Dear Fellow Arrowmen,

What an incredible few months we have been having. Our Lodge has begun to move in a new direction, which have been paved by some of the best events in our Lodge’s history. So far we have held a large and successful September Ordeal, LLD, Art tour and Fall Fellowship. It was not just any fellowship, but the Lodge’s 10th Anniversary. Due to this the event was pumped full of amazing activities, giveaways and food. A few things included a live band, dodge ball defender dome, a traditional Native American lunch, and much more. If you missed it I hope you attend our next event, the Winter Banquet.

There will be great food, surprise guest speaker, and silent patch auction. I hope the fellowship will keep all of you involved with this fantastic organization. Get involved and really help shape our next event. As Lodge Chief I am honored to work with the best scouting can offer and you can too! Unbelievable opportunities and experiences lie at your feet. Completing your ordeal and attending a few events only starts your journey to understanding and appreciating the Order of the Arrow. Learn more, and enrich your life, with memories and friends, which will outlive scouting itself. Wear your sash proudly, knowing you have upheld your promise to this a brotherhood or cheerful service.

Yours in WWW,
Chris McCloskey
Lodge Chief

JOIN THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

As you may have already guessed, it does take a lot of hard work to create this newsletter, all the forms, and stuffing envelopes to be sent out to hundreds of people. If you have not joined a committee and would like to stay active in the OA, this is the perfect chance. If you would like to help me and my committee out and volunteer your time, please contact David Slattery, communications chairman, at d.slattery@snet.net

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From October 24th to the 26th the brothers of Owaneco Lodge joined in a celebration of ten great years together of service and fellowship. The event was held at Deer Lake and began a carnival games, food and movies. The next morning, brothers woke up at the country club and enjoyed a meal of hole-in-one French toast. Lodge golf tees were handed out as members prepared for much morning fun. Members enjoyed dodge ball in the Defender Dome, a blow-up dodge ball arena, a Velcro wall and a bungee run. There was archery, Redneck games and the first practice of the 2009 NOAC Ultimate Frisbee Team.

For lunch, the dance team prepared an authentic Native American meal. Guests sat outside the dining hall and were served multiple different stews, fry bread and bug juice. After lunch, brothers spent the afternoon participating in cheerful service. After all service was finished, the Ceremonies team preformed a rousing rededication ceremony to prepare us for the many years to come. As it started to rain, participants traveled to Hawaii for a Luau. Ham, pineapple, corn on the cob and sweet potatoes were all eaten heartily. The “Unusual Suspects”, a local rock band, preformed for evening activities. Birthday cake, popcorn and root beer floats were enjoyed as classic music was played into the night.

The next day, brothers traveled out west and had a breakfast of biscuits and gravy (along with some leftover birthday cake). The weekend ended with a group picture and a lodge meeting. There were 185 brothers in attendance for this historic event, a record for any other lodge event. This event was a look back on the last ten years and a great kickoff for the next years to come!
NOAC 2009

NOAC 2009 will be at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. This year’s contingent will be lead by Mat Buono. We will be leaving around the end of July (29) and get back around the first week of August (7). At the last NOAC there were hundreds interesting classes and fun activities!

Our ceremony team will be competing to be the best in the Northeast once again and our dance team is planning to compete to be national champions. In 2009 there will be over 8,000 Arrowmen from all across the nation. There will be competitions, shows, training classes, exhibits, and much, much more.

If you don’t like cooking, this is the trip for you. You don’t have to cook, it is done for you. You don’t like tents, no problem. We stay in dorms on the campus.

Sign-ups are available now; a $100 deposit is required being as there is no definat price yet.

Questions? Comments? E-mail--
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4TH ANNUAL MID-WINTER POW WOW

The Quinnipiac Dancers and Friends are again sponsoring the Mid-Winter Dancer this year on Saturday and Sunday, December 13-14 at the Thomas Edison Middle School in Meriden. This is a traditional event with food, crafts, pow wow dancing, socials and a give-away. It is free to all that come.

The dance marks the forth year since the passing of our brother Chris Olson and the family is sponsoring a Hoop Dance contest in Chris’ honor.

You can attend the whole event or come for whatever you are able. It promises to be an exciting fun time and you are invited! We hope to see you there!
4th Annual Mid-Winter Dance
Venture Crew 10

DATE:
December
13-14, 2008

Location:
THOMAS EDISON
MIDDLE SCHOOL
1355
North Broad Street
Route 5
Meriden, CT

Host Drum:
MORNING STAR
SINGERS

INVITED DRUMS:
C2R
FOUR WINDS
VERMILLION SINGERS

Dance Sessions
Saturday:
12pm-4:30pm
and
6:30pm-10:00pm
Sunday:
11:00am-3:00pm

This dance is being held in memory of Chris Olson. This year the Olson family will be hosting a Hoop Dance Exhibition in Chris’ memory.

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SPECIAL RATE IF
BOOKED BY
NOVEMBER 25th

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