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Portage Lodge #619

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LODGE CALENDAR

March 20-22, 2009	Fellowship	Location TBD
May 15-17, 2009	Conclave	Woodland Trails SR – Camden OH
May 29-31, 2009	Ordeal	Firelands Scout Reservation
August 1 – 6, 2009	NOAC	Indiana University
August 21-23, 2009	Ordeal	Firelands Scout Reservation
Sept. 18-20, 2009	Ordeal	Firelands Scout Reservation

CHIEF'S WORDS

Dear Brothers,

Thank you to everyone that came out to the Lodge Banquet. This year we have a full schedule of events. There are lots of events coming up for everyone to attend including: the March fellowship "come and rock out with us" (see article). The section conclave which has moved to May 15th -17th. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**, the May ordeal has moved to May 29th -31st, and NOAC on August 1st -6th. Please sign up soon to reserve your spot.

In the coming year the lodge is expanding the short list of committee's that we have.

There will be:

Membership- Promoting membership and getting members to pay dues

Service- coordinating service at all lodge events.

We are looking for committee chairs, members and advisors for these committee's if you are interested or have any questions Randy Thomas or Mary Wirth.

I look forward to seeing all of you, yes that means you, coming to Portage Events this year.

Yours in Cheerful Service,
Lodge Chief Randy Thomas

2009 LODGE OFFICERS

LODGE CHIEF: Hello dear brothers I am Randy Thomas your new Lodge Chief. I look forward to serving you in the next year as Lodge Chief. Prior to being elected Lodge Chief I was Vice Chief of Administration and had served as Chief Tarhe Chapter Chief before that. In the next year I want all of us to have a lot of fun and to do that I would like to see as many brothers as possible at every event. We are going to take a great contingent to NOAC this year. I am very excited that I have a great group of guys in the LEC that are willing to work with other members to get some great events planed for everyone this year.

VICE CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION: Hello, I am Cory Gibson, your new Vice Chief of Administration. I am looking forward to meeting everyone in our lodge. I was Chief Tarhe Chapter's Vice-Chief and Chief. I am a Life Scout in Troop 32. I am involved in Venture Crew 162 Shooting Sports and in Crew 100. I look forward to seeing all of you at all of our upcoming events.

VICE CHIEF OF PROGRAM: Greetings fellow lodge members, For those of you that do not know me, my name is Justin Caithaml, and I am your new Vice Chief of Program. I would like to tell you a little bit more about myself. I am an Eagle Scout with Troop 107. I was inducted in August 2004 and was Amangi Bischuwi's chapter chief for two years. I was also the interim lodge vice chief of program during 2006. I have attended many national events, including the 2005 National Scout Jamboree, the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the 2007 National Conservation and Leadership Summit (where the lodge created their plan for the next five years), and the Mark Twain National Forest site for ArrowCorps5 this past summer. I also attended the National Leadership Seminar in 2007. Outside of Scouting, I am very active in my school where I am vice president of Senior Choir, Tri-M Music Honor Society, and the junior class. I also participate in show choir, the Blue Jays (a barbershop ensemble), and drama, where I am a thespian. I have recently been accepted to be on the OA Shows staff for 2009, so I will finally be able to mix my interests in performing with my involvement in Scouting. I look forward to working with the other officers throughout the upcoming year so we can make this year an excellent one for Portage Lodge.

SECRETARY: Dear Fellow Brothers, My name is Greg Hutcheson and I am your newly elected Lodge Secretary. I am looking forward to a good year of cheerful service. You will be seeing me at the upcoming OA events. I hope to see you there!

TREASURER: Dear fellow arrowmen, I am John Cyphert the new lodge treasurer. First off I would like to thank everyone who voted for me. I have been in the OA for about three years and have tried to make every lodge event since then. Also, at the lodge Banquet I received my second Elangomat award. I am currently a Brotherhood member, and was formerly the Lou-Ott Chapter secretary until I was elected to my new position. During my term as lodge treasurer I plan to attend all lodge events and work hard on the Lodge Executive Committee, and work to get the coveted Quality Lodge award for our lodge.

