



Smoke Signals



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WINTER BANQUET

It's that time of year again! The Winter Banquet is just a few days away! It's a great time to come together with fellow Arrowmen and to laugh and have fun. It's a wonderful event to talk to old friends that you may not see because of how far the counsel spans or just to meet new friends in the first place. As we have had in the past, we will be having an auction again this year. It would be very much appreciated if some of you could donate a few items for the auction or just donate cash if you can. We start gathering and conversing at Knights of Columbus in Charles City at around five o'clock and start dinner at about six. The registration form is on the website if you are interested on going. There will also be awards and recognitions. Some of those include camp staff, Vigil Awards, Officers, Conclave, and more! With food, friends, auctions, and awards, who wouldn't want to go?

NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE N.O.A.C.

Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

This is an update for the details that we are working on for NOAC. First of all, NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference) will run from July 30- August 4. In 2012, the conference will be at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. We will leave either on Sunday the 29th or Monday the 30th. There may be a day-long activity added on the 29th of July.

We will be driving by car/van to Michigan State. The cost of attending the conference is \$420.00. Transportation will be about \$55.00, for a total cost of \$475.00.

Sign up now at the scout office! We encourage every troop to be represented at NOAC. This would be a fantastic experience for the Troop OA Representative to further his knowledge of Order of the Arrow.

Cal Iehl,

NOAC Contingent Advisor

LOOKING AHEAD

- Winter Banquet January 8, 2012 - Charles City, IA - Knights of Columbus
- OA elections and Vigil Nominations due by March 31st, 2012
- Spring Fellowship - May 20-22, 2012 (IAB)
- NOAC 2012

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Sac-N-Fox Lodge #108

ELECTIONS, VIGIL NOMINATIONS, AND ACTIVITY CARDS

Troop Elections are due by March 31. Please contact your chapter chief (their contact information should be on the website. It is a wonderful tool. Let us use it!) and arrange a time for them to come to your troop and complete the elections so it's not a last minute scramble. Also due March 31st are the Vigil Nominations. Information on who is eligible and nomination forms are available on the website. Activity Cards this year are \$35, and forms are on the website, as well.

DAY OF SERVICE

Arrowmen, Sun Rivers is holding an OA One Day of Service on May 5, 2012, at George Wyth State Park, in Waterloo. Please put this on your calendar. Thank you.

Stephen Schwake , Sun Rivers Chapter Adviser.

OFFICER REPORTS

LODGE CHIEF

Hello Sac-N-Fox Lodge 108, my name is Caleb Iehl, and I am your new Lodge Chief. I am a 15 year-old Life scout (who's working on his Eagle) in Troop 55 of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

I would like to congratulate you all on our successful Fall Fellowship. It was a great day where we came together to cheerfully serve our camp and grew together through our time of fellowship. We also elected our new LEC for 2011-2012. I am excited to go forward this year with this group of Arrowmen. Everybody who is serving will do a great job.

Winter Banquet is right around the corner, and I'm looking forward to what will go on there. We will have an auction, a dinner, hand out awards, and you all can meet your new LEC.

NOAC 2012 in East Lansing, Michigan will run from July 30-August 4. I went to NOAC in 2009, and I had an awesome time. I know that if you could ask anyone in our Contingent whether they had fun, their answer would be similar. If you don't know what NOAC is or are just looking for more details, you can check out the NOAC article that is also in this edition of "the Smokes".

I am excited for this coming year. We have a lot of good Arrowmen and advisors who will work together to make 2012 a successful year.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Caleb Iehl, Lodge Chief

VICE CHIEF OF CEREMONIES

Hello fellow Arrowmen,

My name is Brandon Nelson, and I will be the Vice Chief of Ceremonies for the 2011-2012 year. I have been participating in ceremonies myself for the last few years and have enjoyed every minute of it. The ceremonies teams have been working hard to produce exceptional ceremonies for our new and seasoned Arrowmen. I will work my hardest to continue this streak and hopefully add something to make them better. However, to make certain ceremonies better I need people to help fill the ceremony roles. I would like to have ceremonies teams that could travel around and perform different ceremonies such as Eagle Court of Honors, Arrow of Lights ceremonies, and other such events. To have teams like this, I need eager volunteers. If any of my fellow Arrowmen would like to volunteer, or would like more information, you can contact me by e-mail at dindin92@msn.com, or by cell phone at 319-290-9077.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Brandon Nelson, V.C. of Ceremonies

