



Paugasset Arrowmen

June-July edition

Order of The Arrow

Congratulations!

Paugasset Order of the Arrow Lodge welcomes the new Ordeal members, the new Brotherhood members, and the 4 new Vigil Honor members. Congratulations to our new members, and special gratitude to the new Vigil Honor Members:

1. Will Schmitt
2. Adam Cleri
3. Matt Frovarp
4. James Frovarp

We thank them for all the work they put into our lodge. We wouldn't function properly without



The new Paugasset lodge 553 flap is now available at all OA events. Designed by Chris Wilson, this patch will take the place of the old ordeal, brotherhood and vigil flaps. This is now our general patch so the older, ranked patches can no longer be worn according to OA national policy.

New Officers

Chief- William Schmitt

Vice Chief of Membership- Doug Demaine

Vice Chief of Administration- Zack Krugel

Vice Chief of Publications- Chris Wilson

Vice Chief of Ceremonies- Alex Opper

Treasurer- Nick Recine

Secretary- Chuck Stankye

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By-Law Changes

Dear Fellow Arrowmen,

It has come to the OA Executive Board's attention that three amendments to the bylaws need to be made. One is an important financing change, one change is made for clarification, and the third is a major change to our Officer's election procedure.

The First change is in regard to Dues. In the Paugassett Lodge Bylaws, Article V ("FINANCE & DUES"), Section A, it reads: *Dues of the Lodge shall be collected annually by the Treasurer and will be assisted by the Vice-Chief of Membership. Dues in the amount of \$6.00 and the updated unit membership list will be submitted for posting and deposit with the Council Service Center. Active members must pay their dues by December 31. Dues may be paid at Lodge Meetings or at the Council Service Center if not with the designated officer(s).*

As prices have increased in our daily world due to the present economy and inflation, so must our dues to Paugassett Lodge. Therefore, the OA Executive Board is proposing a one-dollar increase in the annual dues for our Lodge. The above-mentioned section will now read:

Dues of the Lodge shall be collected annually by the Treasurer and will be assisted by the Vice-Chief of Membership. Dues in the amount of \$7.00 and the updated unit membership list will be submitted for posting and deposit with the Council Service Center. Active members must pay their dues by December 31. Dues may be paid at Lodge Meetings or at the Council Service Center if not with the designated officer(s).

The change in dues will effect dues for the 2009 calendar year. Any dues being paid for 2009 will cost \$7.00 (plus an additional \$8.00 if the 2008 dues were missed - this includes the \$1 penalty).

The second change is in regard to Ordeal membership. Currently, Article VI ("ORDEAL MEMBERSHIP"), Section A, Paragraph 4 reads that new Ordeal Members would receive, upon completion of the Ordeal, "A Paugassett Lodge Ordeal Gift." This wording was originally included in the most recent changes of the bylaws (from the beginning of the year) to make the change required by national to make no honor distinction of Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil Honor on Lodge Flaps. We therefore decided to distribute "Gifts" that were identical to the prior Lodge Flaps distributed for each level of membership, but not to be worn on the uniform. However, we as a board realized that a mistake was made when it was said that an Ordeal Gift would be distributed. Rather, one General Lodge Flap (*that may be worn on the uniform*) will be given to each new Ordeal Member. Paragraph 4 will now read "One Paugassett Lodge General Lodge Pocket Flap (to be worn on the uniform)."

At our recent Executive Board meeting, the concern arose that, often, new Ordeal members present at the Spring Beaver Weekend Lodge Meeting are not knowledgeable in the way the Order runs and the responsibilities incurred upon Lodge officers. After the way elections were conducted at this past Spring Beaver Weekend, it was seen that new members may not understand the full seriousness of these elections. Therefore, to make sure all new members may have a chance to vote in an informed manner, the Executive Board is proposing a change to the Bylaws to move the Lodge Officers' elections to the Fall Beaver Weekend in order to provide a "learning" period for new members. Section B of Article III in the Bylaws currently reads "Lodge Officers shall be elected at the Spring Beaver Weekend Lodge Meeting." The bylaws would be revised to read "Lodge Officers shall be elected at the Fall Beaver Weekend Lodge Meeting." This is a very important, major change. It is understood that this would extend the current Lodge Officers' terms by a few months implying that the change would go into effect next year.

