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WORDS FROM THE LONGHOUSE

I would first like to wish you and your families a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. As everyone knows, this is the time for New Year's resolutions. If you need some suggestions, here's one: Get more active in YOUR lodge.

There are a variety of events coming up, many discussed in this issue of the Bucktail. The first is the National Order of the Arrow Conference. It will be held at Michigan State University this summer, and is a fun filled week for all arrowmen, youth and adult. Also in June, many members will be attending the NE-2A Conclave at McGuire Air Base in New Jersey. This conclave will be unique in that it will allow you to do things you could not normally do, such as drive a simulated tank and simulated fighter jet. Be sure to get in on the fun.

The lodge banquet is just around the corner. The form is in this Bucktail. I can GUARANTEE that if you miss this year's banquet, you will regret it. The committee has come up with some great ideas and program that all will enjoy. One of the highlights for many is the annual silent patch auction at the banquet. There will be many great items up for auction.

Speaking of patches, I wanted to remind you of a program that the lodge has for those with excess Boy Scout stuff laying around, the Ajapeu Lodge 50/50 program. This is a way to help the lodge and also make some money for yourself. The way the program works is that for each item that is sold at auction, the donor receives 50% of the sale price and a letter for a tax-deductible donation of the other 50%. So if your item sells for \$100.00, you get \$50.00 and a letter for a \$50.00 write off on your taxes.

While you may think that you can get a better deal selling local lodge items on E-Bay, keep in mind that several of us have a standing gentleman's agreement that we don't bid against each other on E-bay. If there is a serious item up for sale, we check with each other before just running up dollar amount.

So, while you may think that you can get top dollar, you may actually do better at weekends by tossing in items to the Lodge auction as a 50/50 donation. All "no bid against deals" are off for Lodge auctions at weekends and items can go quite high. A patch that goes for \$20-\$25 on E-bay most likely would go for at least 50% more. At that point, you still get 50% of the amount the item sold for PLUS you get a tax donation for the other 50%. So, want to sell some of your stuff? Check with Lodge first. You may be able to help Lodge and turn a nice "buck" for yourself to boot.

If there are any questions on anything your lodge is doing, check out the lodge website www.ajapeu33.org, or contact your Chapter Chief or Adviser or me.

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2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 26	Lodge Executive Board Mtg.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
FEBRUARY 23	Lodge Executive Board Mtg.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
MARCH 11	LODGE FAMILY BANQUET 6 P.M.	(FOSTER DINING HALL)
MARCH 30	Lodge Executive Board Mtg.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
MARCH 31-APRIL 2	NLS and NLATS	(CAMP ALPINE)
APRIL 21-23	PLAYWICKI CHAPTER WEEKEND	(OCKANICKON)
APRIL 27	Lodge Executive Board Mtg.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
APRIL 27	Deadline for Acceptance of Vigil Nominations	
APRIL 29- MAY 1	NLS and NLATS	(TBA)
MAY 19-21	SPRING ORDEAL WEEKEND.	(OCKANICKON)
JUNE 9-11	NE-2A CONCLAVE	(FT. DIX, NJ)
JULY 20	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(OCKANICKON)
July 29 - August 3	National Order of the Arrow Conference	(Michigan State University)
AUGUST 18-20	FALL ORDEAL WEEKEND.	(OCKANICKON)
SEPTEMBER 8-12	NLS and NLATS Tentative Dates	(CAMP ALPINE)
SEPTEMBER 23-24	Lodge & Chapter Officer Training	(OCKANICKON)

NOTES:

- Dates for Lodge Executive Board meeting are subject to change.
- Chapter Meetings are scheduled to be held on the same night as District Roundtables.
 - ** Dates for Section Meetings along with time and places are tentative.

All meetings of the Lodge Executive Board are open to all lodge members. If you have an issue you'd like to see discussed or would like to learn more about opportunities for Lodge leadership, feel free to come. If you wish to have an item discussed by the board, please contact the Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser ahead of time so that your idea or concern can be added to the agenda and given proper consideration.



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Chapter video contest

Are you a stand up comedian, are you an aspiring actor, or do you just like to have fun and make a fool of yourself. If so then make sure you participate in Ajapeu's Chapter video contest. Talk to your Chapter Chief for more details.

1. Every Chapter must submit one video.
2. Video short must be between 30 seconds and 2 minutes.
3. Video short must be submitted in one of the following formats: DV, Mini-DV, or Digital-8.
4. The title of the short must be chosen from the list below and included in the short:
 1. "No Sash, No Flap, No Service."
 2. "Safeguard This Pamphlet"
 3. "The Ceremonial team is my life"
5. Submissions will be judged on each of the following criteria (not listed in any priority):
 1. Overall quality
 2. Relation to title
 3. Creativity
 4. Humor (relatively consistent with Boy Scouting values)
6. The Chapter that wins will be given an award at the Banquet.
7. All entries must be submitted by March 1.
8. Direct all questions to Mark Garner or Kathy Lutz.

