



THE PORTAGE TIMES

Portage Lodge #619

Heart of Ohio Council #450

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April 2009

LODGE CALENDAR

May 15-17, 2009	Conclave	Woodland Trails SR – Camden OH
June 5-7, 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

Hello my Brothers,

I hope to see you all at conclave 'THE FINAL FIRE' on May 15th-17th at Woodland Trails. Conclaves are a blast; there is food, games, competitions, and a tiny bit of training for good measure. If you have been to a conclave you know you MUST be there if you haven't, ask anyone and they will tell you GET TO THE FINAL FIRE!!!

Have you been to a chapter meeting recently? No? Well you need to; Chapters are the cornerstones of the lodge and can be a guaranteed good time when people participate. To see where and when your chapter is meeting check the *Contact page*.

Have a buddy that hasn't been to an event in a while give him a call and bring him along for the fun. We are having lots of great events this year with tons of ways to get involved and have fun so I will see you all there!

Humbly Yours in Cheerful Service,
Lodge Chief -
Randy Thomas



Quality Lodge Award

At last we have once again achieved one of the highest awards given to only the greatest lodges out there..... Portage has met all the requirements for this award and you can show everyone! At OA events when the salable goods are available, for a meager fee of \$1.50 you can sign up to receive a quality lodge pin to wear proudly on your pocket flap.



Upcoming Ordeals

The Spring ordeal is June 5th - 7th at Firelands. We want to encourage all who can come to do so. We need Elangomats and other miscellaneous help for the weekend. This is a chance to serve new brothers cheerfully. We hope to see you there!



Ceremonies

The ceremony team has suffered in the past year due to the decreasing number of members helping. Each year a few ceremony members are lost to college. It's becoming hard to find dedicated people to help. The teams need help setting up before ceremonies, people to memorize scripts and be in the ceremonies. We need everyone to help us find people who would like to help. If you know of someone who likes to act or if you are interested yourself contact Domanic Allesio at eaglescout08@yahoo.com.



Fellowship

We had a rockin' good time at our 2009 fellowship. We had everything from a Guitar hero tournament to custom guitar picks for everyone. As always, we would like to offer our best thanks to Beth and Shorty for presenting us with wonderful meals. We would also like to thank The First Church in Oberlin for letting us use their facilities.



Dues Paid??

Have you paid your 2009 dues? If you aren't sure, look at the mailing label on this Portage Times. There is a year above your name. If it is 2009 then you are paid for this year. If there is 2008 or earlier then you need to pay your \$10 dues to remain an OA member in good standing. Use the form at the back of the newsletter when you send your payment to the council office.

LODGE OFFICERS AND ADVISORS:

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Vice Chief of Administration	Cory Gibson	(419) 845-2440	LodgeVCAdmin@Portage619.org
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Secretary	Greg Hutcheson	(419) 683-3038	LodgeSecretary@Portage619.org
Treasurer	John Cyphert	(419) 342-3322	LodgeTreasurer@Portage619.org
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Lodge Factual Adviser	Diane Jones	(440) 452-9251	LodgeFactAdv@Portage619.org
Lodge Financial Adviser	Megan Stanforth		LodgeFinanceAdv@Portage619.org
Professional Adviser	Jay Lockard	(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
 June 5-7 August 21-23 September 18-20 \$ _____

2009 Conclave – \$30.00 if paid by May 1st, \$40 after \$ _____

2009 Lodge Dues – \$10.00 \$ _____

2009 NOAC – \$100.00 Deposit \$395.00 Total Fee – **Due May 22** \$ _____

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

For Office Use Only: 1-2371-001-0

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	(440) 465-2710	ABChChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief	Scott Crofoot	(440) 277-8607	ABChViceChief@Portage619.org
Secretary	Drew Bihary	(440) 288-3409	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 Tri-Rivers.

