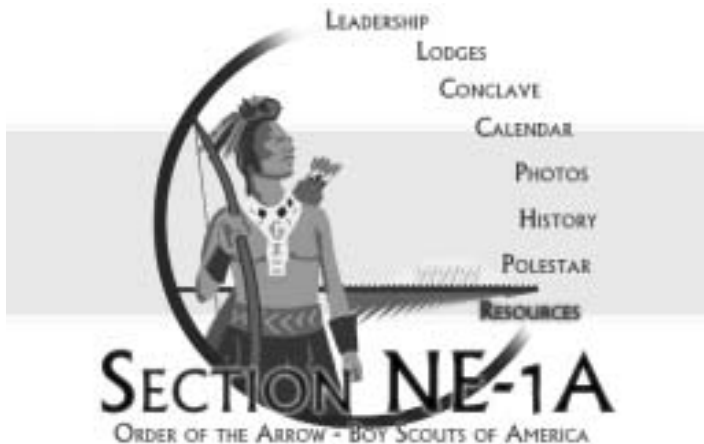
Around the Section...

New Section Webpage

On February 19, 2005, NE-1A launched its website: the totally new, totally redesigned www.ne1a.org. The new site replaces one that had been posted since 2001.

The brand-new NE-1A site is not just a redesign. Content has been expanded greatly—there's now an in-depth Section History, Lodge information pages, a Polestar archive and an expansive PHOTO GALLERY!

The highlight of the new page, however, is the information it provides about Conclave 2005. Updates will be posted as they are available about the programs planned for the event. This will allow the page to be a valuable resource for promoting the event.



The site also now hosts three subdomains which will provide an asset to the business of our Section. One subdomain is for key Section leadership only, and will provide them the chance to share files with one another so as to improve communication.

The second subdomain, adviser.ne1a.org, is for Lodge Advisers, and allows them to register their conclave contingents entirely online!

The final subdomain is tradingpost.ne1a.org. NE-1A has become the first section in the entire NATION to develop an online trading post system! From now on, NE-1A merchandise can be purchased at any time from the comfort of home! Conclave pre-orders also may be done entirely through the online system.

CHECK IT OUT! WWW.NE1A.ORG!

Chippanyonk Lodge #59

Chippanyonk Lodge submitted its re-charter this December and achieved Quality Lodge for the second time since the lodge was first chartered eight years ago. On January 15th we held our annual Family Banquet, hosting a guest speaker from the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife & Environmental Law Enforcement. Using a caterer this year rather than cooking ourselves allowed the officers and advisors a chance to relax. The lodge hosted its first annual Camp Kick-off Dinner, which was held on January 20th. We hosted all Scoutmasters, Senior Patrol Leaders, Unit Committee Chairmen, and Cubmasters of the Council for a camp promotions and information dinner. Election packets have been sent out to all troops and we will be running our elections in the coming months. Planning for the conclave has been going very well and we hope that everyone is as excited for the weekend as we are.

Moswetuset Lodge #52

Moswetuset Lodge has been extremely busy these past few months. We have had a lodge banquet where we gave out various awards, formally congratulated our new vigils, swore in our new officers and we had a guest speaker, Mark Chillutti from the National Order of the Arrow Committee. Moswetuset Lodge is very excited about this upcoming unit election season with high hopes. Our newly elected officers and chairman with the help of advisors have an amazing year planned for Moswetuset Lodge.

Pamola and Nanepashmet did not submit reports for this issue...

... try harder in April, guys!

Lodge Updates (cont.)

Passaconaway #220

Passaconaway Lodge has been doing great. In December, we had our Family Banquet for Lodge members and their families. It was an evening of great food and fellowship. We also had some great entertainment. Our Section Chief, Mike Price, also attended the banquet. In January, we had our Fun Weekend at Hidden Valley, which involved a big game of Capture the Flag, as well as some arrowmen going skiing at Gunstock Ski Area. In March, we have our Vigil Nomination Meeting along with our next Executive Board Meeting. We look forward to the two ordeals planned for the spring and the fall. We will also be having our Loge Conference in October. The Lodge will also have members of the Council Contingent at the 2005 national Jamboree along with members serving on OA Staff at the jamboree.

Madockawanda #271

Madockawanda Lodge is having a great year so far! We are getting ready for our unit elections and our ordeal season. We are planning to have 3 ordeals this year, 2 in the spring and 1 in the fall. This year we are also trying to boost our Brotherhood by having brotherhood ceremonies at our summer camp giving kids at camp a chance to earn there brotherhood. This year we have made a Native American Affairs Committee to oversee all ceremonies and also start a lodge drum and dance team. We have already starting planning for Conclave this year and hope we will be able to bring even more people then last year.

Ajapeu #351

Ajapeu Lodge is off to great start for the year 2005. We are in the planning stages of our 3rd annual scoutmaster dinner and we have planned a special spring trip to the new American Indian Museum in Washington, DC. Our goals are high this year and we are all working hard to meet our ultimate goal of honor lodge. We have great new chapter leadership and our hope is to increase the number of OA troop representatives and chapter attendance with help from the lodge leadership. Our quota for conclave is high but we are confident that we cannot only reach, but surpass it. We look forward to seeing the lodge strive this year through National and Section sponsored programs.

New National OA Leadership

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The National Vice Chief elected was Seth Mollitt who is from Jacksonville, FL. He is an Eagle Scout and a Vigil Honor Member. Seth is a member of Echookotee Lodge from the North Florida Council. In his troop, he is an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 35.



At the Region level, Dan O'Rourke from Section NE-1B was elected the Northeast Region Chief. He is a Vigil Honor member from Allogogon Lodge of Pioneer Council. He lives in Wilbraham, MA.

NE-1A Calendar

April 1-3 - NLS/NLATS

April 15 - Conclave Quota Deadline

April 22-24 - NLS

April 30 - Final Payment due for Conclave

April 30 - Council of Chiefs

June 10-12 - Section Conclave

July 25- August 3 - National Scout Jamboree

September 16-18 - NLS

November 11-13 - Section Officers' Seminar



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