



# Pocumtuc Lodge 2011 Annual Report



## **Ceremonies and Elections Season**

In 2011, Pocumtuc Lodge's Ceremony Team conducted multiple ceremonies throughout the council. These ceremonies included: eagle ceremonies, blue and golds, and arrow of lights. Pocumtuc Lodge conducted Order of the Arrow elections in about 38 of the council's troops. The lodge had an election team that consisted of seven (7) youth arrowmen and multiple adult advisors. This team was properly trained by the lodge's youth training chairman.

## **Quality Lodge Summit**

The Lodge participated in Section NE-2A's Quality Lodge Summit in Great Barrington on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Pocumtuc Lodge's arrowmen took courses in Communications, Building Relationships, Back to Basics, and Staying on Task. After lunch, they participated in breakout sessions to talk about how to apply some of the lessons learned to Pocumtuc Lodge in the coming year. The afternoon ended with the Council of Chiefs where there was a lot of discussion about the 2011 Conclave.

## **Winter Fellowship**

During the weekend of February 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, Pocumtuc Lodge held its Winter Fellowship at Chesterfield Scout Reservation. Scouts went sledding, played games, ate, watched movies, and played more games. On Saturday afternoon, a group of Arrowmen did some patch trading and learned about the Lodge's history. Everyone that attended had a great time.

## **Scholarship**

Pocumtuc Lodge started selling special patches in 2010 to raise money for the Lodge Scholarship Fund. The purpose was to award two (2) \$500 scholarships to arrowmen planning on going into human services. At the 2011 annual lodge banquet, Pocumtuc Lodge awarded its first two (2) scholarships to Aaron Astley from Troop 57 in Belchertown and John Gundelfinger from Troop 9 in Northfield.

## **Founders Award**

At the 2011 annual banquet, Pocumtuc Lodge awarded its first Founders Award to Robert C. Gunnells. "The award is reserved for those Arrowmen who memorialize in their everyday life, the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman." It is given to Arrowmen who give extraordinary service to their lodge and the Order.

## **Banquet**

Pocumtuc Lodge held its 3rd Annual Banquet at the Divine Mercy Parish in Three Rivers on April 10, 2011. Here the lodge awarded the first two lodge scholarships and the first Founders Award. The Pocumtuc Lodge ceremonies team tapped out those arrowmen who were chosen to become vigil honor members. These arrowmen were: Nick Axton, Evan Perrault, Peter Sauriol, Warren Castonguay, Eric Hanson, Fritz Schmidt, Jim Burke, and Bill Mullen. The banquet had a excellent meal prepared by

John Pise. Later in the evening there was a presentation titled *"It's Not About the Hike"* given by Pat Piper and Nancy Sporborg.

### **Ordeal Weekends**

Pocumtuc Lodge conducted three (3) ordeals this year. Two of them (June and September) were at Moses Scout Reservation, and the May Ordeal was at Chesterfield Scout Reservation. At a special meeting during our May Ordeal, the youth elected Mitchell Heisler as Lodge Chief and Erik Bernier as Vice-Chief to replace Nick Axton (chief) and Warren Castonguay (vice chief) who both stepped down from their positions. At the June Ordeal, Pocumtuc Lodge held its annual business meeting where they elected the four (4) lodge officers for the 2011-2012 year. They elected Mitchell Heisler (chief), Erik Bernier (vice chief), Andrew Parent (secretary), and Dan Lynch (treasurer)

### **Conclave**

June 10th- 12th, arrowmen from all over Section NE-2A traveled to Chesterfield Scout Reservation for the annual conclave. Over 100 arrowmen from Pocumtuc Lodge came to help. It was a great success for us.

### **Pocumtuc Summer Experience**

This summer, Pocumtuc Lodge conducted the first Pocumtuc Summer Experience. We had ten people participate. It was a week based brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service (the three principles of the order). In the mornings, the group conducted various service projects to improve Camp Moses. Then in the afternoon, they did fun activities including: swimming, mountain boarding, etc. It was a success and the lodge will be holding another Pocumtuc Summer Experience in 2012.

### **OA Camporee Gathering**

At the Metacomet/Appalachian Trails Fall Camporee hosted by Troop 205, Pocumtuc Lodge held its first ever official gathering a district event. All arrowmen at the Camporee gathered on Friday night in a special OA site. The officers and advisors introduced themselves and discussed upcoming events. Then everybody was able to enjoy a cracker barrel and socialize. Pocumtuc Lodge plans do have similar gatherings at future district and council events.

### **October LLD/Fellowship**

On the weekend of October 28th-30th, the lodge held its a Lodge Leadership Development Training. It was designed to train the youth officers and the other committee chairman, and any other arrowmen interested in becoming involved in the Lodge. Saturday afternoon we had the fellowship part of the weekend with a Halloween theme. Arrowmen dressed up in costumes and played out in the snow.

### **Council of Chiefs**

On a sectional level, Pocumtuc Lodge has had representation at all of Section NE-2A's Council Of Chief Meetings in 2011.

### **Newsletters**

In 2011, Pocumtuc Lodge sent out three (3) "Wolfs Den Newsletters" to its members.

*Pocumtuc Lodge did not achieve the Quality Lodge Award in 2011. However, the executive committee has analyzed the specific areas where they need to improve and they will be working on correcting those in 2012.*

#### ***End of the Year Statistics for 2011***

1. Man Hours of Service Given: 1094
2. End of Year Membership: 242
3. Number of Ordeal Inductions: 62
4. Number of Brotherhood Conversions: 20
5. Number of Vigil Inductions : 8
6. Ending Balance: \$17,651.20