the Wulamoc

Blue Ox Lodge #26 Issue No. 2 Volume 2000 Mar-Apr

Inside this Wulamoc

1 **Spring Conclave**

1 **Camp-O-Rama**
A Very Productive Event

2 **Website Update**
New things to do at our Webpage

2 **Winter Event**
A very successful Evening

2 **Ceremonies Team Meeting**

2 **Elangomats Needed**

2 **Adviser's Minute**

2 **Chiefly Speaking**

3 **Unit Election Teams**

3 **Founders' Award**

3 **Firebowl Construction**

3 **OA Unit Representitives**

4 **Meet the Lodge Executive Committee**

Wulamoc Updates

The Wulamoc will now come to you Bi-Monthly. So, instead of getting Four issues, you get Six!!!

Spring Conclave

Andrew Huston

The Spring Conclave for this year will be held on May 19-21 at Gamehaven Scout Reservation. At this time we will be putting the finishing touches on the Tindeuchen Bowl (camp fire ring). Don't miss a great opportunity to be a part of this great project. I hope you come out and see how we've changed the camp. The price of the conclave is $10, this is the cost for all of the meals. If you are going to become a new Brotherhood member, which I encourage you to do if you have been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months, cost is $21.50 which includes all of the meals and the cost of the sash. Registration will begin at 5:30 on Friday night. We expect to end the Spring Conclave at 10 a.m. on Sunday. I am very excited about the spirit within the Blue Ox Lodge. Come to the Spring Conclave and share in that spirit. I hope to see you there.

Camp-O-Rama

The annual Camp-O-Rama was held at the Zumbro Lutheran Church on January 8, 2000. Scoutmasters and Campmasters came from all over Minnesota and Wisconsin. Check out the Virtual Online Tour at our WebSite!

EXCLUSIVE: SEE PAGE 3

WebSite Update

If you have been to the WebSite recently, you would have noticed some changes. For one, both updated Wulamoc issues are up and there are two ways to look at them. One is viewable online and the other is downloadable by .pdf file. We also have a Virtual Camp-O-Rama. It is almost like being there!!! Now, the ceremonies team has a WebSite. So, the Members can check-up on the upcoming events and the Non-Members can sign-up!!!!

As you can see, there is a lot of things to do on our Webpage!

The Winter Event

Blue Ox Lodge held it's annual Winter Banquet and Lock-in at St. Pius Church on February 19-20. We started the evening with a Recognition Banquet with catering provided by the 7th Rib. Following the dinner, our special guest speaker, the Central Region Chief talked to us about "The Virtues of Scouting". (Check out the Interview on page 3) After the Banquet, Arrowmen stayed for an eventful Lock-In. Ceremonies meetings, movies, board games and a Pie-In-The-Face contest. Check out our pictures on the WebSite. Overall, it was a very successful night.

Ceremonies Meeting

Stith Wiggs

There will be a ceremonies meeting on the 18th of March at the Gamehaven Scout Reservation from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm. Bring $5 for pizza. This meeting is intended for the Principles and people who want to be Back-Up for the Principles. You may also come out and try some Ceremonial Dancing too. Hope to see you all there!

Elangomats Needed

Steve Droog

Would you like to be a part of a new members life? Well, this is your chance. Become part of the Elangomat Team, meet new friends, sleep under the stars and learn about leadership all at once. If you are this kind of special person contact Steve Droog

---

You can also get a hold of your District Representative, or another O.A. LEC Member. Please contact one of them A.S.A.P. Thanks.

Adviser's Minute

Dave Moertel

It is 5:20 am at the Blue Ox Lodge lock-in and no one has gone to sleep. Luke Wolfe, the Central Region Chief, is just leaving for his college back in Wisconsin. The banquet and lock-In was a great success, thanks to a number of people in the lodge. We had a record number 110 attendees for the Banquet and 50 for the Lock-In . The new lodge officers were installed and Dominique Baker and Tom Wright received the Founders' Award. In addition to Luke Wolfe we had two other Lodge Chiefs, the Section Chief, the Section Vice Chief, and the Section Adviser. Their presence only added to the events success. Great job Blue Ox Lodge!

