The Wulamoc

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The newsletter of the Blue Ox Lodge of the Order of the Arrow

Ceremonies

This is your new ceremonies chair for 2003, Noam Wiggs. We're off to a good year with everything going great. It would be great if anybody you know has interest in dancing or doing speaking roles to contact me or any other lodge officer. That would help me out. There is another way you guys can help me. If you have animal hides, feathers, or even old ceremonies gear please contact me at nbw74@hotmail.com. There will be a work day before the conclave on Sunday, May 11, and if you want to come out to Gamehaven Scout Reservation it would be great. Join us at 11 am for work and fun.

Noam Wiggs
Ceremonies Chair

"Discovering the Arrow"

Dominic Kramer, 2002-2003 Section C-1B Vice Chief

Fellow Arrowmen, September 12-14 may seem like an eternity away, but it is never too soon to begin thinking about the annual Section C-1B Conclave. For those who have not been to a Section Conclave before, it is undoubtedly the most exciting Order of the Arrow event in northern Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan. Old favorites like the Saturday evening show and the dunk tank will make another appearance, as well as other instant classics including a pie-eating contest. Join your brothers in the spirit of the Order at the peaceful camp of Crystal Lake Scout Reservation located near Rhinelander, WI for a weekend packed with fun, excitement, and memories. This year's theme is "007 The Arrow is Not Enough," so grab your latest spy gear to be a part of this year's operation. Nine out of ten secret agents guarantee that it will be the best time you have had at a Scouting event since the last Section Conclave (the tenth secret agent was unavailable for comment). The 2003 Section Conclave comes only once, so talk to your lodge chief and mark September 12-14 on your calendar today!

Brotherhood!!

You ask why come out and get your Brotherhood?! I have an answer for you! To seal your ties in the Order; To have a FUN filled weekend; To become more active; To learn more about the Order and bring more back to your unit. These are all some reasons to come back and do your Brotherhood. Another reason is that you get to talk this time! You get to have fun while working on the work projects and also taking a class to help you memorize the Obligation and the Song. This is the best opportunity to get your Brotherhood, right after your class you get to go to another cool Ceremony and learn even more. You get to help out and be an important part of the lodge and how it functions. So come out to Spring Conclave and get your Brotherhood!!

Lodge Restructuring

Attention Lodge members, early this year we underwent a lodge restructuring. This was planned out very carefully and was proposed and passed with the general membership at the Lock-In. This change moved around many of the chairmen and positioned them so they were under an officer more related to what they were doing. We created a new Vice Chief of Chapters to focus on the Chapter program and help to get it on its feet. We also created some new chair positions, some of which are still in need to be filled. If you have any interest in becoming more active with in the Order of the Arrow or just have an idea or something that wants to be heard, become a chairman! Be a part of our Lodge Executive committee and make a difference in the lodge. If you have any questions about the restructuring or want to see a current flow chart of how it is set up they will be available at the Spring Conclave, May 16th–18th at GSR. Please come and ask questions or become a chairman!.

Vigil Nomination

Attached to this Wulomoc is a nomination for for the Vigil Honor. Please fill it out and return it to the council office or mail it to the address on nomination form. You may copy this form and fill out as many nominations as you wish.

Upcoming Events!

Here is a look at the next couple big events, make sure to mark them off on your calendar!

2003	
May 16th – 18th	Spring Conclave at GSR
July 13th	Midsummer Picnic TBA
August 2nd - 7th	Indian Summer in North Carolina
September 12th–14th	Section C1-B Conclave at Crystal Lake Scout Reservation
August 15 - 16	Fall Conclave at GSR
October 4th	Camporama in Rochester
November 14-16th	NLS
November 22nd	Banquet TBA
November 22nd–23rd	Lock-in TBA
December 13th–14th	LLDC TBA

2004	
May 14th–16th	Spring Conclave at GSR
July 31st–August 5th	NOAC 2004 in Aimes Iowa
September 10th–12th	Section C1-B Conclave TBA
TBD	Fall Conclave at GSR
November 20th	Banquet TBA

Help Wanted

The Blue Ox Lodge of the Order of the Arrow has openings ofr the following positions:

Youth Positions

- Activities
- Historian
- Events
- Unit Elections
- Camp Promotions
- Troop Representative
- Publications
- Web Page

Adult Positions

- Activities
- Hiawatha Chapter Adviser
- Unit Elections
- Camp Promotions
- Troop Representative
- Membership

To inquire about any of these positions or to apply, go to www.gamehavencouncil.org, select the OA link and send an email to the Lodge Adviser.

