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2000 Fall Conclave

Andrew Huston

The 2000 Fall Conclave will be held at Gamehaven Scout Reservation on September 22-24. There will be some new and exciting events at this conclave. If you have been in the Order of the Arrow for at least one year then you are eligible to become a Brotherhood member. I truly hope that you take this next and very important step in sealing your membership in the OA. Registration will begin at 6:15pm. The prices are $30.00 for Pre-Ordeal, $19.00 Brotherhood and $8.50 for Dues and the Meal. We will have a Trading post open on Saturday, so remember to bring some extra spending money. The opening Call-Out Ceremony will be held at 7:30pm. The Call-Out Ceremony is open to the public and will conclude at 8:30pm. The Fall Conclave will end Sunday morning at 10:00

am. There will be some special things happening from Friday night until Sunday morning. I hope to see you there!

NOAC Review Bound in Brotherhood, Led by the Spirit

Mike Buss and Andrew Huston

July 29, 2000, the NOAC contingent left Rochester to attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). Three days were spent on the road until the contingent reached the University of Knoxville, TN. On the way down the group made a stop at Six Flags / Kentucky Kingdom, in Louisville, KY. They also spent some time off the road hiking the majestic Smokey Mountains on the Appalachian Trail through the states of Tennessee and North Carolina. At the conference Blue Ox members enjoyed talking to some of the 7,000 Arrowmen from across the United States. The theme of NOAC was Bound in Brotherhood, Led by the Spirit. All contingent members agree that you can't give NOAC justice in words alone. The shows, training sessions and other activities were spectacular. It is one of the greatest and most memorable scouting events that you could ever experience and it will leave memories that will last throughout their lives. On the return trip, they stopped in Murray, Kentucky to visit the National Boy Scout Museum. There the contingent saw thousands of artifacts and memorabilia from Scouting. They also enjoyed the Norman Rockwell Collection and paintings from a number of other artists. This was a unique opportunity as the Museum will be closing in November and moving to Texas. The next National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held in Bloomington, Indiana at the University of Indiana in 2002. If you have any questions about NOAC please contact the Lodge Adviser. You will be hearing much about NOAC in the upcoming year and we hope that you will attend the 2002 NOAC, it is the greatest Scouting event you will ever have a chance to take part in.

The 3rd Annual Section C-1B Conclave

Andrew Huston

Didn't make it to NOAC? That's ok, the next best thing is coming up very shortly. In Cannon Falls the seven different lodges in our section will get together to hold one big weekend of pure fun. Join over 300 Arrowmen from across Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan in events such as the OA Game, Photoscavenger Hunt, Dunk Tank, Training

Sessions, Officer Elections, Disco-Inferno Theme Meal, Pie in the Face, and much more are things to look forward to. This is conclave is one where you don't need to bring your work gloves too. The cost of the conclave is a mere $28 with early registration, or $38 with late registration. So don't delay! I'll see you at Cannon River Scout Reservation on September 15-17.

Lodge Leadership and Development Conference
Andrew Huston

Each of us can better ourselves in some way or another. One of the best ways to better yourself is by going to the Lodge Leadership and Development Conference (LLDC). Here you will learn more about the Order of the Arrow and the many things that we do besides the conclaves. Come and find out how to operate an OA Unit Election. If you are an OA Troop Representative I highly encourage you to come and learn more about your special leadership position and bring back important information to your troop. Remember that an Arrowman's first duty is to his troop. Even if you aren't your OA Troop Representative, but are just curious about what it is that we do and want to go through an exciting training opportunity on October 6-8 at Gamehaven Scout Reservation, join us. For further information contact a lodge officer.

Blue Ox Elections

Are you the type of person that has great ideas? Do you want to become more active in the Lodge and its operations? If you said yes to either of these questions I highly encourage you to run for a Lodge Office. In order to run for an office you must be present at the Fall Conclave. You will also have to meet with the Dave Moertel and Andrew Huston sometime at or before the conclave to discuss your thoughts.

