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HELP WANTED:

Publications

Are you wondering how you can provide a "Cheerful Service" to Pocumtuc Lodge?

We are currently looking for (youth) arrowmen who are interested in working on the lodge website and/or the lodge newsletter. If you are interested, you should definitely join the Publications committee. We would like to have someone experienced in web design on board for the coming year. Please contact Publications Chairman Eli Harris at 413-335-2646 or email secretary@pocumtuc.org for more info.

Website

Visit our website at <http://www.pocumtuc.org> for more information about Pocumtuc Lodge.



A New Dawn

As I look out the window at 37000 feet and see the sun rising over England, I can't help but think about the bright future for our Lodge. To say it's a busy time of year is an understatement. School and your unit may be winding down for the summer, but not the Pocumtuc Lodge.

We just held the annual Lodge Banquet and finished our first Ordeal of the year at Chesterfield. But hold on, the month of June gets even busier! The first weekend is Beaver Day, followed by the best Conclave in section history, then the June Ordeal at Moses. In July, we'll be holding our first PSE (Pocumtuc Summer Experience).

The theme for the Conclave is "Oh, the Places You'll Go". That's exactly how I feel about the Lodge - there is something for every Arrowman. Get involved and be active.

Whether it's attending one of our many events, participating in a service project or being on a committee, the brotherhood of cheerful service extends to all our members.

YiB (Yours in Brotherhood),

Mr. Bob Walz

Lodge Leadership Changes

Thanks to Nick Axton and Warren Castonguay for their cheerful service and leadership to our Lodge over the past 9 months. Both Arrowmen have stepped down from their positions on the Lodge Executive Committee. At a special meeting during our May Ordeal, the youth elected Mitchell Heisler (Troop 205) as Lodge Chief and Erik Bernier (Troop 205) as Vice-Chief. Eli Harris (Troop 1849) stays as Secretary and Jonathon May (Troop 20) continues as Treasurer. In addition, Hunter McCormick takes over for Bob Gunnels as Lodge Staff Adviser.

Upcoming Events

Conclave: 6/10-6/12
June Ordeal: 6/17-6/19
Pocumtuc Summer
Experience: 7/17-7/23

LEC Meetings

Usually 1st Sunday of the month, check the lodge website for info,

*College Church
48 Pomeroy Terrace
Northampton, MA*

Important Reminder

Make lasting friendships and learn about the true meaning behind the Order of the Arrow.

Speaking and non-speaking positions always available.

Come help us make lodge events memorable.

*Contact Andrew Parent
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Member Info

We would like you to update your information for our records. If you are a member of Pocumtuc Lodge or were ever a member Allogagan or

Memsoschet Lodges, we would appreciate your help. You can update your information at our website <http://www.pocumtuc.org> under the link:

"Update Your Info."

2011 Pocumtuc Lodge Banquet

“This year’s banquet struck a very unique tone in the ears of all who attended (at least those on time). As is Pocumtuc tradition this years banquet was held somewhere it hadn't been before in the easternmost corner of the council, Three Rivers, Mass. The banquet hall where this years banquet occurred is in fact the same place where one of our past chiefs and active arrowman Nick Maslon received his Eagle Award. The evening was eventful from start to finish. For some unknown reason, ahem ahem, the fire alarm was set off and was ringing for a solid 20 minutes before the event began. The optimist in me would have you believe that this was a set up to get all of our brothers and guests interacting with one another outside the building. All in good time the fire alarm was disarmed and our bellies told us it was time to eat. Our multipurpose chef Mr. Pise led a diverse kitchen crew manned by all who were willing to help to serve out a meal that seemed well received by all. The food and fellowship were not the only reason we gathered in little Three Rivers on this fine evening though. We had gathered to recognize our lodge, those within our large worthy of the various awards we hand out, and our first ever Pocumtuc Lodge Scholarship recipients. Of course we all had our money out for the various silent auction items and Mr. G's store so we could fill up on all our patch-y needs. Still though, I have yet to mention the climax of our banquet. This year we had the privilege to entertain two elderly ladies as our keynote speakers. Ever thought you were too old to hike all the 4000 footer in New England, well Pat Piper and Nancy Sporborg had a light-hearted, picturesque, and motivational presentation. As all in attendance learned though, "It's not about the hike". There is more to hiking and life then the act, just like there is more to being an arrowmen than hard work and starving bellies. It is important to remember that what we do as arrowmen, as scouts, is not done just because what we want to achieve individually, but what we can do for society as a whole. From the chaotic mess of an unexpected fire alarm to the words of wisdom and silent reflection this event flowed to perfection. I hope all who attended enjoyed this event and if you weren't able to make it this year make sure you keep an eye out for the details for next year’s banquet!!”

