



THE PORTAGE TIMES

Heart of Ohio Council #450 Portage Lodge #619

March 2007

LODGE CALENDAR

<u>May 18-20, 2007</u>	<u>Ordeal ~ Camp Avery Hand –</u>	<u>Chief Tarhe host chapter</u>
<u>June 1-3, 2007</u>	<u>Section C4-B Conclave – Camp Hugh Taylor Birch – Pirates Theme</u>	
<u>August 17-19, 2007</u>	<u>Ordeal ~ Firelands Scout Reservation – Amangi Bischuwi host chapter</u>	
<u>September 14-16, 2007</u>	<u>Ordeal ~Camp Avery Hand</u>	<u>Lou Ott host chapter</u>
<u>November 10, 2007</u>	<u>Annual Banquet</u>	<u>Mawat host chapter</u>

Sorry We're Late

This issue was originally supposed to be sent out in December, but due to a variety of circumstances, it has been delayed. We know some of you have been wondering why you have not been getting the *Portage Times*, since the last one was in October. **Please accept the Lodge's apology** for not getting this out sooner. For that reason, we are sending this to those who paid their 2006 dues, but have not yet paid for this year – to give you one more chance.

Annual Lodge Dues

Unless you have already paid, your Annual Lodge Dues of \$10.00 are past due!! Please send your 2007 Lodge Dues into the Service Center ASAP. By paying your dues, you will insure the continuance of our Lodge and will in turn receive the *Portage Times*. Membership cards will be issued this year, in order to get your membership card, your dues must be paid.

Note: If you went through your Ordeal in May, August or September of 2006 your 2007 dues are already paid!! Your dues were included in the \$35.00 you paid when you underwent your Ordeal.

Ceremony Teams – Help Is Needed

Three members will be leaving the Ceremonies Team, since you have to be under the age of 21 to be a principal in the ceremonies. These three members have performed many of the ceremonies the past few years and their departure will leave many open positions. We are searching for any member interested in learning the primary and secondary ceremonial roles. If you or some one you know would like to be a part of a ceremonies teams please contact: Ceremonies Chairman Andrew Squires (440-967-0614 or gms2@centurytel.net) or Advisor Dan Nolting (goodotter@yahoo.com) these members can give you more information about the ceremonies team and supply you with scripts for the part(s) you are interested in. During the March Fellowship, we were hoping to hold Ceremonies tryouts for the Principal positions, but no one there was prepared to do that. If you are interested contact Andrew or Dan on how to get involved.

There is Lodge regalia that can be used by anyone taking part in the ceremonies, you do not have to have your own regalia to be on the ceremonies team. But, if you are interested in obtaining your own personal regalia, help is here, just ask one of the above members and they can direct you to someone that can help you.

2007 Vigil Honor Selection

Do you know a member of our Lodge that has been Brotherhood for 2 years or more, who gives outstanding service to the Lodge, their Chapter, the OA, Scouting, and/or our Scout Camps? Every year, there are some fine Scouts and Scouters who would have made great candidates for Vigil, but go unrecognized because no one nominated them. Don't let this happen – *nominate them!*

A Vigil Nomination Form is included in this issue of the Portage Times. Some important dates to remember:

- **Nominations due** by dinner during the May Ordeal – May 19, 2007
- **Vigil Selection** will take place at the Conclave – June 2, 2007
- **Vigil Induction Ceremony** will take place at the September Ordeal – September 15-16, 2007

If you won't be at the May Ordeal, you can also send or e-mail completed Vigil Nomination forms to the Lodge Vigil Advisor, Greg Coghlan at 7744 Mapleway Dr., Olmstead Falls, Ohio 44138 or e-mail at coghlgr@yahoo.com. Send it early, so he receives it in time. He can also e-mail you an electronic version of the application.

