Once again, it's time for our Spring Ordeals!

The ordeals are upon us once again for the spring 2009 season. All the chapter ordeals have been scheduled, and chapters are preparing to receive our new Arrowmen! For dates and locations you can refer to page 2 or go online to our lodge website and visit each chapter page.

If you still have unit election forms, you need to get them to our Lodge Vice-Chief of Inductions, Kris Crow, as soon as possible. Also, in April the Lodge Key 3 approved that any chapter that still needs to do a unit election that didn’t get the chance before the deadline can still host a unit election as needed and approved by the Key 3. If anyone needs a copy of the requirements you can refer to your OA Handbook or see your chapter chief or advisor.

Good luck to chapters on receiving their new Arrowmen and Happy Ordealing!

If you did not already know, this coming fall is the National Order of the Arrow Conference - August 1-6. There will be shows, training, and a lot of other exciting events.

Arrowmen need not to fret if they missed getting an application in because there are still spots available. Applications forms are available on our lodge website at www.crossroadsbsa.org/oa, and all you need to do is fill one out and send it in with a $100 deposit. The final deposit of $295 is due by or at the May LEC on May 17.

Just a reminder to anyone who has already submitted their application, there will be a NOAC contingent meeting right after the May LEC meeting is finished.
Brother Arrowmen,

It is hard to imagine that it is almost the end of April. They say that time flies when you are having fun, and I can say that I am having a wonderful time serving our Lodge and Council. I have been able to do many wonderful and exciting things since I was able to write to you.

National Leadership Seminar, or NLS as it is commonly referred to, was held in February at the Geneva Center in Rochester, IN. A few Lodge and Chapter officers and I had the wonderful opportunity of attending this amazing weekend event. I encourage any Chapter or Lodge officer to attend this once in a life time event. There are plenty more throughout the year so if you are interested, feel free to contact me, and I can give you more information.

The second big event was the final Conclave of Section C-2C. I know that the Arrowmen from our lodge who attended had a great time. The Central Region Chief Michael Beckman was the special guest for the weekend, and our very own Dustin Meeks was selected to be the Region Chief for the day.

Summer is just a few weeks away and that can mean two things: Camp and NOAC! I hope that everyone is signed up to attend summer camp this year. If you have not, there is still time to do so. NOAC is going to be at the tail end of summer camp during the first week in August, and I know that our Lodge contingent will have some of the most memorable and fun times an Arrowmen can have.

I hope that everyone is doing well and enjoying this wonderful spring weather!

Yours in Service,

Andrew Bowman
Jaccos Towne Lodge Chief 2009
bowmanOA@aol.com

2009
Ordeal Dates

May 8-10
Kickapoo at Camp Krietenstein

May 15-17
Kikthawenund at Camp Kikthawenund

May 15-17
Lobarlehense at Johnson County Park

May 15-17
Lowanue Allanque at Camp Ransburg

May 15-17
Macquissin at Camp Bear Creek

May 8-10
Quanasita at Camp Kikthawenund

May 15-17
Seke Maque at Camp Bear Creek

May 15-17
Tatankaskah at Camp Rotary

May 8-10
Wahpekahmekunk at Camp Redwing

May 15-17, Aug. 21-23
Wapsuchuppeccatt at Camp Belzer

August 18-20
Wundchenneu at Camp Krietenstein

September 18-20
Lodge Ordeal at Camp Krietenstein
Section Conclave Wrap Up

OFFICER ELECTION

New Section Officers were elected on the final day of the Section C2C Conclave to serve the new C6A Section.

Section Chief
Andrew Byers - Sakima Lodge

Section Vice-Chief
Andrew Bowman - JaccosTowne Lodge

Section Secretary
Corey Maxedon - Sakima Lodge

SECTION AWARD OF MERIT

Jaccos Towne Arrowman Ken Brooks was awarded the Section Award of Merit at the Conclave. Ken was instrumental in getting the Lodge Assistance Program back up and running, for the Section. Congratulations, Ken!

OA REALIGNMENT

The OA is realigning its sections. The new Section C6A is made up of Jaccos Towne (Indianapolis), Kiondaga (Evansville), Sakima (South Bend), Takachsin (Kokomo) Lodges in Indiana and Woapink (Decatur) and Illini (Champaign) Lodges in Illinois.