Vigil Nomination

Name: _____

Scouting Contributions: Does he/she live up to the Scout Oath and Law? What specifically has he/she done for the scouting movement in Gamehaven Council?

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Lodge Contributions: How has he/she contributed to the Lodge and/or OA? Be specific.

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Community Contributions: How has he/she contributed to the Community?

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Support Information: Any other information you think relevant? Include future commitment. What trait, vocation, hobby, or happening in this person's life should we know about?

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Mail to:

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Arrowmen Eligible for Vigil Nomination

Youth
Altchuler, Joshua
Buchardt, Tyler
Burns, Joshua
Fricker, Richard
Frisch, Adam
Hayes, Simon
Houglum, Dustin
Huston, Christopher
Jackson, James
Leslie, Benjamin
Leslie, Bradley
Mann, Joshua
Mann, William
Noser, Brett
Oldenburg, Kris A.
Prigge, Trevor
Roberts, Philip
Shaske, Jacob K-e
Steele IV, Thomas F
Thorn, Joshua
Toner, Matthew
Vandewalker, J. Kirby
Wiggs, Stith
Yard, Chris

Adults
Altchuler, Debra
Borland, Donald
Brobst, Curtis
Brovold, Ronald
Cadwell, William J.
Davison, Randall
Flynn, Steven R.
Fredriksen, Arnold
Huhn MD, Jeffery John
Huston, James
Jirele, Roger
Johnson, Dennis
Kautz, Bradley L
Knowland III, Daniel
Kruchowski, James Neil
Lee, Karen
Leslie, Michael
Leslie, Susanne
Lessard, Ronald
Long, Richard
Lubahn, Jon A
MacGregor, Richard A
Mann, Ken
Mikitta III, Donald
Myers, Paul
Pagelkopf, Michael J
Prigge, Patricia L
Quast, Timothy
Reed, Kenneth (KC)
Saunders, Tracy W
Stockdale, Verna
Stupca, Chuck
Thomas, Myron “Skip”
Wille, Norman

Chiefly Speaking

Greetings Scouters!

The lodge has been busy in the beginning of the year. After a restructuring proposal that went through successfully to having a calendar proposal approved and having our whole year planned out ahead of us. Unit elections are underway and hope to be all completed by April 15th. A few challenges were thrown at us during our Unit Elections progress but we have dealt with it and have gotten around it. Our website has had several changes and has the calendar of every event for the up and coming year; it will be posted within the next week for all members of the council to see. Just go to www.gamehavencouncil.org and click the OA link. We have several up and coming events. The biggest being the Spring Conclave May 16-18. I hope to see all OA members there that can make it to enjoy this fellowship and service event. We have several big projects to work on, including the possible building of an OA callout area in the woods! Another event that is coming up is the Midsummer Picnic, a new event, on July 13th. This event will be for Order of the Arrow members and their families too! There will be no cost, just an event to come and see some old friends in scouting! We hope to see this event have a great kick off. I hope to see you all get a little more active within the lodge this year at any level possible for you. It is always great to see a new face or a face you have not seen for a while. We are pushing on our programs and trying to make them even better than last year, the first step was making a full year calendar, so go check it out!

Yours in the Brotherhood,
Stith Wiggs,
Blue Ox Chief

Advisor's Minute

Welcome to Spring! At long last, it appears as though we'll finally be getting some nice weather. And, it should have us all thinking about the Spring Conclave and the new members that will participate in the ordeal. For this issue, I'd Like to emphasize three things:

1. Registration. Be sure to have your membership for 2003 renewed. And, if you know of anyone that has not renewed, encourage them to do so. As we mentioned earlier, our failure to increase membership was the only requirement that prevented us from achieving Quality Lodge recognition.

2. Volunteer. There are several position for youth and adults to join the leadership of our lodge. We cannot have an efficient and quality program without all positions being filled. Please consider applying for one of the job opening listed in the Help Wanted section of this newsletter.

3. Participate. The lodge will have several events this year. I know that it is difficult to make all of them, but try to make as many events as you can. Get out and enjoy the fellowship of the other members of the lodge. Circle you calendars with the dates shown in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter, and make it a point to attend at least two functions this year.

The new lodge organization is in place and when all positions have been filled, we will be able to manage lodge operations better.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Chuck Stupca