



THE PORTAGE TIMES

*Heart of Ohio Council #450 Portage Lodge #619
January 2008*

Lodge Calendar

March 14-16, 2008	Lodge Fellowship	Camp Avery Hand	Lou Ott host chapter
May 16-18, 2008	Ordeal	Camp Firelands	Mawat host chapter
May 30 – June 1, 2008	Section Conclave	Camp Firelands	Hosted by Portage Lodge
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September 19-21, 2008	Ordeal	Camp Firelands	Amangi Bischuwi host chapter

Chief's Words

This is your 2008 Lodge Chief Mike Van Kerkhove. First of all I would like to thank you for voting for me. I know that this will be a very successful year. The new LEC (Lodge Executive Committee) has been thinking of great ideas to improve the Lodge.

So we need your help in showing up to these events so that we can put on the best ones yet. All of the upcoming events are listed above. I hope to see you there.

Remember to try to bring those Arrowmen that are in your troop that are not very active. Let's have the best year that Portage Lodge has ever had.

Here are the goals that the Lodge would like to accomplish by the end of the year.

Positive membership growth
More attendance at Lodge functions

Better Brotherhood conversion for the year
Earn the 2008 Quality Lodge award

2008 Annual Lodge Dues

Did you pay your dues before the banquet or maybe at the banquet? If not, your dues are now due. Please send them to the Council office as soon as possible. Complete the form on the last page of this newsletter to accompany your payment. Our Lodge now has a wonderful new program to track our members and create membership cards. Lodge Dues are \$10.00

Note: If you went through your Ordeal in May, August or September of 2007, your 2008 dues are already paid!! Your dues were included in the \$35.00 you paid when you underwent your Ordeal.

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, both youth and adults. Portage Lodge is sending a contingent of arrowmen to this event. The physical requirements for the trip are the same as those for Philmont. This program is shaping up to be the next big thing for the Order of the Arrow. So everyone, youth and adults, should plan to go and have a fun time, do some service, and get back to the roots of our foundational principals. The Arrowmen from our Lodge who have expressed an interest in going, want to go to Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri, June 7-14, or George Washington & Jefferson National Forests in Virginia, June 21-28. If you want to attend a \$100 deposit **must** be made to the Heart of Ohio Council ASAP. The deposits must be sent to National by February 1. Please contact AC⁵ Chairman, Greg Hutcheson, macgeek9753@aol.com, AC⁵ Advisor Scott Hutcheson, scouthutch@columbus.rr.com, or Mary Wirth for more information.

Conclave 2008 SMACK DOWN

During the weekend of May 30 through June 1 our lodge will host the "SMACK DOWN" Conclave at Firelands Scout Reservation. (For more information about conclave and to register please visit the Section C4B website at <http://www.oa-c4b.org/>). This is a BIG event with arrowmen from the 7 lodges all over the western half of Ohio in our section coming to Camp Firelands. We want to have the best conclave possible!

As the host lodge we have many responsibilities! Below is a list of subcommittees that we need volunteers for. If you would like to participate on one (or more) of these subcommittees, please send an e-mail to conclave2008@portage619.org with your full name and contact information and be sure to say which subcommittee(s) you are interested in helping out with! We need everyone's help to make this event a success! Conclave Chairman, Mike Van Kerkhove and Conclave Adviser, David Willins are waiting for your e-mails.

(Note: If you have already indicated to us that you are interested in being involved in any of the subcommittees listed, please reply anyway. This will help us assemble a complete list!!)

KITCHEN

2 Cracker Barrels
4 Meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Saturday and Breakfast Sunday)

REGISTRATION

On-site check-in
Check-in Packet and Goodie Bag (fill and distribute)
T-shirt orders and distribution
Parking
Road/Path signage
Transportation of arriving lodges to campsites
Assist with Newspaper setup

AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS

Set up for dance and drum competitions
Set up for ceremony competitions
OA ring prep for brotherhood ceremony
Awards

TRADING POST

Snack Bar
Slushies?
Popcorn
Soft Drinks
Patches/Pins...

TRAINING

Set up for AIA Classes
Set up for OA Leadership Classes
Locations set up and schedule
Instructors (welcome and assistance)

ACTIVITIES

Prep for shows Friday and Saturday
Lodge Awards
Patch Trading Areas
COPE Tower
Games (Volleyball, Basketball etc.)

CAMP PREP

Set up tarps for game areas
Additional Tent setup (April ordeal project will set up most campsite tents for Conclave and Resident camp)
Water/Firewood to program sites and campsites
Trash bags and Toilet Paper to camp activity and educational sites
Mow grass
Move picnic tables

MEDICAL

Insurance/Medical Forms
Clean and stock First Aid Station
Help out with any "special needs" attendants

OVERALL MANAGEMENT

Final say on all matters
Section Liaison
Order Patches and Beads
Maintain overall schedule
Budget
COC meetings

Lodge Banquet Results

The Lodge Banquet was a huge success with 80 people attending. Presentations about 2008 Conclave and Arrow Corp 5 were given, awards were presented and elections were held. Outgoing Lodge Chief Keith challenged everyone to get involved in the lodge and especially to come to the Conclave being held at our own Firelands Scout Reservation. Let's make sure that Portage Lodge has a great turnout.

