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Conclave Sets Several Precedents

2006 Conclave achieves two things that are quite uncommon, being on time and making a profit!

Conclaves are notorious for running OA Lodges to the wire financially, but Shenshawpotoo Lodge has done something that most lodges only dream of: make a profit from Conclave. Very graciously, the powers that be in our section have allowed Shenshawpotoo to take out some of the proceeds resulting from Conclave, and investing it into a brand new, much needed latrine for Camp Rock Enon. Not only was Conclave a complete success, but it has allowed us to improve the conditions for this year's resident camp at Rock Enon.

But making a profit is not the only precedent that Shenshawpotoo Lodge managed to set. National OA policy allows thirty days to complete Conclave and submit the wrap-up paperwork. Every Arrowman can take great pride in the fact that our lodge is the first lodge this century to complete this National requirement on time.

As David and Ben Mathis, Chairman and Advisor of the Conclave, respectively, stated in their thank you letter to the Conclave Staff, "The exemplary manner in which everyone cooperated and participated resulted in a Conclave our Lodge can be proud of". Conclave could not have set such precedents without the support of its members. Congratulations and thank you, Shenshawpotoo.



Lodge Chief's Headdress

Brothers,

I could not be any prouder of what our lodge has accomplished in the past few months. Conclave was astounding, down to the very last blade of grass.

There are so many people that need to be thanked, starting with David and Ben Mathis. David and Ben were the heart and soul of this endeavor, and it would not have succeeded without their hard work. I would also like to thank all of the chairmen that worked tirelessly to make their part perfect, and finally I would like to thank everybody that served on staff, no matter how miniscule your part was.



Matthew Orlando

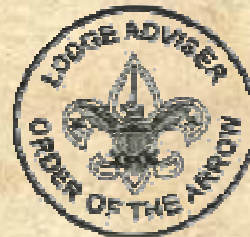
Chad Gregg

In addition to congratulating the Conclave staff, I would like to congratulate Joey Lasko. Joey was elected to replace myself as Lodge Chief in August, and I have full confidence that he will make this a lodge to be reckoned with. I am very thankful for having been given the opportunity to serve as your lodge chief this year.

Yours In Brotherhood,

Chad Gregg, Lodge Chief

Lodge Advisor's Minute



Brothers,

I was absolutely blown away by how well Conclave 2006 was planned and carried through. David and Ben Mathis and the entire Conclave staff without a doubt made this the best Conclave since the last time that we hosted it in 2000. And of course, Conclave would have been nothing if it had not been for the hearty contingent of Shenshawpotoo members that showed their support for our lodge members who served as staff members.



Powell Markowitz

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On Sunday morning of the Ordeal and Vigil Weekend, Joey Lasko will take over from Chad Gregg as the 2006-2007 Lodge Chief. I believe that Joey will make an outstanding lodge Chief, and I am looking forward to working with him and his staff. I promise I will do everything in my powers to help him make this the best lodge in the region.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Ordeal and Vigil Weekend in August

Yours in Service,

Powell Markowitz, Lodge Advisor



For more information on Shenshawpotoo events, Chapters, and its history, visit the Shenshawpotoo website at shensawpotoo.org.



New Section Chief Elected

Each Conclave marks the end of the terms that the Section Officers hold, and also provides the Section an opportunity to vote in a new slate of officers. Section Elections were held Saturday evening of the Conclave, and the results were announced during the show on Saturday night. The Section Chief for 2006-2007 is Christopher Bergholdt of Wahunsenakah Lodge.

Editor's Note: The following appeared in the Sunday Morning Legend, the Conclave newsletter. It is the acceptance letter written by the new Section Chief, Christopher Bergholdt, shortly after he was elected Chief. Congratulation Chris.



Chris Bergholdt

Brothers,

I am excited to greet you as your new Section Chief for this year. I humbly accept this office and I am ready to work with you in the next year.

As a Vigil Honor member of Wahunsenakah and after serving as a CVC this year, I have had an amazing experience as an Arrowman. I have exciting plans for the next year, a taste of which you got at the show last night. Check out our Section website, <http://www.SR7A.org>, which I plan to keep updated so that we can have the most interaction possible.

I want to thank you for electing me as your Chief for next year, and I look forward to meeting all of you in the near future. Thank you to all of you for working to make this Conclave great. I cannot wait until I am working with you for the next Conclave.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Christopher Bergholdt,
2006-2007 SR-7A Section Chief

You Might be an Overactive Arrowman ...

11) ...if you know what these acronyms mean: LEC, LLDC, COC, NOAC, NLS, EEP, ASK, TOAP...

