

# The Talking Leaf



December 2004

Timmeu Lodge #74

## WINTER BANQUET IS LESS THEN ONE MONTH AWAY!

The Winter Banquet is less than one month away! It happens this year on Saturday January 15th, 2005. If you have any questions regarding what will be happening at the banquet, please refer back to last month's Talking Leaf.

All of the activities scheduled for the night will be fun and family oriented. A new activity that is scheduled for the banquet is "Meet the Man" in which OA members can question all of the Chief's that are in attendance that night. Included in them will be, Lodge Chief Tim Riedl, Section Chief Ricky Passinisi, Central Chief Joe Sadawasser, and National Chief Jeff Hayward.

This year the event will be held at the Masonic Temple located at 1155 Locust St... In downtown Dubuque. It is set to start at 5pm with a meal time of 6. Cost for this great event is a small \$12 per person. Annual Lodge Dues can also be paid, and the Lodge Trading Post will be open with Timmeu Lodge and OA merchandise.

Every member in the OA is encouraged to attend. There are more members in the OA this year than in the past so we are anticipating that this year's banquet will have the largest turn out ever. Bring your family for a fun evening of recognition and fellowship with all the Arrowmen in attendance.

**Make Your  
Reservation TODAY  
by Calling the Scout  
Service Center at  
(563) 556-4343**

## SCOUT SUNDAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Scout Sunday this year is scheduled for Sunday February 6th, 2005. On this Sunday, Scouts all around the country will be celebrating the anniversary of Scouts. This year marks the 94th year that the Boy Scouts of America has been in existence. Let's all the word about all of the good things that the BSA and OA have done over the years by helping to celebrate on that Sunday and in the week to follow.

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## LOCK-IN 2004

The first ever lodge/council-wide Lock-In was held on the weekend of November 13th 2004. There were just over thirty Boy Scouts in attendance for the entire night. During the Lock-In, all scouts in attendance had an excellent time playing basketball, dodge ball, and video games. The best thing was, the scouts had the entire Boy's Club to themselves. Other attractions and activities that occurred that evening included:

- Game room complete with arcade games, pool, foosball, table tennis, and other fun games
- Archery range for all the "Robin Hoods" out there.
- A quiet video room with couches and carpet if you would like to relax and watch a video on the big-screen TV after a tough game of dodge ball
- A cafeteria that housed the video game systems that were projected on extra large TV's

Around two-o'clock in the morning, pizza was delivered and enjoyed by all in attendance. After the meal, the group celebrated a birthday while eating the desserts. After all of the festivities, almost everyone settled down to watch the movie Shrek and pass into a short sleep.

Overall, the event was a great time. If you missed out, we hope that we may be able to offer the same event next year around the same time. A huge thanks goes to the people at the Boy's and Girls Club that allowed us to use their awesome facility.

I hope to see most of you at the next event that the OA will be holding. You never know what you will be missing out on if you do not attend. Going to events like these are the little perks of being in the Order. Take advantage of the opportunities that we offer. See you at the Winter Banquet on January 15th.

*Submitted by: Tim Riedl*

## NOAC 2004 RECAP

This past year, many of you may have noticed the "pimpin fox" flap on several Arrowman's uniforms and may have thought to yourself, "what is NOAC?"

This past August, our lodge sent a large contingent to the National Order of the Arrow Conference

(NOAC) which was held at Iowa State University campus in Ames, IA. As we arrived that Saturday, swarms of buses, cars, and Arrowman from all over the United States came together with one idea in mind, to have fun! But fun is not only what you will receive if you attend a NOAC, intense training seminars start off the morning allowing you to gain a more in-depth idea on just about anything you wanted to know about the Order of the Arrow; from inductions training to understanding the ordeal membership. Training resources from a NOAC are some of the best resources you can obtain.