YIB,

Peter Sauriol





Winter Happenings

While most wolves hibernate for the winter, the Pocumtuc grey wolf never sleeps.

The Lodge participated in the 2011 Quality Lodge Summit in Great Barrington on January 30th. Our Arrowmen took courses in Communications, Building Relationships, Back to Basics and Staying on Task. After lunch, we participated in breakout sessions to talk about how to apply some of the lessons learned to our own Lodge. The afternoon ended with the Council of Chiefs where there was a lot of discussion about the upcoming Conclave.

During the weekend of February 25 – 27, we held our Winter Fellowship at Chesterfield Scout Reservation. Scouts went sledding, played games, ate, watched movies and did I mention, played more games. On Saturday afternoon, a group of Arrowmen did some patch trading and talked about Lodge history. Everyone that attended had a great time. Thanks to Mr. Pise for handling the cooking for us.

The C-team has been participating in as many Cub Scout crossover ceremonies as possible. For Cubs, this may be the first time they see the Lodge ceremonies team. I've been to many Blue & Gold banquets and see the excitement in their eyes. A "great job" goes out to all members of the C-team.

Ceremonies

My name is Andrew Parent and I am the ceremonies chairman, or "chief", for Pocumtuc Lodge.

With ordeals and other events coming up, It's hard to keep up with the ceremonies needed to induct our new brothers, which is why we are looking for your participation in helping us out with costume, props, and actually ceremonies.

We always welcome new members to the ceremonies team.

If you would like more information about becoming involved, I can be reached at andrewparent10@gmail.com or (413) 348-5259.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Andrew Parent

2011 Founder's Award

The Founder's Award "is reserved for those Arrowmen who memorialize in their everyday life, the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Uner Goodman." Lodges may petition the National Council to present this award to Arrowmen who give exceptional service to the Order. At the 2011 Annual Lodge Banquet, Pocumtuc Lodge presented its first Founder's Award to Robert C. Gunnells. Bob moved to the Berkshires and transferred his Brotherhood membership from Tsali Lodge of the Daniel Boone Council to the former Memsochet Lodge of the Great Trails Council in 2000. He was serving in the Great Trails Council as an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 23 – Great Barrington.

In the summer of 2002, Bob joined the professional staff as a District Executive for the Metacomet District. Bob succeeded Gary Pennell as the Lodge Staff Adviser for Memsochet Lodge in the late spring of 2003. He served in that capacity through the merger of Memsochet Lodge (Great Trails Council) and Allogagan Lodge (Pioneer Valley Council) in the summer of 2008. Bob continued to serve as Staff Adviser of Pocumtuc Lodge through February of 2011.

In his capacity as Lodge Staff Adviser, Bob has had an immeasurable impact on not only the two Lodges he has served, but also on countless youth and adults who have had the opportunity to work with him. As Staff Adviser, Bob has advised 7 Lodge Chiefs, 5 Lodge Advisers and has represented two Supreme Chiefs of the Fire.

Pocumtuc Lodge is indebted to the service of this Arrowman and it is with great pleasure that it presented the Lodge's first Founder's Award to Robert C. Gunnells.

Calling All Arrowmen!!

Post Road District needs you! Elections are under way, but I don't know of anybody who can help me run them. Please contact me by phone or by email if you can volunteer for a few elections so we can get some new recruits from Post Road. This is my first year doing this, so I would appreciate all the help I can get! Thanks, guys!

YIB,

Ben Teersinick (phoenixscout14@aol.com)



Upcoming Events Page



2011 SECTION NE-2A CONCLAVE "OH THE PLACES YOU'LL GO"

Each year, over 300 Arrowmen from across Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, and Europe gather for the annual Section Conclave, a weekend-long event designed to help unify the Lodges in our Section, provide an inspiring training program, and most of all, have fun!

Section NE-2A's Annual Conclave will be happening from June 10-12, 2011 at Chesterfield Scout Reservation in Chesterfield, Massachusetts. This year, the conclave is hosted by Pocumtuc Lodge from the Western Massachusetts Council. The theme, "Oh The Places You'll Go," is based off the classic Dr. Seuss title, bringing many Seuss-themed events and patches that will guarantee a good time.

