

Smoke Signals

The Official Kayanernh-Kowa Lodge 219 Newsletter December 2004



For, said he, who serves his fellows, is, of all his fellows, greatest!
— Chingachgook, from the Legend of our Order

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Winter Banquet

The time of year has come again for the annual lodge winter banquet. This year, like all years, the winter banquet will include a lot of food, fun, and fellowship.

The banquet will be at the North Pole Fire Station on Saturday, January 15 starting at 5:00 pm.

Bring the entire family to join in with all the fun at the winter banquet. The events this year will be great fun. Many traditional events will be held once again, such as the silent patch auction and the raffle

drawings for prizes including a seat at the head table with the new lodge officers.

Also, we need patches for the auction, so donate anything of interest and bring some extra money. From all the money earned from your donations, you will receive credit at the Lodge Trading Post!

Once again, bring the entire family to the event of the year at the North Pole Fire Station on Saturday, January 15 starting at 5:00 pm for the Banquet. Preregister with the form on page 7.

-- Jake Stone



IMPORTANT NOTICE!
You **MUST** Pre-register if you plan to attend the Winter Banquet



Note, all personal information has been removed for the web

← Letter From the Chief →

Fellow Arrowmen,

As the new lodge chief of Kayanernh-Kowa Lodge 219, I would like to say that this year will be one of the best years the Lodge has seen in a while. This year we plan to have a huge boost in membership, attendance, and most importantly, fellowship.

The Lodge Executive Committee, the people who run the lodge, is composed completely of youth under the age of 21. This year, we need many more people to help out with the lodge. If you would like to get involved in the lodge, the best way is to contact me, and I can help you

out to let you know what you can do. The best way for our lodge to become a better organization is for many people to be working together on small tasks with many different ideas.

This year, our lodge will feature three events, including the Winter Banquet, the Amangi Mawinsin, or Great Gathering, and the Fall Fellowship Induction. Our lodge elections will be moved to the Amangi Mawinsin in the spring, and we will hold our annual LLDC in the summer. This year, the lodge is undergoing many new drastic changes, and they will all turn

out for the better. I have huge ambitions for the lodge over the next term, and I would like to remind you, that feedback is one of the greatest tools I can use for the lodge. I want to stress more than ever that I am available to talk to you about anything you feel is necessary.

Please feel free to talk to me anytime by e-mailing me at ----- or by calling me at ----- Thank you, and I would like to enjoy a happy year with you in Kayanernh-Kowa, Lodge 219.

Yours in Brotherhood,
David Meyer

The LLDC in Review

On Halloween weekend this year, all of the lodge officers got together at Camp Woodland for the annual Lodge Leadership Development Conference. The LLDC is the best opportunity for the lodge officers to plan what the lodge needs to do over the course of the next year. Training sessions are held, brainstorming is done, and calendar and budget planning is done. In addition to all this, at the end of the weekend, and LEC is held, Vigil Selection and the Awards and Recognition Committees meet to decide the yearly lodge awards and nominate

the new vigil members.

This year, the LLDC kicked off Friday night with a few discussions as to what the lodge needed to work on over the weekend and the following year. The meetings then continued on Saturday morning with some brainstorming on increasing membership retention, and the extended elangomat system. We finished up the time in the morning with calendar planning, and had a one hour break, in which we rode mountain bikes around the camp. After lunch, we began with balancing the lodge budget for 2005, and moved on to high adventure

OA Trail Crew ideas. On Saturday night after dinner, we closed the meetings of the LLDC with the LEC meeting where we officially ratified all of the issues we proposed.

The LLDC is a great time to get involved in the Order of the Arrow. Each year, we need new officers to replace the ones who cannot serve as much due to college and other life activities. If you are ever in doubt as to what can be done for the Lodge Executive Committee, then do not hesitate to contact any one of us by phone or e-mail.

-- David Meyer

of the issues we proposed.

Lodge Bylaw Changes

This year, the Lodge Bylaws, or Operating Guidelines need to undergo some changes. The operating guidelines are the actual rules as to how the Lodge Executive Committee can run the lodge in an appropriate way. They are extremely important to maintain any sense of order in the lodge. Think of these guidelines as the constitution of our lodge, they limit the power of the LEC to what they state.

