



# THE PORTAGE TIMES

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## **LODGE CALENDAR**

October 23, 2009		Reservations due for banquet
November 14, 2009	LEC	3:00 VFW 1079, Elyria
	Banquet	5:00 Fellowship
		5:30 Election Meeting
		6:00 Dinner
January 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	LEC	TBD
March 19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> , 2010	Fellowship	Firelands Scout Reservation
May 14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	Ordeal	Firelands Scout Reservation
May 21 <sup>st</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2010	Conclave	Seven Ranges Scout Reservation

## **CHIEF'S WORDS**

Hello My Brothers,

Fall is here and that means it is time for great food and we will be eating that at our lodge banquet (see page 2 for details). I hope to see you all there! Remember that everything in the lodge starts at the chapter level so check where your chapter is meeting and get there to check out the meeting.

Thank you to everyone who came to our events this year and made them a success. Congratulations to our 2 new vigil members Justin Caithaml and Steven Warnock, our 48 new Brotherhood members, and our 117 new ordeal members.

Yours in cheerful service

Lodge Chief,

Randy Thomas

# ANNUAL LODGE BANQUET

**SATURDAY ~ NOVEMBER 14, 2009**

**VFW POST 1079**

**500 S. Abbe Road, Elyria, Ohio**

Fellowship begins at 5:00 p.m.

Officer Elections meeting will be at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Amangi Bischuwi is host chapter and they have made fantastic plans for this event.

The menu includes chicken, meat rigatoni, potatoes, veggie, salad and dessert.

The fee is \$16.00 per person attending – OA members and their guests.

All reservations are due by October 23, 2009

**\*\*NO LATE RESERVATIONS OR WALK INS**

**WILL BE ACCEPTED\*\***

There will be an LEC at 3 p.m.

Any member interested in running in a lodge position, talk to Mary Wirth before 5:30.

**You don't want to miss this Lodge event, plan to attend!!**

## **Lodge Officer Elections:**

Elections for the 2009-2010 term 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.

## LODGE FELLOWSHIP

Portage is going Old School! The fellowship theme this year is Old School (60's) the decade of the Beatles. We will have a best 60's outfit contest, Beatles Rockband, tie dying, 60's scout memorabilia, music, ice cream, movies, and more! The date will be March 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, so mark your calendars for a Groovy Fellowship!

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## CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter events are on the rise! Each of our four chapters have events of their own - ranging from service work days, Arrow of Light ceremonies, running an event at a camporee, to cooking at a klondike. Every district in the council has a chapter. Each chapter has its own officers. To find out more about your chapter contact a lodge officer or a chapter officer.

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## ALTC – A LEGACY OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Area Leadership Training Conference, ALTC, is a training event available to all arrowmen from Sections C4A and C4B. It is highly recommended that all Chapter and Lodge Officers (and those who want to be) attend. The event is being held at Camp Lazarus near Columbus on November 6-8. It will be a weekend of fellowship, training and fun. It is also a great way to meet other arrowmen from around the state. Go to [www.ALTC.OA-C4.org](http://www.ALTC.OA-C4.org) for more information and to register. The conference fee is \$30/ person and **ALL payments for ALTC are made upon arrival at the conference.** Housing is only guaranteed for the first 125 registered individuals.

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## 2010 Dues Now Being Accepted!

Portage Lodge dues of \$10 for next year are now due and should be paid by the end of the year. Paying your dues will ensure that we do not lose track of you. You will continue to receive newsletters and various other mailings that are sent out. You will also receive a current OA Membership card, in case you need to prove your Membership status.

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## NOTICE:

There have been an enormous amount of people signing up late for events and this causes a lot more work at the Council Office and for our culinary staff. Consequently, as of 2010, there will be a late fee if payment is not received by the payment deadline. Thank you for your understanding and timeliness to help our events run more smoothly.

## VIGIL HONOR 2009

At the September Ordeal held at Firelands Scout Reservation, Portage Lodge was proud to induct two 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 that describes something about them. Watch the *Portage Times* early next year for a nomination form for next year's Vigil Honor class.

Name	Lenape Name	English Translation
Justin Caithaml	Wischiki Nachgohuman	Busy Singer
Steve Warnock	Achgeketum Janewi	A teacher, at all times



### How to Get

### Vigil:

This may seem like a nearly impossible task for new members to the OA, especially when you consider that our Lodge is limited in how many new Vigils we can choose every year. In addition, you do not make the choice of when you get Vigil; it is something you are selected for by others. But there are a couple of things you can do to dramatically increase your odds of being select for this high honor.