After finishing each mornings training cells, the fun begins. Lodge members had an opportunity to take part in TOAP, learning more about the Northern Tier program, outdoor cooking methods, or just challenging there own personal skills with some of the obstacle courses that were set up. Big into patch trading or just like to see a piece of OA history? Throughout the week the OA museum was open to allow many arrowman to get a glimpse into the past; viewing one of the first white arrow on black



**A few Timmeu Lodge 74 Arrowmen communicate with others via cell phone at NOAC.**

## TIMMEU 74 ON THE WWW

Check out our website at

**[www.TimmeuLodge.com](http://www.TimmeuLodge.com)**  
for tons of great information.

- **Up-to-date information about Lodge Events and happenings.**
- **Lodge history.**
- **OA Links on the Web.**
- **Download a copy of "The Talking Leaf" - In COLOR**
- **Complete Lodge Calendar**

sashes ever made. If your interests are more into trading patches than viewing them, then NOAC is a patch traders heaven. Even if you're new to trading, rare commodities are easy to come by and many Arrowman can easily gain a large collection after the week is over.

When it seemed the day was just about over, there was one more surprise; an evening show focusing on a group of scouts that had all been in the same lodge together, but one scout feels that he is being ousted by his former lodge advisor. Every night added a new piece to the story line with a lesson to be learned at the end.

As the week neared to an end, the Founder's Day booths opened. This year our lodge had a VERY popular stand which offered one of Iowa's key



**Lunch being served on a sunny afternoon in Ames at the 2004 NOAC.**

symbols, corn. During that afternoon, Arrowman from all over campus came to our booth to try our sweet corn that we had cooked and yes, rolled in warm butter.

As the week ended, it felt like we were packing up only a few hours after we arrived, but we all had one thing in mind, what a great time we had at NOAC!

Start planning to attend the next National Order of the Arrow Conference which will be held in August of 2006 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. If you have not been to a NOAC, it will be a time you will never forget.

*Submitted by: Logan Ivory*

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Hey, it's Doug again. I hope that all of you received your Talking Leaf last month and enjoyed reading it. I look forward to writing the Talking Leaf and would like to make it the best I possibly can.

If you have any comments that pertain to the Talking Leaf or any other OA business, suggestions for improving Lodge communication, or if you have any articles ideas that you would like to see in the next publication, feel free to contact me at (563) 583-4319 or E-mail me at [comm@timmeulodge.com](mailto:comm@timmeulodge.com)

If there is an article that you would like to see in the next issue, please get it to me no later than Thursday, February 17. Anyone can write an article for the Talking Leaf. You don't need to be on the LEC or a Brotherhood member, any one can do it. If there is something that you would like to say, don't be hesitant. Thanks.

## GO AROUND AGAIN CLASSIFIEDS

If a troop or an individual has any equipment or other scout related items and would like to make them available for other troops and scouts to purchase, please contact Doug Zschoche, Publications Chair, with the item description and your contact information. Hopefully the items will show up in the next issue of the Talking Leaf.

## SPOTLIGHT: VICE CHIEF OF ADMIN.

Hey, my name is Donnie Andersen. I'm an Eagle Scout from Troop 69 and I'm highly involved in the Venture Crew 69. This year I am serving as the Vice Chief of Administration on the LEC.

Some of my scouting leadership positions include camp staff for two years, and LEC for two years. My High Adventure trips include Philmont, Florida, and twice to the Boundary Waters.

I am a senior at Hempstead High School in Dubuque. Some of my High School activities include Model United Nations, Mock Trial, and Cross Country. My hobbies include hunting, politics, Scouts, and spending time with friends.

As a final thing, I would like to all arrowmen to get out and enjoy what your troop members have chosen you to do. Just remember, in the words of Tom Faulkner, "Think outside of the box, but still on the tracks."

*Submitted by: Donnie Andersen*

## LEC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Hello, my name is Peter Seitz and this is my second year on the LEC. This past year I was the Communications Chairman and currently I am the Inductions Chairman. So far my favorite OA event has been NOAC, however, fellowships come in at a close second.

I am a Senior at Wahlert High School and an Eagle Scout of Troop 7. I have also worked two summers at Camp Klaus. In 2003 I was the Trading Post Assistant and in 2004 I was the Ecology Instructor. At school I am involved in cross country, peer mentoring, a-cappella choir, and Wahlert's daily television broadcast team. As a hobby I enjoy videotaping school events and creating DVD's.

