



Chiefly Speaking...for the last time.

My brothers,

For those of you who attended our Lodge Picnic on July 12th, or our Fall Ordeal August 22-24, I hope you all had a great time. John Runshaw, Andrew Benfer, Kevin Myers, and many others deserve a great deal of thanks for putting on two terrific events of Fun, Food, and Fellowship. Each year gets better and better. There were many great activities including swimming, jousting in our inflatable arena, and a couple of very competitive softball games! We also accomplished a lot for our camp during our Ordeal.

Finally, since this will be my last time writing to you as your chief, I would like to take this time to thank a few people. First, my officers, who helped me a great deal throughout the past two years. They are great assets to the lodge, and I see a great future for the lodge under their leadership. Next, all of our terrific advisors. There are too many of you to thank here (I want to keep my article under a page!), but all of you have done a great deal to guide the youth you advise, and to make this lodge the best it can be. I know that you will continue your great service to the lodge for many years.

There are though, three gentlemen that I wish to mention, for their help and guidance during my term as chief. First, our lodge staff advisor Jack Dalton. Since taking over as Camp Director and Staff Adviser, he has really helped us increase the amount of OA presence in Hidden Valley year round. Second, our Associate Lodge Adviser Bob Moreo. I really think he has the answers to everything OA! He was a tremendous help to me with any questions or problems I had. Finally, our Lodge Adviser John Noel. He really does a great deal for the lodge behind the scenes. He is able to help with questions, finances, and he really keeps the lodge running. Thanks John for all your help.

But of course, nothing would be possible without the continued support of you, the lodge membership. You are the ones that really keep the lodge running, and you are the ones that make the lodge as successful as it is. I hope that everyone continues their cheerful service to the lodge for many years to come, and for those of you who are new to the lodge, please get involved. The friends you will make, the fellowship you will have, and the sense of accomplishment you will get from helping YOUR camp, will be memories that will last you your scouting career and beyond.

*“As the warrior draws the arrow
most trustworthy from the quiver,
you were drawn from many others,
for the first shaft of the hunter
must be straightest, must be surest.
If through many moons unflinching
you hold fast to Scouting pledges,
straight and true you each will travel
as an arrow driven skyward,
as an eagle soaring sunward.
He who follows such a pathway
in unwavering cheerful service
will be seen by many others
and, by inspiration, lead them.”*

-Allowat Sakima

Thanks for making my two years as lodge chief great!
WWW,
Justin Myers
Lodge Chief



Now a word from the Secretary...

My fellow brothers a big thanks to all who came out to our picnic, back in July. It was a wonderful event, with a very nice youth turnout. At the picnic the infamous George Johnson was beat at his own game in the annual softball game, youth vs. adults. The youth thoroughly trounced any attempts by George to redeem his team after another year of constant defeat. After the game a wonderful arraignment of food was served, including steaks from Hoss's Steak and Seafood.

Next I would like to thank all the arrowmen who came out this summer and went up to camp to either participate or observe the brotherhood ceremonies. Your presence is greatly appreciated.

And finally a big thanks to all who helped to make the fall ordeal a huge success. We had 75 new ordeal candidates inducted as members of our lodge. My brothers I strongly encourage you to come back in ten months to get your brotherhood. Don't just be another one of the people to do the " Sash and Dash". Brothers, I and the rest of the lodge can not stress this enough, you will not have to go through another ordeal ever again. The OA is FUN!!! I have been in for three years now and I can tell you that it is some of the most well spent time ever. You eat very well at camp the OA Cafe makes sure of this I can guarantee this. I've gained weight since I have joined the OA, many will attest to this also.

Once again a big thanks to all who serve our wonderful lodge. Our lodge could not function with out you.

Your in the Brotherhood,
Brett Mauser
Secretary
Susquehannock Lodge XI
WWW

Traditions

What are traditions? The dictionary explains them to be the handing down orally of beliefs, customs, etc from generation to generation. Susquehannock Lodge XI has had plenty of them I believe, but unfortunately a lot of them have been lost to time. But still many of our traditions are alive and well. Have you ever wondered about our traditions? Well I have. Being a youth member of Wagion 6 gave me their past and present traditions. Susquehannock, being my adopted Lodge as an adult gave me a view of some of the present traditions. But what of the past traditions of Susquehannock? What are they? So hear is my challenge. Search your memories. Youth and Adults alike. Write or pass on your memories and or traditions. I would like to hear about them. Maybe we can bring some of them back. Maybe we can explain some of the ones we still have. Lets here about all these past traditions and memories. Why is our circle aligned the way it is to the south? Was it always where it is today? Why do we pattern our regalia after the plains Native Americans when we ourselves are Eastern Woodlands? Where did the Chief's badge of office come from? Why do we wear purple? Cherry butter? Ordeal and "Raw Eggs"? Lodge Chiefs Award? Questions, questions questions. How about some answers, answers, answers, before everything is lost forever.

