



THE PORTAGE TIMES

Portage Lodge #619

Heart of Ohio Council #450

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April 2008

LODGE CALENDAR

May 16-18, 2008	Ordeal	Camp Firelands	Mawat host
May 30 – June 1, 2008	Section Conclave	Camp Firelands	Hosted by Portage Lodge
August 15-17, 2008	Ordeal	Location TBD	Chief Tarhe host
September 19-21, 2008	Ordeal	Camp Firelands	Amangi Bischuwi host
November 15, 2008	Lodge Banquet	Location TBD	Chief Tarhe host

CHIEF'S WORDS

The big events of the year are coming and we need your help. At the May ordeal we will be getting ready for the main event - Conclave. We need to show our Section that we are the best that we can be. So everyone in our Lodge needs to step up and come to the two May events. So let's put the SMACKDOWN on this years Conclave.

2008 CONCLAVE SMACKDOWN May 30- June 1

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The Section Conclave is an annual event that brings all seven lodges in the section together to learn how to improve our lodges, get to know one another and have a lot of FUN. There will be great food, fun activities, exciting training, ceremony competitions, Native American events – and don't forget to bring patches for trading. It is the best event that the section offers every year. This year will be especially fun because it is being held at our own Firelands Scout Reservation and Portage is the host lodge. The cost is \$30/person and is due by May 1. After May 1 the cost is \$40. You must register on-line at the section website, www.oe-c4b.org. Look for the Conclave link in the upper right hand corner of the page. After you do that you need to fill out the registration form at the back of this newsletter and send your fee in to the Heart of Ohio Council office.
SEE EVERYONE THERE!!

HOSPITALITY BAG COMMITTEE

When Members arrive at Conclave, they are presented with a hospitality bag with mementos of the local area. Our Hospitality Bag Committee has already found some great donations, but we need more, and they are looking for additional members to help. We have less than 2 months left till Conclave SmackDown. We need all the help we can get to contact businesses to make the bags better than the past years. If you are interested please contact the youth chairman DJ Kulp at 440-988-8767 or at teamkulp12@oh.rr.com.

CONCLAVE HELP NEEDED

In addition to all the great fun we are going to have at Conclave this year, we also have a few extra duties as the host Lodge. And we need YOU to come and help out, even a little, so that all of our Lodge Members have a chance to enjoy the great weekend. Everyone who comes and works will get a **free** Conclave Staff T-shirt. The committees are Kitchen, Trading Post, Registration, Logistics, Hospitality, Medical, Training, American Indian Affairs, and Activities. Send an e-mail to conclave2008@portage619.org and tell us your name, e-mail, and where you want to help. **SEE YOU THERE**

Conclave Chairman- Mike Van Kerkhove

Conclave Advisor- Dave Willins

QUALITY LODGE

This year's goal is to attain Quality Lodge. The LEC has been putting together what we need to achieve this award. We have not received it in a few years and we are well over due. One of the biggest things holding us back is our Brotherhood Conversion rate. If you have been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months, you are eligible for Brotherhood and we need **you** to get it this year. You can earn it at any of our Ordeals, the Conclave, or at Firelands Summer Camp. Contact your chapter chief for more information or check out the Lodge Website at www.Portage619.org/honors.html. In addition, each Chapter needs to make sure that elections are conducted in all units. These are all things that you can do so that we can attain Quality Lodge this year.

CEREMONIES

Ceremonies team is in need of new members. People are needed for Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood ceremonies. Currently we have only 4 or 5 people to perform these ceremonies, and we need more. We are also in the process of making new regalia for the Lodge. Members of the ceremony teams have lots of fun and participate in many competitions within are own Lodge and Section. We not only need people to be in the ceremonies, but also people to help set up the ceremony rings. Please contact Andrew Squires at statechampw09@yahoo.com or his cell phone 1-440-986-0235 if you have questions or if you are interested.

LODGE SERVICE DAY

April 26th is Lodge Service Day. Every Chapter in the lodge should be planning a project to perform in their respective communities. This is very important for our lodge because we will be helping our communities as well as being a requirement for quality lodge. Contact your Chapter Chief to find out what your chapter is doing. Remember to enjoy your cheerful service.