Lodge Calendar Update

Sept. 15-17
Section C-1B Conclave
Cannon River Scout Reservation

Sept. 22-24
Fall Conclave
Gamehaven Scout Reservation

Oct. 6-8
Lodge Leadership and Development Conference
Gamehaven Scout Reservation

Feb. 17-18
Winter Banquet / Winter Event

The History of our Lodge

Dave Moertel and Andrew Huston

Several recent events have prompted this article. Paul Grassle recently donated a very special gift to the Lodge. Paul was a member of the Lodge before it was associated with the Order of the Arrow. In the thirties, the lodge was called The Order of the Blue Ox. Paul joined the Order in about 1935. At that time, members were elected by the summer camp participants. Each week, one scout was elected for the session. There were approximately 5 weeks of summer camp per year, so 5 new members were added to the lodge annually. In about 1937, the lodge united with the National Order of the Arrow movement and became the Blue Ox Lodge. All current members of the Order of the Blue Ox were inducted into the Order of the Arrow at that time. Paul has donated a Blue Ox patch from the original Order of the Blue Ox. These patches are very valuable and the Lodge Executive Committee would like to publicly thank Paul on behalf of the entire Lodge. Paul's generous donation has sparked an interest in other members of the lodge to pursue the development of a collection of flaps and other memorabilia for the lodge. Four additional flaps have already been donated. Each of these patches will be placed in a display case with the patch issue dates and the name of the person who donated the patch. This was only the beginning. Dominique Baker was the OA Museum Chairman for the 2000 National Order of the Arrow Conference. Tom Wright was also a member of the Museum staff. Andrew Huston, Mike Buss, and Justin Malloy were ASTA museum volunteer staff. The museum was filled with OA memorabilia and the entire contingent was charged up about the history of the Order of the Arrow. That same interest has now turned to our Lodge and its history. We would like to extend an invitation to the entire Lodge to get involved with this program. If you have old lodge memorabilia that you would be willing to donate or memories that you would be willing to share, please contact the Lodge Adviser, Dave Moertel.

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We are especially interested in memories that some of our older members have from 1930 - 1960. If you have any early newsletters or written information, a Xerox copy would be very helpful. Otherwise a letter or an email would be wonderful. Many of the Lodges had history displays for the

NOAC OA Museum. Let's work together to make ours the best for 2002.

Ceremonies Work Day

There is a Work day Sheduled for September 9th. Anyone may attend. The Cost will be $5.00 for the Mid-Day Meal. If anyone has any questions, please contact Stith Wiggs.

Hope to see you there!

NOAC/ GSR Fun Fact

Did you know: Out of the 13 total people that went to NOAC, 7 worked out on Camp Staff.

A New Thought: Chapters
Andrew Huston

There has been a proposal to introduce chapters into our Lodge system. This is the same basic principle of having districts in the council. By creating chapters in Blue Ox Lodge there will be a more local aspect to the Order. Communication with both the OA Troop/ Team Representatives and the Units will be greatly enhanced as well. In this way the Lodge can provide local meetings dealing with questions and/ or comments about the Lodge. The local Chapters would also produce a way for Arrowmen to be more involved with the lodge and its procedures. In Blue Ox Lodge there would be three Chapters, those of the Districts in our Council. In each Chapter there would be a Chief and Vice Chief. Those leaders will be elected by the chapter membership at the Fall Conclaves. The Chapter Chief and Vice Chief would be responsible for making sure that Unit Elections are carried out and to help the OA Troop Representatives, being their link to the lodge. This proposal will be discussed and voted upon at the Fall Conclave. If you are willing to be a dedicated and strong leader, I urge you to consider running for Chapter Chief or Vice Chief if this proposal is accepted. We hope to hear your thoughts about this new concept at the conclave.

Chiefly Speaking
Brothers, We are all Bound in Brotherhood and Led by the Spirit. This was not only the theme for NOAC 2000, but it is something we all experience in scouting. Live and practice the three principles that our Order is based on cheerfulness, brotherhood, and service. Your spirit is very important. I would like to encourage you

to build upon your scouting spirit and take it to a higher level. We have taken a journey up a rocky mountain. The view from here is breathtaking. It appears that we have reached the summit, then the clouds from up above us lift. We have not yet reached the summit, nor can we see it. The hike will continue up this rocky mountain. Brothers, I ask you, who will join me on this journey? The view from here is magnificent, but I assure you that as we climb the view will be indescribable. Let us build upon our spirit, for it is only right that we do so. In order for us to reach the summit we will need your help. Please join us on our journey by attending the upcoming events.

Yours in the Spirit,
Andrew Huston

Central Reigon Chief Update

Remember way back at the Winter Event when we had the Central Region Chief, Luke Wolfe? Well, he said he would wear our shirt for one day at NOAC, and he did!

Thank You Luke Wolfe!

Adviser's Minute

Our Fall Conclave is just around the corner and that will bring us to the close of another year for the Lodge Executive Committee. Your youth leadership team has done an outstanding job this year and I think we've all had a lot of fun. As we look back at the long list of accomplishments you all can give yourselves a pat on the back for a job well done. At the same time we need to look forward at the challenges ahead. We have new leadership in our Council and in a month we will have new leaders in our Lodge. I have already heard some ideas that people have for the future of our Lodge and I am excited about these possibilities. If you have ever been interested in holding a leadership position in the lodge, I can't think of a better time for you to get more involved. Join us at this year's Fall Conclave and be a part of the action.
Dave Moertel

Section Chief Fact

Did you know: Dominique Baker, the Section C-1B Chief, said if he could be any kind of fruit, he would be a Banana.

You heard it here!
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