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WORDS FROM THE LONGHOUSE

Then spoke up the noble Uncas, Worthy son of the old chieftain, "O my father, I am ready, Send me on this gracious errand"

Following in the footsteps of our Founders, and remembering the words of Uncas, I have agreed to serve as the Lodge Adviser for Ajapeu Lodge 33. This is not a choice I have made lightly but one made after much thought and reflection. Our Lodge is an integral part of Bucks County Council, and its support is vital to the future of Scouting here in Bucks County.

I cannot replace our past Lodge Adviser, Mike Wilsey, but then no one can. All members of the Lodge, including myself, appreciate all that Mike has done for Ajapeu. His service during what were initially difficult times, allowed us to not only continue to exist, but to flourish and grow. We have been, and continue to be, one of the best lodges in both the Section and the Region, largely due to Mike's advisership, and his mentoring and nurturing of our youth over the past several years.

I will do my best to see that the goals and objectives of the Order of the Arrow, as well as the goals set by our youth, are fulfilled and carried out. But just as Uncas could not do it alone, neither can I. I ask for your support and assistance as we go forward on a new course. As with any change, there will be bumps in the road. I ask all of you for your understanding and patience. I am also asking all of you to step up your service. As youth leaders in your units, I am sure there have been times when a young Scout appeared lost or unsure of himself. I know that you have taken the initiative to work with that young Scout. The same applies to our Order.

I urge you to attend your Chapter meetings. Most are held at the same time and place as your District **Roundtable** meetings. Please go and see how your Chapter operates. See if there is a place where you can give Cheerful Service. You are also invited to attend the Lodge Executive Committee meetings, held at the Council office on the last Thursday of each month. This is where the future of your Lodge is planned, please be a part of it! The dates time and locations of all Chapter and Lodge meetings and events is on our website, www.ajapeu33.org, check it out. If you have questions, speak to your Chapter Chief or Adviser, or contact me.

I will leave you with the words of Allowat Sakima:

But you must remember that membership in our Order is given not only for what you have done, but for what you are expected to do.

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2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 22	LODGE EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	(SCOUT OFFICE)

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 24 –26	NLS and NLATS Tentative Dates	(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 Tentative Dates	(TBA)
MAY 19-21	SPRING ORDEAL WEEKEND.	(OCKANICKON)
JUNE 9-11	NE-2A CONCLAVE	(TBA)
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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2005 - 2006 Officer Roster

Lodge Chief	**Lenape Chief**
Nick Lutz Tr. 19	Scott Miller Tr. 41
Lodge 1st Vice Chief	**Pennsbury Chief**
Bruce Trinko Tr. 102	Matt Wambach Tr. 102
Lodge 2nd Vice Chief	**Playwicki Chief**
Andy Cistone Tr. 280	Zack Kantner Tr. 30
Lodge Secretary	**Tohpendel Chief**
Jeff Smith Tr. 81	Tobin Scott Tr. 27
Lodge Treasurer	**American Indian Affairs Chairman**
Jeff Lindenmuth Tr. 1	Dylan Thompson Tr.3
Immediate Past Lodge Chief	**Lodge Vigil Chief ****
Dan Gross Tr. 102	Reilly Thompson Tr.3

Congrats to New Vigil Members

Congratulations to the six brothers who received their Vigil nomination at the May Ordeal weekend. The 2005 New Youth Vigil Members are Andy Cistone, Keith Reineman, and Greg Stewart. The 2005 New Adult Vigil Members are Alice Breon, Jeff Menaker, and Scott Miller. These six were chosen for what they have done for the Lodge, Council, and/or Scouting and what they are expected to do in the future. You cannot seek this honor. It seeks those that have given of themselves well beyond that of the normal Arrowman. These six join those that have done just that. If you know of a brother that deserves to be nominated for the Vigil Honor for 2006, you can find the nomination forms on the Ajapeu website or at the council office. The deadline for submitting nomination forms is April 27, 2006.

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BUCKNOTES

Native American Dance Team Opportunity

Calling all brothers interested in Native American Dance! We are putting together a team who will be representing our Ajapeu 33 Lodge. Currently, we practice each week with the Sakuwit Lodge 2 Dance Team in West Trenton, NJ. Sakuwit has a great group of brothers who are willing to let us join them as we put our own team together.
If you are interested in Native American Dance, now is the time to get involved! Come out to one of the practice sessions and see what it is all about. Call or email me for dates and directions.

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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.

Joel Hatton
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Scout's Own Committee

The Scout's Own committee needs members to conduct religious ceremonies at the Ordeal and Fellowship Weekends. See Nick Lutz for more information.

LODGE DUES

Along with our expanding Lodge program, our expenses are also expanding. The Lodge Executive Board has approved an increase in the annual dues. Starting with dues for 2006, the annual dues for AJAPEU will be $7. Get those dues in guys!!

