The Buck Tail

AJAPEU LODGE 33

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Order of the Arrow

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2009 Adviser Resolutions

"Lose fewer candidates during the 'Night Alone' portion of the Ordeal" - Chris Fosmire

"Create a unique patch for every lodge event… including each Executive Board Meeting, Chapter Meeting and Troop Election." - John Shaffer

"Mail the lodge drum to NOAC in Indiana by covering it in postage stamps" - Bill Thompson

"Find E. Urner Goodman's buried pirate treasure"
- Mike Shavel

"Enter the lair of Comic Sans and kill the beast where she lay." -Terry Robinson

"Take Ralph Stover State Park in a daring midnight raid. Ready the horses and trebuchets!" - Bill Mischke

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Lodge Chief's Minute—Brendan M.

I would like to thank all Arrowmen for their hard work achieving Quality Lodge over the past year. Because of this, Ajapeu 33 became one of the few Lodges in Section NE-5A to earn the Quality Lodge Recognition for the year 2008. Now that 2008 is over we have all sorts of exciting activities coming up. First being our annual banquet. This is scheduled for March 7th at Ockanickon and Arrowmen and their families can sign-up with the included registration form. The next event will be a brand new one. For the first time, Ajapeu is having a full sized 3rd Ordeal Weekend; this will take place on April 17th-19th. Also, possibly the biggest event of the next few years is coming up this summer; the National Order of the Arrow Conference, NOAC, will be at Indiana University from August 1st-6th. This will be a phenomenal event. Think of a Jamboree exclusively for Arrowmen.

Once again I would like to thank everyone for their hard work in the past year. Let's have another great one in 2009.

Adviser's Minute—Mike Shavel

Congratulations on being a member of a 2008 Quality Lodge; our seventh straight year as a Quality Lodge. Special thanks goes out to the 2007 Officers for making this happen and for laying the ground work to repeat in 2008 with our newly elected Lodge Officers. This year is already filled with exciting leadership opportunities both in your Chapters and on Lodge Committees. Contact your Chapter Chief or Lodge Officers to see where you can help serve the Order of the Arrow.

This is going to be an exciting year for Ajapeu. The Banquet is just around the corner on March 7. The weekend of April 17-19 is our new early Spring Ordeal Weekend. May 15-17 is our traditional Spring Ordeal Weekend followed by the Section Conclave June 12-14 at Camp Citta. The second largest event in Scouting, NOAC will be August 1 – 6, 2009 at Indiana University. Then we will close the Scouting year with our Fall Ordeal in August.

There are plenty of opportunities for cheerful service over the next year. Please attend as many activities as you are able. It seems almost ridiculous for me to ask you to give even more to the Order and Scouting than you already do however, these activities have so much to offer you for such a small additional investment of your time. These activities have the ability to refocus your energy, revive your spirit, and renew your enthusiasm for the Order. We cannot allow this organization and the values for which it stands to become just another chore.

Take the time to examine your commitment to the Order and its principles. Are you still dedicated to it in the same way you once were? Take advantage of the programs; use them to help you recharge your batteries and renew your commitment to the Order of the Arrow and to the idea of servant leadership. What you gain will far surpass what you give.

2009 Calendar of Events

JANUARY 29	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
FEBRUARY 26	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
MARCH 7	**Deadline for Vigil Nominations**	**(submit to Council Office)**
MARCH 7	LODGE FAMILY BANQUET 6 P.M.	(FOSTER DINING HALL)
MARCH 20-22	NLS and NLATS Tentative Dates	(CAMP ALPINE)
MARCH 26	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
APRIL 17-19	APRIL ORDEAL WEEKEND.	(OCKANICKON)
APRIL 30	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(SCOUT OFFICE)
MAY 15-17	SPRING ORDEAL WEEKEND.	(OCKANICKON)
JUNE 12-14	NE-5A CONCLAVE	(CITTA, Japeechen Lodge)
JUNE 25	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(OCKANICKON)
JULY 30	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(OCKANICKON)
AUGUST 1-6	NOAC 2009	(Indiana University)
AUGUST 21-23	FALL ORDEAL WEEKEND.	(OCKANICKON)

Visit www.ajapeu33.org for information on Chapter Meetings and Locations

Bucknotes

Vigil Nominations

Vigil Honor is the highest degree in the OA and recommendations this honor are take directly from lodge members. Recommendation forms can be found on the lodge website. They must be sent to the Council Office to the attention of *Ajapeu Lodge - Vigil Nomination*. Mailed submissions must be postmarked no later than March 7, 2009 or be delivered to the Council Office by that date.