Rick Sichula



National Leadership Seminar

My fellow arrowman the weekend of September 12-14, our wonderful lodge attended NLS, or the National Leadership Seminar. At this great and wonderful training experience, some of the members of our lodge got to actually meet the northeast region chief and national chief, whom taught most of the seminar. The main focuses of this weekend were three things: walk like you talk, manage for the mission, and keep your eyes on the prize. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time, except Max Lynch who knocked out the power with a volleyball, no I'm just kidding. It was a great experience and I highly recommend that everyone attend this event at least once in their life, who is in the OA. It will change you forever.

Brett Mauser
Susquehannock Lodge XI
Secretary
WWW

Lodge Advisors Words of Wisdom

Brothers,

As I step into my new role as Lodge Adviser, I ask all of you to join me in giving our past Lodge Adviser, John Noel, a huge thank you for all he has done for the Lodge these past 5 years. I have huge shoes to fill, and I'll need your help doing so. I hope you'll support me and our officers as begin my term as you did John.

When John took office, the Lodge seemed to be in a downward trend. I think we've turned the corner now thanks largely to past Lodge Chiefs Scotty Dunlap and Justin Myers. In addition, Ranger Erik Hansbury, Camp Director Jack Dalton, and Program Director Kevin Gill have been absolutely fantastic in supporting us this past year. Without their support we wouldn't be where we are now. We need to do all that we can to support them by coming to their aid when they need it, and to leave camp better than we found it. Of course none of our advances could have happened without you, our members, and I thank you too for being involved.

Speaking of supporting our camp, Ranger Erik is putting together a Haunted Hay Ride at camp for Halloween. He's asked the Lodge to help support this program. Let's not let him down. If you can spare the time, please come out and help. Stay tuned for upcoming emails on the subject.

We've been asked to help with the Great Rendezvous at Sherman's Creek coming up in October 2009. This is a joint camporee with York-Adam's Council. We're going to need a lot of volunteers to help us pull this off.

I have a number of tasks that I plan on tackling. The first is to have a 5-year plan for the Lodge. Where do we want to be 5 years from now, and how are we going to get there? I'd like to expand the role of the chapter. I'd like to see us promote camp more, specially to cub units. There are a number of jobs that need to be done up at camp. Your continued membership helps provide the funding for these projects, but we also need your expertise in order to get the jobs done. Come up. Help us help the camp. Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui. They aren't just three words you can't pronounce. They mean Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. Come up, and join us in brotherhood as we cheerfully serve.

Bob Moreo



Brothers of the Attaock Chapter,

I would like to announce that Joe Kurtz will serve as our new Chapter Vice-Chief. I instated the position to help with the daunting task of unit elections in the largest chapter in our lodge. He will help keep the paperwork in order and help make everything run a lot smoother. He has the ability to bring my stress level down...that's a plus.

Our chapter has recently developed a website. We will have online forms for election requests, news updates and answers to some questions that people have had. This website will help to make everything less confusing and enable us to grow as a chapter to be the best in Lodge XI!! Check out the link from the lodge website!

One of my main goals is to have the chapter and chapter officers more visible to the units in our district. I am going to make my best effort to be at as many roundtables as I can or make sure we have someone to answer questions at the roundtable. That will be a key place to get answers and hear news about the chapter.

I have added a few things that will help our chapter to run elections more efficiently. First, the Unit Election Request Form that is on the lodge website will NO LONGER be used for our chapter. We will be using an online form on our website and also another print form for our chapter only. The difference is a section for contact information. We would like to develop a database of key members in a troop that should be receiving information. The online forms are preferred but we will also have print forms at the district roundtable in November and December. Also at these Roundtables we have representatives from the chapter to explain the unit election process and answer any questions you might have. We may even schedule a chapter meeting before the roundtable (check the chapter website for a date and details)

In order to do elections we need arrowmen to conduct them. I cannot and will not conduct even a majority of the elections. My job is to manage them and make sure I have election teams to conduct them. Per national policy, units must have a chapter election team conduct the election. This means that OA Reps. should not be conducting the election in their home troop. Therefore, arrowmen from other troops come to your troop to conduct the election. That means I need a few volunteers from each troop to serve on an election team. Even if you can only run one or two elections that is a huge help! All you need to do is email me and I will give you details. We will be holding an Election Team Training at either the November or December roundtable.

Serving Cheerfully,

Justin M. Eberly
Susquehannock Lodge XI
Attaock Chapter Chief

Letter from the Editor

Brothers,

If you are responsible for submitting articles for the newsletter, which is ALL of the Officers, please make sure you get them in. As you can see the quality of this newsletter is directly related to the number of articles I receive. I would like to take a moment and thank the people that have always made sure their articles are in, basically it's the people you see over and over again.

Also if you have something you would like to have included in the Newsletter get it to the Chief, an advisor, or me and we will get it published.

Andrew Stueckroth

Wanted

If you would like to step up and take action in the lodge here is your chance. Susquehannock Lodge XI is currently looking for someone to takeover the creation of the *Thunderbird* if interested email astueckroth@gmail.com



Motions Passed

August

Approved the June meeting minutes.

