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Monaken Lodge to host Upcoming Conclave

Brothers,

If you are not aware yet, Monaken Lodge will be hosting the 2010 Conclave at Seven Mountains Scout Camp June 11-13, 2010. This will be a spectacular weekend as we bring the other four Lodges from our Section to camp for the weekend.

This upcoming year marks a very special year for not only our Lodge, but for the entire United States. 2010 marks the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in the United States. That means for 100 years: the Boy Scouts have contributed service to communities across the United States; made leaders out of Scouts; made Eagle Scouts; and offered merit badges and camping opportunities to those, whom otherwise, wouldn't have such an opportunity.

Though the Section won't decide the theme of the Conclave for another couple months, Monaken Lodge is looking to have the theme of the Conclave incorporate Scouting's vast history into the theme.

We are also calling on all Lodge members to participate in this Conclave. We will need a lot of Lodge Brothers to help staff various areas including hospitality, commissary, service corps, and administration. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jon Cherry or Paul Grego.

We also have established a website (www.conclave2010.monaken.org) that will provide up-to-date news and information regarding Conclave. Also on the website, be sure to sign up for the email list that will provide important staff updates.

We have a lot to get ready for to make sure that this is a Conclave that will be unforgettable for all those in attendance. But we will need your

help. In this newsletter there is a flyer in which I encourage you to make copies of and to distribute to your Unit's meetings and to your fellow Scouts.

We will be having regular meetings to get ready for Conclave. There will be weekly informational meetings held Friday evenings following campfire in the Dining Hall. Our next general meeting will be Saturday night during the evening program in the Dining Hall (August 15, 2009) at the Fall Ordeal. I encourage you all to come out to these and all meetings.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at joncherry@gmail.com or (717) 994-0647. You can also contact Paul Grego, my adviser, at pmsgreg@gmail.com or (717) 250-0389. I am looking forward to working with you this upcoming year.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Jon Cherry

2010 Conclave Chairman

Who's rockin'???

...Monaken!

Brothers reflect on this year's Conclave

Conclave was an awesome event that was held at Heritage Scout Reservation the weekend of May 29-31. We had 37 attendees and over half of those attending from our Lodge were adults.

Thank you all that came out. Also congratulations to Teddy Kostich who was elected Section NE-4B Secretary.

YIS,

Seth Clark

2009 Conclave Chairman

Nittany Chapter Update

Brothers,

This is Kyle Surovec speaking, your Nittany Chapter Chief. I just have a few things to say, so here it goes. Firstly, I would like to congratulate all of the new Ordeal and Brotherhood members. Being elected into the Order of the Arrow is a huge honor, and you should feel very proud. Second, Nittany Chapter is working on another fundraiser, Sheetz gift cards. We would make a \$1.50 profit for every \$4.00 we sold. We think its a great idea. I will be contacting scoutmasters with further information. We have also just had another order of T-shirts arrive, so if you want one, contact one of the Chapter officers. Lastly, we have decided to have a fellowship day at spring creek park. This is a great opportunity to mingle and just have fun with the people in our Nitawesome chapter. I will be in touch with further information on that also. Well, thanks for listening.

Your Chapter Chief,

Kyle Surovec

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NOTE FROM THE CHIEF

Executive Board Updates



Brothers,

There is an old quote that states, "We drink from wells that we did not dig, and we are warmed by fires that we did not build." That quote rings especially true as we are mentored through our early years as Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Those of us who carry onward in Scouting take our turns at tending the fires as they dwindle and digging new wells as old ones become dry. As I finish the last few months of my term as your Chief and as a youth in Scouts, I think about those who came before me and the benefits I've had because of their diligence and hard work. I am also keenly aware of those who follow and hope that my work will benefit them.

As a Lodge, there is no doubt that our collective work benefits those who follow our path. We have achieved many goals and our commitment to service will help to sustain our camp and Council into the future. Our fires remain bright.