Just like the US Constitution, our Lodge Operating Guidelines can be amended. This is done as stated in the current Bylaws.

"The executive committee must view and have opportunity to discuss the proposed revision at least 30 days in advance. The full lodge must then be mailed the proposal at least 14 days in advance. The proposal may become ratified by a vote of at least fifty percent plus one vote at a full lodge meeting by the voting members of the lodge."(Article IX, Section A)

This is why we are mailing out the proposed changes to the Bylaws on which we will be voting at the Winter Banquet. Changes to the Bylaws do not need to be made very often, and since we are a relatively new lodge, we are still working

out some problems.

The changes of the Guidelines will of course need explanation. The first change is in Article III Section A, changing the date of the lodge elections from the fall to the spring. The next changes are in Article III Section C; they fix some numbering problems, and move the paragraph explaining about letters of intent to Clause 3 of this section. In Clause 3, they will state that an officer candidate must submit a letter of intent to the Scout Executive or designee at least 7 days prior to the elections. The changes in Article IV are changing some inconsistencies with wording of sections. The next and final change is in Article VII Section A, stating now that the Lodge Executive Committee may chose the amount of dues to paid for the next year at the LLDC.

All the members of the lodge are to look over these changes, and you all are encouraged to attend the Winter Banquet and vote on the revisions. Remember, only youth can vote on lodge issues, as the Order of the Arrow is completely youth run. If 50% plus one of the present voting members of the lodge approve, the new Bylaws are passed.

-- David Meyer

The Extended Elangomat System

The Extended Elangomat System, also known as the Nimat System is a way to increase membership retention and attendance at events.

Through the system, Elengomats remain in contact with their clans after the ordeal to invite them to events and encourage them to try for Brotherhood.

The lodge Curently needs Voulenteers to be Elangomats. If you would like to be an elangomat, you can contact our Vice-Chief of Service, Tom Wright at -----; he can arrange for you to be one at one of the two Ordeals.

What is Expected of you if you choose to be an elangomat/ Nimat:

- Keep in contact with new Arrowmen that are assigned to you following their induction into the Order.
- Contact the new Arrowmen (by phone and e-mail) and personally invite them to lodge or chapter functions and help to introduce them to other Arrowmen.
- Help new Arrowmen fulfill the requirements to seal their membership in the Order by completing Brotherhood Membership.

--Zach Shepherd

Meet the 2004-2005 Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief David Meyer

David is a Brotherhood member and Life Scout of Troop 77 in ----- Before being elected Chief, he served as the Mech-Han-Neck chapter chief and VC of Activities. David attends ----- High School where he is Junior and is on the soccer and track teams. David enjoys skiing in his free time.

VC Membership: Erik Nelson

Erik is a Brotherhood member and an Eagle Scout of Troop 152 of ----- He has served two terms as Treasurer and is now VC Membership. Erik was inducted into the OA in the spring of 2000. He attends ----- High School, where he is a junior. In his free time, Erik enjoys playing poker

VC Activities Jake Stone

Jake is Brotherhood member and an Eagle Scout of Troop 825 of ----- Before he was elected as VC of activities, he was the Ontario chapter chief for three years. At the 2004 NOAC, he participated in the Indian dance competition and placed sixth in the nation. He is a senior at ----- High School in -----

VC Service Tom Wright

Tom is currently serving his second unanimously elected term as VC Services. He is an Eagle Scout, a Philmont veteran, a Sabattis staff member, an avid outdoorsman and collector of automatic weapons, and a senior at -----

Treasurer Todd Ames

Todd is from ----- He is the senior patrol leader of Troop 496. He has recently become Brotherhood. He is a Star Scout and hopes to have his Eagle by the end of next year. He attended NOAC 2004. He attends ----- High School as a sophomore.

Secretary Zach Shepherd

Zach is a Brotherhood member and Eagle Scout of Troop 77 in ----- This is his second term as Secretary. He attended the 2004 NOAC and competed in the ceremony competition. He currently attends ----- High School where he is a sophomore.

