



THE PORTAGE TIMES

Portage Lodge #619

Heart of Ohio Council #450

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September 2008

LODGE CALENDAR

Sept. 19-21, 2008	Ordeal	Firelands Scout Reservation	Amangi Bischuwi host
Oct 3-5, 2008	Council Encampment	Lorain County Fairgrounds, Wellington, OH	
Nov. 15, 2008	Lodge Banquet	Prospect Senior Citizen Center, Prospect, OH	Chief Tarhe host

CHIEF'S WORDS

If you have been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months make sure you sign up to earn your Brotherhood. You can get Brotherhood at the upcoming **Ordeal** or **Council Encampment**. Congratulations to those who have earned their Brotherhood this summer. The year is almost over so we need to still keep it going strong until we have earned the Quality Lodge award.

Many of the conclave staph members went to a picnic in July to reflect on our great conclave. At the picnic everyone was served lunch and then returned to conversation and games. Thank you again for all of your hard work on the 2008 Smackdown Conclave.

PORTAGE LODGE ORDEALS 2008

One more Ordeal is left for 2008. Help is always needed. Don't forget about the Elangomat award. Come to the Ordeal to welcome your new Brothers into our Brotherhood. Please contact the host chapter 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 9:30am. 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.

ENCAMPMENT – GATEWAY TO SCOUTING

The Heart of Ohio Council Encampment will be October 3 – 5 at the Lorain County Fairgrounds in Wellington. Portage Lodge is once again in charge of the volleyball tournament and your help will be needed. Referees are needed during the day in two hour shifts. If your unit will be attending the encampment please lend a hand at the tournament for a couple hours. Contact Mike Van Kerkhove to volunteer. You can also earn your Brotherhood on Saturday night – sign up at the OA booth at Encampment.

LODGE BANQUET

The **Lodge Banquet** is being planned for Saturday, November 15. All arrowmen and their family and friends are invited to attend. New Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil members will be recognized, Founder's Award and other recipients will be announced.

Chief Tarhe is the host Chapter. They have obtained a caterer and reserved the Prospect Senior Citizen Center at 318 N. Elm St., Prospect, OH 43342. A delicious menu that includes marinated chicken and pit roasted pork has been planned. Registration and fellowship begins at 5 PM and dinner is to be served at 6 PM. Consider car pooling with fellow arrowmen to help save gas and the environment! The cost of the dinner is \$17 and the deadline for registering is October 31.

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

An **LEC meeting** will be held before the Banquet for current Lodge and Chapter Officers and Advisers at 3:00 PM at the same location. All Lodge members may attend this, but only the officers can vote.

Lodge Officer Elections will be held during the banquet. All those interested in running for a Lodge Office must be in attendance by 5:30 PM for a mandatory meeting with Adviser Wirth to be eligible for elections. All OA Members under the age of 21 are encouraged to come and vote.



TRAINING WEEKENDS AVAILABLE

National Leadership Seminar, NLS, is a weekend training program focusing on leadership development. It is run by the region chief and his advisers and provides leadership skills and techniques. It is intended to enhance leadership skills of OA youth and adult members. The seminars are held all over the country and one is coming to our area. October 17-19 an NLS will be held at Camp Miakonda in Toledo. It would be great if a few members could attend. A couple adults have expressed an interest in going. Now a couple youth are needed. If you are interested in attending please contact the lodge chief, Mike Van Kerkhove, or adviser, Mary Wirth.

Area Leadership Training Conference, ALTC, is another training event available to all arrowmen in Ohio. The event is being held at Camp Lazarus near Columbus on October 31-November 2. It will be a weekend of fellowship, fun and training. It is a great way to meet other arrowmen from around the state. The cost has not been advertised, but it is usually about \$30. If you are interested in attending, contact the lodge adviser, Mary Wirth.



VIGIL 2008

At the May Ordeal, this year's Vigil Selection Committee met to review the nominations received for many fine Lodge Members and selected our Lodge's 2008 Vigil Candidates. The Lodge is proud to announce that the following members have been selected as this year's Vigil Honor class: Justin Fletcher, Nick Resar, Jacob Robinson, Andrew Squires, Mike Van Kerkhove, Stephanie Carey, Henry Messer

This year's Vigil Honor Induction will take place during the September Ordeal – Sept. 19-21, 2008. If you are already a Vigil Honor Member, please contact the Lodge Vigil Advisor Greg Coghlan, if you want to help at the Ceremony: Vigil@Portage619.org or 440-427-0007.



NOAC 2009

The 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held August 1-6, 2009 at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. In attendance will be thousands of Arrowmen, traveling from as far away as Europe and Asia, for five awesome days of fun, training, and fellowship. The main activities at NOAC include ceremony evaluations, games, training, Native American events, nightly shows, Founder's Day, and patch trading. NOAC has something for everyone of all backgrounds and all ages. It is definitely one of Scouting's most unique and entertaining events, and you will not want to miss it. The next NOAC will not be for another two or three years. Our Lodge had 19 members in attendance at the 2006 NOAC (our biggest number ever), and it would be great to bring even more in 2009!!!!

We probably won't have any information on the costs until early next year, but expect it will be under \$400 plus transportation. Hopefully the Lodge will be able to help with some of the costs, and we hope to have some fundraisers to help with costs. Stay tuned to future issues of the *Portage Times* for more details.

