THE WULAMOC

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Winter Banquet Invitations

Hello Brothers,
It is that time of year again. Time has flown so fast. It seems like I had just finished writing last year's invitation, and it's time for 2002. This year, the Banquet will be at St. Pius X church in Rochester Minnesota, and will start at 6:30 pm. The 7th Rib will cater this event. Immediately after the event, we will be having our 75th Anniversary Winter Extravaganza (a.k.a. Winter Lock-In)! At the 75th Winter Extravaganza we will have music, an open gym, fellowship, a Lodge Executive meeting, pizza (at midnight) and free soda. We will also have a Pie-in-the-face competition in which you cast votes for the person you would like to see pied. Then we auction off the opportunity to pie that person. In the end, someone gets pied, we all have a good time, and the lodge benefits. It is a Win-Win situation for everyone. How much does this extraordinary event cost? Well, the banquet will be $12 per person and the "Lockin" will be $7 per person. You can attend both for a cost of $15 total. This banquet will be a milestone for our lodge as it will be our 75th anniversary. Come and help us celebrate!

For more information, call Josh Mann or me, Brandon Simonson

See you there!
Brandon Simonson
2002 Blue Ox Lodge Chief

National Order of the Arrow Conference, NOAC 2002

The 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be held July 27th through August 1, 2002 at Indiana University in Bloomington Indiana. NOAC is a great place to meet Arrowmen from all over the U.S., learn new things about the Order of the Arrow, compete with other Arrowmen, and see some great shows. The Blue Ox Lodge will be sending a contingent in 2002. You can be a part of it all by completing the attached form and returning it along with a $100 nonrefundable deposit to the scout office or by bringing the form and deposit to the winter banquet. The form and deposit must be postmarked by January 18th 2002. If you have signed up to be in the NOAC contingent at one of the Blue Ox events during the past year and are on the lodge list YOU MUST confirm your intention of going by completing the NOAC 2002 Registration Form (below) and turning it and your $100 nonrefundable deposit by the Lodge registration deadline of January 18th 2002. The Conference fee is $305 for youth and adult members. In addition to the conference fee there will be some additional costs which will include transportation, lodging in route, NOAC "stuff" and the cost of whatever else the contingent decides to do along the way. The Blue Ox Lodge is guaranteed places for 17 people (12 youth and 5 adults) but we may be able to get additional slots if other lodges do not use all of their places. The $100 deposit must also accompany the request for extra slots but the deposit will be refunded if places are not available. The conference is also looking for Arrowmen to serve on staff at NOAC. Staff applications are available on the web or may be picked up from Fant Steele at the Blue Ox Winter Banquet. If you have questions about working on staff you should contact Fant Steele. If you apply for a staff position please notify Fant so the lodge can track all of our participants. Fant Steele can be reached at 507-287-0330 or Fant@thesteeles.net Visit the web site www.oa-bsa.com for more information about NOAC 2002.

Philmont and Northern Tier Opportunities

As a Scouter and Arrowman I must admit I am a fanatic of the outdoors. I love to camp, hike, and canoe. Last summer I was able to experience high adventure at its finest. I attended the Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage in the BWCAW. It was great! I bonded in cheerful service with Arrowmen from across the country. I highly recommend taking advantage of this excellent opportunity and the other outstanding OA programs. The National Order of the Arrow sponsors two great service programs at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico and Northern Tier High Adventure Canoe Base in Ely, Minnesota. Arrowmen provide service to these great scout camps and grow in the brotherhood of cheerful service.

The first week of the program is dedicated to service, where Arrowmen work on and create new trails or "turnpikes" in an effort to improve the wilderness. The second week is when scouts can experience the great outdoors in a personal trek or voyage. Yes, you heard me, two weeks in the backwoods, for only $100.00, excluding transportation. Blue Ox Lodge is working hard to promote these great programs and allow you to grow in brotherhood with Arrowmen from across the country. There are three general requirements to apply:

- Applicants must be at least 16 years of age the day your program begins, but not 21 by its conclusion.
- Be physically fit, able to lift and handle materials up to 50 lbs.
- Be a registered member of both the BSA and the Blue Ox Lodge. If you are interested in participating in either of these great programs contact Dominic Kramer, 2002 Lodge Membership Secretary, for information, applications and possible transportation arrangements.

Wakpaota Chapter NEWS

Dear Arrowman,

I am Steve Droog, elected Wakpaota Chapter Chief. Our chapter is only two years old and it is need of your help for it to grow. The chapter is made up of Arrowmen who are willing to give a helping hand in the chapter, in the lodge and in the community. We would like to include many programs for the benefit of both the Troops and the members of the chapter. Right now we are in the process of designing a chapter T-Shirt and would appreciate your ideas for the shirt. We will be starting a committee in January that will be picking the designs for the shirt. If you would like to be a part of the decision making process, please come to the meeting on January 12th, 13th. The chapter will be working on a merit badge day that will take place some time in April of 2002 and we would like you to be a part of this program. The chapter has three main committees that are looking for help. The Promotions committee, chaired by Ben Huro, is in charge of advertising every district, chapter and Lodge event. The Elangomat committee, chaired by Dustin Houglum, is in charge of contacting the registered members in the chapter once a month to keep the interest in Scouting and the Order of the Arrow alive. The Elangomats are also the men whom help run all activities within the community, chapter and the Lodge. The Unit Elections Committee is made up of two sub committees, the Dance Team Committee and the Ceremonies Committee. The Dance Team Committee, chaired by Noam Wiggs, is responsible for assisting in the Call Out ceremonies for the Conclaves and helping with chapter and lodge unit elections. The ceremonies committee, chaired by Kurt Carlstrom, is responsible for helping out with the unit elections and assisting in the operations of the Ceremonies at the conclaves.