Approved the changes to the Rules of the Lodge as specified in the last newsletter and as discussed at the June Lodge meeting.

Approved spending up to \$3,000 to replace OA supplied to be sold at the OA Trading Post.

September

Approved the August meeting minutes with an amendment to correct who seconded the motion to approve the changes to the Rules of the Lodge.

Approved a motion to move \$650 from the general fund to the National Leadership Seminar (NLS) scholarship fund because the original deposit was made to this account, since there was no separate account at the time of the original deposit.

Approved a motion to submit an OA Service Grant for upgrades to Thunderbird Lodge instead of resubmitting Native American Village proposal, which was not accepted in 2003.

A motion was approved to increase the price of Ordeals from \$35 to \$45. This increase will cover the cost of free brotherhood conversions.

A motion was approved to have the increased cost of Ordeals stated in the prior motion to begin at the 2009 Spring Ordeal with free brotherhood conversions becoming available in 2010.

I would like to begin by introducing myself. My name is Zeb Yoder and I am the newly elected Dance Team Chief. I am a Life Scout with Troop 138 in Chambersburg (Frontier District). I would like to thank the dance team members who came to Hidden Valley on Sunday's this summer to dance and drum for the summer camp opening campfires. The dance team will be scheduling practice weekends for dancers and drummers between now and April to be better prepared to perform for Cub Scout Blue and Gold banquets. If you think you might like to be an O/A dancer or drummer, I encourage you to come to a practice weekend. Send me an email if you have any questions or would like information on the next practice.

Zeb Yoder - Dance Team Chief
yozeb@comcast.net

For those of you who do not know, our theme this year is "Some men dream of doing great things, other men stay awake and do them". We are starting off this theme with a bang as our lodge completed a great Lodge Leadership Development Course in September, as well as sending the most youth from a lodge at the National Leadership Seminar in Camp Alpine, NJ. Now it's your turn, and your turn is rapidly approaching with our Fall Fellowship Chapter Olympic Games. Come out and see which Chapter is the best (Union Canal).

Also our Lodge Exchange will be starting as some youth representative officers from Kittantiny Lodge will be spending the Fellowship with us. I expect our Lodge to show the utmost respect, I expect nothing less from the greatest Lodge in Ne-6B. Keep up the great work, and remember the officers are here if you need anything, so if you need help on anything in the Lodge or outside the Lodge let us know.

One last thing.....On Friday one of my Junior classmates at Bishop McDevitt High School was found dead in Harrisburg, her name is Anna. Myself, my class, and the whole student body is taking this very hard. Please keep us and Anna's family in your prayers. Thank you.

W.W.W.,
Kevin M. Myers
Susquehannock Lodge XI
Lodge Chief
ALAPPA (Tomorrow)



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OA – NOAC FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Bass Pro Shops: Call to find out available dates, book a date, get volunteers

1. Sell hot dogs. Bass Pro provides all the dogs, brauts, rolls, condiments, napkins and beverages. You show up (they already have everything set up for you), you sell until you sell-out or tire-out, whichever comes first. When you're done, you pay them \$50 (all the rest of the money is the OA's) and they clean everything up.

2. Wrap Christmas gifts. Bass Pro provides you with the wrapping paper, tape & scissors. You show up, put out a donation bucket, wrap gifts, collect donations, go home!

3. Bag merchandise. Bass Pro will pay each Scout \$6.00 to bag merchandise. You show up, work a shift, go home. Someone has to keep track of hours worked, turn it into Bass Pro and they will send us a check for the amount owed.

Sub Sale:

1. For \$2.00 per sub, Karns Foods will supply you with everything you need to make a sub (meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, roll, baggie & twist tie – I'm not sure about mayo or mustard). You take sub orders (we charged \$4.50 last time), make the subs, deliver the subs and collect the money. A \$2.50 profit is made off of every sub.

Chinese (silent) Auction (to be held at the banquet):

1. Collect donations from businesses (i.e. gift cards, movie passes, general merchandise). At the banquet sell tickets (3 for \$1.00 or 18 for \$5.00), have a bag/container for each item, people put tickets in the bag for the item they want to try to win, someone pulls a winning ticket out of the bag. All the monies collected are profit, since items are donated.

Dine Out:

The following restaurants have some type of dining/refund program:

1. Texas Roadhouse
2. Hoss's
3. Red Robin
4. Isaac's
5. Pizza Hut

Car Wash:

Several businesses will let you "host" a car wash at their location (numerous banks, Karns, Ice Cream Heaven, ???). Pick a date, wash cars, collect \$\$\$. Usually \$5.00/car. All monies (minus soap & supplies) are profit.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October

31-Nov 2 Ceremony Team Weekend HV

November

7-9 Fall Fellowship Weekend HV

8 Unit Elections and Camp Promotion Training HV

9 Lodge Meeting HV

17 Newsletter Deadline

December

18 Order of the Arrow Meeting and Holiday Party KAC