As a closing note, I would like to encourage all brotherhood members to help out at the fellowships by being either an elangomat or nimat.

*Submitted by: Peter Seitz*

## SADEWASSER'S TERM AS REGION CHIEF COMING TO A CLOSE

*(Editors Note: Joe Sadewasser, past Lodge Chief of Timmeu Lodge, is finishing his one year term as the 2004 Central Region Chief. The following excerpts were compiled from his closing report.)*

Only twelve months ago I was given the opportunity of a lifetime. When I became the Central Region Chief, many people told me the year would go by faster than I could imagine. I can't believe how right those people were. Over the past year I had the opportunity to attend NOAC, numerous Section Conclaves, National Leadership Seminars, and all three BSA national High Adventure Programs. I would highly encourage all Arrowmen to consider attending at least two of these events within the next three years. I'd also like for all of the Arrowmen to continue to promote these opportunities in their troops and at all OA events. Continued participation and growth in all of these programs is the key to keeping them operating for years to come.

National Order of the Arrow Conference - The large scale of NOAC never ceases to amaze me. Seeing this event come together from a national perspective, rather than as a participant, was amazing. The number of volunteer hours involved in planning an event of such magnitude is simply amazing. I had a great time meeting so many Arrowmen from the Region and from across the country.

Northern Tier OA Voyage Program - Working in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area reminded me that our order remains focused on brotherhood and cheerful service. The work that Arrowmen do in the boundary waters benefits everyone embarking on a wilderness trip, not just members of the scouting community. I remember having a conversation at my work site with a small group of canoeists passing through; they didn't know who had been fixing all the portages, but they were extremely grateful. By maintaining the 200 year old portages, Arrowmen not only preserve the history of the portages, but also ensure the future of them.

Philmont Trail Crew - Much like the voyage, trail crew taught me more about servant leadership and brotherhood than I ever learned through training.

The bonds of friendship formed between the twenty-one members of my trek will not soon be forgotten. Both of these programs get Arrowmen back into the outdoors and at the heart of scouting.

Florida Sea Base - The OA program at the sea base looks like another great program. Based on the current registration numbers, Arrowmen seem to agree that this will be an excellent program. I'm glad to see the Order starting this program, so that we can serve all three of the BSA's national high adventure bases.

The Central Region held four successful National Leadership Seminars this year with a total of 203 Arrowmen attending. Two seminars were held in the spring and two in the fall. Next year the sites will rotate; by moving the sites, the Region can better serve each lodge by bring a seminar as "close to home" as possible.

Cub Scout Promotions - This year the Region developed an informational packet in response to the National Committee's commitment to support the BSA in its efforts to increase Cub Scouts. The pamphlet offers suggestions for lodges to get involved with recruitment efforts; it also discusses the future benefits of supporting the Cub Scouting program. The pamphlet was approved by the OA Central Region Key Three as well as the BSA Central Region Office. I explained the pamphlet and distributed it to Section Chiefs at the Section Officers Seminar. The Sections will distribute two pamphlets to each of their Lodges. One of the copies will go to the Lodge and the other to the Council Staff. Also, the pamphlet

will soon be available for downloading on the Central Region Web site.

As the Central Region Chief I also learned that an immense amount of traveling was involved. Approximately 3 weekends of each month were spent traveling to different seminars, national meetings, lodge events, section events and region events all around the country.

In closing, I will never forget my memories of the past year. It has truly been the experience of a lifetime. No one deserves all the opportunities I was given this year, and for that reason I will be forever grateful to the Order. I learned more about myself, life, and scouting in the past year through the many great people I had the honor to serve with than I ever thought possible.