1. **Get your Brotherhood** – You cannot be selected for Vigil until after you have been Brotherhood for at least two years. It really isn't that difficult to get Brotherhood, and we offer it at most Lodge events through the year and at Summer Camp. See your OA Handbook or the Lodge website for more information.
2. **Be active in the OA** – Even though service to the Council or camp is sufficient to be considered for the Vigil Honor, usually the nominees who have not been very active in the OA have a difficult time getting selected. What you want is that when your nomination form comes before the Vigil Selection Committee, they will know who you are and what you do for the Lodge. You don't have to be an officer, but it can help. Many of our Lodge's Vigil members made themselves known by showing up at events and helping out as Elangomats, ceremonies, culinary, or one of the other support roles.

Another benefit to becoming more active in the Lodge is all the fun you will have. If the only thing you have done in the OA is go through your Ordeal, you are missing out on a lot. Be sure to check out the Banquet in November, and the Fellowship and Conclave next year. And don't forget that helping at an Ordeal is much different than going through it the first time.

## NOAC 2009

During Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> the National Order of the Arrow Conference was held at Indiana University. As a lodge we sent 22 participants and 5 staff members. All together there were over 7,000 arrowmen! Everyone enjoyed the various training cells, patch trading areas, shows, and other events! Lots of free stuff was given away, and other promotional booths. We would also like to thank Jay Cleland and Mike Caithaml for their work as contingent leaders and making it an awesome trip! The next NOAC will be at Michigan State University, July 30<sup>th</sup>-Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Hopefully you'll be there!

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## SUCCESSFUL ORDEAL SEASON!

The three ordeals of 2009 were very successful. One hundred and seventeen (117) candidates completed their Ordeal and became full members of our lodge. Seventeen Ordeal members learned more about the OA, sealed their membership in our honored order and earned their brotherhood sash. Two brothers were honored and became Vigil members. Many projects were accomplished at Firelands Scout Reservation – the OA trails were cleared, wood was split, the swimming dock was primed and painted, bridge construction completed, and a number of other jobs as well.

**June Ordeal** ~ 30 new Ordeal members; 1 new Brotherhood

**August Ordeal** ~ 53 new Ordeal members; 4 new Brotherhood

**September Ordeal** ~ 34 new Ordeal members, 12 new Brotherhood, 2 new Vigil

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR BROTHERS!

Help is always needed at each Ordeal. Contact the host chapter to volunteer your help. Don't forget about the Elangomat award, which you can earn by serving as an Elangomat twice within 12 months. Come to Ordeals to welcome your new Brothers into the Order.

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## SERVICE PROJECTS

One of the few remaining requirements for us to earn Quality Lodge this year is to complete a service project that benefits the community. The LEC has asked each chapter to plan and complete this in their area during the month of October. This way we can complete four separate projects in areas closer to home. Contact your chapter chief to find out how you can help.

### **AMANGI BISCHUWI >>> GREAT FRONTIER DISTRICT**

Chapter Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	Ryan Caithaml		<a href="mailto:ABChChief@Portage619.org">ABChChief@Portage619.org</a>
Vice Chief	Josh Lawlis		<a href="mailto:ABChViceChief@Portage619.org">ABChViceChief@Portage619.org</a>
Secretary	Andrew Minnich		<a href="mailto:ABChSecretary@Portage619.org">ABChSecretary@Portage619.org</a>
Chapter Adviser	Jay Cleland	(440) 465-2710	<a href="mailto:ABChAdviser@Portage619.org">ABChAdviser@Portage619.org</a>
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### **CHIEF TARHE >>> HARDING AREA DISTRICT**

Hey! Chief Tarhe Chapter Members! Come to the Chapter Meetings. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church in Marion.

Chief	Andrew Ault		
Vice Chief	Jeremy Gilpin		
Secretary	Ethan Matthews		<a href="mailto:CTChSecretary@Portage619.org">CTChSecretary@Portage619.org</a>
Chapter Adviser	Charles Buck	(740) 494-2257	<a href="mailto:CTChAdviser@Portage619.org">CTChAdviser@Portage619.org</a>

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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	Matthew Bernotas		<a href="mailto:LOChChief@Portage619.org">LOChChief@Portage619.org</a>
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Secretary	Matt Arnett		<a href="mailto:LOChSecretary@Portage619.org">LOChSecretary@Portage619.org</a>
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### **MAWAT >>> THE FIRELANDS DISTRICT**

The Chapter meetings held during the Firelands District Roundtable (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month) at EHOVE Building "A" beginning at 7:00 PM, October through May.

Chief	Trent Vartorella		<a href="mailto:MChChief@Portage619.org">MChChief@Portage619.org</a>
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