12) ... and you use them in everyday conversation...

13) ... and you don't realize that you are doing it.

14) ...if you know what key the OA song is written in.

15) ...if you know all the parts to all four ceremonies by heart.

Do you think these are funny? Do you want to read some more? Simply visit the Lodge website at www.shenshawpotoo.org and click on Resources.

Competition Results

Spirit Award

Pre-Ordeal Honor Teams

1. Shenandoah

Quest for the Golden Arrow

1. Tutelo

Volleyball

1. Tutelo

Old Style Dance

1. Ben Osterhout- Nawakwa
2. Allen Dehoff- Nawakwa
3. John Struble- Nawakwa

Traditional Dance

1. Nick Richards- Nawakwa
2. David Sheetz- Blue Heron
3. Matt Athayde- Wahunsenakah

Grass Dance

1. John Ferguson- Shenandoah
2. Patrick McClave- Wahunsenakah
3. Zach Bartosik- Shenandoah

Solo Dance

1. Matt Athayde- Wahunsenakah
2. Patrick McClave- Wahunsenakah
3. Sam McClelland- Wahunsenakah

Pre-Ordeal Honor Teams

Nawakwa A Team

Nawakwa B Team

Shenandoah

Pre-Ordeal Nutiket

1. Tim Lynch- Nawakwa A
2. Bryan Shadron- Nawakwa B
3. Martin Clemmer- Shenandoah

Pre-Ordeal Meteu

1. Andy Spicknall- Nawakwa A
2. Jason Morgan- Tutelo A
3. Allen Crump- Nawakwa B

Pre-Ordeal Allowat Sakima

1. Thomas Howard- Nawakwa B
2. Alex Cohn- Nawakwa A
3. Kurt Brill- Shenandoah

Pre-Ordeal Kitchkinet

1. Andrew Kapelewski- Nawakwa A
2. Steven Gizzi- Nawakwa B
3. Gavin Dawson- Tutelo A

Vigil Honor

1. William Brown- Tutelo
2. Mike Clasing- Blue Heron
3. Andrew Kapelewski- Nawakwa

Visit the Section website at <http://www.sr7a.org> to view the full list of competitions and the lodges that won them.

Shenshawpotoo In Ceremonies Competition

This year, the Ceremonies team representing Shenshawpotoo Lodge participated only in the Brotherhood Ceremony Competition, but their performance was enough to bring honor and to place among the many lodges that also prepared thoroughly for the competition.



The Ceremonies team, consisting of two Brotherhood and two Vigil members, performed the ceremony on Saturday afternoon and earned a merit ranking for their work. In addition to the overall ranking, Mike Randazzo, a Brotherhood member from Troop 45, placed 3rd in the role of Nutiket. Congratulations gentlemen.

From left to right, Mike Randazzo, Peter Griffin, Nick Powers, & Aaron Youmans

The Conclave Show, A Time to Party

"Shenshawpotoo!" from one end of the crowd. "Blue Heron Rules!" from another. As the lodges gathered on the Parade Field for the Saturday Evening Show, the tensions ran high as to who was going to be victorious when it all was over. After an exhausting day of competition and fun, contingent members were ready to lay back and enjoy the show. Some contingent members (from our own lodge I might add), dragged a couch onto the field to better view the show.

The awards were soon handed out, the Section elections completed, and the show, which focused on reaffirming our dedication to the Obligation of the OA, commenced and shortly came to a close. The stage went dark. Suddenly, fireworks roared and burst in the sky, to the surprise of many unaware delegation members. Once the last boom echoed off of the mountains surrounding Rock Enon, Arrowmen feasted and gorged on funnel cakes, steak, and many more delectable treats. As the night dragged on, the partying Scouts began to tire, and one by one, the lights were extinguished, to be replaced by a peaceful, well-earned slumber.

News Briefs

New Lodge Chief

Joey Lasko, Troop 46, was elected Lodge Chief at the Brotherhood weekend. He will take over the position following the Ordeal and Vigil Weekend in August. More details on the election in the next issue.

