

Talking Leaf



August 2006

Timmeu Lodge #74 - Northeast Iowa Council

2006 SECTION CONCLAVE

Where are you going to be on September 29 to October 1, 2006? If you are not doing anything or you would not want to miss one of the greatest OA events of the year, you should be at Camp C.S. Klaus. You should be at camp because the 2006 Section C-1C Conclave will be there. If you do not know what a Section Conclave is, I will tell you. A Conclave is a gathering of lodges within a certain area for a weekend of games, competitions, great food, and other activities. Section C-1C will be coming to Camp Klaus because Timmeu Lodge is hosting this year's conclave! Below I have a list of the top ten reasons why you should attend this year's conclave. Some quick specifics are as follows:

Tim Riedl's Top 10 Reasons to Attend Conclave

10. It is one of the most fun-filled events the OA has to offer.
9. All three Section Officers from Timmeu Lodge:
Section Chief: Rick Passanisi
Section Vice-Chief: Don Andersen
Section Secretary: Tim Riedl
8. Not a service weekend. This event is dedicated to having a good time.
7. Conclaves are only once a year.
6. You will meet arrowmen from across Iowa and some from Minnesota.
5. We are the Host Lodge: we need 125 of our 324 members there!
4. Lodge vs. Lodge competitions (Let's show them we are the best!)
3. It will be the shortest drive you will ever have to make for a conclave.
2. Night climb at the Tower!
1. Timmeu Lodge is the HOST LODGE!!! Next time we host will be in 2011

2006 SECTION C-1C CONCLAVE

WHO: ALL SECTION C-1C ARROWMAN
WHEN: SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1, 2006
WHERE: CAMP C.S. KLAUS, COLESBURG, IA
COST: \$32.00 IF PAYMENT IS RECEIVED AT THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER BEFORE SEPTEMBER 7 AFTER THAT DATE THE PRICE IS \$37.00
COST INCLUDES: CONCLAVE PATCH, FOOD FOR THE WEEKEND, AND A LOT OF ACTIVITIES
WHY: SEE "TIM RIEDL'S TOP 10 REASONS OF ATTEND THE 2006 SECTION C-1C CONCLAVE"

2006 SECTION CONCLAVE "SIGN-ME-UP!" FORM

Name _____

Troop Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

I will be attending the Conclave

- Enclosed is my Early Registration Cost of \$32.00
 I'm a procrastinator, it is after September 7th, enclosed is my \$37.00

Please make checks payable to: Northeast Iowa Council

Send this form to:

Northeast Iowa Council Service Center
Timmeu #74
P.O. Box 732
Dubuque, IA 52004-0732



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FALL FELLOWSHIP

Hey brothers, Spencer Washburn here after an awesome Spring Fellowship, I am really looking forward a wonderful Fall Fellowship. The 2006 Fall Fellowship is scheduled for August 18-20 at Camp C.S. Klaus. It looks to be a weekend full of brotherhood and cheerful service. The cost for this weekend will be \$5 for attending members, \$20 for brotherhood candidates, and \$35 for ordeal candidates. This will include delicious food for the entire weekend and induction materials. Remember, even if you are not an Ordeal or Brotherhood candidate, you can still be an attending member and help out or even lead a service project. If you are interested in leading a service project contact Mark Vaske or myself. Hope to see all of you there! **Sign up before NOW (before August 8th) by calling by calling the Scout Service Center at (563) 556-4343!**

LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED

At this past Spring Fellowship Lodge Officer elections were held. The following people were elected. The following bios contain an introduction to those elected.

Chief: Alex Lange

¡Hola! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Alex Lange and I am this upcoming Lodge year's Chief. I am going to be a Senior at East Dubuque High School. My parents are Kurt and Kim and I have one brother. I also have two cats, Cal and Dico, on black and the other tiger. I'm involved in many things at school including drama, academics team, and

a few others. I enjoy reading, mostly horror, science fiction, Kurt Vonnegut, and some philosophy. Some of my favorite movies include Arsenic and Old Lace and the Shawshank Redemption. I enjoy all kinds of music but I especially like classical and metal, mostly Emperor, Peccatum, and Grief. Just about anything from Norway. I'm looking at being a high school English teacher right now or maybe working with computers. I hope you learned a little about me and look forward to serving each and every one of you this Lodge Year.

Vice Chief of Administration: Spencer Washburn

Hey everybody. My name is Spencer J. Washburn and I am this years Vice Chief of Administration for Timmeu Lodge. I am from Troop 51 and also am a member of Venture Crew 51. Some of my big Scouting adventures include 2004 NOAC, 2005 National Scout Jamboree, 2006 Sea Base, and 2006 Camp Staff (Adventure Trail Guide). This will be my third year on the Lodge Executive Committee. In previous years I have served as Activities Chairman and Dubuque Troop Rep Chairman. I am looking forward to a great year!

