

Flight of the Arrow



Spring 2008

LODGE CALENDAR:

U.S. Grant Pilgrimage

Date: April 26
Location: Galena, IL

Spring Fellowship

Date: June 6 - 8
Location: Canyon Camp
Located outside of Stockton, IL.

Fall Conclave

Date: August 15 - 17
Location: Canyon Camp

Section C-3B Conclave

Date: September 26 - 28
Location: Great Lakes Naval Station

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's annual Winter Banquet was hosted by Gokhos chapter this year. It was attended by approximately 100 Arrowmen. There was an opportunity for Arrowmen from around the lodge to share great brotherhood. There was an abundance of delicious food. At the conclusion of the evening, the Founder's Award was presented. This year's receptions are Josh Garnhart and Wayne Ehlers. It was a very enjoyable evening and hopefully we can see more individuals at next year's event. Until you go you don't know what you are missing.

UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS:

Order of the Arrow Elections 2008

It is that time of the year again when we go out to the troops 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 troop? 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. Upcoming in the flight are the guidelines for eligibility for adults and the requirements for a youth 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 Nominations

With spring just around the corner and unit elections beginning, we wish to remind you that Vigil petitions are also a vital part of the recognition process in our Order. These petitions are for the very special people who have and will continue to uphold the traditions and spirit in the Order of the Arrow. Please find the requirements and nominating form enclosed. You may also find the requirements and nomination form on the Lodge Web site.

U.S. Grant Pilgrimage

On April 26 at the U.S. Grant Pilgrimage in Galena, Illinois, the Lodge will be hosting a Cub Scout Activity Area in Grant Park from 9:00 am – 12 Noon. Each Chapter is responsible for running and manning an activity for the Cub Scouts to participate in. After participating in the OA – Cub Scout Activity Area, the Cub Scout will receive a participation patch.

The reason we are doing this is two fold. First, other than the trail hike, there hasn't been activities for the Cub Scouts to participate in and they make up a large part of the Pilgrimage attendance. Second, part of the National OA Strategic Plan is to have the OA become an integral part of the council's plan to promote the Boy Scout program to Cub Scouts. This will give us the perfect opportunity to promote Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.

Talk to your Chapter Chief or Chapter Advisor about what your Chapter is doing and sign up for a time slot to help.

Spring Fellowship

The next major event for the Lodge will be the Spring Fellowship which will be held at Canyon Camp during the weekend of June 6th through the 8th. The Fellowship fee will be due at the Council Office no later than May 23rd. 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 those newly elected candidates from the past few months to go through their Ordeal. This is also the first opportunity for anyone 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 to your Brothers.

Also during the event, there will be a variety of service projects that allow you to give back to the camps and to benefit other scouts. There will also be different presentations going on throughout the afternoon on Saturday. The weekend will end with both an Ordeal ceremony and a Brotherhood ceremony which is performed by fellow Brothers. Remember to get your registration in by May 23rd to the council office. The registration form is attached later in the flight. We hope to see as many fellow Brothers as possible.

Schedule for Friday, June 6th

6:00-7:30 pm – Check-in

7:30 pm – Ordeal Conference for newly elected candidates

7:30 pm – Vigil Gathering

Schedule for Saturday, June 7th

8:00 am – Breakfast

8:30 am – Late Registration

9:00 am – Work Projects Begin

12:15 pm – Lunch

2:00 pm – Fellowship and Games

6:00 pm – Supper

8:15 pm – Ordeal Ceremony

9:00 pm – Brotherhood Ceremony

Schedule for Sunday, June 8th

7:45 am – Breakfast

9:00 am – Check-out

9:30 am – Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

QUALITY LODGE

Over the past 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, we the Lodge, will be able to work on improvement projects and receive matching funds from the National Order of the Arrow. 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 encourage the Ordeal members of your Troop or Chapter to seal there membership in the Order. The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) has provided the opportunity for each Troop that meets 100% brotherhood conversion to be presented a once in a lifetime Brotherhood Conversion patch. We are seeing more units achieve his special recognition. Please help your unit be the next troop to be recognized for this accomplishment. The LEC would like to thank everyone in advance for their help. Together as Brothers we can help our Lodge meet this goal.

LODGE CALL-OUT, ORDEAL and BROTHERHOOD CONVERSION DATES for 2008

If your troop has Scouts and an adult leader who have been selected to the Order of the Arrow in 2008, they will have 12 opportunities to be called-out and complete the Ordeal this summer. Candidates must complete the Ordeal within one year of the date of their selection.

- > June 6-8 – Spring Fellowship at Canyon Camp – Call-out, Ordeal, Brotherhood Conversion
- > August 15-17 – Fall Conclave at Canyon Camp – Call-out, Ordeal, Brotherhood Conversion

- > Summer Camp at Canyon Camp and Camp Lowden

	<u>Call-out</u>	<u>Ordeal</u>
Week 1	June 25	June 26
Week 2	July 2	July 3
Week 3	July 9	July 10
Week 4	July 16	July 17
Week 5	July 23	July 24

2008 LODGE DUES

Lodge membership dues for 2008 were due to the council office as of December 1, 2007. If you have not already turned in your Lodge dues, please do so soon. A lodge registration form is enclosed which needs to be filled out and returned to the council office with your fee of \$13.00. Remember, if you do not pay your dues, you should not wear your OA patch and sash.

Paying your Lodge dues can affect many individuals that you may not realize. Paying your dues allows the Lodge to fund Camperships for individuals that may not have had the opportunity to attend summer camp because of financial reasons. Keeping our membership intact and growing allows us to present worthy individuals from our lodge with awards and recognition that they deserve. The Lodge has also helped out with repairs to the council office do to the last two floods.

**ORDER OF THE ARROW
WULAPEJU LODGE #140
2008 DUES REGISTRATION FORM**

Please print and include ALL information requested.
All information must be legible or dues cannot be processed.

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 dates as month and year)

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

Vigil Name: English Translation:

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

Elangomat (repeat Ordeal 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

Account #62371

**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
 - 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, and
 - G. Selection of two choices of a Native American 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 (May 10) 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 the Lodge Web site, 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 10, 2008
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

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 (see attached *Youth Candidate Qualifications for Election to the Order of the Arrow*, #3J).
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 be active on a 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 attached *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.
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. 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.

2008 SPRING FELLOWSHIP REGISTRATION

June 6 - 8, 2008
Canyon Camp Stockton, 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

If participant is under the age of 18, 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).

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Complete Reverse Side

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 23

Staff Use Only:

Campsite: _____

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