The Wulamoc

September, 2003

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

Winter Banquet

Come Join us November 22nd, 2003 at the Knights Of Columbus in Rochester (2030 Highway 14 E, Rochester). Social gathering starts at 6 o'clock with the meal served at 6:30. The program will follow once everyone has gone through the meal line. This is a family event, so please invite the whole family. Our guests for this event will be 2003 Central Region Chief Adam Enerson, and the 2003/2004 C-1B Section Chief Stith Wiggs. Come meet our New Lodge Chief Ryan Bille.

Please fill out and return to the Council Service Center, the attached Pre-Registration Form. The cost of the event is $13 pre-registration and $15 at the door. Pre-registration deadline is due November 14th, 2003. So please take this opportunity to come and meet your fellow Arrowmen and one of our National Officers. Join us as we say "Good-bye" to our 2003 Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) and "Hello" to our 2004 LEC. I hope to see you all there on November 22nd!

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LLDC

Lodge Leadership Development Course

Have you ever thought of becoming a member of the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC)? Have you ever wanted to just learn more about what Leadership and fun is all about? Then LLDC is just what you are looking for. Even if you answered no to these questions the LLDC is a fun time and gives you a chance to improve your leadership skills.

Dates for the LLDC are December 12th starting at 6:30 PM running through the 13th, ending around 7:00 PM. The LEC will be held on the 13th, during the LLDC.

2004 Lock-In

Come one, come all to this grand event we call our Lock-In. Yes once again, we are holding it at the YMCA in Rochester. It will be held on February 27th, 2004 from 9:00 PM until 7:00 AM. We are going to have so much fun at this event! There will be basketball, swimming, volleyball, gaming systems, Indian crafts, and a whole lot more. This is a great opportunity to come and make yourself known in our lodge and meet people with common interests. So come have fun and eat some pizza. Mark your calendar for February 27th, 2004 and remember that without you it wont be fun, So come!! We would love to see you there.

NOAC 2004!!

Are you guys ready for an awesome time!? Want to learn more and experience the Order of the Arrow in its biggest event only held every 2 years?! You can come and learn more about anything our Order has to offer from Ceremonies to Leadership to the Troop Representative program. It is a 6 day long experience which is being held in Ames, Iowa this year, the closest to us it ever gets, only three and a half hours away. This is a great opportunity and don't miss out if you can. There will be a sign up sheet for NOAC 2004 at all lodge events from now until August next year. Go onto the National Website and look at the NOAC 2002 page. It has so much to offer an Arrowman Young or Old. www.oa.bsa.org, The National website. Sign up now though the Lock-in. If you have questions about this event contact Steven Kuhen, one of the adult advisers for the event, atsjkuehn@rconnect.com. Think about this great event and maybe you can join the Blue Ox Lodge Contingent this up and coming year, its approaching fast! See you there!

Upcoming Events!

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2003

October 12th	Lodge Executive Committee at the Council office
October 25th	Camp Spooky at GSR
November 14th–16th	National Leadership Seminar
November 16th	Lodge Executive Committee at the Council office
November 22nd	Camporama in Rochester
November 22nd	Banquet – Knights of Columbus, Rochester
December 12th–13th	LLDC and LEC – TBA

2004

February 27th	Lock–In – YMCA, Rochester
May 14th–16th	Spring Conclave – GSR
July 31st–August 5th	NOAC 2004 in Ames Iowa
August 27–29th	Fall Conclave – GSR
August 29th	Midsummer Picnic (following Conclave) at GSR
September 17th–19th	Section C1-B Conclave – Camp Ripley
November 20th	Banquet – Knights of Columbus, Rochester
December 10–12th	LLDC – TBA

2005

May 20–22nd	Spring Conclave – GSR
August 26–28th	Fall Conclave – GSR

Banquet Registration

Name of OA member: _____

Honor: Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

Chapter: Hiawatha Sugarloaf Wakpaota

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Number of Guests: _____

Number attending:	
	X $13
Total	

$15 at the door.

Return to:
Blue Ox Lodge
Gamehaven Council No. 299
Boy Scouts of America
1124 11$\frac{1}{2}$ Street SE
Rochester, MN 55904

or Fax your registration to Marlow at 287-1413 and call 287-1410 with your credit card info.

Arrowman Service Award

Name: _____

Chapter: Hiawatha Sugar Loaf Wakpaota

Criteria

Personal: (Complete all)

Signature*	Date	
_____/	_____	A) Remain active in your unit (or, if an adult in a unit, active in your Scouting role) through at least 75% meeting attendance.
_____/	_____	B) Help an Ordeal member attain Brotherhood.
_____/	_____	C) Mentor a Scout (or, if an adult, another Scouter) in your unit.
_____/	_____	D) Rededicate yourself to the principles of the Order of the Arrow through discussions with a lodge officer or adviser.

Chapter/Lodge Activity: (Complete any three)

_____/	_____	A) Participate on a lodge camping promotion or unit elections team.
_____/	_____	B) Attend and serve in a leadership capacity at two lodge functions.
_____/	_____	C) Serve as a chapter or lodge officer or as the Chairman of a lodge operating committee.
_____/	_____	D) Attend a Section Conclave, National Leadership Seminar, or National Conference.
_____/	_____	E) Serve as a trainer in an Order of the Arrow training event.

Service: (Complete One)

_____/	_____	A) Participate in council, chapter, or lodge service project.
_____/	_____	B) Serve as an Elangomat at an Ordeal.

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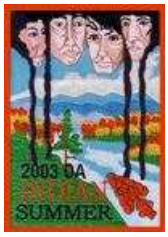
*Acceptable signatures: Scoutmaster, Lodge Chief, and Lodge Adviser. Award may be ordered through your lodge.

