Regional Chief Visits
Jaccos Towne Lodge

Don Hough, Central Region Chief of the Order of the Arrow, visited the Lodge on the day of the Lodge Winter Banquet in December. In his address, he emphasized the ideals of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service with a particular emphasis on Service and how individuals can make a difference.

2008 Calendar Changes

There have been a number of changes to the 2008 Lodge Calendar recently. Please be aware of these changes in dates and places and make sure Arrowmen in your Chapters get the update version. The updated calendar is on the last page of this newsletter.

Indian Gathering and February LEC Moved to February 9th

Due to a schedule conflict with University of Scouting, Indian Gathering has been moved to February 9th. Primarily a ceremonial training, Indian Gathering will be a one-day training event in 2008 running from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with two training tracks - one track for ceremonialists with less than two years of experience and one for more experienced ceremonialists to work at perfecting their techniques and training those who come after them. A make and take session is planned, and the LEC will be held immediately following the training.

The training will be held at Walnut Grove Chapel, 5825 E 91st St, Indianapolis (just east of Allisonville Road on 91st Street in NE Indy). Cost for the event will be $8, which includes lunch, snack and materials. Registration forms will be available at the January LEC and on the website.
Brother Arrowmen,

I hope that you all have had a great holiday season. Having just finished a great year, we are looking forward to an even better one in 2008! Lodge Executive Committee has already been working to make this year the best ever in Jaccos Towne Lodge's short history.

The elected officers sat down together and set out a plan for our events this year which was then present to the LEC. We are really excited about the plans and will be committed to bring our Arrowmen the best programs that we can. We are also committed to hearing your input on events and activities, so feel free to talk to any of the officers and let them know what you want.

This year, the Lodge Communications Committee is going to keep working on our communication systems, with the website and newsletters, to get the most up to date information to you. Look for more information to come.

As I am sure all of you very well know, this coming summer, the Order of the Arrow and the National Forest Service will be holding the largest service project this country has ever seen. ArrowCorps5 rolled out in full force at NCLS. We have the opportunity to save the Forest Service over one year of work. You have the opportunity to improve this nation's national park system and have FUN doing it. The Lodge has spots to fill. This is an opportunity for those Arrowmen who might not be able to go to an OA high adventure event to do something on a national scale. Save your spot today! See our website or newsletter for more details and specifics. The cost is going to be around $450 which will cover travel and the registration fee. You will be able to see and do what most people only dream of: wild rivers, scenic mountains, rugged terrain, canoeing, white water rafting, hiking, fishing, and all in the company of fellow Arrowmen! 5 sites, 5 weeks, 5,000 Arrowmen—WILL YOU BE A PART OF HISTORY?

(Jack's Talking Feather continued)

Lastly, I would like to encourage all those Arrowmen who have gone through an Ordeal and have not yet sealed their membership in the OA to do so and earn the Brotherhood this year, and to get more involved in the Lodge as it exists to serve you.

All the lodge offices are ready to work for you and on completing our goals, this year shall be a great year.

I am proud to call myself the Chief of this outstanding lodge. Keep up the hard work!

Nam omnium sui comitum maximus est, qui suum comites serviit (in Latin)

Yours in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

Tommy Gregory
2008 Jaccos Towne Lodge Chief

Section Conclave at Camp Kikthawenund in 2008

Jaccos Towne Lodge will be the Host Lodge for the Section C-2C Conclave to be held at Camp Kikthawenund April 18-20, 2008. The Section is made up of the six OA lodges in Indiana. The theme of the Conclave this year is “Wild Wild West.”

All Arrowmen are welcome and encouraged to attend for fellowship, training, competition against other lodges (games & ceremonies), and fun! A registration form will be available soon and will be posted for downloading from the Lodge website and available at Lodge events.

(Chief's Talking Feather continued)
Vigil Honor Nominations
Due at March LEC

It is not too early to start thinking about Vigil Honor nominations! The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person’s conscious endeavors.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following:

- Lodge
- Order of the Arrow
- Scouting community
- Scout Camp

Under NO circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered lodge is eligible for recommendation to the National Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years. A Vigil form may be found on the next page.

Unit Elections & Camp Promotions

Winter is the season for Unit Elections and Camp Promotions. Unit Elections forms will be available at LEC, at Lodge events, on the website, and in the Resource Book given to member of the LEC and their advisors. Please make sure Vice Chief of Inductions Todd Wildey is given a copy of all election results for the Lodge. Adult nominations are due to the Lodge at the March LEC. Remember, the camping requirement for adults is the same as for youth, and a unit may only nominate an adult if it has elected at least one youth.

