



# SMOKE SIGNALS



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## Witahemui Award

2010 Winter Banquet @ Knight's of Columbus in Charles City, Ia

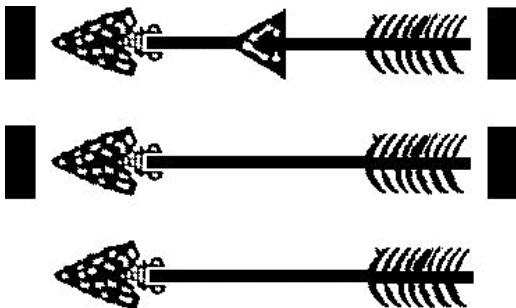
The Winter Banquet is the award banquet for an entire year for our Lodge. It is also a good time to meet new people and to share stories, laugh, and have a good time. The night will start off with a social hour starting at 4:30 p.m. Supper will then start at 5:30 p.m. After supper there will be the awards. They will be many and will include the Founder's Award, James E. West Award, and many others. As usual, we will be having an auction to help raise funds for OA activities and events. If you want to donate something to be auctioned off, bring it with you when you come or contact one of the people on the last page to find out how to get it there.

The Witahemui Award is a recognition of service. The requirements for it are:

1. You must have current year's dues paid
2. Must attend two of six Lodge events **during on twelve month period**
3. Must have twenty service hours (can be done at either camp or both) Can obtain hours at any Lodge events, Chapter events, Summer Camp, or at the approval of the Camp Ranger. New Ordeal members will receive seven hours as part of their Ordeal. **Have your card signed on the day or your service.**
4. Turn in the completed form to the Scout Service Center, or at a Lodge event. Certificates and patches will be presented at the Winter Banquet.
5. Ask your Chapter Chief, at the Scout Service Center, or at a Lodge event for a new card.

## Activity Cards

Activity Cards are great if you like to attend every possible Lodge activity. An Activity Card includes the cost of your 2010 Dues, Winter Banquet, and Spring and Fall Fellowship. You save \$7 by buying a card versus paying the normal price at each event.



## LOOKING AHEAD

- Christmas-Dec. 25
- Winter Banquet-Jan. 10 @ Knight's of Columbus, Charles City
- Spring Fellowship-April 16-18 at WSR
- Spreading of the Ashes-June 26 after Campfire

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# **OFFICER REPORTS**

## **LODGE CHIEF**

Hello Fellow Brothers,

My name is Kieran Cowden. You may have seen me running around before. I was staff for Ingawanis, WSR, and Eagle Claw and have over the course of the last few years attended more events than I would care to count. I am also active in my school, Northern University High School, in speech and Cyber Defense.

As lodge chief there are three main areas which I want to concentrate on. Service, activities, and communications or SAC. The OA primary name is Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui or the brotherhood of cheerful service, we must never forget that the primary purpose for our organization is cheerful service so let us try to make that service as meaningful as possible. Communication is necessary to get people to come to events and for our lodge to function but it is a good program that keeps them coming back. Communication is like the old analogy. "If a try falls in the woods and no one is around to here it, does it make a sound?" or If an event is held and it was never advertised, did it really occur?" Who cares?

This year we have an almost all new LEC (Lodge Executive Council), which although inexperienced they are energetic and full of fresh blood. I am looking forward to working with them over the following year and seeing how we all grow.

Yours In Brotherhood,  
Kieran Cowden  
Lodge Chief

## **VICE CHIEF OF ELECTIONS**

Hello Fellow Arrowman

I am Ethan Hubbard, this year's VC of Elections. This year I will be going to one of every districts chapter meetings to do election training and try to make it easier for that chapter to complete their elections. Chapter Chiefs need to contact me ASAP to get that date set up because we should have those done by January at the latest so we can start elections in early February and have all forms in by March 31. My email address is: ethanfredhubbard@gmail.com. Also, for members that need to pay dues please contact your chapter chief and they can point you in the right direction. Paying dues is crucial for achieving Quality Lodge this coming year.

Yours in WWW,

Ethan Hubbard

Vice Chief of Elections

## **VICE CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Hello Fellow Arrowman,

I am the new Vice Chief of Communications for this upcoming year. I am a junior at Cedar Falls High School in Cedar Falls. I am 16 years old and am a Life Scout in Troop 44. This issue of the Smokes is the first that I have done and hope that I have done a good job in creating it. As you may know, the Smokes is now on the Lodge website where you can print it out and read it at your leisure (website is just below the title on the first page). This year I will put as much effort into making the Smokes as presentable it can be. I will work to have them out on time, so that you, the reader, can be updated and informed about upcoming Lodge events and news.