Chiefly Speaking

Andrew Huston

Dr. E. Urner Goodman, the founder of the Order of the arrow, stated that "The Order is a thing of the spirit rather than of mechanics. Organization, operational procedures, and all that go with them are necessary in any large and growing movement, but they are not what counts in the end. The things of the spirit are what count." Blue Ox Lodge is full of that spirit now. At the start of my term as chief there were several goals that I wanted the lodge to accomplish. I felt that it is truly important to obtain the Quality Lodge Status, thus bringing our lodge the recognition that it deserves. I also wanted the lodge to become recognized and more visible within the council. Service was another area that I wanted to focus on. We have just begun to truly establish our lodge as being an integral part of service to Gamehaven Council with several projects that have been done at GSR. I also saw the need to establish more leadership positions within Blue Ox Lodge. The lodge has made great strides in the way of accomplishing these goals. As you can see, our spirit is growing. If there was one goal

I would like you to have as an arrowman, I would say that I want you to get involved. I have learned through my own experiences in the lodge that the more you get involved, the more fun you have. The Lodge Executive Committee meetings are the best places to come to and learn about the lodge and what you can do. This will be a fun and exciting year and I ask you to join in and help out to make lodge the best lodge it can be. I hope to see you at the Spring Conclave. Search for your spirit.

Unit Election Teams

Andrew Huston

This year our lodge has changed the format of the Unit Elections. We will have a Unit Election Team from the lodge travel to each troop within Gamehaven Council to hold the Order of the Arrow elections. We have already begun the election process and are planning to have all elections done by April 15. Please be in contact with your District Representative on our Lodge Executive Committee to schedule your Unit Election. If you don't think that your troop has scheduled one yet, ask your Scoutmaster to contact our District Representative. In Hiawatha District contact Andy Anderson, in Sugar Loaf District contact Rory Haney, and in Wakpaota District contact Neal Oliver.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Founders' Award

We were honored to have two of our Arrowmen received the Founders' Award. What is the Founders' Award?

The Founders' Award was created to honor and recognize those arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the Lodge.

Dominique Baker and Tom Wright where these Arrowmen.

Congratulations!!!

GSR FireBowl

Andrew Huston

In November we took the service that our lodge does up a notch. As you might know, this past year we received a service grant from the National Order of the Arrow, the only grant given to a lodge in the Central Region. With that money we built the new fire ring at Gamehaven Scout Reservation, named Tindeuchen Bowl, meaning Fire Maker in the Lenni-Lenape language. This will be greatly appreciated by all who come to camp. We will continue to work on the Fire Bowl at the Spring Conclave. The GSR Fire Ring is online . You can access this page through our Home Page at http://www.gamehavencouncil.org/oa/oarrow.htm I hope you check this out. We have put a lot of hard work into the Tindeuchen Bowl and I invite you to come and help us put some final touches on it this spring!

OA Unit Reps.

Neal Oliver

To all OA Unit Reps: Your Presence is requested at the round tables. This is a great time for us to meet and exchange ideas. To get information about where your district meets, contact me

EXCLUSIVE: Interview with the Central Region Chief

We at the Wulamoc had the supreme chance to interview the Central Region Chief, Luke Wolfe.

The Wulamoc: What do you think is a Good goal that every arrowman, that wants to succeed, should follow?

Luke Wolfe: Get involved more than you are now, do something else that you have not done before, add to your profile. The more you get involved, the more fun you have.

TW: What is the most fun part of being Central Region Chief?

LW: Getting to meet everybody, a wide variety of arrowmen. It is always nice to mingle around.

TW: What other positions did you hold before Central Reigon chief?

LW: Secretary, 2 time Vice Chief, 2 time Section C3 Vice Chief, 2 time Section C3-A Chief.

TW: How did you like our event this evening?

LW: Incredible, I was suprised to see all the people here. It was the best turnout yet.

Everyone at Blue Ox gives our thanks to Luke Wolfe for coming.

Meet the LEC!

Mike Buss

Hello and welcome to the Blue Ox #26 1999-2000 year. I hope it will be a huge success. My name is Mike Buss and I am your Vice Chief of Committees. I am currently a Star Ranked Scout in Troop 210 in Rochester, MN sponsored by St. Pius Church X. I have been an active member in the Order ever since I was chosen for my Ordeal. I am currently a Brotherhood member. I worked at Gamehaven Scout Reservation this past summer. And on a closing note I hope to help and listen to all of your ideas.

Thank you for your time.

