Upcoming Events

Nov 16-18, 2007
Lodge Leadership Development
Camp Belzer

Nov 18, 2007
Lodge Executive Committee 11:00 p.m.
Camp Belzer

Dec 9, 2007
Winter Banquet
Activities 4-6 p.m.
Dinner 6:15 p.m.
Program 7:30 p.m.
Camp Belzer

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Lodge Leadership Development
November 16-18
at Camp Belzer

Annual Lodge and Chapter Officer and Advisor training will take place at Lodge Leadership Development on the weekend of November 16-18, 2007 at Camp Belzer Training Center. All elected officers of the Lodge and Chapters are to attend! All Arrowmen are welcome as training sessions will be many and varied.

Cost is $20 at the door. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday evening. There will be cabins available.

SCOUTREACH Event at LLD

Arrowmen will be taking part in a Scoutreach Event from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday of LLD. Volunteers from various Chapters will work with members of urban troops on the basic Scout skills of fire building, first aid, knots, orienteering, and wood tools. Events will last 40 minutes and lunch will be provided. Please contact your Chapter Chief, the Lodge, or just come if you are interested in participating.

Come to the Winter Banquet Luau
December 9th

The theme of this year’s Winter Banquet is a Luau. So come join the fun as we have roast pig and celebrate the achievements of Jaccos Towne Lodge in 2007. Central Region Chief Don Hough will be our special guest. (see letter on page 2.)

The Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 9th at Camp Belzer. Registration starts at 3:30 p.m. with activities from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:15 p.m., and the program at 7:30 p.m. Cost is $10 if paid by November 30th and $12 thereafter and at the door.

Web Links

Jaccos Towne Lodge: http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/oa/
National OA: http://www.main.oa-bsa.org/
OA Trading Post: http://tradingpost.oa-bsa.org/
OA Jumpstart: http://www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org/
Central Region OA: http://www.central.oa-bsa.org/
Section C2C: http://www.central.oa-bsa.org/sections/?details=C-2C
National BSA Website: http://www.scouting.org/
Council Website: http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/
Brother Arrowmen

This fall has been an awesome time for the order. We have had great attendance at our events. At Fall Fellowship, we inducted 19 new Vigil members, as well as having a good time doing a variety of events. We had ceremonies and competitions which were a great success with many teams showing up. On Saturday night we elected the Lodge Officers for 2008 and I would like to congratulate:

- Lodge Chief – Tommy Gregory (LBH)
- Vice Chief Inductions – Todd Wildey (WAP)
- Vice Chief Communications – Ricky Crawford (QUN)
- Vice Chief Program – Andrew Bowman (KPO)
- Secretary – Jon Sowers (QUN)

These will be the people to lead the lodge in 2008.

The Fall Ordeal was also a great time with about 170 people there this year. 99 of them were members there to support the new members who were inducted. I thank you for showing your support to the lodge and the Order of the Arrow. I would like to welcome all who just went through any of the Fall Ordeals and look forward to seeing you at our events and becoming Brotherhood members.

This year is coming to an end with the LLD and Winter Banquet. LLD, coming up this month, is the best time to get training. This year we have a great team working on the planning of the event and should be some of the best training ever offered by our lodge. This is a required event for all lodge and chapter offices, and it is a great time for everyone else. Also during the LLD, we will be having a SCOUTREACH event giving our skills and knowledge back to urban scouts. I hope to see lots of people utilized this weekend. There will be much to learn and take back to units.

The program year will end with the Winter Banquet where we will be having a hog roast and a Hawaiian luau theme. At the event we will, of course, be having a patch auction and many other great activities. Our special guest will be the Central Region Chief Don Hough. He is an 18-year-old Vigil Honor member from Arlington Heights, IL, and a sophomore at Harper College where he is studying Education. You might have all ready meet him before at Conclave. Don is a great person and well versed in Order of the Arrow and leadership, I hope to see many members there to make it the largest event ever!

Thanks for the great fall!

Jaccos Towne Lodge Chief

Brotherhoods needed!

One of the major components of Quality Lodge status is the 30% Brotherhood conversion rate. The Lodge's conversion rate as of the first week of November was just under 25%, so we need to convert some eligible Ordeal members to Brotherhood! Encourage your Ordeal members to seal their membership by becoming Brotherhoods this year!

Some chapters do Brotherhood reviews and ceremonies in the Fall. Wapsuchuppeccatt has a review/ceremony scheduled for November 15th at Camp Belzer. Contact Chapter Advisor Anne Phillips at 317-578-7816 or atphillips@sbcglobal.net if you are interested.

The Lodge also needs some current Brotherhoods to renew their dues so that membership goals are met.