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CHAPTER REPORTS

LENAPE

No Lodge Report
was submitted
for Lenape

PLAYWICKI

Playwicki Chapter has started out this Scouting year successfully. We went miniature golfing in September for the first time. We also had our annual Brotherhood class in October and our annual OA Troop Representative training in November. We plan on kicking off the OA Troop elections with election team training in December. There is also a ski trip planned for January and bowling in February. We are looking forward to the rest of the Scouting year and I would like to encourage all Playwicki Chapter members to come to our monthly chapter meetings.

Zack Kantner
Playwicki Chapter Chief

PENNSBURY

Hello,
Our new year started off well, and we have plans for this upcoming year including bowling, a pool party, and a service project. Other plans are in motion including a holiday party and alternative fund raising. We also have our really cool chapter hoodies that **anyone** can order. If you are interested, call our adult advisor Mr. Carl Trinko for order forms. In October, we had a brotherhood questioning in our chapter meeting with little success. Pennsbury also has a chapter fellowship weekend for Arrowmen on February 23 to 25. Pennsbury Arrowmen who wish to provide help to set up the weekend, or help dance, drum, lore, or games talk to Matt Wambach, Pennsbury Chapter Chief.

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 B^3 or Bringing Brothers Back, which hopefully will encourage members to come to meetings and to chapter events. B^3 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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Annual Dues Form

Please PRINT clearly. Accurate information will insure we have accurate records!

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Please include any nicknames behind your first name. Please include Sr., Jr. III, IV, etc. with your last name.

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Birthday: _____ Scout Rank: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____ Ordeal / Brotherhood / Vigil (Circle One)

District: _____ Unit #: _____ Pack / Troop / Post-Crew (Circle One)

Youth Members –Current School Attending: _____

Adult Members – Current Scouting Position: _____

Adult Members – Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Above information is new or has changed. Please update my records. Yes: _____ No: _____

Payment enclosed is for: Current dues: _____ Reinstatement: _____ Transfer: _____

BSA Registration Number: _____ (Found on your membership card)

Dues are $ 5.00 per year and are to be paid annually. National BSA policy requires dues to be paid on an annual basis, along with maintaining current BSA registration. In addition, AJAPEU Lodge policy is that Order of the Arrow dues for the following year will only be accepted at or after the Fall Ordeal Weekend. For any Arrowman who has expired dues, a $15 reinstatement fee is in place to bring your membership back up to current status. The $15 total payment will include $5 for your current year membership. Membership transfers from another lodge are $5.00 for the current dues, along with a membership card from your former lodge. Dues will increase to $7 starting with 2006 dues.

Payment Amount Enclosed: $ _____

Payment is for: 2003: ____ 2004: ____ 2005: ____ 2006: ____ (Check all that apply)

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

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

Office Memo: For Account #800

Contact the following individuals with any questions or concerns.

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Pennsbury Chapter Adviser	Carl Trinko	215-785-1220	cmtrink@verizon.net
Playwicki Chapter Adviser	Chris Fosmire	215-504-0927	chris.fosmire@verizon.net
Tohpendel Chapter Adviser	Fred Ritter, Jr.	610-749-2044	fritterjr@juno.com

Be sure to check out our Lodge web page at www.ajapeu33.org

For Lodge Use:

Records updated: _____ By: _____

What Will Your Adventure Be?

Wilderness	Scouting's	Undersea
Adventure	**Paradise**	**World**
Spend 2 weeks in the pristine Boundary Waters of Canada and the United States, performing trail maintenance and restoration for the thousands of visitors of the Superior National Forest, while enjoying the sights and sounds of "God's Country."	Visit Scouting's Mecca for two weeks of fun, fellowship, and meaningful service to the back-country of Philmont Scout Ranch. A two-week experience with memories to last a lifetime.	Explore an undersea wilderness untouched by most of man. Ocean Adventure Participants will become Scuba Certified during their first week, in preparation of their second week of underwater coral restoration and wildlife surveys.
Program: Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage	**Program: Philmont OA Trail Crew**	**Program: OA Ocean Adventure**
Price: $100	**Price: $150**	**Price: $250**

Visit www.oa-bsa.org/programs for more information

Congratulations for Lodge Banquet Awards

At the Annual Lodge Banquet in March, we honored Nick Lutz and Kerry Webster as the Youth and Adult of the Year for 2004. In addition, Founder's Award presentations were made to Dan Gross and Chris Fosmire. Chris Fosmire was also honored at the Council Recognition Dinner in May when he was presented with his Silver Beaver. A big CONGRATULATIONS goes out to all those that were honored. The Founders' Award was created in 1981 by the National Order of the Arrow Committee to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the lodge. The award is reserved for a member who demonstrates to their fellow Arrowmen that they memorialize in their everyday life, the spirit of achievement as described by the Order's founders Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson. While the Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction, the Founders Award is used to recognize those Arrowmen, youth and adult, who have impacted the Lodge in a positive and lasting way. This is a rare and distinguished honor presented to recognize the spirit of our Founders visible in worthy Arrowmen. Nominations form for the Founders' Award can be found on the Lodge's website. Please submit any nomination forms to the Lodge Executive Board A.S.A.P.

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Contact John K. Shaffer, the Lodge Adviser, if any corrections need to be made.
Home phone: 215-491-9790 or e-mail vigilatty@aol.com.