Josh Lessard

Hello, I am Josh Lessard your new Vice-Chief of Events. I have been involved in the Order of the Arrow since the spring of 1997 when I went through my Ordeal. I sealed my membership in the Order in the spring of 1998. I have served on the Executive Board in the position of Newsletter Secretary for the 1997-1998 term. In the spring of 1998 I attended the Central Region National Leadership Seminar. In addition, in 1998 I attended NOAC. I have also attended the 1997 and 1998 Section Conclaves and all Blue Ox Lodge Conclaves. I have participated actively on the Ceremonies Teams since the fall of 1997 also. In this upcoming year, I have been charged with the duty of planning a Winter Event, the 2000 Spring and Fall Conclaves and starting the logistical planning for the 2001 Section Conclave. I look forward to working with the members of our lodge and the Executive Board in the planning and executing of these events that I guarantee will be excellent.

Drew Hedlund

Hello everyone! I am the Secretary for Blue Ox Lodge #26. I am responsible for taking notes at the LEC meeting. I plan to attend college to get a BA in Computer Sciences.

Neal Oliver

Hi! I am the Wakpaota District Representative. I have been in the OA for 4 years now. I was bestowed with the honor of Brotherhood in 1997. At the end of the last summer, I received my Eagle Scout award. I look forward to working with you this next year!

Rory Haney

Hi, my name is Rory Haney. I'm the new Sugarloaf District Representative. I live in Winona, MN and belong to Troop 13 out of St. Mary's Parish. I am a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and have just recently received the rank of Eagle. I have a lot of experience in the OA and am a former member of Agaming Lodge out of Indianhead Council. So I know how two different lodges run things. This past summer I was the Crew Leader of one of two crews from Troop 13 and Troop 94 out of Lake City that attended Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. It was a great experience, and I highly recommend it to everyone. Currently, I am a senior at Cotter High School in Winona and am looking forward to graduation and college. I am looking forward for the upcoming year and hope I can assist you any way that I can.

NEXT TIME:

MORE CHAIRMEN AND ADVISERS

Picture Constructed by Andy Huston

Attention: Any arrowmen that does not have a job this summer: Please contact the Scout Service Center at 287-1410 and Inquire about working for the Council at the Gamehaven Scout Reservation.

Lodge Executive Committee

Andrew Huston
Lodge Chief

Mike Buss
Vice Chief Committees

Josh Lessard
Vice Chief Events

Neal Oliver
Wakpaota District Representitive

Andrew Anderson
Hiawatha District Representitive

Rory Haney
Sugarloaf District Representitve

Max Behrens
Camp Promotions Chairman

Stith Wiggs
Ceremonies Chairman

Steven Droog
Elangomat Chairman

Dominique Baker
Vigil Chairman, Section C1-B Chief

Brandon Simonson
Publications and Web Chairman

Questions? Comments?
Suggestions? Complaints?
Contact Brandon Simonson
.

Dave Moertel/ Lodge Adviser:
moertel.david@mayo.edu
507-282-8504

Tom Wright/ Assoc. Adviser:
mntrooper@hotmail.com
507-288-3619

Pete Sanders/ Cermonies Adviser
plsander@us.ibm.com
507-367-2421

Ken Mann/ Co-Ceremonies Adviser
kjbiomann@aol.com
507-533-8600

Shawn Peters/ Publications Adviser
peterssh@rconnect.com
507-367-2790

Mike Mullen/ C1-B Adviser
mullen.micheal@mayo.edu
507-867-3834

Jack Zierdt/ C1-B Adviser
jjzierdt@clear.lakes.com
507-346-7969

Stan Toner/ NOAC 2000 Adviser
stantoneresq@aol.com
507-280-6147

Marlowe Bennett/ Tech Adviser
mbennett@gamehavencouncil.org
507-288-2996

Kevin Stratton/ Staff Adviser
kstratton@gamehavencouncil.org
507-446-9019

Scout Service Center
507-287-1410

Important Dates

For updated info and locations, go to our website at:
http://www.gamehavencouncil
.org/oa/oarrow.htm

March 12
LEC Meeting GSR

March 18
Ceremonies Meeting GSR

April 9
LEC Meeting GSR

May 6
Service Day GSR

May 19-21
Spring Conclave GSR

July 29- Aug. 3
NOAC at Knoxville, TN

September 15-17
Section C-1B Conclave
CRSR Cannon Falls

September 24-26
Fall Conclave GSR

October 6-8
Lodge Leadership and
Development Course GSR