If you have any questions, contact the following people:

Chapter Chief: Steve Droog
Chapter Vice Chief: Chris Huston
Chapter Promotions Chair: Ben Huro
Chapter Elangomat Chair: Dustin Houglum
Chapter Dance Chair: Noam Wiggs
Chapter Ceremonies Chair: Kurt Carlstrom
Chapter Secretary: Rhys Wiggs
Chapter Adviser: Jim Huston
Lodge Chief: Brandon Simonson

Thank you for your help and I hope to see you all at the 2002 Winter Banquet,

Yours in Brotherhood,
Steve Droog
2002 Wakpaota Chapter Chief

Hiawatha Chapter News

Chapter Clans Created. The Hiawatha Chapter recently instituted the Chapter clan system. This system "..will help utilize all Hiawatha members when it comes to unit elections" commented Josh Mann, 2001 Hiawatha Chapter Chief, on the subject of the clan program. Check future Wulamocs for clan leadership information

Chapter Election Results. The Hiawatha chapter held their elections at the 2001 fall conclave. Here are the results

Chapter Chief:
Trey Jensen

Chapter Vice Chief:

Ben Leslie

Chapter Secretary:

Anthony Heddlesten

Sugar Loaf chapter news

The Sugar Loaf Chapter held it's annual Chapter elections at the 2001 Fall conclave. The results are as follows:

Chapter Chief:
Chris Yard

Chapter Vice Chief:
Dave Schmidt

Chapter Secretary:
Jason Giers

Chris Yard commented "It is going to be a great year for Sugar Loaf in 2002".

Lodge Officers Elected!!

The 2002 Blue Ox lodge officers were elected at the 2001 Fall conclave these were the results:

Lodge Chief:
Brandon Simonson

Vice Chief Committees:
Stith Wiggs

Vice Chief Events:
Josh Mann

Membership Secretary:
Dominic Kramer

Treasurer:
Josh Altchuler

Join us in congratulating them at the Winter banquet!

Chiefly Speaking

I first met Mike Buss at the Section C-1B conclave at the Hickley High School in 1999. From my standpoint, only knowing a few people from our lodge, he seemed to be an outstanding figure (It was either that or the fact that he was wearing one blue and one red epaulet, claiming to be the Blue Ox Security). It was his and a few other lodge members influence that got me interested in 'how the lodge works'. I did not know it at the time, but I would soon come to know him not only as a fellow Arrowman, but as a friend. It was at that same event where I met Dave Moertel, our Lodge Adviser. I remember my first encounter with Dave. I and another friend from Red Wing had not yet received a health form for the conclave in the mail and thus did not have one. Dave and I spent the better part of the first night trying to call my parents to get permission to spend the weekend. I don't remember how it ended but we all had a good time getting there. I feel that we owe the success of our last year to both our Chief, Mike Buss and our Lodge adviser, Dave Moertel. Please join me at our winter banquet in congratulating Mike and Dave on a Great Year!
WWW,
Brandon Simonson
2002 Blue Ox Lodge Chief

Adviser's Minute

The Blue Ox Lodge has really been on a roll lately. The Section Conclave was on September 14th and a week later we were headlong into our own Fall Conclave. Just recently we finished the year with a great Lodge Leadership Development Course (LLDC). The list of people that I have to thank could fill up the entire Wulamoc. Rather than do that, I want to personally thank everyone in the Lodge that helped make these events happen. The first two of these events had elections for new officers and the Blue Ox Lodge was well represented. Andy Huston was reelected as the Section C-1B Chief and Neal Oliver was elected as Section Secretary. Congratulations to both of you. There's no question in my mind that the Section will be very successful under your leadership. At the Fall Conclave Brandon Simonson was elected as our Lodge Chief for 2002 and Stith Wiggs and Josh Mann filled the two Vice-Chief roles. With that kind of a leadership team, I have high expectations for next year. I didn't think we'd be able to continue with the kind of leadership that we've had for the last three years, but now I'm confident that we will. We can all look forward to an exciting year. Speaking of an exciting year, this is going to be our 75th anniversary. We are going to have an NLS right here in Rochester. We already have a long list of people that want to go to NOAC 2002. What more can we expect. At the Fall Conclave we kicked off our Arrowman Service Award program. This program involves completing at least eight requirements like "Helping an Ordeal Scout attain Brotherhood". Guess what -- we already have fifteen lodge members who have completed all of the requirements. If you weren't at the conclave and you want to work on this award, you can download the sign-off form from the following site: http://www.oa-bsa.org/misc/anr/asa/ASA-signoff-form.pdf. Who's next? Finally I would like to personally thank our Lodge Chief for 2000 - 2001. Mike has not only done an outstanding job as Chief, he also had an extended stay. As you are probably aware, we had a rules change in the Lodge this year moving our elected positions to a calendar year. That means that instead of completing his term in September, Mike served an additional three months until year end. Great Job Mike! The last couple of months have been wonderful. Let's keep up the great work and let's all get ready to celebrate our 75th Anniversary in style.

Dave Moertel
Lodge Adviser