Chief	Andrew Ault	(740) 382-1651	
Vice Chief	Jeremy Gilpin	(619) 206-0029	
Secretary	Ethan Matthews	(740) 360-3977	CTChSecretary@Portage619.org
Chapter Adviser	Charles Buck	(740) 494-2257	CTChAdviser@Portage619.org

LOU OTT >>> JOHNNY APPLESEED TRAIL DISTRICT

The Lou-Ott Chapter meetings are held at Richland Engineering on the north side of the square in downtown Mansfield on 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	(419) 347-6055	LOChChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief	David Gosser	(419) 347-8627	LOChViceChief@Portage619.org
Secretary	John Cyphert	(419) 342-3322	LOChSecretary@Portage619.org
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		This could be YOU!
Vice Chief	Vacant		Contact Tim Schultz if
Secretary	Vacant		you want to help.
Chapter Adviser	Tim Schultz	(419) 625-0199	MChAdviser@Portage619.org

NOAC - I'm there! Are YOU?

You can still sign up for NOAC. The total cost is \$395, which is due by May 22. We have reached our goal of eighteen arrowmen with the hundred dollar deposit, but we still encourage more arrowmen to sign up.

What is NOAC? It is the National OA Conference being held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana from August 1-6. It will be a gathering of thousands of arrowmen from around the country.

Section Conclave - "FINAL FIRE" May 15 - 17

Have you signed up for the "Final Fire" yet? Final Fire is the theme of this year's section conclave, which is May 15-17 at Woodland Trails Reservation in Camden, Ohio. It is the final gathering of the section C4B as it is. In the fall Portage Lodge will become part of section C4A. The Portage officers and advisers would like to see a good showing of Portage arrowmen attend so that we can say good bye to our fellow section members.

The Conclave will be a weekend of fun, fellowship, food, competition and other activities with OA members from around western Ohio. You will need to bring your own tent and other sleeping gear. Registration is on Friday, May 15, 6-9 PM and the weekend is over Sunday, May 17 at 10 AM. You should arrange your own ride, but contact your chapter chief or adviser for carpool information.

To sign up to the section website, www.oa-c4b.org, click on "CONCLAVE" in the upper right hand corner and register at the registration form link. Send your fee, \$30 or \$40, to the Heart of Ohio council office using the form at the back of this newsletter. The deadline for early registration is May 1 and late registration is May 8.

Hope to see you there!

Troop Elections

If your Troop hasn't been contacted for unit elections please contact your chapter Chief or Advisor as soon as possible. Unit Elections are a key part of retaining the growth of our Lodge. 2008 was not a great year for Unit Elections. This needs to improve for 2009. 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 great camp 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.

Order of the Arrow

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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 _____

2009 Vigil Honor Selection

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!*

A Vigil Nomination Form is included in this issue of the Portage Times. Some important dates to remember:

- **Nominations due** by dinner during the Section Conclave – May 16th, 2009
- **Vigil Selection** will take place at the June ordeal – June 5-7, 2009
- **Vigil Induction Ceremony** will be at the September Ordeal – Sept. 18-20, 2009

If you won't be at the Conclave, you can also 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. The electronic copy of the nomination form is on the lodge website at <http://www.portage619.org/files/BlankVigilNom2008.pdf>.

Chapter Changes

Lou Ott Chapter meetings are now being held at 2:00 pm on the first Saturday of the month at Richland Engineering on the north side of the square in downtown Mansfield.

Announcement for Lou Ott Chapter Campout

Attention all Lou Ott chapter members. Lou Ott Chapter would like to inform you about our chapter campout. It will be the 29th of May at Ewing woods near Malabar farm. We will stay Friday night, and be done by Saturday. We would request that you contact us if you are coming. Activities will include tomahawk throwing, ultimate Frisbee, a blacksmith demonstration where we will be making a chapter chain, and much more. Contact us at mcyphert@neo.rr.com or cal (419)347-5351.
-Please send your contact information, too.-