VICE CHIEF OF ELECTIONS

Greetings Fellow Arrowmen,

My name is Aaron Iehl. I am a Life Scout out of Troop 55 in Cedar Falls, IA. I am delighted to be able to serve you this year as the Vice Chief of Elections. Taking a step back, last year I also served on the Lodge Executive Committee as the Wabuha Chapter Chief. I gained a lot of experience through that job and look to use it to help my position this year. Last year was a great year with much accomplished. This year I am looking to help take the Sac-N-Fox Lodge to the next level. I am going to make the election and call out processes run as smoothly as possible. I will do my best to fulfill the position to the best of my ability.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Aaron Iehl, Vice-Chief of Elections

VICE CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS

Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

My name is James Bamber, and I am this years Vice Chief of Communications. First of all I want to apologize for getting this out so late. I hope in the future this won't be a problem and maybe even have a little change in Smoke Signals.

I am a Brotherhood member, and I served on the LEC last year as the Service Chairman. I am a Life Scout of Troop 55 located in Cedar Falls, Iowa, in the Wabuha District. I had hoped to better our communication, but in return got mixed up in miscommunication and regressed from where I wanted to head. Now that we have straightened things out and immediately after this Smoke Signals, I will work with Mark Curran to revamp and better use our Smoke Signals. Again, I am very sorry for being so late and to the best effort I can give, will not let it happen again.

Yours in Brotherhood,
James Bamber, V.C. of Communications

WABUHA CHAPTER CHIEF

Brothers,

I am eagerly awaiting Round Table to schedule election dates, and I am enjoying my new job. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Daniel Licari, Wabuha Chapter Chief, dlicari98@gmail.co

LAKELAND CHAPTER CHIEF

I am Chadd Blanchard, Chapter Chief for Lakeland District. I am a Eagle Scout and am currently working on my Eagle Palms. In my position, I plan to get every O.A Representative to the O.A. meetings at Round Table and get information back to the troops. I also plan to have a event that is just for the Arrowmen in the Lakeland District. I hope to get the information to the troops so the attendance will rise at Order Of The Arrow events.

Sincerely,
Chadd Blanchard , Lakeland Chapter Chief

ELANGOMAT CHAIRMAN

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

We have had a lot of successful Brotherhood workshops, and I will be happy to help out with more workshops at Spring Fellowship and Summer Camp in 2012. If you completed your Ordeal at Summer Camp in 2011 or before, you can test for Brotherhood membership at the Spring Fellowship. I look forward to an exciting year and seeing everyone at the Winter Banquet.

Yours in Scouting, Ryan Oberrieder.



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Leadership involves finding a parade and getting in front of it.
-John Naisbitt-

The manager accepts the status quo; the leader challenges it.
-Warren Bennis-

2011-2012 LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Lodge Chief.....Caleb Iehl
- Vice Chief of Elections.....Aaron Iehl
- Vice Chief of Ceremonies.....Brandon Nelson
- Vice Chief of Communications.....James Bamber
- Lodge Secretary.....Nathan Sellards
- Lodge Treasurer.....Avery Hubbard
- Lakeland Chapter Chief.....Chadd Blanchard
- Sun Rivers Chapter Chief.....Ethan Davis
- Twin Rivers Chapter Chief.....Andrew Lang
- Wabuha Chapter Chief.....Daniel Licari
- Cub Scout Chairman.....
- Vigil Chairman.....Dan Coulthard
- OATTR Coordinator.....Ryan Oberrieder
- Lodge Advisors.....Mark Curran , Gary Stattler,
William Schmid, Duane Hanson, Steven Schwake, Bruce Merfeld, Andy
Iehl, Rob Grayson, and Colleen Grayson, EJ Gallagher, Madonna Nelson,
Mike Broadston, Craig Drewelow, Al Hemesath

