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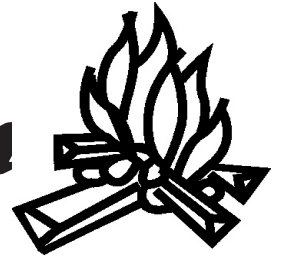


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Come celebrate *Christmas* at
the Amangi!

Attention Ordeal Members!!!

Has it been ten months or more since your Ordeal week-end? Have you taken advantage of the opportunities for brotherhood by attending additional Lodge events? Have you continued to stand as an example of selfless service in your troop? Have you considered sealing your membership at the Brotherhood Ceremony to be held at the Spring Fellowship Saturday evening June 9th?

Following ten months of service as an Ordeal member, arrowmen are asked to reaffirm their belief in the high purposes of the Order by self-evaluating service to their troop and contemplating their future service to the Lodge. Requirements along the Brotherhood Trail help us, through further reflection, to understand the Ordeal and the Order into which we were inducted. Now it is time to prepare yourself for full brotherhood in our order by traveling the trail to your own brotherhood ceremony.

Begin by reviewing the steps necessary found in the last copy of our newsletter, in your OA handbook (on page 50), or by using jumpstart on the OA website (www.jumpstart.oe-bsa.org). When you feel you are prepared for Brotherhood, send in your advance registration to the Amangi Mawinsin with your letter to the Lodge notifying us of your intentions so we can be prepared to welcome each of you at the Brotherhood Ceremony to be held that week-end. (See the pre-registration form also included in this newsletter). We encourage you to take the next step toward a higher vision and purpose by sealing your membership in the Order with your Brotherhood ceremony. We are waiting to welcome you fully in the Brotherhood of the Order.

Fellowship Events

The Amangi Mawinsin is coming up fast! Get your registration in now! Come and have fun in the sun and celebrate Christmas . . . in June! Fall Fellowship is going to be just as fun! Start planning to attend now!

Everyone wishing to attend fellowship events must pre-register and pay all registration fees. To do this you can call the Council Office at 463-0201 or 1-877-243-8259 and pay by credit card (accepted cards listed on form below) or you can mail in the attached form with your payment. When registering by mail you may pay by check, money order or credit card. If you register early (at least 10 days before the Fellowship Weekend, i.e. by May 28, 2007 for the Spring Amangi Mawinsin, or by October 1, 2007 for the Fall Fellowship) the fee is reduced \$5.00. The full fee is due for those registering less than 10 days prior to the weekend.

Please cut out and include the form below with your payment when registering by mail. Send to the Council Office at the address shown on the form.

Order of the Arrow
Kayane mh-Kowa
Lodge 219



Hiawatha Seaway Council
113 Twin Oaks Drive
Syracuse, NY 13206

Order of the Arrow Event Registration Form

Ordeal \$40; Brotherhood \$32; General Membership \$20

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Check one: Youth

Adult

Email: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Payment: _____

Check or money order
\$ _____ Amount enclosed

Made payable to:
Hiawatha Seaway Council

Credit card

American Express VISA

MasterCard Discover

Card No. _____

Expiration Date: _____

Please send return receipt



Attention!

A receipt will be issued to all OA members donating items to the auctions at lodge OA events. The receipt will be worth 50% of the amount of the final selling price of the item donated, and can be redeemed for merchandise at the lodge OA trading post.

Arrow Corps 5

5 sites
5 weeks
5 thousand volunteers
Order of the Arrow's
Arrow Corps 5
A Higher Adventure

Arrow Corps 5 will provide an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each participant to set an example of leadership in service to those who treasure our national forests. Five thousand physically fit volunteers, made up of youth and adults, will participate.

Arrow Corps 5 is a national service project coordinated by the Order of the Arrow working closely with the United States Forest Service. Together they have chosen five project sites, spread across America, which will be the focus of the combined effort during the summer of 2008.

Participants will pay a reasonable fee to help pay for their accommodations, meals, and a full day of recreational activities during the program at or near the service site. Possible recreational activities include: canoeing, horseback riding, fishing, mountain biking, whitewater rafting, kayaking, mountain climbing, water skiing, house boating, float trips, visits to a dinosaur quarry, nearby museums and historical sites, or sightseeing in Teton and Yellowstone National Parks.

The five sites are: Mark Twain National Forrest in Missouri, June 7-14; Manti-La Sal National Forest in Utah, June 14-21; George Washington and Jefferson National Forests in Virginia, June 21-28; Shasta-Trinity National Forest in California, July 12-19; and Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming, July 26-August 2.

The weekly schedule will be: Day 1 (Saturday) - arrival, check-in, and physical requirement confirmation all day. Evening dinner, which is the first meal served, will be followed by the opening assembly; Day 2 - Crew assignments, worksite/safety training and shakedown; Days 3, 4, 5, and 6 - service at worksite with trained foreman; Day 7 - ½ day of service at the worksite, clean-up, rest, and evening dinner, followed by a closing assembly and recognitions; Day 8 - departure after breakfast. One full day of recreational activities will replace one of the worksite days (3, 4, 5, or 6).

Keep your eye on the Order of the Arrow National website (www.oa-bsa.org) for additional information on this and other exciting opportunities!