Vice Chief of Membership: Ryan Helgerson

Hey guys! My name is Ryan Helgerson, a.k.a. "Uff-Da". I reside in Elkader Iowa, and am a member of Troop 62 in Dellaykee District. I have been a member of Timmeu Lodge for the past 3 years, and have been a member of the Lodge Executive Committee for the past 2 years; first as Treasurer and then as Troop Rep. Chairman for Dellaykee District. At Spring Fellowship you voted me to the position of Vice-Chief of Membership. I am looking forward to serving each and every one of you in this unique way.

I go to Central School. For you Dubuque guys, that's Central Schools in Elkader. I like school events, and playing in the band. I like almost all sports and scout related events such as scout camp. I've been to the boundary waters, NOAC twice, and I attended the 2005 National Boy Scout Jamboree.

During this upcoming Lodge Year, I strongly encourage you to GET INVOLVED. If you don't know how to do that or are interested in learning more about the LEC or anything else related to our lodge, give your troop rep., a current LEC member, or even me a call and get your questions answered.

Secretary: Mark Vaske Jr.

Hi! My name is Mark Vaske Jr. from Troop 94 of Dubuque. As a scout, I started out in Pack 68 in Sageville as a tiger cub. I, then, progressed into Troop 94 and have been a scout there for 6 years and I've held numerous positions there. I was inducted into the Order during my second full week of camp. I came to many events early on and made many friends and did a lot of service. Last year was my first year on the Lodge Executive Committee and I have enjoyed myself a lot. I have also worked at summer camp for the past three years.

Otherwise I am a full-time student at Hempstead High School. I am going to be a junior this coming school year, and I will soon be into school life again. I hope to serve all of you as lodge members and encourage you to do your part by getting involved in committees, coming to as many lodge events as you can, and to serve those we elected you.

Treasurer: Jesse Jaeger

Hello, my name is Jesse Jaeger and I am the 2006-2007 Treasurer. This will be my second year on the Lodge Executive Committee. Last year I held the position of Lodge Leadership Development Chairman. I've been to the Boundary Waters, Sea Base, and the National Leadership Seminar. I've been a scout for the past ten years and have worked on Summer Camp staff the past 2 years and was on NYLT last year. When I'm not scouting I like to run and fish. I also work as a lifeguard at Grand Harbor Hotel.

SPRING FELLOWSHIP RECAP

For those of you who missed out on the fellowship and service this spring at the Spring Fellowship, we were extremely successful and productive given the slightly smaller-than-usual turn-out. There were

Did You Know

There have only been four Timmeu Lodge arrowmen who served as Lodge Chief and then later as Lodge Adviser; Dave Burgus, Scott Gill, Doug Stahr Jr. and Dave Bigelow

many service projects that were completed by the various Ordeal and Brotherhood clans throughout the weekend. Service projects that were completed include building the frame for the COPE trail, tearing down the beaver dam, splitting tons of wood, cleaning up the highway, and much more. We had great brothers who concentrated on service and worked hard to complete the projects. As for other activities, on Friday night there was an LEC meeting, on Saturday night there were officer elections, an amazing feast, and lots and lots of fun and fellowship. I would like to thank all that came and I encourage all of you to come this fall whether you are a new member, eligible for your Brotherhood, or as an attending member. Thanks again.

OA IN ACTION AT SUMMER CAMP

Submitted by: Tim Riedl

As many of you know, the OA and Timmeu Lodge play a very important role at summer camp. We do a lot of work promoting camp to scouts around the council, but even more so, we work (and play) during camp throughout the summer. This summer was no different. It was action-packed and awesome to say the least. I had a blast all four Boy Scout weeks and can't wait to do it again next year. To be more specific, the OA is visible during three major times throughout the week. They are as follows:

Monday Night Cracker Barrel

This summer all of the OA members in camp got together following the Monday night games and engaged in eating ice cream, fellowship, and listening to up and coming points of information. The ice cream was delicious – especially when you had the choice between root beer float and sundae. YUM!!!

Thursday Afternoon Fire-Building

On Thursday afternoons, many of the dedicated arrowmen of Timmeu lodge cheerfully served by helping to put together the rockin' OA fires each week. In addition to that, we set up the smudge pots and practiced the ceremonies to be sure they would be perfect. It may not sound like the greatest of times, but those who were there would certainly come back after having so much fun.

Thursday Night Call-out

This was undoubtedly my favorite part of each Scout week. It was a time where magic fills the air. It is Timmeu's most visible presence at camp and was well performed each week by those who participated. Even though there are only four major parts in the ceremony, any arrowman can participate by being a brave. We had a good showing of braves each week and they made the ceremonies look awesome! Thanks guys!

As you have read, we had an action-packed summer – just at camp! Thanks again to all of you who volunteered to help with the fires and “braving”. Also, congratulations to all of the ordeal candidates that were called-out each week.