Patch designs are needed for special lodge flaps for NOAC. Any Lodge Member with artistic talent is asked to submit a design. All patch designs are to be submitted to Lodge Adviser Mary Wirth by November 1. A vote will be taken to determine the NOAC design patch on November 15, the day of the Lodge Banquet, to choose a design that all the other Lodges will want to trade with us.



CONGRATULATIONS

Our brotherhood team of Andrew Squires, Justin Fletcher, Dom Alessio and Jeremy Wachtel took 1st place in the ceremony competition at the conclave. They had the honor of doing the brotherhood ceremony on Saturday night. Way to go guys! On Sunday morning of the conclave the election of new section officers was held. Portage Lodges' own Justin Jeffery was elected as section vice chief. Thanks for stepping up and representing our lodge. Enjoy your new position!

SUCCESSFUL CONCLAVE!

After the many months of planning and working, CONCLAVE SMACKDOWN was held at Firelands and it was a resounding success. Many people congratulated the lodge on the great job that we did which was due to all the volunteers. (You know who you are!) Our thanks go to Mike Van Kerkhove, conclave chairman, and Dave Willins, conclave adviser, for organizing the fabulous event. THANKS to all the arrowmen who helped at the conclave in any way. Because of everyone's hard work and dedication Conclave Smackdown will be remembered for quite some time.



SUMMER CAMP REPORT

Greetings from your Summer Camp OA Representative – Nick Resar. As a member of the Camp Staph (yes, 'Staph' is spelled correctly), I certainly hope that everyone had a good time at Summer Camp this year. All the Brotherhood and Call-Out Ceremonies went well this year, and there were very few problems. I, however, could not have done it without a large group of volunteer helpers. I would like to thank Aaron Brown, Justin Caithaml, Cory Gibson, Ryan Gibson, Justin Jeffery, Dan Nolting, Jared Poth, Megan Stanforth, Mike VanKerkhove, Jeremy Wachtel, Greg Coghlan, Mary Wirth, Larry Howell, all the Scouts who volunteered each week to be torchbearers for the various ceremonies, and anyone else who helped out.



LODGE SERVICE DAY

The Lodge Service Day was April 26, in which each chapter was to do a project in their community. Amangi Bischuwi worked at the Good Shepherd Center in Lorain preparing the ground for a community garden, and doing a lot of cleanup throughout the grounds. It was followed by a luncheon. Unfortunately only 2 youth members and 8 adult members of AB showed up to work. Thanks were given to all for their help in improving this community center.

Chief Tarhe chapter cleaned up Sawyer Ludwig Park and painted playground equipment. Eight youth and four adults helped.



NEW OA GEAR FOR SALE

Our Lodge has some old items back in stock after a couple of years that you may have seen this summer. The **mini-sashes** can be worn any time from the right pocket on your Scout uniform to show off your OA Membership and honor. The **legend strip** depicts the legend of the Lenni Lenape as told by Meteu during the Ordeal ceremony. It can be sewn to the back of your OA sash, unless you are participating in a ceremony contest at a Section Conclave or NOAC. You can get these items and many more in Saleable goods at any Lodge event - Ordeals, Fellowship, and Banquet

ARROWCORPS⁵

Arrow Corps 5 is now history, but it will be remembered as the greatest OA service project in its history. Over 5 weeks of outstanding service was performed by thousands of arrowmen. All OA members are to be proud of the accomplishments at the various sites.

Nine members of Portage Lodge attended three different sites. Greg Hutcheson, Mike Van Kerkhove, Justin Caithaml and Mike Caithaml attended **Mark Twain National Forest** in Missouri. They and approximately 575 other staff and participants helped clear 134 acres of Eastern red cedar trees, an invasive species.

Jim Tobin, Chuck Richter and Mary & Rich Wirth worked at **George Washington & Jefferson National Forest** in Virginia. They and about 685 participants and staff helped construct a new multi-use trail through the forest. Over 8.2 miles of trail were completed. The many crews also repaired and improved miles of existing trail, constructed and installed four information kiosks.

Paul Hiszem attended **Shasta Trinity National Forest** in California. He and approximately 600 participants removed more than 22 tons of illegally dumped garbage from the forest, completed the construction, maintenance or reconstruction of more than 100 miles of trail. Some participants rebuilt a lookout tower and four comfort stations along the trail.

All in all everyone had a good time providing “cheerful service.” It was an event of a lifetime. To see video from all five sites go to the national OA website, www.ou-bsa.org and click on “Week in Review” videos.



TRIVIA QUESTION

New Question:

During Summer Camp at Firelands Scout Reservation, how many new OA Candidates were called out?

E-mail your answer to PTtrivia@portage619.org. The member who guesses closest to the actual amount will win a Portage Lodge flap. The answer will be printed in the next edition of the Portage Times.

Last Issue's Answer:

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?

The correct answer is 7 – Aquaman, Superman, Marvel Comics, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Batman Returns, and Batman. However, nobody submitted an answer to the question, so the prize goes unclaimed.

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	Caleb Cleland		ABChChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief	Scott Crofoot		ABChViceChief@Portage619.org
Secretary			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

