



# The Monaken



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Summer Edition

## Mark Your Calendars

July 9, 16, 23, 30.....OA Tap Outs,  
Wear Your Sash All Day, and  
Open Lodge Meetings  
July 10, 17, 24, 31.....Ice Cream  
Socials @ the Dining Hall  
July 23.....Vigil Call Out  
August 22-24.....Fall Ordeal  
September 12-14.....Aquanuschioni  
Pow Wow  
Oct 3-4.....LLDC  
Oct 17-19.....Woodchuck Weekend  
November 9.....Family Banquet

Don't forget to submit a  
completed Consent Form each  
year. You can print copies from  
our Web site at  
[www.oamonaken.org](http://www.oamonaken.org).

If you would like to help out during  
our event weekends or have any  
questions, comments, or con-  
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Brothers,

Thank you so much for making the Spring Ordeal a complete success. Monaken Lodge inducted 33 Brothers into the Brotherhood Honor, achieving a 31% conversion rate as of the Ordeal. 35 members took their Ordeal at the Spring Ordeal; I would like to congratulate and welcome those members. We got a lot of work done during the work day, even in all the heat everyone stayed cooled and hydrated. Monaken Lodge and the Juniata Valley Council thank each one of you who came out to the Spring Ordeal to help work. Without your work, Summer Camp would not be possible.

One of the big things we are seeking is for members to renew their Lodge dues for the 2009 year. The money from your dues supports many programs offered by the Lodge, Section, Region, and National. If you or anyone you know needs to pay their dues for 2009, stop in at the Camp Office, Council Office, or at any Lodge weekend to pay your dues. If you paid the 2008 dues, it's only \$10.00; and 2007 and before it is only \$20.00.

This summer, Monaken Lodge has a lot going on at Summer Camp. We will be conducting surveys, meeting with each Troop, having ice cream socials, and so much more. We invite you to wear your sash each Wednesday during Summer Camp and come on out for the Call Out Ceremony and Crackerbarrel each Wednesday and Ice Cream Social each Thursday.

This August will begin to wind down my term as Lodge Chief. At the Fall Ordeal August 22-24, we will be electing new Officers who will take office October 1. I invite you all to come out to the Fall Ordeal; you can register online at [www.oamonaken.org](http://www.oamonaken.org) or by calling the Council Office at (717) 667-9236. Registration will begin July 21.

I look forward to seeing you this summer and at the Fall Ordeal.

In WWW,  
Jon Cherry

2008 Lodge Chief

## The Pins are In

All of the pins that go onto the standard Lodge flap are in. If you have been to an event in 2007 or 2008, you are eligible to purchase either a "W," "103," "Lodge," or Weed pin. Pins will be available at the Fall Ordeal and can be purchased for \$3.00 a pin.

## Rimmey Lodge Patches

The Rimmey Lodge Oval patches will be available throughout Summer Camp and at all Lodge events until they are sold out. All Scouts and Scouters will be able to purchase the patch for \$4.00 each. The Rimmey Lodge Flap patches will be available starting at the Fall Ordeal for \$7.00 each. Only Lodge members are eligible to purchase them.

Limited edition printed Rimmey oval patches will be auctioned off at 3 events: 5 at the patch auction during week 3 at camp, 5 at Fall Ordeal, and 5 at Woodchuck Ordeal. Ten of the 25 printed oval patches will be held in our patch vault for future auctions.

## Adult Founder's Award Nominees

### Kevin H. Lindsey

As a Boy Scout I had Hurley Thomas as Scoutmaster who impressed the Scouting ideals upon me. I advanced through the ranks and normal leadership positions in the normal fashion. I lost interest with Boy Scouts when I succumbed to perfume and gas fumes. I completed my Eagle Service Project three months before my eighteenth birthday.

I became active again with Scouting with my three sons. Eric and Chad made Life Scout rank, and Ian became my Eagle on Feb. 15, 2007. His interest in the OA has propelled me to also become active. I caught the bug at the 2005 Conclave at Camp Potomac in Maryland. As I lay in the Adirondack with the glow of campfire and quiet conversation, the stars in the sky, and the distant beat from the drum team, I knew I was where I should be.

I have become Brotherhood and am at all OA activities. I enjoy the "cheerful service" and plan on continuous involvement as long as I am able.

I do not look for awards or singling out for what I consider to be the normal everyday outlook and ethics that I have had instilled in me, and which I hope to pass on to others. I totally enjoy being with the boys of the OA. The transformations that the OA provides, in young men, are those that I consider valuable for life's lessons. When I see the leadership that takes place, the work and play, the shared commitments, I feel better about the next generation of leaders. I have been grateful that the guys think as highly of me as I think of them and that is reward enough.