Contact Information:

Lodge Chief:	David Meyer	Personal information has been removed for the web
VC- Activities:	Jake Stone	
VC- Service:	Tom Wright	
VC- Membership:	Erik Nelson	
Treasurer:	Todd Ames	
Secretary:	Zach Shepherd	

NOAC2004 in Review

This past summer a few of our members were able to attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC).

During our 5 days at the conference we were able to take part in training, do various activities, and trade patched with arrow men from across the nation.

We headed out (insert date), and our first stop was in Elkhart Indiana. We spent one night at a hotel then headed off to Des Moines.

We spent 2 days in Des Moines to attend a trade-o-ree run, with people from across the country, by the conference.

From the hotel in Des Moines, we headed to Ames, Iowa for the conference. We had stayed at Iowa State university, for the duration of NOAC, living in the dorms.

There were many activities, including training in the mornings, a TOAP area open all day, patch trading, and much, much more.

Every evening we attended an arena show, showcasing different aspects of the OA.

After a fun filled 5 days we said goodbye to Ames and started our trip back to New York.

We stayed one night in Elkhart, and then made it back to New York. Throughout our time at the conference we formed friendships in the lodges, and had an awesome time overall. I hope to see you all at NOAC 2006!

-- Erik Nelson



Pictures by Bill Swift

The Shadow Clan Patch

By: Zach Shepherd

The Shadow Clan Patch is an honor our Lodge began offering last year.

Each Lodge member can earn 1 per year. The first one you earn will have a red border, the second a dark green, the third a dark blue, the fourth a gold and the fifth a purple (the lodge color).

In order to earn a patch you must accumulate 100 points. There are many ways to earn points(see included sheet).

Points can be carried over from year to year ONLY if you do not earn the patch that year. For example: I earned around 300 points this year, I get one patch and start with zero points next year.

Each year, those that earn the patch are recognized at the Winter banquet.

Forms must be given to a lodge officer, which are then given to Phil Chatterton before the end of the Fall Fellowship.

We Want you!

If you are interested in becoming a Committee Chairperson, Advisor, or Committee Member, contact any member of the LEC (see page 4 for contact information)



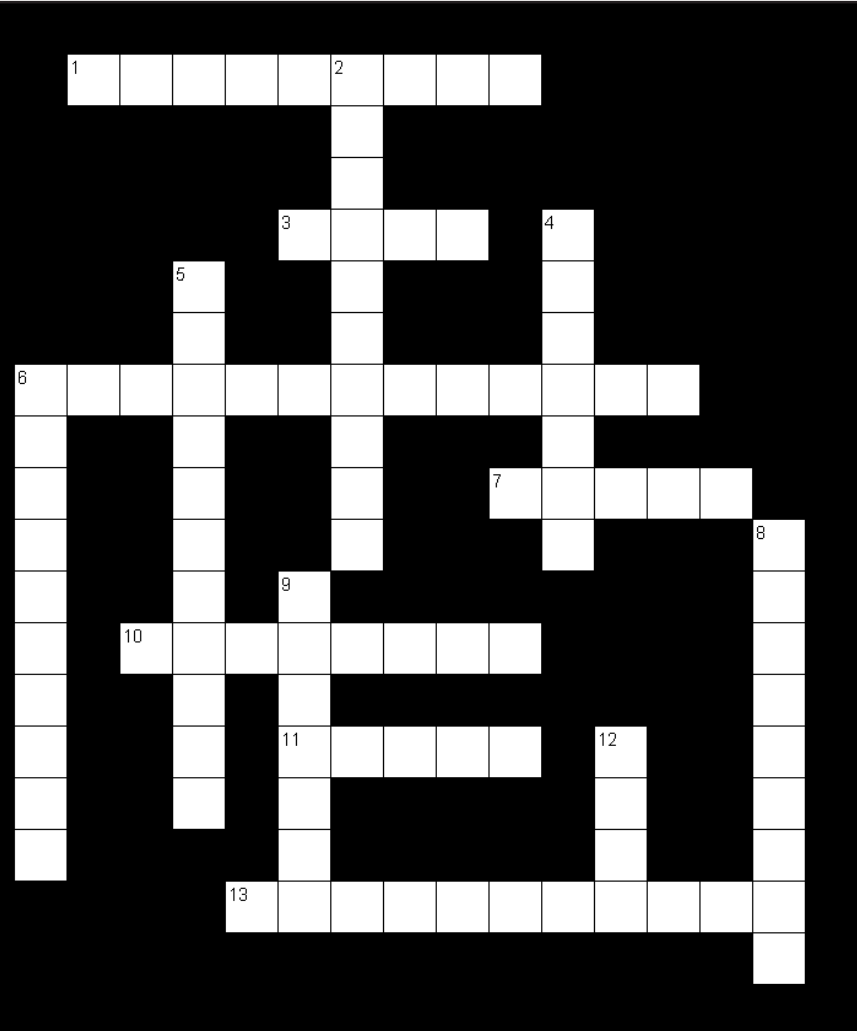
Across:

