

Flight of the Arrow



Spring 2007

Lodge Calendar:

Spring Fellowship

Date: June 1 - 3

Location: Camp Lowden

Located south of Oregon, IL.

Fall Conclave

Date: August 17 - 19

Location: Canyon Camp

Located northwest of Stockton, IL

Section Conclave

Date: September 28 -30

Location: Rainbow Scout Reservation

Morrison, IL

WEBSITE: For up to date changes in any event or if additional forms are need, be sure to visit the web site at: www.wulapeju140.org.

PAST LODGE EVENTS:

Winter Banquet 2007

The lodge held its annual Winter Banquet this year in Belvidere, IL, hosted by Mawat Chapter. It was attended by approximately 150 Arrowmen. The quest speakers were Lee Binkley and Joshua Ehlers. They presented a vivid tour that tracked our lodge's history from its being as 2 different lodges, lodge 140 Ma-Ka-Tai-Me-She-Kia-Kiak and lodge 227 Wetassa. They presented a time line that culminated in the combination of the 2 lodges into one. That lodge is what we refer to as Wulapeju lodge 140 and we are all now members of. At the conclusion of the evening, the Founders Award was presented. This year's recipients are Bob Boyer, Barb Majkrzak and Matt Miller. It was a very enjoyable evening. Hopefully we will see more brothers at next year's banquet.

Council Service Center Flood Restoration

The lodge is in the process of helping fund the restoration to the council service center from the damage the building received from the flood in Rockford on Labor Day. In an attempt to raise funds for this disaster assistance, the lodge has offered for sale a set of 3 patches and an individual patch. If you would like to help in the restoration of the council service center, the patches can be purchased at the council service center. They will also be available at the Spring Fellowship.

Set of 3 fund raiser patches: \$15.00



Individual fund raiser patch: \$5.00



UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS:

Order of the Arrow Elections 2007

It is that time of the year again when we begin to go out to the units and perform OA elections. OA elections in your troop are an important event. We would not have a lodge if it was not for the election process. But how does one get an OA election to happen in their unit? The simplest way of having an election, is to contact your chapter advisor and schedule one. If you have trouble finding out who your advisor is for your area, feel free to either contact your district executive or the council office. They will be happy to assist you. Once someone has been elected to the Order of the Arrow, they have one year from the time of election to go through their Ordeal which can be done either at the upcoming Spring Fellowship, one of the weeks of summer camp at either Canyon Camp or Camp Lowden, or at the Fall Conclave. Attached to the flight are the guidelines for eligibility for both youth and adults, and requirements for the election to be held. Remember it is important to have elections; this is a way to honor those Scouts who have embodied the Scouting ideals.

Vigil Elections

With spring just around the corner and unit elections being held, we wish to remind you that Vigil nominations are also a vital part of the recognition process in our Order. Nominations are for the very special people who have continued to uphold the traditions and spirit in the Order of the Arrow. Please find the requirements and nominating forms attached. You may also find it on the Web page.

Spring Fellowship

The next event for this lodge is the Spring Fellowship which will be held at Camp Lowden during the weekend of June 1st through the 3rd. The reservation fee will be due at the Council Office no later than May 19th. This will allow for adequate planning for all meals. Your help in this matter will help make the Fellowship a great success. This will be the first opportunity for any one who is planning on going through their Ordeal to do so. This is also the first opportunity for any one who was inducted into the Order of the Arrow last summer to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow as a Brotherhood member. Sealing your Brotherhood in the Lodge is an important event, it shows your dedication to the Lodge and your Brothers. Also during the event there will be a variety of service projects that allow you to give back to the camp and to benefit other Scouts. There will also be different presentations going on throughout the afternoon on Saturday. The weekend will end by both an Ordeal ceremony and a Brotherhood ceremony which is performed by fellow Brothers. Remember to get your registration in by May 19 to the council office. The registration form is attached later in the flight and we hope to see as many fellow Brothers as possible.

