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Chief's Note

Hello Everyone,

It is a new year and I would like to invite you all to participate in opportunities in the Lodge. There are many things for everyone to participate in this next year. I would just like to tell you what some of these opportunities are.

First, there are opportunities in the area of **leadership**. For example, there are openings in the Lodge Executive Committee, also known as the LEC. The LEC is the group of people who decide what goes on in the Lodge and what makes the Lodge run the way it does. Also, the members of the LEC get to go the Lodge Leadership Development Course, or LLDC. The LLDC is a fun filled weekend where you get to learn all kinds of awesome leadership skills as well as get to know the other members of the LEC and trainers from other Lodges.

Second, there are opportunities for **fellowship**. In particular coming up on February 27 and 28 we have the Lock-in at the YMCA. The Lock-in is an event entirely dedicated to having fun - - this year we'll go swimming, play basketball, watch movies, play video games, and eat pizza and so much more.

Finally, there will be a chance for **renewal** coming up at the Spring Conclave – May 14-16. If you became a member of our order last Spring or earlier, you are eligible to go through the Brotherhood class and seal your membership in the Order. Come out and renew the friendship you made before.

I am thoroughly looking forward to this year, which I expect to be the best year the Blue Ox Lodge has ever had.

Thank you,

Ryan Bille
Lodge Chief, Blue Ox Lodge No. 26
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Ω!ATTENTION! Ω

On the evening of February 27 through the morning of February 28, there will be an OA lock-in! The festivities start at 9pm Friday evening and end the following Saturday morning at 7am. Included in the lock-in there will be basketball, movies, ping-pong, video games, pie in the face contests, and PIZZA! You can pre-register for $13 or pay $15 dollars at the door. Go to www.gamehavencouncil.org under OA to register. A contest will also be held, the winner getting a mysterious prize for bringing the most OA friends! Support our GREAT Lodge and come have fun!

National Order of The Arrow Conference

I know many people don't have plans for this summer yet - - here's something for you to consider! We are putting together a list of people who are interested in being part of the Lodge contingent to NOAC in 2004. This NOAC will be taking place at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. For more information about past NOACs, please go to this web page http://www.oa-basa.org/events/. National has put together information on the last three NOACs.

If you are interested, please complete the enclosed form and send it back to us. We would like to take as many members as we are allowed this time, so help us represent our Lodge and have fun at the same time!

Todd J. Bille NOAC Adviser

Calendar of Events

1) New Business
   a) Lock-In – February 27 (9PM) through 28 (7 AM) 30 people, total cost 359 dollars cost. More people needed to lower the cost of the Lock-in
      i) Activities: basketball, movies, video games, ping-pong, pizza
      ii) Registration 13 dollars pre and 15 dollars at the door
      iii) Pizza!
      iv) Membership Participation Challenge (Bring all friends in OA and if you bring the most you will win a prize)
   b) LLDC
      i) New Date – March 12 & 13
      ii) Topics For this year: Innovative Programming; Elangomat Program; Youth/ Adult Relations; Identify, Recruit, Retain; Unit Elections; Dynamics of Leadership; Stuff a Lodge Does; What We're Going to Do and When; ABC of Running a Meeting, time management goal setting

Locations: Christ the King Catholic Church in Byron

      iii) Remember to register on the website!
   c) Vacant Positions: Activities, Events, Historian. Ceremonies

Blue Ox Executive Committee Needed

There are a few chairmen needed to complete the Order of The Arrow lodge executive committee. The positions that need to be filled are Activities chairman, Historian chairman, and Events chairman. Contact Ryan Bille if you are interested. Advisers are also welcome, if interested contact Tom Wright.

Fellow Arrowmen, A new year is upon us, and with the new year, a new opportunity to serve. I am Trey Jensen, this year's Sugar Loaf Chapter Chief. If you are interested in proving why you wear our honorable Blue Ox Pocket Flap, and are a member of the Sugar Loaf District, then contact me so I can help give you an opportunity to serve again this year. There are a few things that need to get done, (a couple unit elections left, Chapter activities to be planned ect...) and our chapter could use your help. If you feel you are ready to take a part in our chapter, big or small, please contact me. I look forward to seeing new and familiar faces as we kick off 2004!

Trey Jensen
Sugar Loaf Chapter Chief

Adviser's Corner

The Blue Ox Lodge is looking at a great year for 2004 and I would like to take the time to talk about that, however, it is only right we take a quick look back at 2003 and thank those who made it successful. I would like to Thank Dean Rich for stepping in and following through 2003 as Lodge Adviser. Dean did an excellent job helping the Lodge Executive Committee follow through on events and preparing for some of 2004. Last year our Chief, Stith Wiggs, was elected as Section C-1B Chief. This is a great honor for our Lodge and continues in the tradition we have established for leadership. Congratulations Stith!! We also saw three new people receive the Vigil. Congratulations to Stith Wiggs, Jim Huston, and Elden Ehrich once more for receiving the honor of Vigil in 2003. We finished up the year with our annual banquet last November. We were very honored to have the 2003 Central Region Chief Adam Enerson as our guest as well as the three Section Officers. There was a lot of great fellowship as well as many awards given out. Congratulations goes out to all those who received awards at the banquet. Special congratulations to Peter Sanders and Stith Wiggs for receiving the Founder's Award. Please go to the web site at www.gamehavencouncil.org under OA and awards to see a full list of those who received an award. Thanks to the 2003 Lodge Executive Committee and their Adviser's for making it such a good year.

The year 2004 promises to be great as well. Our new Lodge Chief, Ryan Bille has been working hard with his new LEC to make sure we continue the success of Blue Ox Lodge. I am really looking forward to serving as the new Lodge Adviser for Blue Ox Lodge as I see the Lodge Executive Committee developing their plans for the year. We have an overnight at the Rochester Family Y coming up on February 27th, a Lodge Leadership Development Conference everyone is invited to coming up on March 12-13. These are all important events the LEC is working very hard at and I hope everyone can be there. This year we also see a National Order of the Arrow Conference in the summer. This is an experience of a lifetime so if you are even thinking about it, get signed up now. There are many things happening in 2004 and we have great leadership to make sure it all happens. I encourage everyone to join us this year and have fun making new friends and rekindling old friendships. Ralph Waldo Emerson was an American writer and poet who once said, "The glory of friendship is not in the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it is in the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when he discovers that someone else believes in him and is willing to trust him." Come and be a part of the spiritual inspiration found in the Order of the Arrow and develop friendships that last a lifetime.

Tom Wright
Lodge Adviser

NOAC 2004 Reservation

July 31 - August 5, 2004

We are starting to get a list of people who are interested in being part of the Lodge's contingent to the next National Order of the Arrow Conference. The Conference is at Iowa State University in Ames, IA on July 31 – August 5, 2004

If you are interested, please complete this form and return it to the address at the bottom with a deposit check for $100 (nonrefundable). Initial deposit is due by February 27, 2004

Estimated total cost (travel/lodging/memorabilia/etc.) for the conference is $450.00. The final cost is determined by the contingent's choices. Final payment is due by May 28, 2004.

Please Print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: (_____)_____

Email: _____

Birth date: _____ Male Female Scout or Adult: __

OA Honor (Please Circle): Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

District: _____ Unit Number: _____

Questions should be directed to:
Ryan Bille, Lodge Chief or
Todd J. Bille, NOAC Contingency Advisor @ 266-0045 (office).

Please submit this form to:
NOAC 2004
C/O: Blue Ox Lodge #26
Gamehaven Council - BSA
1124 11 1/2 St. SE
Rochester, MN 55904

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