Ajapeu Fun Pass

Sometime in 2009 Ajapeu will release the Ajapeu Fun Pass. For about $100, pass holders will receive entrance to all lodge events, free dues and an Ajapeu Fun Pass patch. Final details will be available online once available.

2009 Troop Elections

Unit elections are due by the 26 Feb 09 Lodge Executive Board Meeting. If your unit has not scheduled an election yet, contact your Chapter Chief or Adviser to schedule one (contact information available on last page). Adult nominations rules are available online at **www.ajapeu33.org**.

Quality Lodge

In case you couldn't hear the cheering from Doylestown, Ajapeu Lodge #33 has achieved Quality Lodge for the 7th year in a row. W00t!

Drum Team

The Lodge Drum Team brings the joy of drumming and the culture of America's Indigenous Peoples to both Arrowmen performers and audiences. The drum team is looking to expand its membership and any Arrowman regardless of musical ability is welcome to join. Interested Arrowmen should contact the Drum Chief, Alex P. at **drumteamchief@ajapeu33.org**. Members are not required to participate in other AIA activities and participation in public performances is strongly encouraged.

Dues Invoices

A personalized invoice has been included in this issue of the Bucktail to members who've not paid 2009 dues. Dues invoices give members an opportunity to update their personal information and simplify dues payment. If you have not received a notice an should havecontact Chris Fosmire at **membership@ajapeu33.org.**

Updated Ajapeu33.org

Ajapeu33.org now offers many documents as both PDFs and RTFs. Also, Executive Board Meeting Minutes are now available so members can keep up with what's happening in the lodge on a monthly basis. Send feedback to Terry Robinson at **webguy@ajapeu33.org**. New features like RSS feeds will be available in late March.

AJAPEU LODGE #33
ANNUAL FAMILY BANQUET
Celebrating 80 years of Brotherhood in Cheerful Service

FOSTER DINING HALL
OCKANICKON SCOUT RESERVATION

Saturday, March 7, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m.
Featuring Menu by Blooming Glen Catering

EVENING PROGRAM TO INCLUDE
Award Presentations
Silent Patch Auction
Film contest (entries submitted by each Chapter)

All Arrowmen and their families are invited to attend

Registrations Must Be Received or Postmarked By March 1, 2009

Mail this reservation to:

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

Cost is $20.00 per person.
Children 10 and under are $17.00 each.

Cost is **$22** per person for registrations postmarked or submitted after March 1, 2009 deadline.

Make check payable to: Bucks County Council, B.S.A. (Account #800)

Lodge Member's Name: _____

Number of Children (10 & under) Attending:_____

Number of Non-Children Attending:_____

Total amount enclosed:_____

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Optional Donation to the William J. Kuhn Campership Fund
In memory of William J. Kuhn, Vigil Honor Class of 1988,
a loyal Brother who went home in 2007,
to help Bucks County Council campers in need.

_____ $1 _____ $5 _____ $10 _____ $____(Other)
(Please indicate the amount of your donation and add to your payment.)
Office Memo: For Account #764

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In the History Books

Vigil Reunion—By Dennis Hallman, Vigil Adviser

This image courtesy Dennis Hallman, 2008.

The first ever Ajapeu Lodge #33 Vigil Reunion was held July 19 at Ockanickon Scout Reservation. Over 100 people attended with 70 Vigil members who starting keeping the Vigil as long ago as 1964 and as recently as this year. One of the brothers present even did their Ordeal at Camp Buccou in the 1930s. Some traveled to the event from as far away as Michigan and Virginia and one member's cousin, a Vigil member from Massachusetts, came with him as a guest. He had such a good time that he is going back to his lodge, Grand Monadnock #309, and proposing they start a similar event.

It was a great time for renewing old friendships and reminiscing and making new friendships. From all reports, this is the start of a new recurring event for the lodge. Thank you to all who helped in the preparation of putting on this event. I would like to recognize Mike Wilsey who generously donated the funds to make this initial reunion cost-free. All of this made the day a great success.