Special Election for Lodge Chief

A special election for Lodge Chief will be held during the Spring Fellowship. This change in election date is to provide the new Lodge Chief the opportunity to attend a special one week long training seminary July 28 – August 1; the National Conservation and Leadership Summit at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. Any youth member interested in running for the Lodge Chief position will need to get their letter of intent turned in to the present Lodge Chief or the Council office at least one month before the Spring Conclave. May 1st deadline.

QUALITY LODGE

Over the past several years, the Lodge Executive Committee has worked diligently on achieving Quality Lodge. You may ask yourself what advantage is it to receive the Quality Lodge Award? The answer is, the lodge will be able to work on improvement projects and receive matching funds from National. Many years we have fallen short by only one item, Brotherhood Conversion. If you are asking if there is anything you as a member of this lodge can do to help, the answer is YES!! We need to increase our Brotherhood Conversion. If you are an Ordeal member you can seal your Brotherhood membership in the lodge. If you are presently a Brotherhood member you can help by encouraging the Ordeal members of your Troop or Chapter to seal their membership in the Order. The LEC has provided the opportunity for each Troop that meets 100% brotherhood conversion to be presented a once in a lifetime Brotherhood conversion patch. The LEC would like to thank everyone in advance for their help. Together as Brothers we help our Lodge meet this goal.

To help you attain the Brotherhood honor, a Brotherhood Conversion Workbook is available on the Lodge Web site. It will help you learn what you need to know to become a Brotherhood member.

LODGE DUES

Lodge membership dues were due to the council office as of December 1, 2006. A lodge registration form is attached which needs to be filled out and returned to the council office with your Lodge registration fee of \$13.00. If you have not already turned in your dues please do so soon. Remember if you don't pay your dues, you should not wear your OA patch.

**ORDER OF THE ARROW
WULAPEJU LODGE #140
2007 DUES REGISTRATION FORM**

Please print and include ALL information requested.
All information must be legible or dues cannot be processed.
Due date: December 1, 2006

Dues are \$13.00
Make checks payable to: Blackhawk Area Council

Personal Information:

Last Name: First Name:

Middle Initial:

Mailing Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone#: () - Birth date: / /

Email:

Membership Information:

Unit #: Registered as: Scout Varsity Scout Venture Scouter
 District Member-At-Large Council Member-At-Large
 Professional

Chapter (District): Gokhos (White Eagle) Mawat (Wanchanagi) Kishwaukee (Syscamore)
 Wetassa (Wetassa) WWW (Arrowhead)

Honors (Please give dateds as month and year)

Ordeal: (/) Brotherhood: (/) Vigil : (/)

Vigil Name: English Translation:

I am interested in serving on/as an/a:

Elangomat (repeat Orderal to help another) Ceremony Team
 On staff for a conclave/fellowship: Training Activities Cook Staff Anywhere

Lodge Operating Committee

Lodge Relations (PR, awards) Flight of the Arrow Vigil
 Ceremonies Inductions (Elangomat/Ordeal) Artistic Design
 American Indian Heritage Lodge History

Mail to Blackhawk Area Council, P.O. Box 4085, Rockford IL. 61110

**BLACKHAWK AREA COUNCIL
ORDER OF THE ARROW
WULAPEJU LODGE #140**

The VIGIL Honor of the Order of the Arrow is the high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Scouts and Scouters who are members of the Order and by reason of exceptional service and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following areas: their Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout Camp. Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as ample reason for Vigil Honor recognition.

The Requirements are as follows:

1. Candidates for the Vigil Honor must be Brotherhood members for 2 years or more at the time of selection by the Vigil selection review committee.
2. Candidate must be currently registered in Scouting and have their Lodge dues paid.
3. Recommendations are to be prepared on the Vigil Honor Petition and be filled out completely before it can be considered by the selection review committee. Particular care should be taken in furnishing membership figures, the petitioner's name and phone number which must be included in the petition. Additional items are as follows:
 - A. Ordeal Induction date given as month and year.
 - B. Brotherhood Member date given as month and year.
 - C. Offices held in Scouting and their dates.
 - D. Special awards i.e., Religious Emblem, Eagle Rank, and NYLT (JLT).
 - E. Offices held in the Order of the Arrow and their dates.
 - F. Specific reasons for nominating the candidate for the Vigil Honor, which must be listed concisely as well as completely.
 - G. Selection of two choices of an Indian name and its English equivalent for the candidate chosen from the "Lenni Lenape Word List" contained in the Order of the Arrow handbook.
4. The petition must then be received by the Lodge Vigil Selection Review Committee on or before the second Saturday of May and before the convening of the Lodge Vigil Selection Review Committee meeting.
5. This petition can be initiated by youth or adult Order of the Arrow members for candidates who are youth or adult members who are not of their own immediate family.

