



# THE PORTAGE TIMES

Heart of Ohio Council #450 Portage Lodge #619  
October 2007

## **LODGE CALENDAR**

November 2-4, 2007 ALTC at Camp Lazarus ~ All chapter & lodge officers encouraged to attend

November 10, 2007 LODGE BANQUET ~ American Legion, Sandusky ~ Mawat host chapter

January, 2008 LEC – date & time TBA

March 14-16, 2008 FELLOWSHIP at Camp Avery Hand ~ Chief Tarhe host chapter

May 16-18, 2008 ORDEAL at Firelands Reservation ~ Mawat host chapter

May 30-June 1, 2008 SECTION CONCLAVE at Firelands ~ hosted by Portage Lodge

August 15-17, 2008 ORDEAL at Camp Avery Hand ~ Chief Tarhe host chapter

September 19-21, 2008 ORDEAL at Firelands ~ Amangi Bischuwi host chapter

## **ANNUAL LODGE BANQUET**

**SATURDAY ~ NOVEMBER 10, 2007**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 83**

**3615 Hayes Ave, RT 4 ~ SANDUSKY, OHIO**

**Fellowship begins at 5:00p.m. ~ Officer Elections meeting will be at 5:30p.m.**

**Dinner will be served at 6:00p.m.**

**Mawat is the host chapter and they have made fantastic plans for this event.**

**The menu includes beef, chicken, potatoes, veggie, salad and dessert.**

**The fee is \$17.00 per person attending – OA members and their guests.**

**All reservations are due by November 1, 2007**

**\*\*NO LATE RESERVATIONS OR WALK INS WILL BE ACCEPTED\*\***

**This is your first opportunity to get your new Lodge flap! See article below!**

**During the banquet all 2007 Lodge Elections will take place.**

**Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil members will be recognized.**

**The Founder's Awards will be presented.**

**You won't want to miss this Lodge event, plan to attend!!**

## **ANNUAL LODGE ELECTIONS**

The November LEC will be held before the Annual Banquet beginning at 2:00 p.m. at a location near the banquet site and still to be determined. All Lodge and Chapter Officers, Advisers and interested members are encouraged to attend. Any member who is interested in being elected to a Lodge Office **must** be at the banquet by 5:30pm. At 5:30 p.m. Adviser Wirth will meet with all interested members to review the Lodge's expectations of its officers and to hand you an Officer Agreement form, which needs to be signed by you and Adviser Wirth. The Lodge Elections will take place during the banquet.

## **The “New” Lodge Flap!**

Portage Lodge now has a new series of lodge flaps. The Yellow bordered flaps are available to all Ordeal members. Red bordered flaps are for Brotherhood members. Black and Silver flaps are for Vigil members. You can purchase one, two or all three flaps based on what your membership is within the OA.



## **Successful Ordeal Season**

The three ordeals of 2007 went very well. One hundred and fourteen (114) candidates completed their Ordeal and became full members of our lodge. Ten (10) Ordeal members learned more about the OA and took the next step to become Brotherhood members. Six brothers were selected and became Vigil members. Many projects were accomplished at both camps – the OA trails were cleared, wood was split, summer camp sites cleared, bridge construction started, COPE course projects completed and a number of other jobs also.

May Ordeal at Camp Avery Hand ~ 22 new Ordeal members; 1 new Brotherhood

August Ordeal at Firelands ~ 71 new Ordeal members; 7 new Brotherhood, 1 new Vigil

September Ordeal at Avery Hand ~ 21 new Ordeal members, 2 new Brotherhood, 5 new Vigil

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR BROTHERS!**

Help is always needed at each Ordeal. Contact the host chapter to volunteer your help. Don't forget about the Elangomat award, which you can earn by serving as an Elangomat twice within 12 months. Come to Ordeals to welcome your new Brothers into our Brotherhood.

## **Conclave 2008**

Portage Lodge is hosting next year's Section Conclave. The seven lodges from our section will come together to learn and have a lot of fun with other Arrowmen. The event is a blast, but it will take a lot of work so the more Arrowmen that sign up the easier it will be. Talk to the Conclave Chairman, Mike Van Kerkhove or the Conclave Adviser, David Willins if you would like to help.

## **ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>**

Summer of 2008 – what are you doing? If the answer is staying home, that's the wrong answer. In 2008 Order of the Arrow members from around the country have the unique opportunity to get together at five different sites across the country for an event to remember. Ever want to see the beauty of Bridger-Teton, Mark Twain or Washington & Jefferson National Forest? If so, we have the program for you – ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>. It is one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken by the Boy Scouts of America and it will make a true difference in the future of our National Forests. EVERY Arrowman is invited to pick up a shovel or other tool of choice and find the nearest work site.