Return form to Lodge Chief or Advisor. Deadline December 31, 2003

Indian Summer

Where can you Pow-wow every night, learn to dance straight, traditional, ladies, grass, or fancy? Or learn to bead, make fans, bustles, headdresses, and moccasins? How about watching *Last of the Mohicans* surrounded by a couple hundred arrowmen?
Indian Summer is where.



Four arrowmen from Blue Ox and one arrowman from Tom Kita Chara traveled together to Ridgecrest, NC, to learn about dance, inductions, ceremonies, and costumingwith about 650 other arrowmen from around the nation.

Noam Wiggs attended the northern dance sessions and learned about traditional dancing. Aaron Bateson learned how to improve as a ceremonialist in the ceremonies performance track. Cindy Sanders learned about costume and regalia making, ladies dance, and Pow-wow etiquette from a Ponca elder. Peter Sanders attended the inductions management track where we discussed improving our lodge's callouts, ordeals, and brotherhood conversion.

While on the trip, we all danced, made new friends, and saw new sights. We even hiked on the Appalachian Trail...

Left to Right: Reed Rayome(TKC), Aaron Bateson, Noam Wiggs, Peter Sanders, Cindy Sanders

2002–2003 LEC

Lodge Chief	Stith Wiggs
Vice Chief – Committees	Ryan Bille
Vice Chief – Events	James Jackson Jr.
Vice Chief – Chapters	Chris Huston
Secretary	Josh Altchuler
Treasurer	Dominic Kramer
Immediate Past Chief	Brandon Simonson
Ceremonies Chair	Noam Wiggs
Elangomat Chair	Dustin Hougelum

National Leadership Seminar

We again have an opportunity to improve the leadership skills of our youth and adult Order of the Arrow members. The next NLS will be held November 14-16, 2003, in Parkville, MO. If you have an interest in attending this fantastic training please contact Dean Rich at 280-5906 and he will forward your request to the Key Three for review.

Camporama!

Camporama will be November 22nd, starting at 9:00 AM and ending at 1:00 PM at Zumbro Lutheran Church. Bring your PLC, your Scoutmasters, your Crew leaders, and your Crew Advisers to learn about the region's scout camps.

Arrowmen are needed to help work the camporama.

Come to the camporama and stay for the Lodge banquet!

Camp Spooky!

Volunteers are needed to help with *Camp Spooky* on October 25th from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We need people to help with the haunted house, hay ride, and concessions.

There will be several work nights for assembling the haunted house.

Contact Dean Rich (507-280-5906) for information.

Advisers corner

Wow, what a year so far... we have had–but it's not over yet! We still have a few events left; winter banquet, LLDC, LEC's, and the lock-in is planned for February to kick off the 2004 year!

I would like to challenge you to attend this year's Winter Banquet (Nov. 22) if you have not attended in the past, and I look forward to seeing the regular attendees return again this year for good food, brotherhood, and FUN. I enjoy the fellowship that the banquet allows–brothers of all ages gathering to show appreciation of the excellent leadership that drives our lodge to be known among the best! See you there ... mark your calendars! Check out the OA trading post prior to dinner and after! Come see who the newest Vigil members are, along with all the other honors that will be bestowed during the banquet. Bring your entire family!!! Scouting is about family!

"All men are alike in their lower natures; it is in their higher characters that they differ." *–Christian Nevell Bovee*

Character building is what scouting is all about, and the OA enhances character. This has to be true - we have had one Region youth leader and five Section youth leaders in a four year span. This phenomenon is not ending any time soon! I want to personally congratulate Stith Wiggs – Stith (our current Lodge Chief at the time) was nominated among three youth to be considered for Section Chief at the Section Conclave this past September 12-14 at the Crystal Lake Scout Reservation in Wisconsin. I am proud to announce that Stith was elected by his fellow arrowmen-scouts from seven lodges! It was an exciting time for the members of Blue Ox Lodge in attendance as well as Stith. I have worked with Stith in the Lodge for four years as an Adviser and it has been a pleasure to see how much Stith has grown and matured over the years into the fantastic leader he has become. He does exemplify scout character - WAY TO GO STITH!

If you want to expand your scouting experience, consider getting active in the OA! Contact me by email or phone (Youth and Adults), We would like to invite you to attend an LEC (Lodge Executive Committee meeting) and see if you think you could help with your leadership skills.

Check out the news throughout this issue of the Wulomac, and we will see you at the upcoming events!

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Chiefly Speaking

Lodge members, we approach the end of another year. The time goes so fast; it has been a great a year and we have grown in many ways. I look forward to seeing the lodge to continue to grow in the up and coming year. My year has been shortened, for those of you who dont know, I have recently been elected the Section C-1B Chief. This responsibility requires me to resign my position as Lodge Chief for the end of the 2003 year. My resignation will be effective September 28th, 2003. The Chief Elect, Ryan Bille, and Vice Chiefs will finish this year. I am confident in the LEC to carry out the Lodge responsibilities in the closing of the year. Since I was inducted, I have watched this lodge grow and I have been a direct part of it, and I will continue to do so with my responsibilities as Section Chief. My fellow Arrowmen, you are the ones who have made this year what it was, a great experience for me as lodge chief. I know it will continue and I am proud be a member of the Blue Ox Lodge. Thank you for all you have done and I am looking forward to serving you as your C-1B Section Chief. See you at the Winter Banquet, November 22nd, 2003!

In Brotherhood,
Stith Wiggs
Departing Lodge Chief,
C-1B Section Chief