As Lodge Vigil Advisor, I am encouraging each chapter to provide a contingent made up of one voting youth and one adult advisor to represent your chapter on the Vigil Selection Review Committee. It would be preferred that the youth voting delegates be Vigil members, however, the youth does not have to be, provided he is not eligible for Vigil. Also all dues-paid Vigil members are invited to attend. The National procedure for Vigil selection will be used through out the selection process.

Petitions are available through your Chapter Chief or the Council service center. If you have any questions you may phone Tim Cox at 815-356-7363 or contact him at timothy_cox20@hotmail.com.

Yours in cheerful service,

Josh Garnhart
Lodge Vigil Chairman

Timothy W. Cox
Lodge Vigil Advisor

VIGIL HONOR PETITION

Petition is due in the Council Service Center by May 12, 2007
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NOMINEE'S NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT PRINTED ON CERTIFICATE

NOMINEE'S ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

DATE OF BIRTH

AGE AT TIME OF SELECTION: ___ UNDER 21 ___ OVER 21

NOMINEE'S INDUCTION DATES: ORDEAL: ____, ____, ____ BROTHERHOOD: ____, ____, ____
(MONTH, DAY, YEAR)

In selecting candidates for the Vigil Honor, candidates must have been Brotherhood members for two years or longer at the time of selection by the Vigil Honor Selection Committee.

The specific reasons for this nomination are (use separate sheet if necessary):

Please give two Native American names and translations. Names and translations can be found in the back of the Order of the Arrow Handbook.

1. _____
The Native American name to be given (limited to 34 letters and spaces)

Translation (limited to 34 letters and spaces)

2. _____
The Native American name to be given (limited to 34 letters and spaces)

Translation (limited to 34 letters and spaces)

Name of person making recommendation: _____

Address, City, State, Zip

Phone Number: (____) _____

Return to: Order of the Arrow, Blackhawk Area Council, 1800 7th Ave., Rockford, IL 61104

Office Use Only

Dues Paid: ___ Yes ___ No

BSA Registration: ___ Yes ___ No

Prg\OA\Vigil Honor Petition

ADULT CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION TO THE ORDER OF THE ARROW

In order for an adult to be eligible for selection for Order of the Arrow candidacy, he/she must meet all of the following qualifications and conditions:

1. Each year, upon holding a troop or team election for youth which results in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may recommend one registered adult to the lodge selection committee. Troops or teams having more than 50 registered, active youth members may nominate an additional adult for every 50 registered, active youth, or fraction thereof. (Example: up to 50 youth - 1 adult; 51-100 youth - 2 adults, etc.).
2. The adult must be 21 years of age or older and an active, registered member in a chartered troop or team of the Blackhawk Area Council. Troop or team members between the ages of 18 and 21 will be included in the unit's youth election.
3. The adult must meet the same camping requirements as Scouts. The adult must have experienced 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to selection. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and nights of long-term camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. High adventure camping of at least 6 consecutive nights meets this requirement. The balance of camping must be overnight, weekend or other short-term camping.
4. Order of the Arrow membership (youth and adult) within a troop or team must be active in lodge and chapter activities. A unit is considered active when the unit has a representative (at least one youth) attending at-least 50% of scheduled chapter meetings and/or activities OR by being involved with a chapter unit election team and/or ceremonies team, and attendance to at-least one lodge function (Fall Conclave, Spring Fellowship, Lodge Banquet).
5. The adult to be nominated is selected by the troop or team committee. Voting should be by secret ballot with each committee member voting for one candidate. An adult is selected by either receiving the most votes where more than one adult is eligible or, in the case of only one eligible adult, where the nomination is approved by at least half of the troop committee. When an adult has been selected by the unit committee, the *2007 Adult Candidate Recommendation* form **must be completed and returned to the Council Office by May 1, 2007**. It is important that the form is returned as soon as possible as the nomination has to be approved by the Lodge Adult Selection Committee. **Only the Wulapeju Lodge 2007 Adult Candidate Recommendation form will be accepted.**
6. Nomination by a troop or team does not guarantee selection into the Order of the Arrow. Only those adults selected by the Lodge Adult Selection Committee will be inducted into the Order.