From the Central Region Chief:

My Dear Brothers,

I am honored by your invitation to speak at your lodge winter banquet in December. I am excited at the opportunity to see another lodge in the central region. My favorite part of the job is the ability to visit other lodges and see how they work. I think this keeps the lines of communication open between lodges and the leaders they have selected. I am also reminded of my humble beginnings in my own lodge not too long ago.

I hope that my visit will bring the mighty spirit of the Central Region with me and keep it strong in your hearts. It is our connections that bind us together in brotherhood. I have had the chance to visit other members of our region in the past months. I have learned a great deal more about our order and am constantly reminded that it is you, not I, which keep this movement going. We have so many opportunities ahead of us and I look forward to sharing a meal with all of you.

In between the publishing of this article and my visit, I ask that you take the opportunity to visit the WWW (World Wide Web). Central.oa-bsa.org provides a great starting point to learn what the national OA and other lodges are doing. You can even read up on my travels on the ChiefTracker. Remember to get involved in lodge activities. Only you can make things happen!

Yours in the Cheerfulness of Brotherhood and Service,

Don G. Hough
2007 Central Region Chief
Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America
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Last Name: ___________________________ First Name: ___________________________
Birth Date: ___________________________ MI: ___________________________
Address: _____________________________ City: _____________________________ State: _____ Zip: ________
Home Phone: (____) __________________ Work Phone: (____) __________________
Induction dates: Ordeal: _____________ Brotherhood: _____________ Vigil Honor: _____________
E-Mail: _______________________________

Membership # (on BSA membership card)

$10.00 Dues for year ______ (6OAD)
Cash ______ Check # ______
Date ______ Receipt No. ______

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The Lodge has reserved 35 slots for Arrowmen interested in participating in the OA’s national service project for work to be done in five National Forests during the summer of 2008. Cost is $250 plus transportation. Registration is on a first come, first served basis so if you are interested, please contact your Chapter Advisor, ArrowCorp5 Advisor Mr. Mike. McNeely at mjmcneely5199@sbcglobal.net or 317-839-5199 or Lodge Advisor Jim Stolt at ohdothi@joink.com as soon as possible!

Forests and dates of the projects are:
- Mark Twain National Forest, MO June 7-14, 2008
- Manti-La Sal National Forest, UT June 14-21, 2008
- Shasta-Trinity National Forest, CA July 12-19, 2008

The 2008 2C2 Section Conclave will be held in the Crossroads of America Council at Camp Kikthawenund from April 18-20, 2008. Jaccos Towne Lodge will be the Host Lodge for the event which means we will be responsible for the food, registration, and logistics of the event. Many Arrowmen will be needed to help! Consider volunteering and/or attending this event which brings together Arrowmen from all over the state of Indiana and some from Kentucky and Illinois!

2008 OA Dues
If your dues expire in 2007, you should fill out the form above and pay your 2008 dues now! Dues for 2008 are $10. You may send them to the address on the form above or pay at any lodge function or through your chapter.

OA dues are used to support the National, Regional, and Sectional OA as well as the Jaccos Towne Lodge. They pay for your Chapter and Lodge newsletters. They also help support the Council.
Congratulations to the New Vigils

2007 VIGILS – FALL FELLOWSHIP

Front Row (left to right): Anne Anderson-LOA, Rex Cooper-KIK, Derek Isaacs-KIK, Clayton Chapman-LBH, Christopher Lewis-TAK, Tim Underhill-WPK, Dale Dietz-WAP, Ray Blocker-LBH, Jacob Baker-WUN


2007 VIGILS – LODGE ORDEAL

(left to right): Nataniel Baker-QUN, Tom Lapinski-SKM, Michael Artigue-KPO, Zach Gilles-LBH, David Joest-QUN, Adam Reynolds-LBH, and Charles Gilles-LBH.
In 1933, the OA produced the first Vigil Honor sash. It was a plain white felt sash without an arrow. The felt sash had an oversized felt triangle with three felt arrows [that pointed in a clockwise direction] inside the triangle.

A year later, an arrow was added to the Vigil sash. The sash was also made of a cloth backing on the felt, which in turn would help preserve the felt. The next major change on the Vigil sash was the use of embroidered [counterclockwise] arrows in the oversized triangle instead of felt arrows. In addition, the backing was removed from the felt sash.

Around 1946, OA founder Dr. E. Urner Goodman created a Vigil Honor sash for members of the national OA committee as a way of thanking them for their service. This limited edition Vigil Honor sash had a white arrow on a red sash with white arrows inside the oversized felt Vigil triangle.

In 1948, a major development for the OA sash occurred. This is the period that collectors call “flock on felt.” The sash itself was made of felt, but the arrow used was flocked-- in other words, spray-painted. The Vigil Honor sash was also flocked, and had an arrow with an oversized felt triangle, but the arrows within the oversized triangle were silk-screened.
Jaccos Towne Lodge 2007 Calendar

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November 18, 2007    LEC    2:30 PM Camp Belzer

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