LODGE OFFICERS AND ADVISORS:

Lodge Chief	Randy Thomas	(419) 560-3004	LodgeChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief of Administration	Cory Gibson		LodgeVCAdmin@Portage619.org
Vice Chief of Program	Justin Caithaml		LodgeVCProg@Portage619.org
Secretary	Greg Hutcheson		LodgeSecretary@Portage619.org
Treasurer	John Cyphert		LodgeTreasurer@Portage619.org
Lodge Adviser	Mary Wirth	(440) 365-7027	LodgeAdviser@Portage619.org
Lodge Associate Adviser	Greg Coghlan	(440) 427-0007	LodgeAssocAdv@Portage619.org
Lodge Factual Adviser	Diane Jones	(440) 452-9251	LodgeFactAdv@Portage619.org
Lodge Financial Adviser	Megan Stanforth		LodgeFinanceAdv@Portage619.org
Professional Adviser	Frank Milluzzi	(800) 334-5910	LodgeProAdviser@Portage619.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

2009 Ordeal Fees: \$35.00 for Candidates; \$12.00 for Members; Additional \$12.00 for Brotherhood Candidates; \$6.00 for Members attending Saturday Dinner only

May 20 – 22 August 21-23 September 18-20 \$ _____

2009 Lodge Dues – \$10.00 \$ _____

2009 NOAC – \$100.00 Deposit (Due 2/13) \$395.00 Total Fee \$ _____

Make all checks payable to "Portage Lodge 619" Mail this form and payment to: Heart of Ohio Service Center

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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	Drew Bihary		ABChSecretary@Portage619.org
Chapter Adviser	Jay Cleland	(440) 465-2710	ABChAdviser@Portage619.org
Assoc. Adviser	Steve Warnock	(440) 282-1455	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 the Epworth United Methodist Church.

Chief	Andrew Ault		
Vice Chief	Jeremy Gilpin		
Secretary	Ethan Matthews		CTChSecretary@Portage619.org
Chapter Adviser	Charles Buck	(740) 494-2257	CTChAdviser@Portage619.org

LOU OTT >>> JOHNNY APPLESEED TRAIL DISTRICT

The Lou-Ott Chapter will be meeting at Troop 131's cabin in Lexington the 1st Saturday of the Month, beginning at 2:00pm. 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			
Chapter Adviser	Bob Sliney	(419) 526-5154	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	Vacant		
Vice Chief	Vacant		
Secretary	Vacant		
Chapter Adviser	Tim Schultz	(419) 625-0199	MChAdviser@Portage619.org

NOAC 2009

National Order of the Arrow Conference, more commonly known as NOAC, excites Arrowmen across the country. Why you ask? Just ask anyone in our lodge who has been to one, and they will probably say it is among the greatest scouting experiences they have ever had.

Imagine for a moment, you and eight thousand of your closest friends, descending on a major college campus for 6 days of brotherhood and fellowship, training and recreation, competition and friendship making. That is what a NOAC is all about.

From August 1st through 6th 2009, you will experience training, sports competitions, arena shows, gatherings, ceremony competitions, dance competitions, college dorming with your best friend, great food, the Founders Day Fair and Parade, patch trading, tons of lodge spirit, among many other great and amazing things.

In 2006, our lodge sent 19 participants to the NOAC in Michigan. This year we hope to increase that amount and it all starts with your help! If you have never been, this year is a perfect time to go, and even if you have been before, why not experience NOAC again? Our Lodge needs your help in making this the best NOAC ever!

If you are excited and ready to attend the 2009 NOAC, talk to our Lodge Chief, Randy Thomas, Lodge Adviser Mary Wirth or our Contingent Leaders Mike Caithaml and Jay Cleland at NOAC2009@portage619.org for more information and how to sign up. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due by February 13 to hold a spot. Stay tuned to www.event.oa-bsa.org for updates! Remember, the theme is "I'm There". The question is, "Will you be there?"



OA HIGH ADVENTURE

Do you need an escape from that 9-5 job, summer classes or the monotony of staring out of your bedroom window longing for something new? If your answer is yes, the Order of the Arrow has the answer for you.

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs whether its wetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base; maybe hiking is your passion, what better place to go than the Philmont Scout Ranch where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors as a part of your Trail Crew experience.

Have you ever given thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders, maybe the OA Voyage is for calling. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

Along with your one week trek completely designed by you, each Arrowmen will be afforded the opportunity to leave their mark in history by helping to sure up portage trails, backpacking trails or coral reefs. Aside from providing a good deed to each of these high adventure bases, every participant will have the opportunity to work closely with Arrowmen from across the country, who have a similar interest in the future of both the program and the adventure base.

