



THE PORTAGE TIMES

Heart of Ohio Council #450 Portage Lodge #619

December 2009

Lodge Calendar

January 16, 2010
March 19 - 21, 2010
May 14 - 16, 2010
May 21 - 23, 2010

LEC / LLD	Ashland Library
Fellowship	Firelands Scout Reservation
Ordeal	Firelands Scout Reservation
Section Conclave	Seven Ranges

CHIEF'S WORDS

Hello! My name is Cory Gibson and I am your new Lodge Chief! I look forward to seeing all of you this year at lodge events. This year is packed full of exciting and fun filled events! I would like to introduce our Lodge Officers Chief- Cory Gibson, Vice Chief of Administration- John Cyphert, Vice Chief of Program- Greg Hutcheson, Treasurer- Jacob Robinson, and Secretary- Ben Roberts. We would like to extend a personal invitation to all members to attend this year's lodge events.

ANNUAL LODGE BANQUET

The Portage Lodge annual banquet was held at the Elyria VFW on November 14 and was hosted by the Amangi Bischuwi chapter. We had a great turnout, and the food was fantastic! A NOAC slideshow was viewed, lodge elections were held, awards were presented, and much more. We would like to thank Mr. Alex Tyms, the Supreme Chief of the Fire, for being our guest speaker, and Troop 107 for all the help and contributions they made to make our Lodge Banquet flawless. Thanks to all who came and we hope to see you at next year's banquet which will be hosted by Lou-Ott Chapter.

One of the highlights of the banquet is the presentation of awards. Justin Caithaml and Steve Warnock were recognized as the newest Vigil Members of Portage Lodge. The lodge recognized Dominic Alessio and Mary Wirth by presenting them with the Founder's Award. The Founder's award was created to honor those arrowmen who have done outstanding service for their lodge. We would like to thank Dominic for his many years of dedication to the Ceremonies Team and Mrs. Wirth for doing an outstanding job as Lodge Advisor!

The Adviser Award was presented to Charles Buck, former Chief Tarhe chapter adviser. Chuck is stepping down as the adviser after 8 years of dedicated service. Thanks Chuck for keeping Chief Tarhe going. If you or anyone you know would like to be the adviser contact Mary Wirth.

2010 ANNUAL LODGE DUES

Did you pay your dues before the banquet or maybe at the banquet? If not, your dues are now due. 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. Our Lodge now has a wonderful new program to track our members and create membership cards. Lodge Dues are \$10.00.

MEET OUR NEW LODGE OFFICERS

The 2010 Lodge Officers were elected at last month's annual banquet. Your new officers are:

Lodge Chief:

My name is **Cory Gibson** and I am your Lodge Chief. I am Eagle Scout in the Harding Area District. I have worked on Council Summer Camp Staff for the past 3 years. I am the past Vice Chief of Administration and Chief Tarhe Chapter Officer. I have attended many trainings and events offered by scouting. I hope to see you at the next lodge event!

Vice-Chief of Administration: John Cyphert

If you'd like to learn more about John contact him at LodgeVCAdmin@Portage619.org

Vice-Chief of Program:

My name is **Greg Hutcheson**, and you might remember me as this past year's Lodge Secretary. I would like to say that I had a fun time as Secretary and look forward to being the Vice Chief of Program. I have many things in mind for this year to make it the best yet, including forming a Shows Committee, and having a "show" at every lodge event. These shows would include some fun game show type activities, hilarious videos made by the Shows Committee and more. I hope to see you at the Fellowship!

Secretary:

I am **Ben Roberts**, a Life Scout and OA representative for Vermilion Troop 447. I am also the Secretary for Crew 447. I am a junior at Firelands High School where I play tuba in the marching band and trombone in the jazz band. I am also a member of NHS and the varsity bowling team. I hope to meet many of you at the lodge events.

Treasurer: Jacob Robinson

If you'd like to learn more about Jacob contact him at LodgeTreasurer@Portage619.org

“OLD SCHOOL” LODGE FELLOWSHIP

This year we are taking it back to a time of Yellow Submarines and Sgt. Peppers Lonely Heart Club. We are going back to the 1960's. Activities will include vintage games, Beatles Rock Band, great food, and tons of fellowship. Come and join us at Firelands Scout Reservation on March 19-21, 2010 as we enjoy a time of fun and fellowship! The cost is \$12 for the weekend. Register using the form at the back of the newsletter.

LODGE CAMPERSHIP FUND

The lodge will be sponsoring a new program called the lodge campership. It will be for any member who is experiencing tough financial times that keep them from attending an event. You will apply by filling out an application and sending it to the selection committee. The committee will choose those who will receive the money for the specified event. Everything will be anonymous. Once everything has been approved more information plus an application form will be available.