It was an honor to be elected by my peers to serve as Chief this year. I have many great memories of Scouting—my seven years on summer camp staff, trips to Sea Base and Philmont, my participation in Arrow Corp 5 last summer in George Washington and Jefferson National Park, earning my Eagle, participating in National Leadership Seminar and camp school—and having the opportunity to be a part of the leadership of our Lodge. In closing, I just want to say thanks.

YIS,

Nick Struble

Oneida Chapter

This year has been very successful for Oneida Chapter. The goals have been met and Chapter membership has increased. I'd like to thank our Chapter advisors Mike Kemp and Fred McClain for their help in making this year turn out so well, and good luck to those officers who will be elected during the next term. I hope everyone had a good time this year and that we will see all of you at events in the future.

Rich Schur - Oneida Chapter Chief

Lodge Secretary

Brothers,

Due to my recent election to the position of Secretary of Section NE-4B, and the fact that I am headed off to college, I will not be running for any Lodge positions. I have most thoroughly enjoyed serving in the positions of Lodge Secretary and Cub Scout Chairman, and would like to thank anyone who helped me along the way! I strongly encourage anyone interested in a Lodge or Chapter position to ask questions and go for it. Also, next year, Monaken Lodge is hosting Conclave, and I am excited to be able to work closely with the Lodge as a Section Officer. I know we can put on an awesome program!!!! Best wishes to Monaken Lodge and the new officers! Always remember: Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service.

YIS

Teddy Kostich - Lodge Secretary

Cub Scout Committee

Brothers,

The Monaken Lodge Cub Scout Committee recently helped out at Cub Scout Day Camp by hosting a station teaching the Map and Compass Belt Loop. Colton Fogleman, Seth Clark, Patrick Fitzgerald, and Mitch Kepner taught the Belt Loop to the Cub Scout classes throughout the three days of Camp. The instruction included orienteering maps, drawing maps, identifying landmarks, and actually going out on a course. They did a great job, and everyone should give them a thank you next time you see them.

Teddy Kostich - Cub Scout Chairman

Monaken Lodge invites you to the Fall Ordeal

August 14-16, 2009

Brothers can take their Ordeal and Brotherhood during this weekend.

More information and to register, please visit www.monaken.org

What is the Founders Award? *by the National Order of the Arrow*

Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

The Award is a handsome bronze medallion bearing the likenesses of E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson, with wooden base and brass plate suitable for engraving. Also available is a special Founder's Award arrow ribbon, with a gold colored arrow suspended from a red ribbon.

Founders Award Selection and Presentation

Nominations for the Founders Award were taken during the Spring Ordeal, when the youth and adult nominations were narrowed down to three candidates. At the Fall Ordeal, the youth will vote for the adult recipient and adults will vote for the youth recipient. Both the adult and youth recipients of the Founders Award will be announced then at the Family Banquet held in Shawnee Chapter on November 8, 2009.



Adults

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 a parent helper in Pack 3400 until 1995, and also helped with Troop 3400 in 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 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, and am the current Shawnee District Commissioner. Dave and I serve as Campmaster's for 7 Mountains Camp. I am the 2009 Program Director for summer camp and Cub Scout Day Camp Director. I am a Vigil Honor member of Monaken Lodge, and I have received the District Award of Merit, Unit MVP Award, and in 2008, the Silver Beaver Award. I have attended Philmont Training Center, Camp School Training as a participant and staff, and was awarded my Woodbadge beads in 2006. Past positions within Juniata Valley Council have been Shawnee District Day Camp Director, Shawnee District Training Chair, Juniata Valley Council Cub Camporee Program 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 my family and friends, hanging out at the beach, and traveling.

George Walters

My name is George I. Walters Jr. I have been married to my wife Rose for 44 years. We have two sons. Both my sons are Eagle Scouts. My whole family has been involved with Boy Scouts for many years. My family has four generations of Eagle Scouts, with a total of six Eagles.

I became involved with scouts in 1953 when I became a Wolf Scout. In 1955 I became a Tenderfoot Scout and worked my way to Eagle in 1958 receiving Bronze, Gold and Silver palms. I have 58 merit badges in all. I got the Explorer Silver award, God and Country Award, Scouters Key, Scouters Training Award and Webelos Training Award.