2008 ANNUAL LODGE DUES

Did you pay your dues yet? If not, 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. 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.

UNIT ELECTIONS

Unit Election packets have been handed out at the January LEC. Unit Elections are a key part of retaining the growth of our Lodge. If you took an election packet you should have made contact with the Scoutmaster by now. Please arrange to have the elections soon. Remember to mail the results to Diane Jones **no later than June 1st**. We have only seen a few election results returned. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at (440) 452-9251.

ARROWCORPS⁵

It's not too late to go to Arrow Corp⁵! There are still openings at most of the sites. So far there are 5 people going to Mark Twain (June 7th-14th) and 4 going to the George Washington and Thomas Jefferson State Forest (June 21st-28th). If you want to take part in this historic event contact me, Greg Hutcheson, at macgeek9753@aol.com and I will give you more information about signing up.



When you go to Arrow Corp⁵ you will be put to work. Depending on where you go you will be fixing trails, removing trees, and campsite improvements. Part of the fee you pay will go to the one day of recreational activities. Some activities include canoeing, horseback riding, going to amusement parks and visiting historical sites. For more information go to: <http://event.ou-bsa.org>.

PORTAGE LODGE ORDEALS 2008

Three ordeals have been planned for 2008 – May 16-18, August 15-17, and September 19-21. 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 \$12 for those going through brotherhood. Don't forget your *Class 1 Medical Form* – everyone needs to bring one to camp.

SUCCESSFUL MARCH FELLOWSHIP

During the weekend of March 14-16 Portage Lodge spring “Super Heroes” fellowship was held at Camp Avery Hand. About 40 arrowmen attended the weekend of fun and fellow-ship. Everyone enjoyed watching movies, learning more about the upcoming conclave and Arrow Corps 5, as well as learning about being an Elangomat, and ideas to make meetings more fun and interesting.



TRIVIA QUESTION

At the Lodge Fellowship in March, Aqua Bob wore a number of different Super Heroes T-shirts. **How many different T-shirts did he wear and what were two of them?** E-mail your answer to lodgechief@portage619.org. The first arrowman to answer correctly will win a Portage Lodge flap. The answer will be printed in the next edition of the Portage Times.

LODGE EVENTS PATCHES



We are once again, doing the Lodge Events patches with a new design for 2008 in which there is a series of patches you 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. New Members will not get one at their Ordeal, but will get the center patch and one rocker at the next event they attend this year.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

This weekend event is designed for Lodge and Chapter officers and/or committee chairmen who want additional training in various aspects of leadership. The training is done by regional and national youth and adult leaders. At the end of the intensive weekend of working together with new friends, participants sign a contract to use the skills they have learned back home in their lodge or section. It is recommended that youth participants be at least 15 years of age or a lodge officer. Completion of the Lodge Leadership Development Program is desirable. The next NLS course is going to be right in our back yard at **Camp Miakonda in Toledo on Oct 17-19, 2008**. This is the closest it has been in a long time. Contact Lodge Adviser Mary Wirth for more information, and check out central.ou-bsa.org/training/nls/ for all the details.



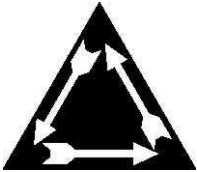
VIGIL NOMINATIONS 2008

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!*

Some important dates to remember:

- **Nominations due** by midnight on May 1, 2008
- **Vigil Selection** will take place at the May Ordeal – May 16-18, 2008
- **Vigil Induction Ceremony** will take place at the September Ordeal – Sept. 19-21, 2008

A Vigil Nomination Form is included in this issue of the Portage Times, or you can download one from <http://www.portage619.org/files/BlankVigilNom2008.pdf>. You can 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 Vigil@Portage619.org. Send it early, so he receives it in time.