CEREMONIAL COMPETITIONS

Ceremonial competition had the best turn out it has had for years with individuals or teams participating in all four offered competitions: Pre-Ordeal, the Legend (*not offered at NOAC*), Brotherhood, and Vigil Chief. Jaccos Towne Lodge had entries in every category and two Vigil Chief competitors! Teams from Quanasita and Wapsuchuppacott participated in the Brotherhood and Pre-Ordeal Ceremonies, respectively. An Arrowman from Quanasita entered the Legend event, and one Vigil from QUN and one from WAP entered the Vigil Chief competition. Lodge rules say that ceremonialists must compete at Section in order to compete at NOAC so these Arrowman now have the opportunity to try their skills at NOAC! Good luck, guys!

Patch Designs Wanted

Lodge is looking for patch designs for the Fall Events patch set. Designs are needed for Lodge Ordeal, Fall Fellowship, Lodge Leadership Development, and Winter Banquet. Submit your designs to the May LEC!

Brotherhood Challenge

Encourage your Ordeal members with 10 or more months of tenure and service to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow by becoming Brotherhoods.

Requirements are in the OA Handbook, and opportunities exist at all Ordeals and various other events for the review and ceremony.
'Thar be treasure to be plundered me mates!  
Ar ye pirate enough for the challenge?

Quanasita Chapter Chief, aka Commodore Adam "Blackjack" Aldrich, challenged Del-Mi District to become "Pirates of the Lost Treasure" in a fun filled weekend hosted by Quanasita Chapter. 23 Ships (Troops) made port at Camp Redwing in Muncie and decorated their ports (campsites) upon arrival.

On Saturday morning dozens of pirate bands (patrols) roamed the camp searching for treasure and competed against one another in such events as "Raising the Mast" - lashing a mast and crossbar together and raising it, "Pimp My Pirate Ship" - transformation of wagons into ships, "Walk the Plank" - a balancing act requiring teamwork and cooperation, "Ship's Galley" - building a cooking fire and preparing gruel, "Find the Lost Treasure" - orienteering, "Pirate Jeopardy" and more.

Adam and his pirate band of Arrowmen planned and ran the camporee, emphasizing OA membership and active participation. At Friday night's Cracker Barrel, ships were required to send their Captain, First Mate and Bosun (SPL, Scoutmaster and OA Troop Rep) in order to strengthen the Chapter's OATR program. Arrowmen earned extra doubloons during the competitions for wearing their OA sash.

At campfire Saturday night, 120+ candidates were called out, and later 24 new Brotherhood members were inducted. As a special perk for all new candidates and current Arrowmen, "Pirates of the Caribbean" was shown in the Dining Hall with free popcorn - admission was free with OA sash or membership card! Other highlights of the weekend included a celebration for Lodge Advisor Ed Finley and a visit from past Section C2C Chief Aaron Ware.

The 452 participants all seemed to very much enjoy the event, but no one had more fun than Commodore Adam and his crew. Service to Scouting may be a lot of work, but it is incredibly FUN!
OA Coordinators
Named for Summer Camps!

Two Arrowmen have been named to be OA Coordinators at Crossroads of America Boy Scout Camps this summer.

Serving at Camp Krietenstein will be our Lodge Chief Andrew Bowman and serving at Camp Ransburg will be Dan Spall.

Plans are being made to help Ordeal members to become Brotherhood members and promote the Brotherhood of Cheerful service through activities, service, and ceremonies. Please consider helping out if asked.

Kinohsamia Mailing Request

The Lodge Executive Committee voted to stop mailing the Lodge newsletter to members* unless specifically requested beginning with the second issue in 2009. Below is a form that must be mailed to the Lodge in order for a hardcopy of the newsletter to be mailed. The newsletter will be available online at the Lodge website: www.crossroadsbsa.org/oa.

To All Arrowmen,

Before we break for summer and all our camping adventures, be sure to remember that on August 1, NOAC comes to Indiana. During the week of August 1-6 the National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held at IU. Our Lodge is already sending over 50 Arrowmen, some on Staff and the rest in our contingent. THERE IS STILL TIME! You too can be part of this great event. Go to www.crossroadsbsa.org/oa to find the registration. Fill it out and get it turned in with a $100 deposit as soon as possible. Final payment of $295 is due at our contingent meeting held after the May LEC.

I’m There, You can be there, Too!

Ed Finley

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1900 N. Meridian
Indianapolis, IN 46206

* - only current dues paid members may receive mailed copies.
Jaccos Towne Lodge 2009 Calendar

September 18-20, 2009  Lodge Ordeal  Camp Krietenstein
September 20, 2009    LEC  11:00 AM  Camp Krietenstein
October 18-20, 2009   Fall Fellowship  Camp Ransburg
October 20, 2009      LEC  11:00 AM  Camp Ransburg
November 13-15, 2009  LLD  Camp Belzer
November 15, 2009     LEC  2:30 PM  Camp Belzer
December 6, 2009      Winter Banquet  Camp Belzer