For more info, visit the section site at:

<http://www.ne-2a.org/index.php?p=conclave>

POCUMTUC SUMMER EXPERIENCE

"A Week of Brotherhood and Cheerful Service"

Brand new for 2011, the Pocumtuc Summer Experience is a first of its kind for the Western Massachusetts Council. A week of fun, fellowship and service summarizes the program for this event. Youth and adults alike will participate in activities such as ceremonies and dance demonstrations and practice, leadership training and development, patch trading and meaningful service to Moses Scout Reservation. What other way can you spend a week at summer camp for only \$180?! We look forward to seeing you in July. For additional information, please contact PSE Director Byron Izyk at tecgod13@hotmail.com.

JUNE ORDEAL @ MOSES JUNE 17- 19, 2011

The June Ordeal at HAMSR will provide the Lodge with an opportunity to help get camp ready for the summer resident programs to be held there. This weekend we will be welcoming Ordeal candidates, Brotherhood conversions and our 2011 Vigil candidates. Please join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship. If you wish to be an elangomat, email the Ordeal Admin Zachary Philbrick at n1brs1@gmail.com. For additional information, please contact Ordeal Adviser Dave Bernier at dbernier205@verizon.net.

Registration is now available on the Pocumtuc Website

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND OFFICER ELECTION

The Pocumtuc Lodge Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 18th during the Ordeal weekend at Moses Scout Reservation. Find out what the Lodge has planned for the upcoming year, hear the Lodge business and committee annual reports, and have a voice in the Lodge. It's your Lodge and we want to hear from you.

One of the main items on the agenda is our Lodge annual elections. Just as good citizens turn out to vote,

Arrowmen have a responsibility to vote for their officers. These are your youth leaders who manage the Lodge business and activities. Lodge offices include Chief, Vice Chief, Secretary and Treasurer. The term of service is September 1 – August 31, 2012. If you are interested in running for office, please download and complete the "Intent To Run For Lodge Office form". This form must be completed and turned in to Mr. Walz

by the Conclave weekend. Descriptions and responsibilities of each office can be found in the Lodge Operating Procedures (click the "Bylaws" link on the Pocumtuc website or click

<http://www.pocumtuc.org/bylaws.htm>).

USEFUL OA WEBSITES

Order of the Arrow Homepage

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

This website provides the most up-to-date OA information available. Here you will find the National Bulletin, Annual Reports, information on all aspects of the OA's programs, tons of useful resources, and other important info.

OA Training Central

<http://training.oa-bsa.org>

OA Training Central is the one-stop resource for all things training related in the Order of the Arrow. Now Arrowmen can easily locate pertinent material to aid in presenting and facilitating quality training to lodge and section audiences.

Jumpstart for New Arrowmen

<http://jumpstart.oa-bsa.org/>

The password is "obligation". This site is designed for new Arrowmen and provides information about the history, purpose, and happenings of the Order of the Arrow.



2011 Limited Edition Conclave Lodge Flap

A special set of 100 numbered flaps has been created to commemorate this year's Section Conclave at Chesterfield Scout Reservation. The price for these limited edition flaps is \$30 each with an initial limit of 2 per Arrowman for sale on Friday afternoon and evening of the Conclave from 4:00 to 7:00pm. After that, they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis to Arrowmen of the Lodge.

Your Lodge Needs You!!!

We need your help! As many of you know, the Pocumtuc Lodge will host the 2011 Section NE-2A Conclave at Chesterfield Scout Reservation this June. Pocumtuc Lodge needs your help to make this Conclave a success! As the Service Lodge, we will be responsible for many aspects of the Conclave weekend including meal service, registration, staffing program areas, hospitality, and logistics for all the Section's needs. Volunteers are needed for the entire weekend, but if you can only attend for some of the weekend, we'd still love to get you involved because over 100 volunteers (youth and adult) will be needed to help make this weekend a success! We also need arrowmen to join the contingent participating in activities. To learn how to help with the Conclave, visit the Pocumtuc lodge website and fill out the Volunteer Registration Form.

For additional information about the service lodge, contact the Conclave Coordinator Evan Perrault at evanpoa83@verizon.net or the Conclave Advisor Dan O'Rourke at dan@ne-2a.org. If you wish to be a part of the contingent, contact Lodge Chief Mitchell Heisler at chief@pocumtuc.org



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