I was also Cub leader when my boys were in cubs. I was Cubmaster when the boys were small.

I was also an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 9, and Scoutmaster for many years with Troop 9 in Lewistown. I was an Assistant Explorer Advisor with Post 9 for years.

I am currently a unit commissioner for Shawnee District. O.A. advisor for Monaken Lodge, and Advisor for Crew 8 in Lewistown, PA. I serve as a merit badge counselor with Juniata Valley Council.

I also am Woodbadge trained. I have helped with the BB gun range for Cub Day Camp for the past two years and am planning to again this year.

I am a Vigil member of The Monaken Lodge, and go to all O.A. activities. I totally enjoy being with the boys and men of the O.A.

My hobbies are hunting, fishing, traveling, Boy Scouts, and spending time with family and friends.

Adults continued

Kevin 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 participate 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.

Youth

Eric Mitch

I am seventeen years old and have been in Scouting since Tiger Cubs. I was one of the first members of Troop 9 in Evendale, which started in 2003. We started off with five Scouts, and my parents are the Scoutmasters. Now we have over twenty members in the troop and a large committee and many Assistant Scoutmasters. I have held the positions of Chaplain, Patrol Leader, Den Chief, and many others, including my most recent of Senior Patrol Leader. Currently I serve as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. I entered the Order of the Arrow about three years ago. Since taking my ordeal, I have spent a lot of time at Seven Mountains Scout Camp. I spend almost every weekend there. I have been the Dance and Drum Chairman for the past three years. I love to see the Order succeed and prosper. At school, I play

football, wrestling, and baseball. I have already been appointed team captain for wrestling and football. I love every waking moment at Scout Camp. Since my freshman year, I have spent almost every weekend at Seven Mountains working to make it a special place for everyone. Scouting is my life now. I have devoted everything to Camp and Scouting. I spent the past six summers on Camp Staff to show my devotion.

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, Lodge First Vice Chief, and more recently the office of Second 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.

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 an 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.

2009 Lodge Calendar

July 5 - August 1	Summer Camp
August 1-6	NOAC - Indiana State University
August 14-16	Fall Ordeal
August 15	Conclave 2010 Meeting
September 26-27	LLDC
September 25-27	NLS / NLATS at Camp Alpine, NJ
October 16-18	Woodchuck Ordeal
November 8	Family Banquet
June 11-13, 2010	Conclave 2010, Seven Mountains Scout Camp

For additional calendar items, please visit www.monaken.org/resources/calendar.html

Order of the Arrow Updates

- Former NE-4B Section Chief Ken Hager will receive the Distinguished Service Award at NOAC 2009
- Teddy Kostich was elected the 2009-2010 Section Secretary for Section NE-4B
- In 2010, Scouting will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in the US

In 2008,

- there were 305 lodges in the Nation (74 in NE Region)
- the NE Region registered 40,600 OA members - 23.8% of the total national OA membership.
- the Order of the Arrow inducted 39,646 candidates as Ordeal members; 17,018 members completed their Brotherhood ceremony; and 2,401 members received the Vigil Honor.
- 40 lodges in the NE Region received the National Quality Lodge Recognition
- 46 lodges in the NE Region achieved a Brotherhood conversion rate of at least 30%

In 2008 Monaken Lodge,

- had a total membership of 403 Arrowmen
- inducted 75 candidates as Ordeal members; 50 members completed their Brotherhood ceremony; and 8 members received the Vigil Honor.
- achieved a 39.37% Brotherhood conversion rate

Lodge Pictures

Log on to www.flickr.com/photos/monaken for the latest pictures of Lodge events, gatherings, and cheerful service.

At each Lodge event, you'll see our roaming camera crew snapping pictures of the things happening throughout the event.

If you have a picture you would like to see in the Lodge pictures, please email it to web.online@oamonaken.org. Be sure to include a caption and your name (you'll be credited with the photo!)

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