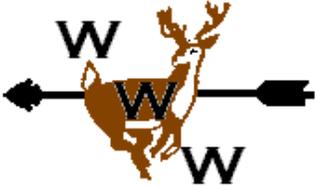
Lodge Chief Report

Brothers,

I would like to congratulate all of you on Ajapeu's Achievement of Quality Lodge. What can I say, we did it. I would like to thank all of the members of the Executive Board for both this year and last. I would like to thank the Advisers for being a group of totally awesome Advisers. Now that we have achieved this for 2005, let's start on 2006. My goal this year is to eliminate the necessity of a crunch time. Let's have enough positive growth and Brotherhood conversions by the Fall Fellowship. I know we can do it, I mean come on we are Ajapeu, let's keep our Running Buck, Running! Don't forget about our Family Banquet, I think it will be the best one ever. Conclave is coming up, if you are interested see your Chapter Chiefs. Speaking of Chapter Chiefs, do you know who yours is? I challenge each and every one of you to meet him, get to know him, and become his friend. Thank you for your support and your Cheerful Service.

See you at the Banquet,

Nick Lutz
Ajapeu 33



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BUCKNOTES

Banquet 2006

This years banquet will prove to be yet another fun and entertaining lodge event. We will have Glenside Catering provide us with another delicious menu as in years past. Entertainment this year will be provided by the Chapters in a video contest that will be judged for an award. Other awards such as the Founder's, Youth of the Year, and Adult of the Year will be presented as well. We will also be having our usual silent auction full of patches and scouting memorabilia. Make sure you register by March 1 and be sure to bring the whole family along. You will not want to miss this banquet, I guarantee it! Be sure to mark your calendars, this years banquet is on March 11 at 6:00pm. Any questions contact either Kathy Lutz or myself. Can't wait to see you there.

NOAC Announcement

Hello everyone,
 NOAC is coming up and if you'd like to become a part of the experience email me at dilbert.dilbert@gmail.com. NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference) is an awesome event at which Arrowmen from around the country will be. Join me and the Ajapeu Lodge Contingent for five days of fun at Michigan State University. There you will be able to take part in kayaking, patch trading, COPE courses, Founder's Day Fair, SCUBA diving, incredible shows, and meet with thousands of Arrowmen from around the country. Meetings have already started, so sign up quickly to join the fun.

Sincerely,
 Dylan Thompson, NOAC Chairman

Brotherhood Conversions

For anyone interested in getting Brotherhood, see the lodge website for brotherhood questions. Also, to receive Brotherhood you must write a letter to the Lodge Secretary and pay your dues for the current year.
 See www.ajapeu33.org for more information.

Elangomat Notice

For those of you that were wondering, Jeff Smith has handed the Elangomat position down to me as of November. The Extended Elangomat Program is coming along well. We are currently planning it, and will hopefully have it put into action at the Spring Ordeal Weekend. I will need plenty of volunteers to be Elangomats for that weekend. Also, this is the last call for the Elangomat T-shirt designs. Please have those to your Chapter Chiefs as soon as you can, so that they can give them to me at the next Executive Board Meeting so a design can be chosen as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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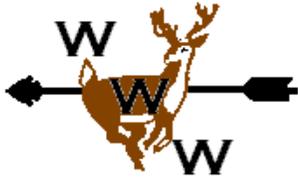
Vigil Nomination forms

Please send in nomination forms for Vigil to Mr. Hallman his home address or to his attention at the council office. Deadline for the nomination forms is Mar. 11, the banquet date.

Dennis Hallman
 Vigil Adviser

Quality Lodge

Ajapeu Lodge #33 has achieved quality lodge in 2006. Thanks to all for the extra effort with the Emergency Brotherhood Ceremony.



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CHAPTER REPORTS

LENAPE

During the month of December, the chapter had a holiday party. We all had a great time and had lots to eat. There was less turn out than expected, but we were all pretty busy during the past month, shopping mostly. Hopefully during the January meeting, we will get some brothers to return as we will be planning troop elections and our Klondike Derby station for the end of January. In the works is a bowling party. Come and find out more about these events on the twelfth.

WWW,
 Scott Miller, Jr.

PLAYWICKI

Our chapter meeting for the month of January was a ski trip and in February, we went bowling. In March, we plan to have a service project at the Langhorne Presbyterian Church. In April, we hold our annual Weekend with Wee Work at Ockanickon Scout Reservation. In May we will have our Brotherhood Class to prepare for the spring ordeal weekend. In June, we have our annual end of the year pool party. Playwicki is having another successful year and we hope to see some new faces at the up coming meetings.