The elections were mixed in with the banquet program and the new officers are:

- Lodge Chief – Mike Van Kerkhove
- Vice Chief of Administration – Randy Thomas
- Vice Chief of Program – Nathan Welch
- Secretary – Jared Underwood
- Treasurer – Keith Lovell

Outgoing Chief, Keith Lovell, handed out Honor Beads to Justin Caithaml, Jacob Robinson, Andrew Squires, Mike Van Kerkhove, Nathan Welch, Stephanie Carey, and Henry Messer.

The Founder's Award is bestowed on two of our Members who exemplify the spirit of the OA's Founders. This year's recipients were Justin Jeffery and Dan Nolting.

The Advisor's Award was given to Beth Baker and Shorty Collins for all their work feeding the lodge members at events. Thanks to everyone who attended.

New Lodge Website

After a few years, the Lodge has a website again. You can check it out at www.Portage619.org. The site is pretty basic right now, but we will be adding to it as time allows. There is a long list of features we developed at last year's Fellowship that we want to implement on the site. If you would like to help, contact Greg Coghlan at WebAdviser@portage619.org.

Lodge Fellowship at Camp Avery Hand

The annual Portage Lodge Fellowship will be held March 14 – 16 at Camp Avery Hand. Come for a great weekend of fun, fellowship and training with your fellow Lodge Members from around the Council. Lou Ott is the host chapter. The cost for this great weekend will be only \$12 per person and is due by March 9th. See the form below.

Unit Elections

Unit Election packets will be handed out at the January LEC. Unit Elections are a key part of retaining the growth of our Lodge. 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.



New Lodge Flaps!

At the Lodge Banquet, the new Lodge Flaps were unveiled. The Ordeal and Brotherhood flaps are full color with either yellow (Ordeal) or red (Brotherhood) border and highlights. The Vigil flap is black and silver. While there is no limit on how many you can buy, you have to be at least Brotherhood and Vigil to buy (red or black and silver) flaps. They will be available for sale at all Lodge events.

Portage Lodge Ordeals 2008

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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 6:00 p.m. if possible, Candidates check-in at 8:00 p.m. 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 Events Patches

At the January 2007 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. These items were well received and the program will continue.

Lodge Hoodies and Sweatshirts

Our Lodge hoodies and crew-neck 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. These are by pre-order only and could take a couple of months to get in. Send in your order using the form on the last page, and make sure you indicate what adult size you want.



Ceremony Teams – Help Is Needed

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 Chairman Andrew Squires at statechampw09@yahoo.com 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 a Ceremonies Team tryout will take place for the Principal positions. Now is the time to start learning the ceremonies.

Lodge regalia is available that can be used by anyone taking part in a ceremony. 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 available, just ask one of the above members and they can direct you to someone that can help you.

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	Josh Lawlis	(440) 965-5365	kingofcanada93@yahoo.com
Secretary	Jared Underwood	(440) 776-0440	Richnae79@aol.com
Chapter Adviser	Jay Cleland	(440) 465-2710	jclel@oh.rr.com
Associate Adviser	Steve Warnock	(440) 282-1455	steven.warnock@wgint.com

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
Chapter 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 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	aj479@earthlink.net
Vice Chief	David Gosser	(419) 347-8627	
Secretary	John Cyphert	(419) 342-3322	mcyphert@neo.rr.com
Chapter Adviser	Bob Sliney	(419) 526-5154	Rsliney@mlsd.net

MAWAT >>> THE FIRELANDS DISTRICT

The Chapter meetings held during the Firelands District Roundtable (the 2nd 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
Vice Chief	Brandon Sommers	(419) 668-2338	
Secretary			
Chapter 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	Mike Van Kerkhove	(440) 366-1183	kempokali@aol.com
Vice Chief of Administration	Randy Thomas	(419) 560-3004	runthomas@hotmail.com
Vice Chief of Program	Nathan Welch	(440) 965-5002	ndwelch@centurytel.net
Secretary	Jared Underwood	(440) 776-0440	Richnae79@aol.com
Treasurer	Keith Lovell	(440) 322-4503	lovell25@alltel.net
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



PORTAGE LODGE REGISTRATION/PAYMENT FORM

This form should accompany all money sent to the Heart of Ohio 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

2008 Lodge Dues – DUE ASAP \$10.00 \$ _____

Note: you do not owe dues if you went through your Ordeal in 2007.

2008 Lodge Fellowship – DUE 3/9 \$12.00 \$ _____

March 14-16, 2008 at **Camp Avery Hand**

2008 Conclave – DUE 5/1 \$30.00 After 5/17 \$40.00 \$ _____

May 30 - June 1, 2008 at Camp Firelands

You must also register on-line @ the section C4B website at <http://www.aa-c4b.org/>

2008 Ordeals

May 16-18 Ordeal at **FSR** – Fees due May 7, 2008

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

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

August 15-17 Ordeal at CAH – Fees due August 6, 2008

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

\$2.00 for Vigil Members attending Vigil Breakfast only

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

September 19-21 Ordeal at FSR – Fees due September 10, 2008

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

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

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"

Mail this form and payment to: Heart of Ohio Service Center – PO Box 368 – Ashland, OH 44805-0368

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