The Order of the Arrow is responsible for Cub Scout Camp Promotions again this year. Keep track of the unit promotions that your chapter does and report that to the Lodge.
Vigil Honor Petition

The Vigil Honor is reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout Camp. Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Please consider the following as a candidate for the Vigil Honor. (Please Print)

1. _______________________________  2. _______________________________
   List name as you would like it printed on certificate  Date of Birth (required)

3. ____________________________________________________________
   Address

4. ____________________________________________________________  5. IN  6. ________________
   City                State           Zip Code

7. _______________________________  8. _______________________________  9. _______________________________
   Registered Position/Unit #              District             Chapter

Induction dates: ___________________________  Youth or Adult. (please circle one).
   Ordeal       Brotherhood

(In selecting candidates for the Vigil Honor, candidates must have been brotherhood members for two years or longer at the time of selection by the Vigil Honor nominating committee.)

The specific reasons for this nomination are:

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A suggested Indian name. _________________________________________________
   (limit to 34 characters/spaces)

Suggestions for Vigil guide:

________________________________________________________________________
   Name, phone #, e-mail

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Submitted by ____________________________________________________________
   Name, Chapter, phone #, e-mail                 date
Philmont Trail Crew

The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program is one of the best ways to experience Scouting’s premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch. For two weeks, participants see and experience all that Philmont has to offer and much more.

For the first week, participants have the chance to make a significant difference to Philmont by participating in trail building in the backcountry. Work will include clearing terrain for trail and constructing switchbacks, retention bars, and several other erosion controls. The impact of this service will be felt by scouts for decades.

The second week of the program is spent experiencing Philmont in its finest. Unlike regular treks, Trail Crews make their own itinerary, instead of selecting from pre-planned routes. You can do and see just about anything, from the Tooth of Time to Baldy Mountain, your crew decides!

Wilderness Voyage

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota has to offer.

The first week of the program is spent giving back to the Boundary Waters through portage trail restoration work. Participants have the opportunity to leave their mark on the Boundary Waters that will enable millions of visitors each year to better enjoy their experience. Trail work involves restoring and protecting trails that have existed for centuries and are in dire need or repair.

The second part of the program is a trek planned by the crew. From the 8-1/2 mile “Grand Portage” leading to Lake Superior, to the Height of Land, even the pictographs on Fishdance Lake, crews have done and seen all in the Boundary Waters.

Unique Opportunity for Jaccos Towne Arrowmen

A fellow Arrowman has made available scholarships to pay the registration fee for up to twelve Arrowmen from Jaccos Towne Lodge to attend in 2008. Applications are available from the Lodge.

Contact Lodge Advisor Jim Stolt at ohdothi@joink.com if you have questions or if you are interested. This is a first-come, first-served opportunity! Don’t miss out!

OAOA

The Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure is a unique opportunity to experience the programs at the Florida Sea Base, while providing a new type of service to the Atlantic Ocean. In a two-week period, participants will complete PADI SCUBA certification, as well as interact with undersea wildlife like no other Scouts do.

For one week, participants will undergo intensive SCUBA certification in preparation. Arrowmen will also provide meaningful service to the staff of the Florida Sea Base, and enjoy fun in the Florida sun while brushing up on their volleyball skills.

The second week of OAOA is spent using the SCUBA certification to its fullest extent. Participants will spend their time taking wildlife samples in the Florida Keys, performing island restoration and other meaningful projects to the surrounding area.
During late 1951, [for the first time] Brotherhood bars were flocked on the OA sash. Also during this period the oversized felt triangle on the Vigil Honor sash was reduced and flocked onto the sash. The flocking of OA sashes ended in 1954 with the introduction of twill cloth with embroidered arrows.

As the use of twill cloth became dominant, two major stitches were used to bind the edges of the cloth sashes. The first was the railroad track stitch, or the double-stitched edge (used mostly from 1955-59), and the second was the rolled-edge stitch (used mostly from 1960-80). In 1980, the stitching on the twill cloth sashes changed from rolled-edge to chain-stitched edges. The last of the chain-stitched sashes were made in 1988, at which point single stitching was used.

In 1988, the [BSA National Supply Division] created twill cloth sashes with iron-on or appliquéd arrows. These sashes were produced for only two years because the arrows were literally peeling off. [These sashes were known as "lick 'em and stick 'ems," as the iron-on's were notorious for coming right off in the washing machine! The Vigil sashes were also given triangles with clockwise arrows.] The OA then returned to embroidered arrows (including the insignia for Brotherhood and the Vigil Honor) on twill cloth using a single-stitched edge.

(To be continued next issue.)
During the summer of 2008, the Order of the Arrow partners with the US Forest Services to work on the largest service project in the 98 years of the Boy Scouts of America. Five thousand Arrowmen will gather at five different sites for five weeks all together to do service to the national parks.

To attended this once in a life event you need to fit the Philmont weight limits for backpacking and hiking. The lodge has 35 spots for the project at George Washington and Jefferson National Forest. The whole event to go with the Lodge will be about $450 dollars,. Please decide soon because spots are filling up fast.

For more information about ArrowCorp5 email Youth Coordinator Andrew Bowman rockout9109@aol.com or Advisor Mike McNeely mjmcneely5199@sbcglobal.net or 317-839-5199. Online at http://event.oa-bsa.org.
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