

THE AQUEHONGIAN ARROWHEAD

STATEN ISLAND COUNCIL #645

AQUEHONGIAN LODGE #112

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MARCH 1999

LODGE CALENDAR

MARCH

13th

Pig Roast

14th

Lodge Meeting

19th-21st

Winter Weekend

27th

Service Day

30th

L.E.C.

APRIL

10th

Brotherhood Quest

17th

Mug-O-Ree

24th

Beach Clean-Up

27th

L.E.C.

MAY

14th-16th

Camp-O-Ree

22

Service Day

JUNE

11th-13th

Ordeal

29th

BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood, Brotherhood, Brotherhood. I keep hearing all this stuff about brotherhood but I don't understand it. I feel left out. I want a piece of that brotherhood stuff.

Tired of being left out? Do you want to be a brother too? Seal your membership in our Lodge. "Convert to Brotherhood". It's not enough to be an ordeal member. Take the next step. "Join us in our life long commitment to Scouting, the Order of the Arrow and our Lodge, Aquehongian Lodge 112, to live a life of Cheerful Service". Once a brotherhood member you'll feel like a real part of the Order of the Arrow movement. Lets make this year a great year for brotherhood.

What are the requirements for brotherhood? The requirements are pretty simple. In order to become a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow you need to have ten months as an ordeal member of the lodge as well as being active. Being active means showing up at lodge events such as service days, lodge meetings, LEC's, and any other events held by the lodge. Also, you should know the obligation, the admonition, and the meaning of the Order of the Arrow. If you meet these requirements, "convert to brotherhood".

The "Brotherhood Quest" will be held on **April 10th** at 9:00 am at Berlin Lodge, Pouch Camp. This is when you can "convert to brotherhood". All ordeal members are encouraged to attend. Don't be one of those members who come occasionally and do nothing for the lodge. "**Convert to brotherhood, it's the only way to be.**"

(As mighty chieftain I exhort, spend your life in arduous labor working gladly, not begrudging, seek to serve and thus be faithful to the high ideals and purposes of the Order of the Arrow"-Chief Eric Odegaard)

Yours in Brotherhood,
Michael Selowentchich
Vice Chief of Operations 98-99

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

On **March 13** Aquehongian Lodge 112 will hold its first **Pig Roast**. The events will begin at 5:00 PM with a ceremony to bury the totem poles that were in front of Berlin Lodge. These Totems represented each of the five lodges. The ceremony will be followed by the Pig Roast. There will be turkey for people who don't eat pork. A variety of side-dishes will also be available. Tickets for the Pig Roast are \$10 per person. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact the Treasurer Mike Armato at (718) 680-2536 or the Chief Eric Odegaard at (718) 984-0574. This event is open to the public.

Other events that will take place in the next couple of months are:

Lodge Meeting	March 14
Service Day	March 27
Brotherhood Quest	April 10
Root Beer Mug-O-Ree	April 17



CHIEF'S DRUM

Dear Fellow Brothers,

Arrowmen, there have been many activities and there will be many more. The lodge has had a great quarter since the last time I wrote you, and many great things are coming up the next couple of months. This will be crunch time. The lodge is the boy powerhouse it should be, administered by the youth and advised by the adults.

Many of the youth in this lodge have impressed me by heading up their committees and being the leaders this organization needs. Many of the chairmen ran events; others worked diligently "Even in the midst of irksome tasks..." I am impressed in the way the committees are running, and forming to be solid crews trained and ready to attack their specific tasks. John Altieri, our honors master, is doing a bang up job training his chairmen and working with them to plan the Ordeal and Tap Out. The Commissary has been there every time with great food, and the officers have been working hard to make sure that every thing goes correctly. I feel the spirit of the order is alive and thriving in us.

Aquehongian Lodge has many things planned for the future. The busy part of our calendar is coming up. We have the Brotherhood Quest, Tap Out, and the Ordeal coming up. We will need a lot of help. We also have the Mug-O-Ree and the Winter Weekend coming up. We'll need a lot of help with the Elections and Camp Promotions, and I encourage you to come down to the lodge meeting on March 14th. Don't just come to the lodge meeting and sit in the back. GET INVOLVED! Join a committee, go on the trips and participate in activities. This lodge is for you. Be involved and make it as great as it can be.

I too am going to talk about brotherhood. The reason why everyone is talking about brotherhood is because it is the time to seal your membership in the lodge. All Ordeal members who have fulfilled their "long and toilsome journey" which is a minimum of ten months as an ordeal member should come to the brotherhood quest on April 10th. Part of brotherhood is service to the lodge, so make sure that you are involved with the lodge and go to the service days.