It should be noted that adults **should not be nominated to the Order of the Arrow as recognition of service**. Selection into the Order should only take place when the adult's position in Scouting will make Order of the Arrow membership more meaningful in the lives of the youth membership. The following criteria should be considered in the selection process:

- * Selection of the adult is based upon ability to perform the necessary function to help the Order fulfill its purpose.
- * The individual will be an asset to the Order due to demonstrated skills and abilities which fulfill the purpose of the Order.
- * The adult leader's membership will provide a positive role model for the growth and development of the youth members of the Lodge.

All adult candidates must successfully complete the Ordeal experience and participate in the induction ceremony within one year of selection. If a candidate fails to complete the Ordeal within one year of selection, they must wait for the next unit election after the one-year deadline and reselected by the unit.

2007 SPRING FELLOWSHIP REGISTRATION

June 1 - 3, 2007
Camp Lowden Lowden, IL

One person per form. No mass registrations, as in one troop registers 15 people.

No refunds will be given. The patch is for people who participate. If you do not show up you forfeit your money and your patch.

Please Print!

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Age _____

Address: _____ Phone # (____) _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Troop # _____

I am registering as a: Member - \$16
 Ordeal Candidate - \$40
 Brotherhood Candidate - \$29 (Sealing my membership)

Honor currently held (Circle): Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

Chapter (Circle): Gokhos (White Eagle) Mawat (Wanchanagi) Wetassa Kishwaukee (Sycamore) WWW (Arrowhead)

OA Event Medical Form

Check all items that apply, past or present, to your health history. Explain any "yes" answers.

Allergies: Food, medicines, insects, plants: Yes No

Explain: _____

General Information: (Place a check mark to all that apply. Explain any "yes" answers.)

ADHD Convulsions/Seizures Hemophilia
 Asthma Diabetes High Blood Pressure
 Leukemia Kidney Disease Heart Trouble

Explain: _____

List medications to be taken at this event: _____

Who will be responsible for keeping & administering the medication? _____

List any physical or behavioral conditions that may affect participation: _____

_____ **I require special housing due to health reasons. What do you require:** _____

_____ **I require a special diet. What do you require:** _____

IMPORTANT

I give permission for full participation in this OA Lodge event, subject to limitations noted above on this form. In case of emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact me (if participant is an adult, my spouse or next of kin). In the event that I can not be reached, I hereby give permission to a licensed health-care practitioner, selected by an adult leader in charge, to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication(s) for my child (or myself, if participant is an adult).

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian/Spouse Name _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name (other than above) _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Name of Physician _____ Phone _____

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy Number _____

This section MUST be completed if your son will be leaving and returning to the event

I give permission for my son to leave this event at ____:____ AM/PM on _____, to attend _____.
He will be leaving with _____.

He will return to the event at approximately ____:____ AM/PM on _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Talent Release

I hereby assign and grant to the Boy Scouts of America the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/video tapes/ electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me this date by the Boy Scouts of America, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America from any and all liability from such use and publication.

I hereby authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage and/or distribution of said photographs/ film/video tapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the Boy Scouts of America and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

Signed _____ Guardian _____
(if under the age of 18)

Witness _____ Date _____

Please circle which meals you will be eating at this event:

- | | | | | | |
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| Friday Cracker
Barrel | Saturday
Breakfast | Saturday
Lunch | Saturday
Supper | Saturday Cracker
Barrel | Sunday
Breakfast |
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Mail To:

Blackhawk Area Council
P.O. Box 4085
Rockford, IL. 61110
Needs to be at the council office by May 19

Staff Use Only:

Campsite: _____