These changes will be voted on at a special OA Lodge Meeting at Camp Strang during Week 4 of the Boy Scout program. The meeting will be Thursday, July 31, 2008 in the Dining Hall. Please attend if you are able to. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please feel free to contact Lodge Chief William Schmitt at OA@schmittnet.com or (203) 725-8553. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours in Brotherhood,

William Schmitt
Lodge Chief
Paugassett Lodge

Nicholas Frovarp
Former Lodge Chief
Paugassett Lodge

James Frovarp
Lodge Adviser
Paugassett Lodge

Fundraiser Patch

Dear Fellow Arrowmen,

As you may know, Housatonic Council is beginning a new project to construct a new shower-house at Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation. This project is going to be quite costly, and Paugasset Lodge would like to help defray a portion of the cost. To accomplish this, we will be doing a patch fundraiser. We recently changed our General Lodge Flap. We will be selling these new flaps to all Paugasset Lodge members for \$4/each. These sales will be for our lodge's benefit. However, we will be additionally selling full pocket patches that will match the pocket flaps and will be fixed to the lower section of the right breast pocket on the uniform (below the lodge flap). These will be sold at \$16/each, and the proceeds from these sales will benefit the construction of the new shower-house. At our last Lodge Meeting we approved a Patch design by Chris Wilson. We will be producing these shortly. We hope you can support your Camp by purchasing one (or more) of these one-of-a-kind patches. Thank you for your cooperation and support of Paugasset Lodge and Housatonic Council.

Yours in Brotherhood,

William Schmitt
Lodge Chief
Paugasset Lodge



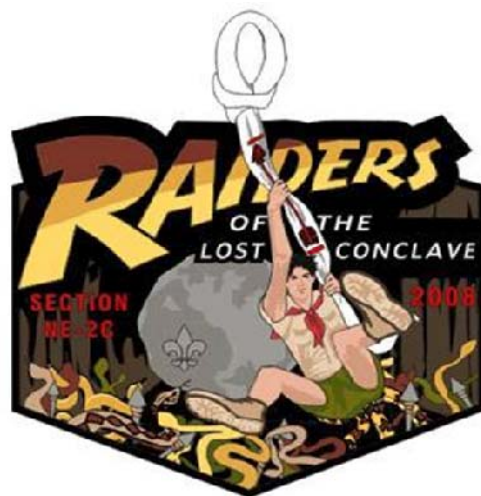
Conclave

Join the rest of our section, NE2C, in the last conclave before we are moved to a different section. The theme of this meeting is "Raiders of the Lost Conclave" and will have activities and meals synchronized with it. For the people out there who don't know what a conclave is, it is an event where everyone in our section meets and participate in activities such as patch trading and even some classes on the Order. Don't miss out on this amazing event.

Register online for thirty dollars a person:

www.ne2c.org/conclave

For transportation to the conclave contact Mr. Demaine at 924-4147 (DDemaine@Quixotech.com) or Capt. Wilson at 926-8948 (gillwell1@sbcglobal.net)



Order of the Arrow at Summer Camp

This year at summer camp, we will once again continue to have OA day once a week every Thursday. This is where you work on an Order of the Arrow service Project to benefit camp. Also, there will be a General Lodge Meeting the 4th week on Thursday at 8:00pm and 30mins before, there will be an executive board meeting.



Ordeal Members

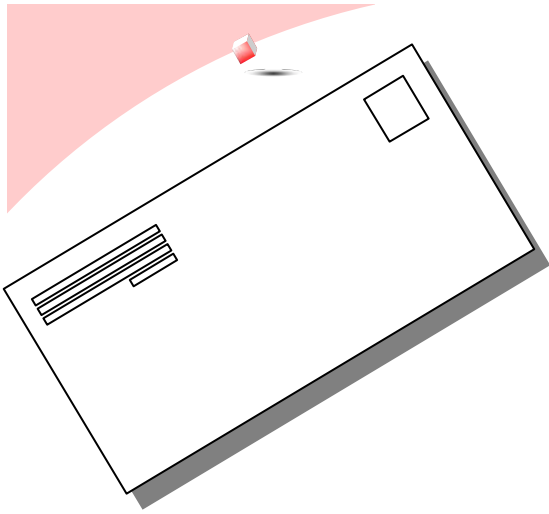
For all you ordeal members who have been in the Order of the Arrow for at least one year, and missed the Brotherhood conversion at the Spring Beaver weekend, we are pleased to inform you that you do not have to wait to Spring to become a brotherhood member. We will have another brotherhood ceremony, at the Fall Beaver weekend.

NLS

The Northeast Region OA will be hosting the National Leadership Seminar (NLS) of 2008 on September 12-14 at Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ. Join fellow Arrowmen from around the Northeast Region for an intense seminar weekend that explores the integral skills of leadership. This course is for youth and adult officers and advisers and provides skills that are useful in and out of scouting. Last year, it combined learning and fun in a rocked out leadership seminar with music and video clips . For more information on what NLS is, please visit:

<http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/nls/>





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OA Executive Board Dates:

7/31

9/15

10/18 (Fall Camporee)

11/17

12/15

1/19

2/16

3/16

4/20

5/16 (Spring Camporee)

9/21

10/16

NOAC Coming Next Year

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), is coming next year at Indiana University; August 1-6, 2009. More information to come soon.

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