Unit Elections

Unit Election packets were handed out at the LEC before the Lodge Banquet on November 11th. Unit Elections are a key part of retaining the growth of our Lodge. 2006 was not a banner year for Unit Elections, results were down and some units were not contacted. This needs to improve for 2007. Every Brother in our Lodge needs to do their part to insure that an Election is done in their Unit. In addition, it is our responsibility to promote all types of camping, summer camp, and especially our Council's two great camps and programs. Our Brotherhood is made up of "honored campers"; we need to share this knowledge and love of the outdoors with all Scouts. When you are asked to help with Unit Elections and Camp Promotion, please say yes. Stop and think, how much different would your scouting career would be if you were not a member of the OA and did not have the opportunity to go to camp. It is our duty to give all Scouts the opportunity to be a member of our Brotherhood and have as many camping experiences as they can.

Lodge Banquet Results

The Lodge Banquet was a huge success with 70 people attending. We did a different format this year that had the elections mixed into the program. Our new officers are:

- Lodge Chief – Keith Lovell
- Vice Chief of Administration – Trevor Robinson
- Vice Chief of Program – Justin Fletcher
- Secretary – Justin Jeffery
- Treasurer – Mike Van Kerkhove

Past Chief Trevor handed out Honor Beads to Jacob Robinson, Justin Caithaml, Mike Van Kerkhove, Justin Fletcher, Randy Thomas, and Keith Lovell. The Founder's Award is bestowed to the two ... This years recipients were Jon Winiasz and Larry Howell from Troop 447. The Advisor's Award was given to Sue Andres, Randy Phillips, and Richard Salem.

Salable Goods

Two new additions arrived in the salable goods:

Limited time Lodge Flap. The patches have a different border, glow in the dark, and will only be sold *one per person* at **Lodge events**. This hot item is only being sold at \$4 a piece. And will be replaced by a new flap late this year.

The **OA Sweatshirts** are dark gray, with a large red OA symbol and wording that says "Order of the Arrow" and "Portage Lodge 619". Hoodies are only \$15 and the Crew neck version is only \$10.



ArrowCorps⁵

ArrowCorps⁵ is a program being run by the Order of the Arrow in conjunction with the National Forest Service in the summer of 2008. It will consist of 5 sites in 5 weeks with 5,000 arrowmen. We encourage that each lodge send a contingent of arrowmen for this event. The physical requirements for the trip are similar to those of the Philmont. Anyone who would like to be a staff member for ArrowCorps⁵ must attend the NCLS, National Conservation and Leadership Summit, which will be held in July 2007 - this summer. This program is shaping up to be the next big thing for the Order of the Arrow. So everyone plan to go and have a fun time, do some service, and get back to the roots of our foundational principals.

Portage Lodge Ordeals 2007

May 18-20 at Camp Avery Hand

Lou-Ott is the Host Chapter

August 17-19 at Firelands Reservation

Amangi Bischuwi is the Host Chapter

September 14-16 at Camp Avery Hand

Mawat is the Host Chapter

Help is always needed at each Ordeal. Don't forget about the Elangomat award. Come to the Ordeal to welcome your new Brothers into our Brotherhood. Please contact the host chapters to volunteer your help. Members should arrive at 6:00pm if possible, Candidates check-in at 8:00pm. Sunday we are usually done by 9-10am. Cost is \$12.00 plus another for those going through brotherhood.

Don't forget your *Class 1 Medical Form* – everyone needs to bring one to camp.

Lodge Fellowship in Las Vegas

Well, maybe not quite, but our recent Fellowship theme was Las Vegas Nights held March 16-18 at Firelands Scout Reservation. This was a great weekend of fun, fellowship, training, and great food for 33 Members of our Lodge – the largest attendance at a Fellowship in years. Mawat and Amangi Bischuwi chapters co-hosted the event.