Sabbatis

Look for an expanded Order of the Arrow presence during your stay at Sabattis for summer camp this year. Friday will be Order of the Arrow service day: bring an OA t-shirt to wear during the day. There will also be an Order of the Arrow recognition ceremony, so don't forget to pack your OA sash to wear with your uniform!

Elections

OA elections have begun for this year! Get your elections scheduled with an election team now!

Lodge elections are fast approaching! Come to the Amangi and get your vote in!

If you are considering service to the lodge in an elected office, now is the time to submit your letters of intention.

Winter Banquet

This January 13th over 100 Arrowmen and guests gathered at Immaculate Heart Central Intermediate School, Watertown, for an exciting night of camaraderie, delicious food, and special honors.

After registering, Lodge members had the opportunity to visit the trading post, bid on items during the silent auction, view the patch displays, socialize with friends, both old and new, and, of course check out the appetizers!

This year's dinner was catered by Cindy Swan and it was truly outstanding! The dedicated kitchen crew and set-up volunteers worked overtime to insure that everything from the buffet to the place settings were perfect. The menu included chicken and biscuits, pasta, beef stroganoff, mashed potatoes, veggies, salad, rolls, and finally (if you had any room left) cake. If you left hungry after this feast you had no one to blame but yourself!

The evening's guest speaker was Chip Cenci, Troop 99, Minoa. Chip's presentation documented his recent completion of a 2,174 mile "hike of a life-time" on the Appalachian Trail. He also had a display of his trail equipment and supplies and was happy to answer questions about his 6-month trek.

Lodge Awards and Presentations were next. Honored this year were:

MOST SPIRITED ARROWMAN - Alex S. Tyler

MOST OUTSTANDING ARROWMAN - Nate Wadsworth

BEST COMMITTEE - Ceremonial

FOUNDER'S AWARD, Youth - Zach Shepherd

Adult - Ed Coe

VIGIL HONOR CANDIDATES -Dan Quay, Jeff McBroom, and Pam Nelson

TED SWAN SCHOLARSHIP - Chip Gianfagna

All too soon the benediction was said and it was time to go. A special thanks to everyone who helped to make our Banquet such a success through their hard work and attendance.



1st Annual Ted Swan, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

This year's Kayanernh-Kowa Lodge 219's annual banquet was the site for the recognition and awarding of the first annual Ted Swan, Jr. Memorial OA Scholarship. This scholarship was developed to recognize a member of our Lodge for service to Scouting, the Lodge and the community. This \$500 scholarship, available to all current Lodge members who have completed at least one semester of college study by the winter banquet, was given to Christopher "Chip" Gianfagna from Troop 22 in Watertown, NY.

Chip is an Eagle Scout, and is an alumnus of Camp Portaferry staff. He was involved in a scout troop and a venture crew in Watertown, NY. He was a member of the chapter OA election team. He was captain of the varsity tennis team and competed in the Feats of Clay ceramic competition in high school. He is currently a member of the Western College Mountain Search and Rescue team. He volunteers for the collegiate Academic Leadership Program, and participates in intramural athletics. He attends college in Colorado.

Ted Swan, Jr. passed away in June of 2002. He was a member of Lodge 219 and served as Tri Rivers District Executive. Ted taught sixth grade and was Vice Principal at Sacred Heart School in Watertown. He enjoyed working with people, and his efforts centered on helping children and assisting adults in providing programming and funding for scouting in our area. The Ted Swan, Jr. Memorial Fund Committee was formed in 2003 as a way to raise funds in Ted's memory to benefit Veteran's organizations, youth organizations, and Scouting. The Memorial Fund Committee and the Swan family are proud to be able to award the first annual Ted Swan, Jr. Memorial OA Scholarship to Chip Gianfagna. Congratulations, Chip.

Look for an application for next year's scholarship this summer. Applications can be obtained at the council office or through an LEC member. This will be an annual award, given out at each year's banquet.

2007 Conclave

Conclave 2007 : Arrow Wars MMVII is rapidly approaching. For those who seek adventure and further knowledge in the Order of the Arrow attendance is a **must!** The Conclave is always fun but this year promises to be even better than previous years. As th name implies, Conclave 2007 : Arrow Wars MMVII is going to be based on Star Wars! Preregistration is mandatory and due no later than mid-June. Don't miss this long-awaited intergalactic event! Come to the Amangi prepared to preregister. Get your light sabers ready! Focus your mind! **Control the Force!** Arrow Wars MMVII, coming August 17th!



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- ~ LEC 4/14/07 Gander Mountain 10am-4pm
- ~ Ceremonies Team Meeting 4/14/07
Gander Mountain 1pm
- ~ Vigil 5/4-5/07 Camp Portaferry
- ~ LEC 5/12/07 Adams Fire Hall 10am-4pm
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Gander Mountain 1pm
- ~ Council-wide Spring Camporee
5/18-20/07 Lowville
- ~ Amangi Mawinsin 6/8-10/07 Camp Woodland
- ~ Conclave reservation final deadline 6/18/07
- ~ LLDC 7/13-15/07
- ~ Leadership Summit 7/27-8/07
- ~ Conclave 8/17-19/07
- ~ Fall Fellowship 10/12-14/07