UNIT ELECTIONS

Unit Election packets will be handed out soon. Unit Elections are a key part of retaining the growth of our Lodge. 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 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.

CEREMONY TEAM – HELP IS NEEDED

The lodge ceremonies team is looking for arrowmen to help with the ceremonies. There are many areas where you can be involved. You could learn a part and perform in the ceremonies or help is also needed for set-up and tear down at the ceremonies. Any and all help is appreciated. Our goal is to have our team compete at the competition at Conclave in May and then to perform at the three ordeals. If you are interested you can contact Kyle Lenox at (440)-988-3987.

DAY OF TRAINING

A special day of training is scheduled for Saturday, January 16, 2019 at the Ashland Public Library. All lodge and chapter officers and advisers, committee members and anyone else interested in attending are invited. Contact Lodge Adviser Mary Wirth for more information.

WORDS FROM THE OUTGOING LODGE CHIEF

Hello my brothers,

It was a great privilege and pleasure being your lodge chief this past year. We had a great year of changes and growth that I hope will continue in the years to come. Thanks to everyone who came to events and helped. Without members coming and serving, our lodge couldn't function. From our Rocking Fellowship, to NOAC and to our ordeals we had a great year.

I am proud to announce that Portage Lodge has received quality lodge in 2009. It is a great accomplishment to earn this recognition for the second year in a row; but as we receive this great award we need to strive to make our lodge better. Remember, "It is not for what you have done, but what you are expected to do."

Thank you all for all that you do. I know you all will continue in cheerful service.

~Randy Thomas

ATTENTION LOU-OTT MEMBERS

We now have a group on Facebook listed as **Lou-Ott Chapter!** If you use Facebook, and you would like to receive the most up-to-date information on what the Chapter is doing, look us up and join!

Chapter Information

AMANGI BISCHUWI >>> GREAT FRONTIER DISTRICT

Chapter Meetings have been moved to the 3rd Wednesday of each month September through May at the Sandy Ridge Metropark meeting room in North Ridgeville at 7:00pm. All Chapter members are welcome and encouraged to come.

Chief	Ryan Caithaml	ABChChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief	Josh Lawlis	ABChViceChief@Portage619.org
Secretary	Andrew Minnich	ABChSecretary@Portage619.org
Chapter Adviser	Jay Cleland	ABChAdviser@Portage619.org
Associate 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 pm at Epworth United Methodist Church in Marion.

Chief	This could be YOU!	CTChChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief	Contact Chuck Buck	CTChViceChief@Portage619.org
Secretary	if you are interested.	CTChSecretary@Portage619.org
Chapter Adviser	Chuck Buck, interim	CTChAdviser@Portage619.org

LOU OTT >>> JOHNNY APPLESEED TRAIL DISTRICT

The Lou-Ott Chapter meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 2 PM. It is at Richland Engineering on the north side of the square in downtown Mansfield. Plan to attend and become active in your Chapter and Lodge. Together we can accomplish much.

Chief	Matt Bernotas	LOChChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief	Garrick Bryan	LOChViceChief@Portage619.org
Secretary	Matt Arnett	LOChSecretary@Portage619.org
Chapter Adviser	Bob Sliney	LOChAdviser@Portage619.org

MAWAT >>> THE FIRELANDS DISTRICT

The Chapter meetings are 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	Trent Vartorella	MChChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief	Paul Schultz	MChViceChief@Portage619.org
Secretary		
Chapter Adviser	Tim Schultz	MChAdviser@Portage619.org

ADVISOR CHANGES

Diane Jones has stepped down as the Lodge's Factual Adviser after 3 years of service. Diane has been a key figure at event registrations, on the newsletter and at unit election time. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication to the lodge.

Greg Schultz has agreed to be the new Factual Adviser. Thanks and welcome aboard, Greg.

LODGE OFFICERS AND ADVISORS:

Lodge Chief	Cory Gibson		LodgeChief@Portage619.org
Vice Chief of Administration	John Cyphert		LodgeVCAdmin@Portage619.org
Vice Chief of Program	Greg Hutcheson		LodgeVCProg@Portage619.org
Secretary	Ben Roberts		LodgeSecretary@Portage619.org
Treasurer	Jacob Robinson		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	Greg Schultz		LodgeFactAdv@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

2010 Lodge Dues – DUE ASAP \$10.00 \$ _____

2010 Lodge Fellowship – DUE 3/12 \$12.00 \$ _____
March 19-21, 2010 at Firelands Scout Reservation

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: 1-2371-001-00