Boy Scout 1971 ; OA Ordeal 1973; Explorer Post 2408 McClure 1975 - 1978; Eagle Boy Scout 6/29/1978; Asst. Scoutmaster Burnham Troop# 6, 1994 – 1998; Asst. Scoutmaster Alfarata Troop# 113, 2003 to present; OA Brotherhood 2006

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### David Mitch

As a youth, I was only a Cub Scout for a short period of time. I have always felt that Scouting has a vital role in our society.

I became involved with Scouting again as an adult in 1992 when our oldest son became a Wolf Cub. In 1996, we moved to Juniata Valley Council and became a registered merit badge counselor. Since then, I have been an assistant Webelos leader, Webelos Leader, member of Boy Scout Committee, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner for Shawnee District, and Scoutmaster of Troop 9.

I am Woodbadge trained, and serve as a Trainer at Summer Camp. Also, I am on summer camp volunteer staff and have been trained as Campmaster. I am a merit badge counselor for several merit badges, and a recipient of Shawnee District Award of Merit and Unit MVP.

I am a father of four sons (all Scouts), two of which are Eagle Scouts, three of which are still active in the Order of the Arrow.

During my employment with Conrail, I was Chairman of Operation Lifesaver in Harrisburg Division, and gave public presentations about safety around railroad crossings and near tracks.

Over the years, I have been an Assistant Soccer coach and Little League coach. I have also been a member of the East Juniata Music Boosters. Presently, I am Vice President of the East Juniata Quarterback Club.

I like to fish and hunt and have taken Troop 9 to assist the Richfield Sportsmen Club in stocking trout. My other hobbies are painting walking sticks and working with leather.

My ambitions are to help my Troop, District, Council, and Lodge with any talents I have. I am proud to be an active Brotherhood Member of Monaken Lodge 103.

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### Jane Mitch

I am married with 4 sons and our whole family has been involved with Boy Scouting over the last 15 years in some capacity. Two of my four sons have attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

I became involved with Boy Scouts in 1992 when my oldest son Damian became a Wolf Cub in Pack 3400 in Kreamer, PA. I was parent helper in Pack 3400 until 1995 and also with Troop 3400 Kreamer until 1996 when we moved to Richfield.

Our family transferred into Troop 61 in Richfield in 1996. I served on Troop 61 Committee as Secretary. I also became involved in Pack 161 in 1996 as a Tiger Cub parent with Tyler, and then with Eric. I then served Pack 161 as a Tiger Leader, Den Leader, Webelos Leader, and am currently serving as Cubmaster.

I am also currently an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 9 in Evendale, PA. I serve as a merit badge counselor within Juniata Valley Council for numerous merit badges.

I am currently Shawnee District Committee member being the Cub Scout Training Chair. Dave and I serve as Campmaster's for 7 Mountains Camp. I am the Boy Scout Training Chair for Summer Camp Scoutmaster training and serve the camp as volunteer summer camp

staff. I am a Brotherhood member of Monaken Lodge. I have received the District Award of Merit and Unit MVP Award.

I have attended Philmont Training Center, Camp School Training, and was awarded my Woodbadge beads in 2006.

Past positions within Juniata Valley Council have been Shawnee District Day Camp Director, Juniata Valley Council Cub Camporee Program Director and Council Day Camp Director, Summer Camp Visiting Commissioner, and Interim Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner.

In our community I held the position of East Juniata Music Booster Vice President. I served as the Ways and Means (Fundraising) Chair and Trip Coordinator. I am a current member of the East Juniata Quarterback Club.

In the past I have been Richfield Little League President, Richfield Youth Soccer Coach, and Richfield Little League coach.

My hobbies are reading, swimming, riding our Harley, spending time with family and friends, hanging out at the beach, and traveling.

## Youth Founder's Award Nominees

### Ethan Kibe

Ethan has been in the Scouting program since first grade when he joined Pack 107 as a Tiger Scout. He progressed through the years and ranks of a Cub Scout and received the Arrow of Light award. As he crossed over from Cub Scout to Boy Scout, he and five of his friends had the task of restarting Troop 106 of Milroy.

In 2003, Ethan was tapped out and inducted into the Order of the Arrow. Here he assumed the position of Shawnee Vice Chief and more recently the Lodge's First Vice Chief. Through the work with the OA and his two years working on camp staff, Ethan has shown his love and devotion to both the camp and the Scouting program. Ethan has spent a great deal of time at camp this year, helping out where he can and spending time with the staff.

### Jon Cherry

Jon Cherry has been a part of the Scouting program since becoming a Tiger Scout in the first grade. After

growing in the ranks of Pack 168, he crossed over to Troop 68 after earning his Arrow of Light in 2000. He became an Eagle Scout in the beginning of 2007 and was honored with the Medal of Merit from the Boy Scouts in 2006.