**ARROW CORPS<sup>5</sup> - ARE YOU PREPARED?**

Check out the national website <http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/arrowcorps5/> for more information as it becomes available.

## **2008 Dues Are Due (Maybe)**

*Unless you went through your Ordeal in 2007, your OA Dues for next year are now due, and should be paid by the end of the year. Paying these will ensure that we do not lose track of you, and you continue to receive these newsletters and the various reminders we sent out. You will also receive a current OA Membership card, in case you need to prove your Membership status.*

## **OA at Summer Camp 2007**

As this year's 2007 Summer Camp representative, I would like to thank all of the lodge members for helping me run the OA programs at camp successfully. Over five weeks of camp, 93 candidates were called out and 23 members advanced in their membership and attained Brotherhood. I would like to congratulate those candidates that were called out who completed their Ordeal, as well as all of the new Brotherhood members. I would especially like to thank several Camp Staph members who assisted with the ceremonies: Ryan Gibson, Nick Resar, Justin Fletcher, Justin Jeffery, Jeremy Wachtel, Aaron Brown, Dan Nolting, and Stephanie Carey. Again, thank you to all the lodge members who helped me this summer. Without every one of you, this summer could not have been such a great success.

Yours in Wimachtendienk,  
**Justin Caithaml**

## **2007 NCLS**

In August, five Arrowmen traveled to Indiana State University for the National Conservation and Leadership Summit or NCLS. At this Summit Mrs. Wirth, Mr. Caithaml, Justin Caithaml, Keith Lovell, Mike Van Kerkhove and over 2,000 Arrowmen were introduced to the OA's 2008-2012 Strategic Plan. They attended many classes to learn about the plan and to help our lodge learn with other lodges all over the nation.

## **Do You Like to Act? We Need You!**

Within the past year, some key members had to retire from the Ceremonies Team after they turned 21. These members performed many of the ceremonies in the few years prior to that and we are still looking to find some youth members to take over their roles on a permanent basis. The past few months we have had a number of members who have done a great job filling in and we hope they will continue to develop into long-term ceremonialists. But in the meantime, we are searching for any youth member (under 21) 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: Chairman Andrew Squires (440-967-0614 or [statechampw09@yahoo.com](mailto:statechampw09@yahoo.com)) or Advisor Dan Nolting ([goodotter@yahoo.com](mailto: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 Ordeals and the March Fellowship Ceremonies tryouts will take place for the Principal positions. We also hope to have teams compete in the Ceremony Competitions at the 2008 Conclave, hosted by our Lodge. Now is the time to start learning the ceremonies.

Lodge regalia is available that can be used by anyone taking part in the ceremonies, so 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.

## **ALTC 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Mark your calendars now to join lodge leaders from all seventeen lodges in Ohio and West Virginia as we celebrate ten years of the Area Leadership Training Conference (ALTC.) This year's ALTC will be held **November 2-4, 2007**, at Camp Lazarus in Delaware, Ohio. With a cost of only **\$25**, this event brings the area's best trainers together to put on a phenomenal program for Area 4's lodge leaders.

Plans are currently being drafted to make the tenth anniversary of ALTC a memorable experience. Registration and more detailed information can be found by checking out the section website - <http://www.oe-c4b.org>.

## **Unit Elections**

Unit Election packets will be handed out at the LEC before the Lodge Banquet on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Unit Elections are a key part of retaining the growth of our Lodge. The 2007 elections were better than the 2006, however the completed forms being submitted was a very slow process. Discussion will be taking place at the November LEC to try to improve this process. Please remember 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.

## **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 \$15 and crew necks are \$10.



## **Lost & Found**

Many articles of clothing have been found at the end of the last few ordeals. If you are missing anything contact Mrs. Wirth, Lodge adviser. A knife was lost at the May Ordeal at Camp Avery Hand. If you found a knife that you know does not belong to you please return it to an officer or adviser. We are still looking for a green tarp that was lent to a New Member during the May Ordeal. A Scout is Trustworthy

## **OA Handbooks**

For those new arrowmen who completed their ordeal in September, the OA handbooks and sashes have arrived. They will be mailed out to you soon. We appreciate your patience.

## **Newsletter**

The Lodge is trying something different - this edition of the Portage Times will be available on the Heart of Ohio Council website as well as being mailed the standard way. Hopefully you have received an e-mail letting you know that it is available on the website. If anyone is interested in helping with the newsletter let a lodge officer know.