NOAC Information Area Opens
Area of the National Website is open to contingent members, parents, etc who wish to learn or have questions about NOAC. Access by going to the national site and click on the NOAC link

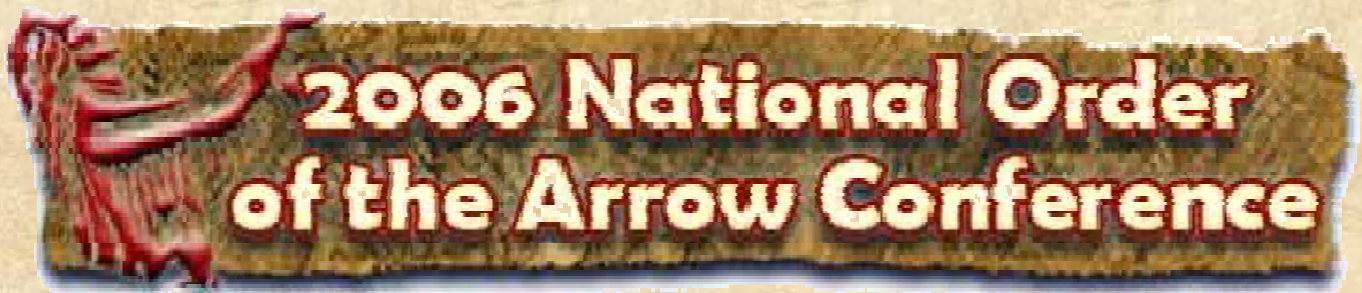
Brotherhood Opportunity

Any Ordeal member that missed the Brotherhood Weekend can still take his Brotherhood at the Ordeal and Vigil Weekend in August. See page 8 for weekend dates.

New National Bulletin Online
The June 2006-August 2006 issue of the National Bulletin is online. This issue includes The Report To the Nation, Chiefly Speaking, NOAC 2006 Committee Reports, E. Urner Goodman's OA Family Tradition, and much more.

Section SR-7A Site

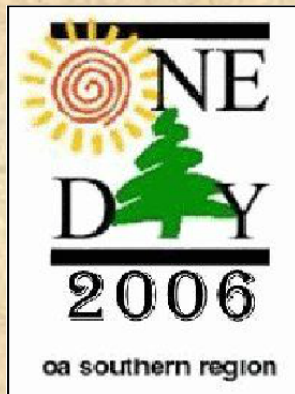
Check out the Section SR-7A website for information on what's going on throughout our section.



Southern Region One Day of Service Date Announced

The Southern Regions One Day of Service Program was started in 1996 to better meet the goals of the Ordeal's new strategic vision. One Day is an opportunity for every lodge in the Southern Region to do meaningful service in their communities all on one day. One Day is a terrific opportunity to get members involved, make a significant contribution to the community, and have fun with your fellow members.

The 2006 One Day of Service date has been announced, and the target date is October 21st, 2006. The One Day of Service Program is an opportunity for the lodges of the Southern Region to perform community service. Now is the time for each lodge to begin its planning in support of this effort.



Ceremonies Help Needed

If you interested in participating in Ceremonies, please contact the Vice Chief of Programs. The Lodge officers will change following Ordeal Weekend, so watch the lodge website and the next issue of Deertracks for an updated list.

Editor's Note: The following article was taken from the Southern Region Section-7A website. Visit the site to see this article and more by accessing the resources link of the Shenshawpotoo website and click on Section SR-7A Site.

Former Section Chief to Receive DSA

One of the recognitions that is scheduled to occur during the upcoming NOAC is the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to a number of Arrowmen that have provided outstanding service to the Order on the Sectional of Regional level. One of those to be recognized is Bradly Long. Brad served as the Section Chief for SR-7A from April 2004 until December 2004, when he had to step down as Section Chief following his election as Southern Region Chief. Congratulations Bradly!

Don't Put Off Paying Your Dues!

It is terribly important that dues are paid on time, in order to keep both financial and membership records up to date. All lodge memberships expire on 8/31/06. Dues are set at \$5.00 per year. If you have not paid your dues in several years, you may be brought back up to date with the payment of two years dues (\$10.00). All memberships cards will be distributed at Hijinx in December. In order to receive your membership card, your unit number is required. If you have either not paid your dues or the lodge does not have you unit number, please contact the current membership secretary immediately.

New Order of the Arrow Members, check out www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org for your ultimate guide to the OA and all it has to offer. Don't wait, check it out now!! Password protected.



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Thanks to all the Brothers from Shawanogi for their support and service at the Conclave. We rocked! Thanks for your support at the District Camporee in Berryville - our snack booth raised enough money to begin working on Chapter ceremonial costumes. If you are interested in working on these, please contact me. We have a job to do in August at the Fall Ordeal. Come and take your Brotherhood, or support our new members in their Ordeal.