Zack Kantner
 Playwicki Chapter Chief

PENNSBURY

Last month we had are annual holiday party. There were games, food and a Pollyanna. We also had our election team training, with a tremendous turn out with volunteers. Our chapter weekend is coming up; we invite all Pennsbury folk to come. As always we need volunteers to help with our part in Pennsbury's spring camporee. We do have our "uber"cool hoodies and for those interested call Carl Trinko or Matt Wambach.

WWW
 Matt Wambach
 Pennsbury Chapter Chief

TOHPENDEL

These past few months Tohpendel chapter has not been doing so well. I really do not like to admit it openly, but our youth members have not been very loyal. I think the largest turnout that we have had for a chapter meeting was 4, and that was 4 months ago. I hope that by seeing this, Tohpendel members can start coming to our meetings. Other than attendance, our chapter is doing well. We instated a new program called B³ or Bringing Brothers Back, which hopefully will encourage members to come to meetings and to chapter events. B³ this year will include a patch auction sponsored by our chapter, maybe at a camporee, the place and time have yet to be finalized. ALL TOHPENDEL MEMBERS, OUR MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT KELLERS CHURCH. PLEASE CONTACT ME IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS

Tobin Scott
 Tohpendel Chapter Chief
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AJAPEU LODGE ANNUAL FAMILY BANQUET



**FOSTER DINING HALL
OCKANICKON SCOUT RESERVATION**

**March 11, 2006
6:00 p.m.**

Featuring Menu by Blooming Glen Catering

EVENING PROGRAM TO INCLUDE

Award Presentations

Silent Patch Auction

Film contest

(entries submitted from each Chapter)

All Arrowmen and their families are invited to attend.

Registrations Must Be Received By March 1, 2006

Mail To: Bucks County Council, B.S.A.
One Scout Way
Doylestown, PA 18901

Make check payable to:
Bucks County Council, B.S.A

Cost is \$18.00 per person. Children 10 and under are \$15.00 each.

Cost is \$20 per person for registrations received after the March 1, 2006 deadline.

Lodge Member's Name: _____

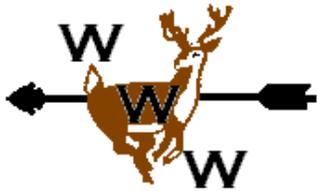
Family Members Attending: _____

Total Number Attending: _____ Children 10 and under: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Be sure a visit our website at www.ajapeu33.org

Office Memo: Credit Banquet Registrations to Account #800



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Am I Keeping the Obligation Faithful Iy?



All Brothers are reminded that their main purpose at the Ordeal Weekend is to serve the candidates. Brothers should do everything within their power to help the candidates succeed in having a meaningful induction experience.

The Lodge Executive Board has established the following guidelines in order to provide a positive, safe, and enriching Ordeal experience for all Scouts:

- I understand and realize that all we do at the Ordeal weekends is based on the *Induction Principles of The Order of the Arrow* and the Obligation we pledge ourselves to before the Chief of the Fire.
- I know that Ordeal candidates represent the future of our Lodge and will treat them decently and with respect. I realize that the ties of Brotherhood include our candidates and that we are all on the same journey together.
- I will be a role model for candidates, living out the ideals of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service.
- I will limit my conversations while around candidates to what is necessary to accomplish the task at hand and will not attempt to engage candidates into meaningless conversation.
- I will remember that a Brother leads by example and will work with candidates on the assigned work crews.

The Induction Principles of The Order Of the Arrow

The Induction Principles outline the basic philosophy and spirit behind the Ordeal Induction. These points help to ensure the impressive nature of our ceremonies and remind us of the process and procedure to follow.

Purpose: The purpose of the induction is to encourage and inspire each candidate to develop firm individual dedication to the ideals of brotherhood and cheerful service.

Eligibility: The right to earn Ordeal membership is given only by the Scouts of a candidate's home unit during an authorized Order of the Arrow unit election. Only the candidate can overrule their decision.

Candidate's Compliance: The candidate has the continuous choice of meeting the tests of the Ordeal to the best of his or her ability or of withdrawing.

Members' Compliance: All members participating in the induction must respect and comply with the tests of the Ordeal, to the extent allowed by their responsibilities.

Discretion: In cases where strict application of the tests and requirements of the induction is not possible, the lodge may choose an alternative that will best preserve the spirit of the induction and the quality of the candidate's experience.

Importance of the Individual: All actions and procedures must recognize the worth, dignity, and separate identity of the individual and present the potential ability to self-govern.

Generosity: The attitude of members toward the candidates must be one of acceptance, respect, understanding, sincerity, friendly encouragement, support, and trust.

Focus: Everything in the lodge-created environment must direct the candidate to the central meaning of the induction, without distraction.

Symbolic Progression: No symbol or symbolic procedure should be mentioned or used unless and until it is called for in the authorized ceremonies.

Active Membership: Lodge policy must recognize that if a member understands the Obligation of the Order and is striving to fulfill it, this dedication in itself accomplishes the major service of the lodge.

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