## **Chapter Information**

### AMANGI BISCHUWI >>> GREAT FRONTIER DISTRICT

Chapter Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. At the September meeting, new Chapter Officers were elected. Our Advisor Mr. Foley has asked to step down, so we are also looking for a Chapter Advisor and possibly an Associate Advisor also.

Chief ~ Justin Caithaml ~ 440-366-1994 ~ [JustinC418@yahoo.com](mailto:JustinC418@yahoo.com)

Vice Chief ~ Josh Lawlis ~ 440-965-4265 ~ [kingofcanada93@yahoo.com](mailto:kingofcanada93@yahoo.com)

Secretary ~ Christian Fox ~ 440-310-4830 ~ [hbkpaige@hotmail.com](mailto:hbkpaige@hotmail.com)

Chapter Adviser ~ Larry Foley ~ 216-521-7879 ~ [allrisk@ameritech.net](mailto:allrisk@ameritech.net)

### CHIEF TARHE >>> HARDING AREA DISTRICT

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

Chief ~ Randy Thomas ~ 419-560-3004 ~ [runthomas@hotmail.com](mailto:runthomas@hotmail.com)

Vice Chief ~ Kyle Dettra ~ 740-382-9709 ~ [Kdettra@yahoo.com](mailto:Kdettra@yahoo.com)

Secretary ~ James Blair ~ 419-845-3281 ~ [amblan@gte.net](mailto:amblan@gte.net)

Adviser ~ Charles Buck ~ 740-494-2257 ~ [Buck1@marion.net](mailto:Buck1@marion.net)

### LOU OTT >>> JOHNNY APPLESEED TRAIL DISTRICT

The Lou-Ott Chapter will be meeting at Camp Avery Hand the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at 2:00pm in Tappan Ott. Plan to attend and become active in your Chapter and Lodge. Together we can accomplish much.

Chief ~ Jacob Robinson ~ 419-347-6055 ~ [aj5479@earthlink.net](mailto:aj5479@earthlink.net)

Vice Chief ~ David Gosser ~ 419-347-8627

Secretary ~ John Cyphert ~ 419-342-3322 ~ [mcyphert@neo.rr.com](mailto:mcyphert@neo.rr.com)

Adviser ~ Bob Sliney ~ 419-526-5154 ~ [Rsliney@mlsd.net](mailto:Rsliney@mlsd.net)

### MAWAT >>> THE FIRELANDS DISTRICT

The Chapter meetings held during the Firelands District Roundtable (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 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](mailto:drum-dude@earthlink.net)

Vice Chief ~ Brandon Sommers ~ 419-668-2338

Secretary ~

Adviser ~ Pete Mathias 419-621-8296 [petem6602@aol.com](mailto:petem6602@aol.com)

Associate Adviser ~ Joe Andres ~ 419-625-9308 ~ [Quietbear03@aol.com](mailto:Quietbear03@aol.com)

## **LODGE OFFICERS AND ADVISORS:**

Lodge Chief                    *Keith Lovell ~ 440-322-4503 ~ [lovell25@alltel.net](mailto:lovell25@alltel.net)*

Vice Chief of Administration    *Trevor Robinson ~ 740-361-7763~ [t-robinson.2@onu.edu](mailto:t-robinson.2@onu.edu)*

Vice Chief of Program            *Justin Fletcher ~ 440-353-0286 ~ [fletch08177@msn.com](mailto:fletch08177@msn.com)*

Secretary                        *Justin Jeffery ~ 440-967-8084 ~ [eagle07@gmail.com](mailto:eagle07@gmail.com)*

Treasurer                        *Mike Van Kerkhove ~ 440-366-1183 ~ [kempokali@aol.com](mailto:kempokali@aol.com)*

Lodge Adviser                    *Mary Wirth ~ 440-365-7027 ~ [mjkwirth@alltel.net](mailto:mjkwirth@alltel.net)*

Lodge Associate Adviser        *Greg Coghlan ~ 440-427-0007 ~ [coghlgr@yahoo.com](mailto:coghlgr@yahoo.com)*

Lodge Factual Adviser         *Diane Jones ~ 440-452-9251 ~ [diane.L.jones@oh.rr.com](mailto:diane.L.jones@oh.rr.com)*

Professional Adviser            *Frank Milluzzi ~ 800-334-5910 ~ [fmilluzz@bsamail.org](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Lodge Banquet** – Fees due November 1, 2007

\$17.00 for OA Members & guests      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ALTC** – Fees due October 20, 2007

\$25 for Lodge & Chapter Officers & Advisors      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2008 DUES** - \$10 due by December 31, 2007

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodge Hoodies** – M L XL XXL XXXL \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Circle one size*

Make all checks payable to “Portage Lodge 619”

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

For Office Use Only: 1-2371-001-00