OATC PROVIDES SERVICE OPPORTUNITY, FELLOWSHIP

By: Tim Riedl

Philmont Scout Ranch has a number of special programs that scouts can participate in each summer. There is only one program at Philmont that you must be an OA member for and that is **Order of the Arrow Trail Crew (OATC)**. OA Trail Crew is a fourteen day experience in which arrowmen from across the country come together to do service work



(build trails) and grow as brothers of the Order in the mountains of New Mexico. The fourteen days are split up into two seven day parts. The first week is spent learning about trail building and actually building trails to benefit Philmont. The second week is spent hiking the trails on a trek that was planned by your crew. No other crew or program can do that under any circumstances.

This year Alex Lange and I had the honor and privilege of representing Timmeu Lodge and Section





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 2006

11-13 Vigil Weekend

18-20 Fall Fellowship

September 2006

5 District Meeting (Dellaykee)

7 District Meeting (Dubuque)

9-10 LLDC

10 LEC Meeting

29-Oct. 1 Section Conclave



C-1C during the first session of the 2006 OATC program at Philmont. We were informed that there were only 120 spots available for the entire summer and they accepted 134 applications. It was neat that we were two of the chosen few. This past year OATC costs were only \$150 (+ transportation) compared to \$650 for a regular ten-day trek.

The program itself, is something that you must experience on your own to put into words. What I can tell you is that you will be exposed to situations regular treks can only dream of. It is a unique experience that becomes the highlight of many scouting careers. If you are the least bit interested in this awesome program, talk to Alex Lange, Tim Riedl, or Joe Sadewasser. They are a few of the Timmeu members that have completed the program and would be happy to answer any questions you have about Trail Crew.

NOAC -- ON LOCATION

(Written Sunday July 30th at 12:30 p.m.)

GREETINGS FROM NOAC 2006! Not even a mere 24 hours into our NOAC experience and it's already shaping up to be at least 74 times the adventure we bargained for!

Our grand expedition started with 17 Arrowmen (13 Youth, 4 Adult) at precisely 7:04 a.m. on Friday the 28th eastward bound toward the "Windy City". As we traveled over the next 4 hours we made numerous

stops for refueling, and we're not talking about the cars. Upon arriving at Six Flags Great America, all fellowship broke loose. For the next eight hours we spent screaming our lungs out on literally ALL the roller coasters in the park. After we had ridden ourselves hoarse we proceeded to a hotel to crash for the night.

We awoke early the next morning to drive the remaining 6 hours (7 if you count the time-zone change) to Michigan State University. We arrived at NOAC at 4:30 p.m. local time and proceeded to be oriented, find our dorm, and get ready for our first NOAC '06 Show. Our first show was complete with pyrotechnics, 8,000 Arrowmen, and an address from the 2006 National Chief, Sean Murray. After the show, we went back to the dorms to try and overcome our excitement for the next day's training sessions, activities, and patch trading and get some much needed rest.

6:00 a.m.; the alarm rings and our day at NOAC begins. We eat breakfast and make our way to the very first training cell of the conference.

Our session has just concluded and we can only fathom the fun and fellowship in store in the coming days. NOAC will definitely be an experience that none of us will soon forget. If you are reading this article and thinking that you missed something really big don't worry, another NOAC will be coming up in another two years.



2006 Timmeu Lodge #74 Participants at the National Order of the Arrow Conference held at Michigan State University.

(Back Row standing) Dave Gaskill, Jeremy Knepper, Tim Riedl, Damian Hosch, Alex Lange, Nate Schroeder, Joe Duneman, Sam Duneman, Tommy Flynn, Aaron Seier, Kurt Lange, Brian Gonner; (Front Row kneeling) Shane Gansen, Marty Wessels, Ryan Helgerson, Cory Muntz, (Not Pictured) Brian Sutilla.



TIMMEU ON THE WEB

Check out our website at
www.TimmeuLodge.org
 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**



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Articles Due: Saturday 10/14/2006

- LLDC Kicks off new Lodge Year
- Conclave Review
- Fall Fellowship wrap-up
- Vigil Honor Recipients
- Winter Banquet

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,

What a summer it has been! I have been fortunate enough to go to Philmont again, serve on camp staff, and attend NOAC! I hope each of you also experienced an unforgettable summer in 2006! With summer coming to a close, more opportunities arise... **TAKE ADVANTAGE.** Ask anyone on the LEC if you have any questions.

Cheerful service is one of the main points that the OA was founded upon. It is important that we seek out opportunities to serve. There is always someone out there who is in need of help. We have been taught and obligated to step up and take on those challenges -- to serve.

When Alex Lange and I attended OATC this past summer, we exercised the principle of service throughout Philmont. We helped build 340' of trail then proceeded to lend a helping hand to each of the Staff camps we passed while on the trail. The trail building itself was quite fulfilling and to see the appreciation of the staffers at each of the staff camps was neat too. We were not looking for anything in return, but we always seemed to get that warm fuzzy feeling inside after providing a little bit of cheerful service.

So, whenever you get the chance, help someone out. Do your good turn everyday and fulfill your obligation to serve cheerfully.

Yours in WWW,

Tim Riedl

2005-2006 Timmeu Lodge Chief