Those in attendance were: Adam Akers, Joe Andres, Beth Baker, Chuck Buck, Justin Caithaml, Mike Caithaml, Greg Coghlan, Shorty Collins, Brian Darmstadt, John Darmstadt, Scotty Davis, Sam Doll, CW Finley, Bob Fletcher, Justin Fletcher, Larry Howell, Diane Jones, Keith Lovell, Tracy Lovell, Pete Mathias, Brian Maxwell, Trevor Robinson, Andy Shannon, Andrew Squires, Megan Stanforth, Orrin Stanforth, Mike Van Kerkhove, Nathan Welch, Ed Werner, Dave Willins, Mary Wirth, Rich Wirth, Dustin Woods

Conclave 2007

Where: Camp Birch

Who: All arrowmen in the Section

When: June 1-3, 2007

Cost: \$25.00 (before May 1), \$30.00 after to be sent to the Heart of Ohio Council

Theme: The Pirates of C...4B

Why: To compete in ceremonies, learn about the Order of the Arrow, and to fellowship with our brothers in OA.

Any other information you need can be obtained by visiting the conclave portion of the section website at: <http://www.oa-c4b.org/conclave.php>



Lodge Events Patches

At the January LEC, it was decided to create a series of patches that Members will get for attending Lodge Events during the year. At the First Lodge event you attend, you will receive a central patch. For each subsequent event you attend, you will receive one of three colored "rocker" patches that fit around the outside. So we hope to see you at the upcoming Fellowship, Ordeals, and Banquet throughout the year.

LEC BOWLING

On Saturday January 20, 2007 the lodge's LEC (Lodge Executive Committee) had a meeting at Lake Erie Lanes, in Vermilion. The meeting was over lodge issues including the new lodge flaps for this year and a new patch to keep new members interested in coming to our lodge's events. After the meeting portion was done, we bowled two games. After two games Justin Jeffrey came in first place with a combined score of 323. In second place was Joe Andres with a score of 251. In third place, Mrs. Wirth had a score of 236. All who attended had a great time bowling. We hope to see more of you at these meetings

Article submitted by Mike VanKerhove

Chapter Information

AMANGI BISCHUWI >>> GREAT FRONTIER DISTRICT

Chapter Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month September through May at Northwood Jr. High in Elyria at 7:00pm (same place as Roundtable). All Chapter members are welcome and encouraged to come.

Chief ~ Justin Caithaml ~ 440-366-1994 ~ JustinC418@yahoo.com

Vice Chief ~ Justin Fletcher ~ 440-353-0286 ~ Fletch08177@msn.com

Secretary ~ John Messer ~ 440-308-7068 ~ Buckmasterpro@adelphia.net

Chapter Adviser ~ Larry Foley ~ 216-521-7879 ~ allrisk@ameritech.net

CHIEF TARHE >>> HARDING AREA DISTRICT

Hey! Chief Tarhe Chapter Members! Come to the Chapter Meetings. We meet the 1st Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Tri-Rivers.

Chief ~ Randy Thomas ~ 419-560-3004 ~ runthomas@hotmail.com

Vice Chief ~ Kyle Dettra ~ 740-382-9709 ~ Kdettra@yahoo.com

Secretary ~ James Blair ~ 419-845-3281 ~ amblan@gte.net

Adviser ~ Charles Buck ~ 740-494-2257 ~ Buck1@marion.net

LOU OTT >>> JOHNNY APPLESEED TRAIL DISTRICT

The Lou-Ott Chapter will be meeting at Camp Avery Hand the 1st Saturday of the Month, beginning at 2:00pm at Zerby when available. The meeting dates are April 7th, May 5th. Plan to attend; become active in your Chapter and Lodge, together we can accomplish much.

Chief ~ Matt Patrlja ~ 419-347-6055 ~ topgunkid2007@aim.com

Adviser ~ Bob Sliney ~ 419-526-5154 ~ Rsliney@mlsd.net

MAWAT >>> THE FIRELANDS DISTRICT

The Chapter meetings held during the Firelands District Roundtable (the 2nd Wednesday of the month) at EHOVE Building "A" beginning at 7:00 PM, October through May.