- 1) Guides a group of candidates during the ordeal.
- 3)The first word of the OA song.
- 6)The Chief
- 7)The Medicine Man
- 10)Wingolauchsik
- 11)The highest honor in the Order of the Arrow
- 13) The Tribe in the Legend

Down:

- 2)The Promise of our Order
- 4)The Guard
- 5)Wimachtendienk
- 6)Password to the Ceremonies
- 8)The Guide
- 9)Witahemui
- 12)A group of ordeal candidates

Answers will be in the next Newsletter!!



Fall Fellowship Recap

The Fall Fellowship this year washeld at Camp Woodland on October 8th-10th, 2004. This year, it was a big hit, with new events, never been done before.

This year, a checkers tournament was held for the first time, with an astounding 14 contestants battling for the first place prize. The winner was Mike Murphy, who was awarded first place in line at the Ice Cream Social that night. A camp-wide capture the flag was played, with great funacross the camp.

A unique opportunity came to us as well, with three members of the section attending the event. The lodge was given advice as to what to do to become a better lodge. The section also showed a video to the lodge

recaping the 2004 Seciton Conclave at Henderson Scout Reservation.

The Fellowship is the one time of the year when the lodge has time to relax and enjoy the wilderness. This event involves no required service, and provides an excellent opportunity for lodge members to get back together and see each other again.

The Winter Banquet is the other time for members to get together again. We will all be coming together again for the Winter Banquet to be entertained and fed. Pre-registration is required for the event, so please fill out the form below and send it in. We hope to see you there at the North Pole Fire Station.

-- Zach Shepherd

The Website

The lodge website is a primary source of communication within the lodge along with the .

Recently it has been in the process of being redone, and it has been uploaded in its new and improved form.

The website can be accessed at lodge219.org. If you have trouble viewing the webiste, or see mistakes or problems with the site, than please feel free to contact the me, by e-mailing me at -----

If you would like to help out with the website, or know of something that may help me out, then call me at ----- Even though lodge219.com is also available, it will not be for very long, so do not use it to often.

-- David Meyer

2005 Winter Banquet Pre- Registration Form:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of people attending: _____ @ \$15/person = \$ _____

Method of Payment: _____ Credit Card _____ Check

Circle One: MasterCard Visa

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____/_____/_____ Signature: _____

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION

This form must be received by January 1st at:

OA Winter Banquet Registration

Hiawatha Seaway Council

113 Twin Oaks Dr

Syracuse NY 13206

Upcomming Events:

December 11, 2004

LEC Meeting at Gander Mountain in Watertown

January 8, 2005

LEC Meeting at Gander Mountain in Watertown

January 15, 2005

Winter Banquet at the North Pole Fire Station

March 12, 2005

LEC Meeting at Gander Mountain in Watertown

May 6-7, 2005

Vigil Ceremony at Camp Portaferry (Vigil Members and Nominees only)

May 7, 2005

Porteferry Beaver Day and LEC Meeting at Porteferry

June 10-12, 2005

Amangi Mawinsin IV ("The Great Gathering") at Camp Woodland

July 25- August 3

National Scout Jamboree

October 7-9, 2005

Fall Fellowship Induction at Camp Portaferry

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