VIGIL NOMINATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Troop/Post _____ Phone _____

Dues Paid? _____ *Dues must be paid to be considered for Vigil Honor.*

Date of: Ordeal _____ Brotherhood _____

Reason for nomination: _____

Order of the Arrow Record: _____

Scouting Record: _____

Other Achievements (school, church, clubs, etc.): _____

Recommended Vigil Name: _____

Translation: _____

Nominated by: _____ Phone _____

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		ABChChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief	Josh Lawlis		ABChViceChief@Portage619.org
Secretary	Jared Underwood		ABChSecretary@Portage619.org
Chapter Adviser	Jay Cleland		ABChAdviser@Portage619.org
Assoc. Adviser	Steve Warnock		ABChAssocAdv@Portage619.org

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	Eric Jackson		CTChChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief	Jeremy Gilpin		CTChViceChief@Portage619.org
Secretary	Ethan Matthews		CTChSecretary@Portage619.org
Chapter Adviser	Charles Buck		CTChAdviser@Portage619.org

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		LOChChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief	David Gosser		LOChViceChief@Portage619.org
Secretary	John Cyphert		LOChSecretary@Portage619.org
Chapter Adviser	Bob Sliney		LOChAdviser@Portage619.org

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		MChChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief	Brandon Sommers		
Secretary			
Chapter Adviser	Pete Mathias		MChAdviser@Portage619.org
Assoc. Adviser	Joe Andres		MChAssocAdv@Portage619.org

LODGE OFFICERS AND ADVISORS:

Lodge Chief	Mike Van Kerkhove		LodgeChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief of Administration	Randy Thomas		LodgeVCAdmin@Portage619.org
Vice Chief of Program	Nathan Welch		LodgeVCProg@Portage619.org
Secretary	Jared Underwood		LodgeSecretary@Portage619.org
Treasurer	Keith Lovell		LodgeTreasurer@Portage619.org
Lodge Adviser	Mary Wirth		LodgeAdviser@Portage619.org
Lodge Associate Adviser	Greg Coghlan		LodgeAssocAdv@Portage619.org
Lodge Factual Adviser	Diane Jones		LodgeFactAdv@Portage619.org
Lodge Financial Adviser	Megan Stanforth		LodgeFinanceAdv@Portage619.org
Professional Adviser	Frank Milluzzi	(800) 334-5910	LodgeProAdviser@Portage619.org

NEW LODGE WEBSITE

Portage Lodge has a website again. You can check it out at www.Portage619.org. The site is changing frequently; adding new features and now includes chapter pages. Coming soon will be information on unit elections, vigil nominations and information about the ordeal and brotherhood. If you would like to help, contact Greg Coghlan at WebAdvisor@portage619.org.

NEW OA GEAR FOR SALE

The Shirts and caps shown below are available at our Council Scout Shops and at ScoutStuff.org. But what better way to get one than pick one up at Conclave. If you are interested in purchasing them, give the Firelands Scout Shop a call to be sure they order your size! The phone number there is (440) 967-7054.

Order of the Arrow T-shirt



- 100% cotton.
- Color: cardinal red.
- Full chest screen print mountain backdrop with text Order of the Arrow in front with an arrow over the top of text. BSA screened over the arrow. The design is distressed.
- Available in adult sizes small through 3XL.
- Retail Price Range: **\$12.99** to **\$14.99**

Order of the Arrow Cap



- 100% cotton twill cap, 6 panel, adjustable backstrap. Navy blue cap with red sandwich visor, embroidered with BSA and Order of the Arrow and an arrow between the text to coordinate with the OA t-shirt. Embroidered arrowhead on wearer's left side of the visor. Order of the Arrow embroidered over the opening on the back of the cap in red. One size fits most. Retail Price Range: **\$12.99**



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

May 30 - June 1, 2008 at Firelands Scout Reservation

You must also register on-line at www.oa-c4b.org T-shirt Size: _____

2008 Ordeals Fees: \$35.00 for Candidates; \$12.00 for Members; Additional \$12.00 for Brotherhood Candidates; \$6.00 for Members attending Saturday Dinner only

May 16-18 Ordeal at FSR – *Fees due May 9, 2008* \$ _____

August 15-17 Ordeal (location TBD) – *Fees due August 9, 2008* \$ _____

September 19-21 Ordeal at FSR – *Fees due September 6, 2008* \$ _____

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

Circle one size

Lodge Crew neck Sweatshirts – S 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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