



The Standing Brave

Second Quarter, Spring 2009

Chickagami Lodge 180

Upcoming Events

Section Conclave

May 1st-3rd, D-A

Leadership Meeting

May 30, Acheson

Archery Shoot

June 19, STSR

Summer Service

TBA

NOAC

Aug 6, IU

Archery Shoot

Sept 4, STSR

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Section Conclave

James Lovallo



You are cordially invited for a weekend of **Giant Mario Kart**, **Giant Jenga**, and **Giant Fun**. That's right, unlike a regular Ordeal Weekend, Section Conclaves are all about having fun and bonding with your fellow Arrowmen across Southeast Michigan at **D-A Scout Camp**.

Our Section, **Nimat Chuppecat C-2A**, has a long history of outstanding spirit and success. We shared in that spirit last year when we brought home the **Cou Stick**, the section spirit award. This year will be especially great as we re-welcome our brothers from **Tindeuchen 522** in Toledo.

You can expect more than great games, spirit and activities. **Lodge/Leadership Development Training** is held Saturday morning, so don't miss out on a great opportunity to benefit from the knowledge and experience of your fellow scouts, and to share your own ideas for improving your lodge, your unit and your community.

This year's conclave will be a whole lot of fun, so don't miss out on this great opportunity to bond with your brothers and meet those you don't already know. Don't Miss Out!



Meeting / Section Visitation

A **leadership meeting** will be held **May 30th** at **9 AM** at the **Acheson Maritime Center**. This meeting will be to clearly define the duties and responsibilities of those elected to office within the lodge, as well as to finalize the calendar for the rest of the scouting year and conduct regular lodge business.

Immediately following the meeting, we will be meeting up with **Section Vice Chief Tyler Black** at **Noon** at **The Raven** for our **Section Visitation**. If you would like to learn how the lodge interacts with the section or offer you input, you are more than welcome to join us and enjoy great coffee as well.

Trading Post / Archery Shoot

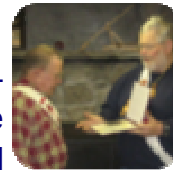
We are always in need of help in the Trading Post. The Trading Post is a huge source of revenue for the lodge that we all benefit greatly from, please lend your support! If you are interested in staffing the trading post, please contact Ian Boden.



We are also planning to staff the Archery Shoots for the coming year and into the foreseeable future. Look on page 1 for dates and times. The time commitment is minimal and you are welcome to stay and shoot.

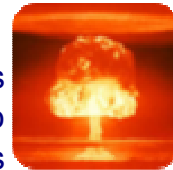
Endowment / James E West Award

Every year the lodge donates \$1000 to the council endowment fund and \$250 to Friends of Scouting. Last year we made our donation in the name of Dick Bigger and presented him with the James E West award, for outstanding service to the lodge and the scouting program. ***Thanks & Congratulations Mr. Bigger!***



Ceremonies Team(s)

The best part of participating in ceremonies is Ceremonies Weekends! That's right, we're having them this year. So what can Johnny Arrowman expect to find at a ceremonies weekend? Big fires. Like, nuclear blast big. Also, ceremonies team veterans, explosions, fun effects (like fires that light themselves), food, and Indian stuff. Need more convincing? Interested? [Contact us!](#) We want to hear from you!



Summer Sailing

Sailing all Summer? and Not your Scout Camp toy boats either! Most Scout Camps and Councils have a collection of small beach boats, and so do we. While these boats can be popular on windy summer camp afternoons; we have a fleet of larger boats docked in the Black River! As Scouts in the Blue Water Council, you have the opportunity to learn the art of sailing on a variety of vessels. Sea Scout Ship 109 is hosting training for youth ages 14-21 (and adults); you may even bring your friends to our co-ed trips! Your adventure begins Tuesday, May 19, at 5:00pm and may continue each Tuesday for six weeks: each class is \$0.00! As interest develops, you may have weekly opportunities to race as crew out of the Port Huron Yacht Club! Group overnight trips may also be available to Lexington or Port Sanilac: In the future... what about a 4 day Cedar Point trip (each way) on our pending 40' yacht? Contact John Houser at the Council Office for details.



NOAC

Matt Allen



What is NOAC? NOAC is a time of fellowship and fun. You stay in the dorm rooms of Indiana University as you go through training, sports, and ceremony and dance competitions. During the week there will be Founder's Day celebrating Dr. E Urner Goodman and Carroll Edson complete with a Parade! There will also be patch trading, tons of lodge spirit, and many people from around the country. There will be displays from the National OA Museum, and time to meet the National Chief Jack O'Neill. National Order of the Arrow Conference or NOAC is August 1st through 6th, 2009. If you would like to sign up spots are limited so contact Lodge Chief Alex Allen or Lodge Adviser Mr. Wassenberg.

Spring Conclave

Dave Lesinski



We welcome 12 new Ordeal members to our lodge, and 15 others obtaining Brotherhood status at our conclave. Ordeals have pledged to be unselfish in service and devotion to others. Becoming a Brotherhood member marks the completion of your induction in the Order of the Arrow.

New Ordeal Members:

- Joe Cutino Sr.
- Greg Francois
- John Houser
- Cyndi Jagodzinski
- Laura Knuth
- Gary Lentz
- Joseph Martin
- Thomas Martin
- James McGhee II
- Austin Smith

New Brotherhood Members:

- Steven Brickel II
- Lawrence DeHate Jr.
- Jordan Fundaro
- Mike Gillette
- Blake Gordon
- Jason Graham
- William Knuth
- Nehemiah McConnachie
- Zachary Richardson
- Carson Smith
- Randy Smith
- Marcus Sutherland
- Jeff A. Weidner
- Jeff K. Weidner



Congrats again to Mr. Bigger and a big thanks to all for your efforts over the weekend. We got a lot of good work done, be proud of your efforts!

Your Chief

Alex Allen



Great News! Fellow Arrowmen, as many of you know the Order of the Arrow has gone through extensive area realignments. The realignment left us in Section C2B, while we were looking forward to meeting new people; we were not looking forward to the increased driving distance for meetings and section conclaves. The realignment has been realigned. The only change that we will experience is regaining Tindeuchen 522 from Toledo. We are planning a Fall Fellowship. This will be a weekend of camping, fun, and bonding. If you have a suggestion for events, a date, or other comments let us know. Also if you want to go to NOAC you can still sign up. Contact me, Mr. Wassenberg, Mr. Conrad, or Mr. Livingston. NOTICE: The June 13th leadership meeting has been moved to May 30th at the Acheson Maritime Center in Port Huron. That meeting will take place at 9:00am, at 12:00 there will be a Section Visitation at The Raven Coffee House, the Visitation is primarily for the Vice Chiefs and Advisers.

Advisor's Corner

Rob Wassenberg



Welcome new ordeal members and congratulation to all those members who have recently obtained the level of brotherhood. Before you sash and dash, remember we're a service organization and our motto is cheerful friendly service. If you find it difficult to be cheerful in some of the tasks that are asked of you, could that possibly be due to your dislike of the tasks that you are being asked to complete. How about getting more involved and helping in the direction the lodge is going and recommending service projects you would like to see completed. Talk to fellow lodge members of your troop and work out a schedule with those members to attend our meetings to add your input. More than ever the lodge is boy run and boy lead and without your participation will not be able to be responsive to your needs. Participate in regional events such as the sectional and/or NOAC. Insure that your troop has an O-A representative and that O-A functional are placed on your troop and/or crew calendars. By reducing conflicting schedules maybe more members will be free to participate. A strong lodge benefits the troops, crews and council as a whole.

Let's grow together in Brotherhood.