Lets make sure that this lodge keeps going up and to the right. We can only make this lodge as excellent as it should be with the help of all our members. I exhort you get involved and help make this lodge the organization it should be.

If you need more information call me or any of the other officers. My number is 984-5621 or I can be emailed at: Ode112@aol.com.

Yours in Brotherhood,

The Quartermaster

My name is Danny Tuite and I am the new Quartermaster Chairman of the lodge. This year my assistant Rob Giorgio and I are going to make some changes. We plan to rebuild or fix most of the lodge's equipment. We want to replace the old kerosene touches with tiki touches. Tiki touches are lit with oil. These new torches are safer and easier to prepare. Most of the ceremonial equipment and lodge signs are extremely beat up, and we are in the process of repairing this equipment. We are getting closer to the Tap Out and the Ordeal Weekend and I would appreciate any help setting up for these upcoming ceremonies. Thank you for making my first year in the lodge a good one and we are going to have a good year.

Danny Tuite
Quartermaster Chairman

NOAC 2000

August 2000 in Knoxville, TN

If you are interested in going to NOAC 2000 please complete the form below and send it to:

Mike Armato
78 Holly Street
Staten Island, New York 10304

Or call Mike at 980-2536.

NOAC 2000

Name: _____ **Unit #:** _____

Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____

Address: _____

Circle one: Youth or Adult

Why do you want to go? _____



Ordeal Staff Opportunities

The Ordeal weekend will be June 11, 12, 13 and it is our first chance to welcome new brothers into the lodge. However, the ordeal also offers a wide range of opportunities for the returning brothers who help run the ordeal. I want to see everyone on a committee and focused during the ordeal weekend and hopefully being on a committee will help you find something you like to do in the lodge.

The premier opportunity for any brother in the lodge is to become an elangomat. The elangomat is translated as "friend" and as an elangomat it will be your job to befriend the candidates. The role of the elangomat in our ordeal weekend has changed. For the last few years, the elangomat position could have been renamed the "Task Master," basically the person who has led the ordeal candidates has been unfriendly and had little connection with the candidate after the ordeal was over. This year it will change. Elangomats will become the "patrol leader" of the group and will in theory take the ordeal over again, except they will get food. When the candidates first arrive they will be broken into elangomat groups or clans and these groups will last until the next ordeal. To build this friendship we will let the candidates bond by playing low C.O.P.E. games, talk and go to the flag burning ceremony all before the Pre Ordeal on Friday. It will be the elangomats job to foster this friendship. In my opinion this the most important job at the ordeal. The elangomat will be the bond of the new lodge member to the lodge.

There are many other important and necessary jobs at the ordeal. Cooking for 150 people can be extremely difficult. That is why I am asking all aspiring chefs to join the commissary committee.

Maybe your not a chef but, you are an aspiring actor; join the ceremonies team. There are still a few positions open for speakers and torch bearers.

I hope you are now inspired to take an active part in the ordeal. To sign up for the elangomat team, commissary committee or ceremonies team. Please come to the March Lodge Meeting, March 14 at 2:00 P.M.

John Altieri
Honors Master

Vice Chief's Reports

By Michael Selowentchich
Vice Chief of Operations

December Lodge Meeting and Holiday Party

The December Lodge Meeting and holiday party was held on December 6, 1998 from 2:00 – 7:00 at Berlin Lodge. It was a complete success. In attendance were 65 brothers. We had a ton of fun. We'd like to thank Vice Chief Pat Hagan for bringing his DJ equipment to rock the party. There was great music. The holiday bush was a hit. Brothers celebrated the holidays by making ornaments to decorate the tree-like bush. The party included patch trading and lots of good food. The punch was especially interesting. Everyone in attendance had a ball-o-fun. We should have that many brothers at every lodge event. Thanks to everyone that helped make the day a success, and we hope everyone had a good time. The holiday party was followed by an informative lodge meeting. We encourage all brothers to participate in all lodge events. Every function is sure to be as good if not better than this one.

Honors Training

The Aquehongian Lodge Honors Group held a training session on Sunday, January 24, 1999 from 9:00 – 1:30 at Berlin Lodge. In attendance were 30 brothers including 2 dance team trainers from Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge. Participants got a first hand look at different styles of dancing, costume designing and even a few dance steps. While trying to encourage participants to join our newly recruited dance team, the Chief was "getting his groove on" (if that's what you want to call it). This demonstration gave our new chairman, Neil Ottaviano, a head start and brought him new interested members. Honors Master John Altieri was pleased with the turn out and it was a big loss to anyone who couldn't make it. We hope to see the dance team back up and running in the near future. Thanks to everyone who made it and thanks to the Commissary Committee for all their hard work. Also a special thanks to the Shu-Shu-Gah Dance Team for coming down and helping us out.



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