You may be thinking that this is a daunting task but it is an experience unlike any other afforded to you in scouting in that it takes you out of your world and places with people, who want to do something different. It's not everyday that you can tell your friends that you climbed into Cypher's Mine, watched the Northern Lights from a canoe or went scuba diving in the Florida Keys.

These programs help to insure that the future of scouting has a place to live, work and interact. This summer, try something new or do something you thoroughly enjoy, but do something with the Order of the Arrow High adventure opportunities. For more information about these High Adventure programs, please visit Adventure.aa-bsa.org or talk to Justin Caithaml, the section high adventure chairman who is from our lodge. Your destiny awaits you...

2008 LODGE BANQUET

We had a very good Banquet at the Senior Center in, Prospect, OH, hosted by the Chief Tarhe chapter. We started the Banquet with dinner, which was excellent and very well prepared. Then in between other events we elected new lodge officers. Randy Thomas is the new Chief, Cory Gibson is Vice Chief of Administration, Justin Caithaml is the new Vice Chief of Programming, Greg Hutcheson is Secretary, and John Cyphert as the new lodge is treasurer. These new officers will make sure that we have a good year. After that we recognized all of our new Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil members. Next we presented awards. Elangomat awards were given to Greg Hutcheson, Luke Stevens, Aaron Messer, John Cyphert, and Jacob Robinson. The Founders Award was presented to Randy Thomas and Rich Wirth, and the Advisors award was given to Dave Willins for his work on the Conclave. The new officers were sworn in, and heard a couple words from our new Chief and advisors. Then we wished everyone a safe trip home.



TRIVIA QUESTION

New Question:

At the Lodge Banquet, what meats were on the buffet line?

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

Last Issue's Answer:

During Summer Camp at Firelands Scout Reservation, how many new OA Candidates were called out? The correct answer is 93. The winner is Jason Konstantinidis of Chief Tarhe Chapter who guessed 65. Although his answer is a bit off, his was the only response we received. He will be receiving his Lodge Flap shortly.

VIGIL TRIANGLES FROM CAMP AVERY HAND

As you likely know, Camp Avery Hand was closed this summer. In the Dining Hall were a number of triangles that were made for some of the Vigil Honor members of the former Lou-Ott Lodge which merged to form our current Portage Lodge. We would like to get those back in the hands of the original recipients, but don't know who they all belong to or how to get in contact with them. If you know any of the following people, please have them contact Greg at LodgeAssocAdv@Portage619.org or (440) 427-0007, so we can get it to you.

Vigil Name	Name	Year
Achpamsin	D. Halsey ?	
Alluns Memhallmund	Rick Wolfe	
Amangi Achpamsin	M. Reese	1968
Amocholes	P. Conrad	
Apahi Tate	John Boyer	1964
Chasoton'ga	Dave Robinson	1961
Che Tan Ska	John H. Emmons	1959
Chesimus	Craig Harmon	?
Gihim	R. Moyer	
Hytyone Andagawa	Joel M. Shilling	1959
Klampeecheen	John Preslor?	
Konh'quodt Wadcha'mik	Robert J Taylor	1961
Leke	Bill Cypher	1972
Lilchpin	Sam Weyrick	
Luppoewagan	G. Zerby	1970
Nagatamen	Jim Reiman	1965
Nageuchsowagan Majauchsu	Kevin Smith	1988
Peta Chapa	J. J. Swisher	1960
Quenuhtan Kec'che	Bill Casey	1955
Sit' So A Ki	Carl Hupp	1962
Takachsin		1977
Wachtshu Lenno	Patrick J. Dorsey	1982
Wawo'kiye	Bruce Moffett	1962
Wulihan	?	?
Wunita	Mike Mount	?
Yam Ka Mato	Fred Hupp	1960
Zonta Wahinkpe	Chas. C Hupp	1962

PORTAGE LODGE ORDEALS 2009

2009 Ordeals - 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.



FELLOWSHIP 2009

Hey! I'm Cory Gibson your Vice Chief of Administration and your Fellowship Chairman. This year's theme is ROCKSTAR. It will be March 20-22, 2009 and will consist of Fellowship, Games, and an awesome time. There will be no trainings during this event this year so we can have more time in fellowship. More info **coming soon**.