Chief ~ Jevon Lambright ~ 419-929-1162 ~ drum-dude@earthlink.net

Vice Chief ~ Brandon Sommers ~ 419-668-2338

Secretary ~

Adviser ~ Pete Mathias ~ 419-621-8296 ~ petem6602@aol.com

Associate Adviser ~ Joe Andres ~ 419-625-9308 ~ Quietbear03@aol.com

LODGE OFFICERS AND ADVISORS:

Lodge Chief *Keith Lovell ~ 440-322-4503 ~ lovell25@alltel.net*

Vice Chief of Administration *Trevor Robinson ~ 740-361-7763~ t-robinson.2@onu.edu*

Vice Chief of Program *Justin Fletcher ~ 440-353-0286 ~ fletch08177@msn.com*

Secretary *Justin Jeffery ~ 440-967-8084 ~ eagle07@gmail.com*

Treasurer *Mike Van Kerkhove ~ 440-366-1183 ~ kempokali@aol.com*

Lodge Adviser *Mary Wirth ~ 440-365-7027 ~ mjkwirth@alltel.net*

Lodge Associate Adviser *Greg Coghlan ~ 440-427-0007 ~ coghlg@yahoo.com*

Lodge Factual Adviser *Diane Jones ~ 440-452-9251 ~ diane.L.jones@oh.rr.com*

Professional Adviser *Frank Milluzzi ~ 800-334-5910 ~ fmilluzz@bsamail.org*

LEADERSHIP IN SERVICE TRACKING FORM

Name: _____ Circle One: YOUTH ADULT

Phone Number: _____ Unit # _____

Your Chapter (circle one): Amangi Bischuwi Chief Tarhe Lou-Ott Mawat

Service Projects At Camp (8 hours at Chapter, Lodge, or Council project)

Date: _____ Event: _____ Hours: _____ Signed _____

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Date: _____ Event: _____ Hours: _____ Signed _____

Service Projects In Community (6 hours at a Chapter or Lodge-planned event)

Date: _____ Event: _____ Hours: _____ Signed _____

Date: _____ Event: _____ Hours: _____ Signed _____

*See National OA Web Site for details of requirements
Due in the Council Office by December 17, 2007*



PORTAGE LODGE REGISTRATION/PAYMENT FORM

This form should accompany all money sent to the Vic Smith Scout Service Center

Name: _____ Circle One: YOUTH ADULT

Address: _____ Unit # _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Your Chapter (circle one): Amangi Bischuwi Chief Tarhe Lou-Ott Mawat

2007 Lodge Dues – DUE ASAP \$10.00 \$ _____

Note: you do not owe dues if you went through your Ordeal in 2006.

2007 Ordeals

May 18-20 Ordeal at CAH – Fees due May 9, 2007

\$35.00 for Candidates / \$12.00 for Members / Additional \$12.00 for Brotherhood

\$6.00 for Members attending Saturday Dinner only \$ _____

August 17-19 Ordeal at FSR – Fees due August 8, 2007

\$35.00 for Candidates / \$12.00 for Members / Additional \$12.00 for Brotherhood

\$6.00 for Members attending Saturday Dinner only \$ _____

September 14-16 Ordeal at CAH – Fees due September 6, 2007

\$35.00 for Candidates / \$12.00 for Members / Additional \$12.00 for Brotherhood

\$6.00 for Members attending Saturday Dinner only \$ _____

2007 Conclave – DUE 5/1 \$25.00 After 5/1 \$30.00 \$ _____

June 1 - 3, 2007 at Camp Birch

Lodge Hoodies – M L XL XXL \$15.00 \$ _____

Lodge Crew neck Sweatshirts – M L XL XXL \$10.00 \$ _____

Circle one size

Make all checks payable to “Portage Lodge 619”

Write in the Memo Field of the check what the money is for

Mail this form and payment to: Vic Smith Scout Service Center – PO Box 368 – Ashland, OH 44805-0368

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