The Smokes is used to keep you up-to-date, so if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas concerning the Smokes, you can contact me by email at dindin92@msn.com or you can call me at 319-290-9077.

Yours in Brotherhood  
Brandon Nelson  
Vice Chief of Communications



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## **OFFICER REPORTS LODGE TREASURER**

Hello Fellow Brothers,

My name is Ahmed Mohamed. I am the new lodge treasurer, and I am thankful to be so graciously elected. This year, one of my goals is to do my best in keeping money management in good shape. I would like to make sure everyone knows where they're money is going, so contact me if you are questioning anything, and I will try and answer you as best as I can. Also, I would like to make sure that everyone pays their dues, so that everyone can participate in the fun and joyful service of the Order of the Arrow. I promise I will do my best to try and keep the lodge money management in good shape, Thank You.

Contact me at [ahmedinosaur@yahoo.com](mailto:ahmedinosaur@yahoo.com) or 641-832-8764(cellular) or 641-832-2624(home)

Yours in Brother Hood,  
Ahmed Mohamed  
Lodge Treasurer

## **WABUHA CHAPTER CHIEF**

Hello, my name is Caleb Iehl. I am the Wabuha Chapter Chief. I am 12 years old. I am an Ordeal member. I go to Peet Junior High School in Cedar Falls, Iowa. I am from troop 55 and have a Life rank. Some of the things I plan to accomplish involve improving the ordeal-to-brotherhood conversion rate. I went to NOAC 2009 and I have seen the effect of the order of the arrow on a national level. It was amazing. I came away inspired to improve the Order and that is what I plan to do.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Caleb Iehl

Wabuha Chapter Chief

## **LODGE ADVISOR WORDS OF WISDOM**

Hello Sac-N-Fox Lodge from Lakeland District.

The Fall Fellowship was here and gone and with that we have new officers, Congratulations!

Our new Chapter Chief for Lakeland District is Jonathan J. from Mason City. As being his Advisor I am looking forward in working with him in making Lakeland District shine.

As all of us know we need the keep working on our Ordeals and Brotherhood Members who don't stay involved. I try to stress keeping active and keep your dues paid up each year. (again as a reminder you have till December 31st to pay up your 2009 dues then at January's Winter Banquet starts the new year.) If you want to be involved become involved PAY YOUR DUES!

At the Monthly Roundtable Meeting in Clear Lake (the second Tuesday of the Months at 7:30pm at the United Methodist Church) we will try to be Cheerful Servants to our Community. Chapter Chief Jonathan hopefully will have many fresh new ideas and adventures to keep us busy. Who knows maybe we will be the first Lodge Chapter to take it to the Extremes and totally bust the box sky high in adventures.

Now back to speaking of the Winter Banquet, I am working on a Competition between all Districts. I need TWO Gallons of Ice cream (any flavor) from each District for this competition. Make it and bring it or make it at the Banquet. I am currently working on a draft to our Chapter Chiefs and Advisers to help with this. I think this will be a fun event. There may be an award for this. Maybe a traveling trophy for bragging rights. Who knows this may be a one-time deal or a success.

Keep doing your Best,  
Lake Land District Advisor  
2 x's Buffalo  
Duane Hanson



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**Leadership can be thought of as a capacity to define oneself to others in a way that clarifies and expands a vision of the future**  
*-Edwin H. Freidman-*

**Time is neutral and does not change things. With courage and initiative, leaders change things**  
*-Jesse Jackson-*

**The key to successful leadership today is influence, not authority**  
*-Kenneth Blanchard-*

## **2008-2009 LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- Lodge Chief.....Kieran Cowden
- Vice Chief of Elections.....Ethan Hubbard
- Vice Chief of Ceremonies.....Daniel Coulthard
- Vice Chief of Communications.....Brandon Nelson
- Lodge Secretary.....
- Lodge Treasurer.....Ahmed Mohamed
- Lakeland Chapter Chief.....John Johnson
- Sun Rivers Chapter Chief.....Cody Drilling
- Twin Rivers Chapter Chief.....Kyle Drilling
- Wabuha Chapter Chief.....Caleb Iehl
- Cub Scout Chairman.....
- Vigil Chairman.....
- OATTR Coordinator.....Garrett Griffioen
- Lodge Advisors.....Tim Cook, Mark Curran,  
Eugene Even, Russ Even, Rob Grayson, Aaron Hobert, Andy Iehl,  
Danny Harper, Bruce Merfeld, Bill Schmid, Gary Stattler, Cal Iehl,  
Duane Hanson, Scott Toppin, and Cortney Webber.