CONCLAVE 2009

The 2009 Section Conclave will be held at the Woodland Trails Scout Reservation in southwestern Ohio on the weekend of May 15-17, 2009. This is a great opportunity to hang out OA members from all over the state. Although it isn't quite as close as last year's (which was at our own Firelands), check with your Chapter leaders about arranging car pool rides. The Lodge Chiefs and Section Officers in the section are still planning most of the details, but the cost is expected to be in the \$30-\$40 range. Watch the next issue of the *Portage Times* for more details, but save the date on your calendar today!

MESCHATAMEN

(To Remember)

I remember having some great times in the OA as a youth back in the late 60's. I wish I could remember more than my Ordeal, Paul Daly signing Psalm 23 and a couple of dances. Today though I am building a new way to remember my experiences in the OA and you can too. Remembering something is usually triggered by any number of external stimuli and Portage Lodge has a method to help you remember each and every time you participate in a lodge event.

Those of you who have been around a while probably have already guessed what this article is about; for those of you new to the lodge it is probably not as obvious. Think back for a moment to your Ordeal and the packet of information given to you upon your successful completion of the Ordeal on Saturday night. Think hard...

In that small packet there was a leather thong and a light green bead. This was the starting point for you to remember your involvement in the Order of the Arrow. Every time you attend a Lodge event a bead is presented to you for your participation and with each bead a way to remember the event by adding it to your Meschatamen necklace. Below you will find the legend for each bead color and the memory it represents. I am sure if you talk to some of the "Elders" of the lodge they can tell you great stories of each bead and how it was earned. . Participate often and watch the memories grow. Check with your chapter chief to see if the chapter presents beads for chapter activities.

BEAD COLOR	EVENT / MEMORY
Light Green	Earned only once, upon completion of your Ordeal
Red	Earned only once, upon completion of your Brotherhood
Brass	Earned only once, upon completion of your Vigil Ceremony
Herring bone	One for each Honor - Ordeal, Brotherhood, Vigil
Solid Yellow	Earned each time you serve as an Elangomat
Solid Dark Blue	Earned for attending each Lodge Banquet
Brown	Earned for attending each Lodge Work Day
Dark Green	Earned each time you serve as an Ordeal Master
Black	Given to Lodge Advisors for each year of service
Sterling Silver	Honor bead given to a member by Lodge Chief (discretionary)
Orange	Given at the end of your 4 th time serving on an Election Team
Clear Light Pink	Every time you work on the culinary staff
Clear Yellow	Awarded for participation in 4 speaking parts in ceremonies
Clear Green	Earned for attending each fellowship
Clear Dark Pink	Earned for attending a National event
Clear Purple	Awarded after 4 ceremonies as a stage hand

BEAD COLOR	EVENT / MEMORY
White	After 1 year service as a Lodge Officer
Tan	Earned for each local Sectional Training
CHAPTER BEADS	
Awarded in addition to the above beads for each sponsoring chapter (i.e. Mawat hosts Fellowship equals 2 beads (Clear Green plus White Pearl)	
Glow in the dark	Amangi Bischuwi
Bronze	Chief Tarhe
Black Pearl	Lou-Ott
White Pearl	Mawat



VIGIL HONOR 2008

At the September Ordeal held at Firelands Scout Reservation, Portage Lodge was proud to induct 8 of our members into the Vigil Honor. These members have been Brotherhood for at least two years, were nominated by a fellow OA member, and selected from among all of the applications received. When selected, each member is given a Native American name that describes something about them. Watch the next Portage Times for a nomination form for the 2009 Vigil Honor class.

Name	Lenape Name	English Translation
Justin Fletcher	Alluns Migun	Arrow Feather
Nicholas Resar	Klamachpin Achkindiken	Quiet Reader
Jake Robinson	Ahowoapewi Nitis	Enduring Friend
Andrew Squires	Pommissin	He Who Goes Afoot
Mike Van Kerkhove	Gettemagelensit Wipunquot	Humble Oak
Stephanie Carey	Memsochet Pohonasin	Traveling Drummer
Diane Jones	Allogagan Amemens	She Who Serves Children
Henry Messer	Tgauchsin	Good-Natured One