

The Talking Leaf



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Timmeu Lodge #74

FALL FELLOWSHIP

Are you sad that summer vacation is almost over? Well, you shouldn't be, because it's almost time for the Fall Fellowship. The Fall Fellowship is going to be on August 19 – 21 at Camp C. S. Klaus. This event is a great way to give service to camp and have fun with lodge members you haven't seen since your ordeal. On Friday, check in is from 5-7 p.m. and this is when you can set up your tent and pay your dues. Then on Saturday there will be a ton of activities including: service, great food, and fellowship. The weekend will conclude on Sunday at around 10:00 a.m.

The cost of the event is \$5 for attending members, \$20 for Brotherhood candidates, and \$35 for Ordeal candidates. We have many great service projects planned for the new land that camp has bought, including the development of new trails and bridge building. On the new land we want to build a log cabin and clans will be preparing pine logs for it. Make sure that you pack the following: Full Class A (shirt, pants, socks, belt, and sash), work clothes, tent, sleeping bag, flashlight, rain gear, and personal items. Be sure to sign up at the Scout office by calling: 563-556-4343 or toll free at: 1-800-866-BSA1.

By Peter Seitz

SECTION CONCLAVE — O.A S.W.A.T.

The first Section Conclave of Section C-1C is scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 30 -- Oct. 2. A lot of planning took place over the past year to promise an incredible experience for all Arrowmen in attendance. If you have not been to a Section

Conclave, it is a lot like this: games, games, fun, fun, fun, no service, games, more fun, great food, Section Officer Elections, more games, even more fun, etc. You get the picture. It is an event you would surely not want to miss.

Some of the awesome activities that can be found at the Conclave are as follows:

- Iron Arrowmen Relay
- Cribbage Tournament
- Campyard Wars
- Dutch Oven Cook-off
- OA Jeopardy

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- Pie-in-the-Eye Auction
- Watermelon Carving Contest
- Hay ride through Camp Cherry

If some of you are unsure of what some of these events entail, sign up for the Conclave and check them out. The Section Conclave will be held at Howard H. Cherry Scout Reservation near Cedar Rapids, IA. The cost for the Weekend will be \$28.00 (be prepared for a special closing show). Please sign up and have your money turned into the Scout Office (563-556-4343) by Friday, Sept. 16, 2005 to ensure your spot in our contingent. More information will be provided after you have your money turned into the Scout Office. Remember, your money must be turned in before you are considered "on the list" for this event. On a side note, Ricky Passinissi will be running for a second term as Section Chief.

If you have any questions, go to the Section C-1C web site or call Tim Riedl.

NOAC 2006

Mark your calendars, because the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference is right around the corner! The 2006 NOAC will call home Michigan State University. NOAC is much like the Boy Scout's National Jamboree. Arrowmen from all over the country gather for fellowship. There are a lot of activities, competitions, and training sessions that everyone can attend at this wonderful event. The date for this event is July 29 - August 3, 2006. Information on cost and transportation has not yet been determined, but keep looking for more information in upcoming issues of the Talking Leaf.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

For you budding astronomers... Mars is going to be the closet its been in almost 60,000 years on the night of August 27th! Mars is going to be sitting only 60 million miles away. If you look in the southern sky expect to be seeing a bright red star. Check it out, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity, it won't be this close until 2287.

**For more information check out:
<http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov>**

SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp this year was another success. The Timmeu Lodge Watermelon Wallop each week of camp went great. Everyone enjoyed the food and good fellowship on those Monday nights. We had a great turn out for all of them.

On Thursdays we had four awesome cookouts precursored by fire building and setting up the OA ceremony area. Then that night many brothers helped out in the ceremonies, many for their first time as braves. All of you that took part in the ceremonies did an excellent job. A total of 74 Ordeal candidates were called out throughout the summer, a pretty lucky number if you ask me!

For those of you who attended camp you might have noticed several added improvements to camp. The spar pole addition to the climbing area, which was funded mostly as a lodge donation to camp, went over very well. Also, the most noticeable addition that was found this year was at the entrance of camp on the hill coming in. Blacktop! Thanks to several outside donations and a 2,000 dollar contribution from the OA Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast money this dream was realized. This section of the hill has unofficially been nicknamed by a few Scouters as BSA I-74.

By Jesse Jaeger

LODGE OFFICER ELECTIONS

Hello everyone my name is Jesse Jaeger. I will be your new Lodge Leadership Development Chairman for 2005-06. At the Spring Fellowship our Lodge voted on a significant change to our by-laws concerning when the Lodge Officer Elections are conducted. At the Friday night LEC meeting the entire lodge overwhelmingly voted to change the election from the fall fellowship to the spring fellowship. The reason this change was made was so that the board members are better prepared for their positions for their term.

