

# PAUGASSETT ARROWMAN

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## Annual QLS

The 2012 Quality Lodge Seminar/Journey to Excellence Seminar will be an epic day full of training and brotherhood. Help your Lodge on their Journey to Excellence! Training cells offered cover everything from communication (websites and newsletters); to how to make LLD's more awesome!

The cost for this day of *epicness* is \$15.00 which not only includes a full day packed with training, but it includes lunch and a patch too! (It's all about the food and the patches right?)

Following the training there will be a Section NE-2A Council of Chiefs (COC) meeting. We hope you will stay and take part in planning an awesome Conclave for 2012!

The Paugasset lodges goal for attendance is 10 people please let the board know if you wish to come by contacting Joe Delgado- at [jdelgado93@yahoo.com](mailto:jdelgado93@yahoo.com) or ask your troop OA rep to let the board know so car pools can be arranged. Thanks

### **To register or for information**

**visit:** <http://www.ctyankee.org/webpay/event/?action=view&event=000074>

## Lodge 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Patch

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the lodge will be approaching this coming year. With it just around the corner, we ask for designs for a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary patch to be brought to the OA board at any time to be put up for consideration. Guidelines for all patch designs MUST include all of the following:

- The false face with two diagonal arrows appearing behind the face.
- The Boy Scout fleur-de-lis or the letters BSA.
- Something that commemorates the lodge and states its 50<sup>th</sup> year.
- An idea that goes along with tradition a gold border is suggested because the 50<sup>th</sup> year is the golden year.

## Lodge Past Events

### OA Christmas Campfire


The campfire turned out great! The place was packed with scouts and good cheer. All of the cub scouts and boy scouts alike seemed to have a lot of fun singing Christmas songs around the roaring fire all evening. The building was filled with excitement when Santa came to the campfire to visit the kids, which we all appreciated. Many OA members attended the campfire and helped spread cheer. There was plenty of good food and drinks which was also nice to have, and a huge thanks goes out to all those that helped out to make this campfire a success.

## *THE CHIEF'S SPEAKS*


Happy Holidays' to everyone. I hope everyone is enjoying this happy time of year. I would like to personally thank everyone who helped out at the OA campfire to make it a big success. I would like to invite all bothers to the QLS in January as in the above article. To achieve Quality Lodge status I am encouraging all brothers to pay their dues and for all to become as involved as possible. Wishing you and your families a safe and healthy New Year.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Joseph Delgado - Lodge Chief, 2011-2012

## Scouting for Food Update



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



HELPING HANDS  
of the valley

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**THRIFT SHOP AND FOOD BANK**


November 15, 2011

**Boy Scouts of America  
Housatonic Council  
Paugassett Lodge  
Order of the Arrow  
Jim Bishop Leader  
326 Derby Ave.  
Derby Ct. 06418**

Re: Food Drive

Boy Scouts of America,

St. Vincent de Paul, Helping Hands of the Valley Thrift Shop and Food Bank would like to express a heartfelt Thank you for all the food that was collected. Our large family of poor seems to grow daily and with the state the economy is in, our shelves were almost bare. Therefore this most needed food comes in handy for our needy clients for Thanksgiving. We truly appreciate the continuous support each year from this food drive. We applaud all the Scouts and leaders that took part in this drive and we also applaud all the families that put food out for the annual drive, Thank you again for the support to help us help others one family at a time.

Thank you,  
  
Sandi Bailie, Director

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Derby, CT 06418  
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\*HELP US TO HELP OTHERS\*



Scouting for Food in our community does make a difference as you can see from this note of appreciation from St. Vincent De Paul. Everyone's efforts were appreciated to make a Thanksgiving meal possible for many less fortunate people in the valley.

*The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the spirit*



## **Time is Running Out, Don't miss the Opportunity!**

### **What is NOAC?**

Arrowmen from around the country have the unique opportunity to gather together for the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference commonly referred to as NOAC. NOAC 2012 will host more than 8,000 Arrowmen in attendance that are seeking many of the aspects you are looking for: fun, fun and more fun. Each time a conference is held, Arrowmen coming from around the world gather at a major university to share their ideas on lodge leadership, American Indian Activities, and Inductions and OA Ceremonies as well as participate in a large variety of competitions. This six day adventure is unlike any other event in Scouting and is unique to just members of the Order of the Arrow. The training at each NOAC is world class because it brings together the most knowledgeable individuals in the area of your chosen topic. The trainers are some of the best in the Order who will share their expertise with you so that you may be able to bring these ideas back to your lodge and also for personal enjoyment. The training topics vary from American Indian Activities to Inductions and OA Ceremonies to high adventure such as SCUBA and kayaking. What would be a gathering of people from everywhere without competitions? The competitions vary in size but there is no shortage when it comes to the breadth of opportunities available for you to showcase your talents. A wide variety of sports competitions like volleyball, dodge ball, and soccer take place at each conference. For those of you interested in the American Indian Activities aspect, we have dance competitions for the many styles of dance. The Inductions and Ceremonial Events committee will host OA ceremonies evaluations. Through these competitions, Arrowmen are able to not only better themselves physically but also mentally. If these don't appeal to you, there are a multitude of other competitions that will help ignite your inner competitive juices. Also in the afternoons, the Order of the Arrow Museum will be on display showcasing the national chief and national vice-chief's bonnet, respectively. Much of the lore spoken of in the Order will be found within this novel place from patches to memorabilia to paintings. For many people, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see pictures of our founder, Dr. E. Urner Goodman and co-founder, Carroll Edson. You will also have the opportunity to see the history of Order of the Arrow sashes not found anywhere else in the world. You won't want to miss out on this chance.