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Dates To Look Out For

April:

8- CRE Work Day

19- Conclave Meeting/Executive Committee Meeting

22- CRE Work Day

28-30- Section 7A Conclave

June:

2-4- Brotherhood Weekend

4- Conclave Meeting/Executive Committee Meeting

July:

29-6- NOAC

August:

18-20- Ordeal and Vigil Weekend

From the Editor's Desk

I hope that you have enjoyed this issue of Deertracks. Conclave is always an important time of year, especially when it is hosted by our lodge at our own Camp Rock Enon. For those of you that attended this year's Conclave, I hope Deertracks has reminded you of the good times you had. And for those of you who did not attend the Conclave, I hope that you enjoyed reading about what you missed and hope that it encourages you to attend the next Conclave.

In the next issue, look forward to captivating articles concerning NOAC 2006, the Ordeal and Vigil Weekend, and much more.

If you have any pictures you would like to send to Deertracks, or if you would like to write for Deertracks, please email me at either dpowers@shentel.net or deertracks@shenshawpotoo.org.

Yours in Brotherhood,

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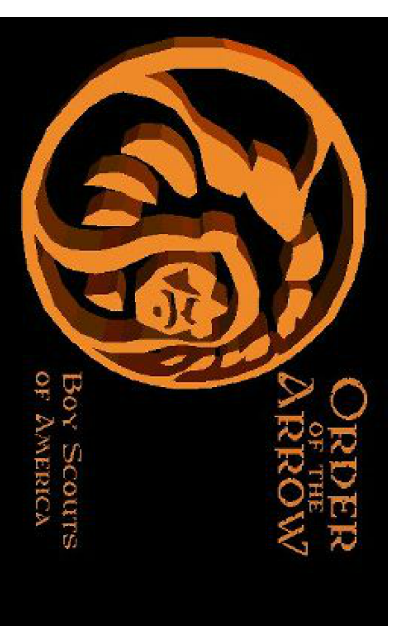
“You were selected as pacesetters in cheerful service.”

E. Urner Goodman,
Founder of the Order of the Arrow

Order of the Arrow Participant Code of Conduct

As a member of the Order of the Arrow, I will;

1. Observe the Scout Oath or Promise, Scout Law, and the Order of the Arrow Obligation.
2. Wear my official uniform when required.
3. Attend work sessions.
4. Be personally responsible for breakage, damage, or loss of property.
5. Camp in the area designated for my chapter.
6. Be courteous to all candidates, brothers, and advisors.
7. Leave my campsite clean and dispose of waste in appropriate places.
8. Respect all rules regarding vehicles in camp.
9. Abide by BSA policy and camp regulations.
10. Confine trading and swapping to free or designated periods and places.
11. Observe quiet hours from midnight to 7:00





The following projects need to be completed during the Ordeal Week-end (August 18-20). Please volunteer to help complete these projects. They are essential to keeping Camp Rock Enon clean and available for our enjoyment. Listen for details Friday night on how to volunteer.

1. Move the refrigerator compressors outside
2. Paint the porch of Buffalo Lodge
3. Finish painting the exterior of the Trading Post
4. Paint the shelter at the lake.
5. Install sign posts at the intersection by Sleepy Hollow and at the 4 way up on the hill
6. Finish landscaping around the Health Lodge
7. Paint porch at Health Lodge
8. Repair door screens at the Dining Hall and Kitchen, Trading Post, and Buffalo Lodge.
9. Dig the sediment from the ditch by the culvert at Chapel Hill and fill in the step to Chapel Hill.
10. Remove exterior (south) wall of Bowman Lodge and rebuild it with new materials.
11. Grade ground at Bowman (requires a Bobcat).
12. Shower House for Campers – clean and repair shower heads and faucets.
13. Build a bridge at the new trail going into Scoutcraft.

Make sure to check out the National OA Website at www.main.bsa-oa.org for everything Order of the Arrow!

“The Brotherhood ceremony is the continuation and conclusion of the Order of the Arrow induction.”



E. Urner Goodman,
Founder of the Order of the Arrow

For those of you who have just recently earned your Ordeal or who need to take their Brotherhood, get a head start and complete these tasks.

- 1.) Memorize the following: the Order of the Arrow Obligation and the Order of the Arrow Song.
- 2.) Know and be able to repeat the Admonition, the Sign of Ordeal Membership, and the Handclasp of the Order of the Arrow.
- 3.) Remain registered in your Troop and the Order of the Arrow for a period of at least 10 months after completion of your Ordeal.
- 4.) Write a letter to your Lodge Chief, explaining the following in detail;
 - A.) Explain what you think the Obligation means.
 - B.) Describe how you have been fulfilling the Obligation in your Troop and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the traditions of the Ordeal to aid you in your service.
 - C.) Describe the specific plans you have for rendering service to Shenshawpotoo Lodge in fulfillment of the new pledge you expect to take.