Tim Riedl was re-elected to a second term as Lodge Chief. Donnie Andersen was also elected to his second term as Vice Chief of Administration. Alex Lange was elected as the Vice Chief of Membership. Last year Alex held the position of Secretary. Peter

TIMMEU 74 ON THE WWW

Check out our website at
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**

Seitz was elected to be the Lodge Secretary after serving as the Inductions Chairman this last year.

Since no one ran for the office of Lodge Treasurer a candidate will be presented to the Lodge Executive Committee and voted on. **If you are interested in the Treasurer position, please contact Tim Riedl.**

By Jesse Jaeger

VIGIL HONOR RECIPIENTS

We are proud to announce that five people were called out for the Vigil Honor. They include Wayne Buchholtz, John Lambert, Jim Meyer, Peter Seitz, and Matt Stemper. Great job for your contributions to our lodge and council, your work is always appreciated.

Matt Stemper

Matt has served for several years on the Lodge Executive Committee in the roles of Activities Chairman, and Communications Chair, where he has provided tremendous leadership. He is best known for his outstanding leadership on directing several successful Mother's Day Pancake Breakfasts... rain or shine.

Peter Seitz

Peter has served the LEC as Inductions Chair and as Communications Chair. On camp staff he served as the Assistant Manager of the “Trading Post/Sugar Shack”. Pete is known as a good friend to many of the

LEC as he always has a smile on his face and ready to help out. Peter has aspirations to some day serve as an OA Lodge Advisor.

John Lambert

John has served on the LEC the past several years in a variety of positions. Camping Promotions Chair, Inductions Chair, and most recently as the Vice Chief of Membership. He has also served on camp staff since 2002, most recently as the Adventure Trail Director. John is known for his love of running and was most recently the Third Assistant Scoutmaster for the NE Iowa Council at the 2005 Jamboree.

Wayne Buchholtz

Wayne has served the NE Iowa Council and his troop for several years. Wayne has served as an advisor for numerous Eagle Scout Projects conducted at the Mines of Spain and is a volunteer member of the Dubuque District Advancement Committee and the Council Properties Committee. Wayne is an avid outdoorsman and has a love of cross-country skiing.

Jim “Congo” Meyer

Congo has served the Lodge this past year as the Service Advisor. He has also served the council as a volunteer for the Properties Committee the past several years. Congo is probably best known for his love of watching sports and his entertaining antics.

By Alex Lange

SPRING FELLOWSHIP

With the Fall Fellowship right around the corner it only seems right to remember all the fun and service we accomplished at the Spring Fellowship. Several clans of brothers received their Brotherhood honor and one clan completed the Ordeal.

A tremendous amount of service was accomplished. Tents were set up in all of the campsites, the very scenic tower to field sports trail was finished, roadside clean-up, and some of the area for the future low C.O.P.E. course was cleared among other things. After the ceremonies were completed, which were preformed by an all new team, everyone was treated to good old fashioned chicken barbecue followed by lots of fellowship of watching movies

during a torrential downpour.

Overall the Spring Fellowship was a great experience and something just waiting to be topped by the fall.

By Dan Huss and Matt Kemp

FOLLOW-UP ON LODGE GOALS FOR 2004-05

1. Obtain Quality Lodge
2. Unit Elections
 - a. All elections completed by May 1st 2005
Status: 35 elections were completed by May 1st. The other two were completed before May 15th, good job!
 - b. Elections scheduled by January 15th 2005
Status: all elections were scheduled no later than April 1st.
3. 60% of the LEC NLS Trained
Status: to fulfill this requirement, we needed six members of the LEC to go to NLS. Three ended up attending the NLS in April.
4. Inductions
 - a. Brotherhood conversion rate 55%
 - b. 85% of elected, obtain membership at the Fall Fellowship
Status: these two goals are yet to be determined. To fulfill these goals, we need ATTENDANCE at the Fall Fellowship.
5. Publications
 - a. Six Leafs mailed out; one before each of the major events of the lodge.
Status: none of these deadlines were made, but more time was put into providing you with a higher quality newsletter.
6. Membership
 - a. 275 Dues Paid members by Fall Fellowship
 - b. 85% membership retention
Status: once again, TBD. We need your attendance at the Fellowship to fulfill these goals.
7. Treasurer
 - a. Preliminary Committee Budgets submitted by Nov. 7th
Status: as this is the first year we attempted to tackle the "lodge budget" complications arose

and we did not make this deadline. However, at this time, a budget is complete.

8. Activities
 - a. Boost all attendance at events by 10%
Status: so far we have met this goal at the other two events we were monitoring: the Winter Banquet and the Spring Fellowship.
9. Troop Representatives
 - a. 60% of all troops OATR's trained by January LEC
 - b. 75% of OATR's identified by December 1st
Status: these deadlines were not made, but completed no later than two weeks after the fact.
10. Ceremonies
 - a. Three Ceremonies Teams selected by January LEC
Status: this goal was completed, great job Keith and Andy
11. Internet
 - a. All LEC members have username setup on Lodge Message Board by Nov. 1st
Status: Message board has not been in use extensively for quite some time.
12. LLD
 - a. Lodge Leadership Seminar by April LEC
Status: This goal was completed and on time. Hope all who attended enjoyed the fellowship at the TLS.