Each evening, Arrowmen will gather in the university's arena for the nightly show. The shows will introduce the NOAC theme and will deliver an inspirational message to Arrowmen. From keynote speeches, award presentations, and original performances, the shows are not to be missed. After an exciting six day adventure like this, what more can a person do than SLEEP! With the amount of activities on the horizon for the coming day, you are going to need your rest but most of all you won't want to miss NOAC 2012. Don't miss your chance at participating in history. Sign up today!

### **Who can go?**

Any registered Arrowman in the Order of the Arrow, in other words, YOU!

**Activities** - SCUBA, Mountain Boarding, Kayaking, Fly Fishing, and a Climbing Challenge Course, TOAP (The Outdoor Adventure Place). Participate in friendly competitions between lodges such as the Amazing Race, basketball, volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, Geocaching, Iron Arrowman, Lodge Ball, and the 5K Run. The Grand Hodag, a combination of country, carnival and circus all in one, will include food and dozens of fun activities and game stations such as shuffleboard, caber tossing, cow lassoing, dunk tank, super soaker war, horseshoes, car-bashing, ping-pong and many more. While not everyone can be an Olympian, this is your chance to bring home the gold medal! The Goodman Games test various skills from Baden-Powell Scouting games to low impact camping in the "Leave No Trace" zone. There is something for everyone. Make sure to bring your best game to ensure that your lodge is victorious in this series of challenging competitions. Dust off those clubs and get ready for the fifth NOAC Golf Tournament, The Goodman Open. Here is your chance to compete against your brothers from all across the nation in what promises to be one of the most exciting and fun events at NOAC!

**Date** – July 30 – August 4

**Where** – Michigan State University – Lansing Michigan

**Cost** - National Fee - \$420. \$100 deposit due 12/27/2011 in Council Service Center (full fee due by 4/30/2012). There will be an additional cost for transportation and amusement park fee estimated less than \$200. Please contact Bill Prutting at 203-929-7358 for information.

# NOAC 2012



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**Transportation Fee is additional – estimated cost less than \$200. Total Cost about \$600 - \$620.**

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Please return this form to the Council Service Center with your deposit by December 27, 2011.

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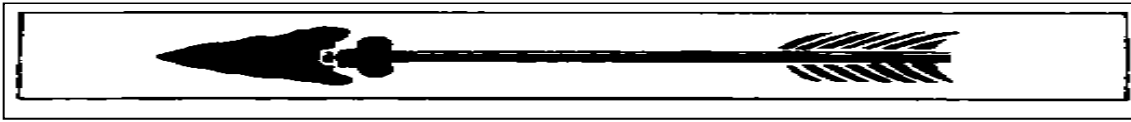
I want to attend the 2012 NOAC in Lansing Michigan

Name - \_\_\_\_\_

Address - \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number - \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address - \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Amount - \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received - \_\_\_\_\_



## Advisor Speaks

NOAC is coming. If you had fun at the 2010 Jamboree, wait until NOAC. NOAC combines the “mountain top experience” that you had at the Jamboree, and give you an opportunity to explore and learn more about the OA and yourself. It is being held this year at Michigan State University in Lansing Michigan. The date when a deposit is due is December 27, 2011. There is more information about it in this newsletter. Please contact me if there are any questions.

The Lodge is in the process of the renewal of the Charter with National. Based upon the membership numbers compared to last year, the Paugassett Lodge will not be a Quality Lodge due to this fact. If you have not paid your dues, please get them paid. We are short dues from approximately 30 Brothers to reach the number from last year to show positive membership growth. Please remember, you need to be registered with the BSA to be a member of the Lodge as well as paying your dues.

We had a great service project for our Council and community last month. The units as well as the Girl Scout picked up a great deal of food that we turned over to the local food pantries. The food pantries were very pleased with the amount of food and our service performed. I am very proud to see the Lodge do such good work in Scouting's name in the valley. Jim and Jimmy Butler who were the advisor and chairperson respectfully did a great job for the Food Drive and have set an exemplary standard of service for everyone. Supporting them was a good number of Lodge members and others that helped out. Without everyone help, this would not have been a success like it was. Everyone should take a minute and reflect what a few hours of time they worked has done to make a very positive impact on a great number of people who had food for their Thanksgiving.

Next year will be the 50th anniversary of the Lodge as well as the Lodge hosting the Section 2A Conclave. We need everyone to help with the Conclave and at the same time celebrate the Lodge's anniversary. I am sure the Lodge Board will get a committee together to formulate plans for the Anniversary Celebration. If you would like to help out with this, please speak to Chief on it. The Conclave Committee has begun its work and is also looking for help (adult and youth). Please contact Tyler Stankye (youth) or Jim Butler adult) if you can help out with it. We need to get a number of Brothers involved so everyone who works the Conclave can also take time to enjoy it as well.

We are entering a special time of year that we look forward to the holidays. We also should be reminded that this time of year there are less fortunate people out there. We need to perform service to our fellow man and help out these folks. Remember back to your Ordeal Ceremony and the story of service. Please donate where you can, or show some kindness and perform service to help ease their burden and make this special time of year better for them. May your holidays be joyful and enjoy them with your family's.

## 2011 Lodge Dues

**The year is almost over, have you paid your 2011 Lodge Dues? In order to be kept in good standing in the Lodge your dues must be paid. We have sent notices out to all registered Lodge members in 2010 and have had a poor response with only on third of the Brothers paid and current to this point. If you are not paid you run the risk of not being entitled to some of the benefits the Lodge has to offer. Please pay your dues at the Scout Office before years end.**