Jon became an Ordeal member in the spring of 2002 and a Brotherhood member in the spring of 2003. Since becoming a member of the Lodge, he has held numerous Chapter and Lodge positions, where currently he is the Lodge Chief. In 2005, Jon was chosen to receive the Vigil Honor. He also was chosen by the Brothers of Section NE-4B to serve as Section Vice Chief in 2007. He attended NOAC in 2004; had NLS training at Camp Alpine, New Jersey; and participated in the NCLS training in 2007.

### James Query

While being a youngster, I enjoyed the Scouting program, the whole way up from Tiger to Webelos. In doing so I learned a great deal about myself and the people around me. My brothers,

which I followed up through, gave me the determination I needed to keep going. A member of Pack 248, I started my journey as a lonely Tiger, gaining power and momentum until I reached Webelos, when I transferred to Pack 204. I finished up with Pack 204, with awesome memories and skills I would have never thought I had. I have been very active since joining troop 204, finishing with the rank of Eagle Scout. Once I received membership in the Lodge, I have been very active. I have served as elangomat, on the Executive Board overseeing publications, and currently as NOAC chairman. I have been very active in the Lodge and sealed my Vigil honor membership last fall. I have been to all the Conclaves since I have been in and also have been to the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2006. Staying very active in the Order of the Arrow and Scouting are my primary goals as I get older. Giving back to camp is one of the most fun things to do, and that's why you see me all the time. I try to give back when I have the opportunity.

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## *ARROWCORPS 5* *A HIGHER ADVENTURE*

By: Nick Struble

What can I say but that AC5 was an awesome adventure and one of the best Scouting experiences I have ever had. I spent a week in Virginia at George Washington and Jefferson National Park. We worked, we played, and we worked some more. My crew helped to

create 5 miles of trail for horse riding and hiking while others created new camp sites that were open for business the day we left. We were allowed one recreational day where we could go fishing, take a tour historic Virginia, or (what I did) white water rafting in the New Gorge River in West Virginia. The other AC5 sites were Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri, Manti-La Sal National Forest in Utah, Shasta-Trinity National Forest in California, and Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming. At those sites they did trail maintenance and creation, removed invasive plant species, and completed bridgework, fencing, and erosion control projects.

I got to meet Arrowmen from all over the United States and made great friends who I hope to meet up with at NOAC. Check out the official videos of ArrowCorp<sup>5</sup> at <http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/arrowcorps5/index.php?p=onsite/siteinreview>, and I'll post my personal pics on the Monaken Web site.

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### OA High Adventure

Looking for a little different experience at Philmont, Sea Base, or Northern Tier? Combine the trip of a lifetime with an opportunity to give back and leave your mark on our high adventure camps. You can work on restoring portage trails in the Boundary Waters, build trails in the backcountry by clearing terrain and constructing switchbacks, retention bars, and erosion controls at Philmont, or take wildlife samples and perform island restoration in the Florida Keys. Whatever touches your soul, you can combine a love of the outdoors with a great service opportunity. Check out the High Adventure Order of the Arrow Web site at <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/index.php> and choose your adventure. Or, make plans to visit all three and work on a Triple Crown Award!

## Lodge Officer and Committee Reports

### NOAC

Hey brothers,

Next summer there will be a NOAC. For those who don't know what that means, it stands for National Order of the Arrow Conference. Yes, that's right, *national*. Arrowmen will be gathering all across the United States in one place for week-long fun and fellowship. The dates for this great event are August 1-6 2009. Don't know what to expect? To know whether its worth it, just talk to the guys that went in 2006; they will tell you what an awesome time it is. I am also currently working on a video so you Arrowmen that have not attended yet can see first hand how cool it is to go. If you have any questions about NOAC,

feel free to email me at [jimmy\\_the\\_jet2007@excite.com](mailto:jimmy_the_jet2007@excite.com), or ask me at the next OA event!!!! Have a great and safe summer!!

YIS,  
James Query

### Treasurer's Report

Brothers,

If you know anyone who needs to pay their dues, please have them check in with me. My e-mail is [treasurer@oamonaken.org](mailto:treasurer@oamonaken.org).

YIS,  
Your friendly neighborhood Treasurer

## 2009 Events

(tentative)

Jan 9-11.....	Executive Board Retreat
Feb 20-22.....	Pow Wow
April 24-26.....	Chapter Weekend
May 29-30.....	Conclave
June 5-7.....	Spring Ordeal
Aug 14-17.....	Fall Ordeal
Sept 11-13.....	Aqua. Pow Wow
Oct 2-4.....	LLDC
Oct 16-18 or 23-25.....	Woodchuck
Nov 8.....	Family Banquet

## Lodge Challenge

Our goals for membership are: 50 Ordeal members to take their Brotherhood at the Fall Ordeal and 250 members renewing their dues by the Fall Ordeal.

From the showing we had at the Spring Ordeal, these numbers should be easy to hit. But, we need everyone's help to meet this challenge. Encourage members to take their Brotherhood and people who aren't active in the Lodge to renew their dues.

Monaken Brother (s)

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