You know that if you ever plan on getting your eagle one of the first things you need to do is set goals for yourself. Not surprisingly as a Lodge we have to do the same thing. We set goals so we can measure our progress as well as to have things to work for. Now each chairman may have his own goals for his committee, but as a lodge we set goals for things that impact us as whole. Things such as membership retention or boosting member attendance at activities, to name a few. Every year the LEC does this, often times building off the goals of the past year. If there are things that you as an Arrowman want to see get done talk to one of the people on the LEC they are always grateful for your input.

By Alex Lange; Status Reports by Tim Riedl

JAMBOREE 2005

The Order of the Arrow held a big part in the activities and entertainment for Scouts at the Jamboree. Locally, the Scouts of the Northeast Iowa Council participated as a Troop in the OA's presentation of Twelve Cubed. Twelve Cubed was a play put on by the famous Shows team of the Order of the Arrow. It was a representative of an equation for life. The equation combined the twelve points of the Scout law and the three parts of the Scout oath. Through dancing, acting, audience participation, and pyrotechnics, "12-cubed" was an excellent show with an excellent message.

Also at the Jamboree, NE Iowa Council Troop 1014 had the opportunity to meet all six 2005 National Officers of the Order of the Arrow. Yes, you read that right! The National Chief, National Vice-Chief, Central Region Chief, Western Region Chief, Southern Region Chief, and the Northeast Region Chief all came to our campsite and signed autographs after some group photos. It was quite an experience.

Timmeu Lodge members Donnie Andersen, Justin Hochberger, and Nick Williams served on Jamboree Staff as members of the Order of the Arrow Service Corps.

LODGE YEAR SUMMARY

With the passing of the Bonnet Ceremony at the Fall Fellowship, our 2004-2005 Lodge Year comes to a close. I would now like to take a moment and look back at the year and give you a small summary.

- Awesome attendance numbers at the Spring Fellowship, Winter Banquet, One-Day of Service, Stick pickup, and the like.
- Productive District Meetings for both Dubuque and Dellaykee Districts.
- One of the most successful Mother's Day Pancake Breakfasts in recent history.
- 74 Ordeal candidates tapped out at Summer camp
- 2005 Section C-1C Chief hails from Timmeu Lodge
- First Timmeu Leadership Summit held at Beckman High School.
- An LEC with little experience provided a great year for the lodge members (Great job guys)

Being as this is only a few of the great things that happened this year, we (the LEC) can safely call this year a success.

Looking forward to next year, we have been put in a great position to really blow you away with an awesome lodge year. Hold on because it is going to be a wild ride!

Submitted by Tim Riedl

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 2005

19-21 Fall Fellowship

September 2005

8 Dubuque Roundtable

6 Dellaykee Roundtable

30-Oct2 Section Conclave

October 2005

14-16 Fall Camporall



Tim Riedl poses for the camera at the NE Iowa Council Jamboree Troop 1014 Campsite with the National OA Officers that stopped in to visit. Check out all those Gold Shoulder Loops!

Right to Left: Paul Jensen (Central Region Chief), Dan O'Rourke (Northeast Region Chief), Patrick Murphy (National Chief), Tim Riedl (Timmeu Lodge Chief), Ross Armstrong (Western Region Chief), Bradley Long (Southern Region Chief), and Seth Mollitt (National Vice Chief)

NEXT ISSUE

Mail Date: Week of 10/16/2005

Articles Due: Saturday 10/8/2005

- New Lodge Officers and LEC Members
- Fall events
- Section Conclave Summary
- Fall Fellowship and Vigil Weekends
- New Talking Leaf Design for 2005-06 with more new features.

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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SMOKE SIGNALS FROM THE CHIEF

Brothers,

The 2004-2005 Lodge year is coming to a close. This year brought forth a lot of change, new experiences, and leadership opportunities. I hope that as a lodge member, you made a sincere effort to get more involved. If you haven't there is a new year on the horizon. At my Eagle Court of honor, I told the Scouts in attendance to GET INVOLVED and to HAVE NO REGRETS in Scouting. I would like to extend the same words/message to you.

Thank you to all of you who made this lodge year a success. A lot of work and planning went into the successes and mishaps this whole year. There were many valuable lessons learned. As far as next year is concerned, Thank You for allowing me to serve as Lodge Chief again. I am very excited at the opportunities we have as a lodge and can't wait to put into action some of the ideas that are floating around in my head.

If you at any time have questions regarding the lodge or how you can get involved, I am personally extending an invitation for you to call me (563-583-1553).

Yours in WWW,

Tim Riedl

2004-2005 Timmeu Lodge Chief

