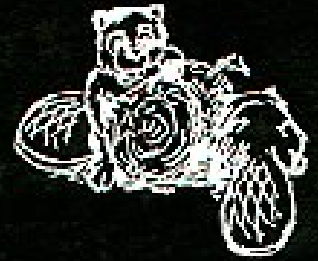


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Chiefly Speaking: *A Strong Past, A Bright Future*

Brothers,

I would like to welcome you to what will hopefully be another wonderful year for the nine Lodges of Section NE-1B. I am looking forward to working with all of you in order to hold the best Conclave ever at Camp Wanocksett this June!

Section NE-1B has a long and proud tradition of success at all levels. It is my hope that with your help, we can continue that tradition of excellence that we are known for. The reason for the success of our Section is because of the success of the nine Lodges within it.

I challenge each and every one of you to make the most out of this year. In addition to helping each of your lodges achieve success, I encourage you to promote and take part in the various Section, Region, and National events. Don't just skim the articles in this issue of Beaver Tales. Read through them and learn about the amazing opportunities available to Arrowmen.

Again, I thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Section Chief. I know that as a team, we will have yet another great year here in Section NE-1B.

Yours in Service,

Dan O'Rourke

Section NE-1B Chief



Leadership in Service Award (2005-2007)

In recognition of the Order of the Arrow's heritage of service, the National Order of the Arrow Committee created a new three-year Leadership in Service Program which was announced at the 2004 NOAC. The Order strives to strengthen Scouting's foundation of service by further fostering in Arrowmen the ethic of servant leadership. By promoting and rewarding service that benefits the Boy Scouts of America's outdoor program, and the communities in which Scouts reside, the Order will be acting to support Scouting at the most important level.





LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

A new on line resource is now available for all Arrowmen involved with planning an running a Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) program. Get the information you need to run an outstanding LLD! This website can help your LLD Chairman know what your lodge needs some help on. It now also includes different levels of training on the same subject. It even has evaluations, advisors guide everything you need. You can plan an event faster and more efficient and make it specific to your lodge and your lodges goals. I urge you to check out these OUTSTANDING resources.

Up North: *Memories from Wilderness Voyage*

The Order of the Arrow offers Arrowmen ages 16-20 a unique opportunity to experience the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Northern Minnesota with Arrowmen from around the country. In the early summer of 2004, I made the journey to the Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base to begin my Voyage.

The first half of our trek involved a week of service to the Boundary Waters. Our crew, under the guidance of our Voyage Foreman, performed trail restoration on a portage trail linking Strup Lake to Kekakabec Lake. The work was difficult, but at the same time, went by quickly and was very enjoyable. We constructed several trail elements in order to slow the water erosion and worked on re-treading portions of the existing trail.

Once the work was done, it was time for the second part of the Voyage. We spent the last half on a trek that we chose as a crew when we were in base camp. During the next few days, we saw over a dozen bald eagles, several golden eagles and red-tailed hawks, beavers, deer, and many other forms of wildlife.

We were also able to see a side of nature not visible in many other places. The Boundary Waters is the most pristine wilderness in the continental United States. Each and every turn brought a view that would take your breath away. My experiences up north will be with me for the rest of my life. It is an experience I will not soon forget.

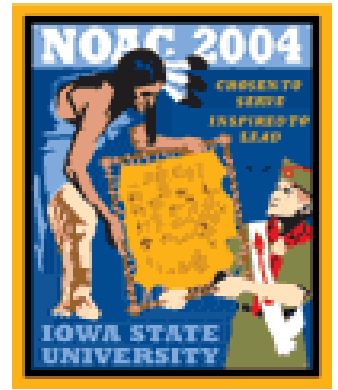
I encourage all of you to consider participating in the OA's Wilderness Voyage program at Northern Tier High Adventure Base next summer. It is a decision that you will not soon forget. Applications for 2005 summer treks are available now at www.oa-bsa.org.



Section Gathering at NOAC a success!

On Monday night, following the Native American Show, Arrowmen from across Section NE-1B gathered at the NOAC radio booth for some food, fun, and fellowship. Everyone who attended received a special Section NE-1B NOAC patch. After a little wait, the pizza finally arrived, and there was plenty of it!

Arrowmen enjoyed pizza, soda, socializing, and some great music on NOAC radio. There were many special guests that stopped by including Northeast Region Chief Ed Lynes, National Chief Jeff Hayward, and National Chairman Brad Haddock. If you missed NOAC this summer, we better see you in 2006 at Michigan State University for another great conference!



At this year's National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) held on the campus of Iowa State University, the National Web Team, has named the website for Grand Monadnock Lodge # 309 a Honor Lodge Website with a score of 95.12/100 in the Conference Website Competition. GML was the only lodge in Section NE-1B to receive this honor, as well as only 2 other lodges in the Northeast Region, [Na Tsi HI # 71](#) from Monmouth Council of New Jersey and [Oahnagon Lodge # 172](#) from Baden Powell Council of New York and Pennsylvania. Only 17 lodge websites from around the country were chosen as honor lodge websites. The complete list of honor lodge websites and the judging criteria can be found at the [NOAC 2004 Live Website](#).

Tschitani takes home 2004 NOAC Spirit Award



During the course of the Conference, lodges attempted to qualify for the 2004 NOAC Lodge Spirit Award. In order to receive this honor, Lodges must have demonstrated effective planning, participation, and teamwork at NOAC. National Vice Chief David Dowty presented the awards in a special ceremony at the Founders' Day Fair on Wednesday. Some of the requirements were: Preparing a lodge history display or presentation for the OA Museum OR a booth at the Founder's Day Fair. Representation by the lodge chief or his designee AND the youngest member of the NOAC contingent at one of the Very Important Arrowmen (VIA) luncheons. Participation in any NOAC non-athletic competition or opportunity, such as OA Survivor, \$100,000 Arrowhead, Talent Show, Lodge Web Site Competition, Brotherhood Chorus, or Brotherhood Band.

Pass Beaver Tales around

Please pass Beaver Tails Around, its only a good resource if other Arrowmen get to use it and read it. Beaver tails is always available at Council of Chiefs as well as on the internet at the section website <http://ne1b.org/> and then click on resources.



National Leadership Seminar 2005 Dates



April 1 - 3, 2005 Camp Alpine, NJ
April 22 - 24, 2005 Camp Tuckahoe, PA



2005 OA OCEAN ADVENTURE DATES



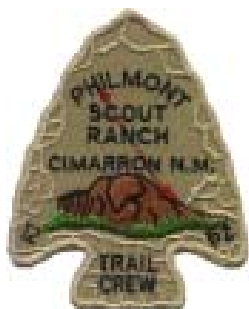
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#2 June 14 - 26 #5 July 5 - 17 #8 July 26 - August 7
#3 June 21 - July 3 #6 July 12 - 24 #9 August 2 - 14

NATIONAL OA VOYAGE DATES FOR 2005

#1 June 7 - 20 #4 June 28 - July 11 #7 July 19 - August 1
#2 June 14 - 27 #5 July 5 - 18 #8 July 26 - August 8
#3 June 21 - July 4 #6 July 12 - 25 #9 August 2 - 15



2005 OA TRAIL CREW SESSION DATES



#1 June 8 - 22 #4 June 29 - July 13 #7 July 20 - August 3
#2 June 15 - 29 #5 July 6 - 20 #8 July 27 - August 10
#3 June 22 - July 6 #6 July 13 - 27 #9 August 3 - 17

2005 PHILBREAK SESSION DATES



#1 March 6 - 12
#2 March 13 - 19
#3 March 20 - 26