Lodge Leader Training and Fellowship—By Matt B., Lodge 1st Vice Chief

Ajapeu held a Lodge Leadership Development Weekend at the end of September and over a dozen key lodge officers received leadership training to help them execute their tasks as elected officers. Such strong attendance bodes well for having the lodge run in top shape for the next year. A month later, the lodge ran a well attended Fall Fellowship Weekend with little work beyond retrieving projectiles from behind the parade field.

2008—By the Numbers

Auction Stuff

Most expensive item: 1950s F-8 Twill left rough—$190.00

# of Brotherhood Conversions needed in 2009 to reach 30% - 118 or just 30 per chapter.

Paid Members by Degree

Ordeal	263	38.8%
Brotherhood	317	46.8%
Vigil	97	14.3%

	Revenue	# Items	Rev/Item
Spring	$ 678.00	42	$ 16.14
Fall	$ 1,309.00	46	$ 28.46

Members By Age

Age Level	#	%
Adult	324	47.9%
Youth	353	52.1%

dues payments needed for positive growth in 2009: 592

New Members	
Ordeal	128
Brotherhood	59
Vigil	2

Dues Paid by Chapter

	Current	Lapsed
Pennsbury	132	77
Playwicki	229	116
Lenape	179	101
Tohpendel	79	67

Does not include members with incomplete info or registered at council level.

Brotherhood Conversion—30.40% BOOYA!

Years in a Row Ajapeu #33 Received Quality Lodge—Seven (7)

Dead-Tree Bucktails

Please remember, printed and mailed Bucktails are only issued once or twice a year, having been replaced by the email list and web page. If you're not receiving periodic lodge emails, please sign-up at **Ajapeu33.org**. If you're still encountering problems, please contact Mike Shavel at **lodgeadviser@ajapeu33.org**.

Bill Kuhn Campership

Scouts of limited means may still attend camp with the help of a sponsored campership. Ajapeu Lodge donors support the Bill Kuhn Campership which can cover up to 50% of the cost of a BCC resident camp stay. Scouts interested should contact Bill Mischke at 215-297-5290 x30 for additional information regarding camperships.

BSA Launches MMO

In a bid to increase membership, the BSA launched a Scout-themed Massively Multiplayer Online Roleplaying Game (MMORPG) to provide a chance to experience Scouting in a virtual setting. Players assume the roles of leaders and after completing a tutorial of repetitive PowerPoints and watching "A Time to Tell" Youtube mashup participants can explore the virtual world, "The Scouter Limits", a hybrid of Salt Lake City, Utah and Irving, Texas. Instead of engaging in combat for treasure Scouters can go head-to-head in activities like virtual splicing and last-man-standing boring storytelling. Beta testers had mixed reviews; local Scouter Joe Baloke stated "I completed the initial training but it wasn't recorded properly so I had to do it again to receive credit, just like in real Scouting." Others citing issues like the Scoutmaster's Minute which ends each session clocking in at well over 60 seconds. National is hopeful; planning to support the free service with requests for $135 per IP address per year.

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NOAC 2009 August 1-7

This summer, Order of the Arrow members from around the country have the unique opportunity to get together at the National Order of the Arrow Conference ("NOAC"). Over 7,000 Arrowmen will come together to have fun, learn new things, and celebrate the best the OA has to offer. This six-day adventure is unlike any other event in Scouting, and only OA members can participate.

Brothers interested in securing one of Ajapeu's coveted 24 slots should visit the lodge webpage for the rapidly evolving information including price, and registration information.

Crazy OA Trivia

- While Freemasonry is the source of many OA terms, Carol A. Edson didn't become a member until after the founding of the OA.
- The OA wasn't an official Scout program until 1934.
- OA members account for 1/8th of BSA membership.
- The Song of the Order was arranged by E. Urner Goodman himself to the tune of *God Save The Tsar!*
- Two Councils have no lodge, operating their own groups: Pony Express Council's Tribe of Mic-O-Say and Long Beach Area Council's Tribe of Tahquitz.
- Two Council's have more than one lodge: Greater St. Louis Area Council has two and Greater New York Councils operates a lodge in each borough.
- Smudge pots are also the name for heaters used to prevent frost on fruit trees.

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* The letter after your name on the address label indicates if you are (O)rdeal, (B)rotherhood, or (V)igil, and the year indicates the year that your dues are paid through. Contact Chris Fosmire, the Lodge Associate Advisor, if you have a correction: **membership@ajapeu33.org**