## WINTER COC MEETING

Coming up this January our section will be holding its winter Council of Chiefs meeting in Dubuque, Iowa. The purpose of this meeting it to introduce the new Section Chairmen and have the officers and chairmen break into committees' to begin planning the Section Conclave which will be held on September 30th thorough October 2nd of 2005 at Howard H. Cherry Scout Reservation near Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

After the meeting, Arrowmen will have the opportunity to meet with the other lodges with some fellowship activities. If you're looking to do some skiing or would like to visit the National Mississippi

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### January 2005

- 10 Council Wide Ski Night @  
Sundown
- 15 LEC Meeting  
Winter Banquet
- 21-23 Council of Chiefs Meeting
- 31 Council Wide Ski Night @  
Sundown

#### February 2005

- 6 Scout Sunday
- 14 Council Wide Ski Night @  
Sundown
- 20 LEC Meeting

#### March 2005

- 13 LEC Meeting
- 19 Scouting For Food

River Museum and Aquarium or historic Dubuque.

To receive more information about this upcoming COC or you need the registration packet, please visit the January COC Information Page on the C-1C Web site (<http://clc.lgdbq.org/>) or contact your Lodge Chief, Tim Riedl for information about the portions of the event that Timmeu Lodge will be attending.

**Submitted by: Logan Ivory**

## LEC – OPEN POSITIONS

There are still two open positions on the Lodge Executive Committee at this date. The two open positions are the Camping Promotions and Troop Rep., both for the Dellaykee District.

The Camping Promotions Chair would be in charge of letting people know about Summer Camp for 2005. They would go around to different troops and let the troops know what will be going on at camp next year.

The Troop Representative would be in charge of all of the Troop Reps from the Dellaykee district. They would keep in contact with each Rep. from all the troops and inform them of upcoming meetings and events.

With the OA elections coming up in the next couple of months, it would be of great help to have a couple more people on the LEC. Being on the LEC is quite enjoyable. If you have any questions or are interested in the position, please contact Tim Riedl.

## NEXT ISSUE

**Mail Date: Week of February 21**

**Articles Due: Thursday 2/17/2005**

- Scouting For Food
- Winter Banquet Wrap-Up
- Winter COC Wrap-UP
- And More!

*Have an article that you would like to submit or an idea for that you would like to see added to the Talking Leaf? Let me know!*

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## CAMP STAFF 2005

What are you doing next summer? Do you need a fantastic job that is action packed, allows you to meet some awesome new friends, and work in the great outdoors? If this sounds like something you'd be interested then you should work on staff at Camp C.S. Klaus! There are a variety of positions available in all program areas and support areas. There are also opportunities to work for a week as a Counselor in Training or as an Instructor In Training.

For more information please contact the Scout Office at (563) 556-4343

## 2005 Member Information and Dues

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(circle one)

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Brotherhood

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Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Callout Date/Year \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you like information about the OA, events, etc. sent to your e-mail address? Yes No

Are you Interested in serving on the board (youth) or as an advisor (adult)? Yes No

Please send this form and your \$6 annual dues (checks payable to Timmeu Lodge #74) to: Northeast Iowa Council - Timmeu #74

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## **SMOKE SIGNALS FROM THE CHIEF**

I am thrilled to be seeing so many of you attending the District Meetings. Going to the District Meetings is a great way to stay informed on what the lodge is doing and make some new friends. Chances are your Scoutmaster is present at the Roundtable Meetings every month, so it would be a great idea to hitch a ride with him and become an active member in the Order. In November, we had a group of seventeen at the Dubuque Meeting and eight at the Dellaykee meeting. In December, you outdid yourselves: twenty at Dubuque's and twelve at Dellaykee's. My Vice-Chiefs and myself, would love to see those numbers going up every month.



Just around the corner, we have the culminating event of every lodge year - The Winter Banquet! This years banquet is going to be incredible and unforgettable! Bring your appetite as I hope to see all of you there.

This time of year is not only busy for Santa, but also very busy for the committee chairmen of the Lodge. Help them out by joining a committee. For example, the Camping Promotions chairmen and Elections chairmen will be visiting troops soon. To my knowledge, there are 40-some troops in the council and only two chairmen. They would welcome your offer of help. Contact any member of the LEC if you would like more information.

I hope all of you have a fun and safe holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Yours in WWW,

***Tim Riedl***

2004-2005 Timmeu Lodge Chief